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8th to 15th September

International Literacy Day is observed on 8th September

International Literacy Day came into existence to make people aware of the importance of literacy which is amongst the basic human rights. This Day is celebrated on the 8th of September every year to remind everyone of the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and societies. This year, the focus is on - "Literacy, teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond". The theme highlights literacy learning in a lifelong learning perspective.

Nagaland gets its first 'Naga Tele health', a telemedicine platform

Nagaland received its first Naga Tele health, a telemedicine platform, where citizens can directly connect with medical officers and specialist doctors and seek general and specialized tele-consultation at their doorstep free of cost. Health and Family Welfare Minister S Pangnyu Phom virtually launched the Naga Tele-Health at his office chamber in Kohima. The Naga Tele-Health is an initiative of the Nagaland government supported by USAID NISHTHA Jhpiego to provide quality healthcare services at the Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres in the state.

PM hold 'SVanidhi Samvaad' with street vendors from Madhya Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hold SVanidhi Samvaad with street vendors from Madhya Pradesh. The Government of India had launched the PM SVANidhi scheme on 1st June this year to help poor street vendors, impacted by COVID-19, resume livelihood activities. 4.5 lakh street vendors were registered in Madhya Pradesh, with more than 4 lakh vendors having been given identification and vendor certification.

Home Minister Amit Shah lauds centre's 'PM SVANidhi' scheme for street vendors

Home Minister Amit Shah has lauded the 'PM SVANidhi' scheme being run by the Centre to benefit the street vendors. The Home Minister said the scheme is serving crores of poor people by reviving their means of livelihood during these difficult times of COVID-19. Mr Shah said, PM SVANidhi is making small businesses Aatma Nirbhar and is playing a key role in realization of a New India.

Food Processing Industries Minister inaugurates Organic Food Processing Unit in Barabanki, UP

Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the Organic Food Processing Unit in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh through video conference. Speaking on the occasion, Ms Badal said, through this food processing unit five thousand farmers will be benefitted and it is expected to leverage an investment of over 50 crore rupees. She said that the food processing sector is witnessing robust growth and has been identified as a champion sector by the Government of India.

Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates 22 bamboo clusters in nine states

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today inaugurated 22 bamboo clusters in nine states by virtual mode. These States are Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Assam, Nagaland, Tripura, Uttarakhand and Karnataka. A logo for the National Bamboo Mission was also released.

First India-France-Australia Trilateral Dialogue held virtually

The first India-France-Australia Trilateral Dialogue was held virtually. The meeting was co-chaired by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Secretary-General, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs François Delattre, and Secretary, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Frances Adamson. The focus of the dialogue was on enhancing cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

India-Bangladesh to hold Joint Consultative Commission meeting

India and Bangladesh have agreed to hold the 6th meeting of the Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) later this month. High Commission of India in Bangladesh said that the ministerial level meeting will be held on the virtual platform. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and the Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen had a telephonic conversation on this issue.

MoS V. Muraleedharan attends 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan attended the 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting. The Meeting was held virtually. It was attended by the Foreign Ministers of the East Asia Summit participating countries and chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Vietnam. The Meeting discussed ways and means to strengthen the Leaders-led EAS platform and to make it more responsive to emerging challenges on its 15th anniversary.

PM Modi discusses global pandemic challenges with G20 president Saudi Arabia

India and Saudi Arabia discussed the global challenges in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; with Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking on phone with King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. This comes in the backdrop of Saudi Arabia, which holds the G20's rotating presidency this year and India working towards coordinating and drawing up a strategy at the G20 level.

India, France, Australia hold 1st trilateral dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific

India, Australia and France held talks for the first time under a trilateral framework with focus on enhancing cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, a region that has been witnessing increasing Chinese military assertiveness. The three countries had an exchange on the priorities, challenges and trends in regional and global multilateral institutions, including the best ways to strengthen and reform multilateralism, the MEA said.

