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JIMEX 2020

The 4th edition of India - Japan Maritime bilateral exercise JIMEX, which is conducted biennially between the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) will be held in North Arabian Sea from 26 to 28 September 2020.



About:

JIMEX series of exercises commenced in January 2012 with special focus on maritime security cooperation.

The last edition of JIMEX was conducted in October 2018 off Visakhapatnam, India.

- JIMEX 20 will further enhance the cooperation and mutual confidence between the two navies and fortify the long standing bond of friendship between the two countries.

REGIONAL RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (RRTS) TRAINS

Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA and Chairman, National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), unveiled the first look of India's first RRTS train.



About:

The state-of-the-art RRTS rolling stock will be first of its kind in India with a design speed of 180 kmph. With radiating stainless steel outer body, these aerodynamic RRTS trains will be lightweight and fully air-conditioned.

- The prototype is scheduled to roll off the production line in 2022 and will be put into public use after extensive trials.
- The 82 km long Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut Corridor is the first RRTS corridor being implemented in India. The corridor will bring down the travel time between

Delhi to Meerut by around 1/3rd.



- The other two Phase-I RRTS corridors are Delhi-Gurugram-SNB and Delhi-Panipat.

CENTRE FOR DISABILITY SPORTS

The foundation stone of ‘Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh’ was laid at a function organized by DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

About:

- At present no training facilities are available in the country for sports person with disabilities.
- The proposed Centre will make available the specialized training facilities for Persons with Disabilities. The Centre will provide facilities of international standards to sportspersons with disabilities to compete at international level and bring laurels for the country.



Setting up of a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh was approved by the Cabinet on 28 February, 2019.

The Centre will be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

- For overall superintendence and supervision of the Centre, Governing Body under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DEPwD has been constituted.

NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION (NMC)

Historic reform in the field of medical education has been effected by the Union Government with the constitution of the National Medical Commission (NMC), along with four Autonomous Boards.



About:

With this, the decades old institution of the Medical Council of India (MCI) stands abolished.

- Along with NMC, the four Autonomous Boards of UG and PG Medical Education Boards, Medical Assessment and Rating Board, and Ethics and Medical Registration Board have also been constituted to help the NMC in day to day functioning.
- The basic change that has happened is that the Regulator is now 'selected' on merits, as opposed to an 'elected' Regulator.
- The Notifications in this regard were issued late last night on the 24th September, 2020.
- Dr S C Sharma (retd. Prof, ENT, AIIMS, Delhi) has been selected as the Chairperson for a period of three years. Besides the Chairperson, NMC will have 10 ex-officio members.

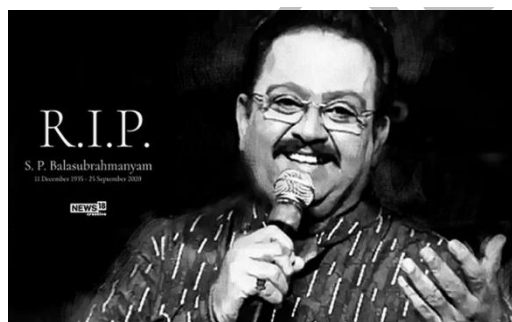
Background

It may be recalled that the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 was passed by the Parliament in August, 2019.

With the coming into effect of the NMC Act from 25th September, 2020, the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 stands repealed and the Board of Governors appointed in supersession of Medical Council of India has also been dissolved with effect from the said date.

S.P. BALASUBRAHMANYAM

President Ram Nath Kovind condoled the demise of music legend SP Balasubrahmanyam.



About:

Sripathi Panditaradhyula Balasubrahmanyam (1946 – 2020), also referred to as S. P. Balu, S. P. B., or Balu, was an Indian playback singer and music director who worked predominantly in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi and Malayalam films.

- He sang over 40,000 songs in 16 Indian languages.
- He won six National Film Awards for Best Male Playback Singer for his works in four different languages; Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Hindi

- In 2012, he received the state NTR National Award for his contributions to Indian cinema. He was a recipient of the Padma Shri (2001) and Padma Bhushan (2011) from the Government of India.
- On 25 September 2020, he died in Chennai after suffering from COVID-19.

TIME MAGAZINE'S LIST OF '100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF 2020



TIME Magazine's list of '100 Most Influential People of 2020' includes five Indians who have made waves in the last one year.

Indians in the list:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been featured in TIME Magazine's annual list of the world's 100 most influential

people for the fourth time since he took office in 2014. He was named under the category of 'Leaders'.

2. **Professor Ravindra Gupta** spearheaded a study that led to the second man in history being cured of HIV in London, last year. He is a professor of clinical microbiology at the Cambridge University. He is in the list under the 'Pioneers' category.
3. **Alphabet and Google CEO Sundar Pichai** is in the list under the category of 'Titans'.
4. **Ayushmann Khurrana** was the only Indian actor to make it to the list this year. He was named under the 'Artist' category.
5. **The 82-year-old Bilkis Bano, who came to be known as the "Dadi of Shaheen Bagh"**, was a defining presence at the prolonged protest against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) at the small neighbourhood of Shaheen Bagh in southeast Delhi. She is in the list under the category of 'Icons'.