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NATIONAL

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs releases annual cleanliness ranking

- **Chhattisgarh** has been awarded with **Swach Survekshan Award 2021** for the third consecutive time to receive honour for the **cleanest state** from the **President Ram Nath Kovind** in the category of state with more than **100 urban local bodies.**
- **Indore** topped the ranking for the **fifth consecutive time** to become the **cleanest city** in India followed by **Surat** in the second and **Vijaywada** to the third, in the category of city with more than **1 lakh population**.
- Three cities from **Maharashtra Vita, Lonavala** and **Sasvad** won the top three places in the population **less** than **1lakh category.**
- **Karnataka** was capped as the **Faster Mover States with more than 100 urban local bodies, Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh** topped as the **Faster Mover City in the 'more than 1 lakh population'** category securing a position in the top 100 cities.
- **Mizoram** topped the list in **Faster mover states with less than 100 urban local bodies, Varanasi** bagged the **Cleanest ganga town.**
- I**ndore, Surat, Navi Mumbai, New Delhi municipal council and Tirupati** were categorized as **Divya(Platinum)** under the newly added performance category introduced in Swachh Survekshan 2021.
- **Indore, Navi Mumbai, Nellore and Dewas emerged as the top performing cities, Chattisghargh and Chandigarh won the best performing State and Union Territory** under the **Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge** which was launched by the **Ministrty of Housing and Urban Affairs** last year.
- **Indore, Surat, New Delhi Municipal Council, Navi Mumbai, Ambikapur, Mysuru, Noida, Vijayawada and Patan**- have been certified as **5 star** cities while 1**43 cities** have been certified as **3 star** under the Star rating Protocol of the **SBM-U 2.0** to reach the vison of **Garbage free India.**

INS Vishakapatnam commissioned and joins the Indian Navy

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has inducted the **stealth guided missile destroyer ship INS Vishakapatnam** of **project 15-b** to propel for the Indian Navy.
- INS Vishakapatnam is being devolped by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai**, Out of the total **41** ships ordered **38** have been developed in India, as an initiative under Make in India.
- **Additional Fact**-INS Vishakapatnam is the first stealth guided missile destroyer under project 15b,propelled by **four dt-59 reversiblle gas turbines and two Zorya M36E gas turbine**s.
- It is 1**63 metre long** with a displacement of **7400 tones** capable to propel at **56 kmph** speed, It can also hold a crew of **300 people.**
- The ship is equipped with **BrahMos surface to surface missile** and **Barak-8 surface to air missile**, It is also packed with hi tech stealth feautres with a reduced **Radar cross Section.**
- It also carries two **HAL dhruv** developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

Employees Provident Fund Organization add powers to Finance Investment and Audit committee(FIAC).

- **The Central Board of Trustees (CBT)** of the **Employees Provident Fund Organization** has decided to empower the **Finance and Audit Committee** in a meeting.
- It was chaired by **Minister of Labour and Employment Bhupendra Yadav**, The CBT has empowered the FIAC to make decisions on investment options on a case to case basis.
- This move to empower the committee would result in faster decision making and reduces the tough process of CBT meeting to decide on Investments.
- It also approved to establish **four sub committees**, **two committees** to work on **Social Security Code**, remaining **two committees** to focus on **Digital capacity building**, and also to deal with **pension related issues**.
- The meeting also decided to develop a **centralised IT enabled systems** by the **Centre for Devlopment of Advanced Computing.**

Madhya Pradesh sets a tax plan for cow welfare

- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivaraj Singh Chouhan** has planned to launch a tax plan for **Cow welfare(gau Kalyan)** during the review meeting of **Madhya Pradesh Gaupalan and Livestock Promotion board.**

- He instructed the board to develop **2,200** cow shelters, **6** training centres, and Set up **Gauvansh Van Vihar in Jabalpur**, He also instructed to restart 8 Gau sadans which were shut.
- A new tax plan will be prepared to raise the funds for cow fodder and also to promote **cow products and cow phenyl**.

Report released on life expectancy

- **'Healthcare equity in urban India'** report, that explores health vulnerablities and inequalities of the various cities of India was released by **Azim Premji University** with **17 regional Non Governmental Organization.**
- The report revealed that the life expectancy among the poorest has been lowered, It was lowered by **9.1 years and 6.2 years** among men and women respectively compared with richest.
- The report revealed that a third of India's people now live in urban areas, with this segment seeing rapid growth from about **18% (1960) to 28.53% (2001) to 34% (in 2019).**
- Aanalysis of the **National Family and Health Surveys (NHFS)**, **the Census of India, and inputs from State-level health officials on the provision of health care** are also included in report.
- The report, besides finding disproportionate disease burden on the poor, also pointed to a chaotic urban health governance.

Economy and Finance

Reserve Bank of India identifies illegal loan apps

- **Working group on digital lending** of the **Reserve Bank of India** has found more than **600** illegal loan apps operating in India which is availble on app stores for the Android users.
- The group revealed that the **Sachet portal**, developed to register complaints on digital lending established by **Reserve bank** under the **state level coordination committee** saw a rapid increase in the number of complaints received against digital lending apps.
- Most of the complaints received against lending apps are not regulated by RBI.

Two Proposals of GIFT city granted

- Two proposals of worth **Rs 469 crore** of I**nternational Financial Services Centres**

Authority(IFSCA) was approved by the Central **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**.

- A clearance for **supervisory infrastructure fund for IT** worth of **Rs 269.05 crore** and **200 Crore** for **headquarter building** was given.
- **Additional fact-Gujarat International Fin Tec(GIFT)** city is the **India's first** operational **Greenfield smart city and international financial services center** under construction in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- Initially it was planned by East China Architectural Design & Research Institute (ECADI), The GIFT City's plan is for 359 hectares (886 acres) of land to have approximately 1**10 buildings with 5,800,000 m^2 of built-up area**, of which around **67%** is commercial, **22%** is residential and **11%** is social facilities. As of April 2021, **190,000 m^2** of commercial space is operational and another **280,000 m^2** is under development.

SPORTS

Lewis Hamilton won the inaugural Qatar Grand prix

- **Lewis Hamilton(Mercedes)**won pushing **Max Verstappen(Red Bull)** to the second in the inaugural **Qatar Grand Prix,**This win has made Hamilton reach second in the table of 2021 driver standings.
- Lewis Hamilton has become the **first F1 racer** to win at 30 different circuits in Formula 1

Tamil Nadu wins against Karnataka

- Tamil Nadu defeated Karnataka in the finals of Syed Mushtaq ali trophy held at Feroshah Kotla .

MISCELLANEOUS

Nov 21st is Observed as **World Fisheries day**.

Nov 22nd is Observed as **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.**

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