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NATIONAL

Union Government has launched the Mobile App for Road Maintenance “Aarambh”

Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Drinking Water & Sanitation- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Deputy Director General (Policy) of International Labour Organization (ILO) Ms. Deborah Greenfield have launched the Mobile App for Road Maintenance “Aarambh”. This Mobile Phone App aims at the use of GIS based mapping for making road inventories, condition surveys, and producing cost estimates and other relevant data for preparation and monitoring of annual road maintenance plans. In addition, Tomar and Greenfield also launched a Concept Note and Guidance Note for Mobilizing Funds for Maintenance of Rural Road. The Concept Note outlines innovative ways, which can be adopted by the State Governments for mobilizing additional funds for road maintenance.

Pro Tip:

Union Minister for rural development, Panchayati raj, drinking water & Sanitation – Narendra Singh Tomar

Recently urban development ministry has been additionally handed to Narendra Singh Tomar.

Constituency – Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

ILO – International Labour Organization

Headquarters of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland

Director-General of ILO – Guy Ryder

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India has ranked 132nd out of 152 countries on the inaugural “Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index” released by international NGO Oxfam in association with Developmental Finance International. Sweden led the index while Nigeria remained the worst performer. Among India’s neighboring countries, China’s rank is 87; Pakistan fared worse than India at 146 while Bangladesh ranked at 148.

Pro Tip:

The top 5 countries in the list are

Sweden

Belgium

Denmark

Norway

Germany

Ram Nath Kovind took office as country's 14th President

Ram Nath Kovind will take over as the 14th President of India today. He will be administered the oath of office by the Chief Justice of India Justice J S Khehar at a special function in the Central Hall of Parliament. The stage would be shared by President and President-elect, Speaker, Vice President and Chief Justice of India. After the oath of new President, a 21-gun salute will be honored followed by the acceptance speech of Mr. Kovind. Mr. Kovind was elected the President recently as a ruling NDA candidate. He defeated the Opposition parties' nominee Meira Kumar by a huge margin.

Pro Tip:

14th President of India – Ram Nath Kovind

CJI – J S Khehar (44th CJI)

1st CJI – H. J. Kania

Leila Seth was the first woman judge on the Delhi High Court

Amitabh Bachchan's role as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador has been extended for two more years

Actor Amitabh Bachchan's role as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador has been extended for two more years. He will now be working on spreading awareness regarding vaccination for MR (measles and rubella) infections for children.

Pro Tip:

UNICEF – United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

HQ – New York, US

CEO – Anthony Lake

INTERNATIONAL

World's first floating wind farm emerges off coast of Scotland

The world's first floating wind farm has taken to the seas in a sign that a technology once confined to research and development drawing boards is finally ready to unlock expanses of ocean for generating renewable power in Scotland. The £200m Hywind project is unusual not just because of the pioneering technology involved, which uses 78-metre-tall underwater ballast and three mooring lines that will be attached to the seabed to keep the turbines upright. It will bring power to 20,000 homes.

Useful Info

Country – Scotland

Capital – Edinburgh

Currency – Pound sterling

UN has selected Dubai as the data hub for the Middle East North Africa and South Asia (MENASA)

The UN has selected Dubai as the data hub for the Middle East North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) region for the city's integrated initiatives to mine and manage its data. The work is already under way to prepare Dubai as the regional city data hub. The designation will be part of a portfolio of local and regional data portals, analytics and reports to engage stakeholders and help accelerate progress. It will also serve as a dedicated platform for city-to-city learning and 'solutions transfer' across metropolitan, national and global contexts.

Pro Tip:

Country – United Arab Emirates
Capital – Abu Dhabi
Currency – United Arab Emirates dirham

AGREEMENT

Airports Authority of India (AAI), has signed an MoU with Government of Uttarakhand on aviation development

Airports Authority of India (AAI), has signed an MoU with Government of Uttarakhand and joined hands with Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA). The MoU was signed by S. Ramaswamy, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand and Anil Gupta, General Manager (Business Development), AAI. The scope of the MoU is to identify relevant factors influencing the development of civil aviation infrastructure in Uttarakhand, assessing the commercial potential of various airports of the State, and identifying technical considerations for airport operations in the State.

Pro Tip:

AAI – Airports Authority of India
HQ – New Delhi
State – Uttarakhand
Capital – Dehradun, Nainital (Judiciary)
CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat
Governor – Krishan Kant Paul

DEFENCE

US Navy commissioned world's largest aircraft carrier, USS Gerald R Ford

US Navy commissioned world's largest aircraft carrier, USS Gerald R Ford into the fleet. The commissioning ceremony was held at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia in presence of US President Donald Trump. USS Gerald R. Ford is the first ship in this new class of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers for the U.S. Navy. The ship is named after the 38th President of the United States Gerald Ford and has been built by Newport News Ship Building Company. The

massive 1,106-foot-long carrier displaces a staggering 100,000 tons fully loaded and is powered by two new generation nuclear reactors.

Pro Tip:

Country – United States of America

Capital – Washington D.C

Currency – US Dollar

President – Donald Trump

Vice President – Mike Pence

Chief of Naval Officer of US Navy – Admiral John Richardson

SPORTS

India skipper Mithali Raj was chosen as the captain of the ICC Women's World Cup 2017 team by the ICC

India skipper Mithali Raj was chosen as the captain of the ICC Women's World Cup 2017 team by the International Cricket Council. The 34-year-old Indian was selected as captain after she led India to the final of the just-concluded ICC Women's World Cup. Mithali led by example, scoring 409 runs during the 30- day tournament. The side includes four players from England, three from South Africa, and Australia all-rounder Ellyse Perry. Mithali has been picked in the Team of the Tournament for the second time in her career.

Pro Tip:

ICC – International Cricket Council

HQ – Dubai

President – Zaheer Abbas

CEO – Dave Richardson

Chairperson – Shashank Manohar

Boxer Sachin Siwach wins Gold at Commonwealth Youth Games

World Youth Champion Sachin Siwach clinched a gold medal at the Commonwealth Youth Games, Bahamas after defeating Welsh boxer James Nathan Prober 4-1 in the final. Siwach, who won gold last year, was the only one of the 103 boxers to have clinched a gold so far in the tournament, taking place in Bahamas. He had stormed into the finals after defeating SA Kuse 5-0. The World Youth Champion was also the flag bearer of India for the tournament.

Pro Tip:

Commonwealth Youth Games 2017 – Bahamas

Country – Bahamas

Capital – Nassau

Currency – Bahamian dollar