

International Human Solidarity Day

International Human Solidarity Day is observed on 20 December annually to highlight the importance of unity in diversity.

This day also reminds people to work together in fighting against poverty, hunger, and disease.

A day to encourage debate on the ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals including poverty eradication, a day of action to encourage new initiatives for poverty eradication.

Cuba to name first prime minister in 40 years

Cuba is to resurrect the position of prime minister in a parliamentary session, with President Miguel Diaz-Canel nominating a candidate to the post which has remained dormant for more than 40 years.

The last time Cuba had a prime minister, it was revolutionary hero Fidel Castro. However, the position was abolished in 1976 when Castro transitioned to the presidency, taking over from Osvaldo Dorticos after the country's constitution was restructured.

About CUBA

Capital: Havana

President: Miguel Díaz-Canel

Currencies: Cuban peso, Cuban convertible peso

Eight-year-old becomes highest-paid YouTuber, earns 26 million dollars in year

Eight-year-old Ryan Kaji earned \$26 million in 2019 on his YouTube channel, making him the highest-paid creator on the platform, according to a list published by Forbes magazine.

Kaji, whose real name is Ryan Guan, was already the video platform's highest earner in 2018, with \$22 million, according to Forbes.

His channel "Ryan's World," launched in 2015 by Ryan's parents, is only three years old but already has 9 million subscribers.

Initially called "Ryan ToysReview," the channel mostly consisted of "unboxing" videos — videos of the young star opening boxes of toys and playing with them.

Afghanistan first country to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia

The Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) has been recognised formally by the National Department of Regulation of Medicines and Health Products of the Ministry of Public Health of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

It will also be used based on the requirement as reputable pharmacopoeia in the laboratory of medicines and health products quality.

With this, a new beginning has been made and Afghanistan has become the first country to recognize IP pursuant to the efforts of Department of Commerce and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

About UNDP

The United Nations Development Programme is the United Nations' global development network. It advocates for change and connects countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life for themselves.

It is founded in 1965 and headquartered in New York, United States.

About J&K

Capital : Jammu (Winter) and Srinagar (Summer)

Lieutenant Governor: Girish Chandra Murmu

NCLAT restores Cyrus Mistry as chairman of Tata Sons

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) restored former Tata group Chairman Cyrus Mistry as executive chairman of Tata Group.

The tribunal has also held the appointment of Natarajan Chandrasekaran as executive chairman illegal.

The Mistry family is the single largest shareholder in Tata Sons, with an 18.4 per cent stake.

Additional info:

About NCLAT

The National Company Law Tribunal is a quasi-judicial body in India that adjudicates issues relating to Indian companies.

It is founded in 2016 and headquartered in New Delhi.

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Indian Navy conducts anti-hijacking exercise Apharan at Kochi coast

A dramatic sight unfurl near the Kochi Port—Marine Commandos descending onto a ship from a helicopter.

But a necessary one, for this was Exercise Apharan—a large scale anti-hijacking exercise conducted by the Indian Navy in collaboration with the Indian Coast Guard, Cochin Port Trust and other stakeholders.

The exercise was conducted for the first time in Kerala at such a scale and saw the participation of multiple agencies including more than 12 ships and helicopters of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Cochin Port Trust.

The Exercise ‘Apharan’ was aimed at “streamlining the response mechanisms and preparedness to thwart attempts by anti-national elements to hijack a merchant vessel or attempt forced entry of a rogue or commandeered merchant vessel into Kochi harbour”

DRDO successfully flight-tests Pinaka Missile System off Odisha coast

Pinaka Missile System developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was successfully flight-tested from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the Odisha coast.

Pinaka is an Artillery Missile System capable of striking into enemy territory up to a range of 75 kilometres with high precision.

FIFA rankings: India static at 108

The Indian men’s football team remained static at 108th spot in the year-ending FIFA rankings .

India, however, lost 11 places throughout the year. With 1187 total points, India is placed at 19th spot among Asian countries headed by Japan 28th.

International Astronomical Union names new star ‘Sharjah’

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) announced the names of the newly discovered stars and planets, where the name “Sharjah” was chosen for a star with “Barjeel” being the name of one of its planets.

The announcement was made during a press conference of the IAU in the French capital, Paris, celebrating the centennial of the union.

During the announcement, the organisers lauded the efforts and contributions of the Emirate of Sharjah to the global scientific community.

About International Astronomical Union

Headquarters: Paris, France

Founded: 28 July 1919

Membership: 82 national members; 13,701 individual members

President: Ewine van Dishoeck

General Secretary: Maria Teresa Lago