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A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL

Mr. Deepak Jain,
Director Genral

NRI's assumes pivotal job in creating Indian economy. May be they are not known as the foundations of Indian economy yet they are essential for entire sensory system of it. NRI which represents - Non Resident Indian. In the period of economic logjam, India is going through an awful stage. Inflation rate is high and individuals can't deal with their day to day life. In this setting, Indian government have incredible assumptions from a great many Non-occupant Indians to determine the emergency through creating interests in India. Numerous things plainly show that they contribute a ton to Indian economy and improve its monetary development. The NRIs have approached with a few non-legislative associations in India helping in cluster of advancement, instructive and social tasks and furthermore contributed a great deal in social assistance in India. They are likewise aiding social and natural issues in India. Indian government ought to support them for making speculations and include them in other formative exercises in India; NRIs commitments in the advancement of India can't be overlooked. Advancement in India does not depend just on the NRIs deployment yet it is us who can make India to develop more and grow more. With India's present financial stoppage, the NRI commitment can positively affect restoring the economy. Numerous NRI organizations have reported major multi-million speculation projects in India. Nonetheless, more up-to-date activities by the public authority are expected to draw in more NRIs to put resources into the nation. The speculation of NRI in India's market and other government formative exercises will help in building better medical services, training, social security, and other supportable development in the nation. This will likewise assist with chopping down government spending over the long haul.



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"Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." --Vince Lombardi.

AUTOMATION IS THE NEXT BIG REVOLUTION AFTER IT!

By Mr. Uditendu Verma , Addl. General Secretary , FII



Skills are essential to accomplish manageable, natural, development driven financial development and cultural consideration. Skills change lives and drive economies. In any case, barely any administrations have effectively slashed an essential way to deal with an abilities program that fabricates connects and draws in partners in conveying improved aptitudes results. Skills and information are main impetuses of monetary development and social advancement for any nation. Taking the idea of focal government a "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas" and its obligation to generally improvement of human asset, Industry Acedemia Program under Skill India is a program runs by Federation of Indian Industry expects to give an umbrella structure to all specialized skilling exercises like Automation which are needed for advancement of India as a next huge upset after IT around the world.

As if we talk about with respect to individual growth, the society and nation also benefit from their productivity and growth. Systematic and concerted action is required to significantly enhance the creative and innovative capacities of young engineers in the field of automation.

Robotization is fundamentally making an equipment or programming that can do things consequently — without human intercession. Computerized reasoning (AI) is tied in with attempting to make machines or programming mirror, and ultimately override human conduct and intelligence. Automation can or can't be founded on Artificial Intelligence.

A public AI procedure should be prefaced on a structure which is adjusted to India's one of a kind necessities and goals, while simultaneously, is equipped for accomplishing the nation's maximum capacity of utilizing AI advancements.

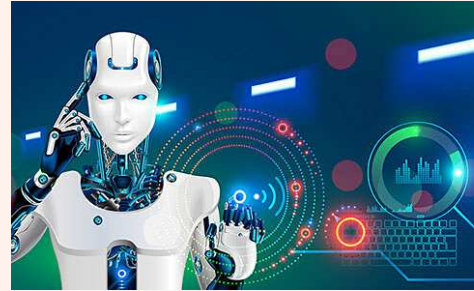
Opportunity: the economic impact of Artificial Intelligence(AI)

for India Computer based intelligence is arising as another factor of creation, enlarging the conventional components of creation viz. work, capital and advancement and innovative changes caught in absolute factor profitability. Artificial intelligence can possibly conquer the actual impediments of capital and work, and open up new wellsprings of significant worth and development. From a financial effect point of view, AI can possibly drive development through empowering

(a) wise mechanization for example capacity to computerize complex actual world errands that require flexibility and spryness across ventures, (b) work and capital expansion: empowering people to zero in on pieces of their job that add the most worth, supplementing human abilities and improving capital productivity, and (c) advancement dispersion for example moving developments as it diffuses through the economy.

Effect of Automation on Education in India

The expense of instruction has ascended throughout the long term. Guidelines come including some hidden costs and that premium every hour has been consistently expanding. Consistently spent educating or potentially learning has esteem. Consequently, regulatory capacities, for example, gauging participation, managing truants and gathering schoolwork are currently seen as cutting into that superior instructing time. Mechanization of study halls is helping ease things.



