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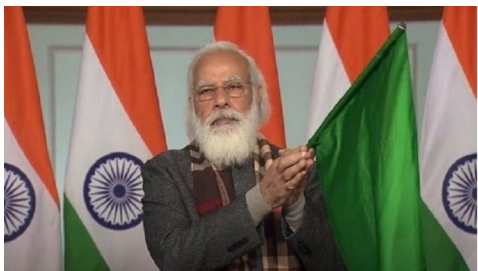
Current affairs of 17 jan and 18 jan

1. NATIONAL NEWS



India's first COVID-19 Vaccine recipient is Manish Kumar

He is a sanitation worker in Delhi, became the first person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in India after PM Modi flagged off the nationwide vaccination drive on 16 January 2021. Manish Kumar was given the injection at AIIMS in Delhi.



PM Modi flags off 8 trains connecting Statue of Unity

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off eight trains connecting the Statue of Unity in Kevadiya, Gujarat with different regions of the country through video conferencing.

The eight trains flagged off will connect Kevadiya with

Varanasi,
Dadar,
Ahmedabad,
Hazrat
Nizamuddin,
Rewa,
Chennai, and
Pratapnagar



3. **Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav 2021**

Petroleum Ministry launches 'SAKSHAM' campaign

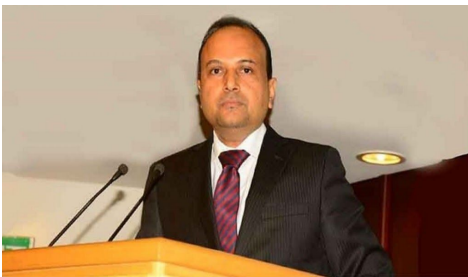
This scheme is launched to spread awareness about green and clean energy.

Organised by petroleum conservation research association(PCRA).

They include moving towards a gas-based economy, cleaner use of fossil fuels, greater reliance on domestic sources to drive biofuels and increased use of electric vehicles.

Main points--

Petroleum and natural gas minister -- Dharmendra Pradhan.



4.

No foreign leader as chief guest on Republic Day this year

This comes days after United Kingdom (UK) Prime Minister Boris Johnson cancelled his visit to India. Boris Johnson was scheduled to be the chief guest at India's Republic Day parade on January 26.

History of Republic Day event:

1. In 2020, Brazil President **Jair Bolsonaro** was the chief guest.

2.

Indonesian President **Sukarno** was the first chief guest to grace Republic Day in 1950.



5.

Rajnath Singh unveils India's 1st indigenously developed driverless metro car.

He inaugurated first driverless metro car on 15 Jan 2021 at Bangalore complex BEMTL.

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Kerala Governor launches 'One School One IAS' scheme

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan has inaugurated the 'One School One IAS' scheme which has been rolled out under the **Vedhik Erudite Foundations Scholarship Programme**

About this program---

Free classes given to the students who belong to the EWS category for the preparation of civil services.

Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan.

Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NASA targets final test of 'world's most powerful rocket'

NASA carried out the GREEN RUN Test series. The name of eight stage test is **HOT FIRE**.

The core stage of the SLS will form the backbone of what NASA says will be the “most powerful rocket in the world” and will power its next-generation human Moon Missions.

Mains points.

The administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration: Jim Bridenstine.

Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Donald Trump becomes first U.S. President to be impeached twice

President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time on January 13, charged with “incitement of insurrection” over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office. He was first impeached in 2019 over his Ukraine dealings



France hosts 4th One Planet Summit

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The Summit was organised in cooperation with the United Nations and the World Bank. The theme of the Summit was “Let’s act together for nature!”

France Capital: Paris.

France President: Emmanuel Macron.

France Prime minister: Jean Castex

France Currency: Euro.

Appointment



Intel appoints Pat Gelsinger as new CEO

He succeed BOB SWAN

Intel Founded: 18 July 1968.

Intel Headquarters: Santa Clara, California, United States.

Intel Founders: Gordon Moore and Robert Noyce.

DEFENCE NEWS



DRDO develops India’s first Indigenously-Developed 9mm Machine Pistol

India’s first indigenous 9mm Machine Pistol has been jointly developed by DRDO and Indian Army.

The weapon is aptly named “Asmi” meaning “Pride”, “Self-Respect” & “Hard Work”.

Secretary Department of Defence Research and Development & Chairman DRDO: Dr G Satheesh Reddy.

DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.

DRDO Established: 1958.

Sources--- THE HINDU ,ECONOMIC TIMES.