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NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Govt approves construction of 3.61 lakh houses under PMAY-U;
- India's organic food products exports jump 51% to \$1 bn in 2020-21;
- Indian Navy to get at least three MH-60 "Romeo" multi-mission heavy-duty helicopters soon;
- ISRO to help development projects in Northeast India: Jitendra Singh;
- Ministry of Ayush launches 'Namaste Yoga' App.

MISSION'S ACTIVITIES



Govt approves construction of 3.61 lakh houses under PMAY-U

The Central government has given approval to 708 proposals for construction of 3.61 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)- another move with the objective of providing pucca houses to all eligible beneficiaries of Urban India by 2022 with the vision of 'Housing for All'. These houses are proposed to be constructed across beneficiary led construction and affordable housing in partnership verticals. The total number of sanctioned houses under PMAY(U) is now 112.4 lakh and so far, 82.5 lakh have been grounded for construction of which 48.31 lakhs have been completed and delivered. Total investment under the mission is Rs 7.35 lakh crore, which has Central assistance of Rs 1.81 lakh crore of which Rs 96,067 crore of funds have been released.

Source: livemint.com

India's organic food products exports jump 51% to \$1 bn in 2020-21

The country's exports of organic food products rose by 51 per cent year-on-year to USD 1 billion (Rs 7,078 crore) in 2020-21, according to the Commerce Ministry. The main goods which recorded healthy growth in exports include oil cake meal, oilseeds, fruit pulps and purees, cereals and millets, spices and condiments, tea, dry fruits, sugar, pulses, coffee, and essential oil. India's organic products have been exported to 58 countries including the USA, European Union, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, Switzerland, Israel, and South Korea. Organic products are currently exported from India only if they are produced, processed, packed, and labelled as per the requirements of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).

The NPOP certification has been recognised by the European Union and Switzerland which enables India to export unprocessed plant products to these countries without the requirement of additional certification.

Source: businesstoday.com

Indian Navy to get at least three MH-60 "Romeo" multi-mission heavy-duty helicopters soon

Indian Navy is set to receive three of 24 MH-60 Romeo multirole helicopters from United States (US) in July 2021. The Navy this year will get at least three of the 24 MH-60 "Romeo" multi-mission heavy-duty helicopters, equipped with multi-mode radars and night-vision devices as well as armed with Hellfire missiles, MK-54 torpedoes and precision-kill rockets, under the Rs 15,157 crore (\$2.13 billion) contract inked with the US in February 2020. The helicopters are designed to operate from frigates, destroyers, cruisers and aircraft carriers.

