


Monthly Current Affairs= October,2019



Important Days

1. The International Day of Older Persons is observed every year on 1st October. Note: The day raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse. The theme of the 2019 commemoration is 'The Journey to Age Equality'.
2. The Military Nursing Service celebrating its 94th Raising Day. Note: On the occasion, nursing officers will rededicate themselves to render high quality, selfless nursing care to their patients by reading the Florence Nightingale Pledge. The Military Nursing Service (MNS) came into on 28th March 1888 with the arrival of the first batch of 10 qualified British Nurses in Bombay, to organize nursing in Military hospitals in India.
3. The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated across the country on 2nd October. Note: Every year on 2 October, the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is observed with prayer services and tributes across the nation. Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2 October 1869 in Porbandar, Gujarat. This day is also celebrated as World NonViolence Day. Mahatma Gandhi was shot dead by Nathuram Godse on 30th January, 1948.
4. World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Days is being celebrated across the world on 5th October. Note: It is being held annually since 1994 to commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
5. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has celebrated its 87th anniversary across India -- 8th October. Note: The Indian Air Force has displayed various Aircraft at Air Force Station Hindan airbase near Delhi. with a parade and air display. The highlight of the event was Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman leading a MiG formation and flying a MiG Bison Aircraft. It was officially established on 8 October 1932 as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire and the prefix Royal was added in 1945 in recognition of its services during World War II.
6. World Post Day is being celebrated each year on 9th October. Note: It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969. Since then, countries around the world participate annually in the celebrations. Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services.
7. The World Mental Health Day is observed every year on 10th October. Note: The day raise awareness about mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The theme for this year World Mental Health Day is 'Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention.'



8. October Month is observed as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Note: The Breast Cancer Awareness Month helps to increase attention and support for awareness. This month creates awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment of breast cancer. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) breast cancer is by far the most common cancer in women worldwide, both in developed and developing countries. Breast cancer is cancer that forms in the cells of the breasts.

9. The International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC) is observed every year across the world on 11th October. Note: The day recognizes girls' rights and challenges girls face around the world. The theme of 2019 is "GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable".

10. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2019 is being observed on 12th October (second Saturday of October). Note: The WMBD is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. The theme for 2019: Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!

11. International Day for Disaster Reduction is being observed annually on 13th October. Note: The day encourages every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster-resilient communities and nations. The 2019 Theme: 'Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services'. The International Day for Disaster Reduction was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction.

12. The 'World Food Day' is observed every year on 16th October. Note: The day marks the foundation of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations. The theme of World Food Day 2019 is "Our Actions Are Our Future. Healthy Diets for A #ZeroHunger World". Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is a specialised agency of the United Nations that works towards defeating hunger via international efforts.

13. The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is an international observance celebrated on 17th October. Note: The main objective of this day is to raise awareness about the efforts being made to eradicate poverty in the world community. The theme of 2019 is 'Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty'.

14. The National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on 21st October. Note: The day remembers the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties. The day commemorates the sacrifices of ten policemen while defending the borders with China in 1959. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has saluted the police forces, their families and remembers those brave police personnel martyred in the line of duty, on Police.

15. The United Nations Day (UN) is being observed globally on 24th October. Note: The day makes people aware of the aims and achievements of the United Nations

Organization. United Nations will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020.

16. The World Development Information Day is being observed every year on 24th October Note: In 1973, The United Nations General Assembly decided to institute a World Development Information Day coinciding with United Nations Day on 24th October

17. Government of India is celebrating 4th Ayurveda Day (Dhanvantari Jayanti) on 25th October 2019. Note: The Ministry of Ayush has distributed “National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Award” on National Ayurveda Day. The award comprises of trophy and cash reward of Rs 5 lakhs. Ayurveda Day is being celebrated as a part of the mission’s role in creating awareness about the medicines. Government has also upgraded a lot of Ayurvedic institutions as a part of AYUSH Mission.

21. Every year World Internet Day is celebrated across the world 29th October. Note: It was on this day, the first electronic mail (email) was sent from one computer to another in 1969. This was the year of 1969 when Charley Kline, a student programmer at the UCLA transmitted the first-ever message on 29th of October in 1969.

22. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2019 (National Unity Day) was celebrated all across the country on 31st October. Note: Sardar Patel was the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India.

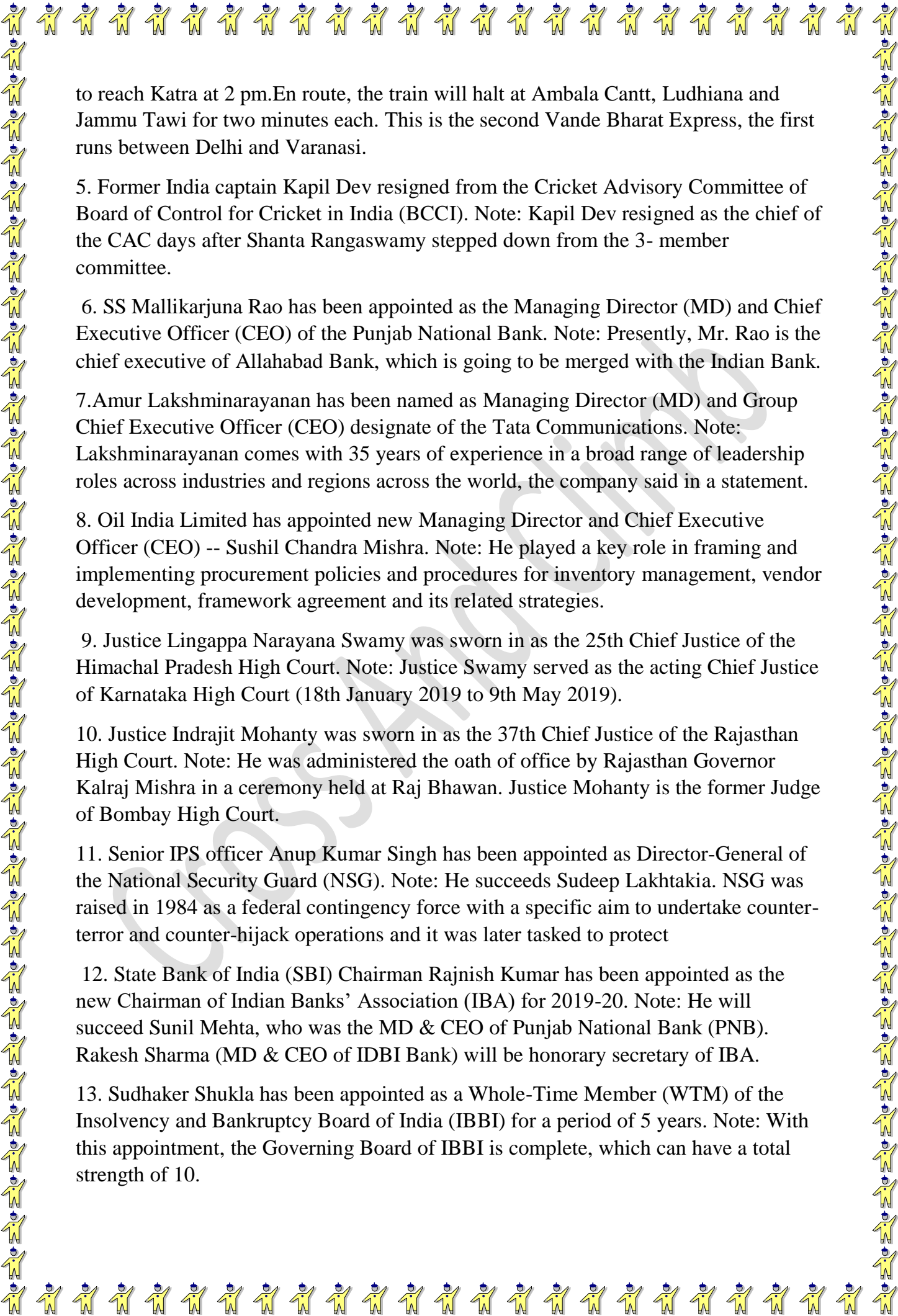
New Appointments

1. An Indian Information Service (IIS) officer Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia has been appointed as the 28th principal spokesperson of the Union government. Note: He has replaced Sitanshu Kar. Mr. Dhatwalia has been posted as the new principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the publicity wing of the central government.

2. The government has appointed an eminent economist as the Executive Director for India on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)-- Surjit S Bhalla. Note: Surjit S Bhalla will succeed former RBI deputy governor Subir Gokarn who died in the US on July 30 after a brief illness. In December last year, he resigned as a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).

3. Air Marshal SK Ghotia has been appointed as the chief of South Western Air Command. Note: He replaced Air Marshal H S Arora, who moved to Air Headquarters as the Vice-Chief of Air Staff. Prior to assuming the present appointment, Air Marshal Ghotia was the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Training Command.

4. Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the DelhiKatra Vande Bharat Express from the New Delhi Railway Station to Katra. Note: Train number 22439 New Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express will depart from the New Delhi Railway Station at 6 am



to reach Katra at 2 pm. En route, the train will halt at Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana and Jammu Tawi for two minutes each. This is the second Vande Bharat Express, the first runs between Delhi and Varanasi.

5. Former India captain Kapil Dev resigned from the Cricket Advisory Committee of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Note: Kapil Dev resigned as the chief of the CAC days after Shanta Rangaswamy stepped down from the 3- member committee.

6. SS Mallikarjuna Rao has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Punjab National Bank. Note: Presently, Mr. Rao is the chief executive of Allahabad Bank, which is going to be merged with the Indian Bank.

7. Amur Lakshminarayanan has been named as Managing Director (MD) and Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) designate of the Tata Communications. Note: Lakshminarayanan comes with 35 years of experience in a broad range of leadership roles across industries and regions across the world, the company said in a statement.

8. Oil India Limited has appointed new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) -- Sushil Chandra Mishra. Note: He played a key role in framing and implementing procurement policies and procedures for inventory management, vendor development, framework agreement and its related strategies.

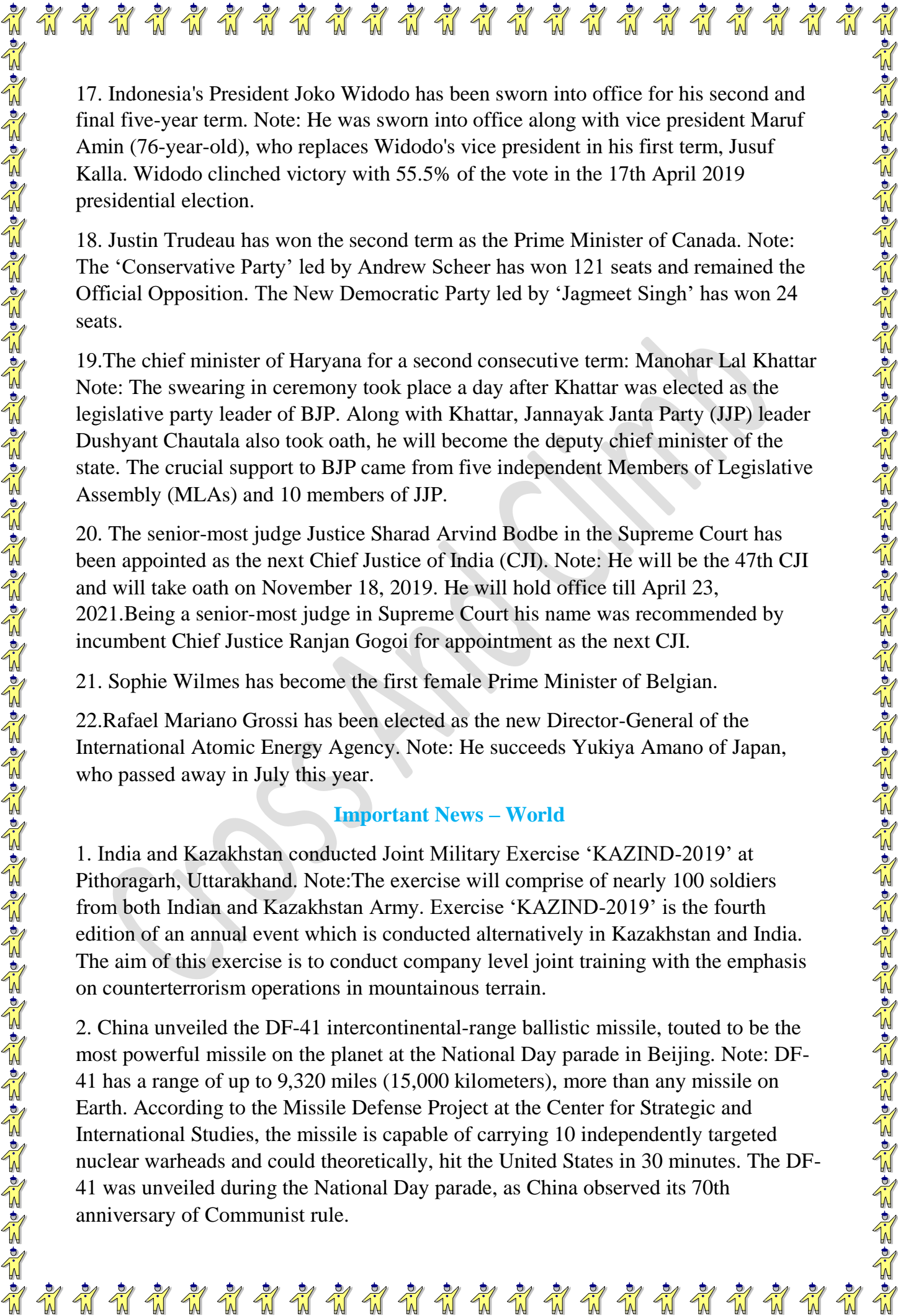
9. Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy was sworn in as the 25th Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. Note: Justice Swamy served as the acting Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court (18th January 2019 to 9th May 2019).

10. Justice Indrajit Mohanty was sworn in as the 37th Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court. Note: He was administered the oath of office by Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra in a ceremony held at Raj Bhawan. Justice Mohanty is the former Judge of Bombay High Court.

11. Senior IPS officer Anup Kumar Singh has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG). Note: He succeeds Sudeep Lakhtakia. NSG was raised in 1984 as a federal contingency force with a specific aim to undertake counter-terror and counter-hijack operations and it was later tasked to protect

12. State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Rajnish Kumar has been appointed as the new Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for 2019-20. Note: He will succeed Sunil Mehta, who was the MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB). Rakesh Sharma (MD & CEO of IDBI Bank) will be honorary secretary of IBA.

