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### President Kovind launches Pulse Polio Programme for 2020

President Ram Nath Kovind launched the Pulse Polio Programme for this year by administering Polio drops to children below five years at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Mr Kovind launched the programme on the eve of the National Immunization Day which will be observed.

Under this programme, over 17 crore children of less than five years of age across the country will be administered polio drops

### Iranian Film 'Castle of Dreams' gets Best Film Award at Dhaka International Film Festival

The Iranian film 'Castle of Dreams' directed by Reza Mirakarimi won the Best Film Award in Asian Competition section of the 18th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF) . The film also won the Best Director Award.

Information Minister of Bangladesh Hasan Mahmud gave away the award carrying prize money of Tk 1 lakh, a citation and crest in the closing ceremony held in Dhaka.

In the Asian Competition segment, Sri Lankan director Prasanna Vithanage's film 'Children of the Sun' won Special Jury Award.

### Novel corona virus grips China's Wuhan city

China's Wuhan city is in grip of a new respiratory virus called Novel corona virus that has killed two people in China and sickened at least 45 persons including overseas cases with some new cases being detected in the city.

The illness has been identified as a new strain of coronavirus, which is in the same family as the deadly severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). Most people with the infection are believed to have contracted it through exposure to animals at a market that sells seafood and meat in Wuhan.

### Oleksiy Honcharuk Resigns as Prime Minister of Ukraine

The incumbent Prime Minister of Ukraine, Oleksiy Honcharuk submitted his resignation to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, after less than six months in the role.

The resignation is however still to be confirmed by the President.

### Arjun Munda becomes President of AAI

Union Minister Arjun Munda was elected as President of the suspended Archery Association of India (AAI) in its much-delayed elections. The elections were held as per the Delhi High Court order.

The two factions clashed for the first time in the presence of a World Archery (WA) Observer in Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed Chapol.

## **Piyush Goyal to lead Indian delegation to 50th World Economic Forum at Davos**

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal will lead the Indian delegation to the 50th World Economic Forum at Davos starting from 20th of January. The theme of the World Economic Forum's meeting this year is 'Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World'.

## **Kerala announces sports awards, Muhammad Anas wins GV Raja award**

Kerala Sports Minister EP Jayarajan announced the sports awards instituted by Kerala State Sports Council with Indian sprinter Muhammad Anas winning GV Raja award (Male) for athletics.

Anas had won silver for India in the 400-meter race at Jakarta Asian games.

In the female category, PC Thulasi was adjudged the winner for GV Raja award which carries prize money of Rs 3 lakh and a citation.

## **India ranks 76th on WEF's Social Mobility Index, Denmark tops the list**

India has been ranked very low at 76th place out of 82 countries on a new Social Mobility Index compiled by the World Economic Forum, while Denmark has topped the charts. The most socially mobile societies in the world, according to the report's Global Social Mobility Index, are all European.

The Nordic nations hold the top five spots, led by Denmark in the first place (scoring 85 points), followed by Norway, Finland and Sweden (all above 83 points) and Iceland (82 points). Rounding out the top 10 are the Netherlands (6th), Switzerland (7th), Austria (8th), Belgium (9th) and Luxembourg (10th).

## **Russia to deliver 5 S-400 air defence systems to India by 2025**

Russia will deliver five S-400 air defence systems to India by 2025, the missiles will serve well for the Indian security.

India signed a USD 43-billion deal with Russia for the purchase of five S-400 systems during the 19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit in New Delhi on October 5, 2018, for long-term security needs

## **India successfully test-fires K-4 ballistic missile**

India has successfully test-fired a 3,500 kilometre range nuclear capable missile that can be launched from a submarine. The test of the K-4 ballistic missile was conducted off the Vizag coast in Andhra Pradesh .

With this test, India has moved one more step towards the induction of this ballistic missile on the INS Arihant class of nuclear submarines. The missile was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).