

July 20 – International Chess Day

The International Chess Day is celebrated annually on July 20, the day the International Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded, in 1924. The idea to celebrate this day as the international chess day was proposed by UNESCO, and it has been celebrated as such since 1966, after it was established by FIDE.

Chandrayaan-2 launch on July 22

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said that Chandrayaan-2 will be launched on July 22 at 2.43 p.m. The launch was earlier scheduled for July 15 but was called off just an hour before take-off. The mission includes India's first lander and rover, which are slated to land on the Moon on September 6.

Vivek Kumar, new Private Secretary to PM

Vivek Kumar, a 2004 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is currently director, Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Kumar replaces Sanjeev Kumar Singla, who is slated to take over as India's Ambassador to Israel.

AIFF Golden Baby Leagues handbook

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju launched the All India Football Federation's Golden Baby Leagues handbook 2019-20 on the sidelines of the Intercontinental Cup in Ahmedabad. The launch marked the renaming of the 'AIFF Baby Leagues' to 'AIFF Golden Baby Leagues', with emphasis being laid for ages under 6 to under 12 both for girls and boys.

5th International Police Expo 2019

The 5th edition of the International Police Expo 2019 has been organised in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The event will be held from July 19, 2019 to July 20, 2019. International Police Expo 2019 is the only exhibition which is focused on Police personnel. In this police representatives of different nations and policing security equipment and technology suppliers come together to meet their business opportunities related to internal security, Training, Protection and Rescue

Indian Men & Women's teams win Commonwealth Table Tennis title

In Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship held in Cuttack, India made a record by winning gold in both men's and women's category. The Indian men won the final match defeating England 3-2. The Indian women team defeated England 3-0 in final match.

Aishwarya Pratap Singh clinches gold in rifle 3-position event

In the Shooting Junior World Cup, Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar clinched gold with a junior world record in the final of rifle 3-position event in Suhl Germany.

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SAARC Film Festival 2019

The 9th Edition of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Film Festival for the year 2019 was held at the National Film Corporation Cinema Hall, Colombo, Sri Lanka from July 2-7, 2019. It was conducted by the SAARC Cultural Centre. It screened 34 films which consisted of **15 feature films, 13 short films and 6 master films** from the SAARC Member states of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Indian entries bagged 6 awards. **Nagarkirtan, a Bengali film, was awarded the Best Feature Film**

Best Director Award was conferred to Kaushik Ganguly for Nagarkirtan. Riddhi Sen won the best actor award and Prabuddha Bannerjee bagged Best Original Score for Nagarkirtan. Best Short Film Award was conferred to Na Bole Wo Haram directed by Nitish Patan. Special Jury Award for Direction and Story was conferred to 'Walking with the Wind', by Praveen Morchhale.

Amita Prasad appointed Chairperson of Inland Waterways

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Amita Prasad (IAS) as Chairperson of Inland Waterways Authority of India. Inland Waterways Authority of India is an arm of Ministry of Shipping

Sanjeev Kumar Singla appointed as India's Ambassador to Israel

Sanjeev Kumar Singla, a 1997-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed the Indian Ambassador to Israel. Before this, Singla was serving as Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He will replace Pavan Kapoor, who assumed charge as the Ambassador to Israel in 2016

President Kovind has changed the governor of 6 states

Anandiben Patel has been transferred and appointed as the new Governor of **Uttar Pradesh**.

Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar as Governor of **West Bengal**

Shri Ramesh Bais as Governor of **Tripura**

Shri Lal Ji Tandon, Governor of Bihar is transferred and appointed as Governor of **Madhya Pradesh**

Shri Phagu Chauhan as Governor of **Bihar**

Shri R. N. Ravi as Governor of **Nagaland**

Prithu Gupta becomes India's 64th Grandmaster of India

Prithu Gupta, a 15-year-old boy from Gurgaon, has become India's 64th Grandmaster. He crossed the Elo threshold of 2500 points, beating IM Lev Yankelevich in the fifth round of the Portuguese League, 2019. Anand had become India's first Grandmaster in 1988