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Chhattisgarh organises India's first E-Lok Adalat

On 11th July 2020, Chhattisgarh State Legal Service Authority and the high Court organised India's first e-Lok Adalat to ensure the administration of justice and to solve the financial crisis of the parties and lawyers amid COVID-19 pandemic. The high court Chief Justice P R Ramchandra Menon inaugurated the e-Lok Adalat through video conferencing.



What is Lok Adalat?

Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute grievance mechanisms or a forum where pending cases or disputes in the court of law are settled or compromised whereas e-lok adalat will be handled virtually.

E-Lok Adalat:

- i. Lok Adalat is moved to a virtual platform as e-Lok Adalat to handle the pending cases amid COVID-19.
- ii. The virtual hearing will be conducted over a virtual platform through video conferencing.
- iii. This is aimed to settle over 3000 pending cases through more than 200 benches in various districts across chhattisgarh including the Bilaspur high court.
- iv. The parties and lawyers can present their cases through whatsapp video call incase of any difficulties in counting through video conferencing.
- v. E-Lok Adalat will be continued further following the success of the first experimental trial.

India Moves up a Rank, Becoming the Second-Largest Foreign Investor in UK

According to the United Kingdom's government's figures released on 10 July 2020, India has become the second largest Foreign Direct Investor in the United Kingdom (UK) after the United States in 2019, by investing in 120 projects and creating 5,429 new jobs in the UK.

Top Foreign Direct Investors in UK 2020:



- The United States of America remains as the top source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of the UK, delivering 462 projects and 20,131 jobs.
- The List is followed by India, Germany, France, China and Hong Kong.

Improvisations:

- India increased with a 4% FDI increase for the UK on 2018-19 with 1,852 new inward investment projects in the 2019/2020 financial year.
- India's projects in 2018-2019 were at 106, resulting in a job creation figure of 4,858.
- From the FDI report, the number of jobs safeguarded by FDI has increased by 29 per cent this year.
- The DIT has worked with investors to safeguard 26 percent more jobs compared to 2018-2019.

India's 2018 Tiger Census – Largest Camera Trap Wildlife Survey sets Guinness Record



The 2018 tiger Census of India entered the Guinness Record book as the largest camera trap wildlife survey following the application sent to the Guinness Book of World Record.

The Camera Trap Wildlife Survey:

- i.** The camera trap wildlife survey surveyed an area of 1,21,337 square kilometres with camera traps placed in 26,838 locations in 141 sites.
- ii.** According to the latest survey conducted in 2018 it is estimated that India has around 2967 tigers out of which the survey captured the individual photos of 2461 tigers.
- iii.** The cameras captured around 3,48,58,623 photographs of the wildlife which includes 76,651 images of tigers and 51,777 of leopards and the remaining were the images of other native animals.

iv. The results of the survey shows that the population of the tiger has increased 33% since 2014 that is from 2,226 in 2014 to 2967 in 2018 making India the safest and biggest habitat for the wild cats in the world.

Kezang D Thongdok of Arunachal Pradesh wins 2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award for ‘Chi Lupo’ – documentary on Honey Hunting



i. An independent filmmaker, Kezang D Thongdok won the 2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award for his documentary “Chi Lupo” – showcasing the practice of collection of honey from the perched rocky hilltops.

ii. The documentary won the best documentary at the 10th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival Awards.
iii. He is currently working on a documentary Khiksaba about an unexplored festival of Shertukpen tribe.

IHD India Receives ‘Development Marketplace Award 2020’ from World Bank and SVRI

Institute for Human Development (IHD), an Indian non-profit institution conferred with ‘**Development Marketplace Award 2020: Innovations to Address Gender-Based Violence**’ from World Bank Group and Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) for the project alcohol, intimate partner violence and household economy: an assessment of liquor ban in Bihar. World Bank Group and Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) joint hands to support and provide fund for researchers and innovators in low- and middle-income countries to study the violence against women and to reduce the violence against them.

About Institute for Human Development (IHD):

Institute for Human Development (**IHD**), non-profit autonomous institution was established in the year 1998 and managed under the Indian Society of Labour Economics (**ISLE**).

