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Dear Readers,

The inculcation of passion for government job examinations amongst the students is one of the major objectives set by Adda247. **Competition Power** has been a step towards it and it has served as a great platform to provide the students with the best of the study material for all sorts of government jobs and encourage them to make enhancements in their preparations for government jobs through the best ways possible.

The new edition of **Competition Power Magazine** is now your hands. The issue brings the highlights of the Current Affairs of February & March 2018 in detail under the name, "**Newsmakers of the Month**". This is followed by the one-liners of February 2018 under the title, "**Current Affairs Zinger**".

Bearing in mind the exorbitantly changing pattern of the competitive examinations, this magazine assembles the exhaustive study material for the upcoming government job examinations that provide the information of great interest to our varied readership.

In this issue, we also carry the **SSC CGL TIER-I Previous Year Mock, SBI CLERK Prelims Practice Set, SBI Clerk Mains Practice Set, RRB Group 'D' Practice Set & SBI / IBPS PO Prelims Practice set** so as our readers can make a headway in their career with the government jobs they are interested in, by thoroughly practicing the papers that simulate the real examinations. Next, we have some important topics of Reasoning, English, GA and Reasoning so that you have them all grasped for the upcoming competitive examinations.

As the editor of Competition Power, I anticipate that this issue would be of immense value and will be definitely useful to our readers who aspire to be a government job employee in a short run. I would also like to thank the contributors for their efforts and our readers continue to have faith in us.

Your support and presence are indicative of the fact that we have made steps in the right direction. I will be looking forward to your valuable feedback and suggestions.

With Best Wishes and Season's Greetings,  
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## **Motivational : Winners Are Not People Who Never Fail; But People Who Never Quit**

If you have a goal in your life, then first decide that you want to achieve it or not. If you really want to achieve it then don't say I will try. Decide that I will do it. Then surely you will achieve what you want in life. If you will think that I will do it, then you will leave behind many of those who say I will give it a try.

Every individual is born with certain capabilities. And to master one's capabilities, it requires hard work and good practice to become the best. We all are different in one or other way. Neither of us have the same IQ nor same perseverance. Our strengths and weaknesses are also different. But it is possible to convert our weaknesses into strengths with proper practice. We all know that practice makes one perfect and this is definitely true.

Practice not until you get right, but practice until you can't get it wrong and that will be the time you will surely achieve your goal. If you fail, still do not lose hope. Spend a good time and relax for some time. Then again get back with full energy. If you lose hope at some point of time, then read about people and their struggles they went through in their journey of life, you will surely feel motivated.

Make practice a part of your life and stay determined. And above all, be patient. Your patience must accompany you in your journey of success. At last, remember impossible itself says I'M POSSIBLE.

## Sucess Story: Pain is Temporary, Quitting lasts Forever: Bharat Singh Bana (SBI PO 2017)

**“The only real failure is the one from which we learn nothing.”**



I am Bharat Singh Bana, a **B.Tech. in 2012 in Computer Science and Engineering**. I have also worked for an MNC at Gurgaon. I had decided to prepare for Banking exam alongside but I was lagging behind by fine margins. I was exhausted both emotionally and physically. Due to a decrease in the number of vacancies and increase in the level of exams every year, the competition got tougher and tougher and I was left wondering why my hard work was not being transformed into success. But I never let the frustration overtake my enthusiasm. After every failure, I was more determined to work hard. Failure can never overtake someone if his determination to succeed is strong enough. You don't lose when you fall, you lose when you decide not to get up.

### **I have been appearing in competitive exams from last four years and I have failed**

a countless number of times. After failing in seven interviews I was still not dejected and I decided to give more effort for the 8th time. Remember that only you need to believe in yourself and others' opinion about your ability and capability does not matter. Whenever you feel anxious always go back to the basics and relax.

**Don't fear the failure.** Every success story is incomplete without the mentions of the failures which we encountered during our journey to success. I also failed many times in my life. But, I tried to learn from my failures and didn't make the same mistakes twice. Learning from our failures or mistakes is the key in every aspect of life.

Every human being has his own challenges. There is no full proof formula for achieving success, every individual has to work according to his strengths or weaknesses. Self-analysis is important.