Computerization is influencing and will keep on influencing all parts of human existence; improving a few regions by functioning as a help system to human endeavors. Thus, people will have more opportunity to participate in leader capacities than in managerial or manual capacities. For instance, in schools and universities, robotized workstations can empower understudies to finish and submit schoolwork, participation can be taken through biometric frameworks and instructors and understudies can have greater quality time.

Effect of Automation in manufacturing plants:

Additionally, in processing plants, people can focus more on doing the chief and innovative capacities while robots or mechanized frameworks can deal with the work angle. In any case, this has been believed to have a crushing effect on occupation jobs, particularly for the work markets. Along these lines, where mechanization can assist organizations with improving their ROI through diminished work-times. This prompts the necessity of up-skilling or adding new aptitudes to one's collection. Going ahead, mechanization will open ways for new position jobs. Everybody, understudies just as representatives should remember this and have an adaptable learning way to deal with keep in the fight. As an understudy or representative, you should keep a receptive outlook. Continue to learn in the period of robotization, AI and AI to keep awake to speed with the machines. You have the alternative to settle on short online affirmation projects and leader instructional classes to improve your learning and to add new aptitudes to your collection. The machine age has arrived and it envoys natural selection. Prepare your protective layer and sparkle.

FII has already taken this initiative with the help of their industry academia exchange program to create high potential industry aware and ready graduates who value resources and care for our planet by setting up Advanced Industrial Robotics & Mechatronics Lab in engineering colleges and creativity supporting schools.

(The views of the article are the personal views of the author)

DEFENCE

India successfully test-fires surface-to air missile off Odisha coast

India on 23rd December successfully test-fired a medium range surface-to-air missile (MRSAM) from Odisha coast, according to defence sources. The missile was shot from a ground mobile launcher at launch pad number-1 of the Integrated Test Range at 3:55 hours, and it hit the target with accuracy, the sources said. An unmanned air vehicle, 'Banshee', was first flown into the air, which was hit by the missile. The missile has been jointly developed by the DRDO in collaboration with Israel Aerospace Industries.



Pakistan-China joint air exercise begins

A joint exercise between the two "close-friends" has commenced for the 9th consecutive time. The exercise is known as Shaheen-IX which now is the 9th in the series of joint air exercises which is conducted each year in both Pakistan and China on alternate turns. A contingent of People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) comprising combat pilots, air defence controllers and is participating in the joint exercise. The inaugurating ceremony of the exercise was jointly witnessed by Air Vice Marshal Waqas Ahmed Sulehri, PAF, and Major General Sun Hong, Assistant Chief of Staff, PLAAF.



Defence Ministry approves acquisition of military hardware worth Rs 28,000 crore

The defence ministry has given its approval for the acquisition of weapon systems worth Rs 28,000 crore, which includes an indigenous programme to develop a large Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AWACS) and next generation offshore patrol vessels. The nod was given by the Rajnath Singh-led Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), with Rs 27,000 crore worth of systems to be developed indigenously.

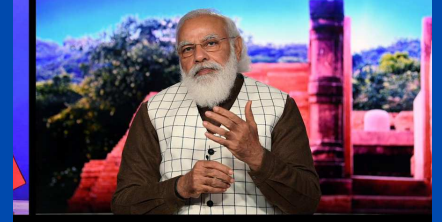


POLITICAL

India, Vietnam sign seven agreement during virtual summit

Seven agreements were signed between the governments of India and Vietnam in areas such as defence, scientific research, nuclear and renewable energy, petrochemicals, and other subjects such as cancer treatment. The agreement comes against the backdrop of concerns in both countries about China's aggressive actions across the region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Vietnam as an important pillar of India's Act East policy and an important ally of our Indo-Pacific vision. Both nations will have a joint vision in 2021-23 for development.



Trump Pardons More Allies, Including Son-In-Law's Father: White House

United States President Donald Trump issued a new set of pardons on 23rd of December for his own allies including the father of his son-in-law Jared Kushner, adding to a long list he has granted in his last few days in the White House. In addition to the pardon for Charles Kushner, Trump also pardoned his 2016 campaign chairman Paul Manafort and longtime friend Roger Stone, the White House said in a statement. They were among 26 people pardoned and three who had all or part of their sentences commuted on Wednesday by Trump.

