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Deposits in Jan Dhan accounts cross Rs 1.5 lakh crore: Finance Ministry

As per the latest data of finance ministry, the deposits in bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) scheme have crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore mark. The total balance in accounts under the Jan Dhan scheme was recorded at Rs 1,50,939.36 crore as on December-end 2021. The data revealed that over 44.23 crore accounts have been opened under the scheme. Of this, 34.9 crore accounts were opened with the public sector banks, 8.05 crore with regional rural banks, and the remaining 1.28 crore with private sector banks. RuPay Debit Cards were issued to 31.28 crore PMJDY beneficiaries under this scheme.

Indian Railways renames Kevadiya station as Ekta Nagar railway station

The Ministry of Railways has approved the renaming of the Kevadiya railway station in Narmada district of Gujarat, as Ekta Nagar railway station. The Statue of Unity's Kevadiya railway station falls under the Vadodara division. The station code of Ekta Nagar railway station will be EKNR. The numerical code of the station will be 08224620.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates Kalpana Chawla Research Centre at Chandigarh University

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology at Chandigarh University on January 10, 2022. The new space science research centre has been named after Indian-origin American astronaut Kalpana Chawla, who lost her life in the 2003 Columbia shuttle disaster. The centre will train students in space science, satellite development and meeting future challenges in space research. The Minister also launched a Rs 10 crore Scholarship Scheme for the wards of Defence Personnel of the three Services.

Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel Appointed as Vice President of Beijing-based AIIB

Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as Vice President of the multilateral funding institution Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for a period of three years. Mr Patel will be one of the five Vice Presidents of the AIIB. He is expected to take charge from February 2022. He will succeed outgoing Vice President D J Pandian, who is in charge of sovereign and non-sovereign lending of the AIIB in South Asia, the Pacific Islands and South-East Asia.

Ratan Tata's authorized biography, penned by retired IAS officer Dr. Thomas Matthew, to hit the stands in November 2022

Tata Sons emeritus Chairman, veteran industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata's authorized biography titled 'Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography' is set to hit the stands in November 2022. The biography is penned by former senior bureaucrat and retired IAS officer Dr. Thomas Matthew. It will be published by HarperCollins. The book chronicles around the 84-year-old Ratan Tata's childhood, college years, and early influences, among other things.

Rafael Nadal and Simona Halep wins 2022 Melbourne Summer Set tennis tournament

World number six Rafael Nadal won the men's singles tennis title at 2022 Melbourne Summer Set 1 on January 09, 2022. Nadal beat American qualifier Maxime Cressy 7-6(6), 6-3 to earn his 89th career ATP title. In the women's singles, Simona Halep beat Russia's Veronika Kudermetova 6-2, 6-3 to win her 23rd career WTA title. Meanwhile in the Melbourne Summer Set 2 tennis tournament, American player Amanda Anisimova won the women's singles tennis title, to earn her second career WTA title. American duo Bernarda Pera and Kateřina Siniaková won the women's doubles tennis title. 2022 Melbourne Summer Set

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Ashleigh Barty and Gael Monfils wins 2022 Adelaide International 1 tennis tournament



In Tennis, French tennis player Gael Monfils beat Russia's Karen Khachanov in men's single event of the 2022 Adelaide International 1 to claim 11th ATP title of his career. In women's category, World number one Australian star Ashleigh Barty beat Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan to win her second Adelaide International title. 2022 Adelaide International 1 was a combined ATP Tour 250 and WTA 500 tournament.

List of winners

Men's single – Gaël Monfils (France)

Women's single – Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

Men's double – Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan (India)

Women's double – Ashleigh Barty and Storm Sanders (Australia)

Uzbeki GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov wins 2021 Open World Rapid Championship

The young Uzbekistan GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov has won the 2021 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship. The 17-year old Abdusattorov defeated Russian GM Ian Nepomniachtchi in the tiebreak to take the crown from the World Champion Magnus Carlsen who won the tournament in 2020.

Meanwhile the Women's World Rapid Chess Championship title has been won by GM Alexandra Kosteniuk of Russia. Uzbeki GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov wins 2021 Open World Rapid Championship

Golden Globe Awards 2022

The Golden Globe Awards 2022 ceremony was held on January 9, 2022 to recognise excellence in film, both American and international, and American television. This was the 79th edition of the annual event, which honored the best in American television, as well as film in 2021 as chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. Two of the films namely The Power of the Dog and the West Side Story, won the most number of awards with 3 each.

Oscar and Grammy-winning lyricist Marilyn Bergman passes away at 93

Marilyn Bergman, the Oscar, Emmy and Grammy-winning American lyricists and songwriter has passed away. She was 93. Bergman collaborated with her husband, Alan Bergman for song-writing. The renowned music-writing duo wrote the music and lyrics for numerous celebrated television shows, films, and stage musicals. The pair were nominated for Oscars 16 times, and won three times.