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PM MODI TO LAUNCH CHEETAH REINTRODUCTION PROGRAMME

Cheetahs all set to roam IN INDIAN JUNGLES



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the cheetah reintroduction programme at the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh on September 17, chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Tuesday. The cheetahs arriving from South Africa will be released in the national park in Sheopur district the same day, he said. Madhya Pradesh has a good

translocation record, as tigers were successfully reintroduced in Panna in 2009.

■ FOR THE RECORD: Namibia in south-west Africa has one of the world's biggest cheetah populations. The country is sending eight of its wild cats to India to kickstart a five-year restoration programme

■ The last cheetah died in the country in 1947 in the Korea district in present-day Chhattisgarh, which was earlier part of Madhya Pradesh, and the species was declared extinct in 1952

■ The 'African Cheetah Introduction Project in India'

was conceived in 2009 and a plan to introduce the big cat by November last year in KNP suffered a setback due to the Covid-19 pandemic

■ The KNP has a good prey base for cheetahs. Experts from the Wildlife Institute of India have also seconded the area

WILD BISON RETURN TO THE UK

In the United Kingdom, wild European bison have been released into a forest in Kent in south-east England to help manage the woodland. Kent Wildlife Trust, which runs the project, says the natural behaviour of bison - like grazing, eating bark, felling trees and dust bathing - can restore the biodiversity of a landscape by helping other species to thrive. They are the first wild bison in Britain for thousands of years.



nature's balance by rapidly cleaning up and recycling the bodies of dead animals. But they have mostly disappeared from Europe over the past 200 years because of lack of food, habitat loss, persecution and poisoning. Vulture populations are now slowly increasing, because of reintroduction programmes and species protection. It is increasing in Bulgaria and Portugal, and the bird is also being introduced into Croatia.

VULTURES ARE BACK IN EUROPE

Vultures are "critical" maintainers of

of hunting and habitat loss. The lynx has now been successfully reintroduced to Switzerland, Slovenia, Croatia, France, Italy, Germany and Austria.

'RAT KANGAROOS' RETURN TO AUSTRALIA

In Australia, an endangered mammal called the brush-tailed bettong, or woylie, has been reintroduced after disappearing more than 100 years ago. Also known as 'rat kangaroos,' bettongs are about the size of a rabbit and move around with a springy hop. The animals used to be found in more than 60% of Australia, but were "almost wiped out when cats and foxes were introduced by Europeans. Twelve male and 28 female woylies have now been reintroduced to

mainland South Australia. The animals are important earth engineers. By dispersing seeds and nutrients while digging up tons of soil every year, they improve habitats for other species.

CHINA'S WILD HORSES BACK FROM THE BRINK

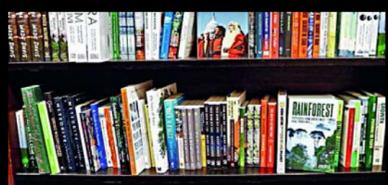
An endangered wild horse species called Przewalski's horse is said to be the world's only truly wild horse. The horses, once found throughout Europe and Asia, can now only be found in reintroduction sites in Mongolia, China and Kazakhstan. China began reintroducing Przewalski's horses from the UK, US and Germany in 1985, and has since bred more than 800 wild horses across six generations. (Source: WEF)

Endangered species that are being reintroduced around the world

Booker Prize unveils 2022 shortlist, including oldest finalist ever

Britain's Booker Prize for fiction unveiled its final contenders for this year's award on Tuesday, featuring the oldest author and the shortest book ever to make the prestigious six-strong literary shortlist. Octogenarian Englishman Alan Garner, who will turn 88 when the winner is announced on October 17, was shortlisted for 'Treacle Walker'.

