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NATIONAL NEWS

- On October 7, 2019 the Union minister of Jal Shakti shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched '**Ganga Aamantran**' abhiyan, a month long open-water rafting and kayaking expedition in New Delhi. The expedition which begins from October 10- November 11 2019, will cover an area of 25,000kms Devprayag in Uttarakhand to Ganga Sagar in West Bengal.

Related News

- Ministry of Jal Shakti Founded- September 1985.
 - Ministry of Jal Shakti Headquarters- New Delhi.
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- On October 5, 2019 the Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched **eco-friendly green firecrackers**, manufactured in India and are also made available in markets for sellers and consumers. These green crackers were developed by the **Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** to combat air pollution.
 - The CSIR-NEERI has developed new formulations for reduced emission of light and sound emitting in crackers with 30% reduction in particulate matter.
 - The government formed a 19-member **Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee (IMCC)** chaired by the revenue secretary **Mr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey** to check money laundering activities. It is set up as per the powers conferred under **Section 72A** of the **Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)**, 2002.

Related Keys

- Department of Revenue (DOR) Parent organization: Ministry of Finance
- Department of Revenue (DOR) Minister In-charge: Nirmala Sitharaman.

BANKING NEWS

- In the matter of getting information about black money from foreign land, India has got the first details of accounts of Indian citizens in **Swiss banks** under the new regular system of **automatic exchange of information** (AEOI). However, the exchange of information is done with the condition of confidentiality.

Related Keys

- Swiss bank Headquarters: Basel, Switzerland
- Swiss bank Founded: 1872

AWARDS

- The 1996-batch Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Ramesh Pandey will be felicitated with prestigious **Asia Environmental Enforcement Award 2019** by the **United Nations Environment Programme** (UNEP) on November 13, 2019 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand. It is the 4th Edition of the awards.

Related Keys

- UNEP Formation: 5 June 1972
- UNEP Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya
- UNEP Executive Director: Inger Andersen

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- A team of researchers led by Carnegie's Scott S. Sheppard from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) discovered **20 new moons orbiting Saturn**, increasing its tally of moons to 82. It surpassed the number of moons orbiting Jupiter planet which stands at 79.
 - This was announced by the International Astronomical Union's (IAU) Minor Planet Center (MPC), France.

SPORTS

- On October 8, 2019, As per the world governing body of the sport **FIBA (International Basketball Federation)**, India will host the **Tokyo Olympic Games** 3×3 basketball qualifying tournament in March 2020 with a total participation of 40 teams (20 male and 20 female teams).
 - The location of the event will be announced later.

Related News

- FIBA Formation: 18 June 1932

- FIBA Headquarters: Mies, Switzerland
- FIBA President : Hamane Niang

WORDS OF THE DAY

1) **Capricious** - given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.

Similar Words - unstable, mercurial.

Antonyms - consistent , stable

2) **Chide** - scolding someone.

Similar Words - upbraid, rebuke

Antonyms - Praise


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