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INDIA'S LATEST NEWS

NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Isro launches 100th satellite, successfully places Cartosat-2 in the orbit;
- United Nations hails India for fighting climate change;
- TCS bags over \$2 billion Transamerica contract;
- India test-fires nuclear-capable ICBM Agni-V;
- India' crude steel output hits record 100 mn tonnes in 2017.



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ISRO LAUNCHES 100TH SATELLITE, SUCCESSFULLY PLACES CARTOSAT-2 IN THE ORBIT



The 44.4-metre tall Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C40)

ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, in its forty second flight, successfully launched its 100th satellite, the 710 kg Cartosat-2 Series Remote Sensing Satellite, along with 30 co-passenger satellites on January 12, 2018 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota. The 11 kg INS-1C and the 100 kg class Microsat, were the two Indian co-passenger satellites of Cartosat-2. The remaining 28 satellites belonged to Canada, Finland, France, Republic of Korea, UK and the USA. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Isro scientists for the successful launch, saying the moment signified the country's "bright future" in its space programme.

UNITED NATIONS HAILS INDIA FOR FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

On the occasion of handover ceremony of the Chairmanship of the Group of 77 (G77) in New York on 12 January 2018, UN Secretary-general Antonio Guterres said, "Of the largest economies of the world, the two largest economies of the G77 are strongly committed to the leadership in climate action - and I refer to China and India." India, along with France, launched the International Solar Alliance (ISA) at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in November 2015. It was a move that signalled India was ready to drop its defensive position on climate change and embrace renewable energy—solar power—in a big way.



INDIA TEST-FIRES NUCLEAR-CAPABLE ICBM AGNI-V

India successfully conducted the "first pre-induction trial" of its over 5,000-km range Agni-V intercontinental ballistic missile, which brings the whole of Asia and China as well parts of Europe and Africa within its nuclear strike envelope on 18 January 2018.



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Sources said the country's most formidable missile will undergo one more such pre-induction trial within this year before it is inducted into the Agni-V regiment already raised by the tri-Service Strategic Forces Command (SFC) with the requisite command and control structures. Agni-V is the most advanced missile in the Agni series with new technologies incorporated in it in terms of navigation and guidance, warhead and engine.

INDIA' CRUDE STEEL OUTPUT HITS RECORD 100 MN TONNES IN 2017

India's crude steel production rose nearly 6 per cent to hit an all-time high of 101.28 million tonnes (MT) last year, according to official data. It was first time that India's crude steel production crossed the 100 million tonnes mark. Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh expressed satisfaction over the production numbers. India is the third largest producer of crude steel in the world after China and Japan. The country is now aiming to grab the second spot. In May 2017, the Cabinet gave nod to a new policy that aims to achieve steel making capacity of 300 million tonnes by 2030 with an additional investment of Rs 10 lakh crore.

(Source: IBEF)

TCS BAGS OVER \$2 BILLION TRANSAMERICA CONTRACT

Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS), has won its largest IT outsourcing deal with an over \$2 billion, 10-year contract from a unit of Dutch insurer Aegon NV, assuring India's largest information technology company the fastest revenue growth in three years in 2018-19. The contract from Transamerica Life Insurance Co. is the second large outsourcing deal won by TCS in the past one month, and bigger than the \$2.25 billion deal announced when it renewed a partnership with television ratings measurement company Nielsen Holdings Plc in December 2017. TCS did not specify the exact value of the contract, but it said it was worth more than the Nielsen deal. TCS is also operating in Indonesia for last 10 years.

(source: Livemint)





Indian pharmaceutical sector accounts for about 3.1 – 3.6 percent of the global pharmaceutical industry in value terms and 10 percent in volume terms and is expected to expand at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 15.92 percent to US\$ 55 billion by 2020 from US\$ 20 billion in 2015. India contributes the second largest share of pharmaceutical and biotech workforce in the world.

