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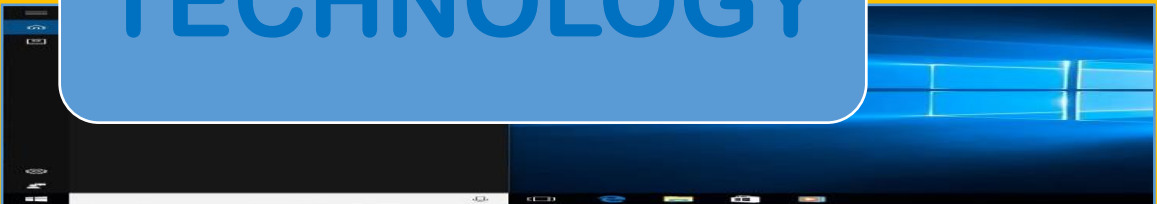
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SCIENCE

ISRO puts 36 OneWeb satellites in orbit

(March 26, 2023)

Agency uses its heaviest payload rocket, LVM3, for the mission from Sriharikota; in its sixth flight, the vehicle used the upgraded S200 motors with enhanced margins suitable for the upcoming Gaganyaan mission; with the successful launch, OneWeb completes its constellation of 618 satellites. Indian Space Research Organisation's heaviest payload rocket, LVM3 carrying 36 OneWeb satellites onboard took off on March 26 from the second launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota. The 43.5 metre tall vehicle weighs 643 tonne.

Read more at: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/isro-successfully-launches-heaviest-payload-rocket-mission-lvm3-m3-oneweb-india-2-carrying-satellites/article66663592.ece>

Humanity must chart new course on water use: UN chief

(March 24, 2023)

The world is not on track to meet its 2030 water goals, including access to safe drinking water and sanitation. The world is not on track to meet its 2030 water goals, including access to safe drinking water and sanitation for all. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday delivered an urgent call for the world to modify and safeguard [water](#) resources to avert conflict and ensure future global prosperity. Water is "the most precious common good," and "needs to be at the centre of the global political agenda," Guterres said at the end of a three-day UN conference that experts said held a measure of promise.

Read more at: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/humanity-must-chart-new-course-on-water-use-un-chief/article66660487.ece>

Four humans to begin living on Mars

(March 27, 2023)

The four volunteers are part of a year-long mission. The 3D-printed habitat includes private crew quarters, a kitchen, medical room. Crew members will spend time remotely operating robotic elements. As scientists and engineers continue to develop the capability to send humans to Mars in the near future, four humans will live the dream this summer as they begin living on Mars. However, their Martian homes will be on Earth.

Read more at:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/science/story/four-humans-to-begin-living-on-mars-2352062-2023-03-27>



Japanese scientists discover new 'glass-like' orchid species

(March 23, 2023)

Despite its presence in Japan's parks and gardens, it took Kobe University researchers a decade to confirm that the plant, dubbed "*Spiranthes hachijoensis*," was a previously unknown species. A new species of orchid with delicate, glass-like blooms has been discovered by Japanese scientists, who found the pink and white plant hiding in plain sight.

Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/science/japanese-scientists-discover-new-glass-like-orchid-species-101679555907091.html>



Life on Earth seeded from outer space? New study on asteroids suggests 'strong evidence'

(March 22, 2023)

Scientists have previously found some or all of these bases in different asteroids that landed on Earth as meteorites. However, they could not be sure the chemicals came from outer space or were contaminated when they landed. The black particles from [an asteroid](#) some 300 million kilometres away look unremarkable, like pieces of charcoal, but they hold a component of life itself.

Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/science/life-on-earth-seeded-from-outer-space-new-study-on-asteroids-suggests-strong-evidence-101679453204946.html>



ARTS

Gilbert & George to open London art centre with after-life exhibition

(March 27, 2023)

The duo, usually pictured suited and impassive, met in 1967 while studying in London. They have been together since, producing imposing pictures that have tackled identity, race, poverty and death among others. They married in 2008. Artist duo Gilbert & George are bringing their vision of the world to a dedicated new exhibition venue in east London, with much of the programme shown for free in line with their “art for all” ethos.

