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There are no gains without pains

Dear Readers,

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Current Affairs

CSIR sequences human genome

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has added yet another feather to its cap. Scientists at the Council's New Delhi-based Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IIGB) have succeeded in completely sequencing the genome of an individual, enabling India to join a league of select countries — the U.S., the U.K., Canada, China and Korea. Announcing the "path breaking" achievement, Union Science and Technology Minister Prithviraj Chavan said India had now successfully bridged the technological gap that existed a decade ago. The IIGB scientists were able to achieve the feat within 10 weeks, from September 25 to December 4, a duration comparable with recent efforts across the world. Describing it as a beginning of a new era in Indian medical research, CSIR Director-General Samir K. Brahmachari said a major significance of the Indian effort was that it would help understand several diseases that were of importance to India and other developing countries. The effort would also add to global knowledge on genetic variations and pre-disposition to various diseases, he said.

Andhra Bank gets new ED

The ministry of finance GoI has appointed A A Taj, general manager, Union Bank of India, as a whole time director (designated as the executive director) of Andhra Bank from the date of taking over charge of the post and till the date of his superannuation, i.e., up to August 31, 2012 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Kaushik Basu new chief economic advisor

Kaushik Basu was appointed chief economic advisor in the finance ministry on 8th December 2009 in place of Arvind Virmani who has joined the International Monetary Fund as an executive director. Before his appointment in the finance ministry, Basu was chairman of the department

of economic affairs in Cornell University, US. He had taught at the Centre for Analytic Economics and Program on Comparative Economic Development at the same university earlier. After doing BA (Hons) in economics from St Stephens College, Delhi, 57-year-old Basu completed MSc and then PhD in economics from London School of Economics. He joins the ministry at a time when the government is grappling with the twin problems of tightening monetary policy and bringing down food inflation.

Mars exploration by 2030: ISRO chief

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman K. Radhakrishnan has said exploration of Mars will take a tangible shape by 2030. He called it the "next logical frontier in space" after Chandrayaan-II, which will be put in place by 2013 with robots and rovers to study the surface of the moon. **Speaking after receiving the prestigious 'Dr. Y. Nayudamma Memorial Gold Medal'** at the second Andhra Pradesh Science Congress, jointly conducted by the Andhra Pradesh Akademi of Sciences and Sri Venkateswara University here on Saturday, Dr. Radhakrishnan spoke of ISRO's latest initiative on interplanetary exploration and the study on ensuring human presence in the solar system.

First aerospace SEZ in India launched

The country's offset programme, which requires overseas suppliers of Defence equipment to source a portion of their contract from domestic sources, is resulting in the modernisation of the aerospace industry in India, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Praful Patel has said.

Mr. Patel was speaking at the inauguration of the country's first Special Economic Zone dedicated to the aerospace industry at Hattargi, 37 km from Belgaum. The SEZ is promoted by Quest Global, an aerospace engineering and manufacturing company. Mr. Patel said the "boom" in civil aviation, which had resulted in a significant expansion of the fleet of Indian carriers, had provided a fillip to the Indian aerospace industry. Belgaum, which was "being upgraded, would be reconnected by air services within three months". The upgrading of the Mangalore airport would be completed in a few months, he added. Chief

Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa said the SEZ complex, spread over 300 acres of land and undertaken at an investment of Rs. 150 crore, "is the first ever in a rural area."

Inflation doubles as food prices go up

Amid concerns that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) could tighten its monetary policy in January 2010, inflation during October more than doubled to 1.34 per cent, as compared to 0.5 per cent a month earlier, mostly due to the rising cost of essential food items. In the first monthly data with 1993-94 as the base year, released by the government on Saturday 14-11-09, the build-up inflation in the financial year so far was 6.13 per cent compared to 5.99 per cent in the corresponding period the previous year. On an annual basis, the price of potato has doubled since October last year, while onions were expensive by 37 per cent. Vegetables were costlier by 23 per cent, sugar price rose by 45 per cent and wheat price by 13.22 per cent. Food articles such as wheat became dearer by 2 per cent and rice 3 per cent in October.