With 71 percent market share, generic drugs form the largest segment of the Indian pharmaceutical sector. India has become the third largest global generic API merchant market by 2016, with a 7.2 percent market share. The country accounts for the second largest number of Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) and is the world's leader in Drug Master Files (DMFs) applications with the US Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals sector has received cumulative FDI worth US\$ 15.57 billion between April 2000 and September 2017.

Indian drugs are exported to more than 200 countries in the world, with the US as the key market. Generic drugs account for 20 percent of global exports in terms of volume, making the country the largest provider of generic medicines globally and expected to expand even further in coming years. India exported pharmaceutical items worth US\$ 16.64 billion in FY17 and US\$ 6.4 billion during April – September 2017.

The Government of India plans to set up a US\$ 640 million venture capital fund to boost drug discovery and strengthen pharmaceutical infrastructure. The 'Pharma Vision 2020' by the government's Department of Pharmaceuticals aims to make India a major hub for end-to-end drug discovery.

Source: www.ibef.org



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Ambassador called on Minister of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Enggartiasto Lukita



Ambassador called on Minister of Communication and Informatics of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Rudiantara



Ambassador called on Cabinet Secretary, H.E. Mr. Pramono Anung,



Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat delivers his remarks on 'Sufi Gospel Project' by Sonam Kalra group, an ICCR sponsored troupe, in Jakarta on 14 January 2018. In his brief remarks Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat said that Sufi tradition of deep devotion and tolerance is similar to what Mahatma Gandhi also practiced.





FLAVORS OF INDIA

RASGULLA

Loved by all, the traditional Bengali sweet, here's for you the Rasgulla recipe. Soft and spongy balls made of fresh paneer and dipped in sugar syrup. You just cannot have only one!

- Prep Time: 10 Minutes
- Cook Time: 40 Minutes + Time to set paneer (4hrs)
- Total Cook Time: 4 Hours 50 Minutes

Ingredients of Rasgulla:

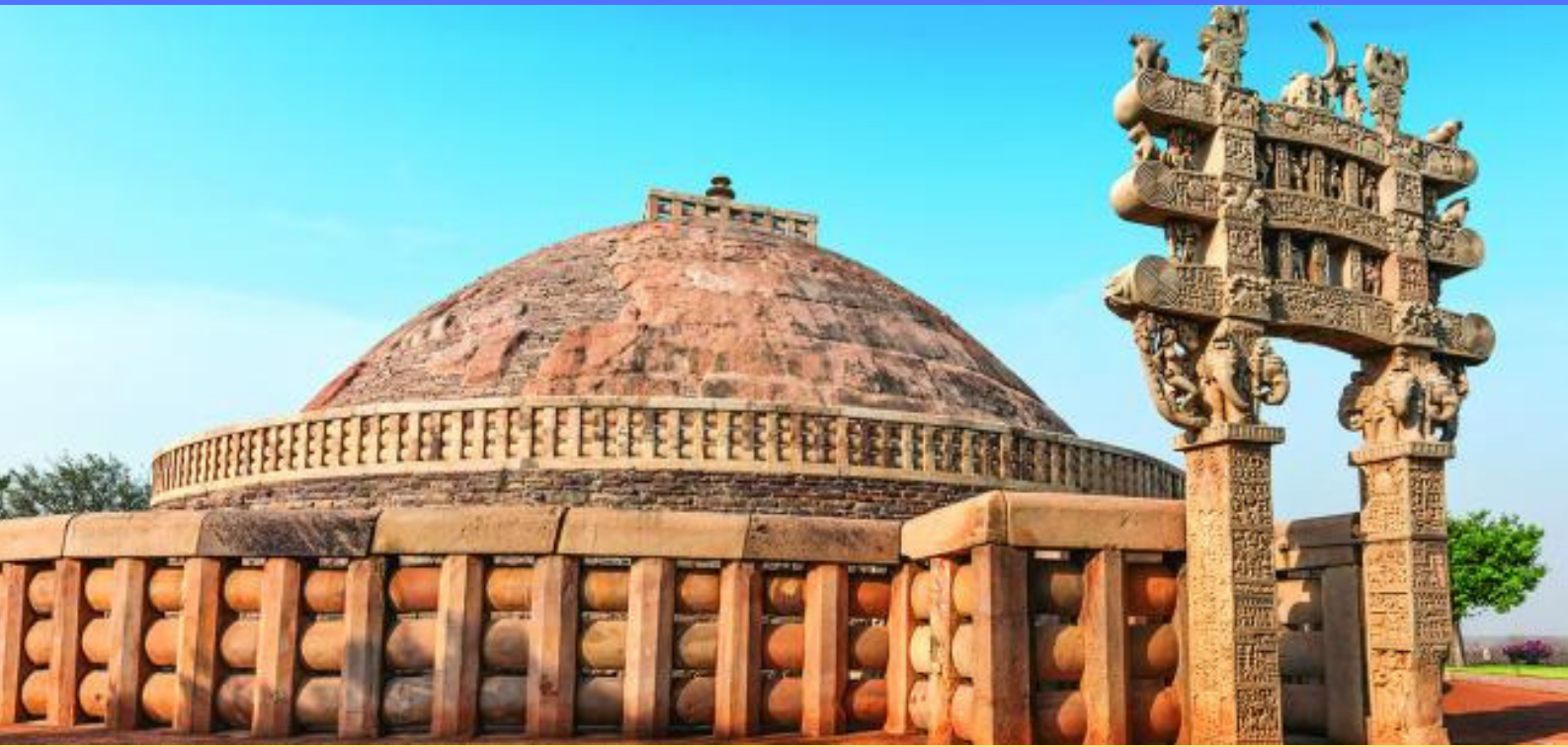
- 2 litres low fat milk - boiled and refrigerated overnight
- 1/4 cup lemon juice - mixed in 1/4 cup water
- 1 tsp refined flour (maida) or semolina
- 4 cups thin sugar syrup - flavored with cardamom or rosewater

