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NORWAY

MP nominates Donald Trump for Nobel Prize

Christian Tybring-Gjedde, Norwegian MP, has once again nominated US President Donald Trump for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize for playing a 'key role' in negotiating peace between UAE and Israel, and North Korea and South Korea.





ITALY

India proudly returns to Venice Film Festival

Chaitanya Tamhane, with his latest film, The Disciple, made India proud at the Venice Film Festival as the movie marked India's return to the festival after a long gap of nearly two decades. The film which narrates the story of classical musicians, also bagged the prestigious FIPRESCI award at the event.



CHINA

Boycott calls for Disney's remake of Mulan

Disnev's live action remake of Mulan has come under fire as public gained knowledge that some scenes were shot in China's Xinjiang, where multiple internment camps to abuse the region's Muslim population has been documented. The calls for boycott were also raised when Liu Yifei, the lead actress, showed support for Hong Kong's police brutality against protestors last year.







JAPAN

Tokyo Olympics unfazed by Coronavirus

John Coates, Vice President, International Olympic Committee, has declared that the Tokyo Olympics in July 2021 will go ahead 'with or without COVID-19' and will not be affected due to the pandemic. The event has already been postponed once as it was originally scheduled for 2020.



Spacecraft named after Kalpana Chawla

Northrop Grumman, an aerospace technology company, have named their next space station resupply ship 'SS Kalpana Chawla' to honour Dr Kalpana Chawla, the first woman of Indian descent to go to space. The spacecraft will be launched into orbit from Virginia on September 29.



Charlette N'Guessan, a 26 year old, has become the first woman to win the Royal Academy of Engineering's Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation

First woman to win Africa Prize

for BACE API, a digital verification system she created that uses AI and facial recognition to verify a person's identity. She was awarded 33,000 USD for the same.





GREECE

Fire wreaks havoc at Europe's largest refugee camp

A fire at the Moria refugee camp wreaked havoc. The place which housed more than 12,000 people was mostly burned to the ground. The camp had faced condemnation in the past for its poor living conditions and holding people more than four times its original capacity.



INDIA

Govt launches 15 challenges for startups and MSMEs

Taking a step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat and reduce India's dependence on input imports, NITI Aayog has announced 3 challenges each across 5 ministries for Indian MSMEs and startups. Each challenge will have 2 winners, eligible for a grant of upto 50 lakhs INR. The projects in advanced stages with prototypes will only be selected.



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