13. Sudhaker Shukla has been appointed as a Whole-Time Member (WTM) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for a period of 5 years. Note: With this appointment, the Governing Board of IBBI is complete, which can have a total strength of 10.



17. Indonesia's President Joko Widodo has been sworn into office for his second and final five-year term. Note: He was sworn into office along with vice president Maruf Amin (76-year-old), who replaces Widodo's vice president in his first term, Jusuf Kalla. Widodo clinched victory with 55.5% of the vote in the 17th April 2019 presidential election.

18. Justin Trudeau has won the second term as the Prime Minister of Canada. Note: The 'Conservative Party' led by Andrew Scheer has won 121 seats and remained the Official Opposition. The New Democratic Party led by 'Jagmeet Singh' has won 24 seats.

19. The chief minister of Haryana for a second consecutive term: Manohar Lal Khattar
Note: The swearing in ceremony took place a day after Khattar was elected as the legislative party leader of BJP. Along with Khattar, Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) leader Dushyant Chautala also took oath, he will become the deputy chief minister of the state. The crucial support to BJP came from five independent Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and 10 members of JJP.

20. The senior-most judge Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde in the Supreme Court has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of India (CJI). Note: He will be the 47th CJI and will take oath on November 18, 2019. He will hold office till April 23, 2021. Being a senior-most judge in Supreme Court his name was recommended by incumbent Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi for appointment as the next CJI.

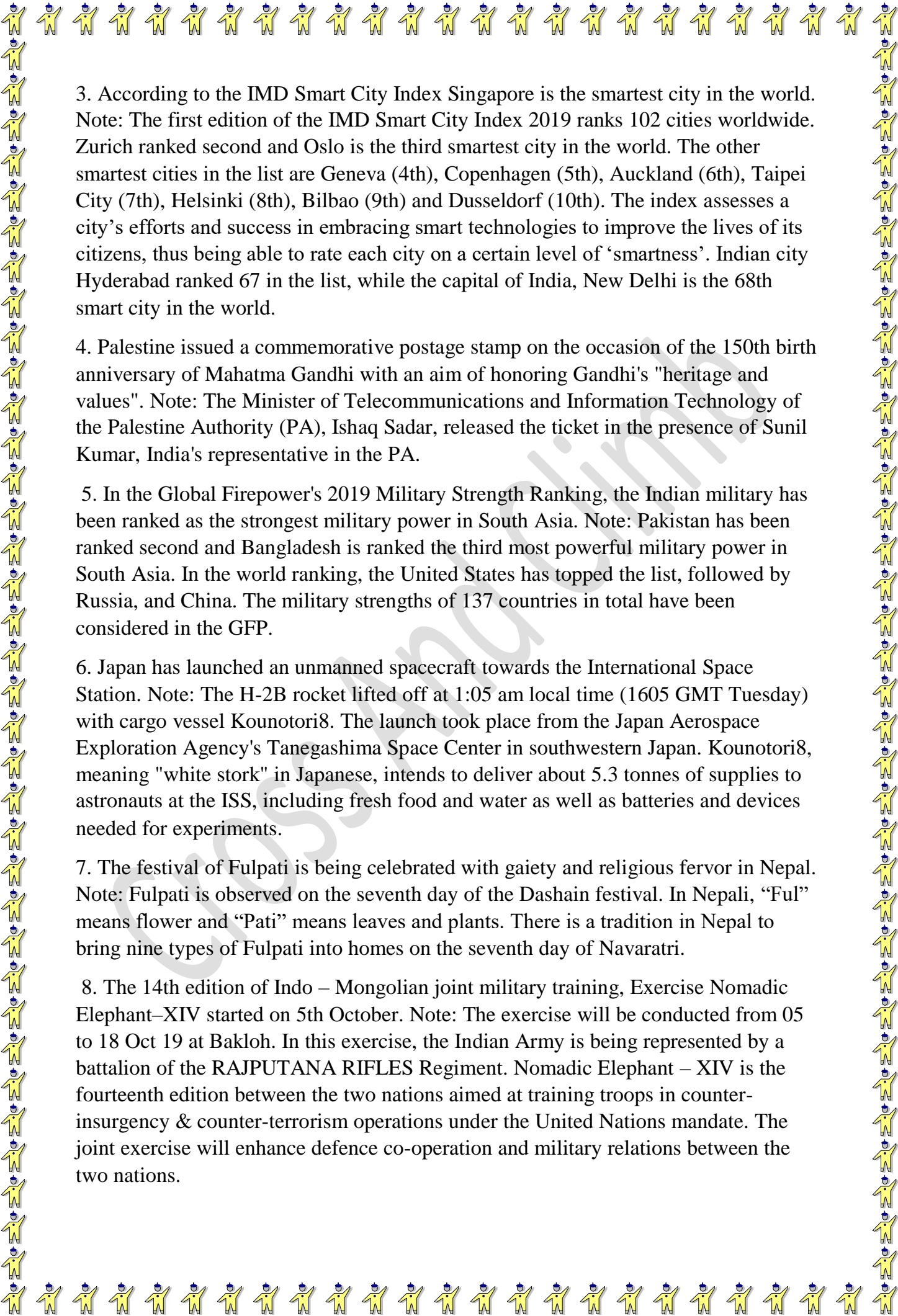
21. Sophie Wilmes has become the first female Prime Minister of Belgium.

22. Rafael Mariano Grossi has been elected as the new Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Note: He succeeds Yukiya Amano of Japan, who passed away in July this year.

Important News – World

1. India and Kazakhstan conducted Joint Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2019' at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. Note: The exercise will comprise of nearly 100 soldiers from both Indian and Kazakhstan Army. Exercise 'KAZIND-2019' is the fourth edition of an annual event which is conducted alternatively in Kazakhstan and India. The aim of this exercise is to conduct company level joint training with the emphasis on counterterrorism operations in mountainous terrain.

2. China unveiled the DF-41 intercontinental-range ballistic missile, touted to be the most powerful missile on the planet at the National Day parade in Beijing. Note: DF-41 has a range of up to 9,320 miles (15,000 kilometers), more than any missile on Earth. According to the Missile Defense Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the missile is capable of carrying 10 independently targeted nuclear warheads and could theoretically, hit the United States in 30 minutes. The DF-41 was unveiled during the National Day parade, as China observed its 70th anniversary of Communist rule.



3. According to the IMD Smart City Index Singapore is the smartest city in the world. Note: The first edition of the IMD Smart City Index 2019 ranks 102 cities worldwide. Zurich ranked second and Oslo is the third smartest city in the world. The other smartest cities in the list are Geneva (4th), Copenhagen (5th), Auckland (6th), Taipei City (7th), Helsinki (8th), Bilbao (9th) and Dusseldorf (10th). The index assesses a city's efforts and success in embracing smart technologies to improve the lives of its citizens, thus being able to rate each city on a certain level of 'smartness'. Indian city Hyderabad ranked 67 in the list, while the capital of India, New Delhi is the 68th smart city in the world.

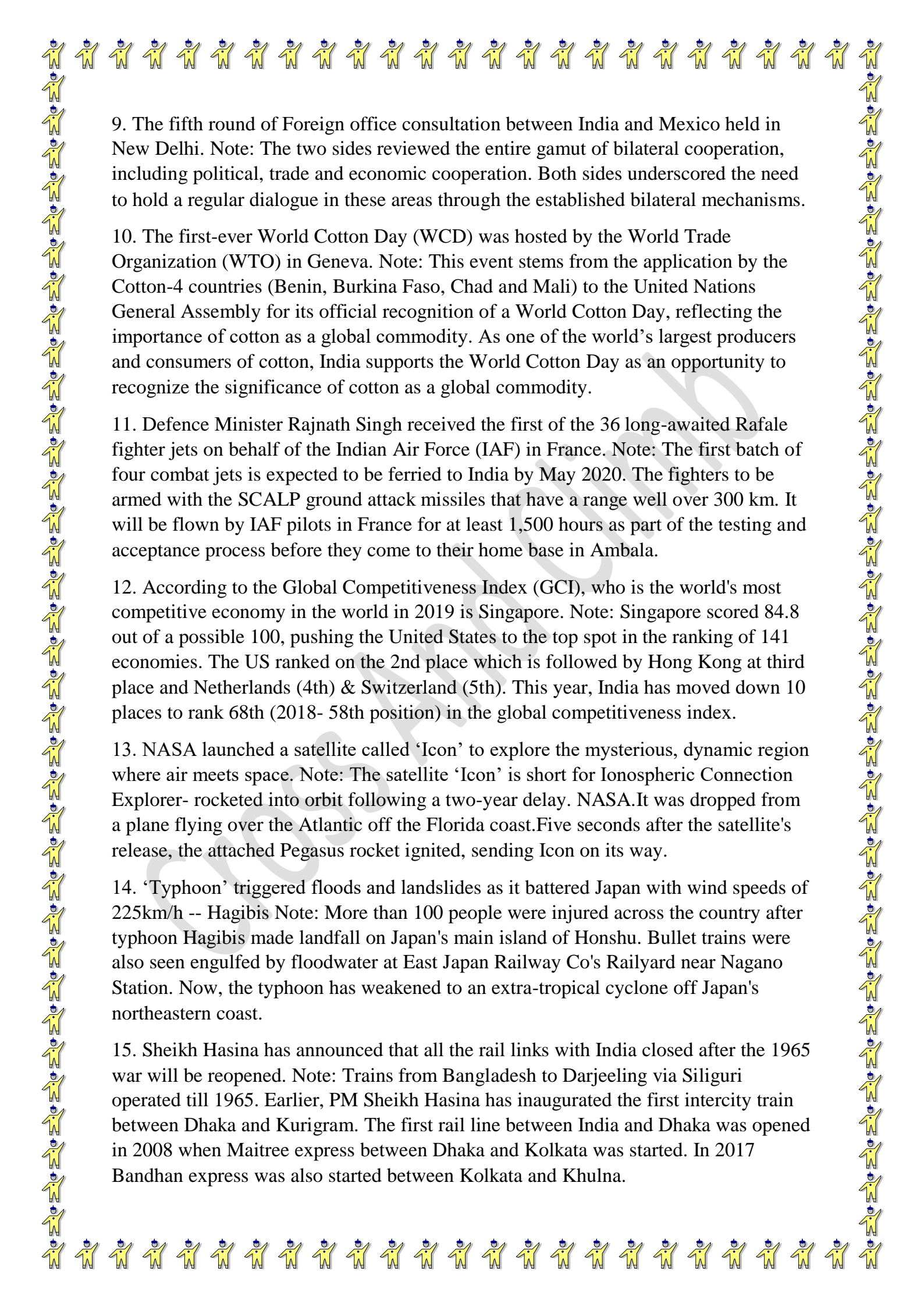
4. Palestine issued a commemorative postage stamp on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with an aim of honoring Gandhi's "heritage and values". Note: The Minister of Telecommunications and Information Technology of the Palestine Authority (PA), Ishaq Sadar, released the ticket in the presence of Sunil Kumar, India's representative in the PA.

5. In the Global Firepower's 2019 Military Strength Ranking, the Indian military has been ranked as the strongest military power in South Asia. Note: Pakistan has been ranked second and Bangladesh is ranked the third most powerful military power in South Asia. In the world ranking, the United States has topped the list, followed by Russia, and China. The military strengths of 137 countries in total have been considered in the GFP.

6. Japan has launched an unmanned spacecraft towards the International Space Station. Note: The H-2B rocket lifted off at 1:05 am local time (1605 GMT Tuesday) with cargo vessel Kounotori8. The launch took place from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan. Kounotori8, meaning "white stork" in Japanese, intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at the ISS, including fresh food and water as well as batteries and devices needed for experiments.

7. The festival of Fulpati is being celebrated with gaiety and religious fervor in Nepal. Note: Fulpati is observed on the seventh day of the Dashain festival. In Nepali, "Ful" means flower and "Pati" means leaves and plants. There is a tradition in Nepal to bring nine types of Fulpati into homes on the seventh day of Navaratri.

8. The 14th edition of Indo – Mongolian joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant–XIV started on 5th October. Note: The exercise will be conducted from 05 to 18 Oct 19 at Bakloh. In this exercise, the Indian Army is being represented by a battalion of the RAJPUTANA RIFLES Regiment. Nomadic Elephant – XIV is the fourteenth edition between the two nations aimed at training troops in counter-insurgency & counter-terrorism operations under the United Nations mandate. The joint exercise will enhance defence co-operation and military relations between the two nations.



9. The fifth round of Foreign office consultation between India and Mexico held in New Delhi. Note: The two sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation, including political, trade and economic cooperation. Both sides underscored the need to hold a regular dialogue in these areas through the established bilateral mechanisms.

10. The first-ever World Cotton Day (WCD) was hosted by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva. Note: This event stems from the application by the Cotton-4 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali) to the United Nations General Assembly for its official recognition of a World Cotton Day, reflecting the importance of cotton as a global commodity. As one of the world's largest producers and consumers of cotton, India supports the World Cotton Day as an opportunity to recognize the significance of cotton as a global commodity.


11. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh received the first of the 36 long-awaited Rafale fighter jets on behalf of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in France. Note: The first batch of four combat jets is expected to be ferried to India by May 2020. The fighters to be armed with the SCALP ground attack missiles that have a range well over 300 km. It will be flown by IAF pilots in France for at least 1,500 hours as part of the testing and acceptance process before they come to their home base in Ambala.

12. According to the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI), who is the world's most competitive economy in the world in 2019 is Singapore. Note: Singapore scored 84.8 out of a possible 100, pushing the United States to the top spot in the ranking of 141 economies. The US ranked on the 2nd place which is followed by Hong Kong at third place and Netherlands (4th) & Switzerland (5th). This year, India has moved down 10 places to rank 68th (2018- 58th position) in the global competitiveness index.

13. NASA launched a satellite called 'Icon' to explore the mysterious, dynamic region where air meets space. Note: The satellite 'Icon' is short for Ionospheric Connection Explorer- rocketed into orbit following a two-year delay. NASA. It was dropped from a plane flying over the Atlantic off the Florida coast. Five seconds after the satellite's release, the attached Pegasus rocket ignited, sending Icon on its way.

14. 'Typhoon' triggered floods and landslides as it battered Japan with wind speeds of 225km/h -- Hagibis Note: More than 100 people were injured across the country after typhoon Hagibis made landfall on Japan's main island of Honshu. Bullet trains were also seen engulfed by floodwater at East Japan Railway Co's Railyard near Nagano Station. Now, the typhoon has weakened to an extra-tropical cyclone off Japan's northeastern coast.

