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NATIONAL NEWS

Vice president of Vietnam arrives India

- The vice president of Vietnam, **Mrs. Dang Thi Ngoc Thinh** has arrived in India was welcomed by the president of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
- India is eager in promoting **greater capacity building** in Vietnam through its **Technical and Economic Cooperation programme**.
- President of India, congratulated Vietnam for undertaking the Chairmanship of ASEAN and also for becoming a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Chintan shivir- to plan a breakthrough approach in the Coal Sector

- Chintan Shiviris, a two-day event was organised at the **Statue of Unity, Kevadia, Gujarat** by the Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs.
- The event will be held between **17th and 18th February 2020** for the senior officers of Ministry of Coal and all CMDs of Coal companies.
- Domain experts from various fields have been invited for the event to deliberate the target of achieving **one billion tonnes** of production **between 2023 and 2024** as a way of eliminating the import of coal.
- Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs: **Shri Pralhad Joshi**.

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- **Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)** and **Ministry of Women and Child Development (Mo WCD)** are jointly organizing a National Organic Festival with a view to focus specially on **women entrepreneurs.**
- The main aim is **to promote organic produce and empower women entrepreneurs** in the area of production and processing of organic products.
- The **three-day long** festival will be held from February 21-23, 2020 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Food Processing Industries: **Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal**.
- Union Minister of Women and Child Development: **Smriti Irani**.

National Workshop on Disaster Risk Financing, Insurance and Risk Transfer.

- National Workshop on Disaster Risk Financing, Insurance and Risk Transfer was held at **Insurance Institute of India(III), Mumbai.**

- National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and Insurance Institute of India (III) jointly organised the one-day workshop.
- The reports on Property Insurance in New & Existing Housing and Challenges in Insuring Flood-Prone Areas of Mumbai were released during the workshop.
- The workshop is aimed at affording interpretation of disaster risk financing and creation of action plans for implementation by **state governments, local authorities and insurance companies**.

Destination Management and Community Participation meeting held in Gujarat.

- The **two-day** event on destination management and community participation was held at Gujarat.
- The event was inaugurated and organised by **the Minister of State for Tourism and Culture and by the government of Gujarat.**
- The **region of Kutch (White Rann),** has been transformed into a major tourist attraction.
- Tourism Minister of Gujarat: **Shri Jawahar Chavda**.
- Chief Minister of Gujarat: **Shri Vijay Rupani**.
- Minister of State for Tourism and Culture: **Shri Prahlad Singh Patel**.

Finance Commission organizes a group on defence and internal security.

- The **15th finance commission** has constituted a Group on Defence and Internal Security.
- It is a **5-member committee** including the chairman of 15th finance commission.
- The group is in charge of examining whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security has been setup and if so how it is operationalized.
- chairman of 15th finance commission: **Shri N.K. Singh**.

Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra to be renamed as Sushma Swaraj Bhawan.

- On the birth anniversary of the former external affairs minister **Late Mrs. Sushma Swaraj**, the ministry of external affairs decided to rename **Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra in New Delhi as Sushma Swaraj Bhawan.**
- And also the **Foreign Service Institute** in **New Delhi** as Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service.
- The announcement made to honour the legacy of the former External Affairs Minister in the public services for decades.

APPOINTMENTS

Rajiv Bansal takes over as the CMD of Air India.

- The Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Rajiv Bansal has been appointed as the **Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) of Air India**.
- He was the **1988 batch IAS officer** of Nagaland Cadre.

Rishi Sunak – appointed as the British's finance minister.

- British prime minister Boris Johnson has appointed **Rishi Sunak as the new finance minister**.
- Rishi Sunak, who was previously served as chief secretary in the British government, is the son-in-law of Narayana Murthy, co-founder of IT services company Infosys.

Alok Sharma appointed as the new business minister of Britain.

- **Alok Sharma** has been appointed as the **British's minister for business** by the Prime Minister of Britain Boris Johnson.
- He has also been appointed as the minister in charge of the **UK's COP26 climate change summit**.

OBITUARY

Former TERI chief R.K. Pachauri passes away.

- The **former Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change(IPCC)**, Rajinder K Pachauri dies at 79.
- He was also the former chief executive chairman of **The Energy Resources Institute(TERI)** and received the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the IPCC.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

India out from Developing countries list: USTR.

- **The United States Trade Representatives(USTR)** takes off India from the developing countries list.
- While amending the list of developing, least developed countries eligible for better treatment with respect to **Countervailing Duties(CVDs)** investigation.
- The amendment has come to make it easier for the US government to impose the CVDs on goods from India and certain other nations.
- Along with India, **Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam** were also taken off from the list.

SEBI devises system to track client securities.

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)** has established a system to track the client securities.
- The main aim is to detect the **exploiting of collaterals**.

SPORTS NEWS

Manpreet Singh has been named as Player of the Year 2019 by IHF.

- The Indian men's hockey team captain **Manpreet Singh** has been awarded as the player of the year for 2019 by **International Hockey Federation(IHF).**
- Manpreet, a midfielder, became the **first Indian** to win the title.

Football Management Programme to be launched by AIFF.

- By signing an **MoU with Spanish La Liga Smartbank** co-leader Cadiz CF, the **All India Football Federation(AIFF)** has launched **Football Management Programme(FMP)**.

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