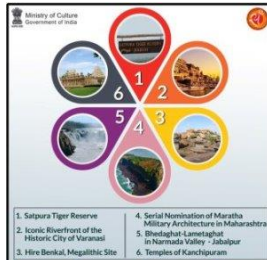


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Six more Indian sites added to Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, taking total tally to 48



The **Ministry of Culture** has recently announced that **six Indian sites** have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites. With the addition of these six sites, the total number of Indian sites in **Tentative Lists of UNESCO World Heritage Site has increased to 48.**

The six sites are:

1. Satpura Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh
2. The riverfront of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
3. Megalithic site of Hire Benkal, Karnataka
4. Maratha Military Architecture in Maharashtra
5. Bhedaghat-Lametaghat in Narmada Valley- Jabalpur
6. Temples of Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu

DRDO develops indigenous Covid-19 antibody detection kit DIPCOVAN



The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed a COVID-19 antibody detection kit called **DIPCOVAN**. The testing kit offers results in just **75 minute** without any cross reactivity with other diseases and will cost just Rs 75 per test. It can detect spike as well as nucleocapsid (S&N) proteins of SARS-

CoV-2 virus with 97% high sensitivity and 99% specificity. The kit has been developed by the **Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS) laboratory of DRDO**, in association with Delhi-based Vanguard Diagnostics Pvt Ltd. DIPCovan will help a person detect if they have previously been exposed to Covid-19 virus and whether they have antibodies for it.

China successfully launches new ocean observation satellite 'Haiyang-2D'

China successfully launched a new **ocean-monitoring satellite Haiyang-2D (HY-2D)** into orbit on May 19, 2021, on **Long March-4B rocket**, from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China**. The HY-2D will

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form a constellation with the HY-2B and HY-2C satellites to build an all-weather and round-the-clock dynamic ocean environment monitoring system of high frequency and medium and large scale to provide early warning on marine disasters. The constellation will support China in detecting early warning and prediction of marine disasters, sustainable development and utilisation of ocean resources, effective response to global climate change as well as ocean research.

Narinder Batra re-elected as FIH President



Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the **President of International Hockey Federation (FIH)** for the second consecutive term. Batra was elected during the virtual 47th Congress of FIH, where he beat Marc Coudron, Chief of Belgium Hockey Federation, by just two votes. He will hold the office until **2024** because the FIH has reduced the term from four to three years. International Hockey Federation (FIH) Headquarters: **Lausanne, Switzerland**

Barcelona Defeats Chelsea 4-0 to win their first UEFA Women's Champions League title



The Spanish professional football club **Barcelona** surpassed English club **Chelsea** 4-0, to win the **2020-21 UEFA Women's Champions League** final, held at Gothenburg, Sweden on 16 May 2021. Barcelona is the first team from **Spain** to win Europe's top club competition. Their victory was also the largest margin of defeat in UEFA Women's Champions League Final.

Also, Barcelona has become the first club to win both men's and women's UEFA Champions League titles in the same season.

Chipko Movement Leader Sunderlal Bahuguna Passes Away of COVID-19 at 94



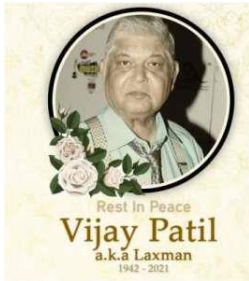
Noted **environmentalist** and Gandhian activist, **Sunderlal Bahuguna**, who was the **leader of the Chipko Movement**, has passed away due to COVID-19 complications. He was 94. The idea of Chipko movement was given by his wife and the action was taken by him. The movement began in **1973 in Uttarakhand**, (then a part of Uttar Pradesh), at the foothills of Himalayas.

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Chipko movement was one of the strongest movements to conserve forests and trees in India from cutting by forest contractors. “Chipko” means “**hug**” and people started hugging and holding onto trees when they were being cut.

Veteran Music Director Laxman of the duo composers “Raam-Laxman” passes away at 78



Renowned **music director Raamlaxman**, or the “Laxman” of the famous duo composers “Raam-Laxman”, has passed away due to heart attack. He was 78.

His real name was **Vijay Patil**, but was better known as Raamlaxman and was most famous for his work with Rajshri Productions of Hindi films. He composed music for several of their hit films like Agent Vinod (1977), Maine Pyar Kiya (1989), Hum Aapke Hain Koun..! (1994), Hum Saath Saath Hain (1999).

Raamlaxman has worked in almost 75 films in Hindi, Marathi and Bhojpuri

International Day to End Obstetric Fistula: 23 May



Every year, **United Nations’ (UN) International Day to End Obstetric Fistula** is marked on **23rd May** since 2013 to promote action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a condition that affects many girls and women during child birth in developing countries. Theme 2021: “**Women’s rights are human rights! End fistula now!**” In 2003 the United Nations

Population Fund (UNFPA) and its partners launched the global Campaign to End Fistula, a collaborative initiative to prevent fistula and restore the health of those affected by the condition. The day was officially recognised in 2012.