Public Sector Banks' doorstep banking services launched by FM Nirmala Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today inaugurated Doorstep Banking Services by Public Sector Banks and participated in the awards ceremony to felicitate best performing banks on EASE Banking Reforms Index. As part of the EASE Reforms, Doorstep Banking Services is envisaged to provide convenience of banking services to the customers at their doorstep through the universal touch points of Call Centre, Web Portal or Mobile App. Customers can also track their service request through these channels. The services shall be rendered by the Doorstep Banking Agents deployed by the selected Service Providers at 100 centres across the country.

SBI's Yono app now has 27 million registered users

State Bank of India's (SBI) Yono mobile app has been adding 70,000 new users daily, taking its total registered users to 27 million at present. Rajnish Kumar said that owing to covid-19, the rate at which new users are being added on Yono has increased.

SBI planning to launch loan product 'SAFAL' for organic cotton growers

State Bank of India is planning to launch a loan product, SAFAL, primarily focused on organic cotton growers who don't have any credit history.

Sebi allows NSE to undertake e-KYC Aadhaar authentication

Markets regulator Sebi added the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to the list of entities that can undertake e-KYC Aadhaar authentication. The regulator, in May, had come out with a list of eight entities permitted to use e-KYC (Electronic-Know Your Customer) Aadhaar authentication. Central Depository Services (India) Ltd (CDSL), National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL), BSE, CDSL Ventures, NSDL Database Management, NSE Data and Analytics, CAMS Investor Services and Computer Age Management Services were the eight entities that were allowed to use e-KYC Aadhaar authentication.

Standard Chartered fined ₹100 crore for violating forex norms

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), India's anti-money laundering agency, fined Standard Chartered Plc \$13.6 million (Rs100 crore) for breaking foreign exchange rules when it worked on the takeover of a local bank, marking one of the country's biggest penalties imposed on an overseas lender. An 8-year probe found that Standard Chartered violated the FEM Act—which monitors offshore financial transactions—when it worked with a group of investors to buy a stake in Tamilnad Mercantile Bank in 2007.

India, ADB sign 500 million US dollar loan for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System corridor

India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a 500 million US dollar loan for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor. The first tranche of a total one billion dollar facility, to build a modern, high-speed 82-kilometer Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor will improve regional connectivity and mobility in India's national capital region (NCR). The signatories to the loan agreement for the Delhi-Meerut RRTS Investment Project were Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission who signed for ADB. The first tranche loan will support construction

of the first of three priority rail corridors planned under the NCR Regional Plan 2021 to connect Delhi to other cities in adjoining states.

Netflix appoints Bela Bajaria as global TV head

American streaming service Netflix has appointed Bela Bajaria as vice president, global television. Original programming at Netflix was previously headed by Cindy Holland who looked after English language programming and Bajaria, who oversaw non-English originals. The two have now been clubbed.

Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence inaugurated at NIT Trichy

The Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence was inaugurated at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Trichy, by its Director Dr Mini Shaji Thomas. The Centre, with various cutting edge technical facilities, was set up with Rs 1.18 crore funding from the Higher Education Funding Agency - HEFA.

Google rolls out Android 11 for Google Pixel, other mobiles

Google Android 11 launched to a wide range of smartphones including OnePlus, Google Pixel, Xiaomi, Oppo, and Realme. The final version of the Android can now be downloaded on Pixel 2, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, OnePlus 8 and 8 Pro.

NTPC to add 5 GW solar capacity over the next two years

State-run NTPC Ltd plans to add at least 5 gigawatt (GW) solar capacity over the next two years. India's largest power generation utility plans to have 30 GW of renewables by 2030, also looking to acquire at least 1 GW of operational solar power projects. With 63 GW installed capacity, NTPC runs the largest fleet of coal based capacity in India.

iOS version of Cam Scanner alternative Carbon Scanner launched

Indian mobile app studio KShark Apps recently launched the iOS version of its app Carbon Scanner. The app was first introduced for Android users in the month of July. According to the company, downloads grew to 100,000 within a week of its launch and now the app has almost 400,000 users.

Father of India's Radio Astronomy Govind Swarup passes away

Father of India's Radio Astronomy, Dr. Govind Swarup passed away at Pune. He was 91. He was admitted to a local hospital due to ill health a few days ago. Dr. Swarup is known not only for his many important research contributions in several areas of astronomy and astrophysics, but also for his outstanding achievements in building ingenious, innovative and powerful observational facilities for front-line research in radio astronomy.

