

IWD 2020: Thinlas Chorol sets up first women's travel company in Ladakh

The International Women's Day will be celebrated on 8th of this month. Government has taken series of initiatives to empower women. People are using the #IWD 2020 and #BetiPadhaoDeshBadhao to share uplifting stories in the run up to International Women's Day.

In the Union Territory of Ladakh, Women have broken all the barriers and the dominance of men in the trekking arena. Once considered as the male dominated sector, trekking is now empowering rural women. It has transformed the life of many women from dependent to Independent.

In Ladakh, a young woman Thinlas Chorol has introduced woman trekking guide in the male dominated trekking industry. To train the other women as trekking guide, she setup the first women's travel company fully operated by women only.

Centre launches second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

The Centre has launched the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)-SBM(G) Phase-II. It will be implemented from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 in a mission mode with an outlay of one lakh 40 thousand 881 crore rupees. Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the second phase of the mission at a National Dissemination and Consultation workshop in New Delhi.

The second phase will focus on sustaining the gains made under the programme in the last five years in terms of toilet access and usage, ensuring that no one is left behind. It will also ensure that effective solid and liquid waste management (SLWM) is instituted in every Gram Panchayat of the country.

Sanjay Kumar Panda appointed India's Ambassador to Turkey

Senior diplomat Sanjay Kumar Panda has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Turkey.

Panda is presently Consul General, Consulate General of India, San Francisco. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

About Turkey

President– Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Capital– Ankara

Currency– Turkish lira

Former India spinner Sunil Joshi named BCCI's selection committee chairman

Former India spinner Sunil Joshi was named chairman of the national selection panel by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) in Mumbai.

A statement from BCCI Secretary Jay Shah stated, the CAC also picked ex-pacer Harvinder Singh for a place in the five-member group. The CAC, comprising Madan Lal,

RP Singh and Sulakshana Naik, picked the two selectors with Joshi replacing South Zone representative MSK Prasad.

Harvinder was chosen from the central zone and replaces Gagan Khoda in the panel. In an unprecedented decision, the BCCI stated the CAC will review the panel's performance after one year and make recommendations accordingly.

The CAC had shortlisted five candidates from a list of 40 applicants for interviews. The other three shortlisted candidates were Venkatesh Prasad, Rajesh Chauhan and LS Sivaramakrishnan.

PM Modi will be treated with highest honour during Bangladesh visit

Foreign Minister of Bangladesh A.K. Abdul Momen has stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be treated with the highest honour during his forthcoming visit to Bangladesh to attend the Mujib Centenary Celebrations.

The Bangladesh govt has invited Prime Minister Modi as the premier of India, which was its closest ally during the liberation war.

Farrell, McNamara first female duo to win top architecture prize

Irish architects Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara have been awarded the 2020 Pritzker Architecture Prize for consistent service to humanity as evidenced by a body of built work" and for leading the way for women in a male-dominated profession.

The announcement was by Tom Pritzker, chairman of The Hyatt Foundation.

Three women have won the prize previously: Zaha Hadid in 2004, Kazuyo Sejima in 2010 (with Ryue Nishizawa) and Carme Pigem in 2017 (with Ramon Vilalta and Rafael Aranda).

