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NATIONAL NEWS

Ministry of Skill Development signs MoU with Ministry of Shipping for skill development in port & maritime sector

- Ministry of Skill Development and Ministry of Shipping signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU for **skill development in port and maritime sector**.
- The MoU is signed with an objective of skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling manpower for the growing maritime industry and development of coastal population.
- MoU will also strengthen the commitment of Coastal Community Development under **Sagar Mala programme** of Ministry of Shipping.

Fact: Union Shipping Minister - **Mansukh Mandaviya**

Skill Development Minister - **Mahendra Nath Pandey**

Indore in Madhya Pradesh declared as the cleanest city in national Swachh Survekshan 2020 awards

- Indore city in Madhya Pradesh has been awarded as the cleanest city in the country in the Swachh Survekshan 2020 awards.
- Union Urban Development Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** presented the awards in a virtual meeting.
- **Indore** is been awarded the cleanest city for **the fourth consecutive year**.
- Swachh Survekshan was introduced by the government with the objective of generating **large-scale citizen participation in the Mission**, along with infusing a spirit of healthy competition among cities towards becoming India's cleanest cities.
- **New Delhi** has been awarded as the **cleanest capital city** in the country.
- **Chhattisgarh** was awarded the first place in the states with **over 100 cities** while **Jharkhand** bagged it for being the state in the category of states with **less than 100 cities**.
- **Jalandhar Cantonment Board** was conferred the cleanest cantonment board in the country.
- **Ahmedabad** in Gujarat was awarded for being the cleanest city with over **40-lakh population**.

Arjun Munda virtually launches 'TRIFOOD' Project in Jagdalpur

- The tertiary processing centres under the 'TRIFOOD' project at Raigad in Maharashtra and Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh was launched by **Union Tribal Affairs Minister**.
- The TRIFOOD project aims at elevating the tribe's income by utilization and value addition to the

Minor Forest Produces (MFPs) collected by the tribal forest gatherers.

- The **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** discharges the TRIFOOD project.
- Under this project, two MFP processing units will be set up, one unit at **Raigad in Maharashtra** for the value addition to traditional tribal drink and the other unit is a multi-commodity processing centre at **Jagdapur in Chhattisgarh**.

Fact: Minister of State for Tribal Affairs - **Renuka Singh Sarita**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India, Israel sign cultural agreement to further boost people-to-people ties

- India and Israel signed a cultural agreement for their cooperation in further strengthen their **strategic bilateral relations**.
- The agreement refers to a **three-year programme**, which aims at promoting greater people-to-people exchanges.
- The programme of cooperation between the two countries for the years **2020-23** is based on the cultural agreement signed between them on **May 18, 1993**.
- The major areas of cooperation identified to promote cultural ties include the exchange of culture and art experts, encouraging cooperation in the protection of cultural heritage and archaeology.
- Israel's Foreign Minister **Gabi Ashkenazi** and India's Ambassador to Israel, **Sanjeev Singla**, signed the agreement at the **foreign ministry in Jerusalem**.

Dwarf planet Ceres is now got the status of an 'ocean world'

- Researchers have given Dwarf Planet Ceres the status of an "**Ocean World**".
- This announcement came after analysing the data collected by **NASA's Dawn Spacecraft**.
- Studies suggest the presence of briny liquid water (saline) underneath Ceres's surface.
- CERES lies in the asteroid belt between **Mars** and **Jupiter**; it was classified as a **dwarf planet in 2006**, which was first spotted by **Giuseppe Piazzi in 1801**.

REPORTS & RANKINGS

India Ranked 57th in Digital Quality of Life 2020 - SurfShark Index

- **SurfShark**, an online privacy solutions provider has released its 2nd edition of Global research on "**Digital Quality of Life (DQL) Index 2020**".
- In which India has ranked 57th out of 85 countries in terms of overall category "**Digital Quality of Life 2020**" with 0.5 index points.
- **Denmark** topped the ranking with 0.79 points, followed by **Sweden and Canada**.
- India ranked lowest in the world in terms of **e-infrastructure** by occupying **79th rank**.

Fact: Headquarters of Surfshark - **British Virgin Islands**, United Kingdom

Cancer in India may rise to 13.9 Lakh in 2020 - Report of NCRP 2020

- **The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Centre for Disease Informatics & Research (NCDIR)**, Bengaluru released a new Report of **National Cancer Registry Programme 2020**.
- The report estimates that cancer in India will rise by 25% in 2020 and may rise 12% from the 1392179 cases in 2020 to 1569793 cases in 2025.
- It also estimated that tobacco related cancers constitute **around 27% of all cancers**.
- By 2025, **Breast cancer** is expected to be the most common site with 238908 cases followed by Lungs and mouth with 111328 and 90060 cases respectively.

Fact: Headquarters of ICMR - **New Delhi**

STATE NEWS

Madurai city secures rank 42, Chennai ranks 45 from Tamil Nadu - Swachh Survekshan 2020

- Madurai city in Tamil Nadu has secured **42nd rank** while Chennai was at **45th position** in the Swachh Survekshan 2020.
- Swachh Survekshan 2020, an annual cleanliness survey conducted by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- These cities figured in the more than **10 lakh population category**.
- In cities with population between **one lakh and ten-lakh category**, Trichy secured the **102nd** position in the survey.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Sadbhavan Diwas 2020 - August 20

- Sadbhavana Diwas, which is also known as **Communal Harmony Day**, is celebrated every year on August 20th to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi.
- Rajiv Gandhi was born on **20th August 1944** in Bombay, as Rajiv Ratna Gandhi.
- He was known as the "Father of Information Technology and Telecom Revolution in India".
- The Government of India posthumously awarded the **Bharat Ratna**, the highest civilian award to Rajiv Gandhi in 1991.



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