Kyoto Protocol is coming to an end:

It is business as usual in this beautiful city, where the people prefer to talk more about the leaves changing colour in the ongoing autumn season than the historic Kyoto Protocol that was signed by the world leaders here in 1997 and which will end in 2012. It is not that people are not aware of the existing Protocol but not many would, perhaps, be aware that it would be coming to an end in just about two years from now. "People are highly aware of the global warming, particularly the younger generation. When they discuss climate change, they talk of more steps that need to be taken to prevent global warming," says Yukiko Takehana of the Kyoto Centre for Climate Actions. The Centres for Climate Actions were set up in 1998 across Japan to initiate local actions to prevent global warming. But rather ironically the one at Kyoto was set up in 2003. "One cannot say that Kyoto has done more or achieved more because the international Protocol was signed here. It has done just about as

much for environment as other Prefectures in Japan," Ms. Takehana said. Kyoto, known for its breathtakingly beautiful autumn, came into limelight after the Protocol was signed. It is now less known for being the capital of Japan for a good 1,200 years before Tokyo was developed about 140 years ago.

SAARC: India for agreement on investment protection

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma said India is strongly backing the need for putting in place an Agreement on Promotion and Protection of Investment for better regional integration and cooperation. There was an immediate need among SAARC nations to focus on establishing a framework for cooperation in the field of investments. To achieve this, it is important that an agreement should be concluded as early as possible, possibly before the next summit of head of states from SAARC nations next year. Asserting that India had already taken steps for trade liberalisation, Mr. Sharma said India would soon notify the agreed tariff reduction schedules for the Non Least Developing Countries (NLDCs) of SAARC in order to give the required impetus to greater export opportunities for all its SAARC neighbours. At the same time he suggested that other NLDCs should also consider reviewing their negatives lists with respect to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of SAARC. "I suggest that the NLDCs could also consider reviewing their lists in respect of NLDCs so that intra-SAARC trade could further be expanded," he added. He said India unilaterally reduced the negative list with reference to NLDCs from 740 to below 500 and it was also working towards reduction of negative list with reference to NLDCs of SAARC. Lauding the steps for establishment of South Asian Regional Standards Organisation (SARSO), Mr. Sharma said it would go a long way in harmonization of standards and would help in greater regional trade integration.

Solar Mission launched

The Centre on Monday launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission. It is one of the eight key missions of the National Action Plan on Climate Change and aimed at ensuring long-term energy security as well as ecological security. The mission recommends implementation in three stages leading up to an installed capacity of 20,000 MW by the end of the 13th Plan in 2022. As a result of the rapid scale-up and technological advances, the solar power price will attain parity with grid power.

"Creek Crocodiles"

In order to thwart landing of terrorists through the sea route, BSF has formed its first commando unit - Creek Crocodiles - to man the hostile creek area where India shares border with

Pakistan.

Creeks are a very hostile terrain constituting of numerous raised grounds having mangroves and a network of water channels which are quite shallow where all movements are tide dependent. Creek Crocodiles are trained to thwart any evil designs from across the border, BSF Commandant Pushpendrasinh Rathore, who is training the commando unit at Koteswar outpost of BSF. Each unit will consist of 42 commandos. They will be trained in Swimming, diving and firing.

Sri Lanka to hold presidential poll in January 2010

Sri Lanka's Election Commission on Friday, the 27.11.2009 announced that the Presidential elections will be held on 26 January 2010. Nominations will be accepted from 9.00 a.m to 11.00 a.m on December 17, Elections Commissioner Dayananda Dissanayake announced. This will be the country's fifth Presidential poll to elect the sixth Executive President. President Mahinda Rajapaksa, the incumbent in office decided to go for a Presidential election 2 years earlier. His term of office expires on November 2011.