### **Remember this :**

You can be disappointed but not defeated; You can be cornered but not a coward. Grit your partner, courage your pride.....for, you must fight, you must fight.....

### **My performance in various exams are as follows:**

- IBPS PO 2013: Appeared in Interview
- IBPS PO 2014: Appeared in Interview
- BOB PGDBF PO 2014: Appeared in Interview
- IDBI PGDBF PO 2014: Appeared in Interview
- IBPS SO 2015: Appeared in Interview
- SBI PO 2016: Appeared in Interview
- IBPS PO 2016: Appeared in Interview
- SBI PO 2017: Selected (Finally)

**Thanking You,  
Bharat**

## News Makers of the Month : March 2018

### All about the French President Emmanuel Macron 4-day visit to India

- French President Emmanuel Macron arrived in New Delhi for a 4-day visit to India. He was received at the airport by PM Modi. Mr. Macron was accompanied by his wife Brigitte Marie-Claude Macron, besides senior ministers from his Cabinet.
- The visit aimed at strengthening the bilateral economic, political and strategic dimension of engagement between the two countries.
- The biggest agenda of the visit was the first Summit of the International Solar Alliance which was jointly launched by the French President and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated Uttar Pradesh's largest 75-megawatt solar power plant in the Mirzapur district. They also visited Deen Dayal Hastkala Sankul - a trade facilitation centre in Varanasi.
- From the Manduadih railway station, both of them flagged off the Varanasi-Patna intercity train.
- During the visit, Mr Macron announced an additional investment of 700 million euros for global solar energy generation by 2022 to reduce the use of fossil fuel and help combat climate change.
- The President took part in a Knowledge Summit in Delhi which was attended by more than 200 academicians from both sides.
- During Macron's visit, a total of 14 Agreements were signed between India & France which are given below:
  1. Agreement between India and France on the Prevention of Illicit Consumption and Reduction of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Chemical Precursors and Related Offences.
  2. India-France Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement.
  3. Agreement between India and France to facilitate Mutual Recognition of Academic Qualifications.
  4. Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways and SNCF Motilities, France on technical cooperation in the field of Railways.
  5. Letter of Intent between India and France for creation of a permanent Indo-French Railways Forum.
  6. Agreement between India and France regarding the provision of reciprocal logistics support between their Armed Forces.
  7. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and France on cooperation in the field of Environment
  8. Agreement between India and France on cooperation in the field of Sustainable Urban Development
  9. Agreement between India and France regarding the exchange and reciprocal protection of classified or protected information
  10. Implementing Arrangement between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Central National D'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) for pre-formulation studies of a Maritime Awareness Mission
  11. Industrial Way Forward Agreement between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd, and EDF, France
  12. Bilateral Arrangement between India and France on cooperation in the matter of Hydrography and Maritime Cartography
  13. Credit Facility Agreement between India and France of Euros 100 million for funding of the Smart City Projects through a Challenge Process.
  14. Memorandum of Understanding between National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and the National Solar Energy Institute (INES), France

#### Important Points about the UP's largest solar plant

- The plant has been built at a cost of around Rs. 500 crores by French firm ENGIE.
  - The 100 MW solar plant has come up at Dadar Kalan village on the hilly terrain of the Vindhyas range
- The solar plant will generate 15.6 crore units of electricity annually, which is about 1.30 crore units per month.

### Presidential Elections held in Germany, Russia, China & Nepal

#### Angela Merkel Elected To 4th Term as German Chancellor

Germany's Parliament elected Angela Merkel for her fourth term as chancellor, putting an end to nearly six months of political drift in Europe's biggest economy.

Lawmakers voted 364-315 to re-elect Merkel, Germany's leader since 2005, who ran unopposed.

### Vladimir Putin Wins Historic 4th Term as Russian President

Russian President Vladimir Putin stormed to victory in presidential election, giving him another six years in power. Putin, who has ruled Russia for almost two decades, won more than 75% of the vote according to preliminary results.

### Bidya Devi Bhandari Re-Elected as Nepal President

- Nepal's first woman President Bidya Devi Bhandari was re-elected for a second term in office with an overwhelming majority.
- Incumbent President Bhandari, the Left alliance's candidate, was elected with more than a two-thirds majority as she defeated her Nepali Congress (NC) rival Kumari Laxmi Rai in the presidential election.

