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India-Central Asia business council launched

Initiative to boost business amid an economic slowdown, the Modi government and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) together launched India-Central Asia Business Council.

The nominated chambers from India, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan came together to formally declare their association to collaborate and provide an industry view to the governments of the six countries. External Affairs minister S. Jaishankar who was present at the launch called it a "significant step" especially in view of the fact that "despite excellent bilateral relations, it is a matter of concern that India"s combined annual trade with the five Central Asian countries remains well below two billion US dollars."

More than 1.27 cr pads of Suvidha Sanitary Napkins sold through Jan Aushadhi Kendras

The government stated, more than one crore twenty-seven lakh pads of Suvidha Sanitary Napkins priced at one rupee per pad have been sold through Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country till the end of last month.

SC appoints retired Kerala HC judge to prepare inventory of ornaments at Sabarimala temple

The Supreme Court appointed retired Kerala High Court judge C N Ramachandaran Nair to prepare an inventory and valuation report of ornaments of Lord Ayyappa of Sabarimala temple. Different sects of the Pandalam Royal family have claimed those ornaments.

US India's preferred trade partner in journey to be \$5 trn economy: Envoy

America is India's preferred trade and business partner in its journey to become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024, the country's new envoy to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu has stated.

Addressing a gathering of American business community at a reception hosted in his honour by US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum, Sandhu stated that the potential for cooperation between the United States and India is limitless.

He futher added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the goal for India to grow from a USD 3 trillion economy to a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024 and a USD 10 trillion economy by 2030.

UP government signs 23 MoUs worth Rs 50,000 crore during DefExpo

The Uttar Pradesh government signed 23 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) of worth Rs 50,000 crore with different firms during the ongoing DefExpo-2020. Confirming the signing of MoUs by UP Industrial and Expressway Development Authority (UPIEDA)

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on behalf of UP government, CM Yogi Adityanath said that the deals would open new employment opportunities for over 3lakh youth in the state. The Chief Minister stated that those deals were signed during 'Bandhan' programme of Defence Expo-2020.



Weightlifting: Chandrakant Mali creates 3-records in his men's 109kg title victory

In Weightlifting, Chandrakant Mali created three records in his men's 109kg title victory on the concluding day of the National Championships at Kolkata Services lifter Mali, who ed new snatch (149kg), clean and jerk (181kg) and total (330kg) records, posted a convincing win. Railways' Anikit Chhoker and A. Christopher bagged silver and bronze after registering an identical aggregate of 316kg.

Shooting: Ayushi Podder wins women's 50 metres Rifle 3 Positions

In Shooting, Ayushi Podder won the women's 50 metres Rifle 3 Positions (3P), while S. Divya and Adarsh Singh claimed the titles in the women's 10 metres Air Pistol and men's 25 metres Centre Fire Pistol T1 events on the penultimate day of the National Trials for Rifle and Pistol in Thiruvananthapuram

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