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IMPORTANT DAYS

- Feb 24 : Central Excise Day
- Feb 28 : National Science Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **‘Boeing 747-200’-Air India’s first ever Flight Simulator was exhibited in Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai** Air India’s First ever Flight Simulator known as ‘Boeing 747-200’ was exhibited in Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai. The Simulator was acquired by Air India in 1980, which is designed and manufactured by the CAE (Canadian Aviation Electronics), Canada.

Keypoints:

- The 21 years serviced Simulator is donated with a purpose to create awareness about the significance in the field of aviation among the public in general and students in particular.
 - Airports Authority of India and National Council of Science Museums Signed a Memorandum of Agreement worth 2 crore rupees for development of Aviation Gallery – Hall of Aerospace, Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai.
- **Assam tops the ranking of “best budgetary practices followed by states”:** Transparency International On 1st February 2019, according to a survey by Transparency International, Assam tops in the ranking of best practices followed by states in budget formulation. Assam is the only state to publish a citizens budget in

the public domain and also to conduct budget awareness campaign across 17 districts.

- **Indus River Dolphin declared as Punjab’s State aquatic animal** On February 2, 2019, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh declared one of the rarest mammal, **Indus River Dolphin**, which is only found in **Beas River**, as **Punjab State Aquatic Animal**.
- **2019 International Spice Conference 2019 held in Hyderabad** International Spice Conference is considered as platform for all business houses, the spice associations, the policy makers, the farmers and the users, to connect and interact.
- **i. The fourth edition** of this conference was held in the City of Pearls and the capital city of Telangana-**Hyderabad**.
- **ii. The theme** for the conference 2019 is **‘Challenges of Change, Redefining the Value Chain’**.
- **iii. Third edition** of this conference was held in **Jaipur** with the theme **‘Managing Disruptions through Transformation and Collaboration’**.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Singapore named as most liveable location for Asian expats: ECA** On January 31, 2019, **ECA international survey**, which surveyed almost **480 location** overall in a year declared

Singapore to be the most liveable location for Asian Expatriates for the **14th consecutive year**. Singapore is followed **Australia's Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide** in the **second position**.

ii. **Hong Kong** slipped 12 place down and reached **41st** rank due to the damage caused by Typhoon Mangkhut in the year 2018.

iii. Further, **Bangkok** was in **89th** place, whereas **George Town** and **Kuala Lumpur** made a hike to **97th** and **98th** respectively and **Colombo** in **Sri Lanka** in **194th** rank

The estimated cost of this project is **3000 crores**.

- **Kerala became the first State set up a price monitoring and research unit (PMRU)** On February 3,2019, **Kerala** became the first state to set up price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of **essential drugs and medical devices**.

i. The new watchdog will offer technical help to the State Drug Controllers to monitor notified prices of medicines, detect violation of the provisions of the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO).

ii. This move is taken by the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**.

Ranchi: 2nd Jharkhand International Film Festival (JIFF) held in Ranchi From 1st February 2019, **2nd Jharkhand International Film Festival (JIFF)** was organized by an NGO, **Navbharat Nirman Sangh** at **Ranchi**, Jharkhand. The event was concluded on 3rd February 2019. **JIFF** was organized with an aim to present best Indian and International Films as well as Jharkhand Regional Films. The fest was funded by **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** with a support of 5 lakh.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Pradeep Singh Kharola** On February 6, 2019, Air India chief **Pradeep Singh Kharola** has been appointed **Civil Aviation secretary**.
- **Rishi K Shukla** On February 2,2019, Narendra Modi Government appointed **Rishi K Shukla**, former Madhya Pradesh DGP, as the new director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a fixed tenure of **two years**.

OBITUARY

- **Ladu Kishore Swain** On February 6,2019, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP, **Ladu Kishore Swain** passed away at the **age of 71** due to **kidney-related ailments** in **Bhubaneswar**.
- **Priyanath Dey** On February 4,2019,Noted freedom fighter and former Odisha MLA **Priyanath Dey** passed away in **Bhubaneswar** at the age of 97.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Mayapur** International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) has decided to set up a "World Heritage Centre" housing "spiritual camps" of 45 countries, at its headquarter, Mayapur in Nadia district of West Bengal. The camp of each country would reflect its culture, dress, lifestyle, food and ambiance.

AWARDS

- **Ernest and Young announced the finalists for 'Entrepreneur of the Year 2018' awards** On February 4,2019,EY, the global professional services organisation, released a list of 16 country's '**most exceptional' entrepreneurs** as finalists for the '**20th Entrepreneur of the Year India 2018'** award.

i. The Finalists were selected by an eminent **eight-member independent Jury Panel** led by **Uday Kotak, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

ii. The national winner will represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) in **Monte Carlo** from 5 – 9 June 2019.

- iii. **Azim Premji**, Chairman of Wipro Ltd will be felicitated with the **Lifetime Achievement Award**.
- **Manus Island refugee Behrouz Boochani won Australian literary prize** On January 31, 2019, Manus Island's refugee **Behrouz Boochani**'s debut book "**No Friends But the Mountains**" won both the 25,000 dollars **non-fiction prize** at the Victorian premier's literary awards and the 100,000 dollars **Victorian prize for literature**, in **Australia**.

- **Qatar won their First-ever Asian Cup Title In Football by defeating Japan** On 2nd February 2019, Qatar won its first major soccer title by beating four-time champion Japan 3-1 in the 17th edition of the AFC Asian Cup held in United Arab Emirates(UAE).
- **Mithali becomes first female to play 200 ODIs** On 1st February 2019, 36 years old India's Women Cricket team captain, **Mithali Raj** became the **first female player** to play **200 ODIs** during the 3rd and Final ODI against New Zealand.

