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NATIONAL NEWS

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- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has stressed on the urgent need to attach high priority to emergency medicine and services in the country.
- Inaugurating 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine in New Delhi, there is a need to develop programs and manuals to train citizens in emergency first aid procedures such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation as it will help in saving a life while waiting for emergency services.
- The Vice President expressed happiness that the Government of India has made it mandatory for all medical college hospitals to have full-fledged Emergency Departments by 2022 with an aim to improve trauma care.
- He stressed on the need to include Emergency medicine and trauma care in the curriculum of Undergraduate courses.
- He added that Medical students must be trained to deal with the whole gamut of situations relating to emergency medicine.

APPOINTMENT

Arvind Singh takes over as AAI chairman

- Arvind Singh, a Maharashtra cadre officer of the prestigious Indian Administrative Service (IAS), took over as the chief of Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- Prior to the appointment at AAI, Singh was Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) with the Maharashtra government. He has also worked as chairman and managing director of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd. and the Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL).
- Singh will replace Anuj Aggarwal, who had earlier been with the additional charge of AAI chairman.

DEFENCE

Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy Bilateral Maritime Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti Progresses in the Bay of Bengal

- INS Kamorta, an Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette is jointly exercising with Indonesian Warship KRI Usman Harun, a multi-role Corvette in the Bay of Bengal as part of the ongoing Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ from 06 Nov to 07 Nov 19.
- The joint exercises include manoeuvres, Surface Warfare exercises, Air Defence exercises,

Weapon firing drills, Helicopter Operations and Boarding Operations.
- KRI Usman Harun arrived Visakhapatnam on 04 Nov 19 to participate in the second edition Ex 'Samudra Shakti'.
- The Harbour Phase which was conducted on 04 and 05 November included professional interactions in the form of Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE), cross deck visits, simulator drills, planning conferences, sports fixtures and social interactions.

BANKING

GeM partners with Central Bank of India for payment related services

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) signed MoU with Central Bank of India.
- Through this partnership, Central Bank of India will be able to offer an array of services including transfer of funds through GeM Pool Accounts (GPA), advising of electronic Performance Bank Guarantees (e-PBG) and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to the registered users on the portal.
- GeM has already signed MoU with 18 Public Sector and Private Banks to enable this.
- GeM is an initiative of the Government of India which offers a one-stop platform for facilitating online procurement of goods and services by Central and State government organizations. GeM provides tools for Direct Purchase, bidding and reverse auction for ensuring transparent and efficient procurement.

AWARD

West Bengal based writer Abhisek Sarkar won award at Dhaka Lit-fest

- The ninth edition of the Dhaka Lit-fest started book lovers thronging the venue ground at the Bangla Academy. The three days of the festival, 200 speakers, performers, and thinkers take part in discussions on diverse topics.
- The special focus of this year's lit-fest is on Indigenous Languages as the UNESCO marked 2019 as the year of Indigenous Language Protection.
- The literary personalities and authors from Bangladesh and abroad like William Dalrymple, Monica Ali, HM Naqvi, Prayaag Akbar, Shashi Tharoor are participating in the festival.
- Shankar is the festival highlight of Bangla literature this year. West Bengal-based writer Abhishek Sarkar and Bangladeshi poet Rofiquzzaman Rony given the Gemcon Young Literature Award and Gemcon Young Poetry Award. Abhishek and Rofiquzzaman won the awards for their manuscripts, Nishiddho, and Dhoashar Tamate Rong, respectively.

SPORTS

Women's boxing icon Nicola Adams announced retirement

- Two-time Olympic boxing champion Nicola Adams (37 years) announced her retirement from the sport on medical advice due to the vulnerability of losing eyesight.
- She became the first-ever women's Olympic boxing champion at London 2012 in the United Kingdom (UK), and also the first female boxer to become a double Olympic champion after winning a second gold medal at the Rio Olympics 2016, in Brazil.