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NATIONAL NEWS

- On March 18, 2020 the **Defence Acquisition Council** (DAC) under the chairmanship of **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** held a **meeting** with its Acquisition Wing in **New Delhi**.
 - During the meet, DAC has approved the procurement of 83 **Tejas Mark-1A** jets from HAL for the Indian Air Force (IAF), marking a boost to the government's flagship "**Make in India**" programme.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Tejas is a Light Combat Aircraft which has been indigenously-designed by Aircraft Development Agency (ADA) under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) .
 - Their aim is to replace ageing **MiG-21 fighters of IAF**.
- The famous Black Pagoda, the Sun **temple in Konark in Puri district of Odisha** is to be included in the '**Iconic Sites**' list of 19 monuments, informed Union Culture and **Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel**. Accordingly, the Sun temple will be developed as an iconic site by the Centre.
 - The Union Minister further said that the Statue of Unity in Gujarat and the Sun temple in Odisha will be included in the said list as the total number of monuments in the list is to be raised from 17 to 19.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Sun temple in Konark Opened: 1250
 - Sun temple in Konark Architectural style: Kalinga architecture

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- On March 19, 2020 Facebook-owned messaging app **WhatsApp launched** the "**WhatsApp Coronavirus Information Hub**" globally, in partnership with WHO (World Health Organization), UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and UNDP (United Nations Development Programme).

- WhatsApp also donated \$**1 million dollars** to Poynter Institute's **International Fast-Checking Network** (IFCN) in order to avoid fake information about the disease.
- **Related Keys**
 - UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946
 - UNDP Founded: 22 November 1965
 - WHO Founded: 7 April 1948

APPOINTMENTS

- **Iraqi President BarhamSalih** has **appointed Adnan al-Zurfi** as the **country's new prime minister**-designate in the latest bid to resolve a months-long political crisis.
 - Al-Zurfi has 30 days to form his cabinet which he must then put to a vote of confidence in Iraq's Parliament.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Iraq Capital: Baghdad
 - Iraq Currency: Iraqi dinar

BANKING NEWS

- On March 18, 2020, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the validity of Authorization to Vakrangee Limited till **March 31, 2021** to setup, own and operates the White Label ATMs (WLA) Business in India.
 - In this regard, **Renewal of Authorization** has been granted to Vakrangee Limited.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Vakrangee Ltd Established in 1990
 - Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Kinderd** - one's family and relations.
 - Similar Words – kin ,connections.
 - Antonyms – unrelated , stranger.
- **Languid** - having or showing a disinclination for physical exertion or effect.
 - Similar Words- relaxed ,unhurried.
 - Antonyms – energetic ,active.


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