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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Madhya Pradesh govt.** has **decided** to start MP **Mukhyamantri Karamchari Swasthya Bima Yojana 2020**. Around 12 lakh 55 thousand staff personnels and functionaries would be benefited from MP Chief Minister Employees Health Insurance Scheme.
 - This decision is taken in the state cabinet meeting held on 4 January 2020 led by CM Kamal Nath.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Madhya Pradesh Capital: Bhopal
 - Madhya Pradesh Chief minister: Kamal Nath
- **UJALA** and **Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP)** of the central government completed five successful years of illuminating the country today. Over **36.13 crore** LED bulbs have been distributed across the country through the UJALA initiative.
 - This has resulted in estimated energy savings of **46.92 billion kilowatt-hour per year**.
 - **Related Keys**
 - UJALA Launched: 1 May 2015; 4 years ago
 - UJALA developed to address India's high cost of electrification and high emissions from inefficient lighting.
- On January 6, 2020, the **fifth Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference** was held at **Pune**. It was organized by the **Indian Institute of Science Education and Research**. The conference is held twice a year.
 - The conference is to be held between January 6, 2020 and January 10, 2020. It aims at promoting interaction between the Drosophila researchers in the region of Asia-Pacific.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Fourth Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference took place May 8-11, 2017, at the Osaka University Suita Campus Convention Center in Osaka, Japan.

- On January 6, 2020, two Oman ships arrived in Goa to participate in “**Naseem-Al-Bahr**”, the **Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise**. RNOV are Royal Navy of Oman Vessels. RNOV al Rasikh and RNOV Khassab arrived at Goa. Along with these ships, Indian Naval Ships Shubhadra and Beas will also participate in the exercise.

- **Related Keys**

- The Indo-Oman Naval Exercises are being conducted since 1993.
- The countries conduct regular biennial exercises between all three services namely army, navy and air force.
- Oman Currency: Omani rial

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- On January 6, 2020, the ISRO proposed **2,700 crores** of **infrastructure plan** to **construct Human Space Flight Infrastructure Centre**. The facility is to be set up at Challakere, Chitradurga district of Karnataka and is expected to become operational in three years.

- ISRO aims to establish a self-contained training facility here.

- **Related Keys**

- If ISRO succeeds in the Gaganyaan mission, India will become the fourth country after US, Russia and China to send humans to space.
- Challakere is called the science city as it accommodated facilities of ISRO.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Enigma** - a person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand.

- Similar Words - mystery, puzzle , riddle.
- Antonyms - explanation, proposition
- **Enthrall** - capture the fascinated attention of.
 - Similar Words- enchant , bewitch
 - Antonyms - bore , repel.


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