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Taliban likely to form govt in Afghanistan

Taliban is likely to form government in Afghanistan today. According to Taliban sources, new government will be headed by the group's co-founder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob, the son of late Taliban chief Mullah Muhammad Omar, and Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai are the two other senior Taliban leaders to be appointed to senior positions.

Meanwhile, protests were held by groups of Afghan women and civil society activists in Kabul calling for their inclusion in the future government. Taliban have already stated that women will be allowed to work in government institutions but not in higher-ranking positions. Protesters urged Taliban and the international community to protect the political, social and economic rights of women that they had achieved in the last two decades.

Supreme Court Collegium clears 68 for HCs; 10 women, 44 from Bar

Making a determined bid to fill the large number of vacancies in High Courts across the country, the Supreme Court Collegium has recommended 68 names, including 10 women, for elevation to the courts. This is the first time the Collegium has cleared so many names in one go.

Hansa New Generation trainer aircraft developed by CSIR-NAL makes maiden flight

Hansa New Generation trainer aircraft designed and developed by CSIR-NAL in Bengaluru has successfully made its maiden flight. The aircraft took off from HAL airport in the city and flew at an altitude of 4000 feet and gained a speed of 80 knots before making a successful landing after about 20 minutes.

Ayush Ministry launches AYUSH AAPKE DWAR campaign

Ayush Ministry on 3rd September, 2021, launched the campaign AYUSH AAPKE DWAR from more than 45 locations across the country. The campaign aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households in one year. The medicinal plants include Tejpatta, Stevia, Ashoka, Giloy, Ashwagandha, Lemongrass, Tulsi, Sarpagandha and Amla.

Minister of State for Ayush Dr. Mahendra Munjapara launched the campaign from Ayush Bhawan in New Delhi by distributing medicinal plants to staff. On this occasion, Dr. Munjapara appealed to adopt medicinal plants and take care of these as a part of their family.

Cyber Lab for ‘Online Capacity Building Programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics’ to be established

A Cyber Lab for online capacity building programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics will be established. National e-Governance Division under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology today signed an MoU with National Law University Delhi and National Law Institute University Bhopal in this regard in New Delhi.

The goal of this programme is to enable Police Officers, State Cyber Cells, Law Enforcement Agencies, Prosecutors and Judicial Officers to acquire requisite skills to deal with Cyber Forensics cases efficiently and effectively.

BMC commissions its first mini waste-to-energy plant at Haji Ali in Mumbai

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on 3rd September, 2021 commissioned its first mini waste-to-energy plant at Haji Ali in Mumbai, which will convert two metric tonnes of wet waste into 300 units of electricity per day.

The Rs 95-lakh plant is expected to generate enough power to support the street lighting of the area as well as a local garden. This is the first decentralized organic waste processing centre set up in Mumbai and there are plans to start such a project in other municipal wards as well.

Arunachal Pradesh govt launches two schemes for development of agriculture & horticulture

Arunachal Pradesh government has launched two ambitious schemes, one in agriculture sector called ‘AtmaNirbhar Krishi Yojna’ and the other for horticulture named ‘AtmaNirbhar Bagwani Yojna’. The schemes are part of the AtmaNirbhar program announced during the Budget session held in February this year.

After launching the schemes in Itanagar, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the schemes will immensely benefit farmers and Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the state, and appealed all to get in touch with their respective district administrations to get the details and avail the schemes. He added that these two schemes are unique as these are both based on front-ended subsidies. He said credit link will be provided to the beneficiaries by SBI, Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank and Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Apex Bank.

The chief minister informed that the components of the schemes will be 45% govt subsidy, 45% bank loan and only 10% will have to be borne by the farmer.

Manish Narwal wins gold, Singhraj Adhana bags silver in Mixed 50 metre Pistol event at Tokyo Paralympics

India's Manish Narwal won gold, while Singhraj Adhana took home silver in Mixed 50 metre Pistol event at the Tokyo Paralympics. The 19-year-old Narwal shot a total of 218.2, a Paralympic record, to claim the gold while Adhana, who had won the bronze in the P1 men's 10m air pistol event, added a silver to his kitty with an effort of 216.7. Shooter Manish Narwal clinched India's third gold at the ongoing Paralympics while compatriot Singhraj Adana bagged the silver in the P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 event in Tokyo.

Tokyo Paralympic Games: Harvinder Singh wins bronze medal

In the Tokyo Paralympic Games, India won three medals on 3rd September, 2021. The day began with a silver medal in the Men's High Jump T64 final when debutant Praveen Kumar cleared jump of 2.07 metres for a new Asian Record.

In Shooting, Avani Lekhara won a bronze medal in the 50-metre three-position SH1 air rifle event. In Archery, Harvinder Singh won the bronze medal in the men's individual recurve event. This is India's first ever medal in archery at Paralympics. With this, Team India has so far won a total of 13 medals including two gold, six silver and five bronze.