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## Prime Minister Modi launches ISpA

Akshara DM

**KOCHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asserted that India never had a more decisive government. He was speaking during the launch of Indian Space Association. (ISpA)

The Association will act as a single window independent agency in matters related to the space sector.

"When we speak about space reforms, our approach is dependent on four pillars - The freedom of innovation to the private sector, the government acting as an enabler, preparing youth for the future and to make sure the space sector acts as a resource for the progress of the common man," said the Prime Minister in the video conference.

This will further facilitate the participation of the private sector in the space and the technology developed in Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will be transferred to the private companies.

"we are identifying various initiatives in space technologies by startups and private enterprises to tap emerging opportunities by initiating enhanced communication via IN-SPACe and ISRO," added Narendra Modi. He further emphasized on the end to end capability in this sector.

## Twitter outrage over coal shortage in India

Ahana Bagchi

**BENGALURU:** States and cities may face power cuts due to coal shortage in the country as import costs of the fossil fuel are on the rise. Due to this, thermal power plants are at the verge of shutting down, and may result in blackouts.

In response to this, people took to Twitter to address this issue with the trending hashtag

- BlackOutInIndia. "India is about to face a huge power crisis due to acute shortage of coal. This shortage was flagged off, on time, by several State Governments. But, as usual, the Modi Government chose to issue fake assurances & refused to act...#BlackOutInIndia,"



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tweeted @shreespeaks from Bengaluru. There is outrage against

Adani Power Limited as well, as it was announced earlier this year in June that

the company would be exporting coal from Australia this year.

Twitterati linked the company to Modi's government as well and criticised both.

"India would be under huge power crisis due to shortage of coal. Along with Delhi, some other states also may face this crisis. On the other Modi's good friend Adani will start to export coal from Australia next month. Aap chronology samhijeye. #BlackOutInIndia," tweeted Dr Kalyani who is a Congress supporter.

"#BlackOutInIndia & the coal shortage is for Gautambhai's benefit. Modi is willing to plunge the entire country into darkness, just to ensure that Adani makes profits. That is truly anti-national," tweeted @geetv, another Twitter user.

## Fans grieve over Nedumudi Venu's death

Anjitha Eldho

**KERALA:** Veteran Malayalam actor Nedumudi Venu passed away at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. The 73 year old, known for his legendary acting, is considered as one of the irreplaceable actors in the Malayalam film industry.

South Indian actors and fans mourned over his demise and paid tribute to the actor.

Actor Prithviraj Sukumaran tweeted, "Farewell Venu uncle! Your body of work



Nedumudi Venu

Twitter

and your expertise over the craft will forever be research material for generations to come! Rest in peace legend!"

Antony Jess Jude a fan of the veteran actor, expressed grief over the loss. "He is an all in one kind of actor starting from theater to films.

He was also a wonderful person and a great inspiration to the coming generations."

Geo Paul, another fan from Kerala said that this is an era where anyone can be an actor or a director, but it was hard for such pioneers to begin from the scratch and develop what Malayalam film industry is today.

He played versatile roles in over 500 movies including Manichithrathazhu, Thenmavin Kombath, Vandanam, Devaasuramhe . He has also won National and State awards.

## 24-hour bandh in Maharashtra, over Lakhimpur Keri violence

Nishitha Rachel

The Maharashtra government called for a 24-hour bandh in the state today demanding the resignation of Ajay Kumar Mishra, Union Minister of State for Home, holding him responsible for the violence on farmers in UP last week.

Maharashtra Minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik, announced that the bandh is "being observed peacefully" and condemned the actions of people who pelted stones. He warned that no one should indulge in such activities. The bandh was observed expressing solidarity with the slayed farmers.

On Sunday at a joint press conference, the Maharashtra's ruling coalition, Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) consisting of Shiv Sena, Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), called for a bandh. The state government said that everything would be closed except for essential services. According to reports, Shiv Sena workers were seen in Thane, patrolling streets and stopping autos.

## France wins second Nation's League

Aamir Sohail

Goals from Kylian Mbappe and Karim Benzema helped France win the second edition of the Nation's League on Sunday. In a tough match that seemed to be going Spain's way with Mikel Oyarzabal netting in the 64th minute, France turned the game around with Benzema's goal in the 66th. After that it appeared the next goal would win it and that came in the 80th minute from Kylian Mbappe.

Spain started off more intensely than France but



Kylian Mbappe

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could not capitalize on it. They are disappointed to not have won after a strong performance. Spain coach Luis Enrique said, "The important thing is that the team maintains its

personality and will to win." France will be relieved to win the trophy after a bad run in the Euros in which they bowed out after the first knockout round to Switzerland.

## Single teacher schools in TN rural parts raises concern

Iswarya Lakshmi

**TAMIL NADU:** Despite Tamil Nadu allocating Rs. 32,599 crore for education, 87% of single teacher schools in the state are from the rural side.

This data was published in the report released by UNESCO under the title "No Teacher, No class- State of the Education Report for India 2021".

S.Suresh Kumar, a government school teacher from Kadyampatti, a village from Salem said that the government school teachers

earn quite a lot. Therefore, the government do not have funds to employ more teachers.

He further added that the situation can be changed only if the teachers agree to sacrifice a bit. Otherwise the quality of the education will obviously be reduced.

"The school where I work, the teacher ratio is actually more. So the government can very well transfer some of these teachers to the rural areas where teachers are needed," said R.Deepa Shree, another government school teacher from Salem.