Read more at: <https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/gilbert-george-to-open-london-art-centre-with-after-life-exhibition-8521719/>



On World Theatre Day, thespians reflect on the art form and how it has helped shape their lives

(March 27, 2023)

From Rakesh Bedi to Himani Shivpuri and Ram Gopal Bajaj -- veteran theatre artists talk to us about their love for the medium and much more. Every year, March 27 is observed as World Theatre Day to celebrate and create awareness about an art form that is known to help hone and refine an actor’s craft. First observed in 1962 by the International Theatre Institute (ITI), the day aims to promote theatre in its myriad forms. This year, the celebrations revolve around the theme ‘Theatre and a Culture of Peace.’

Read more at: <https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/world-theatre-day-himani-shivpuri-ram-gopal-bajaj-feisal-alkazi-art-form-journey-8521543/>

Two brothers' quest to keep papier-mache craft alive and economically viable Srinagar

(March 22, 2023)

Hashim and Maisar, both residents of Hassanabad locality of the city, learnt the craft from their father Shabir Hussain Khan who has been into the craft for the last 50 years. Sheer determination to save the dying '**papier-mache**' art has led two brothers in Jammu and Kashmir to learn the ropes of the craft, introduce latest designs and patterns and advertise the products on social media, thus making it a profitable pursuit.



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Read more at: <https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/two-brothers-quest-to-keep-papier-mache-craft-alive-and-economically-viable-srinagar/>

Kerala village known for Kathakali renamed after the dance form

(March 25, 2023)

After an effort spanning over 12 years, Ayroor village in Pathanamthitta will now be seen on the Indian map as 'Ayirur Kathakali Gramam' -- an indication of the prominence given to the dance form known for its elaborately colourful make-up and costumes. Not just stories from Hindu puranas, but also the Bible have been performed for several decades by Kathakali artists from a small village.



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Read more at:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/kerala-village-known-for-kathakali-renamed-after-the-dance-form-8517401/>

When Bombay Jayashri, recently awarded the famed Sangeetha Kalanidhi by the Madras Music Academy, was a reluctant musician

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A few years ago, on a humid Buddha Purnima evening in Delhi's Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), as Carnatic classical vocalist Bombay Jayashri Ramnath, seated under a peepal tree, chanted *Buddham sharanam gachhami*, it began to rain. Soon, she invited the audience to join in the guttural prayer. Soaked to the bone, she segued into a Pahari, without a microphone.

Read more at: <https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/when-bombay-jayashri-recently-awarded-the-famed-sangeetha-kalanidhi-by-the-madras-academy-was-a-reluctant-musician-8514725/>



Apple cracks down on employees not coming to office, makes 3 day attendance must

(March 24, 2023)

Apple is asking employees to come to office for at least 3 days. Some of the employees could get fired if they fail to comply with the rule. Apple has previously taken several measures to save costs and avoid layoffs. While Apple hasn't yet announced layoffs, the company has been taking some strict measures to not reach that stage. The tech giant has reportedly delayed bonuses and slashed its travel budget. It has even paused some of the projects and paused hiring.

Read more at; <https://www.indiatoday.in/technology/news/story/apple-cracks-down-on-employees-not-coming-to-office-makes-3-day-attendance-must-2351128-2023-03-24>



Accenture is firing 19000 employees: 5 things the IT company said while announcing layoffs

(March 22, 2023)

Accenture, the Dublin-based tech company that specialises in offering software solutions to enterprise customers, is planning to lay off over 19,000 employees globally due to uncertain macroeconomic conditions. Although the layoff impacts 2.5 per cent of the company's global employees, the number is significantly large compared to layoffs at other tech companies, like Google (nearly 12,000 workers), Twitter (4,000 workers), and Microsoft (10,000 employees). It is also unclear how Accenture's decision will affect workers in India.

