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International Girls in ICT Day 2020: 23 April 2020

Every year the International Girls in ICT Day is observed on the fourth Thursday of April. It is an initiative backed by International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Member States. In 2020, the day was observed virtually on 23rd April. **2020 theme: 'Inspiring the Next Generation'.**

It provides an initiative to create a global environment that empowers and encourages girls and young women to consider studies and careers in the growing field of information and communication technologies (ICT). **International Telecommunication Union (ITU) headquarter- Geneva, Switzerland**

International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace: 24 April

The International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is marked on 24 April since 2019. The day was declared by the UN General Assembly in December 2018 and was observed for the first time on 24 April 2019.

World Malaria Day: 25 April

World Malaria Day (WMD) is commemorated every year on 25 April to recognize global efforts to control malaria. **Theme 2020: Zero Malaria Starts with Me.**

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank ranked 5th in 'Best Large Workplaces in Asia 2020'

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has been ranked 5th in the 'Best Large Workplaces in Asia 2020' by the Great Place To Work Institute. There are 3 Indian organisations in top 5. These are- Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited ranked 3rd and Music Broadcast Ltd. ranked 4th. Last year Ujjivan Small Finance Bank was ranked 16th in the Best Large Workplaces in Asia.

PM Modi Launches E-Gramswaraj Portal & Swamitva Scheme for faster development of Villages

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the e-Gram Swaraj portal and launched Swamitva Scheme on 24 April 2020, in an effort to increase the pace of development in India's villages. PM inaugurated the two initiatives while interacting with the Sarpanchs from across the nation via video conference on the occasion of Panchayati Raj Day.



e-Gram Swaraj portal

e-Gram Swaraj portal will enable complete digitisation of Gram Panchayats.

It will be a single platform to keep the records of all the works taken up by the Gram Panchayats. All the details of the development works, the fund allocated for them, all this data will be available on the portal. Through this platform the villagers will be able to access all the data on their mobile phones which will enhance transparency

Swamitva Scheme

Swamitva Scheme will ensure the demarcation of inhabited land in rural areas. It will use drones in surveying and mapping of properties in villages. This will help in reducing disputes over property.

HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Launches ‘#MyBookMyFriend’ Campaign

The Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has launched a campaign on Twitter called #MyBookMyFriend, on the occasion of the World Book Day on 23 April. He has also urged everyone to read at least one book on the World Book Day and share the same on social media using the ‘#MyBookMyFriend’.

