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Indian Railways launches two long haul freight trains 'Trishul', 'Garuda' for South Central Railway

For the first time, the Indian Railways has launched two long haul freight trains named "Trishul" and "Garuda" for the **South Central Railway (SCR)**. **What is a Long haul train?** These trains are twice or multiple times longer than the normal composition of freight trains and provide a very effective solution to the problem of capacity constraints in critical sections. Trishul is the first long haul train of South Central Railway (SCR) and consists of 177 wagons, or equal to three freight trains. It was launched from Kondapalli station of Vijayawada division to Khurda division of East Coast Railway. The train 'Garuda' was launched from Raichur of Guntakal division to Manuguru of Secunderabad division. Both the long haul trains had empty open wagons to be used to load coal meant for predominantly thermal power stations.

Reliance Industry's renewable energy arm RNESL acquires 100% stake in REC Solar Holdings for \$771 mn



Reliance New Energy Solar Ltd (RNESL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), has acquired **100 percent shareholding of REC Solar Holdings AS (REC Group)**, a Chinese state-owned solar power company. RNESL has acquired the REC Group from China National Bluestar (Group) Co Ltd., for an Enterprise Value of **\$771 million**. This acquisition will enable Reliance to move closer to achieve the goal of generating 100GW of solar energy by 2030, and in turn support the country's global goal to produce 450GW of renewable energy by 2030. REC Group has three manufacturing facilities, two in Norway for making solar grade polysilicon and one in Singapore making PV cells and modules. With this acquisition, RNESL will become the owner of REL's three manufacturing facilities.

Second Phase of Exercise Malabar 2021 organised in Bay of Bengal from Oct 12 to 15 2021

The **second phase of Exercise Malabar 2021**, between the **Quad** countries, will be conducted in the Bay of Bengal from October 12 to 15, 2021. The Phase 1 of Exercise Malabar 2021 was conducted off the coast of Guam, in the Philippine Sea, in the Western Pacific from August 26 to 29, 2021. Exercise Malabar 2021 is the **25th edition of MALABAR**.



The Indian Navy will participate with INS Ranvijay, INS Satpura, P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft and a Submarine. Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the United States Navy (USN) are the other participants in the exercise. The Exercise Malabar was first held in 1992 as a bilateral drill between the

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Indian Navy and the US Navy in the Indian Ocean. Later in 2015, Japan became a permanent member of the exercise.

Valtteri Bottas Wins Turkish Grand Prix 2021



Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) has won the **F1 Turkish Grand Prix 2021**, held on October 10, 2021. This is his first title of this season. Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second while Sergio Perez (Mexico- Red Bull) finished third. Meanwhile Lewis Hamilton finished fifth.

Indian National Hockey players clinches each category of FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2020-21

In a historic moment, the Indian hockey players claimed all the accolades of the 2020-21 edition of the FIH Stars Awards announced on October 6, 2021.

List of winners of FIH Stars Awards 2020-21

1. FIH **Women's Player of the Year: Gurjit Kaur**
2. FIH **Men's Player of the Year: Harmanpreet Singh**
3. FIH Men's Coach of the Year: Graham Reid (Australia – Team IND)
4. FIH Women's Coach of the Year: Sjoerd Marijne (Netherlands – Team IND)
5. FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year: Savita Punia
6. FIH Men's Goalkeeper of the Year: PR Sreejesh
7. FIH Men's Rising Star of the Year: Vivek Prasad
8. FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year: Sharmila Devi

'Father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb' A. Q. Khan passes away at 85



Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, the man regarded as the **"Father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb"**, has passed away, He was 85. The atomic scientist, Dr Khan was hailed as a national hero for transforming Pakistan into the world's first Islamic nuclear power and for his contributions in enhancing the country's defence capabilities.

International Day of the Girl Child : 11 October

The **International Day of the Girl Child** (also known as Day of Girls and the International Day of Girls) is observed annually on **October 11** since 2012. This international observance day was declared by the United Nations to raise awareness of issues facing girls internationally surrounding education, nutrition, child marriage, legal and medical rights. The theme for 2021 International Day of the Girl Child is **"Digital generation. Our generation"**.