Liberation war fighter Ziauddin Tariq Ali passes away in Dhaka

Liberation war fighter and a prominent public figure of Bangladesh Ziauddin Tariq Ali passed away in Dhaka on Monday. He was admitted to a specialised hospital in Dhaka after getting infected with Corona two weeks back. He was a member of the cultural group 'Muktir Gaan', that inspired the freedom fighters through their songs during the Liberation War in 1971.

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on 10 September

World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is conducted every year to raise awareness and prevent more suicides from happening. This day is established by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and co-sponsored by WHO. According to WHO, nearly eight lakh people die by suicide every year. Furthermore, for each suicide, there are more than 20 suicide attempts.

Prime Minister Modi launched several other initiatives in the fisheries and animal husbandry sectors in Bihar

PM Modi announced the establishment of a fish brood bank at Sitamarhi and an aquatic disease referral laboratory at Kishanganj. The Prime Minister also inaugurated one-unit fish feed mill at Madhepura and two units of 'Fish on Wheels' at Patna under 'blue revolution'. Mr Modi also inaugurated a comprehensive fish production technology centre at Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University in Pusa, Bihar.

Ek Bharat Sresht Bharat: Goa paired with Jharkhand

Under Ek Bharat Sresht Bharat scheme Goa is paired with Jharkhand. Lot of cultural exchange activities are happening on this front. During lockdown, the intensity of programmes was less and focus was laid more on virtual events. Lots of exchange projects are on between Goa and Jharkhand. The translation project has already initiated. Jharkhandi literature is being translated into Konkani in Goa by Dr Sonia Sirsat and Zilu Gaonkar. Also Konkani literature is being translated into Jharkhandi language in their state. More projects are in pipeline and will be launched soon after pandemic wave recedes. These projects include co-operation between Goa and Jharkhand on tourism and sports fields. Recently a webinar was held between these two states wherein experts from both the states participated. Goan artistes have already visited Jharkhand state and presented programmes there that included folk dances and folk songs from Goa. they were lauded by the local artistes in Jharkhand.

Gadkari approves proposal to construct Munger-Bhagalpur-Tirpety-Kahalgaon concrete road on NH80 in Bihar

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has approved a proposal to construct the 120 kilometre Munger-Bhagalpur-Tirpety-Kahalgaon concrete road on national highway 80 in Bihar. This will be a 2-lane road with paved shoulders, which will also be 4-lane wide at certain stretches. Mr Gadkari has directed officials to begin work on this road within next three months. He also ordered release of 20 crore rupees for immediate repair works on this section.

Vice President inaugurates 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Kavi Samrat Shri Viswanatha Satyanarayana

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu said that preserving and protecting the mother tongue, Indian culture, values and the environment will be real tribute one could pay to the Telugu literary legend, Shri Vishwanatha Satyanarayana. Virtually inaugurating the 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations of the Kavi Samrat Shri Viswanatha Satyanarayana, Mr Naidu described the literary genius as an embodiment of Indian culture and traditions.

PM Modi to digitally launch Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana & e-Gopala App

Prime Minister Narendra Modi digitally launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Mr Modi also inaugurated the e-Gopala App, a comprehensive breed improvement marketplace and information portal for direct use of farmers. The PMMSY will transform the fisheries sector and add strength to the efforts of building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The PMMSY is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of fisheries sector in the country with an estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crore. The investment of Rs. 20,050 crore under PMMSY is the highest ever in the fisheries sector. The project envisages investment of Rs. 1,390 crore in Bihar.

Education Ministry to organise 2 -day conclave on School Education in 21st Century under Shikshak Parv

Education Ministry will organising a two-day conclave on School Education in 21st Century under Shikshak Parv starting through online medium. On first day of the Conclave, the focus will be on Principal and Teacher practitioners, who will discuss how they have already implemented certain themes of the NEP in creative ways. National Awardee teachers and other creative teachers will be a part of this conclave. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the conclave on 11th September.

