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NATIONAL

Commemorative Postage Stamp On Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a **commemorative postage stamp** on former **Uttar Pradesh** chief minister **Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna**. In 1971, he was made State Minister for Communication in the Union Cabinet. In 1973, he was appointed as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state in India. However, his tenure was short and he was **forced to resign** by Prime minister Indira Gandhi in 1975.

Government Launches Seed Import-Export Portal

Agriculture Minister **Radha Mohan Singh** has launched a portal to facilitate **export-import of seeds** and planting material. A seed import-export portal has been developed for making the trade process easy.

Cabinet Approvals > Export of iron to Japan and South Korea

The Union Cabinet has approved a long-term agreement for export of iron to **Japan and South Korea** through state-owned trading firm **MMTC**. The range of quantity of iron ore to be exported would be 3.8 million tonnes per annum to 5.5 million tonnes per annum.

The Indian Culinary Institute

The **Indian Culinary Institute (ICI)** was inaugurated by Union Tourism Minister **KJ Alphons** in **Noida**. The institute aims to preserve, document, promote and disseminate **Indian cuisine**. The other campus was being set up in **Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati**. ICI offers various courses ranging from diploma, under graduation, post graduation to research in Culinary Arts.

STATES

Kerala> Schemes > Pravasi Pension Scheme

Kerala chief minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** has launched **Pravasi pension scheme**. The scheme gives those hailing from **Kerala** but **living outside the state or country**, a pension of **Rs. 2,000** a month. People over the age of **60 years** are eligible for the pension.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Have A Safe Journey"

Union Minister for Transport **Nitin Gadkari** released a book named **"Have a Safe Journey"**. Inaugurating **"Road Safety Week"**, Minister Gadkari pledged for **"Road Safety"**. The book is a compilation of winning stories of the contest along with stories by some bestselling Indian authors.



ECONOMY

Banking & Finance > ADB's 1700 Crore Aid To Uttarakhand

The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has agreed in principle to give an aid of **Rs 1,700 crore** to **Uttarakhand** for infrastructure development and creation of sewerage treatment facilities in urban areas.

LEPV- ADB ❖ Headquarters: Philippines ❖ President: Takehiko Nakao

Business > IndusTowers To Merge With Bharti Infratel

Bharti Infratel Ltd, the tower arm of India's largest telecom operator, and **Indus Towers** has agreed to merge their businesses to create the **world's largest tower company outside China**. The combined entity will own more than **163,000 towers, second only to China Tower**. The merged company will be listed on the stock exchanges as **Bharti Infratel** is a publicly traded company.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Aditya Ghosh

Indigo chief **Aditya Ghosh** would step down as its President and Whole Time Director. The board has appointed **Bhatia as the Interim Chief Executive Officer** and he would continue as a **director**. **IndiGo** is the country's **largest domestic carrier** with a market share of about **40%**.

Brand Ambassador For Haryana's Health Programmes

The **Haryana** government has appointed international shooter **Gauri Sheoran** the brand ambassador for its two health-related programmes. Sheoran has also been named the brand ambassador for **Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)**, an initiative aimed at covering defects at birth, deficiencies, diseases, and development delays including disability.

ABBREVIATIONS IN THE NEWS

MMTC: Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India

ADB: Asian Development Bank

NHAI: National Highways Authority of India