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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Aviation Suresh Prabhu** launched '**Niryat Mitra**' – **mobile App** in **New Delhi**. The app developed by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (**FIEO**) is available both on **Android** and on **IOS** platforms.
- To reach out to the consumers and to safeguard their interests, the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** launches integration & availability of TRAI Mobile Apps namely **DND 2.0 & MyCall on UMANG platform** in a function held at **TRAI, New Delhi**.
- **DND 2.0 App:**
 - **DND (Do Not Disturb) Services App** enables smart phone users to register their mobile number under DND. It would avoid Unsolicited Commercial Communication (**UCC**)/Telemarketing **Calls/SMS**.
- **TRAI MyCall App:**
 - It is an application for crowd sourced **Voice Call Quality Monitoring**. It helps Mobile phone users to rate their experience about voice call quality in real time.
- **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)** and Confederation of Nepalese Industries (**CNI**) signed a memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) to establish **India-Nepal Centre**.
- **Maharashtra** Government announced a special assistance of **Rs 500 crore** for **OBC** community to help them develop **employment opportunities for the youth**.
- **Karnataka** launched a round-the-clock information and grievance helpline for Scheduled Castes (**SCs**) and Scheduled Tribes (**STs**) across the state. '**Kalyana Kendra**' (welfare centre) helpline will allow members of these communities to get information on the state's welfare programmes for them as well as register complaints.
 - The helpline telephone number is **080-22634300** while **Whatsapp** and text

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messaging services can be accessed on **9901100000**.

- A mere **19 per cent** of people in the **15-65** age group use **Internet in India**, according to a report named “**AfterAccess: ICT access and use in India and the Global South**”. It was published by **Lirneasia**, a policy and regulation think tank in collaboration with the Cellular Operators Association of India.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- **China** has successfully tested its **first cutting-edge hypersonic aircraft** which could carry nuclear warheads and penetrate any current generation anti-missile defence systems. The **Xingkong-2 or Starry Sky-2**, was launched in a target range located in **Northwest China**, the state-run China Academy of Aerospace Aerodynamics (**CAAA**).
 - The flight vehicle reached **30 kms** in altitude at **Mach 5.5**. The hypersonic aircraft was designed by the **CAAA** in collaboration with the **China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation**.
- The **U.K.** government has announced **new plans to change the law for organ and tissue donation** to address the **urgent need for organs within Indian-origin communities in India**. The proposed new system of consent for organ and tissue donation is expected to come into effect in England in **2020**.
 - It will be implemented as a part of the drive to help black, Asian and minority ethnic (**BAME**) people desperately waiting for a **life-saving transplant**.

APPOINTMENTS

- **S Gurusurthy and Satish Marathe** were appointed as part-time directors on the **Reserve Bank of India** board by The **Cabinet’s Appointments Committee for a four-year term**.
- **Ivan Duque** was sworn in as the **newly elected President of Colombia**. He pledged to unite the country and improve economic growth.

AWARDS

- Indian-American high school student **Avi Goel** has won the world **championship** at the **International Geography Bee’s junior varsity** division which was held in **Berlin, Germany**. **14-year old Avi** is a tenth grader at **Silver Creek High School** in Evergreen, **San Jose, California**.
 - He won a gold medal in seven out of the **10 medal events**, and a silver medal in two of the events, **topping the overall medals table**.