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World Day of Social Justice :20 February 2020

World Day of Social Justice is observed on 20 February to promote gender equality, indigenous peoples and migrants' rights. This day also focuses on achieving the goal of full employment and social integration.

This is the day to raise voice against social injustice and to remove barriers regarding gender, race, inequality, religious discrimination, etc. It also highlights the social injustice done throughout the world and to look into the solutions and improvements.

The theme of World Day of Social Justice 2020 is **“Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice”**. It focuses on social justice as it is the global mission of the UN to promote the development and human dignity.

Union Cabinet approves constitution of 22nd Law Commission of India

Union Cabinet approved the constitution of the Twenty-second Law Commission of India. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar stated that the commission will function for a period of three years from its date of official constitution.

The Commission will give recommendations on different aspects of law which are entrusted to it.

It shall also undertake studies and research for bringing reforms in the justice delivery systems for elimination of delay in procedures and speedy disposal of cases among others.

Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body constituted by the Government from time to time. The tenure of the twenty-first Law Commission ended in August 2018.

India to switch to world's cleanest petrol, diesel from April 1

India will switch to the world's cleanest petrol and diesel from April 1 as it leapfrogs straight to Euro-VI emission compliant fuels from Euro-IV grades now. This has been achieved in just three years and not seen in any of the large economies around the globe. India will join the select league of nations using petrol and diesel containing just 10 parts per million of sulphur as it looks to cut vehicular emissions that are said to be one of the reasons for the choking pollution in major cities.

State-owned oil refineries spent about 35,000 crore rupees to upgrade plants that could produce ultra-low sulphur BS-VI has a sulphur content of just 10 ppm and emission standards are as good as CNG.

Nepal celebrates 70th National Democracy Day

Nepal celebrated its 70th National Democracy Day. A special ceremony was held at the Nepal Army Pavilion Tudikhel in Kathmandu to mark the occasion.

In his address Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli stated after resolving conflict Nepal is now moving towards economic and social transformation. He further added Nepal has created its identity in the world and increased its prestige at various international fora.

PM-led panel names President's secretary Sanjay Kothari as next CVC, ex-IAS officer Bimal Julka to be CIC

Sanjay Kothari, the Secretary to the President, has been selected as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner by a high-powered committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The committee has also chosen former Information and Broadcasting Secretary Bimal Julka, currently serving as an Information Commissioner, as the new Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

Kothari and Julka have been selected as the next CVC and CIC.

The three-member panel also decided by majority the appointment of Suresh Patel as Vigilance Commissioner and Anita Pandove as Information Commissioner.

Supratim Bandyopadhyay named new PFRDA Chairman

Supratim Bandyopadhyay was appointed as chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), a body which regulates the National Pension Scheme subscribed by government and private employees from organised and unorganised sectors.

Bandyopadhyay was working as Member (Finance) in the PFRDA which is the regulator for promotion and development of an organised pension system to serve the old age income needs of people on a sustainable basis.

Biocon Chairman Kiran Mazumdar Shaw gets EY's 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award

Biocon's Chairman and Managing Director Kiran Mazumdar Shaw has been declared EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2019.

Shaw will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) to be held in Monte Carlo from June 4-6, 2020.

She bagged the honour for her role in making affordable, life-saving medicines possible through her strong investments in research.

Shaw is also among the earliest Indian signatories to the Giving Pledge, a global commitment to dedicate majority of her wealth to philanthropy. Adi Godrej, Chairman of Godrej Group, has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pakistan Test Launches Ra'ad II Nuclear-Capable Air-Launched Cruise Missile

Pakistan test-launched a new variant of its Ra'ad II nuclear-capable air-launched cruise missile (ALCM).

The new longer-range Ra'ad II significantly enhances air delivered strategic standoff capability on land and at sea. The 85 meter-long Ra'ad-II had a stated range of 550-600 kilometers. It is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear payloads.

IISc ranks 16th among top 100 universities of emerging economies

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has ranked 16th among the top 100 universities of emerging economies.

Indian universities had a good performance year within the emerging economies of the world as a record 11 made it to the top 100 Times Higher Education's (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings 2020.

India jumps five ranks to 35th in Worldwide Education for the Future Index 2019

India jumped five ranks in the Worldwide Educating for the Future Index (WEFFI) 2019, as per a report published by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

India ranked 35th on the overall index in 2019 with a total score of 53, based on three categories – policy environment, teaching environment and overall socio-economic environment. The country ranked 40th with an overall score of 41.2 across categories in 2018.

Finland is positioned 1st in all categories including overall score, followed by Sweden in second place and New Zealand in third place.