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NATIONAL NEWS

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- Union minister for culture and tourism and the president of Portuguese republic jointly inaugurated the event **cha-chai**.
- The event is to display the art works of **artist Joana Vasconcelos** at the **National Museum, in New Delhi.**
- This exhibition will strengthen the cultural bondage between India and Portugal.
- President of Portuguese Republic: **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa**.
- Union minister for culture and tourism: **Shri Prahlad Singh Patel**.

Workshop on "Strategies for Promoting & Marketing of Tribal Products".

- Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Railways and union Minister of Tribal Affairs jointly presided over a workshop on action plan to promote and market the tribal products.
- The workshop was organised by **TRIFED and the tribal affairs ministry**.
- Union Minister for Commerce & Industry & Railways: **Piyush Goyal**.
- Union Minister of Tribal Affairs: **Arjun Munda**.
- Chairman of TRIFED: **R.C. Meena**.

Ministry of steel to sort out workshop to encourage the usage of steel in railways and defence sector.

- Ministry of steel in coalition with the **Confederation of Indian Industry(CII)** is to organize a workshop on encouraging the usage of steel in the field of Railways and Defence.
- The workshop is to be held on **February 17th 2020, at New Delhi**.
- The main aim of the workshop is to discuss in detail with the railways and defence sectors of having opportunities available in the supply of Steel and Steel Products.
- Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and steel: **Dharmendra Pradhan**.

Change of Command of Western Fleet.

- The western fleet of the Indian navy known as the "**sword arm**" observed its change in command.
- The change of command was held on February 14th at sea on the aircraft carrier **INS**

Vikramaditya.
- **Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh**, handed over the baton of the flag officer commanding the western fleet to the new Fleet Commander, **Rear Admiral Krishna D Swaminathan**.

Indian Railways to launch Kashi Mahakal Express.

- Indian railways are to establish its third corporate passenger train on **the routes of Varanasi – Indore.**
- The name of the train is "**Kashi Mahakal Express**".
- This passenger train is to be operated by Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCRC) will connect three Jyotirlinga – Omkareshwar (Near Indore), Mahakaleshwar (Ujjain) and Kashi Vishwanath (Varanasi).
- The inaugural ceremony will be on **February 16th 2020**, and it is to be flagged off by the **Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi.**

I&B Secretary launches language websites of AIR News.

- During the **National Conference of Regional News Units of AIR News** which was held at New Delhi, the Information and Broadcasting secretary, launched the language websites of AIR news.
- The languages in which the websites came up are in **Tamil, Assamese and Dogri**.
- Information and Broadcasting secretary: **Ravi Mital**.

MoU signed between the Ministry of Shipping, India and Ministry of National Defence, Republic of Portugal.

- **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa**, the President of Portugal has come to India for a four-day long visit.
- Minister of National Defense of Portugal and Minister of State for Shipping(I/C) and Chemical and Fertilizer signed an MoU.
- To develop a superlative **National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat**.
- The MoU will pave the way for coordination between the two countries for showcasing common Maritime Heritage.
- Minister of State for Shipping and Chemical and Fertilizer: **Mansukh Mandaviya**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Antarctica temperature alarms - goes ahead of 20 degrees Celsius.

- A new record temperature of **20.75 degrees Celsius** was recorded by the scientists in the continent of Antarctica.
- The reading was taken at **Seymour Island** alarms about the warming of the planet earth.
- Earlier in February a record of **18.3 degrees Celsius** was recorded at the **Esperanza Base, located near the tip of the Antarctic peninsula.**

India alarms its position in the Global Hunger Index.

- India ranks **102nd** position in the **Global Hunger Index** in spite of the production hike in the food industry.

Indian Pangolin gets radio-tagged by the scientists.

- Scientists have radio-tagged the Indian Pangolin as it has become the **endangered species** in recent times.
- The Indian Pangolins are hunted for its **meat and used in traditional Chinese medicine**.
- Radio-tagging is attaching a transmitter to an animal to monitor its movement.
- There are **8 species pangolins** are found in India both the Indian and Chinese pangolins, which are listed under **Schedule 1 part 1 of the wildlife Protection Act, 1972**.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RBS to change its 300 yrs. old name.

- The majority state owned U.K bank announced the changing of its name from **Royal Bank of Scotland** to **NatWest Group Plc**.

Vinay Dube appointed as GoAir CEO.

- The former CEO of Jet Airways, **Vinay Dube** has been appointed as the new CEO of GoAir.
- He will be responsible for the Airlines.