

DAILY UPDATE 1 : APPOINTMENT



Ganguly Takes Charge as JSW Sports Director of Cricket, Heads Delhi Capitals :-

Saurav Ganguly, a former Indian captain and BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) chief, took on a new post on October 17 as Jindal South West (JSW) Sports' cricket director. Ganguly, who came to Delhi Capitals as an advisor in 2019, will now supervise all of JSW Sports' cricketing properties, including the Delhi Capitals team in the IPL and WPL, as well as the Pretoria Capitals in the SAT20 League. The management of cricket operations for the Delhi Capitals' men's and women's teams in both the Indian Premier League (IPL) and the Women's Premier League (WPL) will be governed by a two-year rotational policy between their co-owners, GMR Group and JSW Group.

DAILY UPDATE 2 : AWARDS



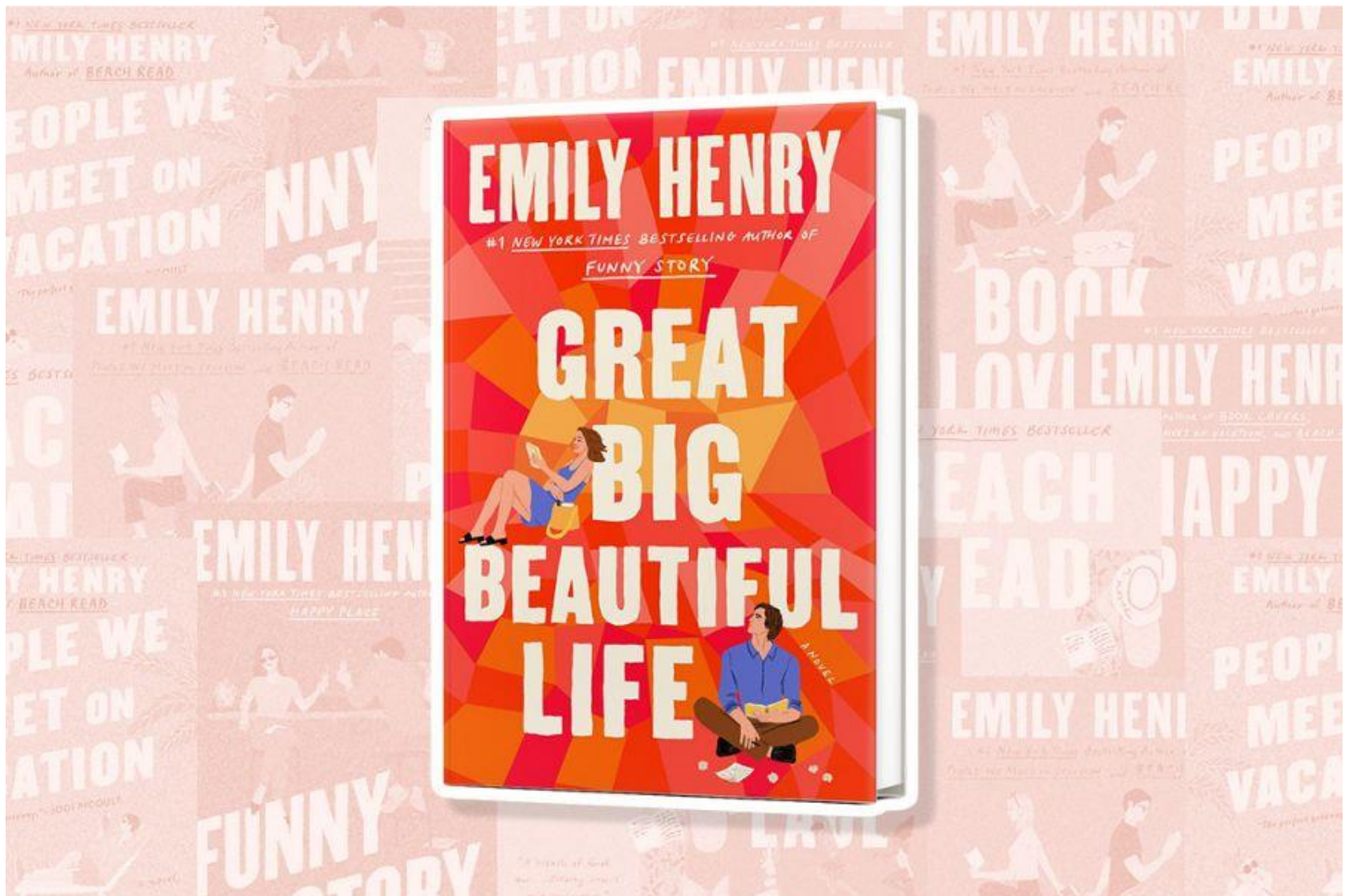
Aditi Anand's 'Marigolds' Wins Prestigious UK Award, On Display at V&A :-

An emerging artist from Karnal, Haryana, who recently graduated from a UK university, has won the Emerging Illustrator category at the famous Victoria and Albert Museum's Illustration Awards in London. Aditi Anand, 25, of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) in Cambridge, England, got the award at a recent ceremony for her artwork 'Marigolds', which will be displayed at London's world-famous Victoria and Albert (V&A) Design Museum until September 2025. Selected from over 2,000 entries that the V&A awards received, 'Marigolds', which bagged the GBP 3,000 prize, is set in India and addresses the theme of child labour and lost childhoods.



