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India's largest EV charging station for 4 wheelers opens in Sector 86 of Gurugram

India's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging station for 4 wheelers has been launched in Sector 86 of Gurugram, in Haryana, on March 03, 2022.

The new EV charging stations comes with a capacity of **121 charging points** for 4 wheelers and can **charge 1,000 cars in a single day.**

Gurugram now has two of largest electric vehicle charging stations across the country.

The first EV station was opened in in Sector 52 in January 2022, which has a capacity of 100 charging points for 4 wheelers.

NMCG receives 'Special Jury Award' at 2022 FICCI Water Awards

The **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has been felicitated with the '**Special Jury Award**' at the 9th edition of FICCI Water Awards.

NMCG has been awarded for its effort in reviving River Ganga and to bring about a paradigm shift in water management.

The **9th edition of FICCI Water Awards** were organised at the **FICCI's 7th India Industry Water Conclave**, held virtually on March 02 and 03, 2022.

Centre postpones 2022 Gandhinagar DefExpo

The **DefExpo 2022** that was scheduled to be held from **March 10 to March 14, in Gandhinagar of Gujarat** has been postponed by the Ministry of Defence, due to logistics problems being experienced by participants.

The new dates of the defence expo shall be communicated in due course.

India signs Host Country Agreement with International Telecommunication Union for establishment of Area Office & Innovation Centre at New Delhi

The Government of India has signed the **Host Country Agreement (HCA) with International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** for the establishment of an **Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in New Delhi** on March 03, 2022.

The Host Country Agreement provides the legal and financial framework for establishment and operations of the Area Office.

The Area Office and Innovation Centre of ITU at New Delhi will serve **South Asian countries** comprising of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India.

The agreement was signed between Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Communications and H.E. Houlin Zhao, Secretary General of ITU, in a virtual ceremony during the World Telecommunications Standardisation Assembly-20 (WTSA-20) being held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Axis Bank commits USD 150 million loan to healthcare sector via SAMRIDH facility

Axis Bank has signed an MoU with IPE Global for **strengthening India's healthcare infrastructure** by providing affordable **finance of up to USD 150 million (about Rs 1,140 crore) through SAMRIDH.**

What is SAMRIDH: SAMRIDH Healthcare Blended Finance Facility is an initiative of the Government of India wherein a pool of fund is used to improve the health infrastructure, strengthen the skills of healthcare providers in India.

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SAMRIDH is supported by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IIT-D).

SAMRIDH stands for Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH).

Hero MotoCorp Announces New EV Brand 'Vida'

Hero MotoCorp has unveiled a new brand "**Vida**", for its emerging mobility solutions and **upcoming electric vehicles**. (Vida means life).

Vida brand has been unveiled by **Dr. Pawan Munjal, Chairman and CEO of Hero MotoCorp**, on March 3, 2022 in Dubai. He also announced a **\$100 million Global Sustainability Fund** that will help the company to nurture more than 10,000 entrepreneurs on ESG solutions.

The first electric vehicle under the Vida brand will be officially unveiled on July 1, 2022, to coincide with the birth anniversary of Dr. Brijmohan Lall, Chairman Emeritus of Hero MotoCorp.

Jet Airways appoints Sanjiv Kapoor as CEO

Sanjiv Kapoor has been appointed as the new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jet Airways**, with effect from April 4, 2022.

The **Jalan Kalrock Consortium** is the new **promoter** of Jet Airways.

Prior to this, Kapoor was the president of Oberoi Hotels and has also worked as chief operating officer at SpiceJet and chief strategy and commercial officer at Vistara.

Aman Lekhi resigns as Additional Solicitor General of India

Senior Advocate Aman Lekhi has tendered his resignation as the **Additional Solicitor General (ASG)** at the Supreme Court with immediate effect on March 04, 2022.

He did not give any reason for his resignation.

Aman Lekhi is the husband of Minister of State for External Affairs, **Meenakshi Lekhi**.

Lekhi was appointed as the ASG in March 2018 and was re-appointed from July 1, 2020, for a period of three years till June 30, 2023.

ICC Women's World Cup 2022 begins in New Zealand

The **2022 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup** kicked off on March 04, 2022 in **New Zealand**.

This is the 12 edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, being held in New Zealand from March 04 to April 03, 2022.

The opening match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 was held at the **Bay Oval** in Mount Maunganui between West Indies and New Zealand, in which West Indies women beat New Zealand by 3 runs .

The final match is scheduled to take place at the **Hagley Oval stadium**.

Total 8 teams are participating which includes, New Zealand, Australia, England, South Africa, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and West Indies.

Australian cricketer Shane Warne passes away at 52

Australian cricketer **Shane Warne** has passed away at the age of 52 years due to a suspected heart attack in Thailand. He was a leg spinner.

In 2013, he was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

He is regarded as the greatest spinner of cricket and has played 145 Tests for Australia and has 708 wickets.

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Former Indian Army Chief General S F Rodrigues passes away

General S F Rodrigues, who had served as **Chief of the Indian Army** from 1990 to 1993 passes away at the age of 88 years.

General Sunith Francis Rodrigues was also the **Governor of Punjab** from 2004 to 2010. He had served two terms on the National Security Advisory Board.

World Obesity Day: 04 March 2022

World Obesity Day is observed every year on **March 04**. It is observed to spread awareness about obesity and encourage action towards its elimination.

Theme for World Obesity Day 2022: 'Everybody Needs to Act'