



May 21st is observed as Anti Terrorism Day

- ❖ All over India, May 21st is observed as Anti Terrorism Day in the memory of former Indian PM Mr Rajiv Gandhi who passed away on this day. On this day in the year 1991, former India's PM Rajiv Gandhi was killed brutally by terrorist attacks. On this day Anti-terrorism pledge is taken in all government offices, PSU and in other public organisations.

Haryana Govt to launch 'Chatra Parivahan Suraksha Yojana'

- ❖ The Haryana Government is planning to launch the 'Chatra Parivahan Suraksha Yojana' to ensure safety of girl students. For facilitating women, the state govt has opened women police stations in districts. Besides, women help desks have also been set up. Earlier, women constituted 6% of the police force which has now been increased to 9% by the present government.

PM Modi Inaugurated Asia's Longest Road Tunnel: Zojila Tunnel

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Zojila Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir's Leh district. This tunnel would be India's longest and Asia's longest and strategic bi-directional tunnel which is expected to be finished within five years. It is a 14.2 long tunnel which will provide all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar, Kargil and Leh districts. It will be constructed at an altitude of 3,528 metres high Zojila pass and is expected to bring down the travel time from 3.5 hours to 15 minutes. The overall budget for the construction of the Zojila Tunnel is of Rs 6,809 crore.

Venezuela's Maduro wins re-election

- ❖ Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro was reelected for a second six-year term in presidential elections, according to the National Electoral Council (CNE). Some 14,638 voting centers have been set up nationwide for Venezuela's more than 20.5 million eligible voters.

Anil Kumar Jha appointed CMD of Coal India

- ❖ Anil Kumar Jha has been appointed as the chairman-cum-managing director (CMD) of Coal India Limited. Jha, at present the CMD of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd, has been appointed to the post till his superannuation i.e. 31 January 2020. CIL is a state-owned coal mining company headquartered in Kolkata.

T.K. Ramanathan award for Prajnesh

- ❖ Prajnesh Gunneswaran won the prestigious T.K. Ramanathan award for the year 2017-18 at the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) annual day function. He received a cash prize of Rs. 30,000. TNTA president M.A. Alagappan gave away the prizes.

India sixth wealthiest country with total wealth of \$8,230 billion

- ❖ India is the sixth wealthiest country in the world with a total wealth of \$8,230 billion, while the U.S. is the richest nation globally, says a report. According to the AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review, the US is the wealthiest country in the world with a total wealth of \$62,584 billion, followed by China (\$24,803 billion) in the second place and Japan (\$19,522 billion) in third. Total wealth refers to the private wealth held by all the individuals living in each country. It includes all their assets (property, cash, equities, business interests) minus any liabilities. Government funds are excluded from these figures. Larger countries have an advantage due to higher populations.

Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala

- ❖ As the death toll in the virus-induced fever in north Kerala rises to nine, the National Virology Institute in Pune has confirmed that the deceased were infected with Nipah virus (NiV). This is the first time the virus, which has high fatality rate and spreads mainly through bats, pigs and other animals, has been detected in the state. Nipah virus (NiV) infection is a newly-emerging zoonosis (a disease which can be transmitted to humans from animals) that causes severe disease in both animals and humans. The natural host of the virus are fruit bats of the Pteropodidae Family, Pteropus genus.

India drags US to WTO over steel, aluminium duties

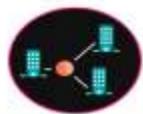
- ❖ India has dragged the US to the World Trade Organisation's dispute settlement mechanism over the imposition of import duties on steel and aluminium, an official said. India has stated that the decision will impact exports of these products to the US and it is not in compliance with global trade norms. The country has sought consultations with the US under the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism.

Lionel Messi Wins European Golden Shoe for The 5th Time

- ❖ Barcelona forward Lionel Messi has won the European Golden Shoe for a fifth time. The Argentina international claimed the prize after scoring 34 goals in La Liga this season, helping his club to a 25th league triumph. Messi also won the award last year, as well as in 2010, 2012 and 2013.

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