

NATIONAL WEEKLY (27 - 02 JANUARY)

AKASH MISSILE SYSTEM

- Akash is a Surface to Air Missile with a range of 25 Kms. The missile was inducted in 2014 in IAF and in 2015 in Indian Army. Akash is country's important missile with over 96 percent indigenisation

KISAN RAIL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the 100th Kisan Rail train, which is also plying between Devlali and Danapur — a popular offering which has now been extended to run between Sangola to Muzaffarpur and has carried over 15,450 tonnes of produce.

- The Kisan Rail train carries vegetables such as cauliflower, capsicum, cabbage, drumsticks, chillies, onion, etc, as well as fruits like grapes, oranges, pomegranate, banana, custard apple.

NUCLEAR REACTOR ON MOON

- USA's plan to have the first nuclear reactor on the moon by the end of 2026 — for which the US Department of Energy in collaboration with Nasa intends to solicit industry design proposals in early 2021 — got an impetus with a recent White House directive.

PROXIMA CENTAURI

- Astronomers at the \$100 million Breakthrough Listen project, started by the legendary physicist Stephen Hawking, have recently picked up an "intriguing" radio wave emission from the direction of Proxima Centauri, the closest star to our Sun.

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR VACCINES AND IMMUNISATION (GAVI)

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has been nominated by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) as a member on the GAVI Board.

- Harsh Vardhan will be representing the South East Area Regional Office(SEARO)/ Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) constituency on the GAVI Board.
- Harsh Vardhan will be representing India from 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2023.

INDIA'S FIRST POLLINATOR PARK OPENS IN UTTARAKHAND

- The country's first pollinator park with over 40 species of butterflies, honeybees, birds and insects has been developed over four acres at Haldwani, Uttarakhand.

NAVY, DRDO CONDUCT A MAIDEN TRIAL OF AIR-DROPPED CONTAINER 'SAHAYAK-NG'

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) along with the Indian Navy conducted the successful maiden test trial of 'SAHAYAK-NG' India's first indigenously designed and developed Air Dropped Container from IL 38SD aircraft (Indian Navy) off the coast of Goa.

MULTI-MODEL LOGISTICS PARK IN ASSAM'S SILCHAR

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has announced that a multi-modal logistics park in Assam.

INDIA-VIETNAMESE NAVY CONDUCTS PASSEX-2020 IN SOUTH CHINA SEA

- The Indian Navy and Vietnamese Navy undertook the naval passage exercise PASSEX in the South China Sea.

A NEW BOOK TITLED 'COVID-19: SABHYATA KA SANKAT AUR SAMADHAN' RELEASED

- Nobel laureate **Kailash Satyarthi's** new book titled '**Covid-19: Sabhyata ka Sankat Aur Samadhan**' (**Covid-19: Crisis of Civilisation and Solutions**) was launched by former Chief Justice of India **Dipak Misra** and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman **Harivansh Narayan Singh**.

MADHYA PRADESH WEEKLY (27 - 02 JANUARY)

INDIA'S 1ST HOT AIR BALLOON WILDLIFE SAFARI LAUNCHED IN MADHYA PRADESH

- India's first hot air balloon wildlife safari in a tiger reserve was launched in the world-famous Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh forest minister Vijay Shah.
- Now like Africa's forests, tourists in India will also enjoy hot air balloon wildlife safari. The state was planning to introduce this service in Pench, Kanha and Panna tiger reserves as well.
- The activity will be restricted to the buffer area and people can watch tigers, leopards, Indian sloth bear and other wild animals from a height. It is the first in any tiger reserve in the country. The service is being operated by Jaipur-based Sky Waltz and company.

PM TO LAY FOUNDATION OF LIGHT HOUSE PROJECT

- Indore has been selected by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Government of India, for the construction of the Light House Project at a national level competition under the Global Housing Technology Challenge India of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- The selection of Indore, the country's cleanest city for the implementation of the Light House Project, is a matter of pride for Madhya Pradesh. New techniques of building construction will get a boost in the state and construction period will also be reduced with the implementation of LHP in Indore.

'BALIDAN DIVAS OF BHIMA NAYAK PROUD DAY'

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Balidan Divas of martyr Bhima Nayak is a proud day for Madhya Pradesh and Nimar. On this day, the immortal martyr Bhima Nayak sacrificed his life for Mother India to cut the shackles of slavery. His sacrifice will always inspire to be devoted to the nation.