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NATIONAL

1) 'TRIFED Van Dhan: A Chronicle of Tribal Grit & Enterprise'

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda launched several ambitious projects of TRIFED including the launch of the TRIFED VanDhan Chronicle, 14 Honey Farmer Producer Organizations and an MoU with United Nations Children's Fund to boost Tribal Samvaad Network. Arjun Munda has launched the 'TRIFED Van Dhan: A Chronicle of Tribal Grit & Enterprise'.

2) Project on 'pre-arrival customs data exchange'

India and Maldives signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the customs of two countries for the joint launch of a pilot project on 'pre-arrival customs data exchange' in a virtual ceremony. It was Launched by Vivek Johri, Chairman Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.

3) HEAT Abhyas

Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully conducted the flight test of indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) Abhyas, Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

4) "Intelligent Transport System"

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari launched India's first "Intelligent Transport System" on Eastern Peripheral Expressway, Ghaziabad. This system was developed in a bid to minimize traffic woes and enhance safety of commuters.

STATE NEWS

1) "CM Dashboard Tamil Nadu 360"

Tamil Nadu government launched the Chief Minister Dashboard monitoring system, "CM Dashboard Tamil Nadu 360" in Chennai. It will enable CM to track all welfare schemes, including the status of their implementation, fund allocation and the number of beneficiaries along with updates on the storage of water in dams and rainfall patterns.

2) "Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021"

"Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021" was passed in the Assembly. The bill is popularly known as anti-conversion bill. This bill provides for protection of the right to freedom of religion as well as prohibition of unlawful conversion from one religion to another by force, misrepresentation, coercion, undue influence, allurement or by any fraudulent means.





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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "The Turnover Wizard - Saviour Of Thousands"

M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President of India, released the book titled "The Turnover Wizard – Saviour Of Thousands", an autobiography of Arup Roy Choudhury, the former Chairman and Managing Director of NTPC Limited and NBCC Limited. The book is published by HP Hamilton Limited.

SPORTS

1) Harbhajan Singh

Harbhajan Singh announced retirement from all forms of cricket. Harbhajan was the 1st Indian Cricketer to take Hat-trick wickets in Test. Harbhajan Singh is from Punjab, who took 417 wickets in 103 Tests and is the 4th highest wicket taker for India in Test cricket.

OBITUARY

1) KS Sethumadhavan

Malayalam filmmaker KS Sethumadhavan passed away at the age of 90 years in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He directed over 60 movies in five languages including Tamil, Telugu and Hindi during his career. He has won 10 National Film Awards, 9 Kerala State Awards among others.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Siddha day

Siddha day is annually observed across India on 23rd December to create awareness about the Siddha system of medicine. The day is annually organised by the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH). 2021 theme of the Siddha Day is "Strength of Siddha in Communicable Diseases".

2) Good Governance Day

Good Governance Day (Sushasan Divas) is observed annually on 25th December. On this day nation celebrates the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Good governance day acts as a reminder to the government about their responsibilities, and the government should be unbiased, transparent, and developmentoriented.