

HRD Ministry Launches Week-long 'Bharat Padhe Online' Campaign to invite ideas for improving online education ecosystem

The Union Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched a week long campaign titled 'Bharat Padhe Online' for crowd sourcing of ideas for improving online education ecosystem of India.

Under the campaign any resident of the country can share suggestions/solutions directly with HRD Ministry to overcome constraints of online education.

The educators across the country can also come forward to contribute with their expertise and experience in the field of education.

The ideas can be shared till 16th April 2020 on bharatpadheonline.mhrd@gmail.com and also on twitter by using #BharatPadheOnline.

While using Twitter one must tag @HRDMinistry and @DrRPNishank so that ideas can be notified to the Ministry.

Delhi Government Launches "Operation SHIELD" for Containment of COVID-19

On 9 April 2020, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced the launch of an initiative called "Operation SHIELD" in the capital city to curb the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

Here SHIELD stands for:

Sealing of the immediate area/surroundings after geographical marking

Home quarantine of all the people living in the area

Isolation and tracing of people who have been first and second contacts

Essential supply of commodities is ensured

Local sanitisation of the area by authorities

Door-to-door health checks of everyone living in the area

The Operation Shield will be implemented in 21 localities identified as containment zones in Delhi.

RBI launches twitter campaign for Digital Payment with Amitabh Bachchan as face of the campaign

The Reserve Bank of India on April 09, 2020 launched a twitter campaign urging bank customers to adopt digital modes of payment that are convenient and safe.

The face of the campaign is Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan.

The RBI, through the campaign, reiterated the multiple digital payment options such as NEFT, IMPS, UPI and BBPS that are available 24*7.

ADB assures \$2.2 bn aid to India to fight Covid-19 pandemic

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masatsugu Asakawa has announced \$2.2 billion in immediate assistance for India to support the country in combating Covid-19 pandemic.

Besides supporting the health sector, the \$2.2 billion (about Rs 16,500 crore) will be used to help alleviate the economic impact of the pandemic on the poor; informal workers; micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises; and the financial sector.

Anamika Roy Rashtrawar Appointed as MD and CEO of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance

Anamika Roy Rashtrawar been appointed as the MD and CEO of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance with effect from March 27.

She is the first woman MD and CEO of a large private sector general insurance company in India.

Rashtrawar replaces Warendra Sinha.

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Mary Jordan Pens book on Melania Trump

A Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Mary Jordan, who works for The Washington Post, has written an unauthorized biography of US first lady Melania Trump.

The book titled “The Art of Her Deal : The Untold Story of Melania Trump” is based upon more than 100 interviews to present a surprising portrait of a determined immigrant and the life she had before she met Donald Trump.

The book is scheduled to be released on June 16, 2020.

World Homeopathy Day: 10 April

The World Homeopathy Day is celebrated each year on April 10 to honor the birth of the father of the Homeopathy system of medicines Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.

Theme of 2020 : **“Enhancing the scope of Homoeopathy in Public Health”**.

Homeopathy is one of the Medicine systems in the AYUSH Ministry – ‘Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy’.

Padma Shri classical singer Shanti Hiranand passes away at 87

Renowned Hindustani classical singer Shanti Hiranand Chawla passed away at the age of 87 years.

She was a Padma Shri awardee and trained in thumri, dadra and ghazal singing.

She had also penned a book titled “Begum Akhtar: The Story of My Ammi.” which depicts her journey with her music guru, Begum Akhtar.

After he retired in 1979, he served his nation, Zimbabwe as a national selector in cricket.