

Current Affairs Roundup - 2020

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Ladakh gets its own Meteorological Centre

The Union government decided to establish a "Meteorological Centre" at Leh to serve the people and the administration of Ladakh and to avert losses due to natural calamities.

- ★ Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal MP-Ladakh and R K Mathur, Lt. Governor, Ladakh inaugurated the centre and dedicate it to the People of Ladakh.
- ★ At 3500m, this Centre will be the Highest "Meteorological Centre" in the country. The centre will provide all kinds of weather & climate-related infos. on a realtime basis.

RUR Rankings, 2020 recognises UoH as India's best institute in humanities

RUR (Round University Ranking) Rankings Agency in partnership with Clarivate Analytics, announced the release of RUR 2020 Humanities World University Ranking. The ranking is dedicated to highlight the performance of more than 800 world's leading higher education institutions by 20 indicators grouped: teaching, research, international diversity and financial sustainability.



- ★ The University of Hyderabad (UoH) is ranked among the humanities subject area with No.1 position in India and 276th globally. It is 53rd in global teaching ranking in humanities.
- ★ RUR Ranking is designed to provide relevant data on global higher education to address stakeholder's personal tasks: students, academic community, university management, policymakers.

Madhya Pradesh has lost 26 Tigers in 2020

Madhya Pradesh has lost 26 Tigers so far this year, as per the National Tiger Conservation Authority. This state is known as the 'tiger state' of India.

- ★ Madhya Pradesh Forest Minister Vijay Shah said the average death rate of tigers was less compared to their birth rate in the State in the last six years. In 2019, the State lost 28 tigers. He also said Madhya Pradesh has 124 tiger cubs.
- ★ Karnataka, which is in the second position in the number of tigers in the country, registered eight deaths and two seizures of tiger body parts this year. The State lost 12 big cats in 2019.

BRO inked an agreement with CIMFR

Border Roads Organisation (BRO) inked an agreement with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's constituent lab, Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR) based in Dhanbad on November 27.

- ★ The agreement was signed at HQ, DGBR for "Advice on Controlled Blast Design for Excavation of Rock at BRO Road Construction Sites".
- ★ The agreement was signed in presence of Dr. P.K. Singh, Director, CSIR-CIMFR Dhanbad, and Dr. Aditya Rana, Scientist will coordinate the activities.



India and Sri Lanka Navy Maritime Exercise 'SLINEX-20'

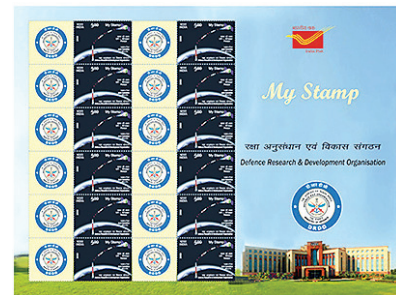
The Eighth Edition of annual Indian Navy (IN) – Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX-20 is scheduled off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka from 19 to 21 October 2020.

- ★ The Sri Lanka Navy will be represented by SLN Ships 'Sayura' (Offshore Patrol Vessel) and 'Gajabahu' (Training Ship) led by Rear Admiral Bandara Jayathilaka, the Flag Officer Commanding Naval Fleet, Sri Lanka Navy.
- ★ The Indian Navy will be represented by Indigenously built ASW corvettes 'Kamorta' and 'Kiltan' under the command of Rear Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, 'Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet'.
- ★ The previous edition of SLINEX was conducted off Visakhapatnam in September 2019.
- ★ SLINEX-20 aims to enhance inter-operability, improve mutual understanding and exchange best practices and procedures for multi-faceted maritime operations between both navies.
- ★ The exercise is being conducted in a non-contact 'at-sea-only' format in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Govt launches Postage Stamp commemorating Mission Shakti's success

A customized My Stamp on India's First Anti Satellite Missile (A-SAT) was launched on the occasion of Engineers Day on September 15 in the presence of Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor (NSA). The stamp was released by the Department of Posts.

- ★ On the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted an Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) missile test 'Mission Shakti' from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha on 27th March 2019.
- ★ DRDO developed A-SAT Missile successfully engaged an Indian orbiting target satellite in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) in a 'Hit to Kill' mode. The interceptor missile was a three-stage missile with two solid rocket boosters.



ICMR' designed Nutrition plate

The ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, recommends sourcing of macronutrients and micronutrients from a minimum of 8 food groups per day to achieve a balanced diet that would fulfill the required calorie or energy needs of Indians.

- ★ A balanced diet should provide around 50-60% of total calories from carbohydrates, preferably from complex carbohydrates, about 20-30% from total fats/oils, and a minimum of 10-15% from proteins. 'My Plate for the Day' provides typically 13.5% calories or energy (E) from protein, 29 %E from fat, and 56%E from carbohydrates required to meet the 2000 calories need in a day.

New National Education Policy 2020

New National Education Policy 2020 unveiled by the Modi government, reforms aim to make India a 'global knowledge superpower' on July 29.

The National Education Policy (NEP) was announced by HRD Minister Ramesh Nishank and I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar. For 34 years there were no changes in the education policy.

- ★ The new NEP will replace the existing National Policy on Education 1986, which was later modified in 1992. The NEP includes the extension of the Right to Education Act 2009 to cover children between the age group of 3 to 18 years. The new policy also seeks to reduce the content load in the school education curriculum.

Defence Ministry signs contract with IWI to acquire 16,479 LMG's

The Defence Ministry has signed the capital acquisition contract with Israel Weapons Industries (IWI) for procurement of 16,479 light machine guns (LMGs) at a cost of Rs 880 crore with the approval of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

- ★ Under this contract IWI would be providing Negev 7.62*51 mm LMGs to the Indian armed forces.

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