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NATIONAL

Women Wizards Rule Tech

- ❖ Women Wizards Rule Tech (W2RT) is a unique program with the objective to increase the pipeline of women in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, And Mathematics)/ Technology at senior levels capable of taking up leadership roles and enable their retention in the chosen domains.
- ❖ The program is designed exclusively for Women professionals in Core Technologies from Information Technology (IT), Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) / Business process management (BPM), Product and R&D Firms.
- ❖ It is a joint initiative of NASSCOM, NASSCOM Sector Skills Council and Data Security Council of India.
- ❖ W2RT was launched at the NASSCOM D&I Summit 2018 in Chennai.

NASSCOM

- ❖ The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) is a trade association of Indian Information Technology (IT) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry.
- ❖ NASSCOM is a non-profit organization established in 1988.
- ❖ NASSCOM is headquartered in New Delhi, India, with regional offices in the cities of Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, and Thiruvananthapuram.

5th National Standards Conclave

- ❖ The 5th National Standards Conclave with the theme “Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization” was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ It was organized by Department of Commerce and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ❖ Two reports were also released by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Indian National Strategy for Standardization (INSS) and CII-ASL Study on TBT/SPS Notifications.
- ❖ INSS is the result of the combined efforts of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Consumer Affairs and industry stakeholders.



INTERNATIONAL

Inter-Governmental Ministerial Meeting On Anti-Doping

- ❖ The 15th annual Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping was held in Colombo.
- ❖ It is attended by representatives from 29 countries including India.
- ❖ The 15th such annual gathering is also being attended by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to discuss important anti-doping issues that will help in the fight for clean sport.

ECONOMY

Alteration of 'Relative' Definition

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has narrowed the definition of relatives over the funds sent abroad under the 'maintenance of close relative' category of the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) to check the flow of funds.
- ❖ Hence, funds under the 'maintenance of close relative' category can be sent only to immediate relatives such as parents, spouses, children and their spouses.
- ❖ This has brought about by defining 'relatives' under the Companies Act, 2013 instead of the same act of 1956.
- ❖ Outward remittances under maintenance of close relatives shot up to almost \$3 billion in 2017-18 from a mere \$174 million in 2013-14.

Sandeep Bakhshi - New COO

- ❖ ICICI Bank board has appointed ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi
- ❖ This move comes after ICICI Bank announced that its Chief Executive Chanda Kochhar would go on leave until the completion of an inquiry over an alleged conflict of interest
- ❖ Bakhshi, whose appointment is for a period of five years beginning June 19, pending regulatory approvals, will report to Kochhar.
- ❖ The new COO will report to the bank's board during Kochhar's period of leave.



ENVIRONMENT

World's oldest Sumatran Orangutan

- ❖ The world's oldest known Sumatran orangutan has died in an Australian zoo aged 62, leaving behind 54 descendants.
- ❖ Puan, described as the “grand old lady” of Perth Zoo, was euthanized on Monday due to age-related complications.
- ❖ She had been at the zoo since 1968 and was officially recognized by Guinness World Records as the oldest of her species in 2016.
- ❖ A critically endangered species, Sumatran orangutans rarely reach age 50 in the wild.
- ❖ According to the World Wildlife Fund, there are only about 14,600 Sumatran orangutans.

STATES

'I-Hariyali' Mobile App

- ❖ The Punjab Government has launched a mobile application named 'i-Hariyali' aimed at increasing the state's green cover.
- ❖ The mobile application would enable the users to order free plant saplings (a maximum of 25 per person).
- ❖ The 'i-Hariyali' app, under 'Mission Tandarust Punjab' can be downloaded from the app store for free.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

India Smart Cities Award

- ❖ India Smart Cities Award were launched on 25 June 2017 with an objective to reward cities, projects and innovative ideas, promoting sustainable development in cities
- ❖ There are 3 categories of awards
 1. Innovative Idea Award