Iraq parliamentary elections to be held on March 7, 2010 :

Iraq's parliamentary elections will be held on March 7, 2010 a senior election commission official said on Tuesday, after a meeting between election organisers and the country's presidency council. "The presidency council decided on March 7, 2010," said Qassim Abboudi of Iraq's Independent High Electoral Commission, adding that the council, made up of President Jalal Talabani and his two deputies, would soon confirm the announcement by issuing a statement. "We have no problem holding it on the 7th, as long as it is after the 27th (February), which we have decided we are able to do." The announcement of the election date comes just two days after MPs struck a last-minute deal to get the poll back on track, after two months of protracted negotiations over a law governing the poll.

Kalpakkam reactor reaches a milestone

The Main Vessel of the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam was lowered inside the Safety Vessel and aligned early on Saturday. The equipment forms the heart of the reactor. It was manufactured to great precision, achieving extremely stringent tolerances, at the PFBR site itself, says a release from the Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd., Kalpakkam. The Core Catcher and the Core Support Structure were already integrated with the Main Vessel when lowered in the Safety Vessel. With this, the PFBR reached a major milestone, the release said.

Boxing Day (26-12-2009)

Boxing Day is a public holiday celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, New

Zealand, Australia and many of the commonwealth countries. And no, it is not a day to get rid of the all the wrapping paper and boxes in which your Christmas presents arrived. Stories abound on the origin of the Boxing Day with the most popular one dating from the feudal times in Britain. In feudal times, all the serfs would gather in the manor of the lord for Christmas. Since they would be working hard on Christmas to prepare the feast in the lord's house, they were given a holiday the day after Christmas. And on this day, the lord would hand out their annual stipend. Each serf family would get a box full of goods such as cloth, grain, tools and so on. It is also said that since the staff worked on a traditional religious holiday without being able to celebrate Christmas dinner, the left over food from the feast would be "boxed" and given to serfs and their families. Since boxes were given out on the day after Christmas, it came to be called Boxing Day. Another version says the serfs brought boxes with them and the employer would put coins in the boxes as special end-of-year gifts. Yet another story goes that in churches, it was tradition to open the church donation box on the Day and the money was distributed among the poor. In Canada, Boxing Day and the days immediately following are for clearance sales of many retail stores that sell off retired model products. Shoppers are known to line up for hours at night to grab the best deals as soon as the stores open on December 26 as many stores open as early as 6 am or even 7 am. In Australia and South Africa, Boxing Day has come to be associated with a burst of sporting activity. Thus, for example India will play Australia in the first Test match of the series that starts on Boxing Day in Melbourne. So also will the Windies play South Africa in Port Elizabeth. In the UK and Ireland, there is a school of thought that associates Boxing Day with St Stephen and the saint in turn is associated with horses. Boxing Day, therefore, is a day when a large number of fox hunts are organised to mark the occasion.

Indian Languages:

Though Hindi is the national language India is believed to have 1652 mother tongues of which 33 are spoken by people numbering over a lakh. The officially recognized languages are 22. In fact English is widely spoken and perhaps the link between North and South India. 8th Schedule of Constitution of India indicates all regional languages. The languages are: Assamese, Bengali, Gujarathi, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Sindhi, Konkani, Manipuri, Nepali, Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santhali.

Days to Remember

1st December: World Aids Day
3rd December: World Day for the Handicapped.
4th December: Navy Day
5th December: International Volunteers Day.
7th December: Armed Forces Flag Day.
10th December: Human Rights Day, International Children's Day of Broadcasting.
14th December: National Energy Conservation Day.
18th December: Minorities Rights Day.
23rd December: Kisan Divas.

APPOINTMENTS

Governors of the State:

Janaki Ballabha Patnaik, a Congress party stalwart and former Orissa chief minister, was sworn in on December 11th 2009 as new Governor of Assam.

D.Y. Patil, Educationist of Maharashtra appointed as the Governor of Tripura.

Dr (Mrs) Kamla, till now Governor of Tripura upon completion of term in Tripura has been appointed Governor of Gujarat.

Srikumar Banerjee Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay took over as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), from Anil Kakodkar.

