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NATIONAL NEWS

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- The 1st year Anniversary of the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** Scheme was observed on 24th February.
- The Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, **Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar** presided over the event.
- PM-KISAN scheme is an initiative by the government of India in which all small and marginal farmers will get up to **₹6,000** per year as **minimum income support**.
- Agriculture Minister Mr. Tomar also launched a **mobile app** named **"PM-KISAN"** for the benefit of the farmers.

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- The secretary of Ministry of Corporate Affairs **Mr. Injeti Srinivas** has inaugurated the **'SPICe+'** Web Form.
- The SPICe+ web form comes under the **Government of India's Ease of Doing Business** (EODB) initiatives.
- The "SPICe+" web form replaces the existing **"SPICe"** and provides 10 services by 3 Central Govt Ministries & Departments and One State Government (Maharashtra).
- The web form is mainly for curbing the time, procedures and cost for Starting a Business in India.

Raksha Mantri honours best marching contingents for Republic Day Parade 2020.

- The **Union Defence Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh** honoured the best marching contingents with trophies at the **Republic day Parade 2020**.
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** contingent bagged the best among the tri services of the country.
- **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** was given the trophy for the best marching contingent in the Central Armed Police Forces and other auxiliary forces category.

Union HRD Minister presents the Chatra Vishwakarma Awards 2019.

- **Union Human Resource Development Minister Mr. Ramesh Pokhriyal** felicitated the **AICTE Vishwakarma Awards 2019** at New Delhi.
- **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** organised the Award Ceremony for promoting the innovations and achievements of individuals and organizations.

- A total of 23 teams under various sub- categories were recipient of the Chatra Vishwakarma Awards (CVA). Six institutes were felicitated by the Union Minister under the **Utkrisht Santhan Vishwakarma Award (USVA).**

4th anniversary of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission was celebrated.

- The Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the 4th anniversary of **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission** at **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi**.
- The Mission was started by PM Narendra Modi on 21st February 2016, with a view to provide the basic amenities and infrastructure in a wide, integrated and time bound manner.

'Namaste Trump' event held at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahemdabad in Gujarat.

- US President Mr. Donald Trump is on his 2-day visit to India.
- As a Welcoming note event "Namaste Trump" was organised at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

Bangladesh records worst in Child Malnutrition-UNICEF

- A report from the **Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)** 2019, conducted by the **Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) and UNICEF** reported that Bangladesh records for the sharp decline in its Child Malnutrition Rate.
- Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2019 collected the data between January to June of 2019.

Dr Niti Kumar was honoured with SERB Women Excellence Award-2020.

- SERB Women Excellence Award-2020 was given to **Dr. Niti Kumar**, senior scientist from Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology **CSIR-CDRI**, in Lucknow.
- Dr. Niti Kumar research is on studying about the malaria parasites and to inspect alternative drugs for malaria.
- She will be honoured by President of India **Mr. Ramnath Kovind** during **National Science Day Celebrations on February 28, 2020 in Vigyan Bhawan**.
- **Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)** works under the Department of Science and Technology (DoST), Government of India.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

NABARD sanctions for infrastructural development in J&K.

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned **₹ 400.64 crore** to Jammu and Kashmir to boost up the **infrastructural development in J&K**.

- Also a sum of **₹ 143.66 crore** has been sanctioned for the implementation of **38 water supply schemes** to provide safe and palatable drinking water in rural areas.

US exceeds China as India's top trading partner.

- The United States has surpassed China to become India's top trading partner.
- The bilateral trade between the US and India is almost at **88 billion dollars in 2018-19 fiscal year**.
- During the April-December 2019-20, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at 68 billion dollars against a nearly 65 billion dollars' trade with China in the same period.

SPORTS NEWS

Commonwealth Shooting and Archery Championships 2022 to be hosted by India.

- The Commonwealth Shooting and Archery Championships which is scheduled in January 2022 will be hosted by India.
- The **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)** declared their decision after the three-day Executive Board meeting in London.

Khelo India Winter Games 2020.

- The first ever Khelo India Winter Games is to be hosted by The **Union Territory of Ladakh**.
- **Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju** will inaugurate the games on 25th Feb at **NDS Indoor Ice Hockey Rink in Leh**.

Grandmaster D Gukesh wins 34th Cannes Open.

- **India's 13-year old Grandmaster D Gukesh** has won the Chess championship in the 34th Cannes Open in France.
- Basically originated in Tamilnadu D Gukesh, has become the **world's second youngest Grandmaster** last year.