

Headlines At a Glance - 27th Jan 2020

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Brazilian

President Jair Messias Bolsonaro attends Republic Day Parade at Rajpath in New Delhi as Chief Guest

Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro on Sunday joined a select group of world leaders to have graced India's Republic Day celebrations in the past few decades. Bolsonaro, as the chief guest at the 71st Republic Day celebrations, watched the colorful parade at the majestic Rajpath along with President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a host of other leaders. This is the third time that a Brazilian President was the chief guest at the Republic Day. The last time a Brazilian President was the chief guest was in 2004 when Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva attended the parade.

SOURCE: *The Print*

NIRDPR ties up with UNICEF for communication resource unit

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) has joined hands with UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) to establish a 'Communication Resource Unit' (CRU) that will act as an institutional mechanism for providing strategic communication support

to national flagship programmes. The CRU will provide social and behavioural change communications to State governments and Central government schemes such as Poshan Abhiyaan, National Health Mission and Swachh Bharath Mission, among others. It is currently operating in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Road

transport and highways ministry launches 'GATI' portal

Giving more teeth to the digital monitoring the union ministry of road transport and highways has launched an online portal 'GATI'. The new portal created by NHAI on the lines of PRAGATI portal used by PMO can be accessed from NHAI website and contractors, concessionaires can raise any project related issues on it. All the issues brought to the notice through the new portal will be immediately taken up by the top NHAI officials. "Immediate action will be taken by the concerned officer, duly updating on the Portal.

SOURCE: *Economic Times*

Tourism

Ministry organizing Bharat Parv 2020 at Red Fort in New Delhi

Bharat Parv, 2020 is being celebrated from 26th to 31st January, 2020 in front of Red Fort at Gyan Path and Red Fort grounds. The objective of Bharat Parv is to encourage Indians to visit different tourism places of India and to inculcate the spirit of 'Dekho Apna Desh'. More than 50 food stalls, 79 handicrafts / handloom stalls and 27 theme pavilions have been setup during Bharat Parv. The Central theme of this year's Bharat Parv is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and 'Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi'. Bharat Parv will be open for the General Public on 26th January, at 5.00 PM till 10.00 PM. On the remaining days 27th to 31st January, 2020 the Bharat Parv would be open from 12.00 Hrs till 10.00 PM.

SOURCE: *PIB*

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Netherlands issues apology for the persecution of Jews during the Second World War

Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Sunday made the Netherlands' first government apology for the war-time persecution of Jews. He was giving an address in Amsterdam in memory of victims of the Holocaust on the eve of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. Only 38,000 of the 140,000 Jews who lived in the Netherlands survived World War II, but no government apology had been offered for the role the authorities played. The question of an apology was raised in 2012 when Rutte was also prime minister. He said then that not enough information was available about government action during the war and there was "not broad enough support" for an official apology.

SOURCE: *The Week*