

National News

Policy guidelines for Online Central Government advertisements

- **Information & Broadcasting Ministry** decided to frame Policy guidelines and criteria for Central Government advertisements on websites.
- Websites are owned and operated by companies that are incorporated in India
- Websites are owned by **foreign companies** be empanelled if such companies have branch office are registered and **operating in India for minimum one year.**

Indian Coast Guard Ship 'ARUSH' Commissioned

- move will strengthen the side as well as to face the emerging security challenges in the maritime domain.
- will be based at Porbandar under the administrative and operational control of North **West Coast Guard Region.**

booklet on defence production works in 2 yrs

- booklet that underlining the efforts made by of Defence Production in the last two **years.**
- booklet is drawing together all achievements in the field **of indigenous production of weapon systems** and policy initiatives undertaken in last couple of years
- 119 industrial licenses have been issued it reveals.
- also talks about a relaxation in FDI Policy and liberalizing licensing policy and streamlining defence offset guidelines.
- also reveals that all naval ships and submarines on order are being constructed in **Indian shipyards.**

Rs 4241 cr NIMZ in Odisha

- NIMZ would be the **third Investment and Manufacturing Zone of India** involving a massive area of **163 sq. km.**
- first phase of the project will be completed by 2020 with initial investment of Rs 3,816 crore
- NIMZ project would create employment opportunities for **over 1.5 lakh people.**
- initiative will boost the prospect of **Paradip Port, road, air and rail connectivity** in the state.

Rs 5500 Cr investment to improve infrastructure in six states.

S.No	State	Approved Amount	Central Assistance	No of Cities
1	Madhya Pradesh	Rs 2,074 crore	Rs 862.80 crore	34 cities
2	Gujarat	Rs 1,401 crore	Rs 599.18 crore	31 cities
3	Rajasthan	Rs 1,120 crore	Rs 536 crore	29 cities
4	Odisha	Rs 531 crore	265 crore	9 cities

5	Jharkhand	Rs.381 crore	Rs 164 crore	7 cities
6	Meghalaya (Shillong)	Rs 26.67 crore	Rs 24 crore	1 city

- funds will be used for providing household water taps, improving water supply, sewerage networks/sewage management, storm water drains, urban transport and provision of open and green spaces.

Rs 6000 crore for welfare of people in mining areas

- **state governments** to complete the auction process of mines so that additional revenue and employment could be generated in Jaipur.
- states to establish District Mineral Foundation as early as possible. The sector **contributes 2.4 per cent** in **GDP of India**.

Special Webpage on two years of NDA Government

- page is hyper-linked on the main page of PIB under the icon **Transforming India and Desh Badal Raha Hai**.
- an information source for the Media on the initiatives and achievements in the **last two years** of the NDA Government at the Centre chronologically.

Committee for Evolution of a National Education Policy submits report

- report containing its recommendations to the Ministry of HRD which had undertaken a consultation process for framing a **New Education Policy**
- process included online, grassroots and national-level thematic **deliberations on 33 themes**.
- committee has carried out a large body of outcome documents, recommendations and suggestions received and also had several meetings **with various stakeholders**.
- Thematic consultations were carried out by the ministry and also by institutions like **UGC, AICTE, NCTE, NCERT** and several universities and autonomous institutions.

International

Sea ice cover around Antarctica is rising

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration carried out a study that has found that **sea ice cover in the surrounding vicinity of Antarctica** has been **increasing slightly**
- findings were entered on **data collected from satellite radar**, ocean depth, temperature at sea surface and also consisted **land form to study**.
- These geological factors are inducing **ocean currents** and **winds** to drive the formation and evolution of sea ice cover and making to sustain it.

Bihar Govt, UNICEF and MDM Join Hand to Curb Malnourishment

- an agreement to curb malnourishment among **women and children in the state**.
- Agriculture Nutrition Cell would be set up in the **Rajendra Agriculture University in Pusa Bihar**.

- nutritional quality assessment of food would help quality of food served to **students in 7,000** schools of Bihar.
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Business and Economy

HDFC among world's top 10 Consumers Financial Services Firms

- 7th among the world's ten biggest and most powerful companies in the consumer financial services sector.
 - Topped by **Global major American Express**
 - Only Indian Company in Top Ten in the Category.
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takeover of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd by NBCC

- approval for financial restructuring of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited
 - Fee worth Rs.1502.2 crore will be converted into equity and equity capital.
 - After settling the losses paid up capital of HSCL will become Rs. 34.3 crore.
 - NBCC will infuse funds of **Rs. 35.7 crore** with that capital of HSCL will **become Rs.70 crore**.
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Science and Technology

Google wins Java copyright case versus Oracle

- software major Oracle had claimed Google had infringed its copyright by using **11,500 lines of Java code** in its **Android operating** system.
 - six-year court case in which Oracle sought **\$9 billion**
 - Court has ruled Google's use of **37 Java-application programming** interfaces was fair in usage.
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Awards

Indian-American Rishi Nair wins 28th annual National Geographic Bee Competition

- He received a **\$ 50,000 college scholarship** and a **lifetime membership** in the National Geographic Society.
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Sunil Bharti Mittal receives Harvard Alumni award

- **Bharti Enterprises** founder and **Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal** has awarded with Harvard Business School Alumni Achievement **Award for this year**.
 - Mittal has served on the Harvard Business School Board as a Dean's Advisor **since 2010**
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Arunachal tiger reserve bags biodiversity award

- **Pakke Tiger Reserve of Arunachal Pradesh** has awarded with the '**India Biodiversity Award 2016**'
 - Horn bill Nest Adoption Programme of the Pakke Tiger Reserve was awarded the prize
 - joint initiative of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry National Biodiversity Authority and United Nations
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People in News

Mamata Banerjee sworn-in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal

- **Mamata Banerjee** sworn in as the chief minister of West Bengal for the second consecutive time along with 42-member ministry.
 - was administered oath of office and secrecy by **state Governor Keshri Nath Tripathi**.
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Guinea Bissau President names Bacirot Dja as Prime Minister

- appointment made political unrest in the country as sparking protests from political opponents who said the appointment was **unconstitutional**.
 - Bacirot Dja succeeds Carlos Correia, who was sacked earlier this month in a move that threatened to deepen political turmoil in the country.
 - he had been named prime **minister once in 2015**, but was forced to resign after his appointment was declared unconstitutional.
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Sanjay Bangar appointed as India's head coach for Zimbabwe tour

- former India all-rounder will be Head coach for the tour to Zimbabwe, which comprising 3 One-Day International matches and **3 T20 International matches** to be played in **Harare**.
 - He had coached India A. He also working Kings XI Punjab as a head coach since 2014.
 - current batting coach of **Indian cricket team**.
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Veteran Communist leader KC Mathew died

- He is the prime accused in the attack on the **Edappally police** station back in 1950 that made a witch-hunt of the communists by the police.
 - was drawn to the communist ideals right from the college days and he was also a Freedom fighter.
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Marathi literary critic R G Jadhav passes away

- Marathi literary critic **R G Jadhav** has died following **prolonged illness** at his residence in Gujarat. He was 83.
 - he served as a professor of Marathi literature in various colleges, including one in Amravati, **Elphinstone College in Mumbai**.
 - headed over **Marathi Sahitya Sammelan** held in 2004 and worked as chief editor of Marathi **Vishwakosha between 2000 and 2002**.
 - wrote more than 45 books, including Anandacha Doh and Nilee Pahat and **Bapu** which is a collection of **91 reflective poems** on Mahatma Gandhi.
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