

'Undertake One Small Environment-Friendly Act Every Day': Environment Minister

Exhorting the people to undertake one small environment-friendly act every day, Environment Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has invited people to share any environment-friendly act with the Ministry on the website. Addressing a large gathering at the concluding function of the Ministry's Swacchta Pakhwada at the National Zoological Park here today, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that the Ministry will publicise such environment-friendly acts with the people of the country. The Minister also said that 35 senior officers of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change will work in the campaign together to galvanise it into a peoples' movement and take the Swacchta Abhiyaan to 125 crore people of the nation. 'The officers will involve State forest officers, officials from other institutions under the Ministry, school and college students, scouts and guides, NSS and common people', Dr. Harsh Vardhan said. The Minister referred to the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of delivering a New India by the year 2022 and added that though Swacchta Pakhwada concludes today, the spirit of the campaign will continue uninterrupted throughout the year. Dr. Harsh Vardhan emphasised that today, when the entire world discusses issues related to climate change, global warming and environmental protection, it looks with hope towards India. "The world believes that India's culture and philosophy possesses the inspiration and energy, which can spell welfare of the entire mankind", the Minister said. "Protection of environment, forests, nature and rivers has been taught to us by our ancestors. The inherent richness and strength of our culture is our legacy. The day we renew the pledge to protect the environment, we will be able to regain the old glory", Dr. Harsh Vardhan said. The Minister pointed that the concluding function of Swacchta Pakhwada has been organised at the National Zoological Park to celebrate the birth of a baby hippopotamus in the Zoo. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Ajay Narayan Jha said that World Environment Day falls in the middle of Swacchta Pakhwada.

Philip Morris International's Program Eliminating Child Labour Use In Tobacco Farming

Ahmedabad, IPM India, the wholesale trading arm of Philip Morris International (PMI) in India, has reported a significant improvement in school attendance as a result of its programs directed at reduction and elimination of the use of child labour by tobacco growers. The project on 'Prevention of Child Labour and Rural Development in tobacco growing villages of Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka' undertaken through a voluntary organization ASSIST, has focused on school infrastructure development to promote school attendance, income generation activities and building awareness. The program has resulted in children from 34 communities in 30 villages attending school regularly. Around 8000 school children have started attending schools regularly, thereby moving out of the farm work force. The awareness programs have reached out to over 3400 children through child-to-child workshops. Awareness rallies and cultural programs involving over 7000 children have built connect with over 60,000 villagers. "Every year PMI supports nearly 8000 children in tobacco-growing areas in AP and Karnataka on a range of projects. At PMI we are committed to sustainable farming, better opportunities for farmers and the fight to end child labour. While we don't own tobacco farms in India, they are a crucial part of our economic, environmental, and social footprint. Consequently, we have developed a comprehensive program called Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). Through GAP, we are striving to improve the lives of millions of people in India who rely on farm work. A big part of that is eliminating child labor on tobacco farms. We also support projects in the tobacco growing communities where we operate, to reinforce this commitment," says R Venkatesh, Director, Corporate Affairs, IPM India. (20)

Shri Pabitra Buragohain, President, Federation of Industry

The President of Federation of Industry & Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER), Shri Pabitra Buragohain met the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, here today. During the meeting, among the other important issues related to the growth of industry in India, the subject of GST rollout from July was also discussed in detail. Shri Pabitra Buragohain expressed his views on the GST and on the tax provisions relating to North Eastern industrial products. Dr Jitendra Singh said that GST will play an essential role in positioning India nation in the global economy and contribute to the strengthening of the economy. He said that this is important particularly for the North East region, which can take advantage of the uniformity in the tax regime throughout country. It will also help in curbing tax evasion, he added. Shri Pabitra Buragohain assured the Minister that the industry will cooperate in the Government's decision of rolling out GST in North East. Addressing some of the concerns raised by him, Dr Jitendra Singh said that there will be certain relaxations and adjustments in the beginning phase. He said that the connectivity issues in the North Eastern region are also being adequately addressed for the successful implementation of the GST in this region. Dr Jitendra Singh said that the GST will surely contribute to the development and overall growth of the economy of the country including the remote areas like North Eastern Region by providing 'One Nation, One Tax' regime.

Ministry of Culture to start implementation of 'National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India'

In the year of commemoration of the birth centenary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, who hailed from Mathura district in Uttar Pradesh, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India is launching the implementation of the "National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India" at Gowardhan Block, Mathura District, Uttar Pradesh in a day long, Block level mega talent hunt programme (Sanskrit Pratibha Khoj Samaroh) on 17th June, 2017 from 10 am to 5 pm at Radheshyam Sewa Sadan (in front of Gaudiya Math), Radha Kund Road, Gowardhan. The programme will be inaugurated by the Minister of State (Independent charge) for Culture & Tourism Dr. Mahesh Sharma, in the august presence of the Ministers of Uttar Pradesh having their constituency in Mathura District, MP and MLAs of Mathura District, Ministry's Senior officials and various renowned artists including Padma, Sangeet Natak Akademi and State Awardees. This Mission is part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' umbrella. Around 1-2 thousand artists are expected to take part in this Block level event where artists can also register themselves following which a registration certificate/slip/code will be provided to all the artists who register. A stage will be provided to the registered artists for performance and displaying their talent. A panel of renowned artists has also been invited for judging the participants in different art forms. Registration can also be done directly on the portal culturalmappingofindia.nic.in.

