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### NATIONAL NEWS

**UNESCO provides the world heritage site status for pink city.**

- **Jaipur** received the world heritage site status from UNESCO in a gala function held at **Alber hall museum**.
- Rajasthan tourism minister and urban development & housing minister received the certificate from UNESCO director general.
- UNESCO had already declared Jaipur's walled city, unique for its grid-plan based architecture and buildings constructed with a pink facade as a world heritage site last year.
- Rajasthan tourism minister: **Vishwendra Singh**
- Urban development and housing minister: **Shanti Dhariwal**
- UNESCO director general: **Audrey Azoulay**

**Matla abhiyaan - coastal security exercise conducted by Indian navy**

- To spread awareness on coastal security, the Indian navy has conducted a coastal security exercise in Kolkata, West Bengal called "**MALTA ABHIYAAN**".
- In this 5-day exercise conducted from **29<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, two boats were flagged off to move along **the river Malta** in the **Sundarbans region**.

**India and south Korea defence talks**

- Ministerial level defence talks were held between Indian defence minister and minister of national defence of south Korea in New Delhi
- The talks were aimed at **deepening of bilateral defence cooperation between the countries**.
- The ministers exchanged the Road map on Defence Industries cooperation which includes a list of possible areas of cooperation.
- Defence minister of India: **Rajnath Singh**
- Minister of national defence south Korea: **Jeong Kyeong-doo**

**India art fair 2020**

- The **12<sup>th</sup> edition** of India art fair 2020 was held at **NSIC grounds, New Delhi**.
- The four-day event was started **from January 30<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> February** featuring 81 exhibitors all over the world including PHOTOINK, Vadehra Art Gallery, GALLERY SKE, David Zwirner,

Gallery Tableau, and Aicon Contemporary.

### **Trust formed for ram temple construction**

- The cabinet had approved a scheme for the construction of a grand ram temple in Ayodhya by setting up an autonomous trust announced by PM Narendra Modi in parliament.
- **'Shri Ram Janma Bhoomi Tirtha Kshetra'** - the name of the trust formed.
- The trust will constitute **15 members** including a member from Dalit community.
- The trust will be headed by former attorney general **K. Parasaran**.

### **Cabinet approves new major port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra**

- The union cabinet approves the country's **13<sup>th</sup> major port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra**.
- The Total cost of the project is calculative to be **₹65,544.54 crores**.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)** is the lead partner with equity participation almost equal to 50% in implementing the project.
- JNPT is the largest in India and also ranked 28th in the world and has a traffic of 5.1 million TEUs (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units).

### **Economic affairs**

#### **Direct tax Vivad Se Vishwas bill tabled in parliament.**

- Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has tabled the bill to resolve disputed income tax cases in Lok Sabha.
- The bill aims to settle **₹9.32 lakh crore** in cases.
- Under this scheme, taxpayers whose tax demands are locked in dispute can pay due taxes by march 31,2020 and get complete remission of interest and penalty.

### **Cooperative banks to come under RBI**

- The union cabinet has approved the amendments to the banking regulation act to bring 1540 cooperative banks under the regulation of reserve bank of India(RBI).
- This step is mainly **to strengthen the financial stability of cooperative banks and to increase the public confidence in the banking system**.
- The move comes with the wake of the Punjab & Maharashtra cooperative bank(PMC) crisis.

### **Auto expo 2020**

- India's flagship motor show auto expo 2020 started on 5<sup>th</sup> February, where electrical vehicles, concept cars and the new model SUVs from the major manufacturers were displayed.
- Green mobility, electric cars has become the main option n this 2020 edition of biennial India

auto expo.

### **IOC signs term contract with Rosneft for crude supply**

- Indian oil corporation (IOC) signed a term contract with Rosneft for the supply of 2 million tonnes per annum of Urals grade crude oil to India.
- Union petroleum and natural gas and steel minister: Dharmendra Pradhan.
- CEO Rosneft: Igor Sechin

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **Virat Kohli remains India's most valuable celebrity**

- Virat Kohli has remained in the top position of being the most valuable celebrity brand in **the Duff & Phelps' celebrity brand valuation report** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.
- He is followed by the Bollywood star Akshay Kumar in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone in the third position of the list.
- **Deepika Padukone** has also retained her **most valuable female celebrity status** for the second consecutive year.

#### **Rakhi Halder won gold at senior women's national weightlifting championship**

- In the 35<sup>th</sup> **edition of Senior Women's National Weightlifting** Championships Rakhi Halder of West Bengal won gold in **the 64kg category**.
- She has won bronze medal for lifting 218 kg at the Qatar International Cup last year.
- In men's category, **Sambo Lapung** won the gold medal in **the 89kg category** in national lifting championships at **the Khudiram Anusilan Kendra**. He scripted a new national record of lifting 188kg.



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