

Headlines At a Glance - 13th Jan 2020

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PM

Dedicates Four Refurbished Heritage Buildings in Kolkata to the Nation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation Four Refurbished Heritage Buildings in Kolkata during his two-day visit to West Bengal amidst the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. These are Old Currency Building, the Belvedere House, the Metcalfe House and the Victoria Memorial Hall. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister termed it as a special day, as it begins a nationwide campaign to preserve India's art, culture and heritage, and to Reinvent, Rebrand, Renovate and Rehouse them. He also attended a cultural programme at the Old Currency Building in Kolkata where he unveiled a statue.

SOURCE: *The Hindu, PIB*

Home

Minister Amit Shah launches country's first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit

AASHVAST

Home Minister Amit Shah launched the country's first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit called the "Cyber AASHVAST" in Gandhinagar. Along with AASHVAST, the Video Integration and State Wide Advance Security project called VISWAS was also launched. The Cyber AASHVAST is a unit that will act to prevent cyber crimes with the help of VISWAS and NETRANG. It will own an exclusive online portal that will have dedicated service helpline for victims of cyber-crimes. The AASHVAST will also monitor, prevent and control cyber-crimes in the state. Along with AASHVAST and VISWAS, Project NETRANG was also launched. It will establish command and control rooms in 33 districts of Gujarat.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Yashaswini

Scheme for Women entrepreneurship launched in Panaji

Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani today launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa. The event was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium at Taleigao near Panaji. Swasthya Sakhi Project and breast cancer screening initiative were also inaugurated on the occasion. Under Yashaswini scheme, women self-help groups will be given interest free loans of upto Rs Five lakh for business. The Minister said that development of women is the base for the development of nation. She added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has implemented many welfare schemes for the benefit of women.

SOURCE: *The New Indian Express, PIB*

RBI

releases National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) report for the period 2019-2024

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has chalked out an ambitious strategy for financial inclusion till 2024, in which it aims to strengthen the ecosystem for various modes of digital financial services in all Tier-II to Tier VI centres to create the necessary infrastructure to move towards a less-cash society by March 2022. While charting out a National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for the period 2019-2024, RBI said, "Financial inclusion is increasingly being recognized as a key driver of economic growth and poverty alleviation the world over."

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Internet

shutdown: India suffers \$1.3 billion economic loss; 3rd most affected country

With internet blackouts lasting for 4,196 hours in 2019, India has lost over \$1.3 billion in economic terms. This places the country on the third spot among world's most affected countries economically after Iraq and Sudan, reveals a report. The report 'The Global Cost of Internet Shutdowns in 2019' by internet research firm Top10VPN says that India with 8.4 million internet users imposes internet restrictions more often than any other country. Over 100 shutdowns were documented in 2019. As they tend to be highly-targeted, even down to the level of blacking out individual city districts for a few hours while security forces try to restore order, many of these incidents have not been included in this report, which instead focused on larger region-wide shutdowns. The full economic impact, therefore, is likely to be higher than our \$1.3 billion figure, the report added.

SOURCE: *Business Standard*