For those artists who, for some reason, are not able to register themselves and their art forms, enumeration teams have been sent to all the 47 villages of Gowardhan Block for geo mapping of artists and their art forms. Any person who claims to be an artist can register at the initial level. Paving the way for the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' programme led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the mission aims at converting the vast and widespread cultural canvas of India into an objective cultural map, designing a mechanism to fulfill the aspirations of the whole artist community of the nation and preserving the rich cultural heritage of this country in the form of a cultural repository of artists and art forms. This Mission encompasses data mapping, demography building formalising the processes and bringing all the cultural activities under one web based umbrella for better results. The Mission also seeks to open a direct channel of communication of artists with the Government and peer to peer communication among artists for talent honing and handholding of each other. With a vision that no cultural talent or heritage should remain unattended and if it is talent, it should be nurtured and if it is a heritage, it should be conserved and used as an icon to learn from the past, and also to propagate our cultural talent across all boundaries, the Ministry has planned to hold talent hunt competitions with various rounds from Block level to National level.

Celebrate The Spirit Of Ramadan With Western Union

Western Union, a leader in global money transfer services, announced its '30 Days of Betters' campaign in India to coincide with the holy month of Ramadan. In line with Western Union's vision of "Moving Money for Better", the campaign is focused on fostering the spirit of positivity and kindness among everyday people who make a difference. The '30 Days of Betters' campaign is running in India till 24th June and has a host of initiatives aimed at rewarding consumers. Money transfer recipients who receive money from the United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, United Kingdom, Malaysia, Singapore, Canada, Australia or New Zealand and pay out in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala will have opportunity to win Rs.51,000 daily, and we encourage winners to use their winnings toward acts of goodwill. Staying true to the spirit of the holy month, the campaign is aimed at inspiring people to perform acts of kindness that will benefit other individuals, or the society at large. "We live in times when the smallest act of kindness can create a positive social impact. The desire to undertake deeds of benevolence, charity and generosity that has encouraging effects on the society is what ties humans across our nation together. We believe that the '30 Days of Betters' campaign will motivate positive behavior and acts from individuals to influence other people's everyday circumstances. This Ramadan, Western Union aims to strengthen our shared social values, by providing winners the funds to perform good deeds," said Western Union Regional Vice President for India, Sohini Rajola. (19-10)

Nuclear Energy: Need of the hour...



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It was a moment of great joy for Indian nuclear scientists and engineers when it was announced recently by the Government of India, that permission had been granted for setting up ten more nuclear power plants of 700 megawatts each in a fleet mode, based on indigenous technology, in order to provide a fillip to the Indian nuclear energy programme. Undoubtedly this approval will strengthen the efforts being made by the Indian Department of Atomic Energy and pave the way for development.

There is a positive change of attitude towards atomic energy in our country and in this background, this decision by the Government of India will lay down a new path. The way in which the Government has approved the construction of indigenously-designed nuclear power plants to take forward the campaign of clean energy, is also certain to create new opportunities of industrial development and employment generation.

It is remarkable that nuclear power plants in our country have been operational in a secure manner for the last several decades, and they are being managed ably by trained and licensed officials. In this background, the approval for construction of new nuclear power plants will help in further strengthening the Indian nuclear energy programme.

It may come as a surprise to many that even after seven decades of Independence about a quarter of India's population is forced to lead a life without electricity. They are still clueless about electricity. It has been the endeavour of all officials of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) to increase the production of electricity so that more houses can be illuminated.

At present about 450 nuclear power plants are operational across the world and they are generating electricity round the clock. Electricity is produced in India by many sources, out of which about 80 per cent comes from thermal, 10.5 per cent from hydro and 6.5 from other renewable sources (includes biomass, wind and solar energy). The share of nuclear energy in producing electricity is a mere 3 per cent. It is thus clear that nuclear energy has a great untapped potential.

Coal reserves are limited as they are fossil products, and hydro energy potential has almost been exploited, which advocates clearly that there is a great potential to generate electricity from nuclear energy. For the last 48 years, all nuclear power plants of India have been operating in a safe and secure manner, and they are generating 6780 MW of electricity every day. They have always demonstrated the robustness and highest level of safety while operating round the clock through out the years. It is remarkable that so far there has been not even a single instant pertaining to leakage of any amount of radiation to the environment, thus makes nuclear energy a safe and clean choice to the general people. Even in difficult circumstances and during adverse scenario, such as the earthquake in Bhuj (Gujarat) and the tsunami in Tamil Nadu, our nuclear power plants were not affected. At present the emission of dangerous gases and global warming as a result of electricity generation by thermal power plants is a matter of grave concern while on the other hand, nuclear energy is turning out to be a clean and green alternative source of energy.

