

Headlines At a Glance - 16th Jan 2020

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Centre accepts Justice Dhingra committee report on Delhi Police's role in 1984 anti-Sikh riots

Central government on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that it has accepted Justice Dhingra committee report into the role of Delhi Police in 1984 anti-Sikh riots and that it will take action accordingly. A Bench of Chief Justice SA Bobde has allowed the petitioner S Gurlad Singh Kahlon, a member of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, to file suggestions on the report submitted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT). The petition has sought an inquiry into the role of 62 policemen named in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots case.

SOURCE: *India Today*

Saksham Campaign to begin from January 16

'Saksham', an annual one-month long, people-centric fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is going to be

launched on 16th January by Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in a function to be held in Delhi. The annual Saksham National Competition which generally is launched in the month of July, involving schools and students in Essay, Painting and Quiz competition is a big hit now. This year the competition has achieved reaching a record breaking figure of participation of 1.48 crore students. 'Saksham' is strengthening its foot print as a flagship Fuel Conservation mega campaign program of the country.

SOURCE: *PIB*

Science

Film Festival of India (SCI-FFI 2020) being held at Panaji (Goa)

With an aim to kindle the love for Science among students and propagate concepts through the medium of films, the 5th edition of the Science Film Festival of India, SCI-FFI 2020, is being held in Panaji, Goa from January 15 to January 18 2020. The event is being supported by the Department of Science and Technology and Waste Management (Government of Goa) and Vigyan Prasar (DST) Government of India among others. This year at SCI-FFI, there have been collaborated efforts put in to introduce young minds to the field of science through workshops and master classes, and several other activities chalked out during the four days.

SOURCE: *www.sciffigoa.org*

National

Health Authority signs MoU with ITC e-Choupal

The National Health Authority, the apex body implementing the Centre's flagship Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme, has signed an MoU with ITC e-Choupal to help farmers avail benefits under the programme. As part of the MoU signed on Tuesday, ITC will conduct awareness camps through 400 Village Health Champions (VHCs) covering over 800 villages across 10 districts of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh on a pilot basis. These VHCs will make women and adolescents aware of the programme through group meetings and door-to-door campaigns. ITC e-Choupal is a network of 4 million farmers in over 35,000 villages across 10 states — Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

SOURCE: *Business Standard*

Three new tiny

frogs species discovered in Arunachal Pradesh

Three new species of tiny frogs have been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh's Lower Subansiri district by scientists of Zoological Survey of India, according to a recently published journal. The frogs are so small in size that one can sit on a coin, ZSI scientist Bhaskar Saikia told. The new

species discovered from Talle Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) have been named as 'Liurana himalayana', 'Liurana indica' and 'Liurana minuta'. The specimens of the new frog species were collected by Bikramjit Sinha, another scientist of ZSI in Itanagar during 2015-16 as part of the documentation of faunal diversity in the protected area.

SOURCE: *The Print*