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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Integral Coach Factory** (ICF) of Indian Railways, Chennai has produced its **3000th coach** of the year in less than nine months. This would help in meeting the growing demand for coaches.
 - The number of working days to achieve the above figure has been reduced from 289 days in the last year to 215 days in the current year.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Founded: 1955
 - Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Headquarters Chennai, Tamilnadu, India.
- The **40-day harshest winter period in Kashmir**, known in the local parlance as '**Chillai-Kalan**', began with the upper reaches of the valley receiving snowfall.
 - Chillai-Kalan begins from December 21 and ends on January 31 next year. It is followed by a 20-day long Chillai-Khurd that occurs between January 31 and February 19 and a 10-day long Chillai-Bachha which is from February 20 to March 2.
- On December 23, 2019, **Ministry of Railways** announced that Indian Railways is set to **receive modern signaling systems**. According to the ministry, it is one of the most ambitious projects of Indian Railways. This is because the project improves safety, line capacity allowing trains to run at higher speeds.
 - The plan will be implemented after approval from NITI Aayog, CCEA (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs) and Extended Board of Railways.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Ministry of Railways Founded: 16 April 1853.

- Ministry of Railways Headquarters: Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

- On December 23, 2019, Ministry of **Housing and Urban Affairs** announced that **urban areas of 35 states** (which also includes union territories) have been declared **Open Defecation Free**. It includes 4,167 cities. The target has been achieved through third party verification.
 - According to the ministry, the target has been achieved by constructing 65.81 lakh household toilets as against the target of 59 lakhs.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Founded: 1952
 - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Headquarters: New Delhi

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- External Affairs Minister was on a two-day visit to Iran between December 22-23, 2019. During his visit he chaired the **19th Joint Commission Meeting** with his **Iranian Counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif**.
 - The leaders at the Joint Commission Meeting agreed to Strengthen and accelerate Chabahar project.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Iran Capital: Tehran
 - Iran President: Hassan Rouhani
 - Iran Currency: Iranian rial

SPORTS

- Qatar Football Association signed an agreement with the **Confederation of African Football** (CAF) stipulating that Doha will host the African Super

Cup for the next three years. The African Super Cup in Doha with the next edition will be held on February 14, 2020 .

- At the beginning of this year, Qatar hosted the African Super Cup for the first time.
- **Related Keys**
 - Qatar Football Association Founded: 1960
 - Qatar Football Association President: Hamad Bin Khalifa Bin Ahmed Al-Thani

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Livid** - furiously angry.
 - Similar Words - fume , infuriate
 - Antonyms - friendly, happy.

- **Luminary** - An inspiring or influential person.
 - Similar Words - leader , expert , master.
 - Antonyms - pleb