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Pune ranks 1st among top 8 cities on health infrastructure parameters: Housing.com's City Health Card report

- According to com's City Health Card report, Pune ranked first with highly scored on parameters such as ease of living, water quality, as well as performance and sustainable initiatives.

MCCIA and NABARD launch India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre (AEFC)

- Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) had partnered with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and launched India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre (AEFC).

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan chairs the 26th meeting of the Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19

- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Harsh Vardhan, chaired the 26th meeting of the High-level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19.

Penpa Tsering was elected as the President of the Tibetan exile government

- Penpa Tsering, the former speaker of Tibet's parliament-in-exile, was elected the new president of the Tibet exile government.
- He succeeded Lobsang Sangay. He is also called "Sikyong".

Moctar Ouane was reappointed as the Prime Minister of Mali

- Moctar Ouane was reappointed as the Prime Minister of Mali by President Bah Ndaw.
- He also served as the permanent representative of Mali to the United Nations (UN) from 1995 to 2002.

India and Mongolia to extend on culture exchange programmes until 2023

- Union Minister of Culture Prahlaad Singh Patel discussed various issues under the cultural exchange programme with his Mongolian counterpart Chinbat Nomin in a virtual mode.
- The cultural exchange program (CEP) between India and Mongolia extended until 2023.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Reliance Jio joins global consortium to build an undersea cable network

- Telecom operator **Reliance Jio** announced that it is constructing the largest **international submarine cable system** centred on **India** with global partners and **submarine cable supplier Subcom** to increase data demand.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mexico's Andrea Meza was named the Miss Universe 2020

- A 26-year-old **Andrea Meza** from **Mexico** has won the **Miss Universe 2020 crown**.
- The **69th Miss Universe title** was won by Miss Mexico (Andrea Meza) and she was crowned by the **former Miss Universe Zozibini Tunzi of South Africa** at the event held in Florida, USA.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

A new book titled "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance" was authored by Preet Mohan Singh Malik

- A new book titled "**Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance**" was authored by **Preet Mohan Singh Malik**.
- The book was published by **HarperCollins India**. The book focuses on the history of Sikkim along with the story of how it merged with India in 1975.

IMPORTANT DAYS

UN Global Road Safety Week – 17–23 May

- **UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW)** is a biennial global road safety campaign hosted by **World Health Organization (WHO)**. The week aims to create awareness of road safety and make changes that will reduce the number of road deaths.
- The **6th UN Global Road Safety Week** is set to be observed on 17–23 May 2021. 2021 Theme: "**Streets for Life #Love30**"

World AIDS Vaccine Day – 18 May

- **World AIDS Vaccine Day**, also known as **HIV Vaccine Awareness Day**, is observed annually on **18 May**.
- The day acknowledges and **thanks the scientists, health workers, community members and social workers** who are tirelessly trying to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS. 2021 Theme: "**Global solidarity, shared responsibility**"

International Museum Day – 18 May

- **International Museum Day** is celebrated on **18 May** every year. The day was coordinated by the **International Council of Museums in 1977**.
- The day aims to let people know the significant role played by museums in preserving the culture and heritage of countries. 2021 Theme: "**The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine**"

SPORTS

Arjan Bhullar becomes the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title at a top-level MMA event

- **Arjan Bhullar** became the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title in a **top-level MMA promotion** when he beat Brandon Vera to become the **heavyweight world champion** at the Singapore-based One Championship.

AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships 2021 to be held in Belgrade, Serbia

- The **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** announced that the world championship of boxing for men will be held from **26 October to 6 November** in **Belgrade, Serbia**.
- The previous edition of the championship was hosted by **Ekaterinburg, Russia in 2019**.

International Table Tennis Federation ties up with Stupa to provide performance analytics

- The **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)** has entered into a tie-up with an **Indian start-up company, Stupa Sports Analytics** to provide **Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled real-time match and practice solutions** to leading players in all its 226 member associations.

OBITUARY

Renowned Mathematician MS Narasimhan passed away

- **Famous mathematician professor MS Narasimhan** passed away at the age of 88. He was known for the **Narasimhan-Seshadri theorem**.
- He was the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in the field of science & the First Chair of the National Board for Higher Mathematics.

Former Governor of Kerala and Bihar RL Bhatia passed away at 101

- **Former Governor of Kerala and Bihar, Raghunandan Lal Bhatia** passed away at the age of 101.
- He was elected as the Member of Parliament from the Amritsar constituency.

Eminent cardiologist and Padma Shri awardee KK Aggarwal passed away at 62

- **Padma Shri awardee and eminent cardiologist, KK Aggarwal** passed away due to COVID-19 complications.
- He was the former national president of the Indian Medical Association (IMA). He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2010. He also headed the Heart Care Foundation of India.

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