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NATIONAL NEWS

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- Anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal released its logo and motto While the logo symbolises 'caretaker of people' and depicts its various essence figuratively in shapes — such as judges bench for ombudsman, three human figures for people, Ashok Chakra for vigilance, orange book for law and two tricolor hands forming a unique balance, the motto in Sanskrit, when translated into English, reads "Do not be greedy for anyone'.
- The Lokpal logo, launched by its chairman Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose in the presence of other members of the watchdog, is tricolor representing its national essence.

Railways sets up Institute for Financial Management in Hyderabad

- The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) has been set up
- The new entity, set up to impart professional training in management of railway finances, was formally inaugurated by Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board, on a 14-acre campus at Moula-Ali, Secunderabad.

STATE NEWS

Uttar Pradesh govt to set up state's 1st vulture conservation

- In a major step to conserve the endangered vulture population, the Uttar Pradesh government will set up state's first vulture conservation and breeding centre in farenda area of Maharajganj district.
- Environment Minister had recently told the Parliament that There has been a sharp decline in the population of vultures in the country which has come down from 40 million to 19,000 in a span of over three decades.
- States' first vulture conservation and breeding centre of its kind will be set up on the lines of Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore in Haryana, which is also the first in the country.
- In August, more than 100 vultures were sighted near the site where the centre will be established.

Etawah lion safari opened for public in Uttar Pradesh

- The Etawah Lion Safari was thrown open for public with Uttar Pradesh Forest Minister Dara Singh Chauhan inaugurating the lions' abode.
- Formally known as Etawah Safari Park, it is spread in 350 hectares of land and has been developed as an educative tourist destination for children as well as youths.

CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurates 7-day long National Tribal Craft Mela 2019

- Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik inaugurated National Tribal Craft Mela-2019 in Bhubaneswar on November 23.
- The 7-day long 8th National Tribal Crafts Mela has been organised with the objective of promotion and popularisation of traditional tribal arts and crafts.
- Tribal artisans will showcase handicraft items, handloom products, iron, bamboo products, puppets, siali crafts, tribal textiles and embroidery work, tribal paintings and many more tribal products.

UP govt launches immunisation campaign against Filaria

- Uttar Pradesh government is launching a massive immunisation campaign against the filariasis or Filaria.
- Central government has set year 2021 as the deadline for complete eradication of filaria in country.
- Campaign will be launched by Health and Family Welfare Minister Jai Pratap Singh and at present there are 1.25 lakh cases of filaria in these 19 districts.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCE

Ind-Ra revises India's GDP forecast, cuts it down to 5.6% for FY20

- India Ratings and Research, the Indian subsidiary of Fitch group, has revised its GDP forecast for current fiscal to 5.6 per cent.
- This is the rating agency's fourth revision in GDP forecast so far. India Ratings, or Ind-Ra, had revised the GDP growth forecast to 6.1 per cent just a month ago.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Films from 12 countries to be screened at International Children's Film Festival

- Selected films from 12 countries are being screened at the 19th International Childrens Film Festival jointly being organised by UNICEF, Cine Central Calcutta, and another voluntary organisation.
- The month-long film festival is themed on 'Violence Against Children', which is one of UNICEFs flagship initiatives across the world, Chief of UNICEF office for West Bengal, Mohammad Mohiuddin said after the inaugural function.

AWARDS

Indian NGO to get UN climate action award

- A project led by NGO Mahila Housing Sewa Trust to organise and empower women in low-income households to increase their resilience to impacts of climate change will get a UN award next month.
- It is one of the 15 recipients of the 2019 United Nations Global Climate Action Awards that help shine a light on some of the most practical examples of what people across the globe are doing to combat climate change.
- The Mahila Housing Sewa Trust''s initiatives have so far helped 25,000 low-income families across seven cities in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.
- The award will be given at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP25), hosted by the Chilean government in Madrid in Spain, on December 10. The COP25 is being held from December 2-12.

DEFENCE

Indian Army inducts Israel made Anti-Tank Guided Missiles Spike along LoC in J&K

- The Indian Army has inducted Israel made Anti-Tank Guided Missiles Spike along the LoC in the northern command theatre in Jammu and Kashmir to bolster defence along the border with Pakistan.
- Known as the "fire and forget" missiles, Spike are portable by men and are powerful enough to destroy tanks and bust bunkers within four kilometres.

RESIGN

Maharashtra CM Fadnavis resigns

- In another dramatic development in Maharashtra’s politics, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and his deputy Ajit Pawar resigned from their posts ahead of the floor test ordered by the Supreme Court.
- The NCP, the Congress and the Shiv Sena meanwhile unanimously elected Shiv Sena Chief Uddhav Thackeray as the chief ministerial candidate.

SPORTS

ACES Awards ceremony on January 12

- The second edition of the Sportstar ACES Awards, celebrating the best of Indian sport in 2019, will be held in Mumbai on January 12, 2020.
- At ACES 2020, 21 awards will be presented in three categories — Popular Awards, Nominated

Awards and Jury Awards.
- These awards celebrate the stars, the future stars and the tireless silent partners who have dedicated their lives to sport in order to realise the dream of making India a 'sporting nation'.

Indian archers bag recurve bronze at Asian Championships



- Indian archers Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das won a bronze medal in the recurve and compound mixed event at the Asian Archery Championships in Kolkata.
- They defeated China by 6-2 to clinch the medal in the championships.

Virat Kohli gets closer to top test ranking; Mayank Agarwal makes maiden entry in top 10

- Indian cricketer Virat Kohli with his commanding century in the Day/Night Test inched close in on top-ranked Steve Smith, while opener Mayank Agarwal made his maiden entry into the top 10 in the ICC Test rankings issued.
- Kohli with 928 rating points, reduced the gap from 25 to three points with Australian Smith 931 to retain the second spot.
- Agarwal, who struck a double century in the first Test against Bangladesh in Indore, jumped one place to 10th with 700 points.
- He is the fourth Indian batsmen in the top 10 list. Cheteshwar Pujara with 791 and Ajinkya Rahane with 759 remained at fourth and fifth positions.

IMPORTANT DAY

National Milk Day- 26 November

- Amul, an Indian cooperative dairy company, marked November 26 as the National Milk Day to honour late Chairman Dr Verghese Kurien on his birth anniversary. Dr Kurien who is also called 'the father of White Revolution' in the country would have turned 98.
- As a passionate dreamer, Dr Verghese Kurien formed the largest women's co-operative movement in India.
- As a forward-thinking technologist, he made a milk-deficient country the largest milk producer in the world. Today we celebrate his 98th birth anniversary.

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