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Pradhan Mantri

Nidhi Scheme

Kisan Samman





NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme in Gorakhpur.
 - o **PM-KISAN** scheme, announced in the interim Budget, released earlier this month will provide **Rs 6,000** per year to small and marginal farmer families having combined land holding/ownership of upto 2 hectares. The amount will be given in 3 installments of **Rs 2,000** each.
- The Odisha government launched the boat ambulance service to help patients reach hospitals in remote areas cut off by rivers, at a cost of Rs 5.40 crore. The first boat ambulance was launched at Batighar in the Kendrapara district.
 - Six boat ambulances will add to the road fleet and will be part of the 108 ambulance service. They would use boats to cross water bodies to the be picked up by 108 or 102 ambulance.
- Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit inaugurated the second Coast Guard district headquarters at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
 - Tamil Nadu is the first state in India to get a second Coast Guard district headquarters. The first district headquarters is Chennai.
- The 14th Agricultural Science Congress was organized by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Indian Agricultural Research Institute at National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC) in New Delhi from 20th to 23rd February 2019.
 - The theme of the event was "Innovations for Agricultural
 Transformation" and it is central to the national complementary pledges
 of building a New India and Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022.
- **Bihar** has become the **first** state to deploy specially-trained dogs to check smuggling of liquor which continues to take place inspite of total ban imposed in the state for the last 3 years.
 - 20 liquor-tracker dogs were trained rigorously for nine months in Hyderabad, Telangana.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Thailand and the United States hosted the annual Cobra Gold military exercise, the biggest activity of its type in the Asia-Pacific region with 29 nations taking part as participants or observers.
 - Apart from the 2 countries, 7 countries who participated in the exercise were India, Singapore, Japan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea. India participated in this exercise for the first time in the 'Observer Plus' category in 2016 alongside China.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Iran launched a cruise missile from a submarine for the first time during ongoing annual military drill named "Velayat-97" in the Strait of Hormuz.
 - An image showing a green submarine on the surface of the water launching an orange missile was released by Fars news agency and the other submarines are said to have the same capability.

APPOINTMENT

- India's Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad was elected Vice-President of the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) and Asima Ali was elected as the Executive Committee member, for a 4-year term in Gifu, Japan.
 - Mushtaque Ahmad is currently serving as the President of Hockey India,
 while Asima Ali is the Vice-President of the national federation.

AWARDS

• The Asian Hockey Federation has honoured Indian skipper Manpreet Singh with the 2018 Player of the Year award. Women team's striker Lalremsiami has bagged the Rising Player of The Year prize.

SPORTS

- Apurvi Chandela has won the gold medal in the women's 10-metre air rifle event at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi. This is India's first medal of the ISSF World Cup 2019.
 - She set a new world record by registering a score of **252.9** points in the final.

