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President Ramnath Kovind Inaugurates Museum Dedicated to General KS Thimayya in Karnataka



President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated a museum, dedicated to the life of former Army Chief General Kodandera Subayya Thimayya, in Karnataka, on 6 February 2021.

The ancestral house of General Thimayya called “Sunny Side” at Madikeri in Kodagu district of Karnataka, has been renovated and converted into a museum.

General Thimayya served as the **Chief of Army Staff from 1957 to 1961.**

PM Modi lays the Foundation Stone and dedicates to the Nation key infrastructure projects in West Bengal



The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi visited **Haldia in West Bengal** on February 07, 2021.

During the visit, PM dedicated to the nation:

LPG import terminal **348 km Dobhi – Durgapur Natural Gas Pipeline** section, which is part of the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga project. **4 Lane ROB-cum-Flyover at Ranichak, Haldia** on NH 41. Apart from this, he also laid the foundation stone of second **Catalytic-Isodewaxing unit of Haldia Refinery**

PM lays Foundation Stone of two Hospitals and launches ‘Asom Mala’ programme in Assam



On February 07, 2021, Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi visited Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur District of Assam**, where he laid the Foundation Stone of two hospitals at Biswanath and Charaideo.

He also launched ‘**Asom Mala**’, a programme for state highways and major district roads.

Asom Mala project will fulfil the dreams of the state to have a network of broad roads and connectivity for all villages and modern cities.

Uttar Pradesh Government announces unique 16-digit Unicode to identify landholdings

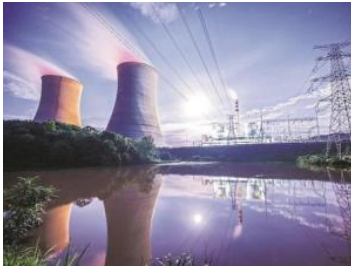
The **Uttar Pradesh** government has introduced a system of issuing a **unique 16-digit Unicode** to mark all kinds of landholdings in the state.

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Purpose: to check cases of land disputes, put an end to fake registries of disputed land and save people from falling into the trap of fraudsters
Every piece of land in the state will have its own unique identity. The unicode would be issued by the state revenue department for marking all kinds of agricultural, residential and commercial land.

State-run ONGC to establish India's first geothermal field development project in Ladakh



India's first ever geothermal power project will be implemented by state-owned **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** at **Puga village** of eastern **Ladakh**.

The project, known as **Geothermal Field Development Project**, will be implemented in three phases and is planned to commission by the end of 2022.

A tripartite agreement for this historic geothermal project was signed between Union Territory Administration Ladakh, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)-Leh and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) **Energy Centre** on February 08, 2021.

Ministry of Defence inks pact with BEL to procure ship-borne modern radio system



The **Ministry of Defence** has signed a contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** on February 08, 2021, to procure a **software-defined radio tactical (SDR-Tac) ship-borne system**.

The cost of the SDR-Tac system is worth over Rs 1,000 crore. The SDR-Tac is a four channel multi-mode, multi-band, 19-inch rack mountable, ship-borne software defined radio system to serve ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore and ship-to-air voice and data communication for network centric operations.

16th edition of India-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 20' commences at Bikaner in Rajasthan



The India-US bilateral joint military exercise “Yudh Abhyas 20” began on February 08, 2021 in Mahajan Field Firing Range of Bikaner district in Rajasthan. The exercise will continue till February 21, 2021. 2021 marks the **16th edition** of annual bilateral joint exercise Yudh Abhyas.

In 2020, the joint exercise was held at Seattle in the United States. It is one of the largest military training and defense cooperation efforts between India and the United States.

About 250 US and 250 Indian army soldiers are participating in the two-week exercise, to share their war-related techniques, skills and experience with each other during this exercise.

Rishabh Pant and Shabnim Ismail wins inaugural ICC Player of the Month January 2021

The Indian wicketkeeper-batsman **Rishabh Pant** has won the inaugural **ICC Player of the Month** award, announced on February 8, 2021.

Pant has been honored for his superlative performances in the two Tests against Australia in January 2020, wherein he scored a 97 at Sydney and an unbeaten 89 at Brisbane, leading India to an incredible series win.

Apart from this, **Shabnim Ismail of South Africa** has been named the **ICC Women's Player of the Month** following her performances across three ODIs and two T20Is in January 2021..

A fast bowler, Ismail took seven wickets in ODI series against Pakistan to gain victory and five wickets in the second T20 International against the same opposition.

Steve Smith claims Allan Border Medal for third time in his career; Beth Mooney bags her maiden Belinda Clarke Award

Former Australian captain **Steve Smith** won the **third Allan Border Medal** of his career at the Australian Cricket Awards for the period 2020-21.

The Allan Border Medal recognises the most outstanding male Australian cricketer of the past season as voted by his peers, the media and umpires.

Apart from this, **Beth Mooney** bagged **Belinda Clarke Award**, the top honour for female player at the Australian Cricket Awards. This is the maiden Belinda Clarke Award for Mooney.

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Other Awards



Steve Smith : Men's ODI Player of the Year

Ashton Agar : Men's T20 Player of the Year

Beth Mooney: Women's T20 Player of the Year award

Pat Cummins: Women's Test player of the year award