Rafale Fighter Aircraft formally inducted into IAF

Rafale Fighter Aircraft has been formally inducted into the Indian Air Force today at a formal function at Air Force Station, Ambala. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Florence Parly, Minister of the Armed Forces of France graced the occasion.

Highways Ministry releases over ₹10,000 crore under Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme

A sum of ₹10,339 crore has been released by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways during the COVID-19 period under the simplified payment process as envisaged in the Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme. Another sum of ₹2475 crore is being processed and is likely to be released soon.

India China to meet in Moscow as part of RIC

Foreign ministers of India, Russia and China will have a luncheon meeting in Moscow on the sidelines of SCO foreign ministers meet. This is an important meeting as India, China and Russia are also part of Russia India China - RIC grouping which focuses on mutual cooperation between three countries keeps meeting at regular intervals.

EAM S Jaishankar to attend SCO Foreign Ministers meeting in Moscow

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, will attend the meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Moscow. The Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Moscow will review the preparations for the forthcoming SCO Summit and also exchange views on international and regional issues. This will be the third Council of Foreign Ministers meeting that India will be attending as a full member of SCO. India has been taking active part in various SCO dialogue mechanisms under the Chairmanship of the Russian Federation this year. Dr Jaishankar met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

Minister of Armed Forces of France Florence Parly arrives in New Delhi

Minister of Armed Forces of France Florence Parly arrived in New Delhi. Ms Parly and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be the Chief Guest at the induction ceremony of Rafale Aircraft at Air Force Station Ambala. Ms Parly will be given a ceremonial Guard of Honour.

President Ram Nath Kovind accepts Letter of Credence from High Commissioner of Singapore

President Ram Nath Kovind accepted Letter of Credence from Simon Wong Wie Kuen, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore in a virtual ceremony. President conveyed his warm wishes to the High Commissioner on his appointment. He also thanked Singapore for its strong support to India at multi-lateral forums, including the United Nations Security Council. Mr Kovind noted that mutual cooperation during the period of COVID-19 pandemic has further strengthened the existing ties of friendship and trust between both countries.

India, Japan ink agreement for reciprocal supplies & services between armed forces

India and Japan have signed an Agreement between the two countries concerning Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between the Armed Forces of India and the Self-Defense Forces of Japan. The agreement was signed in New Delhi by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and Ambassador of Japan Mr Suzuki Satoshi. This agreement establishes the enabling framework for closer cooperation between the Armed Forces of India and Japan in reciprocal provision of supplies and services. The agreement will also enhance the interoperability between the Armed Force of India and Japan thereby further increasing the bilateral defence engagements under the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two countries.

EPFO decides to pay 8.5% interest during 2019-20

The Labour and Employment Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar chaired the 227th Meeting of the Central Board of Trustees of Employees' Provident Fund. In view of the exceptional circumstances arising out of Covid-19, the Central Board has recommended the same interest rate at 8.50 per cent to the Central Government. It would comprise of 8.15 per cent from debt income and balance 0.35 per cent capital gain from the sale of Exchange Traded Funds, ETFs subject to their redemption by 31st December this year.

ICICI Bank launches 'iStartup2.0'

ICICI Bank has launched -'iStartup2.0' - a programme for startups that takes care of their banking as well as beyond-banking needs such as regulatory assistance, analytics, staffing, accounting, customer acquisition and digital outreach to customers, among others. The bank offers customers an eponymous Current Account which is available in three variants - Platinum, Gold and Silver.

Raghvansh Prasad Singh resigns from Rashtriya Janata Dal party

Former Union Minister Raghvansh Prasad Singh resigned from Rashtriya Janata Dal party. Earlier the senior leader had resigned from the post of national vice -president of

the party. He is currently undergoing corona treatment at AIIMS, Delhi. Mr. Singh has sent his resignation letter to party president Lalu Prasad.

Subhash Kamath elected ASCI chairman

Subhash Kamath, chief executive at advertising agency BBH & Publicis Worldwide, India, has been unanimously elected chairman of the board of governors of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). NS Rajan, managing director at public relations firm Ketchum Sampark P. Ltd. was elected vice-chairman and Shashidhar Sinha, chief executive, Mediabrands India Pvt. Ltd was reappointed as honorary treasurer.