15. Sheikh Hasina has announced that all the rail links with India closed after the 1965 war will be reopened. Note: Trains from Bangladesh to Darjeeling via Siliguri operated till 1965. Earlier, PM Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated the first intercity train between Dhaka and Kurigram. The first rail line between India and Dhaka was opened in 2008 when Maitree express between Dhaka and Kolkata was started. In 2017 Bandhan express was also started between Kolkata and Khulna.



16. Indian artists performed Mahatma Gandhi's favorite Bhajan on occasion of 150th birth anniversary celebrations in Sharjah -- Raghupati Raghav Rajaram. Note: The function, which was organised by the Indian Association in Sharjah, was attended by Minister of State for External Affairs V Murleedharan among others. Mr Murleedharan is on a two-day visit to the UAE to attend the 5th Abu Dhabi Dialogue

17. The Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) has carried out the annual joint military exercise -- Shinyuu Maitri. Note: C-130 J aircraft of the Special Operations Squadron of IAF and C-130 H of Tactical Airlift Squadron of JASDF is participating in the exercise. The focus of the exercise, to undertake Joint Mobility and Tactical interoperability among the two forces.

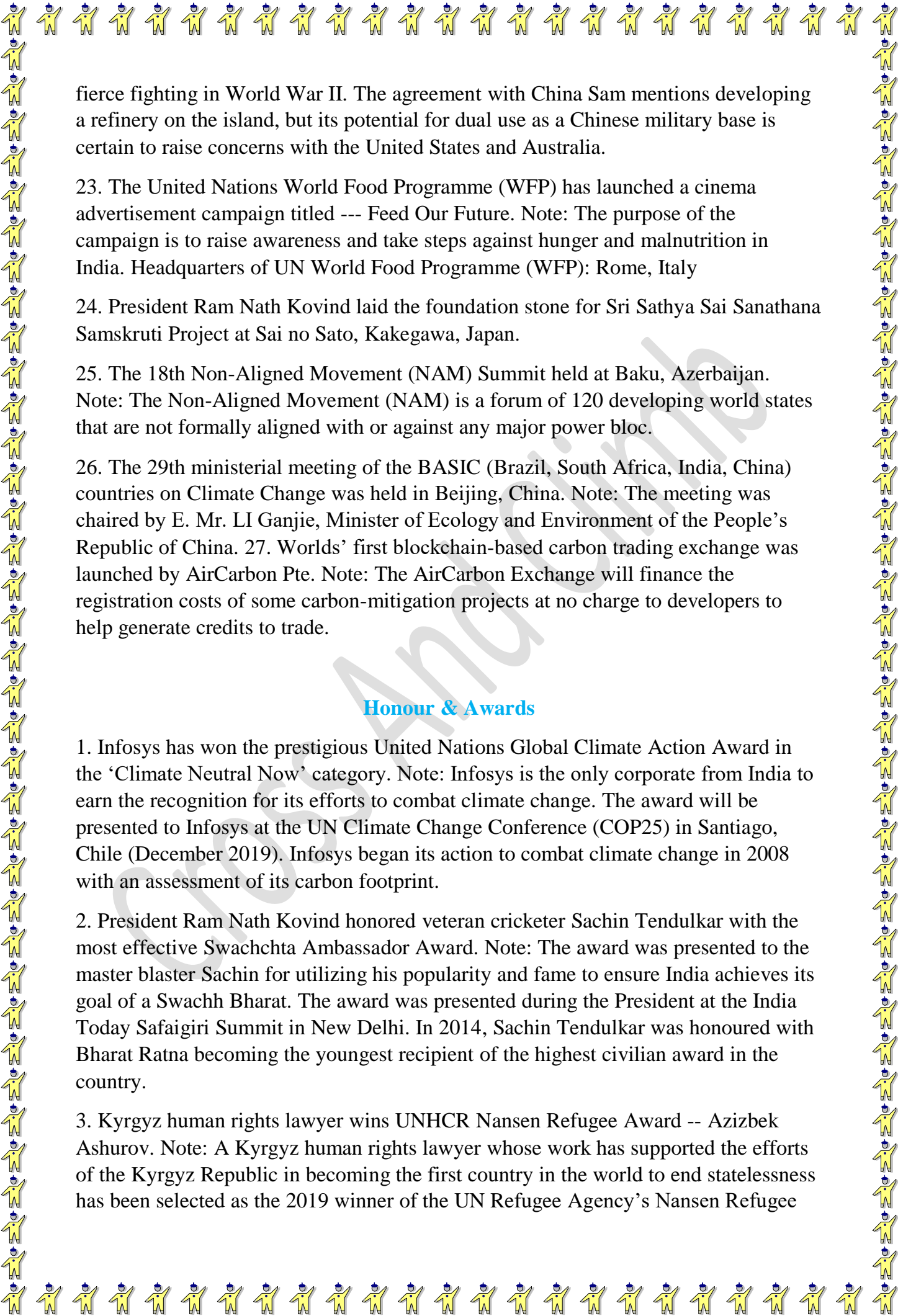
18. UAE has announced the establishment of the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI). Note: It will be first graduate-level, research-based AI university in the world. MBZUAI will enable graduate students, businesses and governments to advance the artificial intelligence field. The University is named after Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. MBZUAI will provide all admitted students with a full scholarship, plus benefits such as a monthly allowance, health insurance, and accommodation.

19. Interpol to hold the general assembly in India in 2022. Note: India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 after a proposal received the overwhelming support of member countries at this year's congregation at Santinago in Chile. The general assembly of Interpol is an annual exercise hosted by member countries. The organization has 90-million records spread across 17 databases.

20. Two Female Astronauts of the United States of America have become the first all-female to carry out a spacewalk -- Christina Koch and Jessica Meir Note: Earlier this year, the mission was aborted following a spacesuit flub. They began their mission making standard safety checks on their suits and tethers. The US sent its first female astronaut into space in 1983 and has now had more women astronauts than any other country.

21. The oldest known natural pearl in the world has been discovered by Abu Dhabi archaeologists working at a Neolithic site on -- Marawah Island. Note: Dubbed the 'Abu Dhabi Pearl', it was found in layers that have been radiocarbon dated to 5,800-5,600 BCE, during the Neolithic period. The discovery is proof that pearls and oysters were being used in the UAE nearly 8,000 years ago and represents the earliest known evidence for pearling yet discovered anywhere in the world. Prior to the Abu Dhabi Pearl discovery, the earliest known pearl in the UAE came from a Neolithic site in Umm Al Qaiwain.

22. A China has signed an agreement to lease an entire island in the Solomon Islands - - Tulagi. Note: Tulagi, an island about two square kilometres (0.8 square miles) with a population of 1,200. It is the site of a former Japanese naval base and was the scene of



fierce fighting in World War II. The agreement with China mentions developing a refinery on the island, but its potential for dual use as a Chinese military base is certain to raise concerns with the United States and Australia.

23. The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has launched a cinema advertisement campaign titled --- Feed Our Future. Note: The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India. Headquarters of UN World Food Programme (WFP): Rome, Italy

24. President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone for Sri Sathya Sai Sanathana Samskruti Project at Sai no Sato, Kakegawa, Japan.

25. The 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit held at Baku, Azerbaijan. Note: The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is a forum of 120 developing world states that are not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc.

26. The 29th ministerial meeting of the BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India, China) countries on Climate Change was held in Beijing, China. Note: The meeting was chaired by E. Mr. LI Ganjie, Minister of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China. 27. World's first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange was launched by AirCarbon Pte. Note: The AirCarbon Exchange will finance the registration costs of some carbon-mitigation projects at no charge to developers to help generate credits to trade.

Honour & Awards

1. Infosys has won the prestigious United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category. Note: Infosys is the only corporate from India to earn the recognition for its efforts to combat climate change. The award will be presented to Infosys at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile (December 2019). Infosys began its action to combat climate change in 2008 with an assessment of its carbon footprint.

2. President Ram Nath Kovind honored veteran cricketer Sachin Tendulkar with the most effective Swachhta Ambassador Award. Note: The award was presented to the master blaster Sachin for utilizing his popularity and fame to ensure India achieves its goal of a Swachh Bharat. The award was presented during the President at the India Today Safaigiri Summit in New Delhi. In 2014, Sachin Tendulkar was honoured with Bharat Ratna becoming the youngest recipient of the highest civilian award in the country.

3. Kyrgyz human rights lawyer wins UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award -- Azizbek Ashurov. Note: A Kyrgyz human rights lawyer whose work has supported the efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic in becoming the first country in the world to end statelessness has been selected as the 2019 winner of the UN Refugee Agency's Nansen Refugee



Award. The award includes a commemorative medal and a US\$150,000 monetary prize generously donated by the governments of Switzerland and Norway.

4. According to the 'Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat 2019' report, Jaipur station topped the list of the cleanest railway station in India. Note: Three railway stations of Rajasthan have been included in the list of top clean railway stations in the country. In the Railway Cleanliness Survey conducted by the Ministry of Railways, Jaipur Junction has come first, Jodhpur railway station ranked second and Durgapura railway station ranked at the third spot. A total of 720 stations and were included in the survey.

5. The UNESCO has named Mexican actress as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples --Yalitza Aparicio. Note: Ms. Aparicio is committed to the fight against racism and for the rights of women and indigenous peoples. She was chosen to play in Alfonso Cuarón's film Roma while studying to be a teacher. TIME magazine (USA) listed her as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2019.


6. Three scientists have won the Nobel Prize 2019 in Physics for their contribution to the understanding of the evolution of the universe and earth's place in the cosmos -- James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz

7. Pioneers of lithium-ion battery win 2019 Nobel Chemistry prize -- John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino. Note: Lithium-ion batteries have revolutionized our lives since they first entered the market in 1991. The batteries power everyday products such as smartphones, laptops and even electric vehicles. Malala Yousafzai (17-years) is the youngest ever winner of a Nobel prize (Nobel Peace Prize 2014).

8. Senior Indian Forest Service officer Ramesh Pandey has been selected for the prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Note: Mr Panday posted as Chief Conservator Forests in Lucknow & Secretary (UP State Bio-diversity Board) is known for his investigation and intelligence gathering on poachers. Mr. Ramesh Pandey will receive the award on 13th November at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

9. The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2019 was awarded to Austrian writer Handke. Note: The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2019 was awarded for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience'.

10. The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2018 was awarded to Polish author Olga Tokarczuk. Note: For 'a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life.' Tokarczuk is only the 15th woman to win the Nobel literature prize in more than a century.



11. U.S. astronaut has been awarded Russia's top state honour 'Russian Order of Courage' award Nick Hague. Note: The award was presented by the Russian President Vladimir Putin to Nick Hague for his effort to survive an emergency on board a Russian spacecraft a year ago. In October 2018, Nick Hague, along with Alexei Ovchinin (Russian cosmonaut), made a dramatic emergency landing in the steppes of Kazakhstan when a booster rocket on their Soyuz launch vehicle failed (the first such accident in post-Soviet history).

12. The Nobel Peace Prize 2019 was awarded to Abiy Ahmed Ali. Note: He has been awarded "for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea. Current, Abiy Ahmed Ali is the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (since 2 April 2018). The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the five Nobel Prizes (Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine, and Literature) established by the will of Swedish industrialist, inventor, and armaments manufacturer Alfred Nobel.

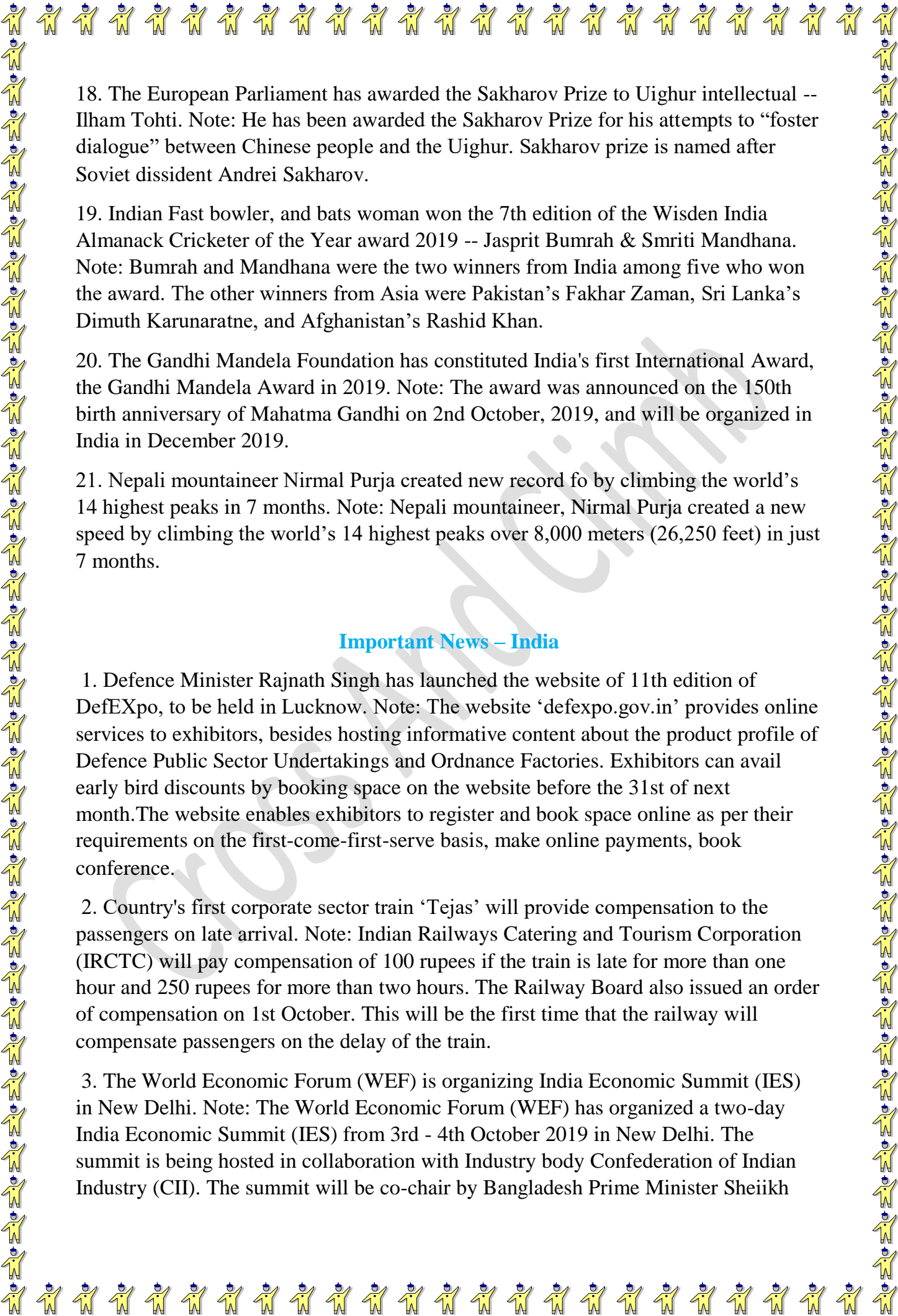
13. Ashleigh Barty has been awarded Australian sport's highest individual honour 'The Don' Award. Note: Now, she has joined legends like Cathy Freeman and Ian Thorpe in lifting the prestigious prize. Barty was the first Australian to win the French Open in 46 years and is now aiming to become the first Australian woman to end the season with the No.1 ranking since Margaret Court in 1973

14. Four awards bagged by Indian in 2019 UNESCO AsiaPacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. Note: UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2019 has been announced at a ceremony in Penang, Malaysia. Indian bagged four awards in three categories. India's Flora Fountain and three other landmarks in Mumbai are among the four sites that have been chosen from India.