It had been a difficult task to remove the doubts surrounding nuclear energy in the minds of most people. The unfortunate incident of 11 March 2011, when a fear-some tsunami had hit Japan, leading to a mishap at the Fukushima nuclear power plant is still fresh in people's minds. Nearly 20,000 people had lost their lives in incidents related to the earthquake and the tsunami, but the matter of the fact is that not a single life had been lost due to radiation leak in the entire tragedy. But the incident nevertheless shook the entire world and prompted scientists and engineers to make the nu-



clear power plants even stronger and safer. In India also, many voluntary organizations started a campaign to create a fear psychosis about nuclear power plants. An environment of unnecessary fear was planted by many agencies which are anti-nuclear and ideologically opposed to nuclear power, which created lots of panic to the people. At many places demonstrations against nuclear power plants were organized on streets and the people were misled. These events indicated the level of ignorance about nuclear energy. Not only the unaware people, but even the educated class has been carried away by this campaign. This showed that the problem was more complex than it appeared, and a systematic multi-pronged effort was required to counter this negative campaign. Even it was disheartening to see that children having no knowledge about the subject were made to participate in protest demonstrations with placards in their hands. Such incidents shocked all of us and we decided to come out with lots of creative and innovative learning material that would introduce general public and especially children to the different dimensions of nuclear energy. In this connection, very interesting comics and cartoon films were created in many regional languages, and these helped disseminate information about nuclear energy. It also helped in eradicating the misconceptions and fear about nuclear energy in the minds of the people. At the same time, lectures, site visits, exhibitions and promotional awareness campaigns with the help of professional agencies were organized. The 'Halls of Nuclear Power' were set up in Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai, National Science Centre, Delhi and Tamil Nadu Science Centre, Chennai, for creating awareness about nuclear energy among millions of people and to dispel fear and apprehensions connected to nuclear energy. The extent of damage to the environment in generation of electricity by thermal can be imagined. At the same time, the proper management of millions of tons of ash produced after burning of coal is also a huge problem. Then there are limitations to the use of wind energy and solar energy. The production capacity of both these resources is dependent on large spaces, availability of sun light and the flow of wind. Keeping a view, nuclear energy can be one of the good alternatives. It is green, clean and cost-effective, and is capable of generating electricity on a large scale without causing any environmental pollution round the clock. It requires very little quantity of fuel and generates very small amount of high level waste. Millions of tones of waste is produced by generating electricity for one day by coal in metro cities like Delhi and Mumbai, compare to negligible waste is produced in generating electricity by nuclear energy. In global terms, France produces about 74 per cent of its electricity requirement by nuclear energy. Many developed countries like Belgium, Sweden, Hungary, Germany, Switzerland, USA, Russia etc. produce about 18 to more than 40 per cent of their electricity by nuclear energy. It is indeed a fact that the standards of safety and security for operating a nuclear power plant are so stringent that cannot be witnessed in any other sector. It is time that we eradicate all misconceptions related to nuclear energy and change our attitude from negative to positive towards nuclear energy. It will help in building a strong economy and catapult India among developed nations in the world. (19-10)

Sony Pix FPC Listing 16th June, 2017

India Time	16-Jun-17 Friday
6:00 AM	RIDE ALONG 2
8:05 AM	MONSTERS UNIVERSITY
10:02 AM	RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT! S03E12
11:03 AM	FAST & FURIOUS 6
1:26 PM	DON'T BREATHE
3:24 PM	DEATH RACE 3
5:35 PM	2012
9:00 PM	THE MUMMY
11:45 PM	JOHN RAMBO
1:37 AM	EVAN ALMIGHTY
3:07 AM	LAKE PLACID VS. ANACONDA

The Mummy
Date: 16th June
Time: 9PM

Synopsis: An American serving in the French Foreign Legion on an archaeological dig at the ancient city of Hamunaptra accidentally awakens a mummy



Ahmedabad to experience Josh Talks Coming Sunday



Ahmedabad, Josh Talks Ahmedabad is taking place in association with Facebook on 18th June at Pride Plaza Hotel. This one day long conference expands across genres and is all set to bring a wide narrative on India. Aruna Chandrashekhkar Journalist : Aruna Chandrashekhkar is a senior researcher at Amnesty International in India, where she has been working on business impacts on human rights. She has led advocacy campaigns and participated in mass mobilisation around mining and other large projects.

Indu Harikumar - Artist: Writer and illustrator Indu Harikumar had tried out Tinder for the first time in 2015 while on an art residency in Vienna. Although her experience with the popular dating app was great, her experiences in India were a different story altogether. She then came up with the idea of a 100-day project titled #100IndianTinderTales in which she uses illustrations to complement the narratives of experiences Indians and expats dating Indians had on Tinder. (13-9)

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