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Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates India's first private LNG Facility plant at Nagpur



The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari, inaugurated **India's first private Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility plant at Nagpur** in Maharashtra, on July 11, 2021. The plant has been set up on Kamptee Road near Nagpur Jabalpur Highway, by Baidyanath Ayurvedic Group, the makers of Ayurvedic medicines. Once operational, this LNG filling station in Nagpur will be first such facility to operate on commercial basis. LNG is a clean, pollution-free and cost effective liquid fuel, which is also easy to store and reduces the logistics cost.

India's first Cryptogamic Garden Inaugurated in Dehradun



India's first cryptogamic garden, with around 50 different species grown, has been inaugurated on July 11, 2021, in Deoban area of **Dehradun in Uttarakhand**. The garden is situated at a height of 9,000 feet, and is spread over an area of three acres. Cryptogams are the non-seed bearing plants. These primitive plants do not reproduce through

seeds. For example **algae, bryophytes (moss, liverworts), lichens, ferns and fungi** are the best-known groups of cryptogams that require moist conditions to survive.

RBI approves Re-appointment of Shyam Srinivasan as Federal Bank CEO for 3 years till September 2024



The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved the reappointment of **Shyam Srinivasan** as the **MD & CEO of Federal Bank** for a period of **three years** with effect from **September 23, 2021, till September 22, 2024**. Srinivasan has served three terms as CEO of the Kerala-based Federal Bank since September 23, 2010. He

is the longest-serving MD & CEO of the bank, after its founder, late K P Hormis.

BCCI forms seven-member working group for domestic cricket

The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has formed a **seven-member working group**, to look into the compensation package for the domestic players and the other aspects of domestic cricket.

The group will have the following members: Rohan Jaitley (North Zone), Yudhvir Singh (Central Zone), Jaydev Shah (West Zone), Devajit Saikia (North-East Zone), Avishek Dalmiya (East Zone), and Santosh Menon and Mohammed Azharuddin (South Zone).

The main focus of the group will be the remuneration of domestic players for the previous season wherein tournaments were cancelled, due to COVID-19.

Manu Sawhney resigns as ICC CEO with immediate effect

International Cricket Council (ICC) CEO Manu Sawhney has resigned from his position on July 08, 2021, with immediate effect. **Geoff Allardice** will continue as the **Acting CEO** of ICC, until fresh appointment. Sawhney replaced Dave Richardson as the CEO of ICC in 2019 for a tenure till 2022. It must be noted that ICC had suspended Sawhney since March 2021, due to a disciplinary inquiry after he came under scrutiny for his “abrasive behaviour” with colleagues.

Ashleigh Barty Beat Karolina Pliskova to Win Wimbledon 2021

In Tennis, **Ashleigh Barty of Australia** beat Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic), 6-3, 6-7 (4/7), 6-3, to win her first **Wimbledon** women’s single title on July 10, 2021. The 25-year-old Barty is the first Australian woman to win the Wimbledon singles title in 41 years since Evonne Goolagong, who claimed her second All England Club title in 1980. Wimbledon is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments, which also includes the Australian Open, the French Open and the US Open. The tournament is held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London, since 1877

Novak Djokovic Beats Matteo Berrettini to win 2021 Wimbledon Men’s Single Title

In Tennis, **Novak Djokovic defeated Matteo Berrettini** in the Wimbledon final, 6-7⁽⁴⁻⁷⁾, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, to win his sixth Wimbledon title and 20th Grand Slam trophy. With this win, he has equalled his total major men’s singles titles record with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, with each of them winning 20 titles.

Complete List of Winners

- Men’s Single – Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Matteo Berrettini
- Women’s Single – Ashleigh Barty (Australia) defeated Karolína Plíšková (Czech Republic)

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- Men's Double – Nikola Mektić and Mate Pavić defeated Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos
- Women's Double – Hsieh Su-wei and Elise Mertens defeated Veronika Kudermetova and Elena Vesnina
- Mixed Double – Neal Skupski and Desirae Krawczyk defeated Joe Salisbury and Harriet Dart

Argentina beats Brazil 1-0 to Lift Copa America 2021

Lionel Messi-led Argentina beat Neymar's Brazil 1-0 to win the Copa America final match, held at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on July 10, 2021. With this win, Lionel Messi has secured his first major International trophy. The **2021 Copa America** was the 47th edition of the annual international men's football championship organised by South America's football ruling body CONMEBOL. Earlier the tournament was scheduled to be held in July 2020, but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the first time since 1991 that no guest nation took part in the tournament.

World Population Day: 11 July

The **World Population Day** is observed every year on **July 11** to raise awareness of global population issues, including their relations to the environment. The day was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989 in commemoration of the day in 1987, when the world reached the population of 5 billion. Theme of 2021 World Population Day is '**the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility**'.

World Malala Day : 12 July

The United Nations designated 12 July to be observed as **World Malala Day**, on **July 12, 2013**, in honour of the young Pakistani human rights activist, Malala Yousafzai. July 12 also marks the birth anniversary of Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Prize laureate. On her 16th birthday, on 12 July 2013, Yousafzai delivered speech at the United Nations (UN) headquarters on the need for gender equality in education, following which the day was declared as the World Malala Day by the UN.

Ayurveda Medicine Doyen, Dr P K Warriar, Passes Away at 100

Veteran Indian **Ayurveda practitioner, Dr P.K. Warriar**, who was the most respected name in Ayurveda across the world, has passed away. He was 100. The doyen of Ayurveda, Dr Warriar, was honoured with the Padma Shree in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 2010. His autobiography titled *Smrithiparvam* won the Kerala Sahitya Academy Award in 2009.