15. Shiv Nadar has achieved the top rank in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019. Note: Mr Nadar ((HCL founder and chairman) made the highest contribution of Rs 826 crore (between April 2018 and March 2019) towards philanthropic causes. Azim Premji (Wipro) has been ranked second with total donations worth Rs 453 crore during the qualifying period. Mukesh Ambani (Chairman, Reliance Industries) came third with a total contribution of Rs 402 crore.

16. 'Friends' star Jennifer Aniston to receive the People's Icon Award at the 2019 People's Choice Awards. Note: The actress would be the second-ever recipient of the title. Last year, Melissa McCarthy accepted the trophy for the inaugural award. Aniston has played the most iconic, unforgettable characters and has conquered comedy and drama on both the small and big screen.

17. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award to former Attorney General K. Parasaran Note: Mr Parasaran was honoured with the award on 1



18. The European Parliament has awarded the Sakharov Prize to Uighur intellectual -- Ilham Tohti. Note: He has been awarded the Sakharov Prize for his attempts to “foster dialogue” between Chinese people and the Uighur. Sakharov prize is named after Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov.

19. Indian Fast bowler, and bats woman won the 7th edition of the Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award 2019 -- Jasprit Bumrah & Smriti Mandhana. Note: Bumrah and Mandhana were the two winners from India among five who won the award. The other winners from Asia were Pakistan’s Fakhar Zaman, Sri Lanka’s Dimuth Karunaratne, and Afghanistan’s Rashid Khan.

20. The Gandhi Mandela Foundation has constituted India's first International Award, the Gandhi Mandela Award in 2019. Note: The award was announced on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October, 2019, and will be organized in India in December 2019.

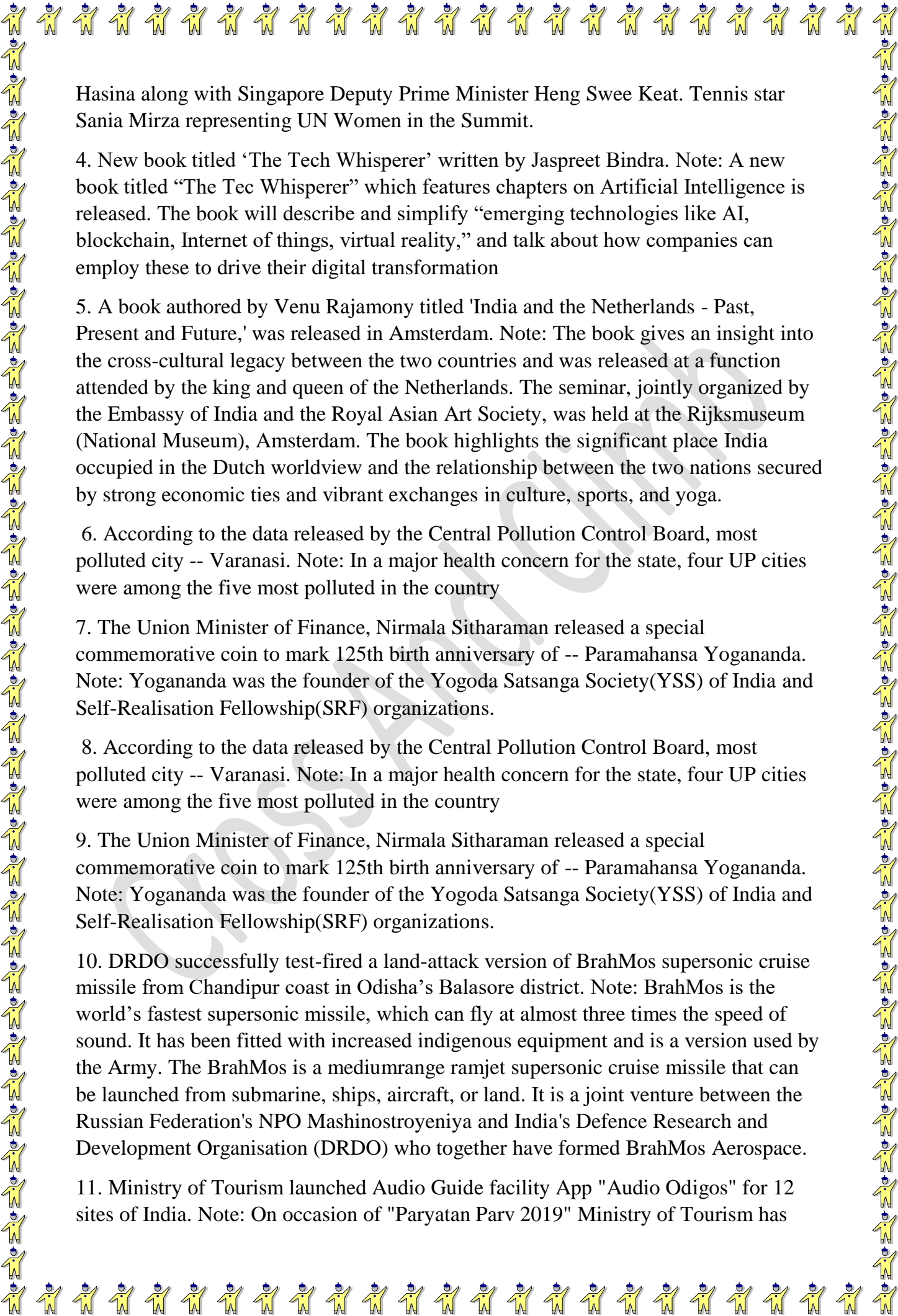
21. Nepali mountaineer Nirmal Purja created new record fo by climbing the world’s 14 highest peaks in 7 months. Note: Nepali mountaineer, Nirmal Purja created a new speed by climbing the world’s 14 highest peaks over 8,000 meters (26,250 feet) in just 7 months.

Important News – India

1. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the website of 11th edition of DefEXpo, to be held in Lucknow. Note: The website ‘defexpo.gov.in’ provides online services to exhibitors, besides hosting informative content about the product profile of Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories. Exhibitors can avail early bird discounts by booking space on the website before the 31st of next month. The website enables exhibitors to register and book space online as per their requirements on the first-come-first-serve basis, make online payments, book conference.

2. Country's first corporate sector train ‘Tejas’ will provide compensation to the passengers on late arrival. Note: Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will pay compensation of 100 rupees if the train is late for more than one hour and 250 rupees for more than two hours. The Railway Board also issued an order of compensation on 1st October. This will be the first time that the railway will compensate passengers on the delay of the train.

3. The World Economic Forum (WEF) is organizing India Economic Summit (IES) in New Delhi. Note: The World Economic Forum (WEF) has organized a two-day India Economic Summit (IES) from 3rd - 4th October 2019 in New Delhi. The summit is being hosted in collaboration with Industry body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The summit will be co-chair by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh



Hasina along with Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat. Tennis star Sania Mirza representing UN Women in the Summit.

4. New book titled 'The Tech Whisperer' written by Jaspreet Bindra. Note: A new book titled "The Tec Whisperer" which features chapters on Artificial Intelligence is released. The book will describe and simplify "emerging technologies like AI, blockchain, Internet of things, virtual reality," and talk about how companies can employ these to drive their digital transformation

5. A book authored by Venu Rajamony titled 'India and the Netherlands - Past, Present and Future,' was released in Amsterdam. Note: The book gives an insight into the cross-cultural legacy between the two countries and was released at a function attended by the king and queen of the Netherlands. The seminar, jointly organized by the Embassy of India and the Royal Asian Art Society, was held at the Rijksmuseum (National Museum), Amsterdam. The book highlights the significant place India occupied in the Dutch worldview and the relationship between the two nations secured by strong economic ties and vibrant exchanges in culture, sports, and yoga.

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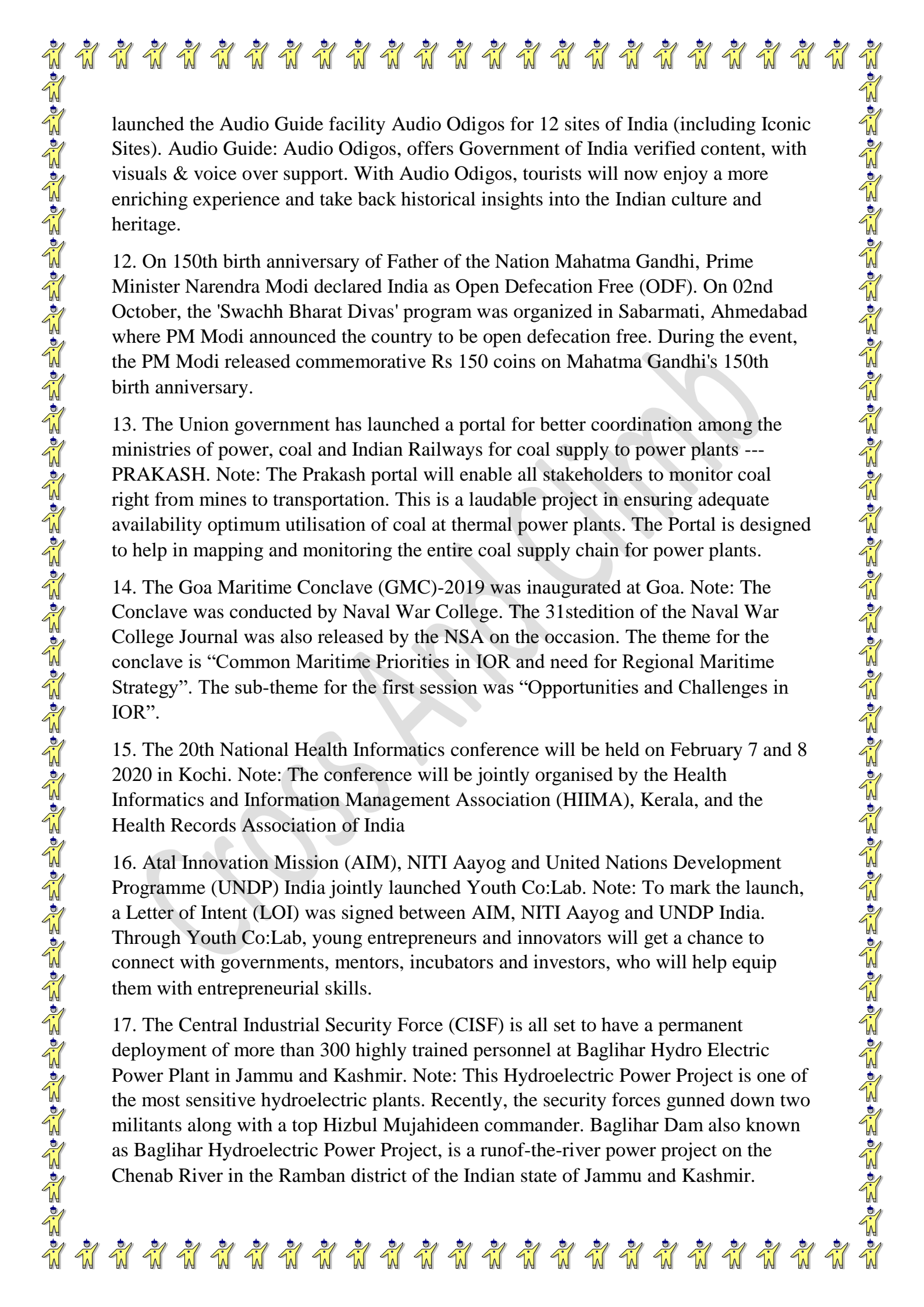
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10. DRDO successfully test-fired a land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Chandipur coast in Odisha's Balasore district. Note: BrahMos is the world's fastest supersonic missile, which can fly at almost three times the speed of sound. It has been fitted with increased indigenous equipment and is a version used by the Army. The BrahMos is a mediumrange ramjet supersonic cruise missile that can be launched from submarine, ships, aircraft, or land. It is a joint venture between the Russian Federation's NPO Mashinostroyeniya and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) who together have formed BrahMos Aerospace.

11. Ministry of Tourism launched Audio Guide facility App "Audio Odigos" for 12 sites of India. Note: On occasion of "Paryatan Parv 2019" Ministry of Tourism has



launched the Audio Guide facility Audio Odigos for 12 sites of India (including Iconic Sites). Audio Guide: Audio Odigos, offers Government of India verified content, with visuals & voice over support. With Audio Odigos, tourists will now enjoy a more enriching experience and take back historical insights into the Indian culture and heritage.

12. On 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared India as Open Defecation Free (ODF). On 02nd October, the 'Swachh Bharat Divas' program was organized in Sabarmati, Ahmedabad where PM Modi announced the country to be open defecation free. During the event, the PM Modi released commemorative Rs 150 coins on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

13. The Union government has launched a portal for better coordination among the ministries of power, coal and Indian Railways for coal supply to power plants --- PRAKASH. Note: The Prakash portal will enable all stakeholders to monitor coal right from mines to transportation. This is a laudable project in ensuring adequate availability optimum utilisation of coal at thermal power plants. The Portal is designed to help in mapping and monitoring the entire coal supply chain for power plants.

14. The Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019 was inaugurated at Goa. Note: The Conclave was conducted by Naval War College. The 31st edition of the Naval War College Journal was also released by the NSA on the occasion. The theme for the conclave is “Common Maritime Priorities in IOR and need for Regional Maritime Strategy”. The sub-theme for the first session was “Opportunities and Challenges in IOR”.

