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# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Lakshadweep, Budgam District declared TB Free

- Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare declared Lakshadweep & District of Budgam, Jammu & Kashmir as Tuberculosis free.
- Himachal Pradesh achieved 1st Rank in India amongst the states with a population of more than 50 Lakhs, to end Tuberculosis.

## 'India-US Home Security Dialogue'

- India & US have agreed to re-establish the 'India-US Home Security Dialogue'. Issues like Cybersecurity, emerging technology & addressing **Extremism** will be discussed.
- It was launched in 2010. It is an initiative of Barack Obama, Former President of the USA.

#### **Climate Data Service Portal**

- The India Meteorological Department launched a Climate Data Service Portal with meteorological data of over 100 years which can be accessed by the public.
- The portal has been developed by IMD, Pune. The platform was developed with climate data management and supply to the users.

#### Helium Crisis for India

- India imports helium for its needs, and with the USA appearing set to cut off exports of helium since 2021, Indian industry stands to lose out heavily.
- Helium is a **chemical element** with the **symbol He** and atomic number 2. Its boiling point is the lowest among all the elements.

## "Indo-Korean Bilateral Friendship Park"

- Indian Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh and South Korean Defence Minister, **Suh Wook** have inaugurated "Indo-Korean Bilateral Friendship Park" in Delhi.
- Friendship Park has been built to commemorate contribution of Indian peacekeepers in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953.

## 28th Edition of the Hunar Haat

- 28<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Hunar Haat of indigenous products of artisans and craftsmen is being organised at Kala Academy in Panaji, Goa.
- It is being organised under the theme- "Vocal for Local". Hunar Haat is being organised by Union Ministry of Minority Affairs.

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#### "MICE Roadshow Meet in India"

- "MICE Roadshow Meet in India" Brand and Roadmap for Promotion of India as MICE Destination were launched by Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in Khaiuraho.
- This event is an effort under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** to realize MICE potential of India.

# STATE AFFAIRS

#### i-Learn for Community Health Officers

Nagaland Health and Family Welfare Minister S Pangnyu Phom, launched a capacity building and performance tracking application, i-Learn for Community Health Officers in Nagaland.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### World's first ship tunnel

- World's first ship tunnel is set to be constructed in Norway. Norway has planned to construct Ship tunnel underneath the mountains in Stadhavet peninsula of Norway.
- Conventional blasting will be employed to build tunnel. It will also use underground drilling rigs and pallet rigs.

# BUSINESS & ECONOMY

## **Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has decided to introduce new requirements for business sustainability reporting by listed entities.
- The report will encourage businesses to go beyond regulatory financial compliance and report on their social and environmental impacts.

# **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

#### "Escaped: True Stories of Indian Fugitives in London"

- The new book titled "Escaped: True Stories of Indian Fugitives in London" Authored by Danish Khan & Ruhi Khan was released.
- The book features 12 high profile cases where the guilty party has escaped to England. The book was published by Penguin eBury Press.

#### 'Names of the Women'

- Jeet Thayil's new book titled 'Names of the Women' talks about women whose roles were suppressed, reduced or removed in the Gospels.
- The book was published by **Penguin Books**. The author was best known for his book titled "Narcopolis" which was shortlisted for Man Booker Prize 2012.

## Avinash Sable sets new national record in men's 3000m steeplechase

- Avinash Sable posted a new national record of 8 minutes 20.20 seconds as he won the men's 3000metre steeplechase at the National Federation Cup.
- He broke his own record of 8:21.37 at the 2019 Doha World Championships.