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### **United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation**

The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation is observed on September 12 since 2011..When the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a plan of action in 1978 to promote and implement technical cooperation among developing countries and also celebrates the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south. The General Assembly declared December 19 to be observed as the UN Day for South-South Cooperation in 2003

### **Sri Lanka flags off Pulathisi Express, a 'Make In India' train**

The strong ties between India and its southern neighbour Sri Lanka received a boost when a newly 'Make in India' train rake was flagged off from Colombo Fort Railway station. The rake of the train was manufactured in the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.

### **Thailand first in Asia to roll out plain cigarette packaging**

Thailand becomes the first country in Asia to introduce rolled out plain cigarette packaging. Activists say that plain cigarette packaging is an effective way to reduce the appeal of smoking. In 2012, Australia became the first country to require tobacco products to be sold without colourful brand logos. Singapore is set to implement similar restrictions on packaging next year.

### **PM Modi launches pension schemes, inaugurates Jharkhand**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was in the Jharkhand capital, launched ambitious pension schemes for farmers, shopkeepers and self-employed persons. The 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana' will help small and marginal farmers by providing a minimum pension of Rs 3000 per month, on attaining the age of 60 years. Farmers who are currently between 18 and 40 years of age can apply for the scheme.

### **Government to develop 3 Indian Institute of Skills (IIS), foundation stone laid for ISS Mumbai**

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has commissioned setting up of Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and Kanpur. These institutes are being developed on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and in not-for-profit basis.

### **Karnataka Bank chief becomes Indian Banks' Association committee member**

Mahabaleshwara MS, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka Bank, has been inducted to the managing committee of Indian Banks' Association (IBA). This was announced during the annual general meeting of IBA in Mumbai. Mahabaleshwara has been elected unopposed from the private sector member banks' category.

### **Music director Usha Khanna to get Lata Mangeshkar award**

Veteran music director Usha Khanna, who created magic by giving songs like "zindagi pyaar ka geet hai", "chhodo kal ki baatein", and "aap to aise na the", has been chosen for the Maharashtra government's coveted Lata Mangeshkar Award. She has composed music for over 150 films in the male-dominated field. The award, which carries a cash reward of Rs.500,000, a citation and a memento shall be awarded to the 78-year old Khanna.

### **India signs with Russian company to modernise radar missile systems on P-15 class ships**

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Russian defence company JSC Rosoboronexport to modernise the radar and missile systems on the P-15 ships. The modernisation of radar and missile systems would substantially enhance the Air Defence capability of the P-15 Ships. There are 3 Delhi class destroyers in Indian Navy - INS Delhi, INS Mysore, INS Mumbai.

### **DRDO hands over second 'Netra' early warning system to IAF**

Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has handed over the second 'Netra' Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEW&CS) system to the Indian Air Force (IAF). The indigenously-built aircraft was handed over to Western Air Command chief, Air Marshal Raghunath Nambiar, at the Bathinda Air Base in Punjab.