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NATIONAL NEWS

- **D. Tshering**, Chief Postmaster General, Jammu & Kashmir Circle, released a 'Special Stamp Cover on Ice Stupa' by the Department of Post, Government of India during a function organised at the Ice Stupa site at Gangles in Leh.
 - Ice Stupa team of Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh (HIAL) with support from Leh-Phodo society and Army, has built an Ice Stupa at Gangles with an aim to reduce shortage of water in Leh.
- International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (IWDRI), a twoday workshop organised by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), and in partnership with the Global Commission on Adaptation, United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank was held at New Delhi.
- On 18th March 2019, Government of India and Government of Japan organized the 3rd Indo-Japan Workshop on **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)** in **New Delhi**. Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Dr. P. K. Mishra inaugurated the workshop.
 - The objective behind this meet was to enhance collaboration between research institutes, cities and the private sector in the field of DRR.
- The Union Home Ministry has approved the changing of name of the Old Mangkhi village in Tuensang of Nagaland to Mungankhun village.
 - The central government has given its 'no-objection' to renaming of 22 villages, towns and railway stations across the country since December 2017.
- The inaugural **Africa-India Field Training Exercise-2019** for India and African nations called **AFINDEX-19** started with a grand opening ceremony **at Aundh Military Station**, **Pune**.
 - Contingents of the 17 African Nations came together for the opening ceremony along with a contingent of Maratha Light Infantry representing India.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** held a 2-day joint ministerial meeting for 17th and 18th March 2019, with her **Maldivian** counterpart **Abdullah Shahid**, where the latter has assured to remain sensitive towards India's security and strategic concerns.
 - Both the representatives have discussed steps to continue the upward trajectory in bilateral relationship

SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY

- Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar, Gujarat, (IIPHG) in collaboration with National Mental Health Program, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Gujarat has developed a mobile application called as 'Conquer Exam, Be a Warrior' for students to reduce the exam pressure.
 - This application creates awareness as well as help students to analyze their weak points and overcome from the exam pressure by providing assistance.

APPOINTMENTS

 On 19th March 2019, BJP MLA and Former Speaker of Goa legislative assembly Pramod Sawant(45) took oath as 13th Chief Minister of Goa succeeding Manohar Parrikar, who died due to Cancer. Governor Mridula Sinha administered the oath of office of Pramod Sawant.

AWARDS

- Indian journalist, author and chief of The Wire, 'Raghu Karnad' received the prestigious Windham-Campbell prize of USD 165,000 for his debut book, 'Farthest Field: An Indian story of Second World War', published in the year 2015 in non-fiction category.
 - The award was given by Yale University in the United Kingdom to 8 recipients of English language writers from around the world.

SPORTS

• The United World Wrestling (UWW) has taken away the hosting rights from India for the junior Asian Championship. It is the first sporting event to be taken away from India after the denial of visas to Pakistan's shooters last month for the ISSF World Cup prompted the International Olympic Committee to censure the Indian Olympic Association.

