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STATE

India's first Eco-bridges for the movement of tigers in Telangana

In a first of its kind, Telangana State will have eco-friendly bridges over a canal cutting across the tiger corridor linking the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra with the forests in Telangana's Kumram Bheem Asifabad district. The 'eco-bridges' will be constructed at key spots along the 72 km-long, and at some places over a kilometre wide, right flank canal of the Pranahita barrage in the Bejjur and Dahegaon mandals.

Pro Tip:

Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) – Maharashtra

Kawal Tiger Reserve is located at Jannaram mandal of Mancherial District in Telangana state of India.

There are total 50 Tiger Reserves under the project tiger system in India.

NATIONAL

Arun Jaitley released the National Trade Facilitation Action Plan

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley released the National Trade Facilitation Action Plan. The WTO-Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) was a major milestone for the global trading system.

This Action Plan gives a time bound map, not only for implementing TFA, but also for India's initiatives for trade facilitation and ease of doing business which goes beyond TFA.

According to a Finance Ministry statement, all actions covered under the plan have been categorised by prioritising the activities into short, mid and long term.

Pro Tip:

Union Finance Minister – Arun Jaitley

Constituency – Gujarat, Rajya Sabha

WTO – World Trade Organization

HQ - Geneva, Switzerland

Head - Roberto Azevêdo

INTERNATIONAL

India-Japan agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

India-Japan agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy has come into force recently. Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar and Ambassador of Japan to India Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu exchanged diplomatic notes in this regard. The agreement was signed on 11th November 2016 in Tokyo during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Japan. The

agreement is a reflection of the strategic partnership between the two sides and will pave the way for enhanced cooperation in energy security and clean energy.

Pro Tip:

Country – Japan

Capital – Tokyo

Currency – Yen

PM - Shinzo Abe

BANKING & ECONOMY

Google has launched 'Hire', a recruiting app for small- and medium-sized businesses

Google has launched 'Hire', a recruiting app for small- and medium-sized businesses that also integrates seamlessly with G Suite. It is a move to compete with Microsoft-owned LinkedIn. "Hire makes it easy to identify talent, build strong candidate relationships and efficiently manage the interview process end-to-end".

Pro Tip:

Google HQ – Mountain View, California, United States

CEO – Sundar Pichai

ICICI Bank offers up to Rs 15 lakh instant personal loan via ATMs

Largest private sector lender ICICI Bank will be selling personal loans of up to Rs 15 lakh through its ATMs that can be availed of by select salaried customers even if they haven't previously applied for one. The facility offers a bouquet of features - swift application in simple steps, multiple eligible loan amount options up to Rs. 15 lakh based on pre-checked CIBIL scores and instant transfer of the money to the customer's account.

Pro Tip:

ICICI Bank HQ – Mumbai

CEO – Chanda Kochhar

Tagline – Hum Hai Na, Khyal Apka

SEBI has entered into a pact with the ESMA for information exchange on CCPs

Markets regulator SEBI has entered into a pact with the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for exchange of information concerning Central Counterparties (CCPs). CCPs are entities that help facilitate clearing and settlement activities. The MoU establishes cooperation arrangements, including exchange of information regarding CCPs which are established and authorised or recognised in India by SEBI and which have applied for EU recognition under EMIR.

Pro Tip:

SEBI HQ – Mumbai

Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

DEFENCE

MoU between Indian Army and DRDO to raise MRSAM defence system

The Indian Army has signed MoU with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to raise one regiment of the advanced Medium Range Surface to Air Missiles (MRSAM) defence system. The MRSAM is an advanced, all weather, mobile, land-based air defence system. It can shoot down enemy ballistic missiles, aircraft, helicopters, drones, surveillance aircraft and AWACS aircraft. It is capable of engaging multiple aerial targets at ranges of more than 50 km. The system will be jointly developed by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and DRDO with the involvement of DPSUs and private sectors.

Pro Tip:

DRDO – Defence Research and Development Organisation

HQ – New Delhi

Secretary – Dr.S.Christopher

Chief of Indian Army - General Bipin Rawat

Indian Navy's second LCU Mark IV L52 ship was formally launched in Kolkata, West Bengal

Indian Navy's second LCU Mark IV L52 ship was formally launched in Kolkata, West Bengal. The LCU Mark-IV vessels are designed for multipurpose amphibious operations jointly carried out Indian Navy and Indian Army to ensure maritime security of Andamans and Lakshadweep islands. LCU L52 ship is the second in series of the eight Mark IV LCU vessels built by GRSE for Navy.

Pro Tip:

State – West Bengal

Capital – Kolkata

CM – Mamata Banerjee

Governor – Kesari Nath Tripathi

The first ship of the series was commissioned in 2016.

LCU - Landing Craft Utility