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❖ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu the book titled 'Quality, Accreditation and Ranking – A Silent Revolution in the Offing in Indian Higher Education' edited by EPSI's Alternate President, Dr. H Chaturvedi at the book launch function organized by the Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI), BIMTEC Hand Bloomsbury Pvt Ltd. It presents an analysis of the past and present scenario in the Indian Higher Education and also focuses on how to raise the quality of colleges and universities to enable them compete globally.



❖ Indian batsman Suresh Raina became the first Indian to score 8000 runs in T20 cricket after scoring just 12 runs in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match against Puducherry.



✚ He was playing for Uttar Pradesh. He has scored 8001 runs in 300 Twenty20s at an average of 33.47 and notched 4 centuries and 48 fifties in the shortest format.

✚ Dhoni is the only other Indian to have played 300 T20s so far. He has scored the 6th most runs in T20s after Chris Gayle (12298 runs), Brendon McCullum (9922), Kieron Pollard (8838 runs), Shoaib Malik (8603 runs) and David Warner (8111 runs).

❖ Grand master Abhi jeet Gupta won the Cannes International Open after taking an easy draw with Pier Luigi Basso of Italy in the ninth and final round.

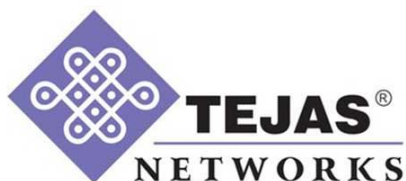
✚ He won the tournament with 7.5 points, a clear point lead over nearest rivals Nikita Maiorov of Belarus, Nasuta Grzegorz of



Poland and Yuri Solo dovni checko of Ukraine .He registered 6 wins and 3 draw sat the chess tournament

- ❖ Tejas Networks today launched its broadband access product which provides both wireline as well as wireless broadband services from a single integrated platform.

✚ It was launched by Mr. Anshu Prakash, Additional Secretary, Department of Telecom, Government of India at the Mobile World Congress (MWC), Barcelona .The TJ1400 integrates multiple broadband access technologies: gigabit fiber broadband (GPON/NG-PON), fixed wireless broadband (4G/LTE e Node B upgradable to 5G) and GE/10GE/100GE Business Ethernet services (CE2.0 certified) in highly compact, modular and energy-efficient platforms.



- ❖ Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched Rail Drishti Dashboard, an online portal containing information related to passenger and freight trains and links to live feeds of IRCTC kitchens .The URL of the dashboard is raildrishti.cris.org.in and it is very well optimized and user friendly so that those in remote villages can also access and know everything about railways .

✚ It can be accessed using desktop/laptop or a mobile device such as phone or tablet. It encompasses all the efforts taken by the Indian railways to digitize and brings information from various sources to one platform and also gives access to key statistics and parameters to every citizen of India..



- ❖ On 25th February 2019, G.R. Karthikeyan was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award at the FMSCI annual awards function held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He is the father of Narain Karthikeyan—India's first Formula One racer.



The Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India

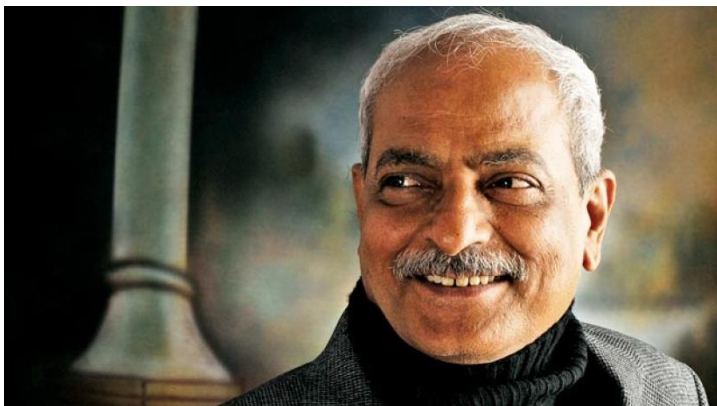
Also, Raghul Rangasamy was honoured with the Upcoming Motorsport Person of the Year award for the Raymond Gautam Singhanian Trophy.

- ❖ The awards were presented by the chief guest of the event, FIA president Jean Todt.
- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind presented the “Gandhi Peace Prize” for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 at Rashtrapati Bhawan, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Gandhi Peace Prize for Social, Economic and Political transformation through Non-violence was instituted in the year 1995 and comprises of an amount of Rs 1 crore along with a citation.



The following are the awardees:

- ❖ 2015 – Vivekanand Kendra, Kanyakumari
- ❖ 2016 – Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International (jointly)
- ❖ 2017 – Ekal Abhiyan Trust
- ❖ 2018 – Yohei Sasakawa



- ❖ Mahesh Elkunchwar, an eminent Indian Playwright, has been chosen for this 2019's META Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be conferred upon him at the 14th

Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) festival to be held on 12th March 2019.

- ✚ He is critically-acclaimed and famous for having experimented with a wide range of drama and is considered a powerful force in both Indian and Marathi theatre scene.
- ✚ His 1985 play 'Wada Chire bandi' (Old Stone Mansion) has been staged in Marathi, Hindi and Bengali and also adapted for television.

❖ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J P Nadda, inaugurated the '4th Global Digital Health Partnership Summit', the global intergovernmental meeting on digital health, hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP).

- ✚ Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology, spoke about the use of technology innovations in transforming health care.



- ✚ He said that India is committed to reaching the last man in the line through digital health interventions and digital inclusion. Shri J. P. Nadda announced that after the roll-out of 'Modicare', in 155 days, nearly 1.3 million people have availed the benefits of more than Rs. 16 Billion under this scheme.



❖ On 25th February 2019, Finance Minister of Haryana Capt Abhimanyu presented Rs 1,32,165.99-crore

Haryana Budget for fiscal year 2019-20.

- ✚ No changes have been proposed in the existing tax system-no fresh taxes have been imposed and the already existing rates of taxes have not been changed.