India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue

SUMMIT/CONFERENCE

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5th Round of India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held in Tokyo on 24 December 2019. Indian delegation was led by Shri Indra Mani Pandey, Additional Secretary (Disarmament and International Security Affairs), Ministry of External Affairs, while Japanese delegation was led by Ambassador Yamanaka A Osamu, Deputy Assistant Minister, and Deputy Director-General in Foreign Policy Bureau. The two sides exchanged views on various topics of mutual interest in maritime domain and identified the means for further strengthening their maritime cooperation.

Both sides reiterated the importance of the Dialogue as an important mechanism between the two countries for consultations on issues of mutual interest in maritime affairs and agreed to hold the next round of the Dialogue on a mutually convenient date in India.

BANKING

Allahabad Bank, IOB, UCO to get ₹8,655 crore for preferential allotment

The government has approved releasing ₹8,655 crore to three public sector lenders - Allahabad Bank, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) and UCO Bank -- for preferential allotment of shares.

The Ministry of Finance has approved infusing fresh capital amounting to ₹2,153 crore in Allahabad Bank, ₹2,142 crore in UCO Bank and ₹4,630 crore in IOB via for preferential allotment of shares.

AWARD

AAO bestows Life Achievement honour to Dr Santosh G Honavar

Dr Santosh G Honavar, India's ophthalmologist is conferred with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) highest award Life Achievement honour that is given to its members. He is the first Indian chosen for the honour. American Academy of Ophthalmology is the world's largest association of eye specialists.

OBITUARY

Allee Willis, songwriter behind "Friends" theme, has died at 72

Allee Willis, a songwriter whose work included the Broadway musical "The Colour Purple" as well as the theme song from the TV show "Friends" and "September," has died. She was 72.