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Nepal PM Prachanda loses vote of confidence in Parliament



Key Points:

- ❖ Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' Friday lost the vote of confidence in Parliament, 10 days after its coalition partner, the Communist Party of Nepal–Unified Marxist Leninist, withdrew support and vowed to lead the government itself.
- ❖ CPN–UML chairman K P Sharma Oli, backed by the Nepali Congress, is set to take charge as the new Prime Minister.
- ❖ Only 63 members in the 275-member House of Representatives supported the motion that Prachanda moved, with an overwhelming 194 opposing it, and one abstaining.

REC raises 31.96 billion Japanese yen through 5-year green loan



Key Points:

- ❖ Power sector financier REC Limited has raised 31.96 billion Japanese yen through a 5-year green loan, with the transaction being conducted from Deutsche Bank's Gift City branch.
- ❖ The loan, which is equivalent to \$200 million, will be used to finance eligible green projects in India.
- ❖ The transaction marked one of the first yendenominated green loan transactions for Deutsche Bank through its Gift City branch.
- ❖ REC raises 31.96 billion Japanese yen through 5-year green loan This successful transaction is in line with REC's commitment to enhance its green energy financing and sustainable projects capabilities as well as the global community's support for sustainable development projects in India.

WHO launched MeDeVIS Platform for Medical Device Information



Key Points:

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched MeDeVIS, an online platform that provides users

with access to information on medical devices.

- ❖ The platform is designed to support decision making on the selection, procurement, and use of medical devices for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and health conditions.
- ❖ MeDeVIS includes 2301 types of medical devices used in various health areas, including reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health, noncommunicable diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and infectious diseases such as COVID-19
- ❖ By providing a single platform that provides information on a wide range of devices, it is hoped that the platform will make it easier for healthcare professionals to make more informed decisions about the equipment they require.
- ❖ Additionally, MeDeVIS will make it possible for global governments and regulatory bodies to better understand the requirements for medical devices and streamline the procurement process.
- ❖ **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- ❖ Formation – 7 April 1948
- ❖ Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- ❖ First President – Andrija Štampar
- ❖ Director General – Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- ❖ Deputy Director General – Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)
- ❖ Member Countries – 194

Parijat Industries honoured with CSR Leadership Award 2024



Key Points:

- ❖ Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd. received the prestigious CSR Leadership Award 2024 at the Agriculture Leadership Conclave held at Hotel Holiday Inn, Aerocity, New Delhi.
- ❖ The event was organized by the Agriculture Today Group. The award, presented by the National Awards Committee chaired by Former Chief Justice of India, Justice P. Sathasivam, recognizes Parijat Industries' significant contributions to rural communities and farmers through a range of impactful projects.
- ❖ Parijat Industries (India) Private Limited is a fully integrated technical-to-final formulations manufacturing agrochemical company

PUMA to be footwear partner for Indian contingent at Paris Olympics 2024



Key Points:

- ❖ PUMA India has partnered with Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the official footwear partner for the Indian contingent heading to the Paris Olympics 2024.
- ❖ PUMA has launched a grand outdoor campaign titled “See the Game Like We Do” to honor and celebrate the achievements of Indian athletes.
- ❖ As part of this collaboration, over 100 Indian athletes will receive an array of products designed to enhance their training and comfort.
- ❖ These include podium and travel footwear, trolleys, backpacks, sippers, yoga mats, headbands, wristbands, socks, and towels. Notably, 45 of these athletes are part of the PUMA contingent.

**Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024:
Nagaland adjudged as Best State in
Horticulture**



Key Points:

- ❖ Nagaland has been adjudged as the best state in Horticulture in the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024.
- ❖ The award was given to the state for its outstanding work in introducing

innovative programmes and policies for horticulture development, which has positively touched the lives of large number of farmers and the rural people in the State.

- ❖ Horticulture is the branch of agriculture that deals with the art, science, technology, and business of vegetable garden plant growing (fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, seeds, and flowers).

Rajat Sharma appointed as NBDA's president



Key Points:

- ❖ The News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) has unanimously elected India TV chairman Rajat Sharma as its president.
- ❖ He replaces Avinash Pandey, the former CEO of ABP Network.
- ❖ NBDA is the largest organisation of news broadcasters and digital media in India, consisting of almost all major news networks in the country.

Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas



Key Points:

- ❖ The Central government has decided to observe June 25, the day the Emergency was declared in 1975, as 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas', Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced Friday.
- ❖ 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' will commemorate massive contributions of all those who endured inhuman pains of 1975 Emergency, Amit Shah said in a statement.
- ❖ In a post on social media platform X, Shah said, "On 25 June 1975, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, showing her dictatorial mindset, strangled the soul of Indian democracy by imposing emergency in

the country. Lakhs of people were jailed without any reason and the voice of the media was suppressed.

THE JIMMY ANDERSON, KING OF SWING RETIRES



Key Points:

- ❖ James Anderson signed off from Test cricket after 188 matches over 21 years on Friday, 12 July, with England beating West Indies comprehensively in the Lord's Test.
- ❖ The 41-year-old English pacer had announced his retirement from international cricket after this Test match some time ago.
- ❖ As he prepared for his final outing with the ball, accompanied by huge cheers, Anderson admitted he was "trying to hold back tears."



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