### President Xi Jinping Becomes China's Leader for Life

- President Xi Jinping Becomes China's Leader for Life As Parliament Abolishes Presidential Term-Limit
- China's Parliament has abolished the decades-old two-term limit for the President, allowing Xi Jinping to remain as the country's leader for life.
- The constitutional changes were passed in Beijing by the annual sitting of the National People's Congress - the country's legislature - with the two-thirds majority. Of the 2,964 delegates, only two voted against the change, while three abstained.

## New Chief Ministers Elected in TRIPURA, NAGALAND & MEGHALAYA

### Biplab Deb Takes Oath as Tripura Chief Minister

- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) alliance ended the 25-year uninterrupted rule of the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPM)-led Left Front in Tripura.
- The BJP and IPFT together bagged 43 seats. The elections in 59 seats in the 60-member assembly were held on 18 February.
- BJP with a tally of 35 seats secured majority on its own while its alliance partner, the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) captured eight seats, according to Election Commission (EC).
- Biplab Kumar Deb was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tripura's first Bharatiya Janata Party government in Agartala. He has replaced Manik Sarkar. Jishnu Deb Burman took oath as the Deputy CM of the State.

### Neiphiu Rio appointed as Nagaland CM

- Neiphiu Rio, chief of Nationalist Democratic People's Party (NDPP), took oath as the Chief Minister of Nagaland at its capital Kohima. He became the first Nagaland leader to take oath outside Raj Bhavan.
- The BJP's Y Patton also took oath as the state's deputy chief minister.
- Before the Nagaland assembly elections, the NDPP and the BJP had entered into an alliance. They together won 30 seats in this election and formed the government with the support of one JD(U) legislator and an Independent.
- Their alliance will be called "People's Democratic Alliance". This will be Neiphiu Rio's fourth time as the Chief Minister of Nagaland.

### Conrad Sangma Takes Oath As New CM Of Meghalaya

- National People's Party President Conrad Sangma takes oath as the Chief Minister of Meghalaya.
- Mr Sangma was invited by Governor Ganga Prasad to form the government after he staked the claim with the support of 34 MLAs in 60-member Assembly.
- A number of regional parties with the support of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) outsmarted the Congress, which had emerged as the single largest party in recently concluded polls in the race for government formation in Meghalaya.

## And the 2018 Oscars goes to: Complete List of Winners

The 90th Annual Academy Awards (also known as Oscar Awards) were held at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, the USA.

- **The Shape of Water** won the top prize of the night - **Best Picture**.
- **Jimmy Kimmel** hosted the ceremony for the second year in a row. He has become the first host since Billy Crystal to do so.

The full list of winners is below-

Category	Winner
Best Picture	The Shape Of Water
Best Director	Guillermo del Toro, The Shape Of Water
Best Actress	Frances McDormand, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
Best Actor	Gary Oldman, Darkest Hour
Best Supporting Actress	Allison Janney, I, Tonya
Best Supporting Actor	Sam Rockwell, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
Best Original Screenplay	Get Out
Best Adapted Screenplay	Call Me By Your Name
Best Animated Feature Film	Coco
Best Foreign Language Film	A Fantastic Woman, Chile
Best Original Score	The Shape Of Water
Best Original Song	Remember Me, Coco
Best Documentary Feature	Icarus
Best Documentary Short	Heaven Is A Traffic Jam On The 405
Best Live Action Short	The Silent Child
Best Animation Short	Dear Basketball
Best Sound Editing	Dunkirk
Best Sound Mixing	Dunkirk
Best Production Design	The Shape Of Water
Best Cinematography	Blade Runner
Best Makeup And Hair	Darkest Hour
Best Costume Design	Phantom Thread
Best Film Editing	Dunkirk
Best Visual Effects	Blade Runner

## All about the Indian Wells Masters 2018

- The Indian Wells Masters, also known as BNP Paribas Open and the WTA Indian Wells Open, is an annual tennis tournament held in March at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California, United States.
- Former US Open champion Juan Martin Del Potro stunned top-ranked Roger Federer to win his first Indian Wells title and second consecutive ATP crown.
- Unseeded Naomi Osaka became the first Japanese player to win the Indian Wells final, routing Russian Daria Kasatkina for her first WTA Tour title.

Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Juan Martin Del Potro (Argentina)	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Daria Kasatkina (Russia)
Men's Doubles	John Isner (United States) & Jack Sock (US)	Bob Bryan (US) & Mike Bryan (US)
Women's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) Elena Vesnina (Russia)

## CURRENT AFFAIRS : 20<sup>th</sup> February till 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### STATES IN NEWS

#### **Karnataka's Belgaum is Now Home To India's Tallest Flag**

India's tallest national flag was unfurled in Belagavi (also known as Belgaum) in Karnataka. Where size is concerned, this flag in Belgaum beats the one at the India-Pakistan border at Attari in Punjab. Belagavi District Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi unfurled the 9,600 sq ft wide flag on a 110-metre-tall flagpole.

#### **PM Launches Campaign To Eradicate TB By 2025**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a campaign to eradicate tuberculosis (TB) from India by 2025, five years ahead of the globally-set deadline. After inaugurating the Delhi End-TB Summit Modi launched the TB-free India Campaign to take the activities under the National Strategic Plan for TB Elimination forward in a mission mode for ending the epidemic by 2025. A target has been set to end TB globally by 2030.

#### **India Announces USD 100 MI LoC For Mauritius**

India announced a new Line of Credit of USD 100 million for defense procurement by Mauritius as the two sides signed many agreements during President Ram Nath Kovind's delegation-level talks with Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth and members of his Cabinet.

#### **Milk Production Up 20% In 2014-2017**

As per the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Radha Mohan Singh, Milk production in the country increased by 20 percent from 137.7 million tonnes to 165.4 million tonnes between 2014 and 2017. Also, the per capita availability of milk has risen by 15.6 percent from 307 gms a day to 355 gms per day between 2013-14 and 2016-17.

#### **Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill And Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill Introduced In Lok Sabha**

The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill 2018 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha. The Bill will help in laying down measures to deter economic offenders from evading the process of law by remaining outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts. The cases where the total value involved in such offenses is Rs. 100 crore or more, will come under the purview of the Bill. Minister of State for Finance, Shiv Pratap Shukla introduced the Bill. He also introduced the Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill-2018 which is aimed at facilitating the orderly growth of the chit funds sector and remove bottlenecks being faced by the industry and enabling greater financial access of people to other financial products.

#### **PM Modi, French President Macron Jointly Inaugurate Solar Power Plant At Mirzapur In UP**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting French President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated 101-megawatt solar power plant at Dadar Kala village in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh. The largest solar projects in the country has been set up by French company ENGIE. Solar Energy Corporation of India has signed Power purchase agreement for 25 years with the company.

#### **Suresh Prabhu Gets Additional Charge Of Civil Aviation Ministry**

Commerce and Industries minister Suresh Prabhu was given additional charge of the Civil Aviation Ministry, a day after the resignation of TDP's Ashok Gajapathi Raju was accepted by President Ram Nath Kovind.

#### **India's Biggest M&E Services Market, EnTTech 2018 Inaugurated**

India's biggest Media & Entertainment Services Market - enTTech 2018 was inaugurated in Mumbai. The market, spread over two days saw fast matchmaking between 100 international delegates and their Indian counterparts.

#### **French President Emmanuel Macron In India On 4-Day Visit**

French President Emmanuel Macron arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India. The visit aims at strengthening the bilateral economic, political and strategic dimension of engagement between the two countries.

#### **Government Launches Biodegradable Sanitary Pads 'Suidha'**

The government launched a biodegradable sanitary pad 'Suidha' to mark International Women's Day. The oxo-biodegradable sanitary pads priced at Rs. 2.50 per pad will be available at Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi centres. The biodegradable pad will



ensure 'Swachhta, Swasthya and Suvidha' for the underprivileged women.

