

Headlines At a Glance - 20th Jan 2020

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India

successfully test-fires the 3,500 km strike range nuclear-capable K-4 submarine-launched ballistic missile

India on Sunday successfully test-fired a 3,500 kilometre range nuclear capable missile that can be launched from a submarine. Sunday's test of the K-4 ballistic missile, however, took place off the coast of Andhra Pradesh. The missile is being developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and is to be fitted into the indigenously built Arihant-class nuclear-powered submarines of the Indian Navy. Reports have said that the K-4's circular error of probability (the radius of the missile's point of impact which is also a measure of the efficacy of its guidance systems) was 40 meters or less. This makes it ideal to strike targets from stand-off ranges.

SOURCE: *Livemint*

Supreme

Court to appoint its retired judge Justice A. M. Sapre as the

chairman of its committee on road safety

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would appoint one of its retired judges, Justice A M Sapre, as the chairman of its committee on road safety after the panel's current head — former apex court judge Justice K S P Radhakrishnan — expressed difficulty in continuing in that position. The bench said according to the note placed before it by advocate Gaurav Agarwal, who is assisting the top court as amicus curiae in the matter, former secretary of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways S Sundar has found it difficult to continue as a member of the committee due to ill-health.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel launches employment mobile app 'Rozgar Sangi'

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel launched 'Rozgar Sangi', a mobile app to help skilled and trained candidates find jobs. The app was developed with the help of National Informatics Centre which will benefit 7 lakh students who were trained under the 705 courses offered by CSSDA. The information of trained youths from more than 400 courses has been incorporated in the app.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Nationwide programme to administer polio drops to children organized on National Immunization Day

President Ram Nath Kovind launched the Pulse Polio Programme for this year by administering Polio drops to children below five years at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Under this programme, over 17 crore children of less than five years of age across the country will be administered polio drops. On the same occasion, Puducherry chief minister Narayanasamy launched the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) programme in the union territory. Around 82,000 children were administered polio drops through 452 centres throughout the union territory. Health department sources said, this immunization programme would be held for the next two days to cover all the left out children by door to door visit.

SOURCE: *PIB*

‘Nature Risk Rising Report’ by World Economic Forum released

Flagging huge risks to the economy from dangers of biodiversity loss and climate change, a WEF study on Sunday said businesses are more than dependent on nature with an estimated exposure of \$44 trillion or half of the world GDP. Releasing the Nature Risk Rising Report ahead of its 50th Annual Meeting, the World Economic Forum said about 25 per cent of our assessed plant and animal species are threatened by human actions, with a million species facing extinction, many within decades. China, the EU and the US have the highest absolute economic value in nature-dependent industries. An analysis of 163 industry sectors and their supply chains found that over half of the world’s GDP is moderately or highly dependent on nature and its services. Pollination, water quality and disease control are three examples of the services an ecosystem can provide.

SOURCE: *Business Standard*