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INDIA-AUSTRALIA CIRCULAR ECONOMY HACKATHON (I-ACE)

AIM (Atal Innovation Mission), in association with CSIRO, is organizing a

two-day hackathon on circular economy,

‘India–Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)’, on 7 and 8

December. The idea of I-ACE was

conceived during a virtual summit on 4

June, between the Indian and Australian

prime ministers, exploring innovative ways

to boost circular economy in India and

Australia.



**INDIA-AUSTRALIA
CIRCULAR ECONOMY
HACKATHON (I-ACE)**
7TH DECEMBER - 8TH DECEMBER 2020

Key themes	
1 Innovation in packaging reducing packaging waste	2 Innovation in food supply chains avoiding waste
3 Creating opportunities for plastic waste reduction	4 Recycling critical energy metals and e-waste

The four key themes for the hackathon are as follows:

- Innovation in packaging reducing packaging waste
- Innovation in food supply chains avoiding waste
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- Recycling critical energy metals and e-waste

NATIONAL HIGHWAY 310



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was in Sikkim to dedicate the 19.85 kilometre alternate alignment of the national highway 310.

National Highway 310 (NH-310) traverses the state of Sikkim in India. Necessitated due to the previous alignment having seen extensive

damages due to sinking and other natural hazards, the road serves as an important link to bolster defence preparedness in the Nathu-La Sector in particular and in whole of East Sikkim in general. The road was constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

CHILD CARE LEAVE

Union Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions said that the male employees of the government are also now entitled to Child Care Leave.



About:

- However, the provision of Child Care Leave (CCL) will be available only for those male employees who happen to be “single male parent”.
- This may include male employees who are widowers or divorcees or even unmarried and may therefore, be expected to take up the responsibility of child care as a single - handed parent.



The orders regarding this had been issued quite some time back but somehow did not receive enough circulation in the public.

An employee on Child Care Leave may now leave the head quarter with the prior approval of Competent Authority. In addition, the Leave Travel Concession (LTC) may be availed by the employee even if he is on Child Care Leave.

- Child Care Leave can be granted at 100% of leave salary for the first 365 days and 80% of leave salary for the next 365 days.
- In case of a disabled child, the condition of availing Child Care Leave up to the age of 22 years of the child has been removed and now Child Care Leave can be availed by a government servant for a disabled child of any age.



PLASMA THERAPY

Recently published findings on convalescent plasma therapy on Covid-19 patients have triggered a debate over its efficacy.

About:

After the country’s largest such trial, known by the acronym PLACID, found that convalescent plasma was ineffective in arresting Covid-19, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has been considering dropping this option from the

national guidelines.

Plasma is the liquid part of the blood. Convalescent plasma, extracted from the blood of patients recovering from an infection, is a source of antibodies against the infection.

The Plasma therapy involves using their plasma to help others recover. For Covid-19, this has been one of the treatment options. The donor would have to be a documented case of Covid-19 and healthy for 28 days since the last symptoms.



Indian-origin Wavel Ramkalawan elected President of Seychelles

Indian-origin **Wavel Ramkalawan** has been elected as the **President of**



Seychelles. Seychelles has elected an opposition candidate as president for the first time since 1977.

Ramakalwan is a priest of Indian Origin whose grandfather came from Gopalganj, Bihar. He has defeated the incumbent Danny Faure.

Indian LS Speaker Om Birla Participates in 6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum virtually



The **6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum** has been organised virtually on 27 October 2020 under the chairmanship of **Vyachaslav Volodin, the Chairman of Russian Parliament**

Speakers and members of five BRICS Parliaments namely Brazil, Russian, India, China and South Africa are attending the Forum.

The Indian Parliamentary Delegation is being led by **Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla** and also consists of Member of Lok Sabha Kanimozhi Karunanidhi.

The theme of the Forum is **'BRICS partnership in the interest of global stability, general safety and innovative growth: Parliamentary dimension'**.

International Animation Day: 28 October



The **International Animation Day** is observed every year on **October 28** to celebrate the art of animation and also recognise the artists, scientists and technicians behind animation.

The day was created in 2002 by **ASIFA, an International Animated Film Association, a member of UNESCO**.

2020 marks the **19th International Animation**

Day.



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