How to Make Rasgulla:

1. Remove whatever cream that forms over the milk.
 2. Bring to a boil, lower heat and add the lemon mixture gradually, till milk curdles.
 3. Does not matter if you do not use up the whole solution.
 4. Shut off the heat and leave mixture to rest for 5 minutes.
 5. Drain off water and leave the paneer in a colander for at least 4 hours.
 6. Mash paneer very smooth (no grains).
 7. Add the flour/semolina and mash some more.
 8. Bring 4-6 cups of water to a boil, and shape the paneer into balls (smooth ones, no cracks) in the mean time.
 9. Transfer balls into the boiling water, cover with a tight fitting cover and let cook till puffed up (about 20 minutes).
- Let cool, squeeze out of the water, transfer to thin sugar syrup - flavored with cardamom or rosewater, chill and serve.

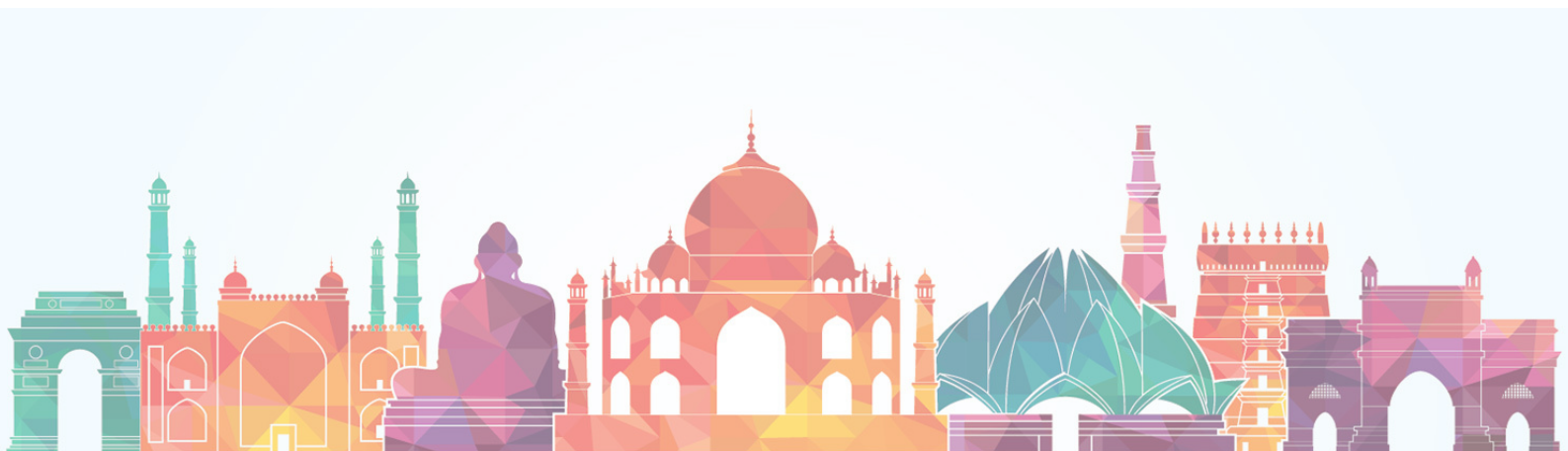
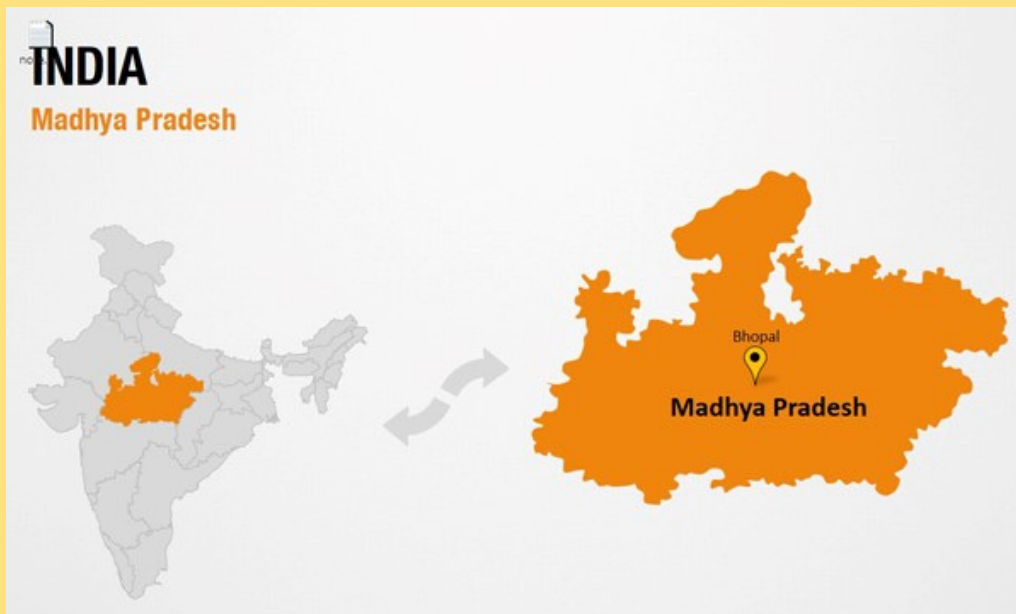


MADHYA PRADESH



Madhya Pradesh, as the name suggests, lies in the centre of India. It is one of the states of India that has grown most rapidly in last decade and half. Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore and Ujjain are major cities of Madhya Pradesh.

Strategically located at the centre of India, Madhya Pradesh is expected to become a hub of large number of companies which are involved in supply of goods and services from all directions under new tax regime. The State boasts of several religious, cultural and tourist attractions. We will start with Ujjain, one of the ancient cities of India, in this edition.



