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Four Indian airports receive international recognition for reducing carbon emissions

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) announced that four airports in the country have managed a transition from level 1 to level 2 with a reduction in the carbon emissions by grading their systems as per the Airports Council International (ACI).

The airports had adopted the grading system in 2018 and successfully implemented the carbon emission plan.

Four AAI airports – Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata; Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar; Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi and Trivandrum International Airport have met all the necessary requirements to upgrade to level 2: ‘reduction’, by constituting Carbon Management Plan and reducing the carbon emissions at airports as per the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) Program.

As per the data provided for the CO₂ emission of four years – 2015, 16, 17,18; these airports witnessed a decrease in emission despite an increase in air traffic.

Mangaluru Junction railway facility gets IMS certification

The Carriage and Wagon Depot at Mangaluru Junction railway station, which is capable of examining freight train formations for rail worthiness, has obtained Integrated Management System (IMS)

Functions associated with the examination of freight trains and maintenance activities performed at the depot, platform yard, and sick line; and the stores and material management functions at the depot are certified under the IMS.

Second largest Muslim Congregation in the world Bishwa Ijtema begins in Bangladesh

The first phase of the world’s second largest Muslim congregation after Haj began on the outskirts of Dhaka . Thousands of devotees from Bangladesh and abroad are thronging the bank of river Turag at Tongi near Dhaka to participate in the congregation called Bishwa Ijtema. The Ijtema began with the ‘aam bayan’ and will end on January 12 with the final prayers ‘Akheri Munajat’.

Arunachal assembly adopts new logo

The Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly adopted a new logo, reflecting the distinct identity and culture of the state.

The new logo consists of the national emblem and foxtail orchid (Rhynchostylis Retusa), the state flower.

23rd National Youth Festival-2020 to be organized from 12th to 16th January, 2020

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and State Government of Uttar Pradesh are jointly organizing 23rd National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 at Indira Pratishthan, Lucknow from 12th to 16th January, 2020.

The Government has been organizing National Youth Festival (NYF) since 1995. The objective of NYF is to provide a platform to bring the youth of the country together in an attempt to provide them opportunity to showcase their talents in various activities.

The theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 is 'FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA' in pursuance of the goal of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi for New India to be a fit India.



Narendra Modi fifth biggest geo-political risk of 2020: Eurasia Group

India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been listed as the fifth biggest geo-political risk of 2020, by the political risk consultancy – the Eurasia Group.

In a list that is topped by elections in the US and followed by events and developments like the US-China technology tug of war on 5G as well as the trade war between Beijing and Washington.

Eurasia's annual 'Top 10 Risks' of the year list is considered one of the foremost geopolitical indicators among global investors, multinational firms and various financial and business consultancies.

The top three risks on the list are increasingly unstable US domestic politics under President Donald Trump, "decoupling" of US and China in the technology sphere, and hostile US-China relations

Haryana, Karnataka and Kerala top State Energy Efficiency Index 2019

Manipur, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand and Rajasthan perform worst in their groups Haryana, Karnataka and Kerala have topped the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019. This index tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency (EE) initiatives in 36 states and union territories based on 97 significant indicators.

Indian Navy to continue with Op Sankalp in Gulf region

Indian Navy continues to monitor the situation in the Gulf region and is maintaining a presence in the region to ensure the security of our sea-borne trade and the safety of Indian Flag Merchant Vessels transiting through the region.

Since June 2019, an Indian warship is deployed in the Persian Gulf for an operation named Op Sankalp.

Rani Rampal nominated for 'World Games Athlete of the Year'

The Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal has been nominated for the 'World Games Athlete of the Year' by the sport's governing body FIH.

In all, 25 athletes have been nominated for this award from their respective sports by their international federations and in Rani's case, the FIH has recommended her name for the award for her outstanding performances and her ability to lead by example, Hockey India said in a statement.

Last year, **Acrobatic Gymnastics couple Mariia Chernova and Georgii Pataraiia (Russia)** won the title with 159,348 votes, just ahead of American Powerlifter Jennifer Thompson with 152,865 votes.