The shortlist, whittled down from a longlist of 13 announced in July, saw an equal split of men and women battling for the prize, which can provide a career-changing boost in sales and public profile



■ Zimbabwean novelist NoViolet Bulawayo made it for the second time, for 'Glory', while Sri Lanka's Shehan Karunatilaka was the only other writer not from the British Isles or United States, for 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida'.
■ American Percival Everett was included for 'Trees', earning independent publisher Influx Press its first

Booker shortlist place
■ Fellow US writer Elizabeth Strout featured for 'Oh William!' while Irish author Claire Keegan's 'Small Things Like These' completed the shortlist
■ At 116 pages, Keegan's is the shortest finalist by the number of pages in the Booker prize's 53-year history

SEAT BELT BEEP SYSTEM FOR REAR SEATS TO BE INTRODUCED: GADKARI

In the aftermath of Cyrus Mistry's death, Union minister for road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday announced that the Centre will now make it mandatory for all travellers in a car to wear a seat belt (front and rear). He added that a penalty has already been decided for defaulters. The fine would be incurred regardless of whether the person is sitting in the front or rear seat. Further, the government is also looking at bringing in seat belt alarms for rear seats as well. It would be made compulsory for the automakers. While the minister did not specify the quantum of fine on defaulters, he said, seat belts, just like the installation of airbags for all passengers, would be mandatory for all categories of cars.

FOR THE RECORD
At least 90 per cent of the vehicles running on Indian roads do not come with six airbags, and this key feature is just limited to high-end vehicles

I'm going to be OK, but need time to rest: Justin Bieber scraps 'Justice' world tour due to Ramsay Hunt Syndrome

Justin Bieber said on Tuesday that he is once again taking a break from touring, months after revealing he had been diagnosed with a syndrome that caused him partial facial paralysis. Bieber recently went back on the road, performing six live shows in Europe as well as the Rock in Rio festival in Brazil this weekend. The superstar did not give an estimated timeline of recovery or indicate whether the 'Justice' tour would ever resume.

■ In June, the 28-year-old megastar had pushed back the North American leg of his 'Justice' tour due to Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, a complication of shingles.
■ Ramsay Hunt Syndrome is a rare neurological disorder that can inflame and paralyse the facial nerve, and cause a painful rash around the ear or mouth. In addition to facial paralysis, it can cause hearing loss



US Open 2022: As Serena Williams leaves, Rafael Nadal loses and Roger Federer absent, IS THE ERA OVER?

Serena Williams played what's expected to be her last match at the US Open. Rafael Nadal lost in the fourth round. Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer weren't even in the tournament. Those four players dominated, and were the main draws, in tennis for decades, collecting a total of 86 Grand Slam singles titles, each with at least 20. And so, as the quarterfinals began at Flushing Meadows on Tuesday without any member of that quartet present, it made sense to ask: Is this the end of an era?

1 This US Open, whether merely symbolic or truly portentous, offers a glimpse at the current and future states of the game. Of the 16 singles quarterfinalists across the women's and men's brackets, 15 never have won so much as one major championship anywhere (the exception is Iga Swiatek, a 21-year-old from Poland, who is No 1 on the WTA Tour and owns two French Open titles)
2 According to the US Tennis Association, this is the first time in the professional era, which dates to 1968, that its Grand Slam event

3 Federer, 41, hasn't played since Wimbledon in July 2021 and had a series of operations on his right knee. He is slated to return at an event in Switzerland in October, and says he hopes to play at the All England Club in 2023, but not much is known beyond that about what he has left
4 There is no reason to think Djokovic, 35, will not remain a Slam contender for some time - when he can get into the country hosting the tournament. He did not get vaccinated against Covid-19 so he was kicked out of Australia in January and barred from entering the US too

The 36-year-old Nadal sounded a philosophical note about the topic after he was bounced by 24-year-old American Frances Tiafoe. "Some depart, others come and the world keeps going. It's a natural cycle," said Nadal, who noted that his wife is pregnant with their first child and so he isn't sure when he will play next.

