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NATIONAL NEWS

Ministry of Civil Aviation flags off first-ever Indore-Kishangarh flight

- Under the **Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)** scheme of the Government of India, the first ever flight from Indore (Madhya Pradesh) to Kishangarh (Rajasthan) was flagged off.
- This records the 268th route to be made operational under the UDAN scheme.
- FACT: Minister of Civil Aviation - **Hardeep Singh Puri**

Permanent commission to women in Indian Navy says Supreme Court

- A bench headed by **Justice DY Chandrachud** directed the Centre to grant permanent commission to serving women officers in Navy within three months with increments.
- A permanent commission provides an officer to serve until retirement unlike SSC, now for a period of 14years which is earlier 10 years.
- FACT: Chief of Naval Staff - **Admiral Karambir Singh**
- Commander in Chief - **President Ram Nath Kovind**

India to provide NPR 107.01 million to Nepal

- India has proposed to provide a grant of Nepalese Rupees(NPR) **107.01 million** to construct 3 schools in Nepal & to create better facilities for students.
- Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) is signed between the **Embassy of India** & **the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration(MoFAGA) Nepal.**
- Indian Embassy handed over a cheque of Nepalese Rupees 8.26 million as the 1st instalment of its total commitment.
- FACT: President of Nepal **- Bidhya Devi Bhandari**
- Prime minister of Nepal **- Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli**

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- Microsoft India Private Limited and NASSCOM Foundation jointly organised a campaign called **‘Innovate for Accessible India campaign’**.
- The Nation-wide innovation programme is launched for empowering people with disabilities with new technologies.
- The campaign was launched in partnership with the Department of Empowerment of Persons

with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Science and Technology along with National Research & Education Network.

- FACT: Headquarters of Microsoft India - **Hyderabad, Telangana**

  President of Microsoft India – **Anant Maheshwari**

  CEO of NASSCOM foundation – **Ashok Pamidi**

AWARDS

Arfa Sherwani & Rohini Mohan conferred with Chameli Devi Jain Award

- **Indian journalists Arfa Khanum Sherwani and Bengaluru-based freelancer Rohini Mohan** jointly conferred with "Chameli Devi Jain Award 2019" for their outstanding performances in the media field.
- It is an **Indian journalistic award** which was constituted by the **Media Foundation in 1980**, named after Chameli Devi Jain, a legendary freedom fighter.

OBITUARY

Veteran Marathi Actor Jairam Kulkarni passed away

- Marathi Actor Jairam Kulkarani passed away at the age of 88 in Pune, Maharashtra.
- He was born in Barshi tehsil in **Solapur district, Maharashtra.**

APPOINTMENTS

Election Commission of India appoints Hirdesh Kumar as Chief Electoral Officer of J & K

- Election Commission of India has appointed Hirdesh Kumar as the new Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu & Kashmir.
- He was a 1999 batch IAS officer and will replace the position of **Shailendra Kumar.**
- FACT: Chief Election Commissioner of India – **Sunil Arora.**

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