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### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **National Conference on Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, 2020.**

- The **first ever** National Conference on Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (**CDRR & R**), 2020 was head over by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, **Mr. Nityanand Rai**, at **New Delhi** on 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- The one-day conference was organised by the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)**.
- The conference mainly focussed on understanding the developing risks in the Coastal Disaster, to create awareness and enhancing the resilience amongst the affected stakeholders.

#### **Tribal Affairs Minister inaugurates all India Tribal Workers Meet.**

- The **Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Mr. Arjun Munda** instituted the “all India tribal workers meet” in New Delhi.
- The event was organised by **Bharatiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh (BAJSS)**.
- BAJSS is a voluntary organisation across the country serving among the untouchables and the poor people of tribal areas. The organisation was constituted on 24th October, 1948 by **Pujya Thakkar Bapa**, a dedicated Social worker.

#### **India and United States signs three defence deals and agreements.**

- During the state visit of US President Donald J. Trump, three defence deals along with three agreements were signed between US and India including health and oil sectors.

##### ***The three agreements are as follows:***

- Two **Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)** were signed between them, one is on **mental health** signed between the two health departments.
- The other one is on **the safety of medical products** was signed between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization with the US Food and Drug Administration.
- A **Letter of Cooperation** was also signed between Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Exxon Mobil India LNG Limited from India and Chart Industries Inc, US.
- India and US also agreed for the purchase of more than 3-billion-dollar worth **advanced American military equipment** for new Delhi.

## **BIMSTEC: 3,000-kilometre-long power grid from Myanmar-Thailand to India.**

- **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation(BIMSTEC)** is an international organisation of seven nations of South Asia and South East Asia.
- The energy conference of BIMSTEC was held at Dhaka, Bangladesh, where the **Energy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Dr Tawfiq-E-Elahi Chowdhury** reported that the organisation is engaged in connecting the 3000km long power grid from Myanmar-Thailand to India.
- This move is mainly to make certain the better capacity utilization and also benefitting the consumers with low price and undisturbed power supply.
- BIMSTEC member countries - **Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan.**

## **Union Minister of Coal and Mines established Crusher and Conveyor System at NALCO.**

- The **Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Mr. Pralhad Joshi** established a new crusher and conveyor system at NALCO's Mining & Refinery section in **Damanjodi, Odisha.**
- **NALCO- National Aluminium Company Limited, Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE)** under the Union Ministry of Mines, with **Headquarters at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**
- NALCO is one of the largest integrated Bauxite-Alumina-Aluminium- Power Complex in Asia.

## **Joint Ministerial Commission held between India and Australia at New Delhi.**

- The **16<sup>th</sup> session of the India and Australia Joint Ministerial Commission** was held at New Delhi on 24th February 2020.
- The session jointly led by the Union Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry and Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Government of Australia.
- Both the countries agreed to strengthen the bilateral trade and the negotiations on the bilateral Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).
- Union Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry: **Mr. Piyush Goyal.**
- Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment: **Senator Simon Birmingham.**

## **ISRO all set to launch GISAT-1 on March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is to launch the country's **first ever earth imaging satellite** in a Geostationary orbit named '**GISAT-1**'.
- The satellite will be launched from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota** by the evening of march 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **AWARDS**

### **K.V. Jeyasri receives Sahitya Akademi award for Translation**

- K.V. Jeysri, a tamil teacher from Tiruvannamalai won the sahitya academi award for the year 2019.
- She was recognised for her work in translating a Malayalam novel named “**Nilam Poothu Malarndha Naal**” into tamil as “**Nilam Poothu Malarndha Naal**”.

#### **LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020 competition.**

- **Adline Castelino**, from Mangalore has won the LIVA Miss Diva Universe competition for the year 2020 and she will represent India in the Miss Universe 2020 competition.
- **Aavriti Choudhary** from Jabalpur won the title of Miss Diva Supranational for the year 2020.

### **OBITUARY**

#### **Egypt's former President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak, passed away.**

- The **former Egyptian President** Mohammed Hosni Mubarak, who ruled the country with iron fist for 30 years has passed away.

### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

#### **ADB lists masala bonds on India INX.**

- The **Asian Development Bank(ADB)** has recorded its 10 years’ masala bonds of worth **₹850 cr** on India INX.
- The listing has been done to enhance local currency lending and to strengthen investment in india.
- India INX is the country's first international exchange, located at International Financial Services Centre, GIFT City in Gujarat.

#### **Rajesh Kumar has become the TransUnion CIBIL, New CEO.**

- TransUnion CIBIL has appointed **Mr. Rajesh Kumar** as its new Director and CEO, by which he replaces **Mr. Satish Pillai**, who was recently appointed as **the President of TransUnion Asia Region**.
- Rajesh Kumar was the Group head for **Retail Credit and Risk at HDFC bank** before joining Transunion CIBIL.

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 to be held at Chandigarh.**

- The **shooting and archery events** as a part of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games-2022 will be held in **Chandigarh**.
- **Punjab Sports Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi** announced the information from the

decisions taken by the Executive Board of the **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)** in **London**.

**Oman cricket player Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi banned for 7 years.**

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has banned the **Oman player Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi** for 7 years from all forms of cricket for trying **match fixing**.
- All the charges are in connection with the **ICC men's T20 World Cup Qualifiers 2019**.



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