

4th March 2020 Current Affairs**EXAMSDAILY****National Affairs****35th edition of AAHAR, Food and Hospitality fair, begins in New Delhi**

The 35th edition of AAHAR - the Food and Hospitality fair began on 4th March 2020.

This five-day-long fair is being organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation, ITPO.

The event will also offer an insight into operational and food safety concerns and innovations to become energy-efficient, finding budget-friendly raw materials boosting productivity, while still aiming for greater profitability.

Pune to host 108th Indian Science Congress in 2021

This will be the fourth time that the city will host the prestigious meet in the last 100 years.

The event, set to be held at Symbiosis International University's Lavale campus between January 3 and 7 next year

Theme: Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment

Govt launches “Humsafar” mobile app for doorstep diesel delivery

Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar has launched a mobile application named ‘Fuel Humsafar’ for delivery of diesel at doorsteps.

The app will be used for the fuel delivery services to housing societies, hospitals, other bulk buyers of diesel, etc. in various NCR cities, including, Hapur, Kundli, Manesar, & Bahadurgarh.

Week-long “EKAM Fest” begins in New Delhi

National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) under the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has organised “EKAM exhibition-cum-Fair” in New Delhi.

The fest is organised to promote craftsmanship and products of Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs.

EKAM stands for Entrepreneurship, Knowledge, Awareness, Marketing.

International Affairs**Indian-American Seema Verma named as key member of coronavirus task force in US**

Leading Indian-American health policy consultant Seema Verma has been appointed as one of the key members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force constituted by US President Donald Trump

The task force led by Secretary, Health and Human Services Alex Azar.

About USA:

- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Currency: US Dollar.

China took the presidency of UN Security Council for March 2020

China has taken over the presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of March 2020 from Belgium to promote solidarity and cooperation in this capacity.

China is the permanent member of UN.

The Security Council was established by the UN Charter in 1945 with the responsibility to maintain international peace and security. The council has 15 members (5 permanent 10 non-permanent members).

Apple has picked this photo of Indian photographer as one of the 'best' in the world

Every year Apple across the world puts up billboards of ads of iPhones. These ads on billboards have images that have been clicked using the iPhone. This year to highlight one of its biggest camera feature the Night mode, Apple had invited photographs from all over the world.

Six such images were announced as winners and one of them has been clicked by Mumbai-based photographer Mitsun Soni.

About Apple:

- Headquarters - California, United States
- Founded - 1976

State Affairs

Maharashtra

Rs. 4,807 crore deposited into bank accounts of 7.65 lakh farmers under farm loan waiver scheme: Maharashtra CM

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has informed that Rs. 4,807 crore have been deposited into the bank accounts of 7.65 lakh farmers under the Mahatma Phule farm loan waiver scheme.

The chief minister said 35.8 lakh farmer accounts have been uploaded on a special portal created for the implementation of the loan waiver scheme.

About Maharashtra:

- Chief Minister – Uddhav Thackeray
- Governor - Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Uttar Pradesh**UP Government provides Rs 900 per month to farmers willing to keep stray cattle**

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that his government will pay Rs 900 per month to farmers willing to keep stray cattle.

In order to solve the problem of stray cattle, the state Government had introduced “Chief Minister Destitute Cow Participation Scheme”. Under the scheme, willing farmers shall adopt cows from the shelters and take them home. To such farmers or adopters Rs 900 was to be provided.

Banking & Finance**RBL Bank, Zomato and Mastercard partner to launch co-branded credit cards**

Gurugram-based food delivery giant Zomato has inked a strategic partnership with Master Card and RBL to launch a co-branded credit card.

This partnership will help the online food delivery platform further cement its position in India’s dining market by offering benefits such as Zomato credits on purchases, and increase the reach of its flagship membership program Zomato Gold.

About RBL Bank:

- Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- MD & CEO - Vishwavir Ahuja

SBI switched to Cash Budget Based Assessment (CBBA) method of assessment for corporate

State Bank of India (SBI) has switched to “Cash Budget Based Assessment (CBBA)” from “Projected Balance Sheet (PBS)” method of Fund Based Working Capital (FBWC) limits for assessment of the working capital requirement for corporates or large advances.

CBBA of limits has been initiated for assessment of the FBWC limits for units with total FBWC exposure of more than Rs 50 crore from the banking system.

About SBI:

- Formed– July 1955 as SBI
- Headquarter– Mumabi, Maharashtra
- Chairman– Rajnish Kumar

Awards**Lalit Kala Akademi's 61st annual awards to be conferred by Prez Kovind**

Lalit Kala Akademi's 61st annual awards will be conferred by President Ram Nath Kovind to 15 artistes at the Rashtrapati Bhavan .

The awardees include Anoop Kumar Manzukhi Gopi (Thrissoor, Kerala), David Malakar (Kolkata, West Bengal), Devendra Kumar Khare (Vadodara, Gujarat), Dinesh Pandya (Mumbai, Maharashtra), Faruque Ahmed Halder (24 Parganas, Kolkata, West Bengal), Hari Ram Kumbhawat (Jaipur, Rajasthan).

Lalit Kala Akademi awards are given to recognise the outstanding work in the field of art.

Science & Technology**Tourism ministry launched Multilingual version of “Incredible India” website in New Delhi**

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (MoS- Independent charge) for Labour & Employment, launched ‘Humsafar’ mobile application in New Delhi, which delivers diesel to doorstep of bulk users.

The app will be used for the fuel delivery services to housing societies, hotels, hospitals, malls, construction sites, industries, banquets & other bulk buyers of the diesel in various cities.

Appointments**Sudhanshu Pandey takes charge as new CMD of MMTC Ltd**

Sudhanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary at the Department of Commerce, assumed additional charge as CMD (Chairman & Managing Director) of MMTC (Metals & Minerals Trading Corporation). He was the successor of Ved Prakash. Pandey currently discharges functions as the Chief Negotiator of India.

He also served many high-level government and trade delegations to various countries.

Sports Affairs**Azlan Shah Cup Hockey Tournament postponed due to Coronavirus**

The prestigious Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament has been postponed from April to September this year in the wake of the novel coronavirus outbreak across the world.

The Azlan Shah Cup is an annual men's international invitational field hockey tournament. The participating teams in this edition's tournament were Australia, Canada, Japan, hosts Malaysia, Pakistan and South Korea.

Obituaries

Buddhist religious leader in Bangladesh Suddhananda Mahathero passes away

The head of the Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha Sanghanayaka Suddhananda Mahathero passed away in Dhaka.

Government of Bangladesh awarded the Ekushey Award to him in 2012.

About Buddhism:

According to 2011 census, Buddhism is the third largest religion of Bangladesh constituting 0.6 percent of the population. Most of the Buddhists live in Chittagong division of Bangladesh.

Important Days

National safety day celebrated on 4 March

The occasion of National Safety Day is celebrated across India every year. The National Safety Council (NSC) observes a National Safety Week to raise awareness for "safety".

This year's theme is "Enhance Health & Safety Performance by Use of Advanced Technology."

The first observance of National Safety Day took place in 1966, on the day when the National Safety Council (NSC) was founded.