

## NATIONAL WEEKLY (14 - 21 November)

### VATAYAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will be conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award at a virtual ceremony on 21st November, 2020.

- Vatayan International Awards given by the Vatayan-UK organization in London, honours poets, writers and artists for their exemplary work in their respective fields.
- Shri Pokhriyal has penned more than 75 books on wide ranging issues, which have also been translated into many national and foreign languages.

### PM-FME SCHEME

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries inaugurated the capacity building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PM-FME Scheme).

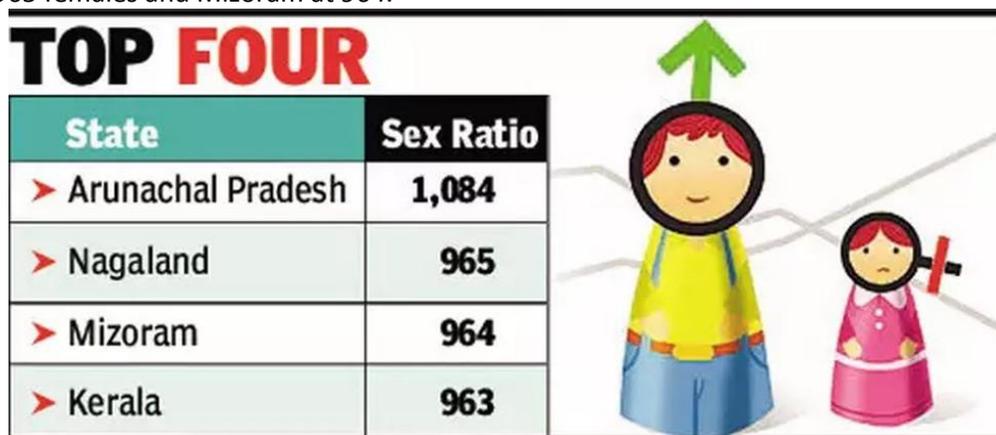
- Launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the PM-FME Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- It aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups, and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain.

### PARAM SIDDHI

- Indian supercomputer Param Siddhi has achieved global ranking of 63 in TOP 500 most powerful non-distributed computer systems in the world released on 16th November 2020.
- Param Siddhi is the high performance computing-artificial intelligence (HPC-AI) supercomputer established under National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) at C-DAC.
- The supercomputer with Rpeak of 5.267 Petaflops and 4.6 Petaflops Rmax (Sustained) was conceived by C-DAC and developed jointly with support of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under NSM.

### SEX RATIO

- With 1,084 females born per thousand males, Arunachal Pradesh recorded the best sex ratio in the country, followed by Nagaland at 965 females and Mizoram at 964.



### RECIPROCAL ACCESS AGREEMENT (RAA)

- Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison have signed a landmark defence deal in a bid to counter China's growing influence in the South China Sea and over the Pacific island nations.

## **LILAVATI AWARD-2020**

- Union Minister of Education virtually launched Lilavati Award-2020: AICTE's Innovative education program to empower women.
- With women empowerment as the theme, the objective of the award is to create awareness about issues like sanitation, hygiene, health, nutrition, literacy, employment, technology, credit, marketing, innovation, skill development, natural resources and rights among women.
- All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has established the Lilavati Award.
- The award covers multidisciplinary areas such as women's health, self defense, sanitation, literacy, entrepreneurship and legal awareness.

## **STATUE OF PEACE**

- The Prime Minister unveiled 'Statue of Peace' to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj.
- The 151 inch tall statue has been made from Ashtadhatu i.e. 8 metals, with Copper being the major constituent, and is installed at Vijay Vallabh Sadhana Kendra, Jetpura, in Pali, Rajasthan.

## **RAMSAR CONVENTION**

- India has added two more Ramsar sites. They are Lonar lake in Maharashtra which is the only crater lake of the country while the other is Sur Sarovar, also known as Keetham lake in Agra of Uttar Pradesh.

## **REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP)**

- Recently, 15 countries solidified their participation in the RCEP. Even as India opted to stay out after walking out of discussions last year, the new trading bloc has made it clear that the door will remain open for India to return to the negotiating table.

## **YASHVARDHAN KUMAR SINHA**

- Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha was appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC). Before the appointment, he has been serving as an Information Commissioner (IC) in the Central Information Commission since January 1, 2019.

## **INDIA SUCCESSFULLY TEST FIRES QRSAM SYSTEM OFF ODISHA COAST**

- India successfully test-fired the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system off the coast of Balasore in Odisha.

## **SADAT RAHMAN WINS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE 2020**

- Sadat Rahman from Bangladesh has been awarded the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize 2020.
- He was awarded the prize for his involvement in setting up his social organization and mobile app 'Cyber Teens' to stop cyber bullying.

