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1. Jagdeep Dhankhar will be NDA's Vice Presidential candidate, BJP announced



The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has decided its candidate for the upcoming Vice Presidential election to be held on August 6. NDA has nominated Jagdeep Dhankhar for the post of Vice President. The party took this decision in the Parliamentary Board meeting today. Jagdeep Dhankhar had met PM Modi before becoming the Vice Presidential candidate for NDA. At the same time, a day before this meeting, he also spoke to Union Home Minister Amit Shah. In the picture of this meeting, the Governor and the Union Home Minister were seen laughing.

Other members of the Parliamentary Board including Modi, BJP President JP Nadda, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan were present. Announcing the name of Jagdeep Dhankhar for the Vice Presidential candidate, BJP President JP Nadda said that he comes from a farmer's family and has left no stone unturned in the service of the country.

2. Varanasi to become SCO's first cultural and tourism capital



Varanasi, the holy city that showcases India's culture and traditions for centuries, will be

declared the SCO's first "Cultural and Tourism Capital". Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organization to promote people-to-people contact and tourism among member states. Each year the City of Cultural Heritage of a member country that takes over the rotating presidency of the organization will receive a title to highlight its prominence.

The new initiative of the organization was highlighted ahead of the summit of the SCO Heads of State to be held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 15-16 September this year.

The new initiative will come into force after the Samarkand summit, after which India will assume the presidency and host the next Heads of State summit.

3. PV Sindhu won the Singapore Open final, captured the third title in the year 2022



PV Sindhu has won the title of Singapore Open Super-500 badminton tournament (Singapore Open 2022). India's star shuttler PV Sindhu defeated China's Wang Xie in the women's singles final. He won this match 21-9, 11-21 and 21-15. Sindhu has won this first Super-500 badminton tournament this year. Earlier, Sindhu had won two Super-300 tournament titles, Syed Modi International and Swiss Open. Sindhu has also strengthened her claim for gold in the Commonwealth Games by winning the Singapore Open.

PV Sindhu faced a tough competition from China's Wang Zhi Yi in the women's singles final of the Singapore Open. The Chinese player had a great start in the first gum and scored 2 points in a row.

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However, after this Sindhu made a tremendous comeback showing a great game in the nets and scored 13 points in a row. Then Sindhu did not look back and won the first game easily 21-9.

In the second game, China's Wang Xie made a tremendous comeback and scored 6 points in a row. However, after this Sindhu reduced the gap by taking two points. But, Wang Xie again took the lead over the net and cross court to more than 8 points and then won the second game 21-11.

4. These two cities of Rajasthan are included in the list of top 10 of the world



The prestigious magazine Travel Plus Leisure in the international and tourism world has released the list of the best cities in the world. In this, two cities of India have been included in the list of top 10 best cities in the world. In these, Jaipur of Rajasthan has got 8th and Udaipur has got 10th place.

Top 10 best cities in the world

Jaipur has been ranked 8th and Udaipur 10th in the list of top 10 best cities in the world. In this list, Oaxaca, Mexico is in first place, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico in second place, Ubud Indonesia in third place, Florence, Italy in fourth place and Istanbul, Turkey in fifth place. Similarly, Mexico City, Mexico is in sixth place, Chiang Mai, Thailand in seventh place and Osaka, Japan at ninth place. Two cities of Rajasthan in top 15 best cities of Asia A list of the top 15 best cities in Asia has also been released by Travel Plus Leisure Magazine. Jaipur has been ranked 3rd and Udaipur 5th in the list of top cities. The top city in this list is Ubud, Indonesia, Chiang, Thailand at second place and Osaka, Japan at fourth place. Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh said that Rajasthan is fast

emerging on the world map. It is a matter of pride for the people of the state and Rajasthan tourism to be included in the list of top cities of the state. He said that promotion of tourism is the priority of the state government. Many innovations are being made by the state government including status to tourism industry, new tourism policy, Rajasthan film tourism promotion policy.

5. Kerala becomes the first state to have its own internet service



Kerala has become the first state in the country to have its own internet service. Kerala Fiber Optic Network Limited has got the Internet Service Provider License from the Department of Telecommunications. Chief Minister P Vijayan said on Thursday that Kerala is the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service. Kerala Fiber Optic Network Limited is the government's ambitious IT infrastructure plan to ensure that everyone in the state has access to the Internet. CM P Vijayan said that after getting the license, the project envisaged to bridge the digital divide in the society can start its work. He said on Twitter that Kerala has become the only state in the country to have its own internet service.

6. Ramayana Massam Begins In Kerala From Today



Thiruvananthapuram, July 17 (PTI) Continuing with the age-old tradition in Kerala, like every year, the

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'Ramayana month' festival began on Saturday with people chanting verses from the epic in temples and homes.

In Kerala, the last month of the Malayalam calendar, 'Karkidakam', is celebrated as the month of Ramayana. This is followed by the beginning of 'Chingam' in which comes 'Onam', the most famous festival of Malayalees.