15. The 20th National Health Informatics conference will be held on February 7 and 8 2020 in Kochi. Note: The conference will be jointly organised by the Health Informatics and Information Management Association (HIIMA), Kerala, and the Health Records Association of India

16. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India jointly launched Youth Co:Lab. Note: To mark the launch, a Letter of Intent (LOI) was signed between AIM, NITI Aayog and UNDP India. Through Youth Co:Lab, young entrepreneurs and innovators will get a chance to connect with governments, mentors, incubators and investors, who will help equip them with entrepreneurial skills.

17. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is all set to have a permanent deployment of more than 300 highly trained personnel at Baglihar Hydro Electric Power Plant in Jammu and Kashmir. Note: This Hydroelectric Power Project is one of the most sensitive hydroelectric plants. Recently, the security forces gunned down two militants along with a top Hizbul Mujahideen commander. Baglihar Dam also known as Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project, is a run-of-the-river power project on the Chenab River in the Ramban district of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir.



18. Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the ‘Trans-Fat Free logo’.

Note: The logo can be used by the Food establishments which use trans-fat free fats/oil and do not have industrial trans-fat more than 0.2g/100g of food, in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018. The logo can be voluntarily used by food business operators in their outlets and also on food products.


19. A three-day International Cooperative Trade Fair held in New Delhi. Note: The first-ever such fair is aimed at promoting cooperative to cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to ‘enhanced rural and farm prosperity. According to Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomer, Representatives from over 150 cooperative societies and 35 countries including, Australia, Japan, China, Brazil, US, UK, Germany and Iran are going to participate in the fair. This will be India's first and the largest international cooperatives trade fair promising to usher in a new era of cooperative excellence.

20. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the National e- Assessment Centre (MeAC) in New Delhi. Note: The income Tax Department’s (NeAC) will reduce face to face interaction between taxpayers and tax officials. They will also receive real-time alerts by way of SMS on their registered mobile number, specifying the issues for which their cases have been selected for scrutiny. This is another initiative by CBDT in the field of ease of compliance for the taxpayers.

21. The AIIMS in collaboration with the Union Health Ministry has launched the first-ever website and mobile application on oral health awareness -- eDantSeva. Note: The digital platform ‘eDantSeva’ will provide oral health information gathered from authentic scientific resources and connect the people to timely advice for managing any dental emergency or oral health problem. The website also provides GPRS route and satellite images of the facility for easier access to the people. It also constitutes a unique feature called the ‘Symptom Checker’. A Braille booklet and voice-over on oral health education for visually impaired were also released on the occasion.

22. The 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)- 2019 will be held in Goa. Note: Over 200 best films from 76 countries, 26 feature films and 15 non-feature films in the Indian Panorama section will be screened at the film festival. Around 10 thousand people and film lovers are expected to participate in the Golden Jubilee edition of the festival. 12 prominent films in different languages that have completed 50 years this year, will also be showcased.

23. President Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious President’s colours to the Army Aviation Corps at Nashik. www.gradeup.co 13 | Page Note: The presentation of colour is an acknowledgement of the meritorious service rendered by the Army Aviation Corps over the years by the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. The Army Aviation Corps is a component of the Indian Army formed on 1st November 1986.



24. Union Minister of HRD Ramesh Pokhriyal has inaugurated the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme (PMILP) -- DHRUV. Note: The objective of the program is to allow talented students to realize their full potential and contribute to society. It will conclude on 24th of this month at IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology), Delhi. Sixty brightest and talented students from Science, Mathematics and Performing Arts (Class 9 to Class 12) have been chosen for the programme.

25. The Union government set up a high-level interministerial committee chaired by Ajay Bhushan Pandey. Note: The 19-member Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee (IMCC) has five secretaries, including from ministries of finance and external affairs, and chiefs of various regulatory authorities. The committee would also work on the development and implementing policies on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism.

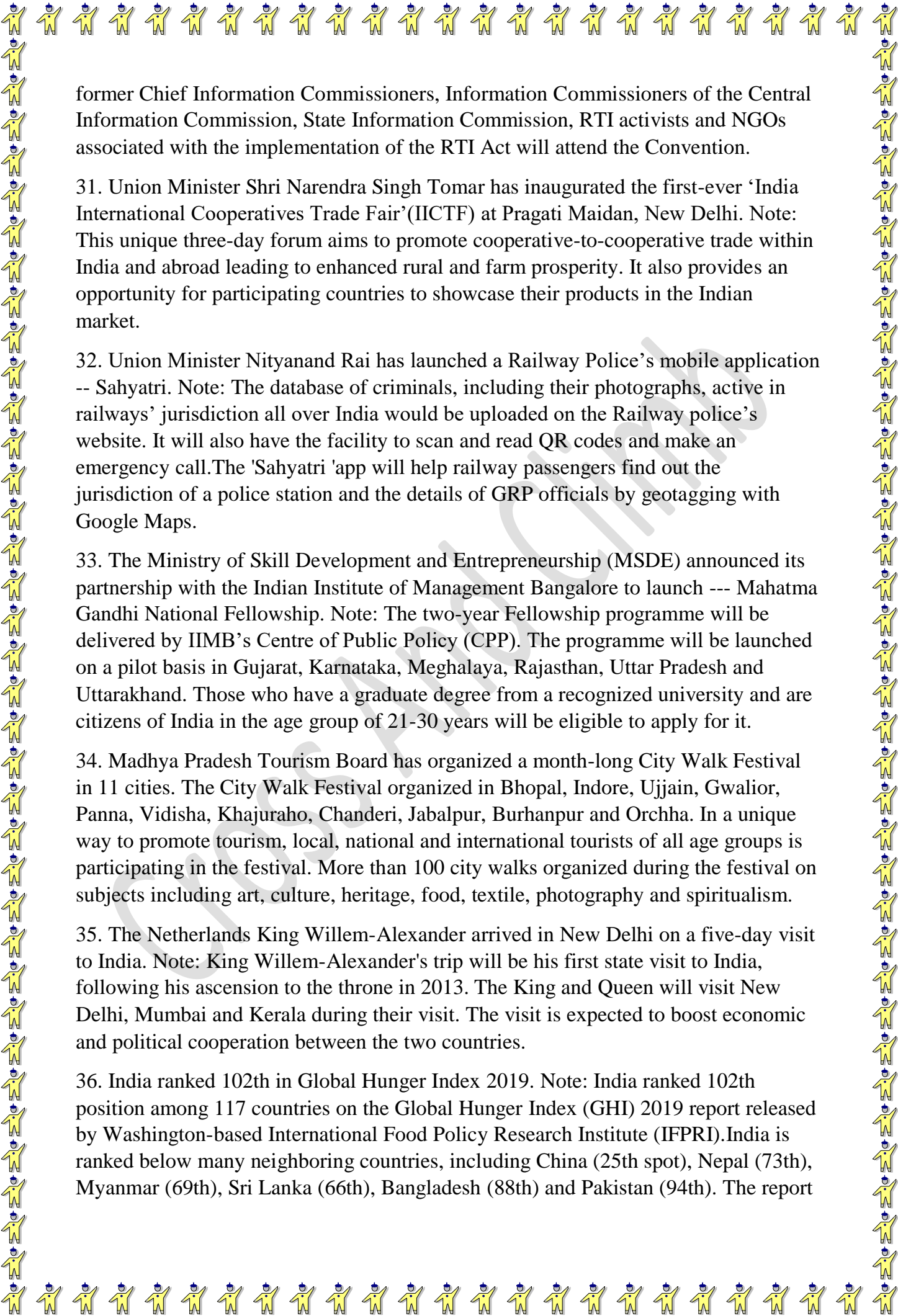
26. PM Modi and Xi Jinping attend cultural event in Mamallapuram. Note: Mr. Xi Jinping hold the Second Informal Summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Mahabalipuram (a UNESCO world heritage town) in Tamil Nadu. At Mamallapuram, Prime Minister Modi will personally guide Mr Xi Jinping through the ancient monuments like the Arjun's Penance, Ganesh Rath, Krishna butter ball before the two leaders drive to the Panch Rathas or the five chariots of the Pandavas.

27. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) initiative in New Delhi. Note: The initiative was launched during the 13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi. The aim of the initiative is to provide dignified, respectful and quality health care at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services for every woman and new-born public health facility in order to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths. The initiative also provides a positive birth experience to both mother and infant. 2

28. The first National Hindi Science writers conference begins today in Lucknow. Note: The Objective of the National Hindi Science writers conference is to bring all Hindi and vernacular language science writers at one platform and promote the use of Hindi in the field of science writing. More than one thousand science writers across the country are expected to take part in this 2-day long conference. A dedicated website 'VIGYANLEKHAN.COM' has been prepared for this event.

29. The India Carpet Expo (38th) was held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Note: The India Carpet Expo is organized twice in a year in Delhi and Varanasi. The expo (largest handmade carpet fairs in Asia) has been organized by the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC). The India Carpet Expo aims to promote the cultural heritage and weaving skills of Indian hand-made carpets and other floor coverings for the visiting overseas carpet buyers.

30. Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the 14th annual convention of the Central Information Commission (CIC) in New Delhi. Note: All the present and



former Chief Information Commissioners, Information Commissioners of the Central Information Commission, State Information Commission, RTI activists and NGOs associated with the implementation of the RTI Act will attend the Convention.

31. Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the first-ever 'India International Cooperatives Trade Fair'(IICTF) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Note: This unique three-day forum aims to promote cooperative-to-cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to enhanced rural and farm prosperity. It also provides an opportunity for participating countries to showcase their products in the Indian market.

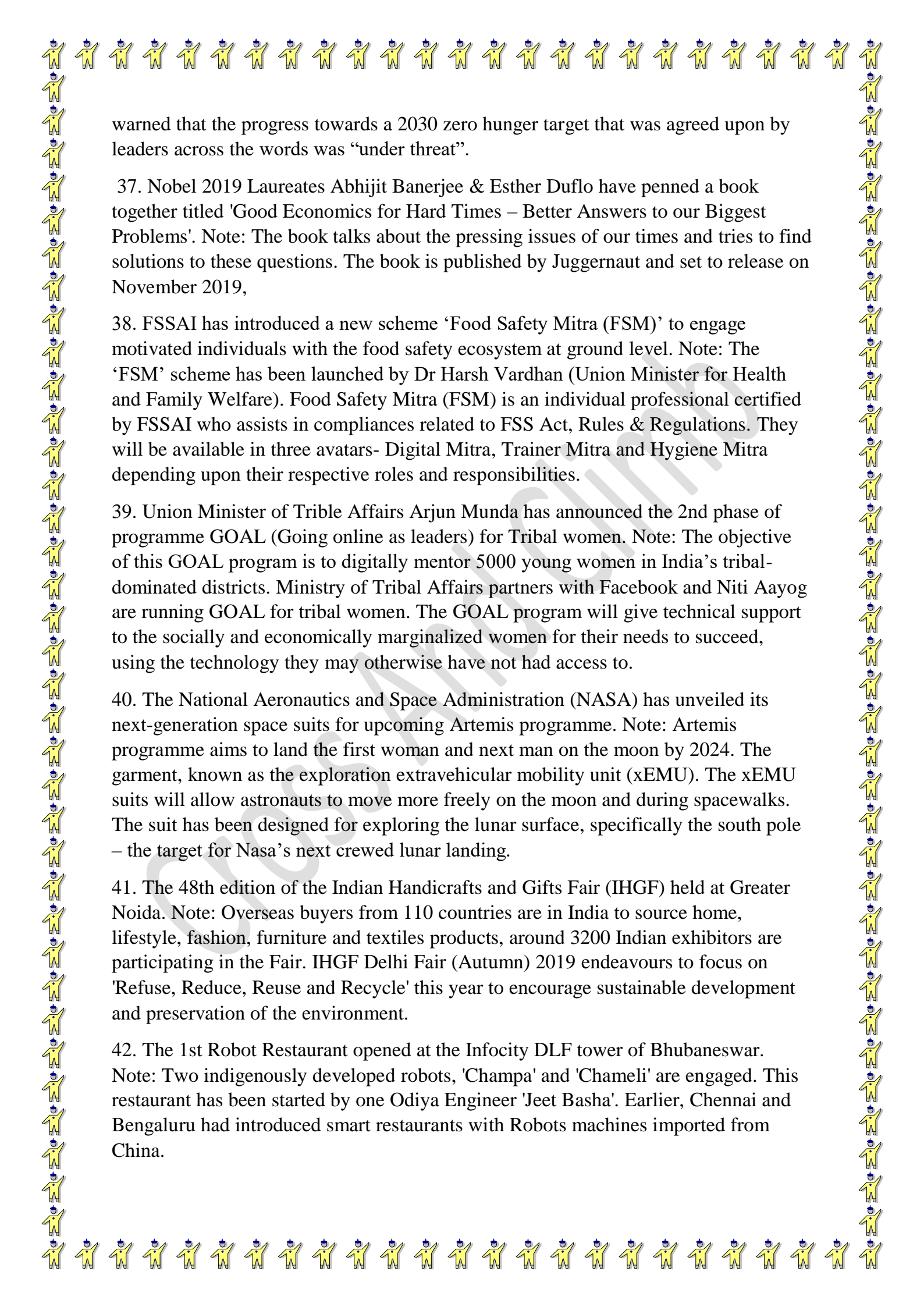
32. Union Minister Nityanand Rai has launched a Railway Police's mobile application -- Sahyatri. Note: The database of criminals, including their photographs, active in railways' jurisdiction all over India would be uploaded on the Railway police's website. It will also have the facility to scan and read QR codes and make an emergency call. The 'Sahyatri' app will help railway passengers find out the jurisdiction of a police station and the details of GRP officials by geotagging with Google Maps.

33. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced its partnership with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore to launch --- Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship. Note: The two-year Fellowship programme will be delivered by IIMB's Centre of Public Policy (CPP). The programme will be launched on a pilot basis in Gujarat, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Those who have a graduate degree from a recognized university and are citizens of India in the age group of 21-30 years will be eligible to apply for it.

34. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has organized a month-long City Walk Festival in 11 cities. The City Walk Festival organized in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Panna, Vidisha, Khajuraho, Chanderi, Jabalpur, Burhanpur and Orchha. In a unique way to promote tourism, local, national and international tourists of all age groups is participating in the festival. More than 100 city walks organized during the festival on subjects including art, culture, heritage, food, textile, photography and spiritualism.