Apple develops special face masks for employees

Apple Inc. has developed masks that the company is beginning to distribute to corporate and retail employees to limit the spread of Covid-19. The mask looks unique with large coverings on the top and bottom for the wearer's nose and chin.. The ClearMask, is the first FDA-cleared surgical mask that is completely transparent.

Hindi Diwas is observed on 14 September

Hindi Diwas is observed on 14 September. The day is observed every year to celebrate the adoption of the Hindi language as one of the official languages of India. Hindi Diwas is celebrated to emphasize the importance of the Hindi language which is losing its importance in the country. In 1918, Mahatma Gandhi urged to make Hindi the national language of India. On 14 September 1949, Hindi written in Devanagari script became the official language of India under Article 343. Hindi language written in Devnagri script is one of the two languages of India, English is the second one. Hindi language is spoken by 250 million people as the original language. Hindi is known to be the third most spoken language in the world.

World First Aid Day is observed on 14 September

World First Aid Day raises awareness about the importance of first aid and how it can save lives in case of an emergency.

Kiren Rijju lays foundation stones for various sports facilities in Leh

Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Kiren Rijju has laid foundation stones for various sports facilities at the cost of over 12 crore rupees in Leh. The Minister laid foundation for a Synthetic Track & Astroturf for football in Leh at an open stadium. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Kiren Rijju said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi the Union Government is inculcating a sporting culture in the country which in turn keeps the people healthy and fit.

UP govt issues notification for setting up of Special Security Force

Uttar Pradesh government has issued a notification for the setting up of the Special Security Force which will be given responsibility of security of important government buildings, offices and industrial establishments. Private companies will also be able to take the services of SSF after making a payment.

BJP launches week-long ' Seva Saptah' to mark PM Modi's 70th birthday

BJP has launched a week-long campaign namely Seva Saptah to mark the 70th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi which falls on 17th this month. Various social initiatives are being undertaken by the party leaders and workers across the country.

India will be self-reliant in production of fertilizers by 2023

Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister D V Sadananda Gowda has said that India will be self-reliant in the production of fertilizers by 2023. He said, under Atma Nirbhar Bharat programme new fertilizer manufacturing units are being set up with an investment of 40 thousand crore rupees in the country to reduce dependency on import. Addressing a webinar on Self-Reliant India and Sustainable Agriculture through video conference, Mr Gowda said, recently the government has revived four urea plants in the country.

India hands over disaster relief material to Nepal

Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of India in Nepal Ms. Namgya C. Khampa, on behalf of the Government of India, handed over a consignment of disaster relief material to Ms. Chanda Chaudhary, Member of Parliament and President of the Nepal-India Women Friendship Society (NIWFS) in Kathmandu today. The relief material includes tents and plastic sheets for distribution to flood and landslide affected families in five districts of Nepal.

Former Union Minister Raghuvansh Prasad Singh passes away

Former Union Minister Raghuvansh Prasad Singh passed away. He was undergoing treatment at AIIMS, Delhi about a week ago after developing post-Covid complications. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, recently resigned from RJD party.

Engineers Day is observed on 15 September

Engineer's Day is observed on 15 September every year in India. The day is aimed to commemorate the birthday of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya (Sir MV). The day aims to celebrate the achievements of the Engineers in each and every field of science and technology.

International Democracy Day is observed on 15 September

International Democracy Day is observed on 15 September every year worldwide. The day aims to raise awareness among people about democracy. Despite the major social, legal and political challenges that happened globally due to Covid-19, the world states have upheld the rule of law, respect and protect international standards and basic principles of legality, and the right to access justice, remedies, and due process.

France-based EDF Group, VJTI, I2EN ink MoU to establish Centre of Excellence in civil nuclear sector in Maharashtra

France-based EDF Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute in Mumbai and International Institute of Nuclear Energy (I2EN) to conduct a pre-feasibility study for the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in the civil nuclear sector in Maharashtra. I2EN is the umbrella organization of French stakeholders involved in nuclear education and training.

