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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Deadline to generate 175 GW renewable energy by 2022 in the country: MNRE**
 - As per the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the target date for achieving the cumulative 175 GW (gigawatt) renewable power installed capacity is December 31, 2022, with 100 GW of solar, 60 GW of wind, 10 GW of bio-power and 5 GW of small hydro power.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - MNRE Formed :1992
 - MNRE Headquarters :New Delhi, India
 - MNRE Minister responsible:Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge)
- The 2nd joint military exercise '**Dharma Guardian-2019**' to promote military cooperation between India and Japan will be held in Mizoram.
 - The event is being held from 19, October- 2, November 2019 at **Counter Insurgency Warfare School located in Vairengte**, Mizoram.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - Indian Army Motto: "Service Before Self"
 - Indian Army Founded: 1 April 1895
 - Indian Army Headquarters: New Delhi

BANKING & FINANCE

- On October 12, 2019, The **Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India (GoI) has signed** the Tranche 2 loan agreement worth **\$190 million to upgrade 754 kilometres** of Rajasthan state highways and major district roads (MDRs) to two-lane or intermediate-lane standards.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - ADB Formation: 19 December 1966
 - ADB Headquarters :Mandaluyong, Philippines

- ADB Membership: 68 countries
- Life Insurance Council has decided to launch Indian life insurance industry's first joint mass media campaign with the slogan '**Sabse Pehle Life Insurance**' (first thing is life insurance) within a month whose total cost will be around Rs 100 crore.
 - For this purpose, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India will provide **Rs 40 crore**. It will be a joint effort of 24 Indian life insurance companies.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - Life Insurance Council was constituted under Sec.64C of Insurance Act 1938.
 - Life Insurance Council Tagline: Together in service
 - Life Insurance Council Secretary: V Manickam

AWARDS

- **Short film 'Spirit of Kerala' wins the People's Choice Award 2019**
 - 'Spirit of Kerala', a short film based on a boat race from Kerala directed by Arun Joseph, won the People's Choice Award 2019 at My Rode Reel Film Competition 2019 which is the world's largest short film competition. The winners shared in a prize money worth over \$1,000,000.

SPORTS

- World Youth Chess Championship 2019 was held in Mumbai, India from 1st to 13th October, 2019. The Championship was organized by the **Federation Internationale des Echecs(FIDE)**. India bagged seven medals in the Championship including 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medal.
 - Pragganandhaa R - Open U18- Gold
 - Agrawal Vantika - Girls U18 – Silver
 - **Related Keys:**
 - The Championship was held in Girls U14, Open U14, Girls U16, Open U16, Girls U18, and Open U18 categories.
 - Youngsters from 66 countries were competing in the

Championship.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- On October 13, 2019, **International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction** (IDDRR) has been observed to promote global culture towards risk awareness and disaster reduction.
 - The theme for the year 2019 is “Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services”.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - i) IDDRR started by: the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
 - ii). IDDRR Started in the year : 1989

Words of the Day:

1. **Glitches** – a sudden, usually temporary malfunction or fault of equipment.
Synonym – fault, problem, bug
Antonym – perfection, in proper order
2. **Meticulous** - showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.
Synonym : conscientious, diligent, ultra-careful
Antonym : careless, sloppy, slapdash