

Headlines at a Glance - 18th December 2019

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Two

separate trials of supersonic cruise missile BrahMos conducted, one each from land and air platforms near Balasore in Odisha

India, on Tuesday conducted two separate trials of its supersonic cruise missile BrahMos, one each from land and air platforms near Balasore, Odisha in order to check its capability to hit targets with accuracy and precision. The test fires were conducted jointly by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Indian Air Force (IAF) and BrahMos.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Telecom

launches National Broadband Mission

The government on Tuesday promised broadband access in all villages by 2022, as it launched the ambitious National Broadband Mission entailing stakeholder investment of Rs 7 lakh crore in the coming years. The mission will facilitate universal and equitable access to broadband services across the country, especially in rural and remote areas. It also involves laying of incremental 30 lakh route km of Optical Fiber Cable and increase in tower density from 0.42 to 1 tower per thousand of population by 2024.

SOURCE: *Economic Times*

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journalists murdered worldwide in 2019, lowest toll in 16 years: Reporters without

Borders

Forty-nine journalists were killed across the world in 2019, Reporters without Borders said Tuesday, the lowest death toll in 16 years. The “historically low” number mostly died covering conflicts in Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan, the Paris-based watchdog said, which warned that “journalism remains a dangerous profession”. Some 80 journalists a year have lost their lives on average over the last two decades, said the organisation, which is known by its French initials RSF.

SOURCE: *India Today*

CBI officer

B. P. Raju wins ‘India Cyber Cop of the Year 2019’ award given by NASSCOM-DSCI

CBI officer B P Raju has won the “India Cyber Cop of the Year 2019” award by NASSCOM-DSCI for cracking a fraud case in an online entrance exam conducted by an engineering college in Rajasthan, officials said on Tuesday. The award was given to Raju by Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ajay Prakash Sawhney, during the annual Information Security Summit held at Gurgaon. Raju had investigated the case and exposed the fraud in the online entrance examination.

SOURCE: *Outlook*

Pakistan’s

former dictator General Pervez Musharraf sentenced to death in absentia in the high treason case

Pakistan’s former dictator General Pervez Musharraf was on Tuesday sentenced to death in absentia in the high treason case for subverting the Constitution in 2007, becoming the first military ruler to receive the capital punishment in the country’s history. A three-member bench of the special court, headed by Peshawar High Court Chief Justice Waqar Ahmad Seth, pronounced the verdict in the landmark case launched in 2013 against the former Pakistan Army chief by the previous government of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

SOURCE: *Economic Times*