Maharashtra govt accords ambulance status to vehicles carrying medical oxygen for one year

Maharashtra State Government has accorded ambulance status to the vehicles carrying medical oxygen for one year. A notification was issued yesterday in this regard. The decision was taken in view of the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity of uninterrupted oxygen supply to various hospitals in the state.

111th Birth Anniversary of 1st CM of Tamil Nadu C. N. Annadurai being celebrated on 15 September

111th Birth Anniversary of the first Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu C. N. Annadurai, popularly known as Arignar Anna. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1963 to 1967. Well known for his powerful oratorical skills, Anna was a prolific writer too.

Rajya Sabha passes Aircraft (Amendment) Bill 2020

Parliament has passed the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020 with the Rajya Sabha approving it today. The Bill has already been passed by the Lok Sabha. It seeks to amend the Aircraft Act, 1934. It has provisions to convert three existing bodies under the Ministry of Civil Aviation into statutory bodies. These three authorities are, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and the Aircraft Accidents Investigation Bureau. Under the bill, each of these bodies will be headed by a Director General who will be appointed by the centre.

Harivansh Narayan Singh elected as Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha

Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha for the second time. Harivansh's name was proposed by the BJP president JP Nadda. The opposition had fielded Manoj Jha, an RJD member. Shri Harivansh hails from a poor family based in a Bihar. The 64-year-old JD-U leader is a post-graduate in Economics from Banaras Hindu University. He holds a Diploma in Journalism.

ITEC Day observed by High Commission of India in Dhaka

The 56th ITEC day was observed online by the High Commission of India in Dhaka. over 4000 young Bangladeshi professionals have benefitted from various ITEC programmes since 2007. These training programmes provide an opportunity to share best practises which benefit both the countries.

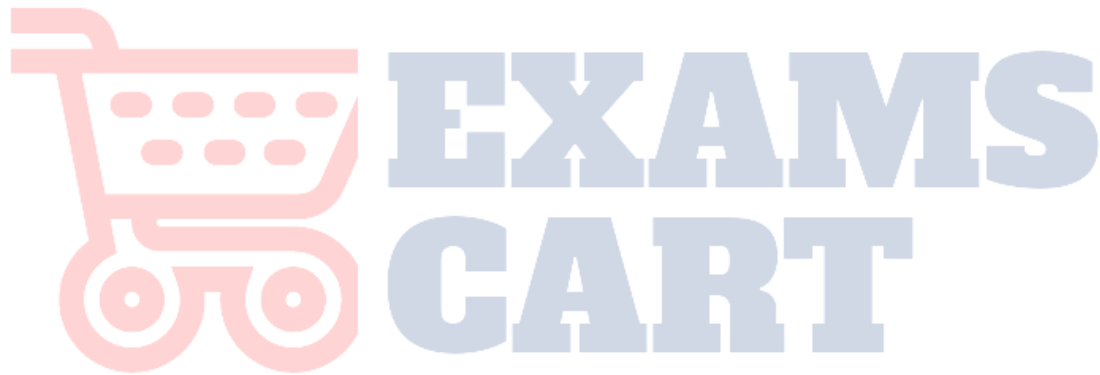
Bangladesh govt allows limited export of Hilsa fish to India

Bangladesh Commerce Ministry of has given special permission for traders to export Hilsa fish to India on a limited scale in view of the forthcoming Durga Puja. The Commerce Ministry has allowed nine exporters to send a total of approximately 1,500 tonnes of Hilsa to India. Bangladesh had imposed a ban on the export of Hilsa in 2012.

IIM, Kozhikode based incubatee start-up launches wearable gadget for implementing social distancing norms

Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode based incubatee start-up has come up with a unique user friendly wearable device that alarms proximity for helping implement social distancing norms. Known as the Veli Band, this wearable device has been

developed by Qual5 India Pvt. Ltd, a startup co-founded by woman entrepreneur Kiranmayee. The start up was mentored and funded by IIMK's business incubator and entrepreneurship development center. Veli Band helps implement social distancing and location and contact tracing which can help organizations comply with social distancing norms during the current pandemic situation. Veli Band momentarily vibrates, sounds buzzer, and flashes LED simultaneously to notify wearers that another band is within 3 feet.



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