

UAE's Sharjah issues first gold card permanent residency to Indian expat

UAE-based Indian business tycoon Lalo Samuel has become the first expat in Sharjah to get the gold card permanent residency. Unlike the long-term visa of 5-10 years for businessmen and talented individuals, the gold card gives permanent residency of the UAE to the holder. Samuel, who was selected as one of the top 100 Most Influential Indian Business Leaders in the Arab World by the Forbes magazine continuously for 2013, 2014 and 2015,

U'khand CM accepts proposal to establish Six Sigma Institute of Mountain Medicines & High Altitude Rescue

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat agreed to a proposal to establish Asia's first Six Sigma Institute of Mountain Medicines and High Altitude Rescue at Rudraprayag. This mountain institute will create 1,200 employment, Specialised healthcare, advance education and Rescue Training in the Uttarakhand

RBI board finalises 'Utkarsh 2022'

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board, which met in New Delhi, finalised a three- year roadmap to improve regulation and supervision, among other functions of the central bank. This medium term strategy — named Utkarsh 2022 — is in line with the global central banks' plan to strengthen the regulatory and supervisory mechanism

Cost of Rs 2000 note falls 65 paise per piece in 2018-19

The cost of a **Rs 2000 currency note fell 65 paise or 18.4 per cent in 2018-19 compared to the year-ago period.** Introduced after demonetisation in November 2016, Rs 2000 notes are printed only by the Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt Ltd (BRBNMPL) -- a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI. The selling price of Rs 2000 note from the BRBNMPL was Rs 3.53 apiece in 2018-19. It declined 65 paise from Rs 4.18 apiece in 2017-18. The selling price of a Rs 500 note was Rs 2.13 in 2018-19, lower than Rs 2.39 in the same period a year ago. The selling price of Rs 200 note per piece declined to Rs 2.15 in 2018-19 compared to Rs 2.24 in 2017-18. The expenditure incurred on printing of currency notes rose to Rs 7,965 crore in 2017-18 (July-June) from Rs 4,912 crore in 2016-17

'Gully Boy' wins NETPAC Award at BIFAN in South Korea

Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt starrer 'Gully Boy' has been recognised at the Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) in South Korea. The film directed by Zoya Akhtar was honoured with NETPAC Award for Best Asian Film



BCCI appoints Rahul Dravid as Head of Cricket at National Cricket Academy

Former India captain Rahul Dravid was appointed as Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA). Dravid will oversee all cricket related activities at NCA and will be involved in mentoring, coaching, training and motivating players, coaches and support staff at the NCA.

Kyriakos Mitsotakis sworn in as Greece's new prime minister

Kyriakos Mitsotakis has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Greece. The New Democracy party President, Mitsotakis, won a landslide over leftist Syriza led by outgoing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. Mitsotakis, 51, won 39.85 percent of the vote compared with 31.53 for Syriza, which had been in power since 2015.

DRDO carries out three successful Nag missile tests in one day in Pokhran

The Defence Acquisition Council has last year approved the procurement of DRDO's designed and developed NAG Missile System (NAMIS) at the cost of Rs 524 crore. The system includes a third generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile, the NAG, along with the Missile Carrier Vehicle (NAMICA).

Mexico beats US to lift 8th Gold Cup

The 2019 CONCACAF Gold Cup was the 15th edition of the biennial international men's football championship of the North, Central American, and Caribbean region organized by CONCACAF. Mexico's men's soccer team have won their record eighth Gold Cup by defeating the United States in the final.

Sunil Chhetri and Ashalata Devi bag top honours in AIFF awards

Indian men's footballer Sunil Chhetri and women's footballer Ashalata Devi won the biggest prizes in their respective categories as the All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced awards for the 2018-19 season. Chhetri was declared as the men's footballer of the year whereas in the women's category Devi bagged the award. This is the third consecutive footballer of the year win for Chhetri and his seventh honour in men's category.

Magnus Carlsen wins the Croatia Grand Chess Tour and his eighth consecutive tournament

The World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen has really been showing phenomenal dominance over the current chess scene with his back-to-back tournament wins. He put another feather in his cap by winning the second leg of Grand Chess Tour 2019 in Zagreb, Croatia