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First Seaplane Service

- The Gujarat Government has decided that first seaplane service of India will start from 31st October on the date of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel.
- The first seaplane will take off from Sabarmati river front to statue of Unity in Kevadia in Narmada district.

AGRIOTA

- The UAE Government launched AGROITA, a new technology driven agriculture commodity trading platform that will bridge the rural farmers from India and the gulf Food Industry.
- This initiative will allow the farmers to connect with the UAE Food industry directly without intermediaries.

Nutrition month

- The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has announced that from now on September will be observed as “Nutrition Month”.
- He shared this information in monthly ‘Mann ki Baat’ radio programme.

World Urdu Session

- The Union Minister for Education (formerly known as Human Resource Development, HRD Ministry) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank addressed the inaugural session of the two days World Urdu Conference.
- The conference is organized by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL).

International



New Prime Minister of Lebanon

- **Mustapha Adib** has become **the Lebanon's new Prime Minister**.
- Earlier he was Lebanon's **Ambassador to Germany**.

Obituary



Purushotham Rai

- The veteran athletic coach **Purushotham Rai** passed away.

Sports



FIDE Chess Olympiad

- India and Russia were announced as the joint winners of FIDE (International Chess Federation) Chess Olympiad.

Meeting



8th EAST ASIA Summit Economic Ministers

- 8th EAST-ASIA Summit Economic Ministers meeting was held virtually.
- The meeting was attended by Economic Ministers from the ten ASEAN Member States and , Australia, China, India, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia and The United States.
- From Indian side the meeting was attended by Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Ministers of Commerce and Industry.

Ranking



Global Ranking of average wages

- An international e-commerce platform, Picodi. Com prepared Global Ranking of average wages.
- India ranked 72nd among 106 countries with an average monthly wages of RS 32,800 (USD 437).
- The ranking has been topped by Switzerland with an average wages of RS 4,49,000 (USD 5,989).

Awards and Honours



Memorial Blue Plaque

- Indian-origin woman **Noor Inayat Khan** who served as a **Britain's World war II spy** became the first woman to be honoured with a **memorial Blue Plaque**.

Local



TRIPURA

Lifeline Express

- The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb will inaugurate Lifeline Express Services in Sabroom Railway Station on Sep1 in presence of the health staff.
- The train Lifeline Express has reached the south most part of Tripura in Sabroom to provide its inaccessible service to rural areas that lack medical services. Initially it will provide service to the people of Sabroom subdivision especially those from the Rupaichara RD Block, Satchand RD Block and Pongabari RD Block.
- The train Lifeline Express equipped with healthcare service joint initiative impact of Indian Foundation, Indian Railways and Ministry of Health.

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