

Manipur's Phayeng Village gets India's 1st Carbon-Positive tag

A small village, **Phayeng**, in the North Eastern state of **Manipur**, has been tagged as **India's first carbon-positive settlement**. It is a **first** of its kind project in the South Asian country. The transformation was done using funds under **National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC)**, a central scheme to support adaptation to climate change impact in various states.

Tamil Nadu renames Chennai rail station after MGR

The **Tamil Nadu** government has **renamed** the iconic **Chennai Central Railway Station** as **PuratchiThalaivarDr MGR Central Railway Station**. The station was renamed after the receipt of 'no objection' from the Union **Home Ministry**.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced that the Chennai Central Railway Station would be renamed after late Chief Minister and **AIADMK(All India Anna DravidaMunnetraKazhagam)** founder **M.G. Ramachandran**.

MENA World Economic Forum kicks off in Jordan

The **World Economic Forum (WEF)** on the **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2019 kicked off in Jordan** with over 1,000 participants from more than 50 countries. The **17th** WEF meeting in the region called for united efforts to address the most pressing challenges of the area.

- At the opening ceremony, **King Abdullah II** of Jordan said it takes a broad partnership to create a platform for economic growth.
- **Extra info.:**
Capital: Amman
Currency: Jordanian dinar

Biography 'Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music' authored by Sharad Dutt released

The genius of **K L Saigal**, his timeless compositions and the golden era of Indian cinema have been brought alive in a book on the legendary singer. **Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music**, authored by documentary filmmaker and former DDG of Doordarshan **SharadDutt**, has been transcreated in English by **Jyoti Sabharwal** of **Stellar Publishers**.

- Dutt won the National Award (Swarna Kamal for best book on cinema) in 2005 for the original book in Hindi.

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

April 6 is the **United Nations' (UN) International Day of Sport for Development and Peace**, which recognizes the power of sport in promoting peace and erasing cultural barriers worldwide.

- The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace promotes healthy lifestyles and emphasizes the **International Olympic Committee's (IOC)** focus on giving as many people as possible access to sport.
 - **Morocco –US Joint Exercise AFRICAN LION 2019 started in Morocco**
Morocco- US sponsored exercise ‘African Lion 2019’, takes place at Morocco. It is conducted from **March 16 to April 7, 2019**. The annual Military exercise materialize in the region of **Agadir, Tifnit, Tan-Tan, Tata and Ben Guerir** with the participation of thousands of military personnel.

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For the first time, SEBI agrees to create ‘Airport Specific Fund’ worth Rs. 10,000 crore

Under “**Category II Alternate Investment Fund**” (AIF), for the first time SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has approved an “**airport’ specific fund**“. The name of the fund is “**Taking Off To the Future Airport Fund**“. It can raise a capital amounting to **1.5\$bn (Rs. 10,000 crore)**.

- i. The Sponsor and Investment Manager of the fund is based in Chennai and is termed as ‘**Taking Off To The Future Investment Management LLP**’.
- ii. **Gigi George** leads the management and operation of ‘Sponsor/Investment Manager’.
- iii. A minimum capital contribution of **Rs. 3500 crore** and a maximum of **Rs. 7000 crore** is targeted by the fund.
- iv. India is presently the **third largest aviation market** in the world.

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Pali Scholar Dr Gyanaditya Shakya honoured with Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman 2019

On 4th April 2019, a Scholar of Pali, **Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya**, has been honoured with the **Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman 2019** with prize money of INR 1,00,000 and a certificate. He accepted award from Vice- President of India **M Venkaiah Naidu**.