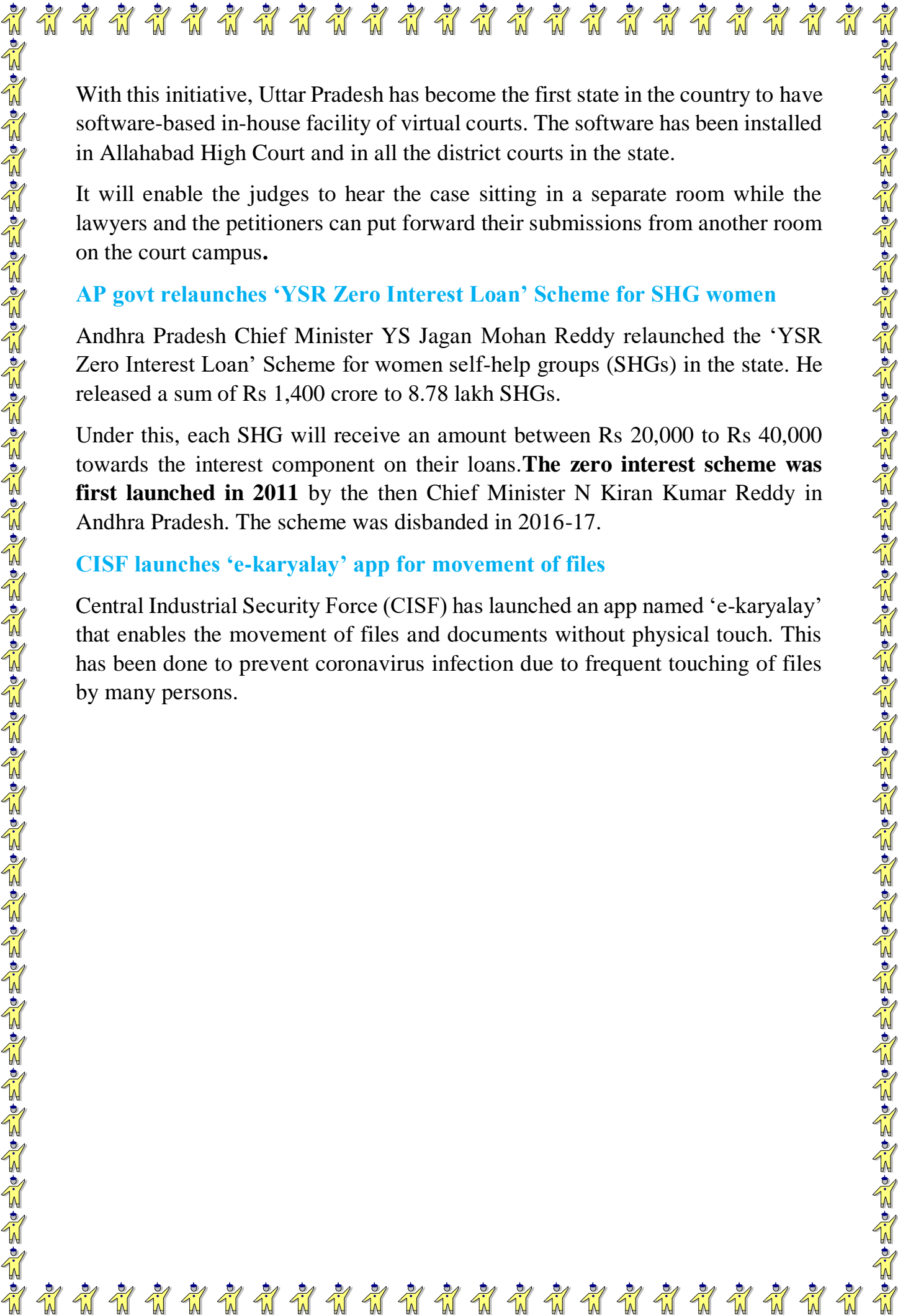
UNODC Launches ‘Lockdown Learners’ Series for Indian students & teachers

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) has launched a ‘Lockdown Learners’ series in India for online dialogues between students and educators on COVID-19 and its impact on Sustainable Development Goals, peace and rule of law. The United Nations body has launched the dialogues under its flagship Education for Justice initiative.

The aim of this initiative is to sensitise students on concerns of vulnerable groups as well as emerging issues such as cybercrime, misinformation, gender-based violence, discrimination, corruption among others.

Uttar Pradesh Becomes first state to have in-house facility of virtual courts

Based on an Apex Court directive to develop video conferencing system for hearing cases while maintaining the social distance, Allahabad High Court has launched a new software, through which multiple court proceedings at High Court and district courts across the state can be conducted virtually within the court premises without the need of internet service.



With this initiative, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to have software-based in-house facility of virtual courts. The software has been installed in Allahabad High Court and in all the district courts in the state.

It will enable the judges to hear the case sitting in a separate room while the lawyers and the petitioners can put forward their submissions from another room on the court campus.

AP govt relaunches ‘YSR Zero Interest Loan’ Scheme for SHG women

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy relaunched the ‘YSR Zero Interest Loan’ Scheme for women self-help groups (SHGs) in the state. He released a sum of Rs 1,400 crore to 8.78 lakh SHGs.

Under this, each SHG will receive an amount between Rs 20,000 to Rs 40,000 towards the interest component on their loans. **The zero interest scheme was first launched in 2011** by the then Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy in Andhra Pradesh. The scheme was disbanded in 2016-17.

CISF launches ‘e-karyalay’ app for movement of files

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has launched an app named ‘e-karyalay’ that enables the movement of files and documents without physical touch. This has been done to prevent coronavirus infection due to frequent touching of files by many persons.