## **DR SUSANTA KAR HONOURED WITH PROF. A N BHADURI MEMORIAL LECTURE AWARD-2020**

- Dr Susanta Kar, Senior Scientist, Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-Central Drug Research Institute (CSIR-CDRI) was honoured with "Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award 2020" by Society of Biological Chemists (India), Bengaluru.

## **PM NARENDRA MODI UNVEILS SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S STATUE ON JNU**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda in Jawaharlal Nehru University Campus, New Delhi through video conferencing.

## **RBI CREATES RESERVE BANK INNOVATION HUB TO BOOST FINANCIAL INCLUSION**

- The Reserve Bank of India has created a Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).
- The aim of Innovation Hub is to promote innovation across the financial sector by leveraging on technology and creating an environment which would facilitate and foster innovation.
- RBIH will collaborate with financial sector institutions, technology industry and academic institutions and coordinate efforts for exchange of ideas and development of prototypes related to financial innovations.

## **PM MODI VIRTUALLY ATTENDS 12TH BRICS SUMMIT**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually addressed the 12th (BRICS) Summit.
- The Summit was held under the Chairmanship of Russian President Vladimir Putin. India will be taking over the Chairmanship of the BRICS in 2021 and host the 13th BRICS Summit in 2021.
- It would be the third time that India will take over the BRICS Presidency since its inception. Previously India was the Chair in 2012 and 2016.
- The theme of the 12th edition of BRICS Summit was “Global stability, shared security and innovative growth”.
- The key issues discussed by the leaders included intra-BRICS cooperation and other key issues in the global context, like the reform of the multilateral system, measures to mitigate the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, cooperation in Counter-Terrorism, trade, health, energy and people to people exchanges.

## **ASIA'S 1ST SOLAR POWER-ENABLED TEXTILE MILL TO BE UNVEILED IN MAHARASHTRA**

- The first solar power-enabled Textile Mill in Asia is set to be set up in Parbhani district, Maharashtra.
- Spread across 30 acres of land, the Jai Bhawani women's cooperative textile mill will be first in Asia that will operate entirely on solar power. The overall cost of setting up the project is around Rs. 100 crore.

## **MADHYA PRADESH WEEKLY (14 - 21 November)**

### **MADHYA PRADESH GOVT ANNOUNCES 'GAU CABINET' FOR PROTECTION OF COWS**

- The Madhya Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has decided to set up a 'Gau Cabinet' for the protection, conservation and promotion of cows in the state.
- The Cabinet will comprise of the departments of animal husbandry, forests, panchayat and rural development, revenue, home and farmers welfare.
- The first meeting of the Cabinet will be held at 12 pm on 'Gopashtami' on November 22 at the Cow Sanctuary in Agar-Malwa district named 'Kamdhenu Gau Abhyaranya'.
- It is India's first cow sanctuary which was set up by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Madhya Pradesh government in September 2017.

### **MP GOVT FIXES MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR 32 MINOR FOREST PRODUCE**

- In Madhya Pradesh, the state government has fixed Minimum Support Price for 32 Minor Forest Produce. These include 18 small forest species for the first time such as Giloy, Kalmegh, Gudmar and Jamun seeds. Forest Minister Kunwar Vijay Shah said that the minimum price of 14 minor forest produce was increased in April this year.
- With the fixation of the collection value of minor forest produce, forest dwellers will not have to depend on middlemen for these forest produce. This will also improve their economic condition.

### **MADHYA PRADESH CONDUCTS 'POSHIT PARIVAR-SUPOSHIT MADHYA PRADESH' CAMPAIGN IN ALL DISTRICTS**

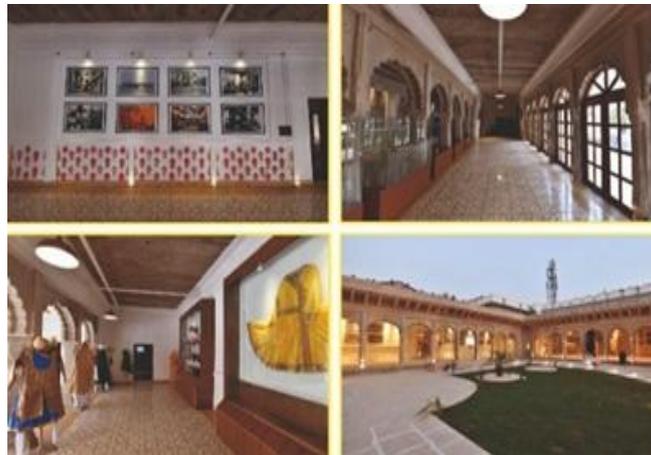
- In Madhya Pradesh, a community-based nutrition management programme of very severely malnourished children is being conducted in all districts under the nurtured families - well nurtured Madhya Pradesh i.e. 'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit Madhya Pradesh' campaign
- Under this campaign, very serious malnourished children are identified and after 12 weeks or 3 months of continuous effort after their registration, they are brought to normal nutrition level.
- An incentive of Rs 400 will be given in two installments to the families who are honored under the 'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit Madhya Pradesh' campaign.
- Under this, the first installment will be given to such families whose children have fallen from very severe malnourished category to moderate malnutrition category
- Similarly, the second installment will be given only when the children improve their nutritional level from the category of moderate malnutrition to normal nutrition level.
- Apart from this, other health services related to the child such as getting vaccinated according to the age, beginning of solid food after 6 months as per standard guidelines, family health and level of nutritional education will also be assessed.

