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NATIONAL NEWS

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- The Coal Ministry will establish 'Sustainable Development Cell' (SDC) for promoting sustainable coal mining in the country and address environmental concerns at closure of mines.
- The SDC envisages addressing environment mitigation measures in a systemic manner and providing a better environment to people working and residing in the vicinity of mines.

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- The 37th National Symposium of Heads of Police Training Institutions is being held at BPR&D Headquarters, New Delhi. The two-day symposium is held from 12-13 December 2019. The symposium is organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The theme of the two-day Symposium is Optimal Utilization of Resources – Through Sharing and Networking.
- Around 200 Heads of the Training Institutions of the States, Union Territories (UTs), Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Central Police organizations (CPOs) are participating in the symposium.

Amazon Audible Suno

- Technology giant Amazon’s audio book company Audible has launched a new app in India called Audible Suno featuring original audio series, in a bid to expand its reach in India's highly competitive digital entertainment and streaming space.
- This new platform will feature hundreds of hours of Audible’s original audio series across a plethora of genres, helmed by entertainers such as Amitabh Bachchan, Anurag Kashyap, Nawaazuddin Siddiqui, Tabu, Neena Gupta and Vir Das.

AP’s first virtual police station to come up at Andhra University

- Students of the Andhra University will be able to report violence or any other crime online as a virtual police station (VPS), the first in the State, is all set to be established in the varsity in a week’s time.
- That a police team will reach a spot no later than five minutes after a distress call was received through the Dial 100 service.

RELATED TO PERSON

Toni-Ann Singh of Jamaica crowned Miss World, Suman Rao second runner up

- Jamaica's Toni-Ann Singh has bagged the Miss World 2019 at an annual beauty pageant held, with India's Suman Rao becoming second runners-up.
- The 23-year-old Jamaican was declared the winner at a televised event, hosted by British television personality Piers Morgan, held at Excel London.

Rohit Sharma named La Liga's brand ambassador in India

- La Liga, the top football league in Spain, has a long-standing ambition to grow the sport in India and now it has named Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma, one of the top batsmen in the world, to be its brand ambassador in the country.
- It makes Sharma the first ever non-footballer brand ambassador to be appointed by La Liga globally and he will be the face of the league in India.

OBITUARY

Veteran Telugu actor and writer Gollapudi Maruti Rao passes away at the age of 80

- Telugu actor, writer and theatre icon Gollapudi Maruti Rao passed away in Chennai, at the age of 80.

SPORTS

FIH unveils new world ranking system for 2020

- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) unveiled a new world ranking system for 2020 in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- It will come into effect from the first of next month. For a better reflection of current performances, the new ranking will be match-based instead of tournament-based calculation.
- The new world ranking system has been launched after 12 months of painstaking research, analysis and testing.
- It cited numerous restrictions of the tournament-based system for the change.
- The world body governing hockey also said that the new model removes much of the subjectivity surrounding continental weighing by creating a system which is fair to all.

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