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Mariyappan Thangavelu Wins India's first Gold Medal at Rio Paralympic Games



Mariyappan Thangavelu became the first Indian to win a gold medal in the T 42 high jump event of the Paralympic games in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday. Thangavelu's medal was joined by a bronze medal won in the same event by Varun Singh Bhati that brought India's overall medal tally in Rio to two.

Pankaj Advani Wins Historic Bronze at 6 Red Snooker World Championship



Pankaj Advani became the first cueist from India to win a medal at the prestigious Sangsom 6 Red Snooker World Championship as he settled for a bronze after losing the semifinal to Chinese Ding Junhui.

Novel on Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh wins MM Bennetts Award



A book, which tells the story of the Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh during British India, has bagged the MM Bennetts Award for Historical Fiction 2016 in the UK. Stuart Blackburn was presented the award at the HNS Conference in Oxford for his novel "Into the Hidden Valley". The book, published by Speaking Tiger, looks into a little-known episode in the colonial history of British India. Blackburn vividly brings alive the world of the Apatanis.

T R Zeliang receives Pangkor Dialogue Award in Malaysia



Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang has received 'Pangkor Dialogue Award 2016' in Malaysia for the efforts made by the people of the state for environmental preservation and promotion. The award was handed over to him last evening at a function at Ipoh city in Malaysia in the presence of leaders, academicians and personalities from various parts of the world.

Haryana wins Best Horticulture State award



Haryana has bagged 'Best Horticulture State' award for the concerted efforts made by the state government to increase the income of the farmers in horticulture.

The award was received by Haryana Agriculture Minister OP Dhankar on 9 September 2016 at two-day 9th Agricultural Leadership Summit 2016. The summit was organized by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) in New Delhi.

Indian Coast Guard commissions offshore patrolling vessel 'Sarathi' in Goa



Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday commissioned well-equipped offshore patrolling (OPV) vessel named 'Sarathi' at Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), Goa-based defence shipyard at Vasco in south Goa. This vessel is the third in the series of six OPVs built by GSL for Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

BRICS Wellness Workshop begins in Bengaluru



A two-day BRICS Wellness Workshop began here in Bengaluru on Saturday. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs Ananth Kumar inaugurated the workshop. The workshop has been organised by Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of External Affairs with support of Karnataka Government.

Odisha Govt. launches pension scheme for construction workers



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday launched new pension scheme for construction workers at a function in Bhubaneswar. As per the scheme, the construction workers above 60 years of age will get pension of Rs 300 per month while workers above 80 years of age will get pension of Rs 500 per month. The widow and disabled construction workers are also eligible to get the benefit of the pension scheme. The State government has also taken several welfare schemes for the construction workers. The maternity benefit has been increased from Rs 8,000 to Rs 10,000 while seriously ill workers are provided Rs 3 lakh.

MEA launches online module for Indian students studying abroad



For maintaining the records and data base of Indian students studying abroad, Government of India has launched a Student Registration module in MADAD portal. MEA Sushma Swaraj on twitter urged students studying in abroad to register on MADAD portal.

Odisha bags 9th Global Agriculture Leadership Award 2016



Odisha bags 9th Global Agriculture Leadership Award 2016 at the National Level gathering of important stake-holders in agriculture development at the Agriculture Leadership Summit at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi on yesterday evening.

First LIGO lab outside U.S. may come up in Maharashtra's Hingoli



Maharashtra's Hingoli district has been chosen for carrying out experiments on the ambitious Ligo project that proved existence of gravitational waves, a major breakthrough in science. It would be third such laboratory in the world, first outside the United States. The existing laboratories are located in Hanford, Washington, and in Livingston, Louisiana.

Chris Gayle launches his autobiography 'Six Machine' in India

IDBI AMC appoints Dilip Mandal MD & CEO



Dilip Kumar Mandal has been appointed managing director & chief executive officer of IDBI Asset Management Company (AMC). Prior to joining IDBI AMC, Mandal was chief general manager & zonal head of retail banking group, IDBI Bank, covering the states of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, and based at Bhubaneswar.

HDFC Ergo completes acquisition of L&T Insurance



HDFC Ergo General Insurance Company (HDFC ERGO) has completed the acquisition of 100 percent shares of L&T General Insurance Company (L&T Insurance) for Rs 551 crore. The company has recently received approvals from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Competition Commission of India, a statement issued by HDFC ERGO said.

NHPC, BHEL ink pact for renovation of Baira Siul power plant



State-owned NHPC today said it has entered a pact with BHEL for renovation and modernisation of 180 MW Baira Siul power station in Himachal Pradesh.

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