## "TIGRESS ON THE TRAIL": MADHYA PRADESH CM TO FLAG OFF TEAM OF WOMEN BIKERS FROM BHOPAL TOMORROW



- In Madhya Pradesh, with the objective of promoting adventure and safe tourism for women, the first and unique adventurous motorcycle trip is starting in the state from tomorrow.
- 15 eminent women bikers from all over the country will visit various tourist spots of the state under this journey named "Tigress on the trail".
- "Tigress on the Trail" includes women bikers from Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Punjab, Bihar and Karnataka.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan will flag off this team of women bikers from Bhopal.
- In this journey of 1500 km, these bikers will travel to Madhi, Pench, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Panna and Khajuraho and finally return to Bhopal on 25 November.

## MADHYA PRADESH: DIGITAL MUSEUM OPENS AT MAHARAJ BADA IN GWALIOR



- In Madhya Pradesh, a digital museum has been opened at Maharaj Bada in Gwalior for the public from today. The museum is developed by Gwalior Smart City and entry for the public is being made free for a few days.
- It is the first center of its kind in Gwalior and Bundelkhand area and will play a role in educating school students. In the Digital Museum, the architectural styles, objects, costumes, lifestyle, musical instruments, jewelry, handicrafts, cultural tradition, painting and many genres of paintings have been digitally displayed in a modern way.

## MONUMENTS' 'GO BLUE' CAMPAIGN FOR RAISING CHILDREN'S ISSUES IN MP

- As part of marking World Children's Day monuments and buildings are going blue, first one to go is the historic fort of Mandu, followed by the District Hospital of Dhar. Go blue is a global movement of UNICEF for raising discourse on children issues, and requesting monuments and organisations to go blue, meaning light monuments and buildings to be lighted blue.

## **YOUNGSTERS' 'GO RURBAN' CAMP HELD NEAR ITARSI**

- To connect rural life with urban and visa versa, 18 youngsters took a trip to village near Itarsi under event 'Go Rurban'.

## **MP GOVT DECLARES 10 SPORTSPERSONS AS 'OUTSTANDING PLAYERS'**

- Madhya Pradesh Government Sports and Youth Welfare Department has declared 10 players as the outstanding players of the State.
- The players of Madhya Pradesh are bringing laurels to the State continuously with brilliant performances. To commemorate their wonderful performance in various competitions, as many as 10 players who have received Vikram Award in the year 2019 have been declared as outstanding players of the State.
- These include four players Bhopal, two Indore, two players Jabalpur and one player each of Dewas and Gwalior. In this connection, the order has been issued by the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare.
- According to the order issued, Kayaking-canoeing player Rajeshwari Kusharam of Water Sports Academy Bhopal, Faraz Khan of Horseback riding academy, Pistol player of shooting academy Chinki Yadav and Throwball player Chandrakant Harde of Bhopal, Muskan Kirar of Archery Academy Jabalpur and Judo player of Jabalpur Jankibai (Divyang), Swimming player Advaig Paige of Indore and softball player Pooja Parkhe, soft tennis player Jai Meena of Dewas and Karishma Yadav of Women's Hockey Academy Gwalior have been declared as excellent players.
- It is noteworthy that the Vikram Award-winning players are declared as outstanding players, paving the way for them to join government service.

## **RAJASTHAN'S RANTHAMBORE TIGER RETURNS FROM MADHYA PRADESH'S KUNO AFTER 8 YEARS**

- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve's field director confirmed T-38's return and said it moved to Kuno in 2012 and was caught on cameras installed there.
- A tiger named T-38 has returned to Rajasthan's Ranthambore Tiger Reserve from Kuno National Park, a little over 50 km away in Madhya Pradesh, after eight years. The tiger had left the reserve in 2012 when it was four years old.

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