

Headlines at a Glance - 27th December 2019

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UGC

Documents on Quality Mandate Released

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched the 5 documents developed by UGC covering the 5 verticals of Quality Mandate in New Delhi today. These five documents cover evaluation reforms, eco-friendly and sustainable university campuses, human values & professional ethics, faculty induction and academic research integrity. Speaking on the occasion Shri Nishank said that to improve the quality in Higher Educational Institutions, University Grants Commission has adopted the Higher Education Quality Improvement Programme Mandate. The quality mandate aims at evolving higher education system to equip country's next generation with vital skills, knowledge and ethics for leading a rewarding life.

Delhi's

first transit-oriented hub to come up in Karkardooma

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on December 26 laid the foundation stone for the country's first transit-oriented development (TOD) project under which a state-of-the-art infrastructure zone, including the national capital's tallest tower, will be built in east Delhi. The project — 'East Delhi Hub' at Karkardooma — spread over 30 hectares; will come up in the next three-and-a-half years. The hub will be developed around the existing two Delhi Metro stations at Karkardooma- on the Blue and Pink Lines, and will include a massive open landscaped green area, besides a 48-storey signature tower that will come up in the first phase of the project.

Finance

Minister releases Postage Stamp on Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday released a postage stamp to commemorate distinguished service and glorious contribution of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in protecting the nation. After releasing the stamp, Sitharaman stressed on the critical need for training officers of DRI in using technology and data analytics to be able to inspire confidence of citizens and deter smugglers. She remarked that DRI continues to play an immense role in countering smuggling as well as in preserving the cultural heritage and environment of the country.

All

railways recruits to be inducted through UPSC: Chairman

All new recruits in railways will be inducted through the UPSC civil services exams under five specialties, Railway Board Chairman V K Yadav said on Thursday; days after the Cabinet approved the merger of its eight services into one — the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS). He said just like aspirants to the Union Public Service Commission, candidates aspiring to get into railways will have to appear for their prelims after which they will indicate their preference for IRMS under five specialties — four of them engineering specialties for ‘technical’ operations comprising of civil, mechanical, telecom and electrical, and one ‘non-technical’ speciality which will recruit officers for accounts, personnel and traffic.

5th Round

of India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue held in Tokyo

India and Japan have vowed to deepen maritime cooperation and also held consultations on disarmament, non-proliferation and export control. The 5th Round of India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held in Tokyo on Tuesday with the Indian delegation led by Indra Mani Pandey, Additional Secretary (Disarmament and International Security Affairs), Ministry of External Affairs, while Japanese delegation was led by Ambassador Yamanaka A Osamu, Deputy Assistant Minister, and Deputy Director-General in Foreign Policy Bureau. The two sides exchanged views on various topics of mutual interest in maritime domain and identified the means for further strengthening their maritime cooperation