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Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan submits resignation to Governor Arif Mohammed Khan



Pinarayi Vijayan, the Chief Minister of Kerala, has submitted his resignation letter to Governor **Arif Mohammed Khan** on May 03, 2021.

Vijayan will continue to serve as chief minister till the new government is sworn in. He was serving as the 12th CM of Kerala since 25 May 2016. He was the leader of the ruling CPI(M)-headed Left Democratic Front (LDF).

India & Russia to establish a '2+2 Ministerial Dialogue' at Foreign and Defence Level



India and Russia have decided to establish a new **2+2 dialogue** at the foreign and defence minister level. Till date, India has this mechanism with only QUAD member countries, which are United States, Japan, and Australia. Russia is the **first non-Quad member**

country with which India will now have this mechanism. The decision regarding the same was taken during a telephonic conversation between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin with focus primarily on the ongoing COVID crisis in India. Russia is sending 22 tonnes of assistance including 20 oxygen production units, 75 lung ventilators, 150 medical monitors and 200,000 packs of medicine.

Barclays Projects India's GDP Growth Forecast to 10% in FY22



percent in FY21.

UK-based global brokerage firm **Barclays** has cut **India's GDP growth** estimate for **2021-22 (FY22)** to **10 percent** from its earlier estimate of 11 percent. Apart from this, Barclays has estimated the economy to contract by 7.6

T Rabi Sankar appointed fourth Deputy Governor of RBI, succeeding BP Kanungo



Tavarna Rabi Sankar, the Executive Director at **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has been named as the **fourth Deputy Governor of the central bank**. Sankar has been appointed for a period of **three years**. He succeeds **B P Kanungo**, who retired on April 02, 2021. The other three RBI deputy governors at RBI are **Michael Patra**, **Mahesh Kumar Jain**, and **M. Rajeshwar Rao**.

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Lewis Hamilton wins 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix



Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) won the **2021 Portuguese Grand Prix**, held on 2 May 2021 at the Algarve International Circuit in Portugal. This was the **second** win of the season for Hamilton and **96th career victory**. Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing-Netherlands) came second and Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) was third. This was the third race of the season of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.

Sri Lankan all-rounder Thisara Perera Announces Retirement from International Cricket



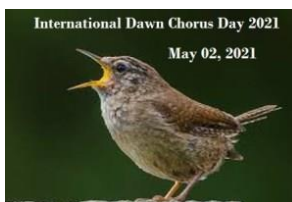
Former captain **Thisara Perera** has announced his retirement from **international cricket** on May 03, 2021, ending his international career which spanned nearly 12 years. Perera played six Tests, 166 ODIs (2338 runs, 175 wickets), and 84 T20Is (1204 runs, 51 wickets) for Sri Lanka, after making his debut in December 2009. The 32-year-old would continue to play domestic and franchise cricket.

World Laughter Day 2021: 02 May



The **World Laughter Day** is observed every year on **first Sunday of May** to raise awareness about laughter and its healing benefits. In 2021, the day falls on **02 May 2021**. The World Laughter Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai upon the initiation of Dr Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement.

International Dawn Chorus Day 2021: 02 May



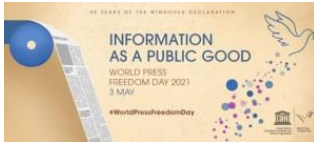
The annual **International Dawn Chorus Day** is held on the **First Sunday in May**. In 2021, this day is being celebrated on **02 May 2021**. The day is dedicated to listen to the sounds of birds, when birds sing at the start of a new day, at around 4:30. It is a magical reminder that the natural world lives its life all around us, every day, whether we listen or not. The day encourages people to rise early to listen bird songs.

The first ever International Dawn Chorus Day was held in Birmingham, England in 1984, by the Urban Wildlife Trust (now The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country).

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World Press Freedom Day: 03 May



The **World Press Freedom Day** is observed on **May 3** annually to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of

expression. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993. The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2021 is “**Information as a Public Good**”

International Firefighters' Day: 04 May



The **International Firefighters' Day (IFFD)** is observed on **May 4 every year since 1999**, to recognise and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. The day

was instituted, after the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia on 2 December 1998.