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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Riek Machar as First VP of South Sudan.

- **Rebel leader Riek Machar**, has affirmed as the first vice president of South Sudan.
- He has become the Vice President for the transition government which will serve for a period of 36 months.

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- The WHO and UNICEF along with Lancet has convened a commission to study about the health and future of every child and adolescents worldwide.
- The commission included 40 more experts in child and adolescent health all over the world.
- The report shows that children of **Norway, Korea and the Netherlands** has got the best survival in their countries, while **Central African Republic, Somalia, Niger, Chad and Mali** providing the worst space for children future.
- India secures the **77th position** in the **sustainability Index** among the 108 countries that has been assessed and is at **131st rank** in the assessment of the best chance at survival and well-being of children.

NATONAL NEWS

"Ore Beneficiation Plant" was instigated in Rajhara.

- **Union Minister for Steel and Petroleum & Natural Gas, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan** has laid foundation stone for the 'Ore Beneficiation Plant' at **Rajharamines of Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP).**
- He leads the way along with the Chairman of **Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) Mr. Anil Kumar Chaudhary** and other senior officials of SAIL and BSP.

First edition of Khelo India University Games in Odisha.

- The first edition of Khelo India University Games at **Cuttack in Odisha** was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- With this establishment of Khelo India University Games India enters **the League of countries** where university games are organized.

DoT inaugurates the "5G Hackathon" event.

- The **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)**, has initiated the event named "5G hackathon" to identify and stimulate the ideas related to the 5G domain in India.
- The event mainly focusing on advanced ideas in the **workable 5G products and solutions**.
- Hackathon spreads over **three phases** beginning from **21st February 2020** which will be concluded on **October 16th 2020**.
- Winners will share a prize money of **₹2.5 Crore** with the support given by **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Industries and stakeholders**.

Amarjeet Sinha, Bhaskar Khulbe appointed as the advisors for Prime Minister.

- Retired IAS officers **Amarjeet Sinha and Bhaskar Khulbe** has been appointed as the advisors of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** has approved the appointments in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
- The both were appointed under a contractual basis for a **period of 2 years**.

Union Defence Minister inaugurates Thal Sena Bhawan in Delhi Cantt.

- "**Thal Sena Bhavan**" a **new Army Headquarters** has been inaugurated by the Union Defence Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh in Delhi Cantt.
- This multi-storeyed new Army Headquarters Building will be setup at **Manekshaw Centre**, spread over an **area of 39 acres almost 7.5 lakh square meters**.
- It is proposed as a **Green building, adopting Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA)** norms.

IRCTC launches AI upgraded Chatbot for customer services.

- Artificial Intelligence based **"ASKDISHA" chatbot**, mainly to settle the queries of the customers via internet, was launched by the **Indian Railways Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC)** in **October 2018**.
- Initially the chatbot was launched in English language, now in order **to strengthen the customer services platform** IRCTC has now powered voice enabled ASKDISHA to have conversation with customers in **Hindi language** also in the e-ticketing site of IRCTC.

Chitra Bharati Film Festival held at Gujarat University in Ahmedabad.

- The three day long **Chitra Bharati Film Festival (CBFF)** was held at **Gujarat University in Ahmedabad**.
- The **3rd edition of the CBFF** was first established in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in 2016** and second at **Delhi's Siri Fort Auditorium** in 2018.
- The festival was inaugurated by **Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** and **Bollywood filmmaker Subhash Ghai.**

'Historical Gastronomica - The Indus Dining Experience' exhibition.

- A distinctive exhibition named “Historical Gastronomica - The Indus Dining Experience” is being hosted by the **National Museum in New Delhi**.
- This exhibition recreating the **Ancient Food History of India** will last till 25th of February.
- The exhibition is jointly organised by the **National Museum and One Station Million Stories pvt ltd (OSMS).**

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Tata engineering signs pact with HDFC bank.

- HDFC Bank has tied up with the Tata engineering to be a chosen financier for the **Indica** car.
- This pact involves the management and maintenance of collection details between the dealer and the manufacturer.
- With signing this pact, the private sector bank becomes the **3rd institution to join the preferred financier category** for the Indica.
- The first two financiers are namely **Tata Finance and ANZ Grindlays**.

SPORTS NEWS

P V Sindhu- ESPN's Female Sportsperson of the Year.

- World champion badminton player P V Sindhu has won the ESPN’s Female Sportsperson of the year award for the third consecutive time. The winners list
- ESPN's male Sportsperson of the Year award - Saurabh Chaudhary.
- Courage award for being inspirational - Sprinter Dutee Chand.
- Comeback of the Year award - Ace chess player Koneru Humpy.
- ESPN's Emerging Sports Person of the Year award - Wrestler Deepak Punia.
- Coach of the Year award - Chief National Badminton Coach Pullela Gopichand.
- Moment of the Year award - Sindhu’s first indian winning the World Championship in badminton.
- Team of the Year honour - Manu Bhaker-Saurabh Chaudhary.
- Para-Athlete of the Year award - Manasi Joshi.
- ESPN's Lifetime Achievement award - Hockey legend Balbir Singh.