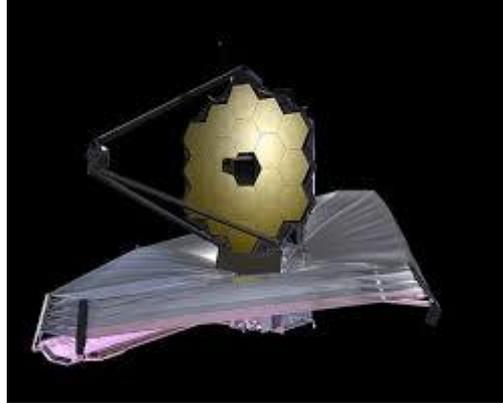


JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE'S FIRST SCIENCE TARGETS ANNOUNCED



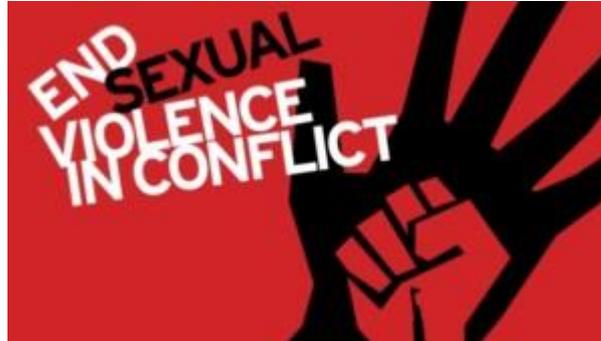
Mission officials for NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) have announced the initial science targets for the James Webb Space Telescope. The JWST has been scheduled to look at a large number of things in the universe including icy moons, distant exoplanets and galaxy clusters. It will look at very first galaxies after the Big Bang, search for fingerprints of life on Enceladus, Europa, and exoplanets like TRAPPIST-1e etc. As a part of the initial observations, 2100 observations has been planned for the JWST by the mission handlers.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE LAUNCHES NATIONAL MISSION ON CULTURAL MAPPING OF INDIA



Dr Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture & Tourism on 17 June 2017 launched the implementation of the National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India at Goverdhan Block, Mathura District of Uttar Pradesh. The national mission on cultural mapping was launched in a day long, Block level mega talent hunt programme (Sanskritik Pratibha Khoj Samaroh). This Mission is part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' umbrella. Ministry of Culture launched it in the year of commemoration of the birth centenary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, who hailed from Mathura.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT



The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict was observed globally on 19 June 2017 with the theme 'Preventing Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice and Deterrence'. The United Nations will be hosting a panel discussion to commemorate the day at its headquarters in New York on 20 June 2017. The common public would be able to follow the conversation on social media with the hashtag #EndRapeinWar. The United Nations General Assembly on 19 June 2015 proclaimed the day as the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

SBI, TIRUMALA MILK PRODUCTS TIE UP FOR PROVIDING LOANS TO DAIRY FARMERS



State Bank of India has entered into a tie-up with Tirumala Milk Products, a South-based company which was acquired by Groupe Lactalis in 2014, to provide loans to dairy farmers who supply milk to the latter. France-based Groupe Lactalis, which also acquired Indore-based Anik Dairy in 2016, wants to double the number of dairy farmers under its fold to three lakh and ramp up the amount of milk it procures daily to 25 lakh litres by 2020 from 14 lakh litres now. "We have to include more farmers in our fold to be successful in this business in the long term and the financing from the bank will help us in this endeavour," said K Baskara Sethupathy, Head (Milk Procurement), Tirumala Milk Products.

ATAL PENSION YOJANA (APY) CAN NOW BE SUBSCRIBED DIGITALLY



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Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has now introduced APY@eNPS which involves a complete digital enrolment process. This is the latest in the series of various initiatives taken by PFRDA for expansion of outreach of Atal Pension Yojana (APY), to give additional push to cover the as yet unreached population at greater ease. PFRDA has conducted meetings with Banks and Deptt of Post at Kolkata, Bengaluru & Mumbai respectively for the earliest roll out of the facility call.

DGCA SUSPENDS COIMBATORE-BASED CARRIER AIR CARNIVAL'S FLYING PERMIT



Aviation regulator DGCA has suspended the flying licence of Coimbatore-based carrier Air Carnival which has not operated a single flight since early April. With this, Air Carnival has become the third regional carrier, after Air Pegasus and Air Costa, whose air operator permit has been suspended by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in the last eight months. "The DGCA has suspended Air Operator Permit (AOP) of Air Carnival after it failed to satisfy the regulator in its response to the show-cause notice," a DGCA official said. The order for suspension of the flying licence of Air Carnival was issued earlier this month, the official said. Air Carnival Chairman and Managing Director S Irudaya Nathan was not available for comments.

AIIB APPROVES MEMBERSHIP OF ARGENTINA, MADAGASCAR, TONGA



The China-initiated Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on Friday approved the membership of Argentina, the Republic of Madagascar and the Kingdom of Tonga at its second annual meeting of governors. The AIIB's board of governors adopted resolutions approving the three applicants to join the bank at the second annual meeting, which kicked off earlier in the day in South Korea's southern resort island of Jeju. The first meeting was held in Beijing last year.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SETS UP GST FACILITATION CELL IN DIPP



The industry department today said it has established a GST facilitation cell to address any tax issue that can come up in sectors related to the DIPP. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) looks after policies related to sectors including leather, cement, paper, salt and explosives. The GST (Goods and Services Tax) facilitation cell is headed by Sudhansu Sekhar Das, Economic Adviser of the department.

KIDAMBI SRIKANTH LIFTS INDONESIA OPEN BY DEFEATING KAZUMASA SAKAI



Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth clinched his third Superseries title, lifting the Indonesia Open men's singles trophy with a straight-game victory over Japanese qualifier Kazumasa Sakai in the finals here on Sunday. World No.22 Srikanth, who had reached the finals at Singapore Open in April, outclassed Sakai, ranked 47th, 21-11, 21-19 in just 37 minutes to take home a cheque of \$75,000. Later, reacting to the win, the Badminton Association of India announced a cash award of ₹5 lakh.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY TO BE HELD IN CHINA AFTER INDIA



Yoga fever has gripped China ahead of the third UN International Yoga Day as thousands of Chinese would participate in scores of events organised across the country which officials say will make it the second biggest celebrations of the day in the world after India. Beijing's iconic Great Wall as well as numerous parks, lakes and resorts across China have become venues for the both official and unofficial yoga events being held with active support of Chinese government bodies.