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Govt launches Bhasha Sangam to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages



The government has launched a unique initiative called **Bhasha Sangam** to introduce school students to **22 Indian languages**. The initiative, under **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**, was launched on 22nd of this month and will continue till the 21st of December. Bhasha Sangam is a programme for

schools and educational institutions to provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages. Another objective of Bhasha Sangam is to enhance linguistic tolerance and respect and promote national integration.

India-UK exercise KONKAN-18 begins at Goa



Naval cooperation between **India and the United Kingdom** is based on the long term strategic relationship between both countries. Both Navies have, over the years, undertaken bilateral activities such as training exchanges and technical cooperation. The Bilateral

KONKAN exercise provides a platform for the two Navies to periodically exercise at sea and in harbour, so as to build interoperability and share best practices.

Maharashtra passes bill proposing 16% quota for Marathas



The **Maharashtra** assembly on 29th November unanimously passed a bill proposing **16% reservation for Marathas** under socially, educationally and economically backward category. The Bill tabled by Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** was passed without any discussion.

Himachal Pradesh becomes First State to launch Single Emergency Number '112'



Himachal Pradesh on 28th November became the **first Indian state** to launch a single emergency number "112" which will connect to police, fire, health and other helplines through an Emergency Response Centre (ERC) in the state. Under the project, one ERC has been established in Shimla along with 12 District Command Centres covering the entire state. "The ERC has been integrated with police (100), fire (101), health (108) and women helpline (1090) services to provide emergency services via single emergency number 112," said a Union Home Ministry statement.

Uttarakhand adjudged 'best state'; Himachal pavilion gets 'silver medal' at India International Trade Fair, New Delhi



Himachal Pradesh.

On November 27, 2018, at the 2-week long 38th **India International Trade Fair**, which was held at Pragati Maidan, **New Delhi**, from November 14 to 27, Union Commerce and Industry Minister **Suresh Prabhu** conferred awards first and second awards to the states of **Uttarakhand and**



RBI relaxes norms for NBFCs to securitise loan books, easing stress in the sector

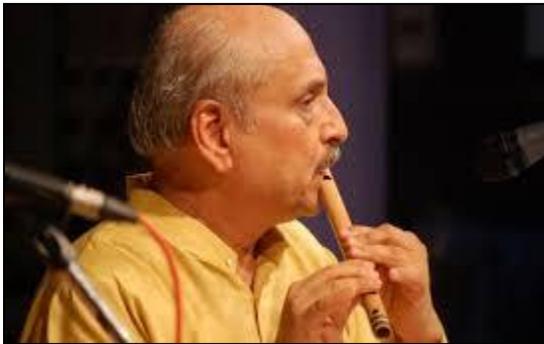


The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** on 29th November relaxed norms for b their loan books, a move likely to ease the stress in the sector facing a crisis of confidence. As per a notification of the RBI, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) have been permitted to securitise loans of over five-year

maturity after holding them for six months on their books.

Awards

Renowned flautist Keshav Ginde to be honoured with Pt. Bhimsen Joshi award



Renowned flautist **Pandit Keshav Ginde** shall be conferred this year's prestigious **Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award** for Classical Music, Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister **Vinod Tawde** announced here on Tuesday. The annual award, instituted by Maharashtra, honours maestros in classical music and singing, and carries a cash award of Rs 500,000, a memento and a citation, he added. Born in 1942 in Belgaum, Karnataka, Pt. Ginde hails from a family of musicians.

Sports

Carlsen retains World Chess Championship title



World number one Norwegian **Magnus Carlsen** has retained his **World Chess Championship** title, beating US opponent **Fabiano Caruana** in a tie-breaker event. Carlsen beat Caruana in three time-limited games, ending the American's hopes of becoming the first US champion since Bobby Fischer won in 1972. Carlsen, who has won the

championship three times before and was the favourite to win the game, took a two-match lead and needed only a draw in the third tie-breaker to seal his victory. The Norwegian is ranked number one worldwide for fast-paced games, whereas Caruana is ranked at number 18.



Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare: 30 November



The Conference of the States Parties at its 20th Session decided that a memorial **Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare** would be observed on 30 November each year or, when appropriate, on the first day of the regular session of the Conference.

PM Modi arrives in Buenos Aires to attend G20 Summit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in **Buenos Aires** for the **G20 summit**. The G20 Meeting in Argentina's capital is extremely crucial. In the two days G20 Summit, Top world leaders would focus on "Building consensus for a fair and sustainable development" and India will focus on Reforms in the

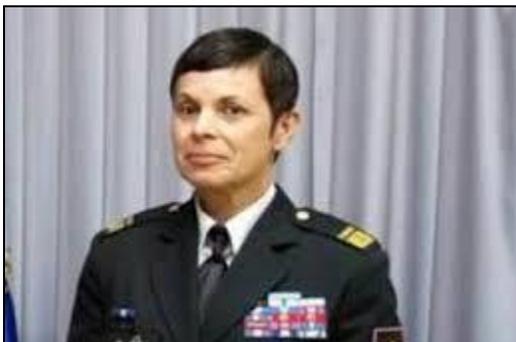
multilateral order. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will put before the world his ideas about the future of jobs, digital revolution, Oil price fluctuations and pioneering idea of a Global Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

Symposium on 'Gandhi Today' held in Kathmandu



In **Nepal** as part of 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of **Mahatma Gandhi** a symposium on "**Gandhi Today**" was organised in Kathmandu 29th November evening. Eminent leaders from Nepal and India attended the programme and highlighted the importance of Gandhian thoughts and principles in today's world. In his address, first President of Nepal, **Dr. Ram Baran Yadav** said it is very necessary to follow the path of Mahatma Gandhi to solve all current problems.

Slovenia becomes only NATO state with female army chief



Slovenia's government has appointed a female officer as the head of armed forces, a first for the small country which is a member of **NATO** and the **European Union**. Major General **Alenka Ermenc**, 55, will formally take up her post as the Chief of the General Staff of the Slovenian Armed Forces at a ceremony on Wednesday, when she will also become the only woman to currently hold the top armed forces post among the NATO countries.