35. The Netherlands King Willem-Alexander arrived in New Delhi on a five-day visit to India. Note: King Willem-Alexander's trip will be his first state visit to India, following his ascension to the throne in 2013. The King and Queen will visit New Delhi, Mumbai and Kerala during their visit. The visit is expected to boost economic and political cooperation between the two countries.

36. India ranked 102th in Global Hunger Index 2019. Note: India ranked 102th position among 117 countries on the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2019 report released by Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). India is ranked below many neighboring countries, including China (25th spot), Nepal (73th), Myanmar (69th), Sri Lanka (66th), Bangladesh (88th) and Pakistan (94th). The report



warned that the progress towards a 2030 zero hunger target that was agreed upon by leaders across the world was “under threat”.

37. Nobel 2019 Laureates Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo have penned a book together titled 'Good Economics for Hard Times – Better Answers to our Biggest Problems'. Note: The book talks about the pressing issues of our times and tries to find solutions to these questions. The book is published by Juggernaut and set to release on November 2019,

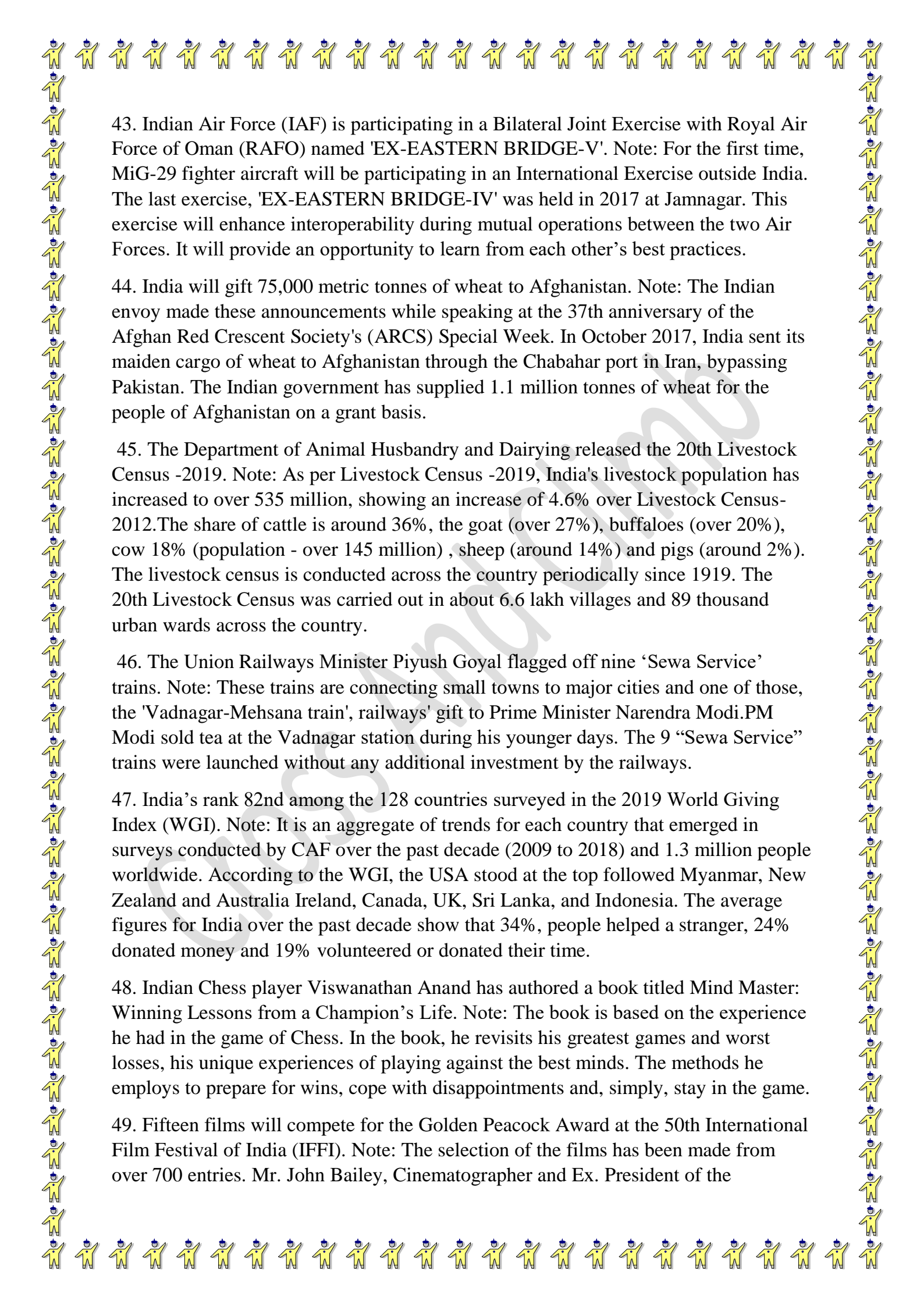
38. FSSAI has introduced a new scheme ‘Food Safety Mitra (FSM)’ to engage motivated individuals with the food safety ecosystem at ground level. Note: The ‘FSM’ scheme has been launched by Dr Harsh Vardhan (Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare). Food Safety Mitra (FSM) is an individual professional certified by FSSAI who assists in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules & Regulations. They will be available in three avatars- Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra and Hygiene Mitra depending upon their respective roles and responsibilities.

39. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has announced the 2nd phase of programme GOAL (Going online as leaders) for Tribal women. Note: The objective of this GOAL program is to digitally mentor 5000 young women in India’s tribal-dominated districts. Ministry of Tribal Affairs partners with Facebook and Niti Aayog are running GOAL for tribal women. The GOAL program will give technical support to the socially and economically marginalized women for their needs to succeed, using the technology they may otherwise have not had access to.

40. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has unveiled its next-generation space suits for upcoming Artemis programme. Note: Artemis programme aims to land the first woman and next man on the moon by 2024. The garment, known as the exploration extravehicular mobility unit (xEMU). The xEMU suits will allow astronauts to move more freely on the moon and during spacewalks. The suit has been designed for exploring the lunar surface, specifically the south pole – the target for Nasa’s next crewed lunar landing.

41. The 48th edition of the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair (IHGF) held at Greater Noida. Note: Overseas buyers from 110 countries are in India to source home, lifestyle, fashion, furniture and textiles products, around 3200 Indian exhibitors are participating in the Fair. IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2019 endeavours to focus on 'Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' this year to encourage sustainable development and preservation of the environment.

42. The 1st Robot Restaurant opened at the Infocity DLF tower of Bhubaneswar. Note: Two indigenously developed robots, 'Champa' and 'Chameli' are engaged. This restaurant has been started by one Odiya Engineer 'Jeet Basha'. Earlier, Chennai and Bengaluru had introduced smart restaurants with Robots machines imported from China.



43. Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in a Bilateral Joint Exercise with Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) named 'EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-V'. Note: For the first time, MiG-29 fighter aircraft will be participating in an International Exercise outside India. The last exercise, 'EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-IV' was held in 2017 at Jamnagar. This exercise will enhance interoperability during mutual operations between the two Air Forces. It will provide an opportunity to learn from each other's best practices.

44. India will gift 75,000 metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan. Note: The Indian envoy made these announcements while speaking at the 37th anniversary of the Afghan Red Crescent Society's (ARCS) Special Week. In October 2017, India sent its maiden cargo of wheat to Afghanistan through the Chabahar port in Iran, bypassing Pakistan. The Indian government has supplied 1.1 million tonnes of wheat for the people of Afghanistan on a grant basis.

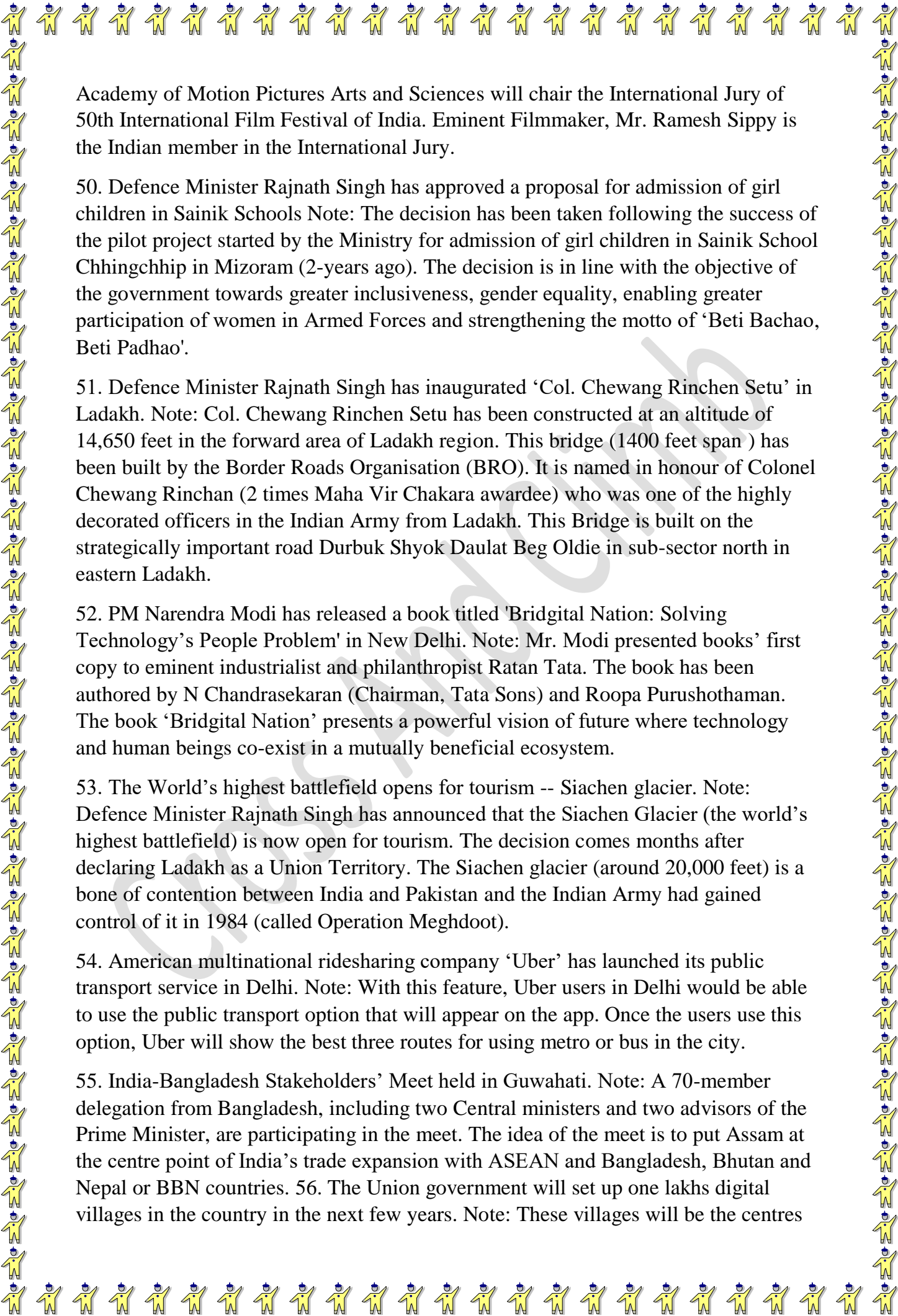
45. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying released the 20th Livestock Census -2019. Note: As per Livestock Census -2019, India's livestock population has increased to over 535 million, showing an increase of 4.6% over Livestock Census-2012. The share of cattle is around 36%, the goat (over 27%), buffaloes (over 20%), cow 18% (population - over 145 million) , sheep (around 14%) and pigs (around 2%). The livestock census is conducted across the country periodically since 1919. The 20th Livestock Census was carried out in about 6.6 lakh villages and 89 thousand urban wards across the country.

46. The Union Railways Minister Piyush Goyal flagged off nine 'Sewa Service' trains. Note: These trains are connecting small towns to major cities and one of those, the 'Vadnagar-Mehsana train', railways' gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PM Modi sold tea at the Vadnagar station during his younger days. The 9 "Sewa Service" trains were launched without any additional investment by the railways.

47. India's rank 82nd among the 128 countries surveyed in the 2019 World Giving Index (WGI). Note: It is an aggregate of trends for each country that emerged in surveys conducted by CAF over the past decade (2009 to 2018) and 1.3 million people worldwide. According to the WGI, the USA stood at the top followed Myanmar, New Zealand and Australia Ireland, Canada, UK, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. The average figures for India over the past decade show that 34%, people helped a stranger, 24% donated money and 19% volunteered or donated their time.

48. Indian Chess player Viswanathan Anand has authored a book titled Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life. Note: The book is based on the experience he had in the game of Chess. In the book, he revisits his greatest games and worst losses, his unique experiences of playing against the best minds. The methods he employs to prepare for wins, cope with disappointments and, simply, stay in the game.

49. Fifteen films will compete for the Golden Peacock Award at the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Note: The selection of the films has been made from over 700 entries. Mr. John Bailey, Cinematographer and Ex. President of the



Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences will chair the International Jury of 50th International Film Festival of India. Eminent Filmmaker, Mr. Ramesh Sippy is the Indian member in the International Jury.

50. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for admission of girl children in Sainik Schools Note: The decision has been taken following the success of the pilot project started by the Ministry for admission of girl children in Sainik School Chhingchhip in Mizoram (2-years ago). The decision is in line with the objective of the government towards greater inclusiveness, gender equality, enabling greater participation of women in Armed Forces and strengthening the motto of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'.