2. City Award
3. Project Award

Innovative Idea Award

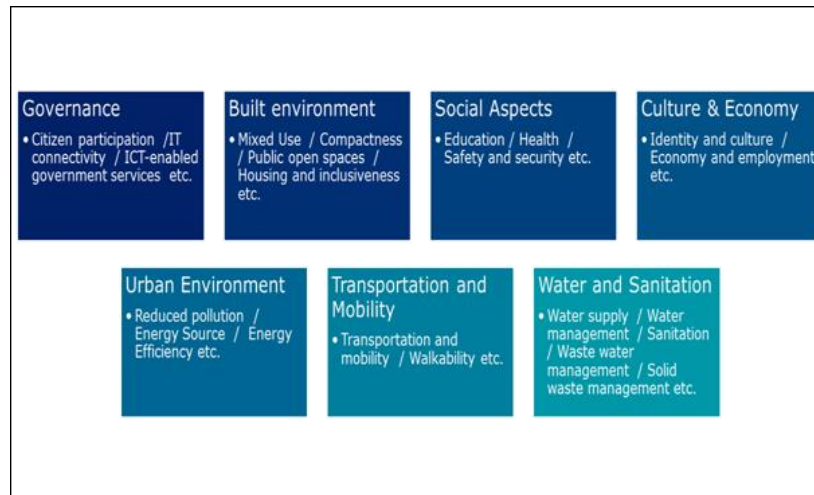
- ❖ Joint winners in this category are Bhopal for their Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) and Ahmedabad for Safe and Secure Ahmedabad (SASA) Project.

City Award

- ❖ The city award is being given to Surat for showing great momentum in the implementation of projects especially in the categories of urban environment, transport and mobility and sustainable integrated development.

Project Award

- ❖ The Project awards are being given to most innovative and successful projects in seven categories that have been completed by April 1, 2018.



- ❖ The Projects selected are
 1. PMC Care from Pune under 'Governance' category,
 2. Smart Place Making from Pune under 'Built Environment',
 3. Smart Classrooms from NDMC and Jabalpur, Smart Campus from Visakhapatnam, Lighthouse from Pune under 'Social Aspects' category,
 4. B Nest Incubation Centre from Bhopal and Conservation of Rajasthan School of Arts from Jaipur under 'Culture and Economy' category,
 5. Public Bike Sharing from Bhopal, Pune, Coimbatore, and Waste to Energy Plant in Jabalpur under 'Urban environment' category,



6. Integrated Transit Management System (TMS) from Ahmedabad and Surat under 'Transport and Mobility' category and
7. Smart Water Management through SCADA from Ahmedabad under 'Water and Sanitation' category.

PM awards

- ❖ The Ayush Ministry announced that Vishwas Mandlik of Nashik and The Yoga Institute in Mumbai are the recipients of the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of yoga.
- ❖ Mandlik won the award in the category Individual - National and The Yoga Institute won in the category Organisation - National.
- ❖ Mandlik set up Yoga Vidhya Gurukul in 1983 for yoga education. Yoga Chaitanya Seva Pratisthan, a trust, was set up by him in 1994 to propagate yoga in remote parts of India.
- ❖ The Yoga Institute in Mumbai, set up in 1918 by Yogendraji, has completed 100 years producing more than 50,000 yoga teachers and has over 500 publications to its credit.

Water Resources Management Report - Rajasthan

- ❖ NITI Aayog has ranked Rajasthan at first place among states in water conservation as it registered a significant increase in the level of groundwater.
- ❖ The NITI Aayog in its composite water resources management report has appreciated the efforts made by Rajasthan government and people participation in conservation of surface water.
- ❖ The state has restored 80% irrigation potential of identified bodies largely through community managed ponds and tanks.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Yoga Day

- ❖ International Day of Yoga is celebrated annually on 21 June since its inception in 2015.
- ❖ An international day for yoga was declared unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).



- ❖ June 21 is chosen as International Yoga Day as is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and shares special significance in many parts of the world.
- ❖ This year, the national event was held at Dehradun's Forest Research Institute with the participation of Prime Minister.
- ❖ Rajasthan created a world record bringing over a lakh of people together at a yoga session to mark the International Day of Yoga.
- ❖ The theme for 2018 was "Yoga for Peace."

Fête de la Musique – June 21

- ❖ The Fête de la Musique, also known as Music Day, Make Music Day or World Music Day.
 - ❖ It is an annual music celebration that takes place on 21 June.
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