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Raisina Dialogue to begin in New delhi.

India's flagship global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics Raisina Dialogue will begin with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending the inaugural session. Seven former heads of state or government will share their views on important challenges facing the world.

The fifth edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue, jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation, will bring together 700 international participants from over a 100 countries.

The three-day conference will see participation of 12 foreign ministers, including from **Russia, Iran, Australia, Maldives, South Africa, Estonia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Latvia, Uzbekistan and the EU.**

India-Bangladesh I&B Ministers' Meet 2020 to be held in New Delhi

India – Bangladesh Information and Broadcasting Ministers' Meet 2020 will be held in New Delhi . Bangladesh Information Minister Muhammad H Mahmud arrived in New Delhi .

Bangladesh official broadcaster Bangladesh Betar and All India Radio will inaugurate a content sharing programme. Both sides are also expected to hold talks on the bilaterally planned biopic of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding figure of Bangladesh.

Nepal to make yoga education compulsory for schoolchildren

The Nepal government has decided to make yoga education compulsory for school children to promote healthy lifestyle among students. The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has completed designing courses on yoga for Grades IX, X, XI and XII.

Through integrated approach certain topics about yoga will be included as part of the compulsory subjects such as English and Nepali.

Ahead of Beijing 2022, China launches driverless bullet train

Ahead of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, China has launched a new driverless train capable of travelling at

The high-speed bullet train, which connects Beijing with Zhangjiakou — two of the main host cities of the Winter Olympics — slashes the journey time from three hours to just 47 minutes.

Services such as onboard 5G, intelligent lighting, touchscreen control panels and wireless charging docks are available on the bullet train.

The first trains started running on December 30 last year, with around 30 services **going between Beijing and Zhangjiakou every day.**



Govt appoints Michael Patra as RBI Deputy Governor

The government appointed Michael Debaprata as the deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The appointment of Patra, who is currently an executive director at the central bank, comes nearly six months after former deputy governor Viral Acharya's pre-mature resignation.

Patra will serve as the deputy governor for three years from the time of his appointment.

Festival of harvest, Lohri being celebrated in North India

The festival of harvest, Lohri is being celebrated in North India especially in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Chandigarh.

Lohri marks the end of the long nights of winter and welcomes the longer days of summer, as the Sun begins its journey to the Northern Hemisphere. Lohri is celebrated with a bonfire. The festival is mostly associated with crop harvesting and happiness, It also encouraged a sense of community and unity.

Recently celebrated festivals :

Lai Haraoba Festival begins in Tripura

Destination North East Festival held in Varanasi

North East Festival and Experiencing the North East held in New Delhi

India International Cherry Blossom Festival in Shillong from Nov 14 to 17

Nuakhai Juhar: Odisha's harvest festival celebrated

Telangana's Peddapalli district gets fourth consecutive national award for sanitation

Peddapalli district received another distinction at the national level, as it bagged the 'Swacchatha Darpan Award 2020' by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. This is the fourth national award in a row received under the Swacch Bharat Mission (SBM) that the district had received.

The district received 100 percent score on a wide range of sanitation parameters.

Robert Abela wins election to be prime minister of Malta

Robert Abela is set to become Malta's new prime minister after being elected Labour Party Leader.

The election came after Prime Minister Joseph Muscat was forced to resign last month following widespread pressure over the government's handling of a probe

into the murder of journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia who was killed in a car bombing in October 2017.

Capital: Valletta

Currency: Euro

President: George Vella



Senior IPS officer A.P. Maheshwari appointed Director General of CRPF

The Central Reserve Police Force was assigned its new director general, A.P. Maheshwari, a 1984 batch IPS officer, following the superannuation of its previous DG, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar.

Maheshwari take over the charge from ITBP Director General S. Deswal who was given the additional charge to head the country's largest paramilitary force, CRPF, after Bhatnagar retired last month.

GSAT-30 Satellite To Be Launched On January 17 Using Ariane-5 Launch Vehicle

Communication satellite GSAT-30 is set to be launched on January 17 by Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the European Space Agency Ariane space will start their space missions for the year 2020 with GSAT-30, which is an operational communication satellite for DTH, Television uplink and VSAT services.

The GSAT 30 produced by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will provide high-quality television, telecommunication, and broadcasting services, ensuring continuity of service for INSAT 4A satellite.

Book of Arun Jaitley's selected writings to hit stands in February

The book, "A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19", is an authoritative account of the policies and decisions made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government during its first stint. It will hit the stands in February.

Nepali translation of Swami Vivekananda's 'Karma Yoga' among 4 books released in Nepal on Vishwa Hindi Diwas

The Indian Embassy in Kathmandu released as many as four books, including the Nepali translation of Swami Vivekananda's 'Karma Yoga', at an event marking the Vishwa Hindi Diwas.

The other three books include the Nepali translation of a book compiling five famous stories by Indian writer Premchand, as well as the Hindi translations of 'Ashwathama' written by Nepalese poet Madhav Prasad Ghimire and Utkrishta

Kahaniyan” — a collection of 25 modern Nepali stories written by young and upcoming Nepali story writers.



Captain Tania Shergill to become first woman parade adjutant for Republic Day parade

Captain Tania Shergill, an officer with Army’s Corps of Signals, will be the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day parade.

Commissioned in March 2017 from the Officer Training Academy, Chennai, Shergill is an electronics and communications graduate.

In last year’s Republic Day parade, Captain Bhavna Kasturi was the first woman officer to lead an all-men contingent.

India finish 2019 as number one shooting nation in world

With its sparkling show through 2019, India finished the year as the top shooting nation in the world, leaving behind Olympic heavyweights China and the USA. In terms of overall medals, the tally stood at 21 gold, six silver and three bronze as India topped all the Rifle-Pistol World Cups and Finals in a unforgettable year. While India leads the standings with 30 medals overall, China is second with 11 gold, 15 silver and 18 bronze for a total of 44 podium finishes. The USA is placed third with 15 medals including six gold six silver and three bronze.

Hyderabad FC appoints Albert Roca as the new head coach

The bottom-placed ISL outfit Hyderabad FC named Albert Roca as their new head coach for the 2020-21 season on a two-year deal.

According to an ISL media release, Roca, who had earlier coached Bengaluru FC to the AFC Cup finals, will advise the new coaching staff for the remainder of the season and will take full charge from the beginning of next season.