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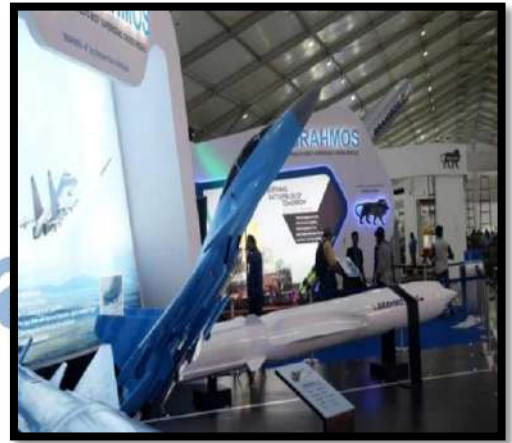
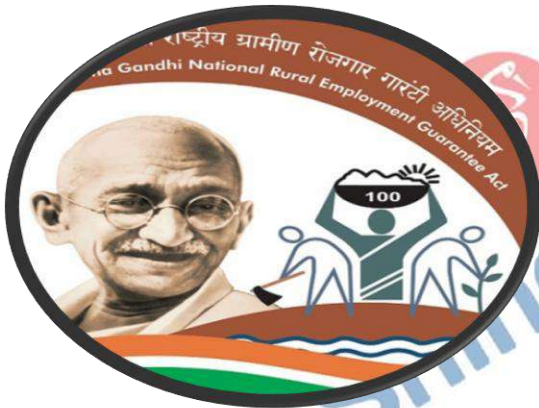
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The MGNREGA (**Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Employment Act**) scheme released its financial statement recently. According to the statement, almost **96%** of the money has already been spent. Only **2,500 crores** of rupees is left to sustain the scheme for the next two months.
 - According to the financial statement of the scheme, 15 states are in red meaning, there is fund depletion or fund unavailability.
 - **Related News**
 - MGNREGA Launch year: 2006
 - MGNREGA Ministry: Ministry of Rural Development
- Seeking to push Make in India in Defence, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** is expected to **inaugurate DefExpo 2020** which will be held in **Lucknow from February 5-9**. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hold a curtain raiser meeting on the eve of the exhibition
 - The event is also being seen as a major push by the government towards building a strong military infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh
 - **Related News**
 - Ministry of defence - Founded: 15 August 1947
 - Ministry of defence - Headquarters: New Delhi
- **On January 28, 2020, the Union Ministry declared that Ramsar Convention had added 10 more sites from India.** Today, there are 37 Ramsar sites in the country.
 - Among the 10 sites, Maharashtra gets its first Ramsar site. The other wetlands sites include one in Uttar Pradesh and 3 in Punjab
 - **Related News**
 - The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat is an international

treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

- **The government signed an accord with the National Democratic Front of Bodoland, one of the dreaded insurgent groups of Assam.**
 - The pact, described as “historic” by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, provides for setting up of a commission to reconstitute the Bodo Territorial Area District (BTAD) by including new Bodo-dominated villages.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Sunil Mehta took over as Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Banks Association.** He succeeds V G Kannan, who stepped down on December 31, 2019. Sunil Mehta was heading Punjab National Bank, PNB as an MD & CEO.
 - While serving PNB, Mehta was also appointed as a chairman of IBA in 2018-19.
 - **Related News**
 - Indian Banks Association Founded: 26 September 1946
 - Indian Banks Association Headquarters location: Mumbai

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Uproarious** - characterized by or provoking loud noise or uproar.
 - Similar Words - riotous , unruly , wild
 - Antonyms - quiet , tame

- **Urbane** - courteous and refined in manner.
 - Similar Words - sophisticated , elegant
 - Antonyms - unsophisticated , boorish