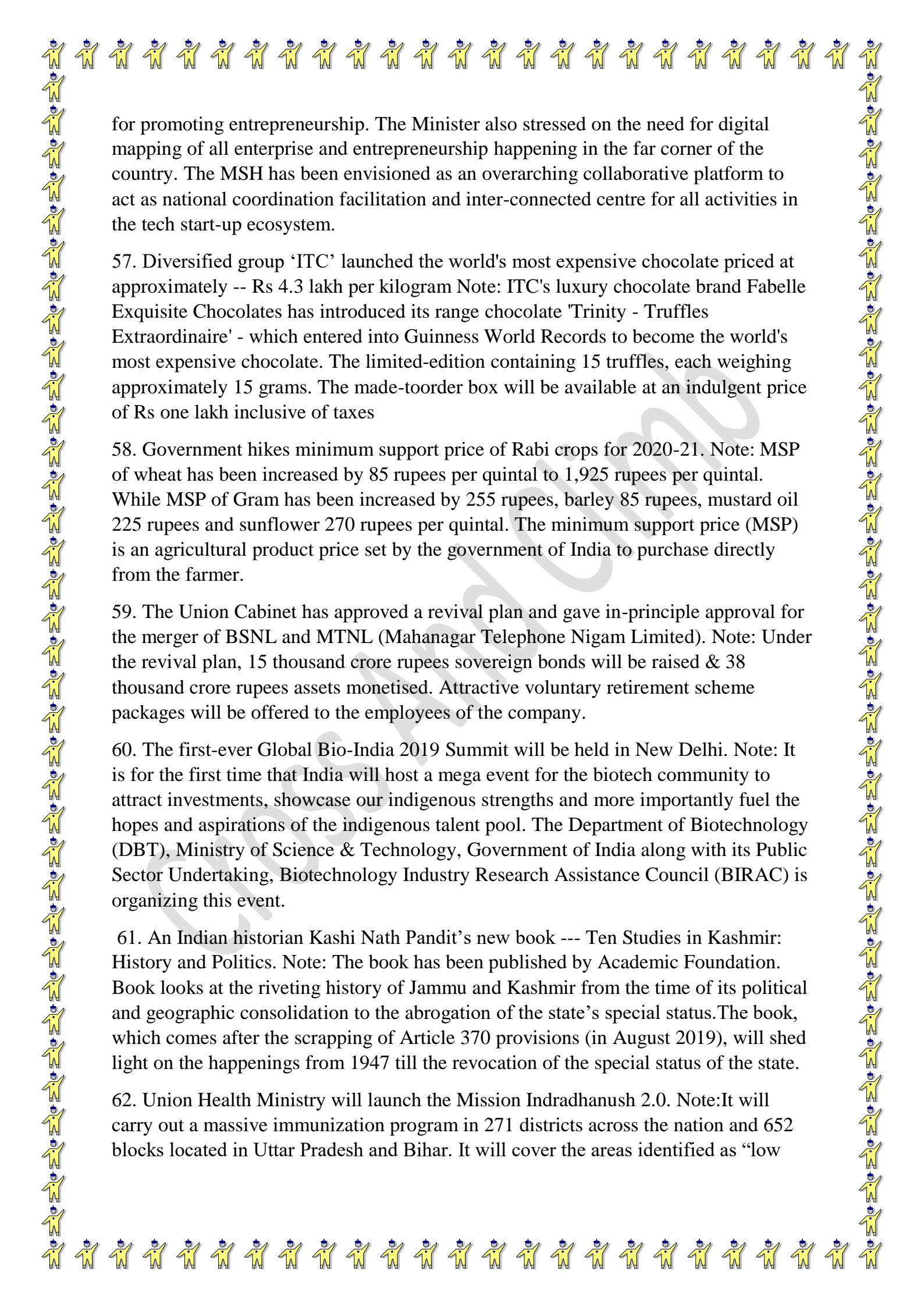
51. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated 'Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu' in Ladakh. Note: Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu has been constructed at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region. This bridge (1400 feet span) has been built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). It is named in honour of Colonel Chewang Rinchan (2 times Maha Vir Chakara awardee) who was one of the highly decorated officers in the Indian Army from Ladakh. This Bridge is built on the strategically important road Durbuk Shyok Daulat Beg Oldie in sub-sector north in eastern Ladakh.

52. PM Narendra Modi has released a book titled 'Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology's People Problem' in New Delhi. Note: Mr. Modi presented books' first copy to eminent industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata. The book has been authored by N Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata Sons) and Roopa Purushothaman. The book 'Bridgital Nation' presents a powerful vision of future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem.

53. The World's highest battlefield opens for tourism -- Siachen glacier. Note: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that the Siachen Glacier (the world's highest battlefield) is now open for tourism. The decision comes months after declaring Ladakh as a Union Territory. The Siachen glacier (around 20,000 feet) is a bone of contention between India and Pakistan and the Indian Army had gained control of it in 1984 (called Operation Meghdoot).

54. American multinational ridesharing company 'Uber' has launched its public transport service in Delhi. Note: With this feature, Uber users in Delhi would be able to use the public transport option that will appear on the app. Once the users use this option, Uber will show the best three routes for using metro or bus in the city.

55. India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet held in Guwahati. Note: A 70-member delegation from Bangladesh, including two Central ministers and two advisors of the Prime Minister, are participating in the meet. The idea of the meet is to put Assam at the centre point of India's trade expansion with ASEAN and Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal or BBN countries. 56. The Union government will set up one lakhs digital villages in the country in the next few years. Note: These villages will be the centres



for promoting entrepreneurship. The Minister also stressed on the need for digital mapping of all enterprise and entrepreneurship happening in the far corner of the country. The MSH has been envisioned as an overarching collaborative platform to act as national coordination facilitation and inter-connected centre for all activities in the tech start-up ecosystem.

57. Diversified group 'ITC' launched the world's most expensive chocolate priced at approximately -- Rs 4.3 lakh per kilogram Note: ITC's luxury chocolate brand Fabelle Exquisite Chocolates has introduced its range chocolate 'Trinity - Truffles Extraordinaire' - which entered into Guinness World Records to become the world's most expensive chocolate. The limited-edition containing 15 truffles, each weighing approximately 15 grams. The made-to-order box will be available at an indulgent price of Rs one lakh inclusive of taxes

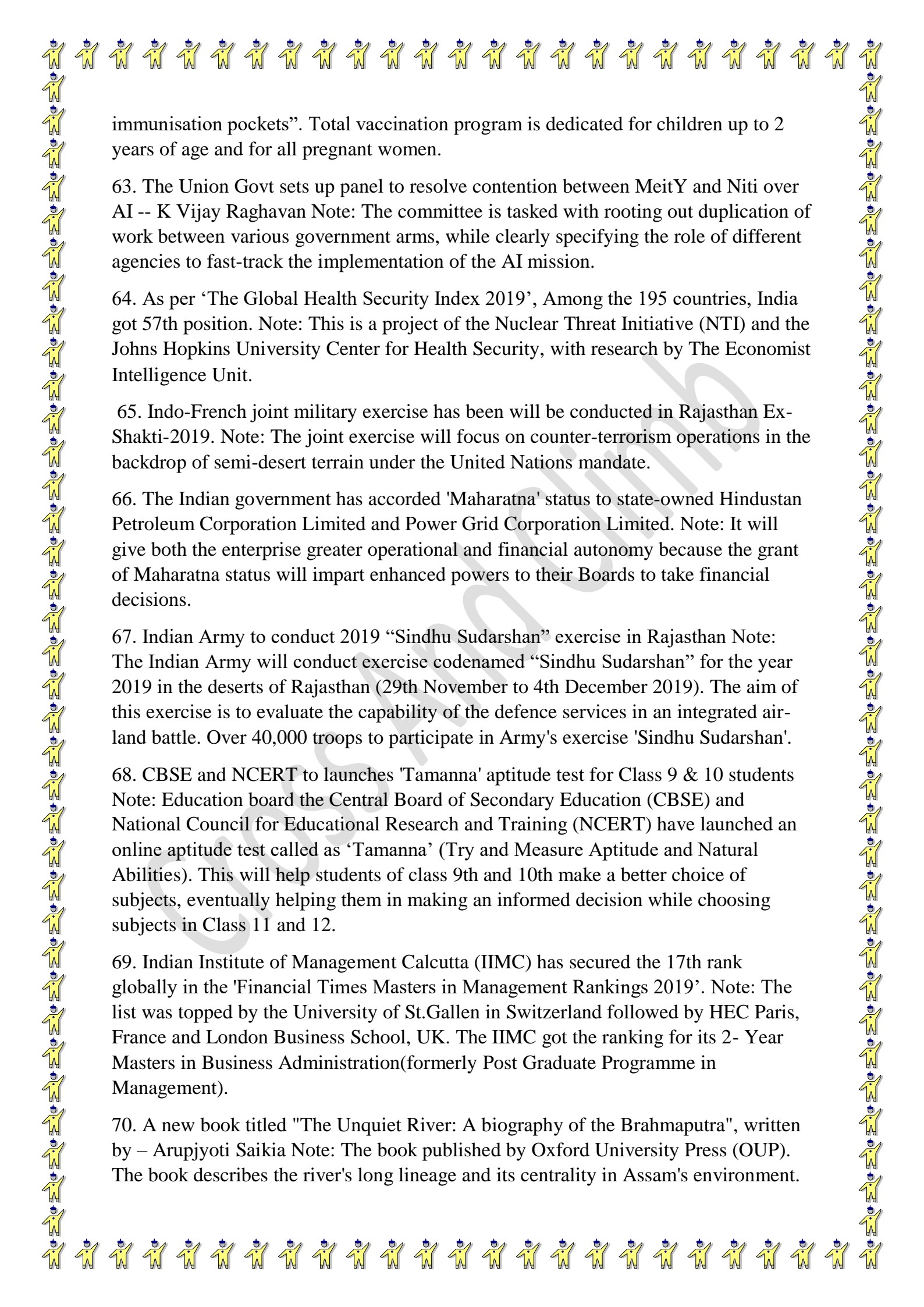
58. Government hikes minimum support price of Rabi crops for 2020-21. Note: MSP of wheat has been increased by 85 rupees per quintal to 1,925 rupees per quintal. While MSP of Gram has been increased by 255 rupees, barley 85 rupees, mustard oil 225 rupees and sunflower 270 rupees per quintal. The minimum support price (MSP) is an agricultural product price set by the government of India to purchase directly from the farmer.

59. The Union Cabinet has approved a revival plan and gave in-principle approval for the merger of BSNL and MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited). Note: Under the revival plan, 15 thousand crore rupees sovereign bonds will be raised & 38 thousand crore rupees assets monetised. Attractive voluntary retirement scheme packages will be offered to the employees of the company.

60. The first-ever Global Bio-India 2019 Summit will be held in New Delhi. Note: It is for the first time that India will host a mega event for the biotech community to attract investments, showcase our indigenous strengths and more importantly fuel the hopes and aspirations of the indigenous talent pool. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India along with its Public Sector Undertaking, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) is organizing this event.

61. An Indian historian Kashi Nath Pandit's new book --- Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics. Note: The book has been published by Academic Foundation. Book looks at the riveting history of Jammu and Kashmir from the time of its political and geographic consolidation to the abrogation of the state's special status. The book, which comes after the scrapping of Article 370 provisions (in August 2019), will shed light on the happenings from 1947 till the revocation of the special status of the state.

62. Union Health Ministry will launch the Mission Indradhanush 2.0. Note: It will carry out a massive immunization program in 271 districts across the nation and 652 blocks located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It will cover the areas identified as "low



immunisation pockets”. Total vaccination program is dedicated for children up to 2 years of age and for all pregnant women.

63. The Union Govt sets up panel to resolve contention between MeitY and Niti over AI -- K Vijay Raghavan Note: The committee is tasked with rooting out duplication of work between various government arms, while clearly specifying the role of different agencies to fast-track the implementation of the AI mission.

64. As per ‘The Global Health Security Index 2019’, Among the 195 countries, India got 57th position. Note: This is a project of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security, with research by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

65. Indo-French joint military exercise has been will be conducted in Rajasthan Ex-Shakti-2019. Note: The joint exercise will focus on counter-terrorism operations in the backdrop of semi-desert terrain under the United Nations mandate.

66. The Indian government has accorded 'Maharatna' status to state-owned Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Power Grid Corporation Limited. Note: It will give both the enterprise greater operational and financial autonomy because the grant of Maharatna status will impart enhanced powers to their Boards to take financial decisions.

67. Indian Army to conduct 2019 “Sindhu Sudarshan” exercise in Rajasthan Note: The Indian Army will conduct exercise codenamed “Sindhu Sudarshan” for the year 2019 in the deserts of Rajasthan (29th November to 4th December 2019). The aim of this exercise is to evaluate the capability of the defence services in an integrated air-land battle. Over 40,000 troops to participate in Army's exercise 'Sindhu Sudarshan'.

68. CBSE and NCERT to launches 'Tamanna' aptitude test for Class 9 & 10 students Note: Education board the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) have launched an online aptitude test called as ‘Tamanna’ (Try and Measure Aptitude and Natural Abilities). This will help students of class 9th and 10th make a better choice of subjects, eventually helping them in making an informed decision while choosing subjects in Class 11 and 12.

69. Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIMC) has secured the 17th rank globally in the 'Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2019'. Note: The list was topped by the University of St.Gallen in Switzerland followed by HEC Paris, France and London Business School, UK. The IIMC got the ranking for its 2- Year Masters in Business Administration(formerly Post Graduate Programme in Management).

70. A new book titled "The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra", written by – Arupjyoti Saikia Note: The book published by Oxford University Press (OUP). The book describes the river's long lineage and its centrality in Assam's environment.



It is the intertwined story of the river and floodplains, water and land, human and non-humans, which continue to converge.

Sport News

1. Jamaican sprint legend Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce won a gold medal in 100m race of 2019 IAAF World Championships in Doha. Note: This was her 4th women's 100 metres world title. She defeated Britain's European champion Dina Asher-Smith who took silver medal while Marie-Josee Ta Lou finished 3rd.


2. N Wilson Singh & Satish Kumar Prajapati has won a gold medal in 10 metres platform synchronized event at 10th Asian Age Group Championships in Bengaluru. Note: The duo scored 290.19 scores to beat Uzbekistan's Zaynetdinov Marsel and Khasanov Botir (280.53 points). Thus, India extended their total tally to 60 medals (17 gold, 23 silver and 20 bronze) in the prestigious championships, which is the largest aquatic event in Asia

3. Javelin thrower Annu Rani has become the first Indian to qualify for Women's Javelin Throw final at World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar. Note: She smashed her own national record during the qualification round of the Championships with the best attempt of 62.43 metres. Annu Rani is the current national record holder, with a record of 62.34m in March 2019. Those who touch the automatic qualifying mark of 63.50m or 12 best performers from Group A and Group B taken together will qualify for the final round.

4. England allrounder Ben Stokes has been named as the players' player of the year at the Professional Cricketers' Association Awards. Note: All-rounder Stokes played a starring role in England's maiden ICC World Cup 2019. He also played a heroic role to help salvage an Ashes draw with Australia. Somerset's Tom Banton picked up the PCA Young Player of the Year, while England bowler Sophie Ecclestone collected the Women's Player of the Summer.

5. The National Basketball Association installed India's first-ever floating basketball court in Mumbai. Note: The basketball court set up in the Arabian Sea near the Bandra-Worli Sealink. India's first NBA Game to be held in October. The first NBA game is scheduled to host from October 4 to October 5 in the SVP Stadium at Dome, NSCI, in Mumbai. The matches will be played under the Reliance Foundation Junior NBA program. Under this, the match will be played between the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers.

