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UNICEF Day

UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) day was celebrated every year on Dec 11th. UNICEF was created by the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) on December 11, 1946 as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to provide emergency food, nutrition, education to children in the country that had been devastated due to World War II.

U.S shuts down World Trade Organization appeals court

The United States(US) decided to shut down the appeal court of WTO (World Trade Organisation) in response to WTO's decisions against the federal trade rules imposed by the US administration.

WTO's appeal court acts as a trade dispute settlement body for its member countries.

The US has blocked new appointments to protest the way the WTO does business. Among various settlement disputes left in the court, there are seven cases that have been brought against US president Donald Trump's decision to declare foreign steel and aluminum a threat to U.S. national security and to levy them with import taxes.

Maharashtra has most employable talent, followed by TN, UP

India Skills Report 2019-20 that was released showed an overall positive trend in comparison with the past 6 years for talent supply.

The report states that about 46% of students were found to be employable or ready to take-up jobs as against 33% in 2014.

The Wheebox findings also elaborated on the states with the highest employability – Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. Mumbai followed by Hyderabad showed the highest employable cities. Bengaluru, New Delhi, Pune, Lucknow, and Chennai have maintained their presence in the top 10 list over the past 6 years. States that registered a dip in their ranking were West Bengal (2nd in last year) and Haryana which could not make it into the top 10 list.

PUMA ropes in Indian National Football Captain Sunil Chhetri as brand ambassador

Global sports brand PUMA has announced that Sunil Chhetri, captain of the Indian National Football team and Bengaluru FC signed with the brand.

A captain, leader and a legend, he is the second-highest after Cristiano Ronaldo on the list of active international scorers in world football.

Salman Khan appointed as Pepsi's new brand ambassador

Food and beverage giant PepsiCo has roped in Bollywood actor Salman Khan as the new face of its flagship Pepsi brand of carbonated beverage in India.

Khan had previously endorsed PepsiCo's Mountain Dew drink. Now, he will be a crucial cog in its flagship brand's campaigns against RanbirKapoor-endorsed Coca Cola.

SunielShetty is new brand ambassador for NADA

After Bollywood actor SunielShetty was appointed as the brand ambassador for the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

The appointment took place in the presence of KirenRijiju, Minister of State (MoS) for Youth Affairs and Sports.

ADB scales down India's GDP growth forecast from 6.5% to 5.1% for FY20

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sharply scaled down its projection for India's economic growth to 5.1 per cent in 2019-20 from 6.5 per cent projected earlier because of the crisis in the non-banking finance companies and impact on consumption due to rural distress and a dismal job scenario.

Odisha's Jaga Mission Wins Bronze At World Habitat Awards

State government's Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM) also known as Jaga Mission has won the bronze medal at the World Habitat Awards.

The State government's initiative has been awarded for granting land rights and upgrading slums through state-wide government legislation.

Odisha had also bagged 'India Geospatial Excellence Award' along with Tata Trusts for technological innovation in empowering the urban poor through Jaga Mission.

'World's first' fully-electric commercial flight takes off

An all-electric powered seaplane has taken flight in Vancouver, Canada, the operators describe as a "world first" for the aviation industry.

The short test flight by Harbour Air and magniX involved a six-passenger aircraft fitted with an electric motor.

The companies said it was a first step to building the "world's first all-electric commercial fleet".

It is manufactured by Harbour Air and Magnix and involves a six-passenger DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver with a 750-horsepower (560 kW) magni500 propulsion system, and was piloted by Greg McDougall, founder and Chief Executive of Harbour Air.