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Today's Important News

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Recipient of Von Karman Award
2020 by IAA.

1. Iran drops India from Chahbahar Rail Project due to delay in funding

- India has been dropped out from the construction of a railway line from Chahbahar port to Zahedan, along the border with Afghanistan, as the Iranian government has decided to proceed with the construction on its own.
- The agreement was signed by Iran and India four years ago to build a railway line. As per the Iranian government, the decision has been taken because of the delay in funding and the start of the project from the Indian government.
- Mohammad Eslami, Iranian Transport and Urban Development Minister has already inaugurated the track laying process for Chahbahar-Zahedan line which will be of 628 km. The line will be extended to Zaranj across the border in Afghanistan.



Foot Notes:

About Iran:

Capital: Tehran

Currency: Iranian rial

2. ISRO Chief K Sivan named as the Recipient of 2020 Von Karman Award

- The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) has announced Dr. Kailasavadivoo Sivan, Chief of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as the recipient of the 2020 Von Karman Award, the highest distinction of the IAA. The award will be presented to Dr. K. Sivan in March 2021 at Paris.



- The premier award of IAA was instituted in 1982 in the memory of Dr. Theodore Von Karman, renowned aerospace scientist and the founder and the first President of IAA.
- The Award is annually presented to recognise the distinguished contributions and lifetime achievements in any branch of science.

Foot Notes:

About ISRO:

Founded: 15 Aug 1969

Headquarters: Bengaluru, India

Founder: Vikram Sarabhai

Chairman: K. Sivan

About IAA(International Academy of Astronautics):

Headquarters: Paris, France

Founded: 16 August 1960

3. 206th birth anniversary of Nepali poet Bhanu Bhakta Acharya celebrated in Sikkim

- The 206th birth anniversary of Nepali poet Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya or Bhanu Jayanti is being celebrated in Sikkim.
- Bhanu bhakta Acharya was born in Nepal's Tanahu district.
- Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya laid the foundation of Nepali literature and is revered as a significant literary figure in Nepali communities.
- He is credited for translating the Ramayana from Sanskrit to Nepali, thereby making it understandable for a wide range of Nepali speaking communities globally.



Foot Notes:

About Sikkim:

Capital: Gangtok

Governor: Ganga Prasad

Chief Minister: Prem Singh Tamang

4. Sachin Pilot removed as Rajasthan Deputy CM

- Sachin Pilot was removed as the Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan on July 14, 2020. The announcement was made by senior Congress leader and the party's national spokesperson, Randeep Singh Surjewala.
- Sachin Pilot has also been removed as the Rajasthan Congress Committee Chief. Congress leader Govind Singh Dotasra has been appointed in his place as the new Rajasthan PCC Chief.
- Randeep Singh Surjewala claimed that Sachin Pilot and some of his associates have been swayed by the ruling party and are now conspiring to bring down the Congress government in Rajasthan. He called the move unacceptable.



Foot Notes:

About Rajasthan:

Capital: Jaipur

Governor: Kalraj Mishra

Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot

5. Nepal's Prime Minister claimed that Real Ayodhya is in Nepal not in India and accused India over cultural Encroachment

- On the occasion of Bhanu Jayanti, Nepal's Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli attended an event organized at his residence in Kathmandu in which he has now accused India of Cultural Encroachment.
- According to Nepal's Prime Minister's Knowledge, India has manipulated the history, Lord Rama was Nepali, Not Indian, and the Ayodhya City in which Lord Rama was born is a part of Nepal's Parsa district's Birgunj city.
- He has further added that the holy place where King Dashrath had executed the rites to get the son and the Balmiki Asharam is also in Nepal.



Foot Notes:

About Nepal:

Capital: Kathmandu

President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari

Prime Minister: Khadga Prasad Oli

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6. Google's Sundar Pichai announces \$10 billion investment in India's digitalization

- Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced a \$10 billion investment in India at the Google for India virtual live-stream event.
- The event focused on contributing to accelerate India's digital economy with this investment over the next five to seven years.
- Firstly, the Rs 75,000 crore investment will focus on help in enabling affordable access and information to every Indian irrespective of the language.



- The huge investment will also help local businesses to move towards digital transformation.
- Pichai shared the success of programs like Internet Saathi and claimed that it has helped over 30 million women across India to learn digital skills and incorporate them into their lives and the communities.

7. Ruskin Bond's new book will mark 70 years of his writing journey

- Ruskin Bond's new book, A Song of India is all set to release in July this year.
- Published by Puffin Books, the book is set in 1951, and traces the beginning of Bond's writing career.
- The illustrated book will mark the 70th year of the author's writing journey.
- It was in England where Bond worked on his first book 'The Room on the Roof' and realised his true calling of becoming a writer.
- The new book is the fourth installment in his memoir series after "Looking for the Rainbow" (2017), "Till the Clouds Roll By" (2017) and "Coming Round the Mountain" (2019).



8. Govt aims to increase public health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by 2025

- The Union Health Ministry has pushed for an increased expenditure on public health.
- In a meeting with the 15th Finance Commission, the Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, highlighted that the government aims at gradually increasing the public health expenditure to 2.5 per cent of the nation's GDP by the year 2025.
- The Minister asserted that the outlay for primary health expenditure will also be made nearly two third of the total public health expenditure in the country.



9. Bastille Day celebrated on 14 July each year.

- Bastille Day is the common name given in English-speaking countries to the national day of France, which is celebrated on 14 July each year.
- In 1789, on this day, a violent uprising helped usher the French Revolution.
- Citizens stormed the Bastille fortress, which was used to lodge the state prisoners.
- French poet and philosopher, Voltaire was imprisoned in Bastille for nearly a year after he spoke out against the ruling French regent's family.
- Bastille had become the symbol of the harsh rule and tyranny of the French monarchy, especially King Louis XVI and his queen, Marie Antoinette.



10. Income Tax Department launches tool for Banks and Post Offices to ensure TDS rates on cash withdrawals

- The Income Tax Department on July 12 launched a new tool for the banks and post offices that will ensure tax deduction at source (TDS) on the cash withdrawals beyond the threshold.
- With the help of the tool, post offices and banks will be able to ascertain the TDS applicability rates on the cash withdrawals of above Rs. 20 lakh in case a person is a non-filer of the income tax return and that of above Rs. 1 crore in case of a filer of Income-tax return.



- On the launch of the tool, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) informed that so far more than 53 thousand verification requests have been executed successfully on this facility.

Foot Notes:

About CBDT(Central Board of Direct Taxes):

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chairman: Pramod Chandra Mody



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