Justice Mudgal takes charge

Justice Mukul Mudgal on Saturday took oath as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court at a simple ceremony in Chandigarh. Prior to his new assignment, Justice Mudgal was a judge of the Delhi High Court.

Justice Mukhopadhaya appointed Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court

President Pratibha Patil has appointed Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya of the Madras High Court as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court. Justice Mukhopadhaya, 59, who hails from Bihar, was appointed as a Permanent Judge of the Patna High Court in November, 1994. As a Judge, he decided several important civil and Constitutional cases. He became a Judge of the Jharkhand High Court from November 15, 2000. He was transferred to the Madras High Court on August 31, 2006, where he functioned as the Acting Chief Justice from May 9 to 18 in 2008.

AWARDS & HONOURS

'Golden Pen of Freedom' prize: Mr. Najam Sethi, the former Editor-in-Chief of the Friday Times and Daily Times, Pakistan, was presented the "2009 Golden Pen of Freedom," the annual press freedom prize of the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), during the opening ceremony of the 62nd World Newspaper Congress and 16th

World Editors' Forum (WEF) at Hyderabad on Tuesday 1.12.2009. This prize has been given to him for carrying out his role as an independent journalist, for reporting and investigating all sides equally, and for being a voice of moderation, despite continuous threats and constant danger he faces.

Culinary Journalism award for Mukund Padmanabhan Mukund Padmanabhan, Senior Associate Editor, The Hindu, has received the IFCA (Indian Federation of Culinary Associations) Culinary Journalism Award-2008, in the fourth IFCA national Culinary Congress 2009 from 14-16 November held at Taj Krishna in Hyderabad.

INVENTIONS & DISCOVERIES

The U.S. Researchers have succeeded in developing a gene therapy which helped nearly blind persons see again. The patients suffered from Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, that attacks in childhood and lead to total blindness at the middle age of 30 to 40 years. Altogether 12 patients were treated with genetic material in their worst eye. The material was carried piggyback on a virus into the defective eye cells. The half of the patients improved their eye sight enough that they can no longer be called legally blind.

ABBREVIATIONS

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
AAA: Asian Athletics Association
AAFI: The Amateur Athletics Federation of India
ABC: Atomic Biological and Chemical (Warfare); Audit Bureau of Circulation
ABLE: Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises
AC: Ante Christum (Before Christ), Alternating Current, Ashoka Chakra, Air Conditioner
ACR: Annual Confidential Report
AD: Anno Domini (in the year of Lord)
ADAM: Animated Dissection of Anatomy for Medicine
ADB: Asian Development Bank
ADBS: Advanced Data Broadcast System
ADC: Aide-de-Camp (help or assistant)

EXAMINATIONS:

20th December: Exam for recruitment of Specialist Officers in Punjab National Bank
27th December: Exam for Recruitment of Clerks in Oriental Bank of Commerce.
27th December: UGCs National Eligibility Test (NET)

SPORTS

Sachin Tendulkar conquered yet another peak when he became the first batsman to complete 30,000 runs in international cricket. The maestro reached the landmark when he clipped left-arm-pace man Chanaka Welegedara to square-leg for his 35th run after lunch on the fifth day. Tendulkar required 39 runs for the milestone before the Test. And he was castled for four by Welegedara in the first innings. This is his 160th Test. The 36-year-old Tendulkar had made 12,773 runs in 159 Tests at 54.58. The master batsman has 17,178 runs at 44.50 from 436 ODIs and

10 runs from his lone Twenty20 International for India. The legendary cricketer, who completed 20 years in international cricket, is the highest run-maker in both Tests and ODIs. And no batsman has notched up more hundreds than his 43 in Tests and 45 in the ODIs.

CRICKET:

India became the number one team in ICC Test rankings with 124 points after they spanked Sri Lanka by an innings and 24 runs in the third and final Test, in Mumbai on Sunday, to clinch the three-match series by a 2-0 margin. Virender Sehwag has been Man of the Match and Man of the Series.

