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NITI Aayog Releases Second Edition of India Innovation Index

• **NITI Aayog** released the **second** edition of the **India Innovation Index** on 20 January 2021, along with the Institute for Competitiveness.

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1	KARNATAKA	42.50
2	MAHARASHTRA	3803
1	TAMIL NADU	37.91
A	TELANGANA	3323
5	KERALA	30.58
6	HARSANA	25.81
7	ANOHRA PRADESH	24.19
8.	GUMMAT	2363
9	UTTAK PRADESH	22.85
10	PUNAS	22.54
11	WEST BENCAL	21.69
12	RAJASTHAN	20.83
13	MADHYA PRADESH	20.62
14.	ODISHA .	1894
15.	JHAROHAND:	17:12
16	CHHATTISGARH	15.77
17	SHAR	14.65

Rank	UT and City States	Score	Rank	NE and Hill States	Sco
1	DE;HI-	46.60		HIMACHAL PRADESH	25.0
2	CHANDIGARH	38.57.	2	LITTARAKHAND	23.1
3	DAMAN & DIU	26.76	20	MANIPUR	32.7
4	PLDUCHERRY	25.23	- 4	SHOOM	20.3
5	GOA	24.92	5	MIZORAM	163
6	DADRA IS NAGAR	22.74	- 6	MAZSAM	163
7	ANDAMAN &	16.89	2	ARUNACHAL PRACESH	143
	NICOBAR ISLANDS	7.5.27	2	NAGALAND	140
.8.	JAWMU & KASHMIR	18.62	9	TRIPLINA	Tig
9	LAKSHADWEEP	11.71	10	MECHRIAW	112.1

- The report examines the innovation capabilities and performance of the states and union territories.
- The innovation index ranking is based on five enabler parameters ('Human Capital', 'Investment', 'Knowledge Workers', 'Business Environment', 'Safety and Legal Environment'), and two performance parameters ('Knowledge Output' and 'Knowledge Diffusion').
- In the 'Major States' category, Karnataka occupied the top position, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively.
- In UT and city states category, Delhi topped followed by Chandigarh.
- Under the 'North-Eastern/Hill States' category, Himachal Pradesh emerged as the top state.

DRDO Develops Special Motor Bike Ambulance 'Rakshita' for CRPF



The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched a bike-based casualty transport emergency vehicle, 'RAKSHITA' for the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The specially designed bike has been developed by the DRDO's Delhi-based laboratory, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS).

RAKSHITA' bike ambulance will help the Indian security forces to reach urgent evacuation sites in event of a medical emergency or battle injury, where access through ambulance is difficult and time consuming.

Flt. Lt. Bhawana Kanth to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade

Flight lieutenant Bhawana Kanth, who is one of the first women fighter pilots to be inducted in the IAF, will create a historic moment when she will become the first woman fighter pilot to take part in the Republic Day parade on 26 January 2021. Kanth will be the part of the Indian Air Force's (IAF's) tableau in the parade.



The IAF tableau will showcase mock-ups of the light combat aircraft, light combat helicopter and the Sukhoi-30 fighter plane.



Currently Kanth is posted at an airbase in Rajasthan where she flies the MiG-21 Bison fighter plane.

India & Singapore sign pact on submarine rescue support during 5th Defence Ministers' Dialogue



The **5th edition of the Defence Ministers' Dialogue** (**DMD**) between **India and Singapore** was successfully held on 20 January 2021 through a video conference, in an effort to deepen military cooperation.

During the meeting, the 'Implementing Agreement on Submarine Rescue Support and Cooperation' was

signed between the two Navies.

The agreement was signed between **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** and his Singaporean counterpart Dr. Ng Eng Hen.

15th India Digital Summit 2021 held virtually

The two-days **India Digital Summit 2021**, one of the biggest conference for the digital industry, was organised on **January 19 and 20, 2021**, through virtual platform.

The 2021 marked the 15th edition of the annual Summit. The event was inaugurated by the honourable Chief Guest Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.**

The theme of the 2021 Summit was 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Start of New Decade'

India Digital Summit is the flagship event of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

ICICI Bank launches 'InstaFX' mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid Card swiftly

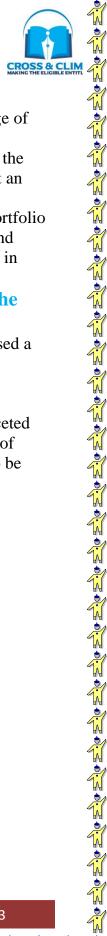
ICICI Bank has launched a new mobile application 'InstaFX' for authorised money changers, on January 20, to help customers of any bank get 'ICICI Bank Forex Prepaid Card' swiftly.

ICICI is the bank is the first in the country to offer such facility to money changers. A money changer is a person or organization whose business is the exchange of coins or currency of one country, for that of another.

The 'InstaFX' app will enable the authorised money changers, who are partners of the Bank, to complete the KYC verification and validation of customers digitally and on a real-time basis.

The 'ICICI Bank Forex Prepaid Card' gets activated swiftly within a few hours, as against the industry practice of up to two-days, thus it will significantly improve customer convenience, even if they are not customers of ICICI bank.

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju assigned additional charge of Ministry of AYUSH





The Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports (Independent Charge) and Minister of State, Minority Affairs, **Kiren Rijiju**, has been given the additional charge of the **Ministry of AYUSH**.

He has been assigned the portfolio on temporary basis till the treatment of the Union Minister Shripad Y Naik, who met an accident on January 11.

The 68-year-old **Shripad Yesso Naik**, was holding the portfolio as the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH); and Minister of State in Ministry of Defence.

Goa CM Pramod Sawant releases book 'Manohar Parrikar – Off The Record', by author Shri Waman Subha Prabhu



The Chief Minister **Pramod Sawant** recently released a book titled 'Manohar Parrikar – Off the Record', written by senior journalist Shri Waman Subha Prabhu.

Through this book, the author narrates the multi-faceted personality of late Parrikar, based on the collection of memories held by Waman Prabhu who happened to be

with late Parrikar during the journey of his life.

