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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Project launched to promote innovation by HRD Ministry

- Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), an initiative of Union Ministry.
- This has been established at the premises of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi.
- AIM – To promote a culture of Innovation and Research in higher education.
- India ranked **60 out of 124** countries in **2017 Global Innovation Index** ranking.

'One District, One Product' scheme launched in Odisha : MSME Minister

- Union MSME Minister Giriraj Singh, in Odisha at a function of the SC/ST State Conclave cum Exhibition under **National SC-ST Hub**.
- To provide market link to farmers and make small industries successful in the state.

LEPV About National SC-ST Hub – The National SC/ST Hub has been set up to provide professional support to Schedule Cast and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneurs under Stand-up India initiative. Hub would be implemented by Ministry of MSME through National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), a public-sector undertaking under the administrative control.

Programme of 'National REDD + Strategy India' by Ministry of Environment for the implementation of REDD + Strategy

- AIM – To help build sustainable livelihood of communities and conserve biodiversity. REDD + means **Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation**.
- Background – India has communicated in its Nationally Determined Contribution under **Paris Agreement**, that will capture 2.5 to 3 billion tons of Carbon dioxide through additional forest and tree covers by 2030.

STATE AFFAIRS

3 MoUs sign to skill Odisha Youth

- It was done by National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) to enhance technology adoption in MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) to enhance **Skill of Youths** in Odisha.
- NSIC signed a MoU with
 - SAP India Pvt. Ltd.
 - Rourkela Steel Plant and National Scheduled Tribe Finance Development Corporation (NSTFDC)
 - Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

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PUDA 360 : Punjab C-properties Module launched by CM of Punjab

- The facility has been provided by **Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority**.
- It would offer the following services :
 - E-auction
 - Give a common platform to the promoters/builders for advertisement.
 - Checking of delays in sanction of building plans.
 - Issuance of No objection certificate.
 - Facility of selling, renting and leasing out their properties.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SAARC – Agri Cooperative Business Forum held in Kathmandu, Nepal

- The theme of Forum is “Organizing & Strengthening Family Farmers Cooperatives to attain the ‘Sustainable – Development – Goals 1 and 2’ in South Asia”.

LEPV- SAARC - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation ❖ Secretary General – Amjad Hussain B. Sial ❖ SAARC Countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan & Sri Lanka.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Call for Code initiative : For Global solutions for Disaster Management

- **IBM** partners with **Indian Tech** (Persistent Systems, Invest India, Wipor CapGemini and Nasscom).
- **Call for Code** – It was announced in May 2018 – IBM is the founding member along with American Red Cross and United Nations Human Rights Organisation.

Indian Economy to grow at 7.4% in FY19 : NCAER

- According to National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) report for 2018-19, India’s growth forecast for current fiscal at 7.4%.

LEPV- NCAER ❖ H.Q. – New Delhi.

AWARDS

Shabana Azmi, Nandita Das receive Bharatiya Manavata Vikas Puraskar given by Daily India Media

- The event organized by Daily India Media, a private Media company. Important people from Politics, Business, Academics and Entertainment participated in the event.
- They are awarded for their contribution to the society and their fight for equity, social justice and human welfare.

APPOINTMENTS

Chanda Kochhar

- **ICICI Bank** re-appointed Chanda Kochhar as **Director of ICICI Securities**.
- Earlier she was charged with quid pro quo in disbursing loans to **Videocon Group**.
- One Man Panel constituting retired Supreme Court Judge **Justice B. N. Sri Krishna** is probing the matter.

SPORTS

Virat Kohli becomes Second fastest Indian cricketer to score 6000 Test runs

- Virat has achieved this feat in his **119th Test**.
- The **fastest** Indian to reach 6000 runs mark was **Sunil Gavaskar** who made it in 117 innings.