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NATIONAL NEWS

- **President of Brazil Jair Messias Bolsonaro** will **arrive in New Delhi** on a four-day state visit to India. **President Bolsonaro** will be the **chief guest at the 71st Republic Day** Parade at RajPath in the national capital on January 26.
 - He will be accompanied by a delegation consisting of seven Ministers, Chairman of Brazil-India Friendship Group in the Brazilian Parliament.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Brazil Capital: Brasilia
 - Brazil Official language: Portuguese

BANKING NEWS

- The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) said that it has **cancelled** the **Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of Vodafone m-pesa** on account of voluntary surrender of authorisation.
 - Following the cancellation of the CoA, the company cannot transact the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments.
 - **Related Keys**
 - The Reserve Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai
 - The Reserve Bank of India Founded: 1 April 1935

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- France will **train Indian flight surgeons** to enable them to **monitor the health of astronauts** selected for the **ambitious human space mission Gaganyaan**. The two-week training is a critical aspect of the Gaganyaan project that is aimed at sending three Indians to space by 2022.
 - The flight surgeons, who will be Indian Air Force doctors specialising in aviation medicines and responsible for the health of astronauts before, during and after flight, will be shortlisted soon.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Gaganyaan crewed vehicle is planned to be launched on ISRO's GSLV Mk III in December 2021.
 - Gaganyaan Manufacturer - HAL and ISRO

SPORTS

- **Qatar and FIFA published** the first jointly issued **legacy planning strategy** ahead of the **football World Cup in 2022**. FIFA and the Qatari Supreme Committee organisers said in a statement in Doha that it contains pledges on labour and LGBT rights alongside protections for activists and journalists.
 - A total of 22 objectives have been described in detail.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Qatar Capital: Doha
 - Qatar Currency: Qatari riyal

- **Indian shooters Divyansh Singh Pawar and Apurvi Chandela** have clinched a **gold medal** each in **Meyton Cup in Innsbruck**, Austria. The Meyton Cup is a private tournament where shooters go on their own to participate to gain experience before international events.
 - While Divyansh won the gold in the men's 10m air rifle event with an effort of 249.7, Auprvi bagged the yellow metal in the 10m air rifle women's category with a 251.4.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Rapport** - a relationship of mutual understanding between people
 - Similar Words - affinity , bond
 - Antonyms - alienation, disaffection

- **Ravage** - cause severe and extensive damage to.
 - Similar Words - devastate , ruin
 - Antonyms - spare, conserve.


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