#### **Diu Becomes First UT To Be 100% Powered By Solar Energy**

Diu has become the first Union Territory in India to run 100 percent on solar power generated energy. Diu has managed to generate surplus solar power for its residents, reducing their electricity costs, in a span of just three years. Diu, which is one of the least populated territories in India, marking an area of 42 square kilometres, has witnessed the installation of solar power plants in over more than 50 acres of its land.

#### **World's Largest Solar Park 'Shakti Sthala' Launched In Karnataka**

Karnataka government inaugurated the first phase of 2,000 megawatts (MW) solar park in the drought-prone district, Tumkur. The first phase of the Rs. 16,500 crore park called "Shakti Sthala" will generate 600MW, while the balance 1,400MW is expected to be commissioned by the end of 2018. The solar project is the largest in the world, is spread over 13,000 acres and five villages.

#### **Iraq Becomes India's Biggest Oil Supplier**

Iraq has become India's biggest crude oil supplier by overtaking Saudi Arabia with a wide margin in this current financial year. Iraq supplied 38.9 million tonnes (MT) of oil, which was more than 20% of country's oil needs. India is 80% dependent on imports to meet its oil needs.

#### **Vietnam President Tran Dai Quang visited India**

Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang has arrived in India on the 3-day visit. He held delegation level talks with PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi. Strengthening cooperation in the key areas of defence and trade will be high on the agenda. The two sides will sign MoUs in the areas of nuclear energy, agriculture and trade and investment. This is Tran's first visit to India as president.

#### **Cabinet Clears Setting Up Of NFRA To Oversee Auditors**

Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). NFRA will act as an independent regulator for the auditing profession which was one of the key changes brought in by the Companies Act 2013.

#### **Centre Approves Rs 2900 Crore To Make Cities Safer For Women**

Women and Child Development Ministry approved projects worth over Rs 2,900 crore under the Nirbhaya fund for eight major cities to make them safer for women. These cities are Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Lucknow.

#### **Union Cabinet Approves Anti-Trafficking Bill Draft**

The apex anti-terror body National Investigation Agency (NIA) will be the nodal authority for probing cases of human trafficking after the government approved a proposal in this regard. The Cabinet okayed the draft Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, which also proposes a punishment of life imprisonment for repeat offenders.

#### **King Of Jordan visited India**

The King of Jordan Abdullah-II bin Al-Hussein arrived in New Delhi on a 3-day visit to India. The King is accompanied by a business delegation. During his visit, he will also participate in a CEO Round-table followed by India-Jordan Business Forum. The Jordanian King's visit comes nearly three weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Jordan as part of his trip to West Asia, including Palestine. The two sides are expected to sign MoUs and agreements in diverse areas of bilateral cooperation.

#### **Blue-Coloured Baal Aadhaar Card Launched By UIDAI**

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) introduced a 'Baal Aadhaar' card for children below the age of five years. No biometric details will be required to get this blue-coloured Baal Aadhaar card. A child below 5 years of age gets a blue in coloured Aadhaar known as Baal Aadhaar. When the child becomes 5 years old, a mandatory biometric update is required.

#### **Government Clears Private Commercial Mining In Coal**

In a major reform in the coal sector since its nationalisation in 1973, the government has allowed private companies to mine the fossil fuel for commercial use. This move ended the monopoly of state-owned Coal India Ltd.

#### **Union Cabinet Approves Creation Of National Urban Housing Fund**

Union Cabinet given approval for creation of National Urban Housing Fund (NUHF) for Rs.60,000 crores. This fund will be situated in Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Housing and Urban

Affairs.

### **Aga Khan's 11-Day Visit To India Begins**

Spiritual leader Aga Khan was on the 11-day visit to India. Sunder Nursery, a 90-acre park near Humayun's Tomb in New Delhi, will be inaugurated by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in the presence of the Aga Khan. In addition to these engagements, he will be visiting the cities of Ahmadabad, Hyderabad and Mumbai, where Aga Khan Development Network is involved in various development projects.

### **India To Host World Environment Day 2018**

The government of India and the UN jointly announced that India will host the global World Environment Day celebrations on 5 June 2018. World Environment Day is celebrated globally on June 5. The theme for World Environment 2018 is "Beat Plastic Pollution".