SPORTS

- **Azerbaijan Grand Prix extends F1 deal to 2023** On 5th February 2019, Organizers of the **Azerbaijan Grand Prix** has extended the contract to host Formula One races in Baku street circuit till 2023. This is the first renewal of 2019, the organizers from Belgium, China, Germany, Japan and Singapore has already extended their deals over the previous two years.
 - ii. This renewal will help the organizers of Azerbaijan GP to maximize commercial revenues through new sponsorship approach and enhanced fan activities.
- **Haryana Hammers defeated Punjab Royals to win PWL 4 title** On 31st January 2019, **Haryana Hammers** defeated defending champions **Punjab Royals** by **6-3** in the summit clash at the Gautam Buddha University indoor stadium, Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh to claim the **fourth edition of the Pro Wrestling League (PWL)**.
- **Sana Mir becomes first Asian woman to play hundred T20Is** On February 3, 2019, Former captain of the Pakistan women team **Sana Mir** became the first Asian woman to play **hundred T20Is**. She achieved this milestone, while playing against West Indies during the final of T20I that was held in Karachi.
 - ii. Sana Mir is the **sixth woman** in the world to complete **100 T20Is**, whereas **Daendra Dottin** of **West Indies** lead the list with **110 T20Is**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Hoveizeh- Long-Range Surface to Surface Missile Unveiled by Iran on 1979 Islamic Revolution Anniversary** On 2nd February 2019, Iran Unveiled its Long Range Cruise Surface to Surface Missile, named Hoveizeh with a Strike range of 1,300 km (800 miles) to mark the remembrance of 1979 Islamic Revolution Anniversary.
- **India's 40th Communication Satellite, GSAT-31 has been successfully launched from French Guiana** On 6th February 2019, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched its 40th communication satellite "GSAT-31" from French Guiana by Arianespace launch vehicle. GSAT-31 will enlarge the Ku-band transponder capacity in geostationary orbit and will bestow the linkage to operational services on some of the in-orbit satellites.
 - ii. GSAT-31 will be beneficial for Television related up-links, connectivity, services, cellular backhaul connectivity, etc.
- **ISRO launched Human Space Flight Centre in Bengaluru** On 30th January 2019, **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** launched the **Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC)** which will act as the hub of ISRO's future manned missions at the headquarters of ISRO in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Where is the 67th Annual Armed Forces Medical Conference held from 5th to 8th February 2019?
 - 1) Mumbai
 - 2) New Delhi
 - 3) Pune
 - 4) Kolkata
 - 5) None of these
2. Which state government decided to constitute a high-powered committee to prepare a comprehensive action plan for boosting the dairy sector and supplement the income of farmers in a result-oriented manner, on 5th February 2019?
 - 1) Kerala
 - 2) West Bengal
 - 3) Punjab
 - 4) Uttar Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
3. Where was the 6th meeting of the Mission Steering Group of the National Health Mission (NHM) held on 2nd February 2019?
 - 1) Chennai
 - 2) Bengaluru
 - 3) Hyderabad
 - 4) New Delhi
 - 5) None of these
4. Ministry of Coal, Government of India, signed an MoU with Ministry of Energy of which country to foster relations in the field of coal mining and clean coal technologies, on 4th February 2019?
 - 1) Switzerland
 - 2) Germany
 - 3) Poland
 - 4) Australia
 - 5) None of these
5. International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) has decided to set up a World Heritage Centre housing 'spiritual camps' in 45 countries, one of which will be set up in ____?
 - 1) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 - 2) Mysore, Karnataka
 - 3) Mayapur, West Bengal
 - 4) Udaipur, Rajasthan
 - 5) None of these
6. Who was honoured with the first Word Smith Award 2019 for his contribution in Indian Literature, at the Words Count festival 2019 held in Pune on 4th February 2019?
 - 1) Rachita Sen
 - 2) Pavan Kumar Verma
 - 3) Ranjan Kulkarni
 - 4) Azad Shams
 - 5) None of these
7. Which Union Ministry allowed women to work in mines, both in opencast and underground, during the day and night, as part of the efforts to build more opportunities for women, on 4th February 2019?
 - 1) Ministry of Mines
 - 2) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 - 3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - 4) Ministry of Union Labour and Employment
 - 5) None of these
8. Where did Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurate the judicial complex, which will be used as an interim High Court for Andhra Pradesh, on 3rd February 2019?
 - 1) Amravati
 - 2) Visakhapatnam
 - 3) Anantpur
 - 4) Bellary
 - 5) None of these
9. Which Union Ministry launched the Shehri Samridhi Utsav initiative with an aim to extend the reach of Deendayal Antyodaya Mission – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), on 5th February 2019?
 - 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - 2) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
 - 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 - 4) Ministry of Finance
 - 5) None of these
10. Where was the First State Level Awareness Programme on Agriculture Export Policy to create awareness among farmers and stakeholders held on 2nd February 2019?
 - 1) Pune
 - 2) Chennai
 - 3) Raipur
 - 4) Shimla
 - 5) None of these
11. Bank was imposed with a Penalty of _____ rupees by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for contradicting the norms in Checking norms and Risk Management, on 5th February 2019?
 - 1) Rs 1 Crore
 - 2) Rs 2 Crore
 - 3) Rs 3 Crore
 - 4) Rs 4 Crore
 - 5) None of these

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