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#### **World Senior Citizen Day**

The World Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated on the 21st of August each year. The day is known to increase awareness of the factors and issues that affect older adults, such as age deterioration and the study of problems that affect their lives, elder abuse. It is also a day to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of older people to society.

# Railways' second double-decker Uday Express to run between Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada

Railways' second double-decker Uday Express will run between Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada to cater to the busy route in the East Coast Railway zone. The first Uday or Utkrisht doubledecker Yatri Express was a specially-designed air-conditioned chair car which started service between Coimbatore and Bangalore in June 2018. The trains are primarily allocated to routes with heavy passenger traffic. They are equipped with WiFi facility, have striking interiors, cushioned seating, and display screens. Another Uday Express is proposed between Bangalore City and Chennai Central.

## Karnataka best state to set up rooftop solar project

Karnataka ranks the best among states for setting up a rooftop solar project, according to the Attractiveness Index (SARAL) released by Minster of New and Renewable Energy and Power R K Singh. Telangana, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh come next in the rankings. All four states i.e. Karnataka, Telangana, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have been graded A++. The state of Jammu and Kashmir has been ranked last. This rating has been designed collaboratively by MNRE, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) and Ernst & Young (EY).

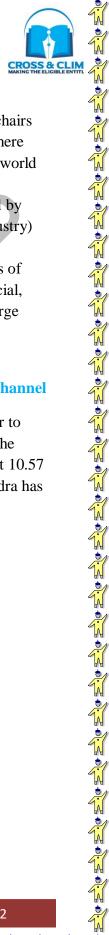
## Amazon opens its largest campus in the world in Hyderabad

Amazon India inaugurated the largest company-owned campus, worldwide in Hyderabad, the only one outside the US. The e-commerce firm will house more than 15,000 employees out of the over 62,000 members of the India team. The Hyderabad based campus is the only Amazonowned office outside the United States and will house over 15,000 employees of its over 62,000 employee base in India

### Ace sprinter Dutee Chand has signed her first brand endorsement with Puma

India's golden girl Dutee Chand has signed her first brand endorsement with global sportswear major Puma. Chand joins her idol Usain Bolt to be a brand ambassador for Puma. She was the

third Indian woman to qualify for the summer Olympics. She is also the first Indian athlete to win a gold in the 100m event at the World Universiade Games held in Naples.



### Sheikh Hasina, Sania Mirza to co-chair WEF's India Economic Summit

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and tennis star Sania Mirza will be among co-chairs for India Economic Summit to be held here in October by the World Economic Forum, where hundreds of Indian and global leaders would discuss India's role in South Asia and on the world stage. Mirza will co-chair the summit as a sportsperson and the UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for South Asia. The two-day summit, scheduled for October 3-4, will be held by Geneva-based WEF in collaboration with industry body CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) under the theme of 'Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World'. According to the World Economic Forum (WEF), the meeting will address strategic issues of regional significance under four thematic pillars - the new geopolitical reality and new social, ecological and technological systems. The WEF stated that India as the fastest-growing large economy in the world has demonstrated remarkable strength and resilience amid global slowdown.

### Madhya Pradesh para swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia crosses America's Catalina Channel

Divyang Satendra Singh Lohia from Madhya Pradesh has become the first Asian swimmer to cross the Catalina Channel of America. Satendra holds the Asian record of crossing both the English and Catalina channels. The Indian Para Relay Team started 42 km of swimming at 10.57 p.m. from St. Catalina Island and finished swimming at Los Angeles at 10.30 a.m. Satyendra has also honoured with the Vikram Award, the highest sports award in Madhya Pradesh.