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STATES

Disaster Response Force (DRF) vehicles by Telangana

- AIM – To handle Flash Floods, Heavy Rains, Building Collapse & Fire Mishaps.
- The DRF vehicles will be parked at 24 locations with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).
- The initiative has been launched with the aim that Telangana should have its own disaster force.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

'Esala Maha Perahera' Festival begins in Sri Lanka

- The festival started in Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- It will be held for 10 days, a grand procession from **Sri Dalada Maligawa**, the biggest Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka.
- The sacred tooth relic of the Buddha is carried through streets.

Germany has the World's largest Current Account Surplus : IFO

- Info Institute said that Germany's Current Account Surplus will remain the World's largest.
- **Germany's** Current Account Surplus - **\$299 billion**
- **Japan's** Current Account Surplus - **\$200 billion**
- The **United States** will remain the country with largest **Current Account Deficit** with nearly **420 billion Euros**.

BANKING & FINANCE

Mental Illness is covered through Insurance Policies by Insurance Companies : IRDAI

- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has directed all Insurance Companies to create provision to cover Mental Illness in policies.
- IRDAI has notified all insurance companies to comply with the **Mental Healthcare Act, 2017** and make provisions for medical insurance of treatment for Mental Illness with immediate effect.

LEPV- IRDAI ❖ H.Q. – Hyderabad ❖ Chairman – Subhash Kumar Khuntia.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award – S. K. Arora

- He is the **Additional Director of Health for Delhi Government**.
- He is awarded for remarkable contribution towards tobacco control.
- Tobacco prevalence in Delhi was reduced by **6.5%** in the last **6 years**. This is more than the rest of India average figures.

LEPV- WHO – World Health Organization ❖ H.Q. – Geneva, Switzerland ❖ Director – Tedros Adhanom

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APPOINTMENTS

Srikumar Menon

- Next **Ambassador of India** to Democratic Republic of **São Tomé and Príncipe**.
- His residence in Luanda, Angola.
- He will take up this new assignment soon.

IMPORTANT DAYS

20th August – World Mosquito Day

- This day is the honor of British Doctor **Sir Ronald Ross's**.
- This person discovered medicine that female Mosquitoes transit Malaria between humans.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India successfully test indigenous Anti-Tank Guided Missiles – 'HELINA' & 'SAAW' (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon)

- **HELINA** – Indigenously designed and developed long-range precision-guided anti-airfield bomb.
- The Missile is guided by an **Infrared Imaging Seeker (IIR)** operating in the Lock on Before Launch mode. Most **advanced Anti-Tank Weapons** in World.
- **Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW)** – successfully test fired from IAF Aircraft at Chandan Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

