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National Affairs

Medical devices to come under CDSCO's purview from 1st April

The Govt of India has decided to consider all medical devices including implants & contraceptives as "Drugs" from 1st April 2020. The notification will also re-categorize medical devices that are used for life support, diagnosis & treatment.

Low risk-devices are inspected by private notified bodies while licenses were given by CDSCO & for high-risk devices, inspection & licensing are both done by CDSCO.

NHAI to waive off FASTag cost between 15-29 Feb

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to waive off the FASTag cost of 100 rupees for NHAI FASTag between 15th to 29th of this month. Road users can visit any authorized physical point-of-sale locations with a valid Registration Certificate (RC) of the vehicle and get an NHAI FASTag free of cost.

The applicable security deposit and minimum balance amount for FASTag wallet will remain unchanged.

Delhi Election Results 2020: AAP gets 62 seats, BJP 8

Delhi elections results reveal that Aam Aadmi Party is going to form a government for the second term. The results have shattered Manoj Tiwari's dream target of 48 seats. The key AAP candidates who won elections this time are - Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Atishi, Amanatullah Khan, Raghav Chadha among others.

In the 2015 Assembly Election, the Aam Aadmi Party had won 67 seats out of 70. BJP has won eight seats, five more than the 2015 assembly election. However, the party managed to increase its vote share by over 6% from the last elections. 0.5% voters pressed the NOTA (None of the Above) button.

NIFM, Faridabad renamed 'Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management'

The Government of India decided to rename the National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad, Haryana, as "Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management".

About Arun Jaitley: Late Shri Arun Jaitley, former Union Finance Minister & Padma Vibhushan awardee played a major role during the period of 26th May 2014 to 30th May 2019.

About NIFM: NIFM, Faridabad was set up in 1993 as a registered society under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, which train officers of various finance & accounts service recruited by the UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) through the civil service examination and also officers of the Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS).

About Haryana:

- Capital- Chandigarh.
- Chief Minister (CM)- Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Governor- Satyadev Narayan Arya.

International Affairs

CoronaVirus disease named Covid-19

According to the World Health Organization(WHO), the official name for the disease caused by the new coronavirus is 'Covid-2019'.

The word coronavirus refers to the group of viruses it belongs to. Researchers have calling for an official name to avoid confusion and stigmatization of any group or country.

33rd edition of African Union (AU) Summit 2020 held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

A 2-day long 33rd African Union (AU) Heads of State Summit 2020 under the theme "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Development" was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, is the newly elected Chairperson of the African Union for one year. He replaces Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

About Ethiopia:

- Capital– Addis Ababa
- Currency– Ethiopian birr
- Prime minister– Abiy Ahmed

State News

Uttar Pradesh

UP Cabinet approves Ground Water Act-2020 to improve ground water levels

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the Ground Water Act-2020 on February 11, 2020 to improve the falling groundwater level.

The Ground Water Act makes registration mandatory for installing submersible pumps. An online registration facility has been made available for the same.

Besides this, the UP government has made rainwater harvesting system mandatory in all private and government schools and colleges.

UP Govt launches toll free helpline numbers for students

Uttar Pradesh Government has launched toll-free helpline numbers(1800-180-5310 and 18001805312) to solve the queries of students ahead of the Board Examinations starting next week.

Experts of different subjects including English, life sciences, geography, general science, Hindi, Sanskrit, Chemistry will be available on call on these numbers. The helpline numbers will remain active from 8am to 8pm.

About UP:

- Governor -Anandiben Patel
- Capital - Lucknow

Mumbai:

Mumbai to get India's largest air quality monitoring network

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will develop an air quality monitoring network across 90 locations in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It will be the largest network in India.

The new project is led by Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Conservation Action Trust (CAT) & partnered by pan-India air pollution research groups Respirer Living Sciences Private Limited (UrbanSciences) and Urban Emissions. The project will be completed within next 5 years, funded by BMC and private organisations.

About Maharashtra:

- Capital- Mumbai.
- Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Chief Minister (CM)- Uddhav Bal Thackeray.