Read more at: <https://www.indiatoday.in/technology/news/story/accenture-is-firing-19000-employees-5-things-the-it-company-said-while-announcing-layoffs-2351076-2023-03-24>

TikTok's future hangs in balance amid possible US ban & other top tech stories this week

(March 22, 2023)

Earlier this week TikTok said it has more than [150 million monthly users \(nearly half the population\) in the US, up from 100 million just a year ago](#). However, the exponential growth of the short video platform comes at a time when it faces an existential crisis in the US as the Joe Biden administration seeks a ban or a potential sale of the platform to a local owner. [US legislators questioned TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew](#) Thursday on the app's purported ties to China and the danger it poses to the country's "national security."

Read more at: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/newsletters/ettech-unwrapped/tiktoks-future-hangs-in-balance-amid-possible-us-ban-other-top-tech-stories-this-week/articleshow/98982702.cms>

Accenture results signal growth impact in FY24, larger firms to benefit

(March 25, 2023)

Most analysts expect the Indian IT sector to grow its revenue in mid- to high-single digits year on year in FY24, a steep climb down from the high growth registered in the past two years post the pandemic. The Indian information technology industry could be heading for a moderation in growth next fiscal, analysts said, after global IT services major [Accenture](#) on Thursday revised its annual revenue guidance downwards.



Read more at: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/information-tech/accenture-results-signal-growth-impact-in-fy24-larger-firms-to-benefit/articleshow/98977531.cms>

MeitY approves setting up electronics manufacturing cluster in Karnataka's Dharwad district

(March 24, 2023)

The [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology](#) (MeitY) on Thursday approved the setting up of an electronics manufacturing cluster project at Kotur and Belur industrial area in Karnataka's [Dharwad](#) district.

Read more at: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/technology/meity-approves-setting-up-electronics-manufacturing-cluster-in-karnatakas-dharwad-district/articleshow/98975884.cms>



SPORTS

IBA threatens IOC with legal action for breach of contract

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The International Boxing Association (IBA) has accused the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of "lack of transparency" and "unlawful" conduct and raised questions about its "transparency principles" while inviting boxing officials for the 2024 Paris Olympics qualification process. The IBA has threatened to take IOC to court for redressal of the issue. In an open letter to IOC president Thomas Bach ahead of the global sports body's executive board meeting on Tuesday.



Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/sports/others/iba-threatens-ioc-with-legal-action-for-breach-of-contract-101679937049564.html>

Euro 2024 Qualifiers: Harry Kane and Cristiano Ronaldo help England and Portugal stay perfect

(March 24, 2023)

England and Portugal made it two wins out of two at the start of European Championship qualifying, helped by their star players continuing their record-breaking streaks. England and Portugal made it two wins out of two at the start of European Championship qualifying, helped by their star players continuing their record-breaking streaks.

Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/sports/football/euro-2024-qualifiers-harry-kane-and-cristiano-ronaldo-help-england-and-portugal-stay-perfect-101679883896536.html>

How Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain, Nitu Ghanghas and Saweety Boora punched their way to World Championships gold

(March 26, 2023)

India produced a dominant show at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship in New Delhi, finishing the competition with four gold medals in different categories. The country's top pugilists [Nikhat Zareen](#), [Lovlina Borgohain](#), Saweety Boora and Nitu Ghanghas took away the top prize in their respective finals as India matched their best ever outing in the tournament's history - four golds in 2006. India's gold medal surge was led by Nitu on Saturday, who is also a Commonwealth Games gold winner.



Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/sports/others/nikhat-zareen-lovlina-borgohain-nitu-ghanghas-saweety-boora-headline-india-s-fab-four-domination-at-world-championships-101679846598744.html>

Russia, Belarus boxers in Asian Games causes disquiet

(March 26, 2023)

With boxers from these countries facing hostility in Europe over the Ukraine invasion, they want to qualify for the Paris Olympics via the Hangzhou Games. The possible entry of Russian and Belarusian boxers in the Hangzhou Asian Games to qualify for the Paris Olympics could face opposition from some Asian nations. Athletes from these nations face opposition from many countries due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. With the International Boxing Association (IBA) under suspension by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), a 'Paris 2024 Boxing Unit' has been formed by IOC to hold the Olympic qualifiers and the main competition in Paris.



Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/sports/others/russia-belarus-boxers-in-asian-games-causes-disquiet-101679837801769.html>