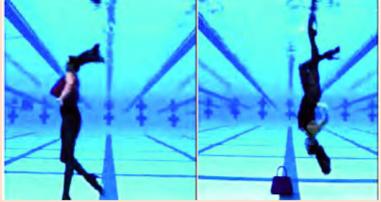


6 Before this generation, we lost another great generation. Obviously, there will not be a Rafa or a Roger or a Serena. We know that. There are always ups and downs. But there were great champions in the past and there will be again. I'm not worried. It's part of sports. It's part of life. Great champions leave and others arrive. You have to give young players the time to get to the top of the game and get mature and everything. The fans have to be ready for a new generation, as well
Caroline Garcia, Tennis player

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NY WOMAN'S UPSIDE-DOWN CATWALK IN SWIMMING POOL WINS INTERNET



New York, USA: Doing a catwalk can be hard for many as it requires practice and the right body movement. But not many would think of cat-walking in water, and that too upside down. A woman just played it and has won the internet with her upside-down catwalk in a swimming pool. The clip shared on Instagram by user *kristimakusha* shows the woman, wearing heels, walking upside down in the pool. AGENCIES

UK RESTAURATEUR SHARES THAT HIS CUSTOMER NAMES HER BABY 'PAKORA'



London, UK: A restaurant owner in the United Kingdom has sparked a bit of laughter with a social media post about a baby named after her mother's "favourite" Indian dish 'Pakora'. Sharing the photo of the newborn, the restaurant owner said, "Now that IS a first !...welcome to the world Pakora! We can't wait to meet you". However, the restaurant later shared a clarification on FB, with owner Hilary Braniff saying that she made up the story to "bring a little cheer to our industry", Belfast Live reported.

WEIRD NEWS OF THE WEEK

UKRAINE DISPATCHES ITS BIGGEST GRAIN CONVOY OF UN DEAL SO FAR

Kyiv, Ukraine: Ukraine said it had dispatched its biggest convoy of grain vessels under a UN-brokered deal so far after 13 ships set sail from its ports on September 3 carrying 282,500 tonnes of agricultural products to foreign markets. The cargo bound for eight countries was loaded at the Black Sea ports of Odesa, Chornomorsk and Pivdennyi. REUTERS



UKRAINE'S ZELENSKY JOINS CELEBS WITH ONE-WORD TREND: 'FREEDOM'

Kyiv, Ukraine: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, on September 2, shared a post on Twitter containing just one word - "Freedom", becoming the latest figure to join the trend. In the context of the recent Russia-Ukraine war, "Freedom" signifies what the fight is all about for the Ukrainians. AGENCIES



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky

The tweet has gained massive traction on the social media platform. It has been liked 168K times and retweeted 16.8k times.



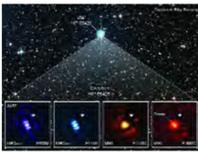
MOHAMMAD RIZWAN SHINES IN ASIA CUP

A key partnership between Mohammad Rizwan and Mohammad Nawaz set up a thrilling five-wicket win for Pakistan in their opening Super Four game against India in the Asia Cup on September 4. AGENCIES

SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK

WEBB TELESCOPE CAPTURES FIRST DIRECT IMAGE OF EXOPLANET

Florida, USA: The James Webb space telescope has taken its first image of an exoplanet - a planet outside our solar system - as astronomers hail the device's performance since its launch last year. Images from the most powerful space telescope ever built have thrilled observers in recent months as it orbits the Sun a million miles from Earth. AFP



- Exoplanet HIP 65426b is six to 12 times the mass of Jupiter.
- The HIP 65426 b exoplanet is six to 12 times the mass of Jupiter and young - about 15 to 20 million years old, compared to the 4.5-billion-year-old Earth.