6. Ravindra Jadeja became the second Indian bowler to take the fastest 200 wickets in Test cricket. Note: Jadeja achieved the feat when he dismissed centurion Dean Elgar (160) during South Africa's first innings on the third day, in reply to India's 502 for 7 declared. R Ashwin is the fastest Indian bowler to take 200 wickets in Tests cricket. He took 200 wickets in 37 Tests. Whereas, Jadeja took 44 Tests to reach the milestone.



7. Novak Djokovic has won Japan Open title 2019, Note: It was the 10th time Novak Djokovic had won a title on his tournament debut. Djokovic has already qualified for next month's season-ending ATP Finals in London.

8. Naomi Osaka has won the 2019 china open tennis tournament. Note: Naomi Osaka won the china open tennis tournament by defeating world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia. Two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka emerged victorious after 110 minutes in chilly Beijing, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. This was the third title of 2019 for Osaka and fifth in her short career.

9. Christine Wolf has won the Hero Indian Women's Open golf title. Note: Austria's Christine Wolf clinched her maiden Indian Women's Open golf title on 6th October 2019 in Gurugram, Haryana. It was Christine's first title after six years on the Ladies European Tour. Norway's Marianne Skarpnord finished as runner-up while England's Meghan MacLaren finished third in the competition.


10. Indian women cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur has become the first Indian to play 100 T20 International matches. Note: She achieves this feat in the sixth T20I against South Africa in Surat. Harmanpreet Kaur is among 10 female players who have reached the three-figure mark in terms of appearances. New Zealand's Suzie Bates and Australia's Ellyse Perry top the list with 111 appearances.

11. American artistic gymnast Simone Biles has clinched a record-extending 15th World Gymnastics Championship title in Stuttgart, Germany. Note: She collected her 25th medal at the championships to become the most decorated women's gymnast. Biles played a key role in a commanding performance by the USA, earning the most points in three of the four disciplines: the vault, balance beam and floor.

12. Surender Singh created three world records at the ongoing World Powerlifting Championship in Berlin, Germany. Note: Surender bagged the gold medal in 110 kg category, Classic Raw and the Best Lifter Award in Classic Raw and Single Ply. Three-time World Champion Mukesh Singh went on to add another feather to his cap by winning yet another gold only to be known as 4-time World Champion.

13. India's women cricket captain became the first female player to last more than 20 years in international cricket Mithali Raj. Note: She achieved the feat while leading India to an emphatic eight-wicket win over South Africa Women in the first ODI at Vadodara. Mithali (ODI debut against Ireland on June 26, 1999) completed 20 years and 106 days in the 50-over format. On 1 February 2019, during India's series against New Zealand Women, Raj became the first woman to play in 200 ODI matches.

14. Germany and Manchester United midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger has announced his retirement from football. Note: Schweinsteiger spent 17 seasons at Bayern Munich, playing in exactly 500 matches across all competitions and scoring 68 goals. In the international stage, his 121 appearances make him Germany's fourth-most capped player of all time. In 2014, He won the World Cup with Germany.



15. Mary Kom settles for bronze medal at World Women's Boxing Championships 2019. Note: Mary Kom Settles for Bronze (in 51-kg division) medal after Losing Intense Semi-final at Women's World Boxing Championships 2019 in Russia. She lost her semi-final bout against Turkey's Buse naz Cakiroglu. The 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships are held in Ulan-Ude, Russia.

16. Eliud Kipchoge has successfully completed the firstever marathon under two hours in Vienna. Note: Eliud Kipchoge (Olympic marathon champion and world record holder) completed a course around Vienna's Prater Park in 1 hour 59 minutes and 40 seconds (42- kilometres). During the race, Kipchoge followed behind a car and was assisted by an army of 30 pacemakers. Kipchoge has won 10 of his 11 marathons, holds the official world record of 2:01:39 since shattering the previous best mark by 78 seconds in Berlin last year.


17. Former India leg-spinner Anil Kumble has been appointed the head coach of the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Kings XI Punjab for the 2020 edition. Note: Kumble is also being put in charge of "all cricketrelated affairs" of the team for the foreseeable future, co-owner of the franchise Mohit Burman has confirmed. The appointment makes Kumble the only Indian coach in the IPL. Earlier, Kumble served as a mentor for the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), whom he also led to the IPL final in 2009, as captain.

18. Manju Rani settled for silver medal in World Women's Boxing Championships at Ulan-Ude in Russia. Note: Russian Ekaterina Paltceva defeated Rani 4 -1 in 48 kilograms category in the final match of the tournament.

19. Star sprinter Dutee Chand smashed her own national record in the women's 100 m semi-finals at the National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi. Note: She surpassed her previous timing of 11.26 second (clocking -11.22 seconds) which she had set at the Asian Championships in April this year. Dutee clocked 11.25 seconds in the final to claim the gold, leaving Archana Suseendran and Himashree Roy behind.

20. American artistic gymnast Simone Biles captures alltime medal record at the World Gymnastics Championship. Note: Biles surpassed Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's record 23 world medals (won in the 1990s), winning "her 24th and 25th world medals (both gold) at the World Championship competition in Stuttgart. Now, Simone Biles holds the record for the most World Championship medals (25), as well as the most gold medals (19) in World Championship history for an athlete of any gender.

21. Rising Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen clinched his maiden BMF World Tour title by winning the 2019 Dutch Open men's singles at Almere. Note: Lakshya defeated Japan's Yusuke Onodera 15- 21,21-14,21-15 in the final. The Dutch Open is a BWF World Tour Super 100 tournament. Earlier, Lakshya had won the Belgian Open, Asian Junior Championships, a silver medal at Youth Olympic Gamers and a bronze medal at the world Junior Championship 2018.



22. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has readmitted countries as ICC members -- Zimbabwe and Nepal. Note: Zimbabwe Cricket had been suspended from membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC) with immediate effect in July this year. In 2016, Nepal had been banned for “governmental interference”.

23. Mumbai teenager Yashasvi Jaiswal has become the youngest cricketer in the world to score a double century in One Day Cricket. Note: Playing in his debut Vijay Hazare season, Yashasvi Jaiswal (left-handed batsman) scored 203 runs (in 154 balls- 12 sixes and 17 fours) against Jharkhand at Alur, Karnataka. Yashasvi Jaiswal became the seventh Indian batsman to score a double century in List A cricket and fourth to achieve it in the domestic circuit. Riding on Jaiswal's quickfire double hundred, Mumbai posted 358 for 3 in 50 overs and bowled out the opposition for 319.

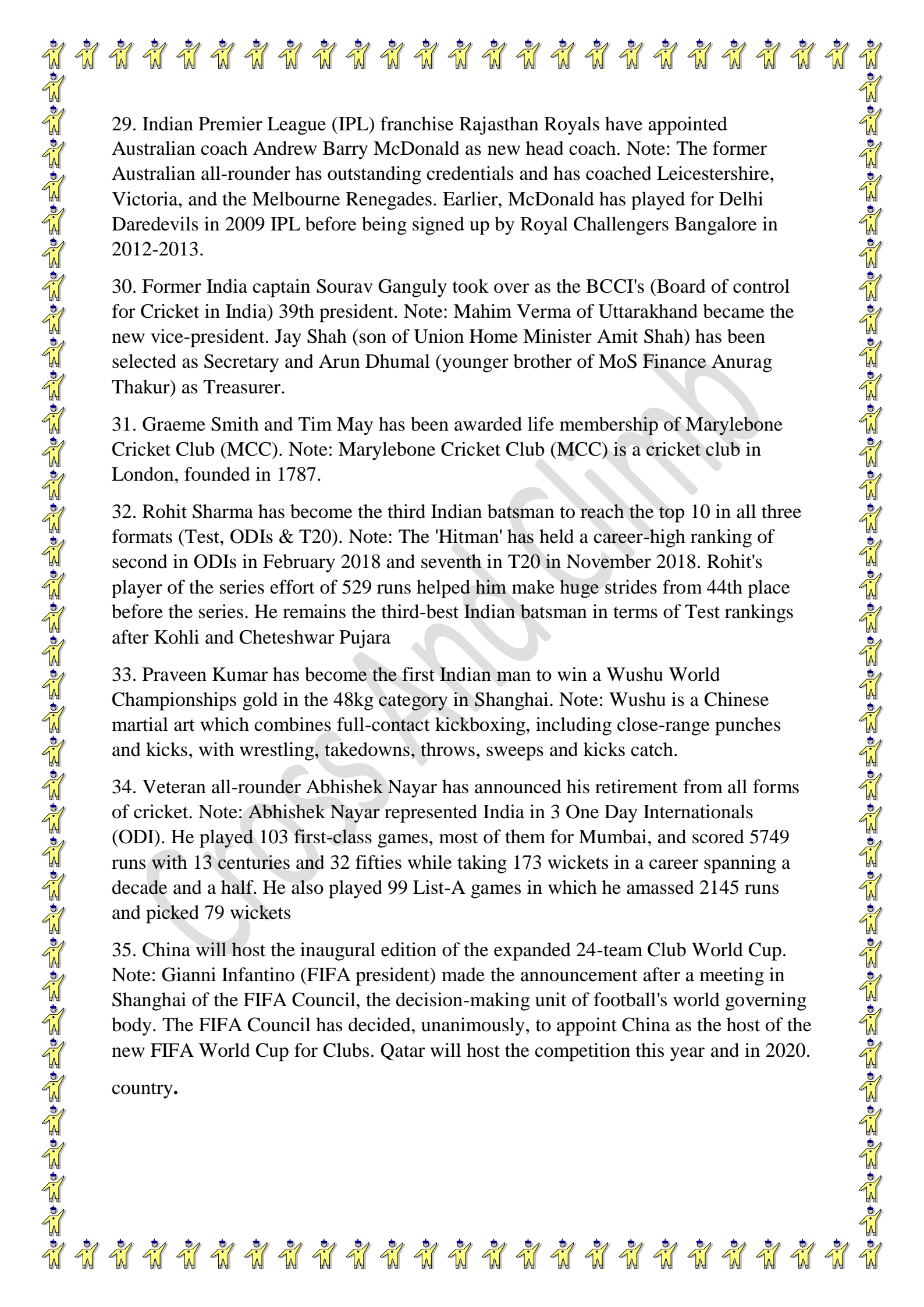
24. Argentine footballer player Lionel Messi received his sixth Golden Shoe award at a ceremony at Antiga Fabrica Estrella Damm in Barcelona. Note: The award is won by the player to score the highest number of goals (36 goals) in Europe's top divisions in a 2018-19 season. Messi has taken the honours in 2009/2010 (34-goals), 2011/12 (50 goals), 2012/13 (46 goals) and 2016/17(37 goals), 2017/18 (34 goals), 2018/19 (36 goals). The award is given to the player who scores the most league goals from the top division of every European national league.

25. Mercedes’ racing driver Valtteri Bottas has won the 2019 Japanese Grand Prix. Note: Ferrari’s driver Sebastian Vettel (Germany) and Mercedes’ driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) were ranked at the 2nd and 3rd respectively. The 2019 Japanese Grand Prix was a Formula One racing event held at the Suzuka International Racing Course in Suzuka in the Mie Prefecture, Japan

26. Sarfaraz Ahmed was sacked as Pakistan’s Test and T20 captain. Note: According to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Batsman Azhar Ali would lead the Test side in the two Tests in Australia. While, Babar Azam (25-years) would be the captain in the three T20 matches. Sarfaraz has been captain in all three formats of the game since the last two years and led Pakistan to the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy title. 2

7. In badminton, Kuhoo Garg and Dhruv Rawat won the mixed doubles title at the Egypt International 2019 in Cairo. Note: The Garg and Rawat held their nerves for a tight 21-16, 22-20 victory over the Utkarsh Arora and Karishma Wadkar in an all-Indian final. Garg, however, failed to have double delight as she later went down in the women's doubles final with Sanyogita Ghorpade.

28. Indian cyclist Ronaldo Singh has won a gold medal in the men’s junior Keirin event at the Asian Track Cycling Championships in South Korea. Note: Earlier, Ronaldo Singh had created a Junior Asian record during the Track Asia Cup in September this year in New Delhi. Apart from Ronaldo, James Singh clinched a bronze medal in the event.



29. Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Rajasthan Royals have appointed Australian coach Andrew Barry McDonald as new head coach. Note: The former Australian all-rounder has outstanding credentials and has coached Leicestershire, Victoria, and the Melbourne Renegades. Earlier, McDonald has played for Delhi Daredevils in 2009 IPL before being signed up by Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2012-2013.

30. Former India captain Sourav Ganguly took over as the BCCI's (Board of control for Cricket in India) 39th president. Note: Mahim Verma of Uttarakhand became the new vice-president. Jay Shah (son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah) has been selected as Secretary and Arun Dhumal (younger brother of MoS Finance Anurag Thakur) as Treasurer.

31. Graeme Smith and Tim May has been awarded life membership of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). Note: Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) is a cricket club in London, founded in 1787.

32. Rohit Sharma has become the third Indian batsman to reach the top 10 in all three formats (Test, ODIs & T20). Note: The 'Hitman' has held a career-high ranking of second in ODIs in February 2018 and seventh in T20 in November 2018. Rohit's player of the series effort of 529 runs helped him make huge strides from 44th place before the series. He remains the third-best Indian batsman in terms of Test rankings after Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara

33. Praveen Kumar has become the first Indian man to win a Wushu World Championships gold in the 48kg category in Shanghai. Note: Wushu is a Chinese martial art which combines full-contact kickboxing, including close-range punches and kicks, with wrestling, takedowns, throws, sweeps and kicks catch.

34. Veteran all-rounder Abhishek Nayar has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Note: Abhishek Nayar represented India in 3 One Day Internationals (ODI). He played 103 first-class games, most of them for Mumbai, and scored 5749 runs with 13 centuries and 32 fifties while taking 173 wickets in a career spanning a decade and a half. He also played 99 List-A games in which he amassed 2145 runs and picked 79 wickets

35. China will host the inaugural edition of the expanded 24-team Club World Cup. Note: Gianni Infantino (FIFA president) made the announcement after a meeting in Shanghai of the FIFA Council, the decision-making unit of football's world governing body. The FIFA Council has decided, unanimously, to appoint China as the host of the new FIFA World Cup for Clubs. Qatar will host the competition this year and in 2020. country.