BADMINTON:

In world Super Series Masters Tourney at Malaysia, Saina Nehwal broke the Chinese stranglehold, while the mixed doubles pair of Jwala Gutta and V Diju cracked the top-10 chart as Indian badminton rose in stature in a reasonably successful 2009. The Hyderabad became the first Indian to win a Super series title when she clinched the Indonesian Open in June.

CHESS:

Humpy scores decisive win: Snowdrops won the fourth-round match 2.5-1.5 against Old Hands in the Czech Republic invitation chess tournament. Koneru Humpy scored a decisive win in the final game.

Grandmasters Parimarjan Negi, Sandipan Chanda and Surya Sekhar Ganguly started their campaigns in the World Cup chess championship with resounding victories at Khanty Mansiysk, Russia.

FOOT BALL:

Thiruvananthapuram edged out Thrissur 6-5, via the tiebreaker, and won the 36th Kerala State junior football championship at the Nirmala College ground here on Tuesday 17.11.2009.

TENNIS:

Nirupama Sanjeev justified her wild card entry with a 7-6(5), 6-3 victory over Tamara Curovic of Serbia in the first round of the NECC \$50,000 ITF women's tennis tournament at the Deccan Gymkhana here on Tuesday 17.11.2009.

Fujiwara wins: Rika Fujiwara of Japan fought her way past the third-seeded Bojana Jovanovski of Serbia 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the NECC \$50,000 ITF women's tennis tournament at the Deccan Gymkhana, Pune on 21.11.2009.

Table Tennis:

China retained the women's team title even after spearhead and World No. 4 Li Xiaoxia suffered an unexpected defeat against Singapore in the 19th

Asian table tennis championship in Luknow.

WHO IS WHO: **Andhra Pradesh**

Andhra State was formed on 1st October 1953. A State created from part of Madras State. On 1st November 1956, Andhra Pradesh State was formed on linguistic basis along with other states.

Area: 2,75,069 Square kilometers.

Capital: Hyderabad.

Neighbouring States/UT:

Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Yanam (Pondicherry).

Population: 7,210,007;

Males: 38,527,413,

Females: 37,682,594

Population Density: (Persons per Sq. KM) 277;

Sex Ratio: (Females per 1000 males) 978

Literacy: (Per Cent) 60.5,

Males 70.3, **Females** 50.4

Number of Districts: 23

Mandals: 1644 **Villages:** 28,123.

Legislative Assembly Seats: 294

Legislative Council Seats: 98

Lok Sabha Seats: 42

Rajya Sabha Seats: 18

Political Parties: Indian National Congress, Telugu Desam, Telangana Rashtra Samithi, Bahujana Samaj, Praja Rajyam, Lok Satta Communist Party of India, Communist Party of India (Marxist), All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Samajwadi.

Seat of High Court: Hyderabad (when Kurnool was capital of Andhra State, High Court was at Guntur)

Chief Languages: Telugu, Urdu

Major Religions: Hinduism, Islam and Christianity.

Rivers: Godavari, Krishna, Chitravathi, Papagni, Musi, Pranahitha, Wainganga, Banda, Tungabhadra,

Mountains: Eastern Ghats, Nallamala Hills, Satmala Hills, Erramala Hills, Horsely Hills, Papikonda Range, Velikonda Range.

Plateau: Deccan (Telangana, Golconda, Rayalaseema, Srisailem, Nalgonda, Warangal, Khammam.)

Forest Area: 63,000 Sq. Kilometers

Lakes: Pulicat, Kolleru, Nizam Sagar

Governor:

Dr. Narayana Dutt Tiwari

Chief Minister:

Dr. Konijeti Rosaiah

Legislative Assembly Speaker:

Mr. Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy

Legislative Council Chairman:

Mr. Chakrapani

Chief Justice of High Court:

Justice Anil Ramesh Dave

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Chairman:

Justice Gurugubelli Yethirajulu

Central Administrative Tribunal

Vice Chairman:

Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy

Chairman AP Public Service

Commission:

Prof. Venkatrama Reddy

Mayor, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation:

Smt. Banda Karthika Reddy

Chief Secretary:

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