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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** launched **GEM Samvaad**, the National Outreach Programme in New Delhi on 17 December 2019.
  - The programme was launched by **Anup Wadhawan**, Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Chairman, GeM. The outreach programme will be held from 19 Dec 2019 to 17 Feb 2020. It will cover all the States and UTs of the country.
  - **RELATED KEYS**
    - GeM Samvaad is available on GeM website <https://gem.gov.in>
    - GeM has processed more than 28 lakh orders worth **Rs.40,000** crores in Gross Merchandise Value out of which 50% has been transacted by MSMEs.
- **Kerala launched schemes to support differently-abled people**
  - The Kerala state government launched two social welfare schemes to honour differently-abled people and NSS, NCC and Student Police Cadet (SPC) units working for their care and welfare. The schemes are Vijayamritham and Sahachari.
  - **RELATED KEYS**
    - The Vijayamritham scheme was introduced to provide financial assistance for differently-abled people who fought the odds and scored high marks in degree, PG and professional courses.
    - **Sahachari Scheme** is to honour groups that assist people, with over **40% disability**, in their studies and other tasks.

## SCIENCE & TECH UPDATES

- **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)**, France on 17 December 2019.
  - The aim of the MoU is to establish a framework for cooperation between India and France towards promotion and support of scientific and technological research.
  - **RELATED KEYS**
    - CSIR and CNRS plan to strengthen their cooperation to foster **joint innovation and transfer of technologies** applicable to India or/and France and to other nations.
    - The cooperation includes promoting technology transfer, sharing good practices, and **enhancing industry-academia cooperation.**

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Sridhar Patra** was appointed as the **chairman-cum-managing director** of the **National Aluminium Company (NALCO)**.
  - Patra is currently serving as the Director (Finance) in the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO). He will be serving as the CMD of NALCO till the date of his superannuation, i.e. 31 October 2024.
  - **RELATED KEYS**
    - NALCO was incorporated in 1981.
    - It is a Navratna group A CPSE that functions under the Ministry of Mines.
    - Indian GOVERNMENT holds 52% equity of NALCO.
    - It is headquartered at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.


## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Minorities Rights Day** is observed on **18 December** in India.

- The day aims to remind about the rights of minorities and to educate people about it. It focuses on the religious harmony, respect, and better understanding of all minorities' communities in India.

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Plethora** – a large or excessive amount of something.
  - Synonym – abundance, excess
  - Antonym – deficiency, lacking, scarcity, undersupply
- **Errant** – erring or straying from the accepted course or standards.
  - Synonym – aberrant, delinquent
  - Antonym – orderly, normal

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