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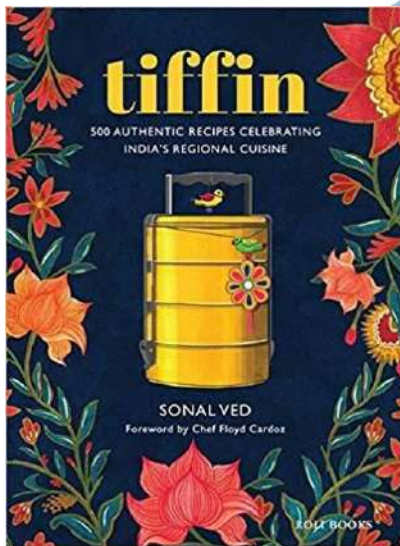
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Bangladesh signed an agreement to upgrade Ashuganj-Akhaura road into a 4-lane highway on 24 January.**
  - The agreement aim is to upgrade the 50.58 kilometre long road between Ashuganj river port and the Akhaura land port in Bangladesh into a 4-lane highway.
  - **Related keys:**
    - Under the agreement, the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) of Bangladesh and an Indian Company Afcons Infrastructure Limited will upgrade the 39 km long road between the Ashuganj river port to the Dharhar area.
    - The project is part of the \$2 billion second line of credit (LoC) extended by India to Bangladesh in 2016

## BANKING & FINANCE

- On January 24, 2020, based on the feedback received from the Voluntary Retention Route scheme introduced by the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) in 2009, the central bank(RBI) in consultation with the govt. made certain amendments in the scheme to increase its operational flexibility.
  - As per the amendments, the **investment limit under VRR** has now been **increased to Rs 1,50,000 crores (1.5lakh crores) from earlier Rs.75,000 crores.**
  - **Related keys:**
    - For fresh allotment, the investment limit will be Rs. 90,639 crores and will be allotted under VRR- combined category.
    - The limits of investment will also be available ‘on tap’ and allotted on ‘first come, first served’ basis.
    - Until the limits are fully allotted, the tap will remain opened.

## AWARDS

- **Sneha Pamneja**, a well known **Graphic designer based in New Delhi**, was **awarded Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020**, a 1st of its kind award for brilliance in book design, at Jaipur BookMark of ongoing 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) at Diggi Palace Hotel in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
  - She was honoured for designing the cover of the book ‘Tiffin: Authentic Recipes Celebrating India’s Regional Cuisine’.
  - **Related keys:**
    - Pamneja was awarded a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh for designing an attractive cover.
    - The award was presented to her by the jury comprising Jurors Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Namita Gokhale and Shobhaa De.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Portuguese diplomat Joao Vale de Almeida** was **appointed** as the head of future **EU diplomatic mission to the UK after Brexit** on 24 January. The UK's exit was scheduled for 31 January 2020.
  - He has experience as the European union's U.S. ambassador in 2010-2014.
  - **Related keys :**
    - Joao Vale de Almeida is an experienced EU diplomat.
    - Prior to his appointment to London, he was the EU ambassador to the United Nations.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International customs day is observed on 26 January.** The day recognizes the role of custom officials and agencies in maintaining border security.
  - The day marks the anniversary of the formation of the Customs Co-

operation Council (CCC).

○ **Related keys:**

- The day was instituted by the World Customs Organization (WCO) in 1953 during the session of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) which was held in Brussels, Belgium.
- On this day, the customs agencies hold employee appreciation events. The agencies recognize the custom officers for their exemplary service.

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Adjunct** – a thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part.
  - Similar word – accessory, add-on, supplement
  - Antonym – subtraction, detriment
  
- **Errant** – erring or straying from the accepted course or standards.
  - Similar word – aberrant, delinquent
  - Antonym – orderly, normal