IT'S RAINING DIAMONDS ACROSS THE UNIVERSE, RESEARCH SUGGESTS

Berlin, Germany: It could be raining diamonds on planets throughout the universe, scientists from Germany's HZDR research lab suggested on September 2, after using common plastic to recreate the strange precipitation believed to form deep inside Uranus and Neptune. AFP



FIVE INDIAN FILMS TO PREMIERE AT TORONTO FESTIVAL

Toronto, Canada: As the 2022 edition of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) returns with screenings in theatres, Indian movies will make their presence felt with as many as five scheduled to have their premieres. AGENCIES



- Director Nandita Das' *Zwigato*.
- Also on the slate is National Award-winning director Rima Das' *Tora's Husband*.
- Director Vinay Shukla will bring his documentary *While We Watched* to the festival this year.
- Debut feature *Kacchey Limbu*, from director Shubham Yogi.
- Legendary director Satyajit Ray's last feature, *Agantuk*, made in 1991, will also be presented at the festival, with the world premiere of a high-quality digital restoration courtesy the NFDC and NFAL.

CHILE DRAFTS A PLURALISTIC FUTURE

Santiago, Chile: Chile's plebiscite on September 4 aims to bury the Pinochet Constitution in favour of one that is plurilingual, which guarantees dignity and equal rights for all. AGENCIES



Chile's Constitutional Assembly presents proposal for new constitution to Chilean president

WHAT IS PLEBISCITE? Plebiscite is a vote by people of the entire country to decide on some issue, such as choice of a ruler or government, option for independence or annexation by another power, or a question of national policy.



INS VIKRANT OFFERS REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Cochin, India: Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned India's first home-built aircraft carrier on September 2, underlining his government's efforts to boost domestic production to supply a military deployed on two contentious borders. REUTERS



PM Modi near INS Vikrant in Cochin

- The ship, which costs ₹20,000 crore, has a 262-metre long and 62.4-metre broad flight deck.
- MIG-29K, will operate from INS Vikrant in anti-air, anti-surface, and land attack roles.

LIST OF COOLEST STREETS FEATURES COLABA CAUSEWAY, MUMBAI

Mumbai, India: The list of coolest streets in the world is out, and we can't keep calm as it includes Mumbai's Colaba Causeway! The Time Out magazine's survey ranked Montreal's Rue Wellington on top spot and in second place, Melbourne's Gertrude Street. Mumbai's Colaba Causeway grabbed the 32nd spot! AGENCIES



Colaba Causeway

MOMENT OF PRIDE

JAPAN'S DIGITAL MINISTER ASKS GOVT TO STOP USING FLOPPY DISKS

Tokyo, Japan: Japan's minister of digital affairs, Taro Kono, revealed the results of a review by Japan's Digital Agency, which found that there are roughly 1,900 ordinances that require the submission of applications or storing of data to be on some sort of physical storage medium. He has asked the govt to stop using floppy disks. AGENCIES



TWIN TOWER DEMOLITION



The Supertech Twin Towers collapse following a controlled demolition after the Supreme Court found them in violation of building norms, in Noida on August 28

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

1. Which film has won the "Best Film" in the critics awards category at the 67th Filmfare Awards 2022?

- A. Shershaah
- B. 83
- C. Sardar Udham
- D. Mimi



HOW WELL DO YOU READ THE TIMES OF INDIA STUDENT EDITION, LET'S FIND OUT:

NAME THE INDIAN TEENAGER WHO RAISED ₹5 LAKHS IN 3 WEEKS AND BUILT SHIPPING CONTAINER HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS

- A. Aarav Gandhi (17)
- B. Pranav Gandhi (17)
- C. Pankaj Gandhi (13)
- D. Pranesh Mehta (18)



Ans: A. Aarav Gandhi

2. The 50th All Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 kicked off in which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Manipur
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Tripura

3. As per NCRB Report, which city has been announced as the safest city in India in 2021?

- A. Bangalore
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Kolkata

ANSWERS

- 1. C. Sardar Udham
- 2. B. Manipur
- 3. D. Kolkata