

19th July 2021

Successful trial of movement of train between Jaynagar in India and Kurtha in Nepal undertaken

Successful trial of movement of train between Jaynagar in India and Kurtha in Nepal was undertaken on 18th July 2021. The 34.50 km-long rail section is the first section of the rail line links between the two countries which connects Jaynagar in Madhubani district of Bihar to Kurtha in Mahottari district of Nepal. The cost of this rail section is 619 crore. The Jayanagar – Kurtha Railway link has been set up by IRCON under India – Nepal friendship rail project with finance granted by the Indian government.

Remaining 34 km rail line will be built in two phases. The 17-km-long second section will link Kurtha and Bhangaha while the third phase is 17-km-long and will extend from Bhangaha to Bardibas.

Indian Railways has delivered two modern DEMU trains to Nepal for Jayanagar-Kurtha railway link.

UGC postpones implementation of CUCET till next academic session

University Grants Commission (UGC) has said that in view of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, admission process in Central Universities during Academic Session 2021-22, will continue as per past practice. In a tweet, it said that Central Universities Common Entrance Test can be implemented from Academic Session 2022-23.

Cannes awards

The world's biggest film festival returned to the French Riviera after a 2020 hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Palme d'Or: Julia Ducournau for "Titane" (France)

Grand Prix: Shared by Ashgar Farhadi for "A Hero" (Iran) and Juho Kuosmanen for "Compartiment No.6" (Finland) Best director: Leos Carax "Annette" (France)

Best actress: Renate Reinsve for "Worst Person in the World" (Norway)

Best actor: Caleb Landry Jones for "Nitram" (US)

Best screenplay: Hamaguchi Ryusuke and Takamasa Oe for "Drive My Car" (Japan)

Jury prize: Shared by Nadav Lapid for "Ahed's Knee" (Israel) and Apichatpong Weerasethakul for "Memoria" (Thailand)

Best first film: Antoneta Kusijanovic for "Murina" (Croatia)

Best short film: Hong Kong's "All The Crows In The World" Tang Yi

Nelson Mandela International Day 2021

July 18 marks the birth anniversary of the former South African president Nelson Mandela and the day is observed worldwide as Nelson Mandela International Day. Nelson Mandela is celebrated around the world for fight against poverty, inequality, social and cultural injustice. For 67 years, he not only devoted his life to the service of the nation but in a way for the whole world together.

Anand wins Sparkassen Trophy

Viswanathan Anand defeated Vladimir Kramnik to win the Sparkassen Trophy at Dortmund 18th July 2021

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