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India's first dugong conservation reserve to come up in Tamil Nadu



Tamil Nadu state government has announced to setup India's first dugong conservation reserve at the northern part of the Palk Bay. Dugongs are commonly known as sea cows. According to **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)** estimates, only 200-250 Dugongs are left in the wild, of which 150 are found in the Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar in Tamil Nadu. The reserve will cover an area of more than 500 sq km.

India's first bio-brick based building inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad



India's first building made of bio-bricks from agro-waste has been inaugurated at **IIT Hyderabad**. The sample building is made up of bio-bricks supported by a metal framework. The roof is also made of bio-bricks over PVC sheets to reduce heat. It is part of the **Bold Unique Idea Lead Development (BUILD)** project to demonstrate the strength and versatility of the material.

ADB approves \$150 million loan for urban poor housing project in Tamil Nadu



Asian Development Bank has approved a **loan of USD 150 million (about Rs 1,095 crore)** for a sustainable housing project for the urban poor in **Tamil Nadu**. The loan amount will be used for constructing housing units in nine different locations and relocation of about 6,000 households vulnerable to natural hazards to safer locations.

Naval exercise between India and Australia- 'AUSINDEX' begins



The 4th edition of **AUSINDEX**, a bilateral navy exercise between the **Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy** has begun from September 06, 2021 and will continue up to September 10, 2021. Indian Navy Task Group comprises INS Shivalik and INS Kadmat.

Tamannaah Bhatia launches her book titled 'Back to the Roots'



Actress Tamannaah Bhatia launched her book **'Back to the Roots'**. She has co-authored the book with celebrity lifestyle coach Luke Coutinho. The book is based on intensive research and mentions India's ancient secrets of health and wellness.

Equitas Small Finance Bank appoints hockey player Rani Rampal & cricketer Smriti Mandhana as brand ambassadors

Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) has roped in Indian women hockey player, **Rani Rampal** and cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** as the brand ambassadors of the company. The announcement was made during the 5th anniversary of the ESFB on September 5, 2021.

Cross & Climb, Rohtak



Food Processing Week being observed from September 06 to 12, 2021

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is observing 'Food Processing Week' from **September 06 to 12 2021**, as a part of the celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. The Ministry is organizing various programs, during the week long celebration. Pashupati Kumar Paras – Union Minister of Food Processing Industries. Prahlad Singh Patel – Minister of State for Food Processing Industries



International Day of Clean Air for blue skies: 07 September

The **International Day of Clean Air for blue skies** is observed globally on **September 07** to promote and facilitate actions to improve air quality. The inaugural edition of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies was held in **2020**. It is a UN recognised day which aims to raise public awareness at all levels (individual, community, corporate and government) that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment. The **theme** for 2021 is **"Healthy Air, Healthy Planet"**. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Resolution to hold an International Day of Clean Air for blue skies on December 19, 2019, during its 74th session and invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



Former France Footballer Jean-Pierre Adams Passes Away at 73

Former **France footballer Jean-Pierre Adams**, who had been in a coma for 39 years, has passed away. He was 73. In 1982, Adams slipped into a coma following a medical error, during his routine knee surgery. He made total 22 appearances for France National Football Team from 1972–1976. At club level, Adams played as a defender for Paris Saint-Germain, Nîmes and Nice.