Chinese billionaire Jack Ma goes missing after controversial speech

Chinese billionaire and founder of the Alibaba Group, Jack Ma, has been reported as missing after he criticised China's regulators and its state-owned banks (in public), accusing them of slowing down and blocking innovation in the country. Ma has not been seen in public for the last two months and was also missing from the finale episode of his own reality show titled Africa's Business Heroes. Concerns rose after the businessman delivered a controversial speech in Shanghai on October 24 in which he openly criticized the Chinese banking rules.



MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT

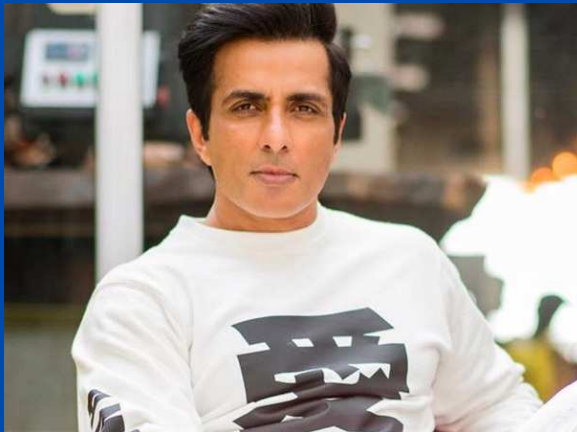
Cabinet approves Merger of Five Film Media Units through Rationalization of Infrastructure, Manpower and Other Resources

With more than 3000 films produced annually, India is the world's largest film producer with a private-sector-led industry. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the merger of four of its film media divisions, namely the Films Division, Directorate of Film, to fulfill its commitment to supporting the film industry. The merger of Film Media Units under one roof will lead to coordination of activities and resources and better convergence within the industry, thereby ensuring efficiency in achieving the mandate of each media unit.



Sonu Sood roped in as lead in Raaj Shaandilyaa's Kisaan

After the pandemic Sonu Sood is more famous for his philanthropic work rather than his professional acting career but the pandemic has been a blessing in disguise for the Bollywood actor as he is getting more opportunities. In the last few months, Sood, who is primarily known for playing negative roles in movies, has been approached for the role of the lead actor. Sonu Sood in his interviews in recent times revealed that filmmakers feel that the audience will not accept him as the antagonist anymore because of his philanthropic work. Now, Sonu Sood has been roped in as the lead in Raaj Shaandilya's upcoming film titled Kisaan.



Riya Chakravorty is all set to return to Bollywood once again

After being allegedly involved in the death mystery of the late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, Riya Chakravorty has become one of Bollywood's most controversial actresses. She is allegedly involved in the consumption of illicit drugs. She was arrested on that charge and remained in prison for several days. She remained in jail for nearly a month. Later, she was released on bail by the Bombay High Court. However, after a few months, she has managed to come out of the trauma. Recently, she has decided to return to Bollywood once again. The actress has recently made her intention clear to one of her close associates in Bollywood. She has said that she is willing to come back to Bollywood and resume work once again. She would like to forget what has happened to her and start everything from the scratch. She is extremely confident of making a strong comeback to the industry in the New Year.



STATE NEWS

Fresh wave looms in Kerala as covid-19 numbers rise again

India reported fewer than 200,000 new coronavirus cases for the second straight week. The pandemic is slowing down at the national level but the one in Kerala is only getting worse. After some decline for a while, fresh cases now signal a new wave of infections in the state. Kerala's share in India's case-load rose alarmingly, as it accounted for 23% of the 167,221 new cases reported in the last seven days.



Assam tables bill to convert madrassas into general schools

BJP-led coalition government in Assam introduced a bill in the Assembly on December 28th to convert the state-run madrassas into general educational institutes from the next financial year. The Assam Repealing Bill, 2020 seeks to repeal the Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialization) Act, 1995 and the Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialization of Services of Employees and Re-Organisation of Madrassa Educational Institutions) Act, 2018.

Maharashtra government to launch a digital platform to help disabled

In order to celebrate and mark the 80th birthday of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar, the state government on Friday announced to launch a digital platform where people with disabilities can register for their needs, such as hearing aid, battery-operated wheelchair, prosthesis, Braille kits etc. The portal will be called www.mahasharad.in, state social justice minister Dhananjay Munde announced on December 11th.



