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India launches 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica



India successfully launched the **41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica** on November 15, 2021.

The first batch of its contingents comprising of 23 scientists and support staff has reached the Indian Antarctic station Maitri. Four more batches will be landing in Antarctica by mid-January 2022. The team of **48 members** at the 41st expedition is being led by Dr. Shailendra Saini, Scientist National Centre for Polar & Ocean

Research (Voyage Leader), Shri. Huidrom Nageshwar Singh, Metrologist, India Metrological Department (Leader, Maitri Station) and Shri. Anoop Kalayil Soman, scientist Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (Leader, Bharati Station).

The Indian Antarctic program began in 1981 and has completed 40 scientific expeditions.

Currently there are three permanent research base stations in Antarctica, named Dakshin Gangotri (1983), Maitri (1988) and Bharati (2012).

India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX – 21 held in Andaman Sea



The 3rd edition of the Trilateral Maritime Exercise named **SITMEX – 21** is being held from 15 to 16 Nov 21 in the **Andaman Sea**. The **Navies of the India, Singapore and Thailand** will participate in the event. **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk** is participating in the 3rd edition from India. It is an indigenously built Missile Corvette. The event is being **hosted by Royal Thai Navy (RTN) in the Andaman Sea** with an aim to enhance the cooperation between the participating navies towards augmenting the overall maritime security in the region.

Indian Teenage brothers wins 2021 International Children's Peace Prize for waste project

Two Delhi-based teenage brothers **Vihaan (17)** and **Nav Agarwal (14)** have won the **17th annual KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize** for tackling pollution in their home city by recycling household waste. The duo received the prestigious award by Indian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi on November 14, 2021. Vihaan and Nav have developed an **"One Step Greener"** initiative for segregating rubbish and organising waste pickups for trash from thousands of homes, schools and offices. The **International Children's Peace Prize** is given annually by the International children's rights organization KidsRights based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. It is given to a child who has made a significant contribution to advocating children's rights and improving the situation of vulnerable children such as orphans, child labourers and children with HIV/AIDS.

India inks USD 61 mn loan pact with ADB for development projects in Agartala

The Government of India and **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have signed a **\$61 million loan (approx Rs 454 crore) to fund development projects in Agartala, Tripura**. The fund will be used for the project which aims to upgrade urban infrastructure services and improve livability in Agartala with the provision of better road connectivity, flood resilient measures and making tourist places more attractive.

Cross & Climb, Rohtak



Australia Defeat New Zealand to win their maiden T20 World Cup

Australia beat New Zealand by **eight wickets** to win 2021 T20 World Cup final held on November 14, 2021 at **Dubai International Cricket Stadium, UAE**. This is the first T20 World Cup title won by Australia. New Zealand had put up the target of 172/4 in their 20 overs match which Australia chased down in 18.5 overs with loss of only two wickets. Australian team captain: Aaron Finch. New Zealand team captain: Kane Williamson
Australia had won the toss and chose to field. The score put up by New Zealand is the highest ever first-innings total in a T20 World Cup final.

Title Winners

- Player of the Match – Mitchell Marsh (Australia)
- Player of the Tournament – David Warner (Australia)
- Leading run-scorer in the tournament – Babar Azam with 303 (Pakistan)
- Highest wicket-taker – Wanindu Hasaranga with 16 (Sri Lanka)

The 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup was the **7th ICC Men's T20 World Cup tournament**, held from 17 October to 14 November 2021.

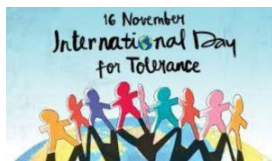
India was the host country but the matches were played in the United Arab Emirates and Oman, due to growing concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic situation in India.

Lewis Hamilton wins 2021 F1 Brazilian Grand Prix



Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain), has won the 2021 F1 Sao Paulo Grand Prix (earlier known as **Brazilian Grand Prix**). Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second while Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) came third in the Brazilian Grand Prix 2021. Max Verstappen is leading the World Drivers' Standings with 312.5 points, 19 points ahead of Lewis

Hamilton (318.5).



International Day for Tolerance: 16 November

The **International Day for Tolerance** is observed annually on **16 November**. The day was declared by UNESCO in 1995, on its fiftieth anniversary, to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.

National Press Day: 16 November

National Press Day is observed on **November 16** every year to celebrate free and responsible press in India. It also commemorates the day when the **Press Council of India** started functioning.

