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NATIONAL NEWS

PM inaugurates the Six-lane Project in Varanasi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the six-lane widening project of NH – 19 for Varanasi-Prayagraj extent.
- The project cost is ₹2447 crores with a stretch of 73 km will reduce the travel time by one hour.

World class premium grade petrol launched

- Union Minister for Petroleum has launched the world class premium grade petrol in the country.
- The petrol has an octane number of 100 was branded as XP100, launched initially in 10 cities in the country.
- The XP100 petrol will be provided by the state-owned PSU Indian Oil Corp., will improve the nation's ease of living for the people.
- This 100 Octane petrol is available in only six countries in the world.
    - USA
    - Germany
    - Greece
    - Indonesia
    - Malaysia
    - Israel.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SCO online Exhibition launched

- The vice president of India chaired the 19th SCO Council of Heads of Government 2020 held virtually in New Delhi on 30th November, 2020.
- The SCO online International Exhibition was launched during this meet, developed and curated by National Museum, New Delhi in collaboration with the SCO member countries.
- This online exhibition is the first of its kind and displays the Buddhist philosophy and displays the art technologists like 3D scanning, webGL platform, virtual space utilization, innovative curation and narration methodology.

- The exhibition can be accessed at https://nmvirtual.in/ for worldwide viewing.
- The participating institutions are National Museum (New Delhi), Indian Museum (Kolkata), National Museum of Kazakhstan, Dun Huang Academy (China), National Historical Museum of the Kyrgyz Republic, Museums of Pakistan, State Museum of Oriental Art, Moscow (Russia), National Museum and National Museum of Antiquities, Tajikistan and renowned archaeological sites of Uzbekistan.

BANKING NEWS

MoU between Kaspersky and CERT-In signed

- Kaspersky and Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) signed a MoU for cybersecurity and cooperation.
- The MoU will facilitate cooperation for detection of latest cyber threats and to devise appropriate security measures to enable such users to secure their systems.
- It will ensure safety and security of the information assets and privacy of the general users in the country.

Fact:

- Headquarters of Kaspersky: Moscow, Russia.

SIDBI portal for Debt Reconstruction of MSMEs

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched a web portal to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) take benefit of the Reserve Bank of India's one-time debt restructuring.
- The web portal was launched in association with India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (ISARC), which is an asset reconstruction company.

Facts:

- It is a statutory body.
- Established in: 1990
- Role: Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector
- Headquarters: Lucknow

TVS Motors acquires Intellicar Telematics

- TVS Motor Co. Ltd acquires Bengaluru based Intellicar Telematics Pvt. Ltd.
- The tech company works in the IOT-based fleet management solutions coupled with analytics

and data management capabilities.
- The merger was traded at ₹15 crores will help accelerate digital initiatives at TVS Motors.

AWARDS

India International CSR Summit and Impact Awards

- The India International CSR Summit and Impact Awards 2020 was won by The Jindal Steel and Power Limited (JSPL)
- The JSPL has been awarded in the category of Most Innovative Project of the Year for its 'Asha- the Hope' project.
- The ‘Asha the Hope’ is one of our flagship programmes for empowering persons with special needs, particularly those who are in their formative age group.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World AIDS Awareness Day

- The world AIDS Awareness Day is observed on December 1 every year.
- The theme of World AIDS Day 2020 is “Global solidarity, resilient services”