Kotak Mahindra Bank lowers savings account rate to 3% on balances under ₹5 lakh :-

Kotak Mahindra Bank has reduced the savings account interest rate for accounts below ₹5 lakh by 50 basis points, from 3.5% to 3%. The bank formerly provided two rate slabs: 3.5% for accounts under ₹50 lakh and 4% for balances exceeding ₹50 lakh. Interest rates on balances exceeding ₹5 lakh stay unchanged. Savings accounts account for around 28% of Kotak Mahindra Bank's total deposits. Earlier this month, MD and CEO Ashok Vaswani said the bank wants to be one of the top three banks in India over the next five years.



Emily Henry has officially announced her latest novel, 'Great Big Beautiful Life' :-

Emily Henry has officially revealed the release date of her latest novel, 'Great Big Beautiful Life', which will be on April 22, 2025. Henry is known for her fascinating romantic comedies, and her new book follows the narrative of two writers, Alice Scott and Hayden Anderson, who compete to write the life story of Margaret Ives, a reclusive heiress. The novel is already available for pre-order across various platforms, and its release will likely draw significant interest, considering Henry's strong following from previous works like 'Beach Read', 'Book Lovers', and 'Happy Place'.



Indo-Turkiye Friendship Association Launched in Hyderabad :-

In order to promote connections between India and Turkey, the Indo-Turkish Friendship Association (ITFA) was established in Hyderabad. The program seeks to strengthen bilateral collaboration in sectors such as the economy and trade, culture and tourism, science and technology, and education. At a media interaction, Consul General of Turkiye in Hyderabad, Orhan Yalman Okan, and ITFA Chairman Faiz Khan underscored measures the association would take up to strengthen ties between the countries.



Indian Railways Reduces Advance Reservation Period from 120 to 60 Days :-

The Indian Railways has decreased the advance reservation period (ARP) from 120 days to 60 days, providing significant assistance to travelers traveling vast distances by train. Effective November 1, the move will prevent money being blocked in rail tickets four months in advance, particularly during festival and holiday seasons. Since April 1981, this will be the 13th time the Indian Railways has changed the time window for booking ARP in long-distance trains. The circular also stated that cancellations made beyond the ARP of 60 days will be permitted.



India's First Self-Powered Indoor Air Quality Monitor Launched at Thiruvananthapuram Airport:-

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge), unveiled Pavana Chitra, India's first airport-based self-powered interior air quality monitoring equipment, at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport. The off-grid air quality monitor is fueled by homegrown indoor solar cells created by CSIR-NIIST and made from locally sourced materials. The Union Minister stated that India is currently preparing for the next industrial revolution, and measures such as the Bio E3 strategy will contribute in this effort. It is time for India to rise globally with primary emphasis given to biotechnology, space, agriculture sectors.



Vivaan Secures Silver, Naruka Takes Bronze at Shooting World Cup :-

Vivaan Kapoor won the silver medal in the men's trap event at the ISSF World Cup Final, while compatriot Anant Jeet Singh Naruka took bronze in the men's skeet tournament. With these achievements, India's medal tally at the tournament has reached four. Kapoor got 44 points in the final, trailing only China's Ying Qi, who won gold. The bronze medal went to Turkey's Tolga N Tuncer, who scored 35 points. Kapoor had advanced to the six-man finals after scoring 120 out of 125 in the qualification round.



Maharishi Valmiki's Name for All ST Schools, Raichur University: CM Siddaramaiah :-

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced that all Scheduled Tribe (ST) residential schools and Raichur University will be named after Maharishi Valmiki. He made the remark after inaugurating the Department of Backward Classes Welfare's Valmiki Jayanti ceremony in Bengaluru. "All Scheduled Tribe residential schools and University of Raichur will be named after Maharishi Valmiki. it is my wish that the name and life of Valmiki, who reached the pinnacle of achievement through perseverance, should be immortalized," Siddaramaiah said.



Sanskrit to Become Mandatory in 416 Uttarakhand Madrasas :-

The Uttarakhand Madrasa Education Board (UMEB) has produced a formal proposal for making Sanskrit a compulsory subject in 416 madrasas throughout the state. To carry out this shift, the board plans to signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the state's Sanskrit department. In addition to Sanskrit, computer courses are being considered to enrich the academic curriculum for madrasa pupils. The board introduced the NCERT syllabus in madrasas, resulting in over 95 percent success for students this year.