Lee Hsien Loong becomes the third Prime Minister of Singapore, ruling PAP won the General Election 2020



The Results of Singapore's General Election 2020 were announced and the ruling Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's People's Action Party (PAP) won the election winning 83 seats out of 93 contested and Lee Hsien Loong was reinstated as the third Prime Minister of Singapore.

Lee Hsien Loong:

i. 68 year old Lee Hsien Loong held the office of Prime Minister since 2004 and winning the 2020 General Election retains his position.

ii. He is the son of Singapore's founding Leader, Lee Kuan Yew, the first Prime Minister of Singapore who transformed the nation in his 31 year rule.

People's Action Party:

The People's Action Party (PAP) has held the power, winning all the elections since independence in 1965. PAP is the only party in Singapore which has candidates contesting in all the 93 constituencies.

IAF Received Last 5 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from US Aerospace company Boeing

i. On July 10, 2020, United States (US) based Aerospace Company **Boeing**, has delivered the last **5 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters to Indian Air Force (IAF)** at the Air Force Station, **Hindan, Uttar Pradesh**. These Apaches were deployed at the Leh air base amid stand-off with China in Ladakh.



ii. This final 5 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters were part of a deal that was signed by Indian Government & Boeing in the year 2015 to deliver 22 AH-64E Apache

attack helicopters .

iii. In September 2015, India signed a \$3 billion deal with Boeing for 22 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters and 15 Chinook helicopters through the Foreign Military Sales programme of the U.S. government.

First Launch of China's Kuaizhou-11 Carrier Rocket Failed; Telecommunication Satellite "APSTAR-6D" Successfully Launched

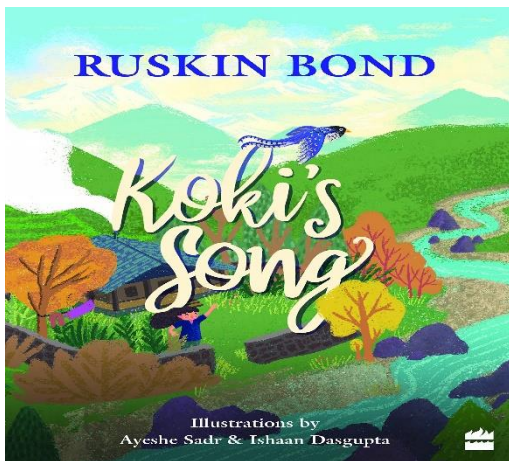


i. On 10th July 2020, China's 1st **Kuaizhou-11** (means 'Fast Ship'), solid-fuelled carrier rocket launch was failed. The rocket was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China. On July 9, 2020 China launched its new commercial telecommunication satellite "**APSTAR-6D**" by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the southwestern Xichang Satellite Launch Center.

ii. During the failed launch, Kuaizhou-11 (KZ-11) carried Jilin-1 Gaofen-02E or BilibiliSat and the CentiSpace-1 S2 – also designated Xiangrikui 2.

iii. Kuaizhou-11 & APSTAR-6D was developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp. (CASC) and commercialized by the China Space Sanjiang Group Corporation (Expace).

A Book Titled 'A Song of India' Authored by Ruskin Bond to be Released



The book titled 'A Song of India' authored by Ruskin Bond to be released on July 20, 2020, which will mark the 70th year of the author's literary career. The book is the 4th instalment in his memoir series (a written record of a person's own life and experiences). The book portrays his unknown life before he became a successful author. It is published by Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House India.

Gist about the Book

i. The book is about the 16 year old Ruskin Bond and about his struggles to start the writing journey.


ii. The book also tells how he longed for familiarity and about the joys of receiving his first money order, publishing his stories and finding new friends.

Memoir Series

His memoir series are, "Looking for the Rainbow" (2017), "Till the Clouds Roll By" (2017) and "Coming Round the Mountain" (2019),

About Ruskin Bond

Books



i. His first novel is *The Room On the Roof* (1956) and his first children's book is *Angry River*, which was published in 1970.

ii. His other books include, *The Blue Umbrella* (1980); *A Flight of Pigeons* (2003); *Rusty, the Boy from the Hills* among others.

Awards– John Llewellyn Rhys Prize (1957), Sahitya Akademi Award (1992), Padma Shri (1999), Padma Bhushan (2014), LifeTime Achievement Award of Chandigarh Literary Society (2017).