As per tradition, the elders of the households chant the verses of 'Adhyatma Ramayana' in front of burning lamps in their homes for the next 30 days. During this, arrangements are made for the recitation of Ramayana by temples and cultural organizations, but this time it is not happening due to restrictions related to Kovid-19.

On this occasion a special spicy dish 'Karkidaka Kanji' is prepared by mixing rice and medicinal herbs as per tradition, which is served to the people.

During this period Hindus make pilgrimages to four temples of Lord Rama, Lakshmana, Bharata and Shatrughna located in Kottayam and Thrissur districts under 'Nalambalam Darshanam'.

During Karkidakam, food prepared for elephants according to Ayurvedic tradition was served to them at the Vadakkumnathan temple in Thrissur. This festival is called 'Anayutu'. According to temple sources, this time only 15 elephants were included in this festival due to restrictions related to Kovid-19. Normally 70 elephants are included in this.

7. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh handed over indigenous warship 'Dunagiri' to the Navy, India's strength strengthened in the sea



Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has arrived here today on a visit to Kolkata, the capital of West

Bengal. Where he launched the Indian Navy's Shivalik-class frigate INS Dunagiri in the Hooghly River. Named after a peak in Uttarakhand, this warship has been built by Garden Rich Shipbuilders and Engineers ie GRSE Shipyard in Kolkata. INS Doonagiri is the fourth warship of Project-17A which was launched today. Under this project, a total of seven Shivalik class frigates are to be built for the Navy. Of these, four are being built at Mazagon Dockyard in Mumbai and the remaining three at GRSE. Mazagon Dockyard has already launched two warships of this class in the sea. The third warship of this class, Udayagiri, was launched only last month. This is the second warship of GRSE. All these seven warships are named after different mountain ranges of the country.

Like the rest of the Shivalik class warships, Dunagiri is also an important identity of self-reliant India in the defense sector. 75 percent of the weapons, equipment and systems in this warship are indigenous. All these warships have been designed by the Navy's Directorate of Naval Design.

This is the specialty of INS Dunagiri. All frigates of Project 17A, including the Dunagiri, are follow-ons to the Shivalik class (Project-17) warships and all have better stealth features, advanced weapons, sensors and platform management systems than their predecessors. The Doonagiri warship launched by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh today is an incarnation of the Navy's old Doonagiri ASW frigate. The old Frigate was retired in the year 2010 after completing 33 years of service. The new frigate has been named after him. In fact, it is the tradition of the Indian Navy that the new warship is named after the retired (de-commissioned) warship.

8. Inauguration of "Azadi Ki Train and Station" in Delhi

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Railway Board Chairman Vinay Kumar Tripathi inaugurated the Azadi train and station in Delhi today. Highlighting the importance of 75 stations and 27 trains during the time of freedom struggle, Indian Railways has organized a week long function. The event will continue till July 23. On this occasion, Shri Tripathi said that as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a Azadi train and station program has been organized. The program has been organized under Jan Bhagidari and Jan Andolan. He said that the values and pride of the freedom struggle of the past and the aspirations of the young India of the future will be shown in it. 75 railway stations and 27 trains have been identified. During this, street plays, light and sound shows, patriotic songs and video films in regional languages will be screened at these 75 stations in 24 states.

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- Who is considered the father of Internet revolution in India, who passed away recently - **Brijendra Kumar Single**
- The IT company that will acquire Denmark-based Base Life Science for 110 million euro- **Infosys**
- The next High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India who has been appointed- **Mustafizur Rahman**
- World Paper Bag Day is celebrated on **12th July**
- Patiala Court of Punjab has upheld Daler Mehndi's sentence of 2 years in human trafficking case.

- ICC has banned Bangladeshi fast bowler Shohidul Islam for a doping violation for **10 months**
- The World Economic Forum recently released its "Gender Gap Report 2022". India ranks in this report - **135th**

QUIZ

1. In which of the following state the country's first monkeypox case has been found?
A.Kerala B.Gujarat
C.Maharashtra D.Punjab
2. Which former captain of the Indian cricket team has been honored by the British Parliament?
A.MS Dhoni B.Sachin Tendulkar
C.Kapil Dev D.Sourav Ganguly
3. Vedanta has partnered with Detect Technologies, a startup founded in which IIT institute?
A.IIT Delhi B.IIT Kanpur
C.IIT Kharagpur D.IIT Madras
4. Bharti Airtel has recently allotted 1.2% equity shares for USD 1 billion to which company?
A.Meta B.Microsoft
C.Google D.Twitter
5. Which city of India will be declared as the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation?
A.Varanasi B.Chennai
C.Mumbai D.Pune
6. Which of the following player has recently won the first Super 500 title of his career?
A.Saina Nehwal B.Saina Mirza
C.PV Sindhu D.Dutee Chandra
7. Who among the following has recently taken over as the Director of REC Limited?
A.Sandeep Singh B.Sanjay Mehta
C.Ajay Singh D.VK Singh