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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology** (IIFPT), Bathinda signed **Memorandum of Understanding** (MoU) with 8 different reputed institutes of the region in the states of Punjab and Haryana.
 - The MoU was aimed to increase the income of small farmers. It also aims to open new opportunities for the benefit of farmers
 - **Related Keys:**
 - IIFPT was organized in 1967
 - IIFPT was located in Thanjavur
- The **Special National Vendor Development Program** (NVDP) on **Petroleum and Steel sectors** for SC/ST Entrepreneurs was held on 13 January 2020.
 - It was organized by the **Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry** (DICCI). The measures taken by GoI for the SC/ST community including National Infrastructure Pipeline and Ujjwala connections were discussed.
- **Assam's Dibrugarh district won the Plastic Waste Management Award 2020.** It was awarded for being the best district of India in the plastic waste management category during **Swachhta Hi Sewa 2019.**
 - The award was received by Pallav Gopal Jha, Deputy Commissioner from renowned Bollywood actor Amir Khan at a function held at Pride Plaza, Aerocity in Delhi.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - Swachhta hi Seva 2019 is a nationwide awareness and mobilization campaign on Swachhta.
 - It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Mathura

on 11 September 2019.

- **Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd** bagged a **megaproject** from NTPC for a **250-megawatt** solar project under the **Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU)** scheme.
 - The cost of the project is Rs.1,505 crore. It has been estimated to be completed in a period of 20 months.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - The CPSU scheme aims to set up 12,000 MW of solar capacity by government companies by the financial year 2022-23.
 - The Cabinet already sanctioned a viability gap funding support of Rs.8,580 crore towards the scheme capped at Rs.70 lakh per MW.



AWARDS

- **Ishwar Sharma** from the UK has been **honoured** with the **Global Child Prodigy Award 2020**. The award recognized for the achievements in spiritual discipline yoga.
 - He received his Certificate of Achievement at a special event attended by Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and Dr. Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, in New Delhi in January 2020.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - The award is a Global Talent Recognition for Child Prodigies.
 - The award recognizes the kids below 15 years who are extraordinary in their own way.

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- **Scourge** – a source of persistent trouble, pain, suffering
 - Synonym – menace, pestilence
 - Antonym – blessing, happiness

- **Malaise** – a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify.
 - Synonym – despair, doldrums
 - Antonym – cheer, comfort


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