INFRASTRUCTURE

India may get first shots of Covid-19 vaccine on Jan 13

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan told a press briefing that healthcare staff and frontline workers do not need to enrol themselves as their database has been filled on a bulk basis in the Co-WIN vaccine distribution management system. Based on dry-run feedback, the Ministry of Health is ready to launch the Covid-19 vaccine within 10 days of the date of authorization for emergency use, he said. However, while responding to a rollout query, Bhushan said the government would take the final decision. The country's drugs regulator on Sunday granted restricted emergency use approval to Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield and also to indigenously developed Covaxin of Bharat Biotech.



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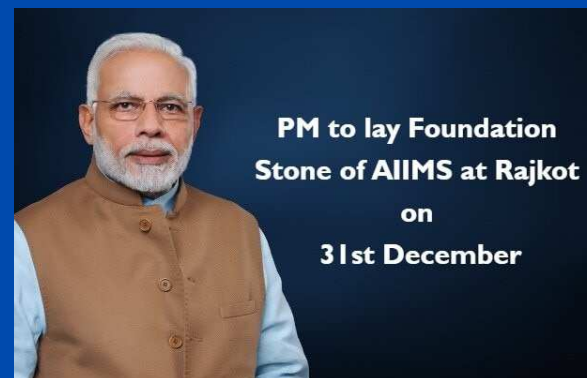


PM Modi lays foundation of Light House Project

The project includes the development of about 1,000 houses each with allied infrastructure facilities in a year using new-age alternate global technologies. Over the past six years, the Centre's policies have restored people's confidence that they can own a home and rely on the laws to protect them if builders fail to deliver their homes on time. PM Narendra Modi said while laying the foundation stone of Light House Project. The project involves the construction of around 1,000 houses each with allied infrastructure facilities within a year using new-age alternate global technologies, materials, and processes in Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Rajkot (Gujarat), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Agartala (Tripura) and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).

PM Modi to lay foundation stone of AIIMS Rajkot today

Prime minister Narendra Modi will virtually lay the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rajkot in Gujarat on Thursday. 201 acres of land has been provided by the government for the project, according to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). It will be constructed at an approximate cost of Rs1,195 crore and is scheduled for completion by mid-2022. A 30-bed AAYUSH block will also be required for the state-of-the-art 750-bed hospital. It will have 125 seats for MBBS and 60 seats for nursing, the statement read.



HEALTHCARE

Dry runs completed in December for two days for Covid Vaccines

In India, dry runs were conducted in several states Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, and Punjab. Dry run consisting of several steps like the time taken for dispatch of a vaccine from a centre to a booth; scrutiny of beneficiary details in Co-Win software developed by the Union Health Ministry; training vaccinators; creating facilities for vaccine store among others was mainly to test the challenges that may come during the COVID-19 vaccination. The dry run spread over two-days and was conducted in Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh, Rajkot and Gandhinagar in Gujarat, Ludhiana and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar in Punjab and Sonitpur and Nalbari districts in Assam.



Increased case of Secondary Infection due to Covid-19

Recently, doctors have witnessed increased cases of Mucormycosis as a secondary effect of Covid 19. As the immunity declines in Covid-19 patients they become more susceptible to this fungal infection. Mucormycosis, is also known as black fungus. It is a serious but rare fungal infection caused by a group of molds called mucormycosis. This indicates that there may be more secondary infections that may be derived due to Covid 19 and even after the recovery, more care is needed.

White Paper - Vision 2035, released by Niti Aayog

NITI Aayog released a White Paper Vision 2035 for Public health surveillance in India in continuation to the efforts to strengthen the health system. It envisions individual electronic health records as the basis for surveillance. It will, inform about disease prevention and control measures, will be a sort of early warning system, guide about health policies and strategies. It will help to understand and monitor the epidemiology of diseases.



AGRICULTURE

FARM LAWS ARE IN THE FAVOUR OF FARMERS: AGRICULTURE MINISTER NS TOMAR ASSURES FARMERS

Agriculture Minister assures the nation that the new Farm Laws will help farmers and usher the Country's Agriculture into a new era. He also assured that the MSPs will continue to be provided, The Mandis will not be closed and there will be no threat to the land of the farmers. The reforms will have a transformational impact on the agri-economy, will allow to diversify the crops and lead to enhancing productivity along with modernising infrastructure.



Agricultural output rose during the pandemic

India's agriculture sector provides employment to more than half of the population and contribute to nearly 15 per cent of the GDP grew 3.4 per cent in both first and second quarters of this fiscal. The country had record foodgrain production of 296.65 million tonnes in 2019-20. The output could cross 300 million tonnes in the current 2020-21 on good monsoon, which has led to higher sowing of kharif and rabi crops. This has been seen despite some unrest in parts of the country over farm laws.

