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### **National Tourism Day**

National Tourism Day is observed on 25 January to highlight the importance of tourism for the economy of the country.

India is a diverse nation and it offers several forms of tourism including cultural, nature, heritage, educational, sports, rural, eco-tourism, etc. This diversity of India makes it a prime attraction for tourists.

### **International Customs Day**

The International Customs Day (ICD) is held on 26 January every year to recognise the role of customs officials and agencies and focuses on the working conditions and challenges that customs officers face in their jobs.

Theme 2020: “Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet”.

The day was instituted by the World Customs Organization (WCO) to commemorate the day in 1953 when the inaugural session of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) was held in Brussels, Belgium

### **79th Foundation Day of ‘Income Tax Appellate Tribunal’ (ITAT)**

The Chief Justice of India A. Bobde inaugurated the 79th Foundation Day celebrations and All India Members’ Conference of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal on 24th Jan. On the occasion, the CJI stated that imposition of excessive tax is a kind of social injustice on the people

### **‘Bharat Parv 2020’ begins at Red Fort to celebrate spirit of India**

Bharat Parv 2020, a festival to celebrate the spirit of India has begun at Red Fort ground in New Delhi. It will continue till 31st of this month. The objective of Bharat Parv is to encourage people to visit different tourism places of the country and to inculcate the spirit of ‘Dekho Apna Desh’. More than 50 food stalls, 79 handicrafts stalls and 27 theme pavilions have been setup. The theme of this year’s Bharat Parv is ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ and ‘Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi.

### **Corona Virus: Government launches 24X7 call centre**

Seven central teams will visit states and designated airports to review the end-to-end preparedness for management and control of Novel Coronavirus in India. These airports are New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Kochi. A 24×7 National Centre for Disease Control Call Centre – 011 -23978046 has been made operational.

### **India and Brazil exchange 15 agreements widening areas of cooperation**

India and Brazil inked 15 agreements to boost cooperation in a wide range of areas like trade and investment, oil and gas, cyber security and information technology. The agreements were exchanged after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro



### **India, Bangladesh sign agreement to upgrade Ashuganj-Akhaura road into 4-lane highway**

India and Bangladesh signed an agreement to upgrade the 58-kilometre long road between Ashuganj river port and the Akhaura land port in Bangladesh into a 4-lane highway.

The deal to upgrade the 39 km long road between Ashuganj river port to Dharhar area was signed between the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) of Bangladesh and an Indian Company Afcons Infrastructure Limited.

The RHD and an India-Bangladesh joint venture firm will take up the work of upgrading the remaining part of the road from Dharhar to Akhaura.

The project is part of the dollar 2 billion second line of credit extended by India to Bangladesh in 2016.

### **World's largest meditation centre coming up in Hyderabad**

The world's largest meditation centre and the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute will be inaugurated on January 28. To mark the 75th anniversary of the organisation, Kanha Shanti Vanam will be dedicated to the first guide of Heartfulness, fondly called Lalaji by the present global guide Daaji.

### **CEC Sunil Arora takes over as new chairman of FEMBoSA**

Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora took over as the new Chair of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2020 at the annual meeting of the poll management bodies of SAARC countries.

Arora took over from outgoing Chair M. Nurul Huda of Bangladesh during the 10th meeting of FEMBoSA.

### **Cabinet Minister Naqvi's Hindi Novel "Balwa"**

Minister of Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has penned a Hindi novel titled "Balwa", which loosely translates to turmoil.

The book is published by Diamond Pocket Books.