Awards

13th edition of ESPNcricinfo Awards 2019 announced

ESPNcricinfo (sports news website) announced the 13th edition of the Annual ESPNcricinfo Awards 2019. The awards were presented under 12 categories & selected by a jury comprising

former cricketers, ESPNcricinfo senior editors, writers & global correspondents. Captain of the year award: Eoin Joseph Gerard Morgan was named as the ‘captain of the year’ for leading England to win the World Cup Title against New Zealand.

About ESPNcricinfo:

The ESPNcricinfo awards recognize the best individual batting and bowling performances in cricket over the year.

Founded- 15 March 1993.

Category	Winner
Test batting performance of the year	Kusal Perera
Test bowling performance of the year	Kemar Roach
ODI batting performance of the year	Ben Stokes
ODI bowling performance of the year	Matt Henry
T20I batting performance of the year	Gleen Maxwell
T20I bowling performance of the year	Lasith Malinga
Captain of the year	Eoin Morgan
Debutant of the year	Jofra Archer
Women’s batting performance of the year	Meg Lanning
Women’s bowling performance of the year	Ellyse Perry
Associate batting performance of the year	George Munsey
Associate bowling performance of the year	Bilal Khan

Banking & Finance

Union Ministry of Finance has notified ‘Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2020’

The Union Ministry of Finance has notified ‘Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2020’ which will feature bilingual signature of Shri Atanu Chakraborty, Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Features of One Rupee Note

- It shall be rectangular 9.7 x 6.3 cms, with its paper made of 100% (cotton) rag content.
- The note will be 110 microns thick, weighing 90 GSM (Grams per Square Meter).
- The pink green colour note will have a design of grains, which depicts the “agricultural dominance of the country”.
- The design surrounding will be of the Sagar Samrat, which is an oil exploration rig. The rig drilled the first offshore well in 1974 and has been in service with the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) since.

Summits & Conference

Kerala to hosts Intl conference on Climate change & Ocean health “CLIMFISHCON-2020”

The “CLIMISHCON” is a Four-day International Conference on changes in Hydrological cycle, Ocean ecosystem, Fisheries and Food security due to Global climate change. And the conference is going to be held at the Le Meridian Convention center in Kochi, Kerala from February 11 to February 14, 2020.

The conference is jointly organized by the Department of Fisheries, Kerala and the CUSAT (Cochin University of Science and Technology) School of Industries Fisheries, and ‘Climate Change-Effective Adaptation for a Secure Future’ is becoming the Theme for the conference.

About Kerala:

- Capital- Thiruvananthapuram
- Chief Minister- Pinarayi Vijayan
- Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan

NSG organises 20th International Seminar against terrorism at Manesar, Haryana

National Security Guard (NSG) has organised the 20th International Seminar on “Comprehends the Evolving Contours of Terrorism & IED Threat-Wayahead for the Security Community” at Manesar, Haryana. The seminar was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, G. Kishan Reddy. Senior Police and security officers, and delegates from various countries are participating in the Seminar. A wide spectrum of Counter Terrorism and Counter-IED issues in will be covered in the two-day seminar. He also presented the Counter-IED Innovators awards and released the 30th volume of “The Bomshell”.

Books and Authors

Dharmendra Rai, Mind Map & Brain Literacy trainer launched his book “The Thin Mind Map”

Dharmendra Rai, Mind Map & Brain Literacy trainer launched his book “The Thin Mind Map”. The book is designed to be an expert in mind mapping. Dharmendra Rai was the first person in the world to talk on TEDx on creativity & mind mapping. He has conducted 380 plus mind map seminars less than 10 years which is a world record.

Important Days

National Productivity Day observed globally on 12 February

National Productivity Day is observed on 12 February annually. The day is celebrated by the National Productivity Council (NPC) to promote productivity culture in India.

National Productivity Council (NPC) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India is a premier institution for propagating productivity movement in India. NPC works for providing solutions towards accelerating productivity, enhancing competitiveness, increasing productivity. The seven days period from 12th February to 18th February 2020 as “Productivity Week” throughout the country.

About National Productivity Council:

- Chairman : Guruprasad Mohapatra.
- Director-General: Arun Kumar Jha.

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