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‘Fitting tribute’: Kerala HC renames case after dog beaten to death

In a rare gesture, Kerala High Court on Friday directed the court registry to rename suo motu PIL proceedings in the matter of protection of animal rights as “In Re: Bruno”.

The proceedings were renamed in the wake of the killing and torture of Bruno, a pet dog which was allegedly beaten to death and thrown into sea by three persons, including a minor, at Thiruvananthapuram’s Adimalathura village

A bench of Justices Jayasankaran Nambiar and P Gopinath said, “We feel that this would be a fitting tribute to the hapless dog that succumbed to acts of human cruelty, and disturbed by which incident we had initiated these proceedings.”

DRDO’s Short Span Bridging System-10 m inducted into Indian Army

The first production lot of 12 Short Span Bridging System (SSBS)-10 m, designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has been inducted into Indian Army by Chief of the Army Staff General MM Naravane during a ceremony held at Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt. on July 02, 2021. Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy was present on the occasion.

Six technology innovation platforms launched for development of technologies for globally competitive manufacturing in India.

Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurated (through virtual mode) six Technology Innovation Platforms which will focus on development of technologies for the globally competitive manufacturing in India.

The Minister further stated that this will facilitate the development of the key ‘mother’ manufacturing technologies' indigenously through ‘Grand Challenges’ on the Platforms to help achieve the vision of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat and a globally competitive manufacturing sector in India.

The Six Technology Platforms have been developed by IIT Madras, Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI), International Centre for Automotive Technology (iCAT), Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), BHEL and HMT in association with IISc Bangalore. These platforms will focus on development of technologies for the globally competitive manufacturing in India.

These platforms will facilitate industry (including OEMs, Tier 1 Tier 2 & Tier 3 companies & Raw Material Manufacturers), start-ups, domain experts/professionals, R&D institutions and academia (colleges & universities), to provide technology solutions, suggestions, expert opinions etc. on issues involving manufacturing technologies. Further, it will facilitate exchange of knowledge with respect to research & development and other technological aspects. Over 39000 Students, Experts, Institutes, Industries and labs have already registered on these platforms.

Tirath Singh Rawat resigns, BJP to have third CM in Uttarakhand in four months

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat resigned late on Friday night, less than four months after taking over, and hours after holding a press conference to talk about the achievements of his government.

Rawat reached Raj Bhavan at around 11 pm with Cabinet colleagues and handed over his resignation to Governor Baby Rani Maurya, citing the constitutional provision requiring him to get elected to the Assembly within six months, and the unlikelihood of that.

Maana Patel becomes first Indian female swimmer to qualify for Tokyo 2020 Olympics

Athlete Maana Patel made history as she became the first Indian female swimmer to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics through the 'Universality quota'.

The Universality quota allows one male and one female competitor from a country to participate in the Olympics, provided no other swimmer from the same gender qualifies for the Games or receives a FINA invite based on his or her Olympic Selection time (B time).

Maana Patel, 21, will join Sajan Prakash and Srihari Natarajan in India's swimming squad for this month's Summer Olympics which will take place in Japan's capital city from July 23 to August 8.

Indian Navy's athlete MP Jabir qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in men's 400m hurdles

Indian Navy's ace athlete MP Jabir qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in 400m hurdles after he clocked 49.78s to win gold at the recently concluded Inter-State Athletics Championships in Patiala.

Jabir qualified through the World ranking quota where there are 14 spots available.

The 25-year-old Naval sailor hails from Malappuram, Kerala. He is currently ranked 34th in the World Athletics' Road to Olympics rankings where 40 athletes qualify.

WAKO India Kickboxing Federation gets Government recognition as National Sports Federation

The Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports has decided to grant recognition to WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and development of the Kickboxing sport in India.

WAKO India Kickboxing Federation is affiliated to World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO), which is the International Federation for the sport of Kickboxing. International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board at its meeting on 10th June 2021 has approved the recommendation for WAKO to become fully recognized member of the Olympic family of sport.

WAKO have been provisionally recognized member of the IOC Since 30 November 2018. The full recognition of WAKO will be finally decided by the IOC Session in Tokyo in July 2021.