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NATIONAL NEWS

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The Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme (TNHSRP) has been launched by **Chief Minister Edappadi Palanisamy** in Chennai.

A total of **₹2857 cr** has been allocated for this project in which **₹1999 cr** will be provided by the **World Bank**.

The main aim of this initiative is to get result based outcomes in the health care services, enhancing the management of non-communicable diseases and in reducing the inequities in reproductive and child health services in the state.

FACT: Health Minister of Tamil Nadu – **C. Vijajabaskar**

Union Minister for Labour & Employment launched Humsafar mobile App

"Humsafar" a mobile application based diesel service was launched by the **Union Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar.**

The mobile app is mainly designed to provide diesel anytime at doorstep in various areas of the National Capital Region.

Humsafar is an innovative idea of Delhi based startup and is fully legalised certified and safe delivery of Diesel at the doorstep.

FACT: Chief Minister of New Delhi – **Arvind Kejriwal**

Lieutenant Governor of New Delhi – **Anil Baijal**

Jammu Historic City Square renamed as "Bharat Mata Chowk"

The **BJP led – Jammu Municipal Corporation** has passed resolution to change the name of the commercial hub in old Jammu as "Bharat Mata Chowk"

FACT: Mayor of Jammu – **Ashok Lahoti**

Deputy Mayor of Jammu – **Purnima Sharma**

National Chambal Sanctuary gets ESZ tag

National Chambal Sanctuary which is famous for **Ganga Dolphins and critically endangered crocodiles** is announced as **Eco Sensitive Zone** by the **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

It is located at the tri-junction of **Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan**

Eco Sensitive Zone are areas notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as a **protected area by regulating and managing activities around such areas**.

FACT: Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change – **Prakash Javadekar**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ADB sanctioned 4mn USD towards COVID-19

Asian Development Bank (ADB) is to provide 4mn USD to support the **Asia-Pacific countries which were affected by the outbreak of COVID-19**

ADB is a **regional development bank** established in 1966, **headquartered in Manila, Philippines**, which is mainly aimed at promoting the social and economic development in Asia.

FACT: Chairman of ADB – **Masatsugu Asakawa**

Gender Equality Summit 2020

The **3rd edition of Gender Equality Summit** is to be hosted by the **United Nations Global Compact Network India (UNGCNI)** on March 6th in New Delhi.

The summit is organised in partnership with **UN Women – an UN entity for gender equality.**

The theme of the summit is "**India Inc. For Generation Equality: Decade of Action**"

APPOINTMENTS

Sudhanshu Pandey becomes the CMD of MMTC Ltd

Sudhanshu Pandey has been given an additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of **Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) Ltd.**

He is the current **Additional Secretary at the Department of Commerce**

ABP Pandey was appointed as the Finance Secretary

The appointments committee of cabinet has approved designating the Revenue Secretary A B P Pandey as the finance secretary.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Wildlife Day

The World Wildlife Day is being celebrated on March 3rd every year.

The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** proclaimed 3 March – the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973 – as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.

Theme of World Wildlife Day 2020 is "**Sustaining all life on Earth**"

World Hearing Day

World Hearing Day is held on 3 March each year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world

Theme of World Hearing Day 2020 is "**Hearing for life. Don't let hearing loss limit you**"

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

L&T open digitally-transformed corporate museum.

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) group has opened its **digitally transformed corporate museum at Manapakkam.**

The museum shows the legacy of the group over the last eight decades and also in line with the group's focus on digitalisation in the last four years.

SPORTS NEWS

Rafael Nadal has won his third Mexican Open title.

World number two Rafael Nadal has won his **third Mexican Open title** by defeating Taylor Fritz 6-3 6-2 in the final.

The Spaniard's first two Mexican titles were on clay in **2005 and 2013**.

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