

### **International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust**

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is held on 27 January to commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War due to the genocide that resulted in the deaths of 6 million Jews and 11 million others, by the Nazi regime and its collaborators

The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz (the largest Nazi concentration and death camp), the ending of the Second World War, and the ending of the Holocaust.

Theme 2020: “75 years after Auschwitz – Holocaust Education and Remembrance for Global Justice”

### **Indian Railways to run 100% on electricity by 2024: Piyush Goyal**

Railways Minister Piyush Goyal on stated that the Indian Railways is expected to switch entirely to electricity by 2024, as it is already shunting diesel locomotives gradually out of service.

“By the year 2024, we expect the entire Indian Railways to be run 100 per cent on electricity. It will be the first railway network in the world to be run fully on electricity. We are very conscious of our responsibility to the environment. We are embarking on rapid electrification of our rail network,” stated by Goyal at India-Brazil Business Forum. India is also planning to make the entire railways network a “net-zero emission network” by 2030

### **India’s First Super Fab Lab That Can Produce ‘Almost Any Machinery’ Inaugurated In Kochi**

India’s first Super Fab Lab was inaugurated in Kochi, Kerala.

The lab is built in collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology(MIT) and is spread across an area of 10,000 sq ft.

### **Election Commission award for The Hindu Tamil**

The Hindu Tamil has won the Election Commission of India’s award for its voter awareness and education campaign in 2019 as part of the poll panel’s national awards given on the occasion of the 10th National Voters Day.

President Ram Nath Kovind gave away the awards for best electoral practices to officers in conducting elections as well as civil society organisations and media groups for spreading awareness.

The Hindu Tamil received the award in the print media category for “extensive coverage and targeted campaign towards informed and ethical voting during Lok Sabha 2019” and encouraging “masses to exercise their franchise and vote on merit of candidates

### **Sneha Pamneja wins Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize for "Tiffin"**

Graphic designer Sneha Pamneja was awarded this year's Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize at the ongoing Jaipur Literature Festival for designing the cover of "Tiffin: Authentic Recipes Celebrating India's Regional Cuisine". The book is written by Sonal Ved and published by Roli books.



### **GRSE set to deliver anti-submarine warfare corvette INS Kavaratti to Navy soon**

Defence PSU Garden Reach Shibuilders and Engineers (GRSE) is set to deliver anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette INS Kavaratti to the Navy soon.

'Kavaratti' is the last of the four Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvettes built by the GRSE for the Indian Navy under Project P28.

'Kavaratti' will be the 104th ship to be constructed and delivered by the GRSE.

Under Project P28, ASW stealth Corvettes delivered to Indian Navy are 'INS Kamorta' in July 2014, 'INS Kadmatt' in November 2015 and 'INS Kiltan' in October 2017. All these four corvettes are named after islands of Lakshadweep and Arabian Sea.

### **The 'Rao' power of 'Mission Shakti'**

For the first time, scientist leads DRDO contingent at RD parade

A defence scientist – Y Sreenivasa Rao – led the DRDO contingent displaying the indigenous Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASAT) from 'Mission Shakti' at the 71st Republic Day parade.

In a special address to the nation Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, on March 27, 2019, announced the success of Mission Shakti, through which India exhibited capabilities to destroy a satellite using its missile power.

India became only the fourth nation after the US, Russia and China to have the capability.

During the RD Parade, it's customary for the serving officers of the armed forces to lead the DRDO contingent too.

This year, a departure has been made. However, the second tableau exhibiting the Air Defence Tactical Radar was led by a defence officer.