UJJAIN: The city of temples

One of Hinduism's seven sacred cities, Ujjain boasts a wealth of cultural heritage, largely in the form of temples. Situated on the banks of the Shipra River, the city dates back to 600 BC and was once the residence of Emperor Ashoka when he was still a prince. It was also the political and commercial hub of central India and the capital of the ancient Avanti Kingdom. Ujjain is one of the four holy places where famous Kumbh Festival is organized every 12 years. Ujjain's spiritual charm is undeniable. The famous poet, Kalidas, described it as 'The town fallen from Heaven to bring Heaven to Earth'. There are many famous temples in Ujjain such as Mahakaleshwar Temple, Harsiddhi Temple, Kal Bhairav Temple, Mangalnath Temple, Omkareshwar Temple and Gopal Mandir.



Mahakaleshwar Temple

The Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple, located on the side of the Rudra Sagar Lake, continues to be one of the most sacred places of pilgrimage for Hindus. The abode of Lord Shiva, the temple is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas in India. Mahakaleshwar literally means lord of Time and Death.





Jantar Mantar

The architectural marvel Jantar Mantar (also called the Vedh Shala Observatory), is the oldest of the five observatories, was constructed by Maharaja Jai Singh during 1725-30. As per the *Surya Siddhanta*, a 4th-century astronomical treatise, Ujjain is geographically situated at the precise spot where the zero meridian of longitude and the Tropic of Cancer intersect. This is why it was called the “Greenwich of India”.

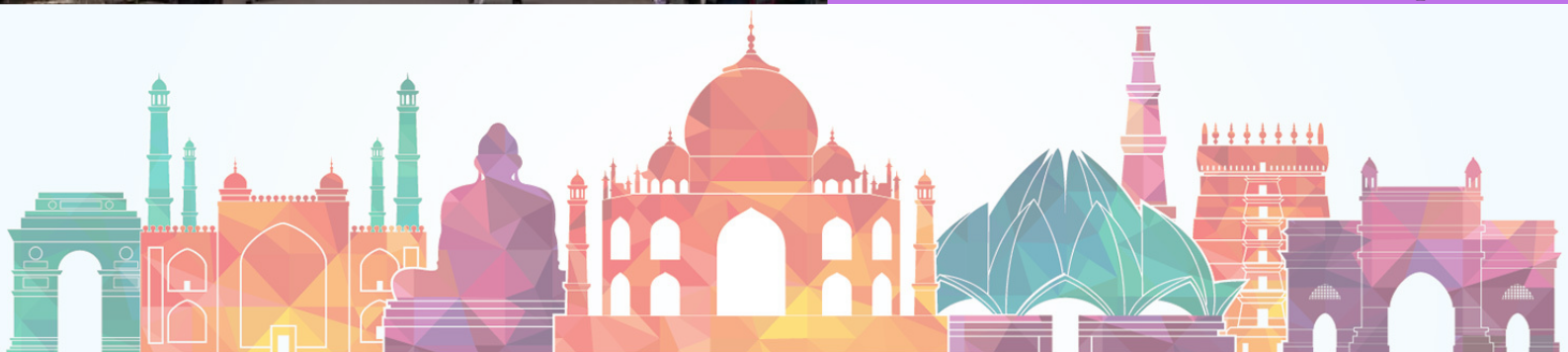
SANDIPANI ASHRAM

The Ashram of Sandipani Muni is the place where Lord Krishna along with his brother Balram and friend Sudama came for studies.



Gopal Mandir

Dedicated to Lord Krishna, Gopal Mandir was constructed by Bayajibai Shinde, the queen of Maharajah Daulat Rao Shinde in 1883. It is a marble-towered structure and a representative sample of Maratha architecture. The door in the inner sanctum is the same door, which had been carried away by Ghazni from the Somnath temple. Mahadji Scindia recovered the door and now it has been installed in this temple.





Kumbh Festival

Kumbh Festival is largest congregation of pilgrims in the world. Recently Kumbh Mela has been inscribed as the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. The writings of the famous Chinese traveler Hiuen Tsang or Xuanzang (602 – 664 A.D.) have mentioned about Ujjain Kumbh Mela. He visited India during the reign of King Harshvardhana.



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