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Minorities Right Day in India

To protect the rights of the minority communities every year on 18 December Minorities Rights Day is observed in India.

This day also focuses on bringing a better understanding and educating people about the issues related to minorities and their safety.

Goa's Liberation Day

The Liberation Day of Goa is celebrated on 19 December

On this date in 1961, Goa was released from the Portuguese dominion after army operation and extended freedom movement.

This day is celebrated in commemoration of the Indian armed forces that helped Goa to received freedom from Portuguese rule.

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot releases Braille Edition of Book "Exam Warriors" written by Prime Minister.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot released the Braille Edition of the book "Exam Warriors" authored by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi .

The Braille Edition in Hindi and English has been prepared in the Braille Press of Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh.

136-km international rail link from Bihar to Kathmandu on track

A direct rail ride to Nepal's capital Kathmandu from India may become possible in the near future. Indian Railways has announced that the survey work on the 136-km international railway from Raxaul on the Bihar border has been completed and is targeted for completion by

The project would cost Rs 16,550 crore excluding the cost of acquisition of land by Nepal.

CM Kamal Nath inaugurates 5th Khajuraho International Film Festival

Shri Kamal Nath was inaugurating the 5th International Film Festival in Khajuraho.

The 5th Khajuraho International Festival organized in joint aegis of Culture and Tourism Departments in collaboration with Prayas Production, Mumbai was

inaugurated with the screening of Gandhi Film on the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

This year the theme of the Film Festival is 'Comedy'. In this 7-Day festival, films will be screened and the comedians will also give their performances.

India is world's third-largest producer of scientific articles.

With over 1.35 lakh scientific papers published, India has become the world's third largest publisher of science and engineering articles, according to a US government agency data, topped by China.

China, which accounts for 20.67 per cent of all global publications in scientific articles, is at the top position, followed by the US at 16.54 per cent.

Sahitya Akademi announces annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 23 languages

Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 23 languages. Seven books of poetry, four of novel, six of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019.

Geneva hosts first Global Refugee Forum

The first ever Global Refugee Forum is being held in Geneva, Switzerland. It is being jointly hosted by United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) along with Government of Switzerland.

Co-convened by Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Germany, Pakistan and Turkey, the Forum is aiming to generate new approaches and long-term commitments from a variety of actors to help refugees and the communities in which they live.

Four objectives of GCR

Share responsibilities more equitably

Enhance refugee self-reliance

Expand access to third-country solutions

Support conditions in countries of origin for safe, voluntary, dignified repatriation

Indian peacekeepers in South Sudan receive prestigious UN medal

India is among the largest troop contributing countries to UN peacekeeping operations.

Currently, 2,342 Indian troops and 25 police personnel are deployed with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

84-year-old Canadian becomes oldest to complete Antarctic Ice Marathon.

An 84-year-old Canadian national named Roy Jorgen Svenningsen has become the oldest person ever to complete the Antarctic Ice Marathon.



Roy, a retired oil worker, is from the Canadian city of Edmonton, and he has been running since 1964. He spent a year training for 42-km Antarctic marathon.



The Antarctic Ice Marathon is the planet's southernmost race and is considered one of the toughest.

Eminent theatre and film actor Shriram Lagoo passes away

Eminent theatre and film actor Shriram Lagoo, who played an important role in the growth of theatre passed away following a cardiac arrest.

Lagoo's roles in Marathi plays such as "Natsamrat" and "Himalayachi Saoli", and films like "Pinjra" made him popular.

He essayed memorable roles in Bollywood films such as "Ek Din Achanak", "Gharonda" and "Lawaris"

Mohun Bagan president Gitanath Ganguly passes away

Mohun Bagan president and retired Justice Gitanath Ganguly passed away, following a cardiac arrest.

Ganguly took over as the club president after the Swapan Sadhan Bose-led panel swept the elections in November last year.