

28th August, 2021

1. Former Rajya Sabha member ELa. Ganesan sworn in as Governor of Manipur

The former Rajya Sabha member ELa. Ganesan was sworn in as the Governor of Manipur. The Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur PV Sanjay Kumar administered the oath of office and secrecy to Ganesan at a swearing-in ceremony held at Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan Imphal.

The ceremony was attended by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly, Council of Ministers, Chief Secretary, DGP and other officials of the State government.

The President of India appointed Ganesan as the Governor of Manipur on August 22, 2021.

2. India hosting International Climate Summit 2020-21 on Sep 3, 2021

India is hosting the International Climate Summit 2020-21 on September 3, 2021 in physical and virtual mode. Director of CSIR, National Chemical Laboratory, Dr. Ashish Lele has underlined the importance of the conference for the future mitigation strategies of climate change.

3. Rajnath Singh inaugurates Army Sports Institute's stadium in Pune named after Neeraj Chopra

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Army Sports Institute's stadium in Pune named after Olympic gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra. Highlighting the Indian Army's legacy, he proudly said that Subedar Neeraj Chopra has added his name to the list of great sportspersons like Major Dhyan Chand, Capt. Milkha Singh, Col Rajyavardhan S Rathore and Captain Vijay Kumar. He further added that, Olympians who missed the medal by a close margin, are no less than a medallist.

The Government of India is trying to enhance the quality of sports competition and time has come for us to start giving equal importance to all sports, Women of our country are performing brilliantly, said Mr. Rajnath Singh.

4. Govt introduces new registration mark for new vehicles of Bharat series to facilitate seamless transfer of vehicles

Government has introduced a new registration mark for new vehicles of Bharat series (BH-series) to facilitate seamless transfer of vehicles. A vehicle bearing this registration mark will not require assignment of a new registration mark when the owner of the vehicle shifts from one State to another.

The Road Transport and Highways Ministry has issued a notification in this regard. This vehicle registration facility will be available on a voluntary basis to Defense personnel, employees of Central and State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings and private sector companies, which have their offices in four or more States and Union territories.

The motor vehicle tax will be levied for two years or in multiple of two. This scheme will facilitate free movement of personal vehicles across States and UTs upon relocation. After completion of the fourteenth year, the motor vehicle tax will be levied annually which will be half of the amount which was charged earlier for the vehicle.

5. Sonu Sood appointed brand ambassador of Delhi government's 'Desh Ke Mentor' initiative for school kids

The Delhi government announced that actor Sonu Sood will be the brand ambassador of its 'Desh ke mentor' initiative for school kids. Under the initiative, young people from across the country can choose to become a mentor of two-three students of government schools of Delhi and will guide them towards achieving their goals. The announcement was made by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

6. Indian Grandmaster S. P. Sethuraman wins Barcelona Open chess tournament

Indian Grandmaster S P Sethuraman won the Barcelona Open chess tournament title while compatriot Karthikeyan Murali finished third. Sethuraman (Elo 2644) collected 7.5 points from nine rounds to emerge winner on the basis of a better tie-break score after Daniil Yuffa of Russia also finished level with the Indian player. In the ninth and final round played late on 26th August, 2021, Sethuraman beat Hakobyan in a Catalan Closed variation game. Sethuraman, who was the top seed, remained unbeaten through the nine rounds, winning six matches and drawing three. He finished strongly, scoring wins in his last three rounds, including over fellow Indian N R Visakh and Armenia's Aram Hakobyan.

7. Tokyo Paralympics Update: Paddler Bhavina Patel enters gold-medal match of women's singles Class-4 event after defeating China's Miao Zhang

Paddler Bhavina Patel continued her giant-killing march at the Tokyo Paralympics, as she ousted China's world No. 3 Miao Zhang to enter the gold-medal match of women's singles Class-4 event.

Bhavina became the first Indian to enter the final of a table tennis event in the Paralympics with a hard-fought 3-2 win over China's Miao Zhang. The 34-year-old Patel beat her world no. 3 Chinese opponent 7-11, 11-7, 11-4, 9-11 and 11-8 in the semifinal showdown that lasted 34 minutes. She will take on world number one Chinese paddler Ying Zhou in the summit clash tomorrow.