

NATIONAL WEEKLY (19 - 26 DECEMBER)

AYUSHMAN BHARAT PM-JAY SEHAT

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT to extend coverage to all residents of Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ The scheme will provide a financial cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family for in-patient care and surgical procedures.

ARYA RAJENDRAN

- ❖ Arya Rajendran (born 1999) is an Indian politician, who currently serves as the mayor of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation.
- ❖ Arya won as councillor from Mudavanmukal ward of Thiruvananthapuram corporation at the 2020 Kerala local body elections at the age of 21 and was appointed as the mayor of the corporation which made her the youngest mayor of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation.

INDIA'S FIRST DRIVERLESS METRO

- ❖ India's urban mass rapid transit will mark a milestone on December 28 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to flag off the country's first 'driverless' metro in Delhi.
- ❖ The first 'driverless' train will roll out on the 38-km Line 8 or Magenta Line of the Delhi Metro, which has a 390-km-long network spread across the national capital and adjoining cities such as Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Bahadurgarh.

GOOD GOVERNANCE DAY

- ❖ Good governance day is celebrated annually on 25 December, the anniversary of the birth of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

TSO KAR WETLAND COMPLEX

- ❖ India has added Tso Kar Wetland Complex in Ladakh as its 42nd Ramsar site, which is a second one in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh.

KISAN DIWAS

- ❖ National Farmers' Day, or Kisan Diwas, is celebrated across the country on December 23 to honour India's farmers and mark the birth anniversary of the nation's fifth prime minister, Choudhary Charan Singh.

'LEGION OF MERIT' AWARD

- ❖ US President Donald Trump presented the prestigious Legion of Merit award to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ Mr Modi was given the award in recognition of his steadfast leadership and vision that has accelerated India's emergence as a global power and elevated the strategic partnership between the United States and India to address global challenges.

INDIGENOUS GAMES

- ❖ The Sports Ministry has approved the inclusion of four Indigenous Games to be a part of Khelo India Youth Games 2021, scheduled to take place in Haryana. The games include: Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba.

HUMAN FREEDOM INDEX 2020

- ❖ The Human Freedom Index 2020, a worldwide ranking of civil, economic and personal freedom, released recently placed India at the 111th spot out of 162 countries. India ranked 94 on the index in 2019.

E20 FUEL

- ❖ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has published a draft notification dated 11th December 2020, seeking comments from the public for adoption of E20 fuel as an automotive fuel and for the adoption of mass emission standards for this fuel.
- ❖ E20 fuel is blend of 20% of ethanol with gasoline. The notification facilitates the development of E20 compliant vehicles.
- ❖ It will also help in reducing emissions of carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons, etc. It will help reduce the oil import bill, thereby saving foreign exchange and boosting energy security.

INDIA'S FIRST LITHIUM REFINERY TO BE SET UP IN GUJARAT

- ❖ The refinery will process Lithium ore to produce battery-grade material. Lithium is a rare element and is usually not found in India.

INDIA'S LARGEST HOCKEY STADIUM TO BE SET UP IN ODISHA

- ❖ Odisha Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik has announced that India's biggest hockey stadium is being set up in Rourkela city of Odisha.

NITI AAYOG LAUNCHES CLOUD STORAGE SERVICE 'DIGIBOXX'

- ❖ NITI Aayog has launched indigenously developed India's first Digital Asset Management and Storage platform, called 'DigiBoxx'.
- ❖ The initiative will give a boost to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', as India now has its own cloud storage platform.
- ❖ This cloud storage and file sharing service will be available for desktop, iOS, and Android users, including both regular users as well as businesses.
- ❖ DigiBoxx offers free 20GB cloud storage space, and 100GB space per month at just Rs 30.

MP WEEKLY (19 - 26 DECEMBER)

MATRU SAHYOGINI SAMITI

- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh government has issued an order for the appointment of committees led by mothers to ensure better monitoring of services delivered at anganwadi or day care centres across the State.
- ❖ Called 'Matru Sahyogini Samiti' or Mothers' Cooperation Committees, these will comprise 10 mothers at each anganwadi representing the concerns of different sets of beneficiaries under the Integrated Child Development Services, or National Nutrition Mission —children between six months to three years, children between three years and six years, adolescent girls and pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- ❖ The committees will include mothers of beneficiary children as well as be represented by pregnant women and lactating mothers who are enrolled under the scheme.
- ❖ The Committees will also include a woman panch, women active in the community and eager to volunteer their support to the scheme, teachers from the local school, and women heads of self-help groups (SHG).
- ❖ These mothers will keep a watch on weekly ration distribution to beneficiaries as well as suggest nutritious and tasteful recipes for meals served to children at the centres.
- ❖ The move is being taken as per the mandate of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA).

CM UNVEILS EX-PM VAJPAYEE'S STATUE AT SHAURYA SMARAK

- ❖ Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled a huge statue of the country's former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna late Atal Bihari Vajpayee on the occasion of his birth anniversary near Shaurya Smarak Square in Bhopal. Chouhan also viewed the photo exhibition of late Vajpayee's visits to Bhopal.

MP LAUNCHES INDIA'S FIRST BALLOON SAFARI

- ❖ Forest Minister Kunwar Vijay Shah has said that this is the first balloon safari in India, which will enable tourists to view the wildlife and natural greenery in the areas near the national park from the sky.
- ❖ Forest Minister Shri Shah was inaugurating the Hot Air Balloon safari under the Buffer mein Safar scheme at Umaria (Badhavgarh) National Park.

RAJESH TRIPATHI CONFERRED WITH 'ATAL GAURAV RATNA' AWARD

- ❖ Professor Rajesh Tripathi, Principal, VNS College of Physical Education and Management Studies, Bhopal conferred with the 'Atal Gaurav Ratna Puraskar 2020' for his remarkable contribution in the field of education in the state capital. This award was presented by the Atal Bharat Sports and Cultural Association, India under Life Time Achievement category.

MPSKA'S PALASH SAMADHIYA BAGS GOLD MEDAL IN SENIOR NATIONAL E-KATA CHAMPIONSHIP

- ❖ Day-boarding player Palash Samadhiya of Madhya Pradesh State Karate Academy gave a brilliant performance at Karate championship, bagging a gold medal.
- ❖ Palash participated in the Senior National E-Kata Championship organized by World Karate and Asian Karate Federation.

SBI BHOPAL LAUNCHES 2-DAY CAMPAIGN 'PANCHAMRIT' FOR PROMOTING DIGITAL PRODUCTS

- ❖ State Bank of India, Bhopal Module launched two-day "Panchamrit" campaign for marketing of digital products and current account. This campaign is from December 18 to 19, 2020.

GWALIOR HOSTS MUCH-AWAITED TANSEN MUSIC FESTIVAL UNDER STRICT COVID-19 GUIDELINES IN PLACE

- ❖ In Madhya Pradesh, the much-awaited **Tansen Music Festival** began in Gwalior with strict COVID-19 guidelines in place.
- ❖ In the inaugural ceremony renowned santoor player Pt Satish Vyas was conferred upon the prestigious Tansen Samman. Bhopal-based institution Abhinav Kala Parishad was honoured with Raja Mansingh Tomar award.