Swarna Vasundhara a Soyabean Variety appears a golden model for Agri-business

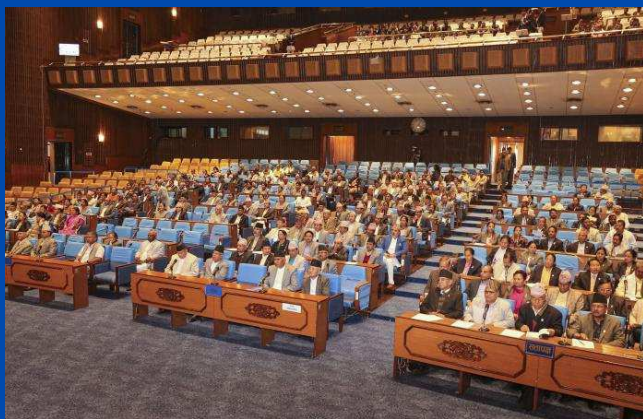
ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Farming System Research Centre for Hill and Plateau Region, Plandur, Ranchi, Jharkhand have developed an improved variety of vegetable soybean. The Swarna Vasundhara and released by the CVRC for commercial cultivation in India. The green pods became ready for the first harvest in 70 to 75 days after sowing with 50% to 55% recovery of shelled bright green beans. While the shelled green beans are used as tasty cooked vegetables, the mature dry seeds can be used for making value-added products. Owing to the high nutritional value providing excellent source of digestible proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, essential fatty acids, phosphorus, iron, calcium, zinc, thiamine, riboflavin, Vitamin - E, dietary fiber and sugar, the variety was introduced in Jharkhand and other states of India to provide nutritional and livelihood security among the farmers.



INTERNATIONAL

Joe Biden selects Indian-American Bharat Ramamurti as key member of his economic team

US President-elect Joe Biden on Monday added another Indian-American to the top tier of his administration by selecting Bharat Ramamurti as deputy director of his National Economic Council, a White House agency that advises the president on domestic and global economic policy. Biden also picked Joelle Gamble as special assistant to the president for economic policy, and David Kamin as the second deputy director of the National Economic Council.



Nepal Parliament Dissolved Amid Ruling Party Feud

Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari on December 20th dissolved the country's parliament on the recommendation of Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli following a political stalemate over an executive order issued last week. The decision to seek the dissolution of the House of Representatives was taken at an early morning emergency meeting. The decision caused a huge rift in the country and the cabinet as seven ministers of the cabinet resigned after the dissolution of the house. This chaos led the Chinese Communist party to intervene in the matter.

India extends UK flights ban till 7 January

The Indian government on December 30th extended the temporary suspension of flights to the UK till January 7th, aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Wednesday on twitter. "Decision has been taken to extend the temporary suspension of flights to & from the UK till 7 January 2021," Puri said. The Indian government had earlier suspended flights to and from the UK till 31 December to prevent the spread of a new strain of the coronavirus, considered to be 70% more infectious. The government's decision is likely influenced by several Indian passengers who on their return from the UK tested positive for the new virus strain recently, which has caused concern for the government.



SPORTS

Russia banned from using its name, flag at next two Olympics

Russia was banned from using its name, flag and anthem at the next two Olympics or at any world championships for the next two years. The Court of Arbitration for Sport's ruling on December 17th also blocked Russia from bidding to host major sporting events for the next two years. Russian athletes and sports team will still be allowed to compete at next year's Tokyo Olympics and the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing, as well as world championships including the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, if they are not implicated in covering up positive tests. The ban comes after the Russian authorities were implicated in manipulating the dope test data before handing it over to WADA investigators last year.



Competitive breakdancing -- will be a sport at the 2024 Paris Olympics

The 2024 Paris Olympics will witness a new sport, and according to news sources "breaking" will be one of them. Breaking is a competitive form of dancing and those involved in the sport have been vocal about wanting it included in the Games. Most of the countries are ready for the games, if the confirmation of the sport is final in the Olympics.



Sports Ministry formally recognises yogasana as competitive sport

The Ministry of Sports on December 17th officially recognised yogasana as a competitive sport, which will enable the ancient practice to avail government funding. Sports Minister Kiren Rijju and Minister of AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik formally promoted yogasana as a competitive sport during an event in Delhi. The move was made to encourage yoga, spread awareness about its benefits and to help improve physical and mental well-being of the people.



