

PM Modi Participates in Leaders' Summit on Climate

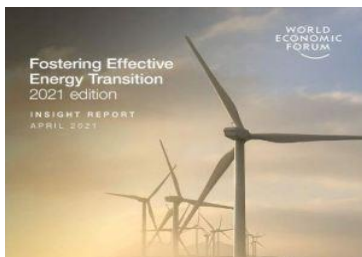


Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the “**Leaders’ Summit on Climate**”, hosted by **President of U.S.A. Joe Biden**. The two day conference has been organised virtually on 22-23 April 2021, which coincides with the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Paris Agreement on climate change for signature. Theme : **Our**

Collective Sprint to 2030.

A total of 40 national leaders have been invited by Biden to attend this two-day virtual climate summit. The Summit is being held in the run up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) that will take place in November 2021 in Glasgow.

India Ranks 87th in WEF Global Energy Transition Index 2021; Sweden Tops



India is placed at the **87th** position among 115 countries in the **2021 Energy Transition Index (ETI)**, released on April 21, 2021. The report is published by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, prepared in collaboration with **Accenture** to track nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various

aspects. **Sweden** has topped the 10th edition of the index, followed by Norway (2nd) and Denmark (3rd), Switzerland (4), Austria (5).

The top 10 countries in the index are Western and Northern European countries: Finland (6), the United Kingdom (7), New Zealand (8), France (9) and Iceland (10). **Zimbabwe** is the last ranked country in the index.

S&P Projects India's GDP Growth Forecast at 11% in FY22



The **S&P Global Ratings** has estimated the **Indian economy to grow at 11 percent** in the current fiscal, i.e. **2021-22 (FY22)**. In terms of **sovereign rating**, S&P currently has a **'BBB-'** rating on India with a **stable outlook**. Earlier, for 2020-21, the S&P estimated the Indian

economy to contract 8 percent.

Fitch Ratings Affirms India's Sovereign Rating at 'BBB-' with Negative Outlook

Rating agency **Fitch Ratings** has kept the **sovereign rating of India unchanged at 'BBB-'** with a **negative outlook**. Earlier, Fitch had estimated GDP contraction of 7.5 percent in 2020-21 and growth of 12.8 percent in the fiscal year FY22, followed by 5.8 percent in FY23.

Chennai Teen Arjun Kalyan becomes India's 68th Grandmaster



Tamil Nadu teenager Arjun Kalyan has become the 68th Chess Grandmaster of India. The 18-year-old boy from Chennai achieved the feat when he crossed the 2500 ELO mark on April 20, 2021, after scoring a win over Dragan Kosic in the 5th round of the ongoing GM Round Robin "Rujna Zora in Serbia.

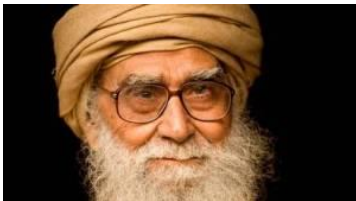
Puma ropes in Washington Sundar & Devdutt Padikkal as Brand Ambassadors



Global sportswear brand Puma has roped in Indian cricketers Washington Sundar and Devdutt Padikkal as the brand ambassador. The duo has signed a long-term endorsement deals with the company, to join the likes of cricketers associated with Puma, that include Indian captain

Virat Kohli; wicketkeeper-batsman KL Rahul; women's national cricketer, Sushma Verma, Yuvraj Singh etc. Puma is a German sports brand, involved in designing, developing, selling and marketing footwear, apparel and accessories. Puma is committed to promoting new-age cricketing talent in India and will continue to partner with young athletes, also at grassroots to give back to India's sporting ecosystem.

Padma awardee winning Indian Islamic Scholar Maulana Wahiduddin passes away of Covid at 97



Noted Indian Islamic scholar, spiritual leader and author Maulana Wahiduddin Khan has passed away due to Covid-19 complications. He was 97. Khan has written over 200 books on several aspects of Islam and is best known for having written a commentary on the

Quran and its translation in English, Hindi and Urdu. He was recipient of several notable honors like Padma Vibhushan (2021), Padma Bhushan (2000) and the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award (2009).

Sabri Brothers Fame Renowned Qawwali Singer Farid Sabri Passes Away at 58

Well-known Qawwali singer Farid Sabri, of the famous Sabri Brothers duo, has passed away. He was 58. Sabri Brothers (Farid Sabri and Amin Sabri) were known for their evergreen numbers like 'Der Na Ho Jaye Kahin Der Na Ho Jaye' and 'Ek Mulakat Zaruri Hai Sanam'. The brothers and their father Saeed Sabri performed qawwali at several events held in Indian and abroad.

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International Girls in ICT Day 2021: 22 April



Girls in ICT
10th ANNIVERSARY
22 April 2021
A Virtual Event
#GirlsInICT
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Every year the **International Girls in ICT Day** is observed on the **fourth Thursday of April** by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Member States. In 2021, the day falls on 22nd April. 2021 theme: **Connected Girls, Creating Brighter Futures**. It provides an initiative to

create a global environment that empowers and encourages girls and young women to consider studies and careers in the growing field of information and communication technologies (ICT).

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) headquarter- Geneva, Switzerland.

World Book and Copyright Day: 23 April

The **World Book and Copyright Day** (also known as ‘**International Day of the Book**’ and ‘**World Book Day**’), is an annual event organized on April 23 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing, and copyright. The first World Book Day was celebrated on 23 April 1995. April 23 is chosen because it marks the birth and death of several prominent authors. For instance, William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes, and Josep Pla died on April 23 and Manuel Mejia Vallejo and Maurice Druon were born on April 23.

World Book Capital

As a part of the Day, UNESCO selects the World Book Capital every year for a one-year period, effective 23 April each year. The **World Book Capital for 2021 is Tbilisi, Georgia.**



UN English Language Day & UN Spanish Language Day : 23 April

The **UN English Language Day** and **UN Spanish Language Day** is observed annually on **23 April**. For English, 23 April has been chosen to mark both the birthday and date of death of **William Shakespeare**. For Spanish Language, the Day was chosen because the day is also observed as Hispanic Day in Spain, meaning the Spanish speaking world.