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NATIONAL NEWS

Nation remembers Pingali Venkaiah who designed national flag



- Pingali Venkaiah, a freedom fighter and the designer of the flag on which the Indian national flag was based was born on this day in 1876, near Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Today is his 143rd birth anniversary.
- Venkaiah's design for the National Flag was finally approved by Mahatama Gandhi in a Congress meeting in Vijayawada in 1921.

MIB launches a competition for designing Postage Stamp



- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched a competition for **designing a Postage Stamp along with the First Day Cover** to commemorate Golden Jubilee edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- The contest is open on MyGov platform from 1st August, 2019 to 15th August, 2019.
- The winner will receive a Certificate of appreciation and travel and hospitality for 2 nights and 3 days to become a part of 50th IFFI which is organised by the Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in collaboration with Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), Government of Goa.

BIS to set up Pashmina testing centre in Leh

- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) would set up a Pashmina testing centre in Leh, in partnership with the lab of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh.

India, UK launch clean air initiative in Bengaluru

- The Innovating for Clean Air (IfCA), a two-year UK-India joint initiative providing Indian and UK stakeholders opportunities to test interventions related to air quality and EV integration, was launched in Bengaluru.
- The initiative provides a unique measurement system for air quality by integrating satellite and sensor data, and helping to support India transition to electric vehicles.

One nation one ration card scheme implemented in four States

- One nation one ration card scheme was launched a pilot basis in four states- **Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**. The scheme will provide a major boost to the national food security government.
- Under the one nation one ration card scheme, families who have food security cards will be able to buy rice, wheat or any food grain at a subsidised price from any ration shop in the mentioned states. The ration cards will need to be linked with the Aadhaar Number to avail the service.
- The Union Government plans to extend the **One nation one ration card scheme to all the states by August 2020** to enable the portability of the food security card.

Mobile library service launched by Delhi Public Library

- **Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel** flagged off a mobile library bus service which aims to reach out to readers in Delhi, especially those in slums, resettlement colonies and rural areas.
- The five-bus mobile library service was launched under the **"Ghar Ghar Dastak Ghar Ghar Pustak"** Scheme of the Delhi Public Library (DPL).

IIT Kharagpur researchers develop ‘zero loss’ process for wet municipal solid waste management

- A research team from IIT Kharagpur has adapted a process called **Hydro Thermal Carbonization (HTC)** for the Indian conditions which can effectively manage mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) with high moisture content.
- Through the process, most of the mixed MSW can be converted into biofuel, soil amendment, and absorbed.

STATE NEWS

West Bengal launches awareness campaign for preserving greenery and keeping environment clean

- The West Bengal Government has launched an awareness campaign for preserving the greenery and keeping the environment clean.
- The State Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched the campaign named as ‘**Save Green, Stay Clean’** in Kolkata.
- The State Government will distribute more than 1 lakhs saplings throughout the state for spreading of greenery.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCE

Crisil cuts FY20 GDP growth forecast to 6.9%



- Rating agency Crisil Ltd has pared down India's growth estimate for 2019-20 by 20 **basis points to 6.9%,** even lower than the International Monetary Fund estimate of 7%.
- "The revision factors in a triangulation of downside risks: inadequate monsoon, slowing global growth, and sluggish high-frequency data for the first quarter.

FACTS

MD & CEO of CRISIL-Ashu Suyash

India behind UK, France as 7th largest economy in the world in 2018: World Bank

- India has slipped to the **7th position in the global GDP** rankings in 2018, marginally behind the UK and France, according to World Bank data.
- As per earlier data, India ($2.597 trillion) was on the 6th position in 2017, ahead of just France ($2.582 trillion).
- But latest data suggests India was in fact the fifth-largest economy ahead of even the UK. India was at $2.65 trillion, while the UK's GDP was at $2.64 trillion, followed by France at $2.5 trillion in 2017.

FACTS

President of World Bank-David Malpass

Headquarters-Washington DC

APPOINTMENTS

Indian Federation of Sports Gaming appoints Justice A.K. Sikri as ombudsman

- The **Indian Federation of Sports Gaming (IFSG),** country's self-regulatory industry body for the online fantasy sports gaming sector, announced the appointment of **Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri** as its ombudsman and ethics officer.
- **Joining IFSG as the industry body's first ombudsman, Justice A.K. Sikri** will be responsible for investigating queries/complaints raised by the users of the online fantasy sports gaming platforms.
- In this role, he will provide strategic council, resolve disputes brought forward regarding binding rules or financial discrepancies as well as steer hearings and make announcements for smooth

operation and ease of functioning.

Indian Scientist Named New Director, ICTP, Italy



- Atish Dabholkar, a theoretical physicist from India, has been appointed as the new director of **Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy.**
- Mr. Dabholkar will take up his duties as ICTP director with the rank of Assistant Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He will succeed **Fernando Quevedo**, who has led the centre since 2009.

FACTS

Capital of Italy-Rome

Currency of Italy-Euronts.

RELATED TO PERSON

Wing Commander Tarun Chaudhri becomes first IAF pilot to accomplish wingsuit skydive jump



- **Wing Commander Tarun Chaudhri** has become **the first Indian Air Force (IAF) pilot to undertake a wingsuit skydive jump.**
- The jump was attempted during the Kargil Diwas celebrations in Jodhpur on July 21 from a Mi-17 helicopter from an altitude of 8,500 feet.

FACTS

Chief of the Air Staff of IAF-BS Dhanoa.