BANKING & FINANCE

Mahindra & Mahindra arm SsangYong Motor files for bankruptcy

Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) on December 23rd gave a statement in which it said its South Korean arm SsangYong Motor Company has filed for bankruptcy. SsangYong Motor has filed an application for commencement of rehabilitation procedure with the Seoul Bankruptcy Court under the Debtor Rehabilitation and Bankruptcy Act of South Korea. SsangYong Motor company entered the Indian market with "Rexton", an upper range SUV and it made decent sales at the time.



FII's poured in \$8 billion in November

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) heavily invested in Indian equity market worth more than \$8 billion in November and about 50 percent of it went to banking stocks followed by FMCG, pharma, and auto sector, Edelweiss Securities said in a report. The low-interest rate environment, globally, and risk-on trade are driving capital flows into EMs, including India. The recent adjustment in the MSCI Index has also aided the sentiment.

Bank of Baroda appoints Ian De Souza as new chief financial officer

Bank of Baroda has appointed Ian De Souza as the new chief financial officer (CFO), the public sector bank on December 17th said in the regulatory findings. He will replace Subrat Kumar. A Chartered Accountant, De Souza has 23 years of experience in the banking and financial services domain with experience in strategy, cost optimization, profitability or productivity enhancement, financial controller-ship and implementation of internal control frameworks. He has also headed the finance functions of various banks and many financial institutions, including as CFO, in the last seven years.



SCIENCE □ TECHNOLOGY

Realme V15 aka Realme Koi Will Come With 65W Fast Charging, Company Executive Confirms

Company Executive Confirms that Realme V15 aka Realme Koi With 65W will come with the support for 65W fast charging instead of 50W .Company Executive Confirmed Launch of Realme V15 aka Realme Koi has been scheduled in China on January 7 and the company has been teasing its design for the past few days. Realme's Chief Marketing Officer, Xu Qi Chase, confirmed the 65W fast charging on the Chinese microblogging website Weibo. Recently, Realme V15 Live Image was spotted showing its back panel design and a triple camera module. It was earlier believed that the phone will come with 50W fast charging support. The Realme V15 's expected configuration is 5G connectivity, a hole-punch cut out display, and a triple rear camera . An image of the Realme V15 was recently leaked . Company Executive added that the phone's triple rear camera setup will be headlined by a 64-megapixel primary sensor. A USB Type-C port at the bottom, flanked by a speaker grill and a SIM tray was visible in the image. Company Executive mentioned that the phone will weigh 176 grams and be 8.1mm thick.

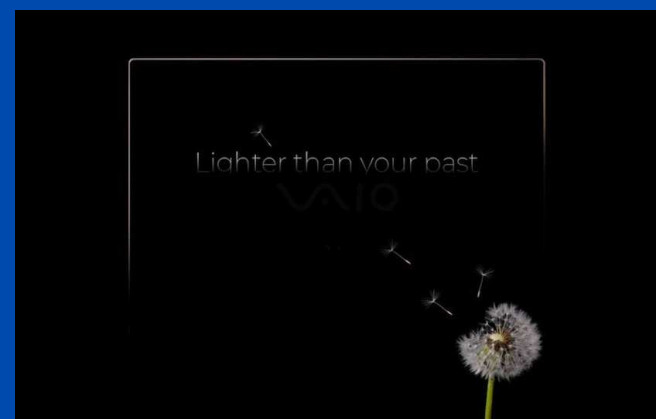


Poco M2, Poco C3 Price in India Cut; Poco M2 Now Starts at Rs. 9,999, Poco C3 Top Variant Costs Rs. 8,499

The company has announced about the price cuts of Poco M2 and Poco C3 in India, Poco M2 has a price cut of Rs.1,000 for the base variant and will now be available at Rs. 9,999. The top-tier 128GB variant will be available at Rs 10,999 instead of its original price Rs. 12,499. Two variants of Poco M2 is — 6GB + 64GB and 6GB + 128GB is available in India. POCO M2 variant 6GB + 64GB model is now priced at Rs. 9,999, instead of its earlier pricing of Rs. 10,999. The POCO M2 128GB variant is now available at Rs.10,999, instead of its original price of Rs. 12,499. The Poco C3 has 3GB + 32GB and 4GB + 64GB variants in India, It will be now available for Rs. 8,499 instead of Rs. 8,999.

