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NATIONAL NEWS

Fifth Edition of National Conference on Economics of Competition Law.

- The Fifth National Conference on Economics of Competition Law has been organised by The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** was held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister **Dr. Bibek Debroy** has inaugurated and addressed the conference.
- FACT: Chairman of CCI – **Ashok Kumar Gupta**.

India approved as the Observer to Indian Ocean Commission.

- India has been approved as one of the observer in the 5 nation grouping in the Western Indian Ocean. The five nations are namely **Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles, Mauritius and French Reunion.**
- The decision was made during the member meeting of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).
- The IOC is an intergovernmental organisation composed of **five African Indian Ocean nations** formed to enhance security ties among the countries.

Ministry of Home Affairs approves Automated Facial Recognition System(AFRS).

- The Union Ministry of Human Affairs has approved the proposal of **National Crime Records Bureau(NCRB)** for the authorisation to use Automated Facial Recognition System (AFRS).
- The AFRS is used for the identification of criminals, unclaimed dead bodies and missing persons.
- FACT: Union Minister of Home Affairs – **Amit shah**.

Google plans to Launch Delhi Cloud Region.

Google announced its plan to open a Delhi Cloud Region which is going to be the company's 2nd cloud region in India.

The Delhi cloud Region is projected to be launched by **2021** which will have three zones to protect against service disruptions.

The First cloud region was launched in **Mumbai** in **2017.**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

QS World University Ranking 2020.

- QS World University Rankings is an annual publication of university rankings by **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** has now released its ranking by subject for the year 2020.
- In the top 100 university lists **26 Indian Higher Education Institutes** has taken a spot into it.
- **IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi** has ranked **44th and 47th** position in the category of Engineering and Technology (E&T).
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, US** ranked at top position in the list of E&T category.

Pritzker Architecture prize 2020.

- **Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara** were conferred with the Pritzker Architecture prize for the year 2020.
- Pritzker Architecture Prize is an annual award sponsored by **Hyatt foundation** is regarded as the profession's highest award.
- The Pritzker Architecture Prize is founded by **Jay A. Pritzker & his wife Cindy** and the award consists of **$100,000 (US)** & **a bronze medallion**.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

NCLT approves Cochin Shipyard's Tebma Plan.

- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved **₹65 crore resolution plan** submitted by **Cochin Shipyard Limited for Tebma Shipyards Limited**.
- Temba's Lenders include banks like SBI, Andhra Bank, ICICI Bank, IDBI Bank, Punjab National Bank and Syndicate Bank with a total debt of **₹602.39crore**.
- According to the resolution the banks will get **9.7%** of the admitted debt.
- The National Company Law Tribunal is a quasi-judicial body in India that adjudicates issues relating to Indian companies established in 2016, **headquartered at New Delhi**.

Sebi Launches "sebi SCORES" a new Mobile Application.

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (sebi)** has launched a new mobile application for the benefit of the investors in Lodging grievances.
- The App named as **"sebi SCORES"** is designed with the view of supporting the investors in lodging their grievances in Sebi Complaints Redress System.
- FACT: Sebi Chairman - **Ajay Tyagi.**

Zomato has Bought Uber eats India for $ 206 million.

- The Food Delivery Giant firm Zomato has acquired Uber eats India business for **$206 million.**
- In January 2019, Zomato has acquired Uber's food delivery business in India, Uber Eats in an all-stocks deal for **a 9.99 %** stake in Zomato.
- FACT: Zomato CEO - **Deepinder Goyal**.

  Headquarters of Zomato - **Gurugram, Haryana**.

  Uber CEO - **Dara Khosrowshahi**.

  Uber Headquarters - **San Francisco, U.S.**

RBI Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan resigns.

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy Governor Mr. N S Vishwanathan has resigned from his position 3 months prior to his retirement.
- He was appointed as the deputy governor in 2016 replacing **H R Khan.**
- FACT: There are 4 deputy governors in RBI namely B**. P. Kanungo, N. S. Vishwanathan, Mahesh Kumar Jain, and Michael Patra** and their tenure is 3 years.
- RBI Governor - **Shaktikanta Das.**

SPORTS NEWS

The 1st edition of Khelo India Winter Games begins at Gulmarg.

- The first ever Khelo India Winter Games has started at **Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir**, inaugurated by the Union Minister for sports.
- The 5-day event is Organised by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in association with the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- FACT: Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports – **Kiren Rijiju.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Fourth Global Ayurveda Festival is to be held at Kochi.

- The 4th edition of Global Ayurveda Festival is going to be held at Kochi, Kerala from May16th to 20th.
- The 5-day event is organised by the Ministry of AYUSH with the theme as **"Ayurveda Medical Tourism: Actualizing India's credibility".**
- FACT: Union Minister for AYUSH - **Shripad Naik**.

Namaste Orchha Festival kick starts in Madhya Pradesh.

- A **3-day festival called Namaste Orchha** begins here in Madhya Pradesh at Orchha.
- The festival is being celebrated to create new oppurtunities and initiatives in enriching the state and its cultural and architectural heritage.

- Orchha city is a famous tourist destination and its well-known for the **Ramaraja Temple** situated there.
- FACT: Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh – **Kamal Nath**.

  Governor of Madhya Pradesh – **Lalji Tandon**.

  Tourism Minister of Madhya Pradesh - **Surendra Singh Baghel**.