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NATIONAL NEWS

- **On January 26, 2020, Bharat Parv 2020 begun at Red Fort in New Delhi. The programme is to continue till 1st February, 2020.**
 - The objective of the Programme is to increase patriotism among the citizens and also to encourage them visit tourist places in the country. The programme is being organized by Ministry of tourism.
 - **Related keys:**
 - Bharat Parv is recognized as National Festival. Bharat Parv is being celebrated since 2016.
 - Theme: Celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi & Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
- On January 26, 2020, **Government of India announced 141 Padma Awards** on the **occasion of 71st Republic Day celebrations**. Former Union Ministers George Fernandes, Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj are to be awarded with Padma Vibhushan posthumously.
 - The former CM of Goa Manohar Parrikar is to be conferred with the award posthumously.
 - **Related keys:**
 - Former PM of Mauritius Anerood Jugnauth, Boxer MC Mary Kom, Hindustani classical vocalist Chhannulal Mishra are also to be awarded with the prestigious award.
- At the **71st celebrations of Republic Day, Maharashtra Government launched the Shiv Bhojan Scheme**. The scheme will offer meals at Rs 10 to the poor.
 - The scheme aims at providing affordable, quality food to all. The

State Government has estimated that the scheme would cost Rs 6.4 crores .

○ **Related keys:**

- The centres of the scheme are to be opened at places where the below poverty line citizens live. Also, it is to be opened in areas like district hospitals, markets, railway stations.
- Initially the Government has planned to set up 50 such centres.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **President of Brazil, Mr Jair Bolsonaro visited India** to take part in **Republic Day celebrations**. During his visit, the countries signed several agreements.
 - The countries signed agreements on trade, cyber security, information technology. The countries have set target to increase bilateral trade to 15 billion USD by 2022.
 - **Related keys:**
 - Alongside, the fifth session of India-Brazil Trade monitoring mechanism was also held.
 - President Bolsonaro was accompanied by a huge business delegation.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The **Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO)** displayed the **A-SAT weapon system**. A-SAT is the Anti-Satellite Weapon System.
 - India is one of the few countries in the world to own the technology. The other countries include US, China and Russia.
 - **Related keys:**

- DRDO launched “Mission Shakti”, the first A-SAT mission. The mission demonstrated anti-satellite technology.
- The mission destroyed a live orbiting satellite at the Low Earth Orbit.

AWARDS

- **Farmer Chinthala Venkat Reddy won the Padma Shri award from Telangana.** He was awarded for attaining an international patent for his technique in soil swapping and soil fertility.
 - He is the first independent farmers in India to win the international patent for the technique.
 - **Related keys:**
 - Chinthala Venkat Reddy used the old method of rejuvenating the topsoil to obtain double crop production, instead of using fertilizers.
 - He has a grape farm at Kundanpally in Keesara. He grows black grapes, rice, wheat, and vegetables.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Glitches** – a sudden, usually temporary malfunction or fault of equipment.
 - Similar word – fault, problem, bug
 - Antonym – perfection, in proper order

- **Ceased** – come or bring to an end.
 - Similar word – end, halt, conclude, terminate
 - Antonym – begin, start, commence


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