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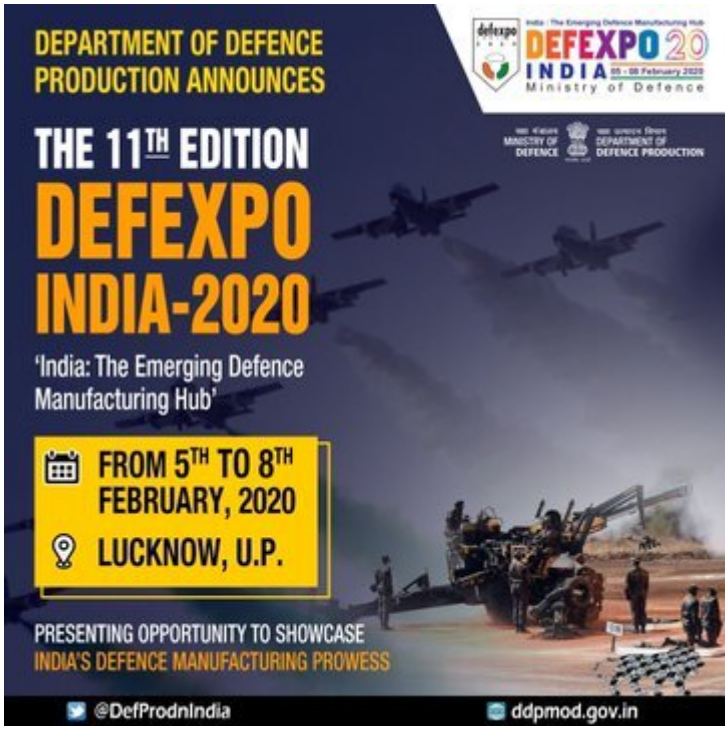
Prakash Javadekar inaugurates 10th Jagran Film Festival

- Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the **10th Jagran Film Festival** in an event held at **Siri Fort Auditorium** in New Delhi on 18th July.
- He highlighted the importance and impact of cinema on life of people and termed that it is a medium which connects people. He recalled the historical development of cinema in India and the growing impact of Indian cinema as a transporter of India's soft power.
- Shri Javadekar highlighted the recent steps taken by Information & Broadcasting Ministry to promote **India as a filming destination through a fillip to ease of filming** via the single window clearance mechanism created through **Film Facilitation Office.**
- He also talked about the proposed additions to National Museum of Indian Cinema which are on the anvil. The Museum was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi earlier this year.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal to launch Global Innovation Index 2019 on July 24

- Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal will launch the **Global InnovationIndex (GII**) on July 24 in the presence of **World Intellectual PropertyOrganisation (WIPO)** Director General Francis Gurry.
- The launch of GII will show innovation rankings of economies and findings for this year. It will be **12th edition of GII with 129 countries under its observation**. The GII measures how innovation friendly the environments of global economies are based on **80 detailed metrics.**
- The GII operates with a theme every year to track global innovation. This year's theme is **"Evaluating the Medical Innovation Scenario of the Next Decade."**

Lucknow to host DefExpo India 2020, confirms Defence Ministry



- The Defence Ministry announced that the 11th edition of the biennial DefExpo will be held in **Lucknow**, **Uttar Pradesh, in 2020**. It may be recalled that the show was held in Chennai in 2018 and Uttar Pradesh is going to host the biennial show for the first time ever.
- The **11th edition #DEFEXPO2020** will be held in Lucknow (U.P.) from February 5th to 8th, 2020. The mega expo will showcase India`s Defence Manufacturing Prowess

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Jalan panel report on surplus RBI reserve finalised



- The six-member committee headed by **former RBI governor Bimal Jalan** was tasked with examining the central bank's requirements on **provisions, reserves andbuffers**. That would determine how much of the reserves could be transferred to the government.
- The Bimal Jalan committee's report may recommend transferring RBI's surplus reserve to the government in tranches **over three to five years.**
- **The six-member panel** report was tasked to review the size of capital reserve surplus the RBI should hold.
- **Its members include Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, members of**

the RBI Central Board Bharat Doshi and Sudhir Mankad, RBI Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan and former Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan.

DEFENCE

INS Sagardhwani embarks on mission Sagar Maitri

- INS Sagardhwani, an **oceanographic research vessel of the Defence Research andDevelopment Organisation**, embarked on a two-month-long Sagar Maitri Mission-2 from Southern Naval Command in Kochi.
- Sagar Maitri is a unique initiative of the DRDO which aligns with the broad objective of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policy declaration 'Safety and Growth for All in the Region' (SAGAR) to promote closer cooperation in socio-economic aspects as well as greater scientific interaction, especially in ocean research among Indian Ocean Rim (IOR) countries.

APPOINTMENT

IFS officer Vivek Kumar appointed private secretary to PM Narendra Modi

- Indian Foreign Service **(IFS) officer Vivek Kumar** was appointed as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by the prime minister, cleared the new assignment for Kumar, who is currently working as **Director in the Prime Minister's Office.**
- Kumar's appointment will come into effect from the day of the assumption of charge and his tenure will be on co-terminus basis or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the official order.

Sanjeev Kumar Singla appointed as India's Ambassador to Israel

- Senior diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to Israel, the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Singla, a 1997-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, was serving as Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He was appointed to the post in 2014.
- Singla is expected to take up the new assignment shortly, the ministry said in a statement.
- He will replace **Pavan Kapoor**, who assumed charge as the Ambassador to Israel in2016.
- In another appointment, Upender Singh Rawat was named as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Panama. Rawat is also expected to take up the assignment shortly.

RESIGNS

Race on to succeed Lagarde at IMF

- The race is on to find a successor to Christine Lagarde, who has resigned as managing director of the International Monetary Fund after being nominated to become the next president of the European Central Bank.

AWARD

Carnatic vocalist S. Sowmya chosen for Sangita Kalanidhi award

- Noted vocalist S. Sowmya has been chosen for the Sangita Kalanidhi award of the Music Academy and she will preside over 93rd annual conference of the Academy to be held between December 12, 2019, and January 1, 2020.

BOOK AND AUTHOR

New book to tell untold stories from Kargil War

- On the 20th anniversary of the Kargil War, a new book will revisit the freezing battle grounds of the 1999 conflict through untold stories of its bravest soldiers.
- **Titled, "Kargil: Untold stories from the War",** the book published by Penguin Random House, is authored by **Rachna Bisht Rawat.**
- The book that is based on Rawat's interviews with war survivors and martyrs' families, will take the readers to the treacherous Himalayan mountains where some of the Indian Army's bloodiest battles were fought.

OBITUARY

Former Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit passes away at 81



- Senior Congress leader and three-time Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit passed away on Saturday at a private hospital in the city after suffering a cardiac arrest. She was 81.

SPORTS

Sachin Tendulkar becomes 6th Indian cricketer to be inducted in ICC Hall of Fame

- Indian batting legend and argualbly the greatest modern-day batsman Sachin Tendulkar was inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame alongside **South African pace legend Allan Donald.**
- Joining Tendulkar and Donald in the Hall of Fame was two-time World Cup-winning Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick. Tendulkar becomes the **sixth Indian** cricketer to join the elite list of international players.
- Tendulkar became the 6th Indian to make the ICC Hall of Fame. Bishan Singh Bedi (2009), Sunil Gavaskar (2009), Kapil Dev (2009), Anil Kumble (2015), Rahul Dravid (2018) are the other Hall of Famers from the cricket-crazy Asian country.

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