Source: economic.times.indiatimes.com

ISRO to help development projects in Northeast India: Jitendra Singh

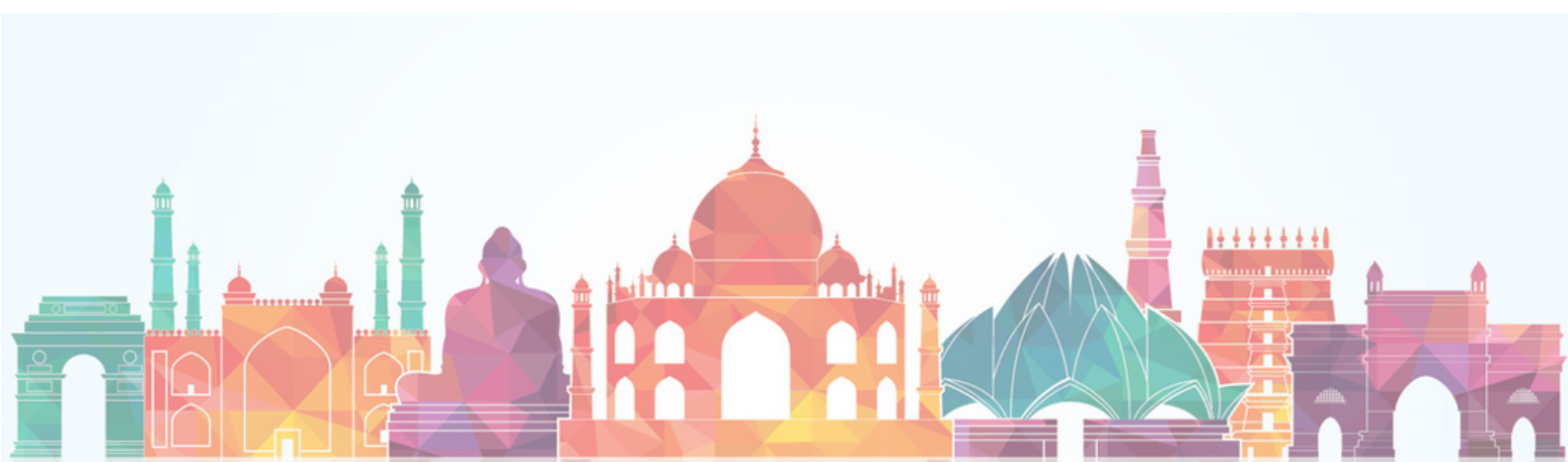
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will assist development projects in the Northeast by offering optimum utilisation of satellite imaging and other space technology for better accomplishment of targets. Chairing a high-level meeting with senior officers of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and ISRO scientists, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said six out of the eight states of the Northeast have already sent their proposals for execution by the ISRO, while the remaining two, Sikkim and Assam, will send their proposals soon. The centre was set up with a vision to play the catalytic role in the holistic development of the Northeast by providing space science and technology support on natural resource management, infrastructure planning, healthcare, education, emergency communication, disaster management support, and space and atmospheric science research.

Source: eastmojo.com

Ministry of Ayush launches 'Namaste Yoga' App

The Ministry of Ayush organised a curtain raiser event for the 7th International Day of Yoga. The event was organised by the Ministry of Ayush in association with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY). The event brought together several Yoga Gurus and experienced Yoga exponents on the virtual platform, to appeal to the world community to adopt Yoga in their daily life for the betterment of both the individual self and mankind. The event underlined the importance of the central theme of IDY 2021 "Be With Yoga, Be At Home". As a part of the event, a mobile application devoted to Yoga named "Namaste Yoga", was also launched. The Namaste Yoga app has been designed as an information platform for the public, with the aim to raise awareness about yoga and make it accessible for the larger community.

Source: ayushnext.ayush.gov.in





Personality of the week

C.N.R. Rao (born 30.06.1934)



Prof. Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao, popularly known as CNR Rao is a leading Indian scientist in the field of solid state and materials chemistry. Prof. Rao completed BSc from Mysore University at age seventeen, and MSc from Banaras Hindu University at age nineteen. He earned a PhD from Purdue University at age twenty-four. His major area of research comprises transition metal oxides and other extended inorganic solids, inorganic-organic hybrid materials, nano-materials and generation of hydrogen by photocatalysis. Rao is one of the world's foremost solid state and materials chemists. His studies have had a profound impact in application fields such as high temperature superconductivity and oxide semiconductors. He has made immense contributions to nano-materials over the last two decades, besides his work on hybrid materials.

Rao has been working as the National Research Professor holding the position of Honorary President of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, which he founded in 1989. He had served as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Indian Prime Minister for two terms, from 1985 to 1989 and from 2005 to 2014.

In addition to receiving numerous national and international recognitions and awards, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna - the highest civilian award in India, in 2014. Rao received most important scientific awards and honours including the Marlow Medal, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology, Hughes Medal, India Science Award, Dan David Prize, Royal Medal, Von Hippel Award, ENI award 2020 for research into renewable energy sources and energy storage, also called the Energy Frontier award (Oct, 2021).



