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NATIONAL NEWS

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- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated North India's first sugar mill which will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane.
- The mill was inaugurated in Pipraich area of Gorakhpur. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said his government is working to restore the pride of Sugar Bowl' of east Uttar Pradesh.

Arunachal Pradesh-Defence Minister inaugurates Sisseri Bridge built by BRO

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated Sisseri Bridge, built by the Border Road Organisation (BRO) on Pasighat-Bomjir Highway.
- The 200-metre long bridge between Jonai-Pasighat-Ranaghat-Roing road will provide connectivity between Dibang Valley and Siang to meet the long-pending demand of the people of Arunachal Pradesh as it would cut down the travel time from Pasighat to Roing by about five hours.

FACTS

Chief Minister-Pema Khandu

Governor-B. D Mishra

Folk Dance-Lion and Peacock dance, Cardo Chham, Aji Lamu

India International Cherry Blossom Festival-2019

- The fourth edition of the India International Cherry Blossom festival, 2019, was celebrated in Shillong, Meghalaya. The festival was celebrated from 13-16 November 2019.
- The 2019 festival was jointly celebrated by India and South Korea for the first time. The festival witnessed the unique autumn flowering of Himalayan Cherry Blossoms. Several events were conducted at the festival.
- The festival was celebrated to attract tourists to the hill state in autumn to witness the unique beauty of pink and white cherry blossoms. It will also witness Meghalaya's traditional arts, culture, and cuisine.

Gujarat- SAANS campaign launched to curb pneumonia deaths in kids

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched 'SAANS' campaign in Gujarat during

the inauguration of 6th National Summit on Good, Replicable practices and innovations.
- The aim of SAANS to reducing child mortality due to pneumonia, which contributes to around 15% of deaths annually of children under the age of five. SAANS, short for 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully'.
- The government aims to achieve a target of reducing pneumonia deaths among children to less than three per 1000 live births by 2025.

FACTS

Chief Minister-Vijay Rupani

Governor-Acharya Devvrat.

Folk Dance-Dandiya Rass, Garba, Bhavi, Tippani

Dam-Ukai, Dharoi, kadana, Miti

DEFENCE

Indian Army wargame 'Sindhu Sudarshan' showcases its deep strike capabilities

- The Strike Corps of the Indian Army began exercise 'Sindhu Sudarshan' in Barmer.
- As many as 40,000 jawans are taking part in the exercise.
- The Strike Corps of Southern Army is conducting exercise 'Sindhu Sudarshan' in the open deserts of Rajasthan to hone their combat skills for executing a swift, intense and deep strike in deserts and semi-developed terrain.
- Approximately 40,000 troops, 700 'A' Vehicles and 300 Guns of Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Southern Command are undertaking a massive exercise in the deserts of Rajasthan showcasing their ability to undertake large scale offensive manoeuvres as part of an integrated air-land battle.

AWARDS

Rezwana Choudhury Bannya gets ICCR Alumni award in Dhaka

- **Renowned Rabindra Sangeet exponent from Bangladesh Rezwana Choudhury Bannya was conferred the ICCR distinguished alumni award in Dhaka.**
- The award was given away by the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das in a musical function organised by the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC).
- Rezwana Choudhury Bannya is widely recognised as a great exponent of Rabindra Sangeet. She is known for her distinctive style of singing. She has established a musical school **'Shurer Dhara'** in Bangladesh to carry forward the Guru-Shishya tradition as practised in Shantiniketan.
- She is also a recipient of 'Independence Award' which is the highest civilian award of Bangladesh.

Darjeeling green, white teas get GI backing

- Darjeeling green and white teas, whose price varies from Rs 3,000 -Rs 10,000 per kg, have received Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the domestic market, which will put to rest any doubt about their authenticity and quality.

APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION

David Villa to retire from Football

- Spanish striker David Villa says he will retire in January.
- The 37-year-old will finish his career with Vissel Kobe in January of next year at the close of the league season in Japan, ending the career of Spain's top scorer in international play.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

India to launch Cartosat-3, 13 nanosatellites from US

- India will launch its cartography satellite Cartosat-3 and 13 commercial nanosatellites into sun-synchronous orbit on November 25.
- According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), its rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-XL variant (PSLV-XL) will put into orbit Cartosat-3 and 13 commercial nanosatellites from the US on November 25.
- Cartosat-3 satellite is a third-generation agile advanced satellite having high-resolution imaging capability. The satellite will be placed in an orbit of 509 km at an inclination of 97.5 degrees.
- According to ISRO, the 13 nanosatellites from US is a part of the commercial arrangement with NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), the new company that was set up recently under the Department of Space.

SPORTS

Harmeet claims Indonesia Open TT Championship

- Paddler Harmeet Desai staved off a strong challenge from compatriot Anthony Amalraj to win the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open in Batam, Indonesia. In an all-Indian men's singles final.
- It was Desai who started on a positive note winning the opening game 11-9 but lost the next game 9-11, allowing Amalraj to draw level.

FACTS

Trophy Names-Berna Cup (Men)

Cobillion Cup (Women)

Korean teen wins Panasonic Open

- Korea's Joohyung Kim became the second youngest Asian Tour professional winner when he fired a seven-under-par 65 to clinch the Panasonic Open India title by one shot.
- Having earned his Asian Tour card for the remainder of the 2019 season after claiming three wins on the Asian Development Tour (ADT) this year, the 17-year-old showed he is primed for the big leagues.
- The Korean was making what was only his third start on the Asian Tour this year. But he produced another grandstand performance that belies his age with rounds of 70, 68 and 65 for a winning total of 13-under-par 203.