Vaio to Make Comeback in India on January 15, New Laptops Teased on Flipkart Ahead of Launch

Vaio has announced its comeback in India on January 15. Flipkart will be the official partner for the new Vaio laptops and these laptops will only be available on flipkart. The brand had gained popularity in the Indian market for its sleek and colourful laptops, though it silently exited the country a few years back. Hong Kong-based Nexst Company, which also sells Avita laptops in India and global markets, is reviving the Vaio brand through a license agreement with Japan's Vaio Corporation. Vaio laptops is already available in Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and the Middle East. The Vaio laptops is coming back in the Indian market with its premium, intelligently-crafted and deliver exceptional quality models. However, officials hasn't revealed the specifications or features of their VIOs new models.



ROLE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN NEP 2020

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India has always been the centre for world class education since the ancient times. The country has produced some of the finest mathematicians, physicists, artists, musicians, and many more industry legends. In the past few decades, the world has evolved a lot in terms of technology. This has led to individuals focusing more on the professional studies and have left behind the other soft skills. There are many other aspects like art, music, dance, sports, and other similar tracks that are important for life. Apart from these, the current teaching methods are more focused on textbook learning rather than practical knowledge. This makes it difficult for some professionals to implement their school/college learning in the industry.

The Indian government has thus come up with the NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2020 to overcome some of the gaps and make the Indian education system more comprehensive for the students. The changes and objectives are more focused on teaching the students their own mother tongue. School education is being changed from 10+2 system to 5+3+3+4. Examination pattern is also being revised to test students in a more comprehensive manner. The higher education system is also being revised to cope up with that in abroad. Also, to become a teacher, a 4-year Bachelor of Education will be the minimum requirement needed by 2030. Under NEP 2020, numerous new educational institutes, bodies and concepts have been given legislative permission to be formed.

This policy aims at reducing the curriculum load of students and allowing them to be more "inter-disciplinary" and "multi-lingual". One example given was "If a student wants to pursue fashion studies with physics, or if one wants to learn bakery with chemistry, they'll be allowed to do so." Report cards will be "holistic", offering information about the student's skills. This allows a student to work more on overall development of character. It is believed that these steps would help students to have a better career growth along with a complete character enhancement.

(The views of the article are the personal views of the author)

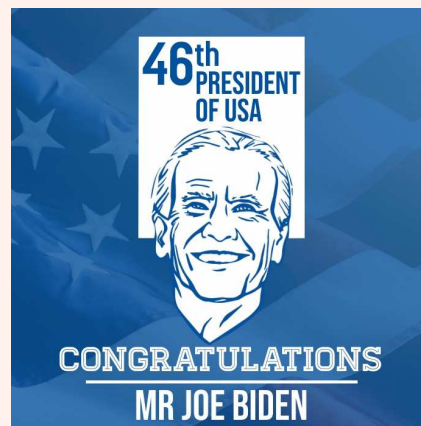
NEWS OF THE MONTH

Leopard population increased by 60% in 4 years: Javadekar

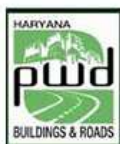
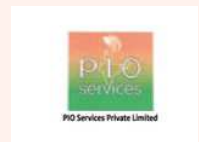
The leopard population has increased from 8,000 to 12,500 in 4 years (2014-2018). The Union minister of Environment Prakash Javadekar was happy while announcing the figures which gives India an edge over other countries in the environment sector. The leopard population is highest in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra. The population measure of the wild cat is done by camera trapping method.



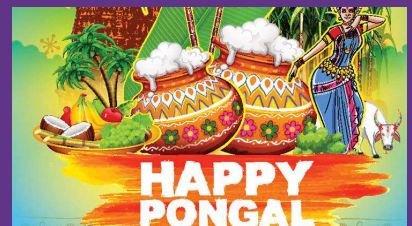
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- 8th Jan 2021- African Congress Foundation Day
- 12th Jan 2021 - National Youth Day
- 20th Jan 2021 - Guru Govind Jayanti
- 23rd Jan 2021 - Parakram Diwas
- 23 Jan 2021 - Wakakusa Yamayaki Japan
- 25 Jan 2021- Up Helly Aa, Scotland
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- 31st Jan 2021- World Leprosy Day





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