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FLAVOR'S OF INDIA

KASHMIRI NADRU MONJE

Recipe Servings: 2

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 15 mins

Total Cook Time: 25 mins

Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients of Kashmiri Nadru Monje:

- 500 Gram Lotus stems
- 2 cups Rice Flour
- to taste Salt
- to taste Kashmiri red chili powder
- 1 tbsp Cumin Seeds
- as required Water
- for frying Oil

How to make Kashmiri Nadru Monje:

- Wash the lotus stems thoroughly and drain excessive water.
- Cut into thin strips.
- Toss them in a bowl of rice flour.
- Add salt, cumin seeds and red chilli powder. Mix well.
- Let the flour absorb water from lotus stems. Add some more water if required.
- Deep fry the coated lotus stems in hot oil.

About Kashmiri Nadru Monje:

Kashmiri Nadru Monje is a famous kashmiri street food recipe. These pakoras are super easy to make, just dip lotus stem in rice flour, season it with different spices and deep fry until golden brown. Pair it up with your favourite dip.

Source: food.ndtv



FORTS OF RAJASTHAN (5)



JUNAGARH FORT

Junagarh is an impregnable bastion that holds the distinction of having never been captured. It was constructed in 1588 AD by Raja Rai Singh, one of Emperor Akbar's most distinguished generals. The fort complex houses some magnificent palaces constructed in red sandstone and marble and visitors can feast their eyes on an attractive assortment of courtyards, balconies, kiosks and windows.

Source: <http://www.tourism.rajasthan.gov.in/>

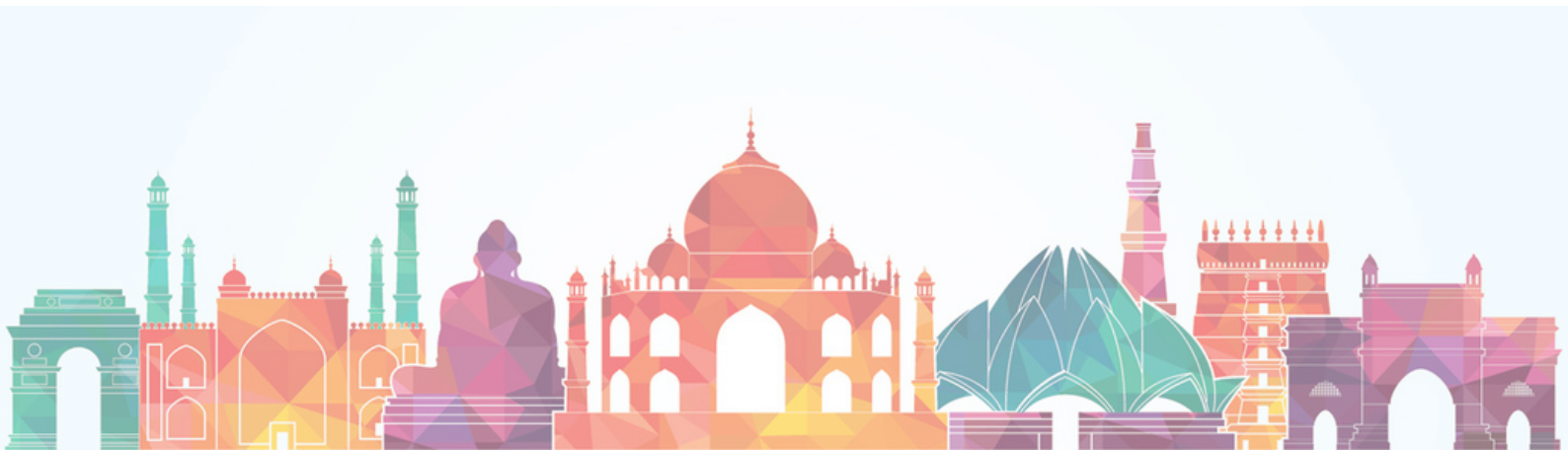




KHANDHAR FORT

The imposing Khandhar Fort is a place worth visiting and is situated just 45 kms from Sawai Madhopur. This magnificent fortification was long ruled by the Sisodia Kings of Mewar after which it was taken over by the Mughals. It is believed that the king of this fort never lost a war.

Source: <http://www.tourism.rajasthan.gov.in/>



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