### **Important Cabinet Approvals- February-March 2018**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the following set of approvals. The important Cabinet Approvals are given as follows-

#### **The Cabinet has approved-**

1. An apprised of an MoU between India and Fiji on Cooperation in Renewable Energy.
2. MoU between India and Macedonia on cooperation in the field of Health.
3. Signing of MoU between India and Jordan on Cooperation in Health Sector.
4. Signing of MoU between India and Jordan on Cooperation in the Field of Manpower.
5. Agreement between India and Jordan on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters.
6. Amendments to Housing and Telephone Facilities Rules, Constituency Allowance Rules and Office Expense Allowance Rules for MPs.
7. The Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018.
8. MoU between India and Jordan for mining and beneficiation of Rock Phosphate & MOP and setting up the production facility in Jordan for Phosphoric Acid/DAP/NPKFertilizers.
9. MoU between India and Vietnam on Economic and Trade Cooperation.
10. Doubling of Government guarantee from Rs 9,500 crore to Rs.19,000 crore for procurements of pulses and oilseeds at MSP under Price Support Scheme by NAFED.
11. Continuation of Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) beyond 12th Plan for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

## **STATES IN NEWS**

### **Telangana, Kay Ventures Tie Up For Apparel Hub**

Telangana government is setting up an Rs. 100-crore Apparel Super Hub in Sircilla. It signed a memorandum of understanding with Kay Ventures to roll out the project. To be set up on 20 acres, the hub will be completed in three phases. The first phase will be taken up with an investment of Rs. 30 crores in a year.

### **Centre Forms Tribunal To Solve Mahanadi Water Dispute Between Odisha & Chhattisgarh**

Centre has constituted a three-member Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal to adjudicate the dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh over sharing the river's water. Supreme Court Judge AM Khanwilkar will be the Chairman of the tribunal, with Justice Ravi Ranjan of the Patna High Court and Justice Indermeet Kaur Kochhar of the Delhi High Court being the other two members.

### **Rajasthan Passes Bill To Award Death Penalty For Those Who Rape Girls Under 12 Years Of Age**

Rajasthan assembly passed an amendment bill awarding death penalty for convicts involved in the rape of girls below 12 years of age. The new amendment added sections 376-AA and 376-DD to the Indian Penal Code, 1860. It says that a person who is convicted of raping/gang-raping a girl up to twelve years of age will be given a death sentence or rigorous imprisonment, which shall not be less than fourteen years and 20 years, respectively.

### **Floating Lab Set Up To Monitor Manipur's Loktak Lake**

Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Laboratory (IBSD), Imphal, set up a floating laboratory in northeast India's largest freshwater lake, Loktak to constantly monitor its water quality and eventually improve it.

#### **Karnataka To Become 2nd State In Country To Unveil Its Own Flag**

Karnataka government unveiled the State flag (nada dhwaja ) for the state. If approved by the Centre, Karnataka will be the second State to have a flag after Jammu and Kashmir. The yellow-white-red flag has the State emblem at the centre.

#### **Telangana Launches India's 1st State-Led Incubator For Women**

The government of Telangana launched Women Entrepreneurship Hub (WE-Hub), India's first state-led incubator for women entrepreneurs. The incubator will help women entrepreneurs establish their own enterprises by providing services including seed funding, mentoring, and business guidance. Deepthi Ravula is heading the incubator as its Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Haryana's 1st Cyber Police Station Opened In Gurugram**

Haryana's first cyber police station, equipped with a digital forensic laboratory, was inaugurated in Gurugram. It will have a dedicated team of 35 specially trained cops, including two inspectors.

#### **Madhya Pradesh Announces Pension For Single Women**

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on International Women's day announced 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh' scheme.

Under this scheme, the women who aren't married and are above the age of 50 will be given pension.

#### **Karnataka Unveils Healthcare Scheme 'Arogya Karnataka'**

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah unveiled a healthcare scheme named 'Arogya Karnataka' (Healthy Karnataka) aimed at benefitting about 1.43 crore households in the state. It will provide quality primary, secondary and tertiary treatment to both below-poverty-line (BPL) and above-poverty-line (APL) families in the state. Through the scheme, all the BPL households will get free treatment at government hospitals while for APL households, the state will bear about 30% of the treatment cost.

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