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December 01- World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day, designated on 1 December every year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. Government and health officials, non-governmental organizations, and individuals around the world observe the day, often with education on AIDS prevention and control.

The Government is organizing an event in this year to commemorate World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2019 in New Delhi. The theme of the event is “Communities make the difference”. The event will be attended by People Living with HIV (PLHIV), Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, Communities, Students, Media, Experts, Senior officers and staff of Ministries/Departments and State AIDS Control Societies.

December 02 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is a yearly event on December 2, organized by the United Nations General Assembly. The Day was first celebrated in 1986. The Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others was approved by the United Nations General Assembly on December 2, 1949. Besides, by resolution 57/195 of 18 December 2002, the Assembly proclaimed 2004 the International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition.

48th National Day Celebrations to be held in UAE

The 48th National Day Celebrations of the United Arab Emirates will be held under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE at the Zayed Sports City Stadium in Abu Dhabi. The Organising Committee of the Official UAE National Day confirmed that the preparations for the celebration have been completed. The celebration will be centred around a spectacular theatrical production titled “**Legacy of Our Ancestors**”. The show will be staged on a grand scale with more than 5,000 experts from 70 countries coming together to shape this production.

19,668 hospitals empanelled under Ayushman Bharat on Nov 25

A total of 19,668 hospitals in the country have been empanelled under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana on 25th of November this year. They included over nine thousand hospitals in the private sector. This information was given in a written reply in the Lok Sabha by Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Ashwini Kumar Choubey. Gujarat topped the list with 2856 empanelled hospitals followed by Karnataka with 2849 and Uttar Pradesh with 2312 hospitals.

Govt making efforts to completely eradicate HIV AIDS before 2030: Dr Harsh Vardhan



Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has said the government is making all out efforts to completely eradicate HIV AIDS in the country before 2030. He said, India has successfully eliminated polio well before the target eight years-ago. The Minister was speaking at a function to observe the World HIV AIDS day in New Delhi. He also said, attempts should be made to make the country free from TB before 2025.

India becomes first country to make entire Haj process digital

India has become the first country to make the entire process for pilgrims going on Haj completely digital. Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said this after signing the bilateral agreement for next year's pilgrimage with the Saudi Haj Minister in Jeddah. An online application, e-visa, Haj mobile app, 'e-MASIHA' health facility, "e-luggage pre-tagging" providing all information in India itself regarding accommodation and transportation in Mecca and Madina will be provided to 2 lakh Indian Muslims going for Haj in 2020.

UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Spain from Dec 2 – 13

UN Climate Change Conference, known as COP25 gets underway in the Spanish capital, Madrid, under the Presidency of Chile from 2-13 December 2019. COP 25 is an important conference as countries prepare to move from pre-2020 period under Kyoto Protocol to post-2020 period under Paris Agreement. India's approach will be guided by principles and provisions of UNFCCC and Paris Agreement particularly the principles of Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capability (CBDR-RC).

Annual Haj 2020 agreement between India and Saudi Arabia

Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi signed the bilateral annual Haj 2020 agreement between India and Saudi Arabia with Haj and Umrah Minister of Saudi Arabia Mohammad Saleh bin Taher Benten. He said, for the first time facilities were provided for digital pre-tagging of pilgrims' baggage.

This will ensure the Indian pilgrims will get information in India itself about the building and the room allotted to them as well as the transportation details for travel after reaching the airport in Saudi Arabia.

Soma Roy Burman takes charge as new Controller General of Accounts

Soma Roy Burman took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts, CGA. She is the 24th CGA and the seventh woman to hold this coveted position. She took over from J P S Chawla.

Gurpreet Singh, Sunil Kumar clinch gold medals in Senior National C'ships



In wrestling, Asian Championships silver medallists Gurpreet Singh and Sunil Kumar clinched gold medals on the final day of the senior national championships in Jalandhar. Gurpreet defeated two-time world junior championships medallist Sajan Bhanwal, who was representing the Railways, by a 3-1 margin, in the 77 kilogram category. This was Punjab grappler's fourth senior national title.

BCCI decides to seek Supreme Court's approval to relax tenure reform, Jay Shah to represent Board at ICC Chief Executives' meeting

The Sourav Ganguly-led BCCI has decided to seek the Supreme Court's approval to water down administrative reforms on tenure cap for its office-bearers and named Secretary Jay Shah as its representative for the ICC chief executives' committee meeting.

The Board's 88th Annual General Meeting held in Mumbai. As per the current constitution, an office-bearer who has served two three-year terms, either at the BCCI or at the state association, goes into a compulsory three-year cooling-off period.

Syed Modi International

Indian shuttler Sourabh Verma's impressive run at the Syed Modi International tournament came to an end after he lost in straight games to Chinese Taipei's Wang Tzu Wei in the men's singles final in Lucknow.