

IIT Hyderabad CfHE Fellow launches India's first 'Vaccination Clinic' in Pune in collaboration with Gates Foundation.

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad's Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) Fellow Mr. Jignesh Patel has launched in Pune a Vaccination on Wheels Clinic, a first-of-its-kind service in India. This is being done in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which provided a grant to Mr. Jignesh Patel under its Grand Challenges Explorations.

Called 'com' as they have adopted VOW (Vaccination On Wheels) concept, this clinic will go to schools, colleges and corporates to conduct vaccination camps at their doorsteps. **It will offer only vaccination services. It was launched on 15th December 2019 in Pune city's PCMC area. This unique, unconventional, creative, low-cost and high on convenience model has been designed with the idea of 'reaching the bottom of the pyramid.'**

Govt proposes to invest 50 lakh crore rupees for modernisation of Railways

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has stated that Railways is looking at a 50 lakh crore rupees investment over the next 12 years.

It is coming out of joint ventures so that it can modernize the railways, bring down the logistics cost and improve the share of freight in railway network and make the journey world-class.

PM Modi addresses ASSOCHAM Annual Conference

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the annual general meeting of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India in New Delhi.

The theme of the event was 'New India Aspiring for a USD 5 trillion economy'. The event was organised on the completion of 100 years of ASSOCHAM.

About ASSOCHAM:

The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India is one of the apex trade associations of India. The organisation represents the interests of trade and commerce in India, and acts as an interface between issues and initiatives.

Headquarters location: New Delhi

Founded: 1921

Number of locations: 3 (Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Kolkata)

President: Balkrishan Goenka;

Ethiopia launches its first satellite

Ethiopia launched its first satellite, a landmark achievement for the country's space program that caps a banner year for the African space industry.

The launch of the Ethiopian Remote Sensing Satellite (ETRSS) took place at a space station in China.

The launch makes Ethiopia the eleventh African country to put a satellite into space. Egypt was the first in 1998.

Data provided by Ethiopia's satellite is expected to paint a fuller picture of the country's agriculture, forestry and mining resources and improve responses to flooding and other disasters.

India, Afghanistan, Iran meet to monitor implementation of Chabahar pact

The second meeting between officials of India, Afghanistan and Iran took place to monitor implementation of the 2016 agreement regarding development and management of the Chabahar port in Iran.

The Chabahar port — being jointly developed by India, Iran and Afghanistan — is considered a gateway to opportunities for trade by the three countries with central Asian nations. It is located on the Indian Ocean in the Sistan and Baluchistan province of Iran.

Fitch cuts India's GDP growth forecast to 4.6% in FY20

Fitch Ratings cut India's GDP growth forecast for 2019-20 fiscal year to 6 per cent on deterioration in business and consumer confidence.

It affirmed India's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook

It attributed the downgrade to a shortage of credit availability from non-banking financial companies, and weakening business and consumer confidence.

Fitch, however, estimated the economic growth to recover to 6% in 2020-21 and 6.5% in 2021-2022 with support from easing monetary and fiscal policy and structural measures.

Recent news related to GDP:

Global Economic Prospects Report 2019 by World Bank titled "Darkening Skies"

7.5% 7.5%

United Nations' World Economic

Situation and Prospects (UNESP) 2019 -7.1% -

FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) Economic Outlook

Survey -7.1% 7.2%

Goldman Sach-7.2%

Asian Development Outlook by ADB

(Asian Development Bank)-6.5% 7.2%

Retired HC judge CV Ramulu named Telangana Lokayukta

Retired high court judge CV Ramulu will be Telangana Lokayukta and V Niranjan Rao will be the Upa-Lokayukta. Retired HC judge G Chandraiah will be the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) chairman.

The selection committees of the Lokayukta and SHRC met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao.

Indian-American scientist Dr. SethuramanPanchanathan to lead National Science Foundation in US

S. President Donald Trump has picked Indian-American computer scientist SethuramanPanchanathan to lead the prestigious National Science Foundation. Panchanathan is currently the Executive Vice President and the Chief Research and Innovation Officer at the Arizona State University (ASU). He is also the Founding Director of the Centre for Cognitive Ubiquitous Computing at the ASU.

Belgium crowned FIFA Team of the Year, Qatar biggest climber

Belgium have been crowned FIFA 'Team of the Year' for the second successive time after a record-breaking year for the global ladder.

World champions France remains in the second place ahead of Brazil in third, the positions they held in December 2018, but the make-up of the year-end top five has changed, said FIFA in a statement.

England climbed one place in 2019 to end the year in fourth, and Uruguay moved up to fifth on the back of a two-spot rise.

Besides accumulating the biggest points haul, Qatar has also jumped a year-high 38 places, followed closely by fellow climbers Algeria (up 32 ranks) and Japan (up 22 places).

India in 7th position on World Anti-Doping Agency list for violations

The World Anti-Doping Agency consisting of dope infractions recorded in 2017 across the world has revealed that India was fifth-highest when it came to total number of positive dope tests in Adverse Analytical Findings (AAF), while it was seventh-highest in the list of Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRV).

The report stated that the French Anti-Doping Agency had the highest number with 164 AAF followed by USA with 136. Only China (84) and Italy (75) had more cases of doping in 2017 than India with 71. Out of this, 57 were registered as ADRVs. This number might rise as it is understood that there are still pending cases.

In the same list for 2016, released last year, India had occupied the same spot with 73 positive tests from 2831 samples collected.

About WADA:

Head quarters: montreal, quebec Canada

President: Sir Craig Reedie

Purpose: anti doping in sports

ViratKohli, Akshay, Salman Khan top Forbes India's 2019 Celebrity 100 list.

Bollywood superstars Akshay Kumar and Salman Khan are among the top paid celebrities of India, Forbes India has announced.

The magazine has published its list of Celebrity 100 for the year 2019 which has been topped by Indian cricket captain ViratKohli with the earning of Rs 252.72 crore.

The rankings are based on estimates of earnings through professions and endorsements of celebrities and estimates of their fame for the October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Akshay is highest earning star from the country with Rs 293.25 crore, registering a rise of 58.51 percent from the previous year, but is placed at the 2nd spot, followed by Salman with the earning of Rs 229.25 crore.

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan and Indian cricketer MS Dhoni are listed at 4th and 5th spots, with earnings of Rs 239.25 crore and Rs 135.93 crore, respectively.

They are followed closely by Shah Rukh Khan, who makes a comeback to the list, and Ranveer Singh, with the respective hauls of Rs 124.38 crores and Rs. 118.2 crores.

Mirabai Chanu bags Gold in 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha

Former world champion, weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won the women's 49kg category gold medal to open India's account at the 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha. Chanu bagged gold with an effort of 194kg in the Olympic qualifying event, with the points which will come in handy when the final rankings for Tokyo 2020 cut are done.

Pat Cummins becomes most expensive overseas IPL player

Pat Cummins (Australian cricketer), with a base price of two crore rupees, became the most expensive overseas buy as he was sold to Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) for a whopping 50 crore rupees.

Glenn Maxwell was sold to Kings XI Punjab for 10.75 crore rupees while Aaron Finch was picked up by Royal Challengers Bangalore for 4.4 crore rupees in the Indian Premier League auction at Kolkata.