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### National News

#### 1. Western Railway's Longest Skywalk Connecting Bandra Terminus to Khar Road in Mumbai

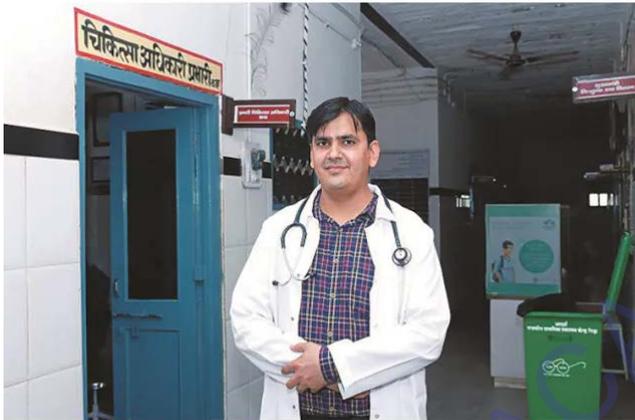


- The Western Railway's (WR) longest skywalk from the Khar Road railway station to the nearby Bandra Terminus has been opened for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily.
- The skywalk spans 314 meters long and is 4.4 meters wide. Western Railway's noted that the skywalk will allow passengers to reach Bandra (T) directly by deboarding at Khar station & taking south Foot Over Bridge.
- This skywalk has made travelling very convenient as earlier passengers travelling by suburban trains had to get down at Bandra or Khar Railway station to reach Bandra Terminus by walking.
- The new skywalk was built at an estimated cost of Rs 14 crore. Around 510 MT structural steel, 20 MT

Reinforcement steel and 240 cum of concrete was used for the construction.

- This skywalk will connect all foot over bridges of Bandra Terminus.

## 2. Rajasthan govt set to introduce India's first right-to-health Bill



- The Rajasthan government is soon likely to introduce in the Assembly the Right to Health Bill, “the first of its kind in India”, which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers.
- In January, the government had prepared a draft bill that defines the rights of patients, their attendants and health care providers, as well as a system for addressing grievances of the stakeholders.
- The right to health bill is part of the Rajasthan government’s bid to expand and strengthen medical services in the state.
- Recently, the chief minister approved Rs 117 crore towards expansion of the facilities in Mahila Chikitsalaya (women’s hospital) at Sanganeri Gate in Jaipur.

- The state has also ensured health security of every family by providing free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh to the people through Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana.
- Along with this, an accident insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh is being given to the families registered in the scheme.
- Also, medicines and tests of the patients coming to government health facilities are being provided free of cost.

### 3. Mangarh in Rajasthan to become monument of national importance



- A team from National Monuments Authority lead by Shri Tarun Vijay, Chairman, National Monuments Authority, submitted a report on declaring Mangarh hillock in Rajasthan as a monument of National Importance in the year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- This report carries relevant details about the Mangarh hillock and recommendations by National Monuments Authority.
- Minister of State for Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal said that the unsung heroes and Mangarh hillock haven't received the importance in history which they deserved.
- He also said 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters were brutally killed by the British army on 17th November 1913.
- To pay our tribute to them , on the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav we will positively take forward the report submitted by NMA Chairperson, Shri Tarun Vijay.

- The Union Minister also added that our younger generation is unaware of their sacrifice and Mangarh hillock, it will be our responsibility to highlight significance of and provide information about Mangarh Hillock.

#### 4. Shinzo Abe, former Japan PM, dies after being shot in Nara



- Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated in Nara on Friday while campaigning for the upcoming election, reported Reuters quoting public broadcaster NHK.
- The 67-year-old world leader was rushed to hospital in grave condition, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said in an address to the nation. A suspect has been taken into custody.
- Police said a 41-year-old man suspected of carrying out the shooting had been arrested.
- Nippon Hōsō Kyōkai (NHK) Japanese public broadcaster quoted the suspect, identified as Tetsuya Yamagami, as telling police he was dissatisfied with Abe and wanted to kill him.

## 5. Akshaya Patra Midday Meal Kitchen in Varanasi: All About Modi's Green Project That Will Feed 1 Lakh Kids



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Akshaya Patra midday meal kitchen during his first trip to his Varanasi district after the BJP won the Uttar Pradesh assembly election.
- Modi will inaugurate and lay the cornerstone for development projects worth Rs 1,774 crore aimed at enhancing the country's infrastructure and quality of life during his visit.
- The LT College kitchen has the capacity to prepare lunch for 1 lakh pupils.
- Akhilesh Yadav, the leader of the Samajwadi Party, responded to the opening by stating that all 11 locations suggested during the SP administration should begin using kitchens.

## 6. UP first state to have 13 expressways in the nation



- Uttar Pradesh's largest expressway network now has a foundation thanks to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- The state will soon have better highway connectivity from many other nations throughout the world.
- The state now boasts 13 expressways, making it the first state in the nation to do so.
- Six of the 13 expressways totaling 3200 km are in use while the other seven are under construction.
- On July 16, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will officially open the 296 kilometre long Bundelkhand Expressway, which will link Bundelkhand and Delhi. In the last five years, CM Yogi has drastically altered the state's infrastructure.
- The BJP government has put a lot of effort into revitalising the roads after realising that infrastructure is the economic growth engine and that roads are a reflection of advancement.
- A network of roadways linking other states and other nations has been established, starting from the hamlet and

continuing through the streets to block and district offices. In 70 years, just 1.5 expressways were constructed.

- The NCR and western UP population's long-standing request has been met by the double engine government. Taking the Delhi-Meerut Expressway as an illustration. Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the cornerstone for the 594 kilometre long Ganga Expressway.

## 7. Swamy Ramanujacharya: Amit Shah virtually unveils 'Statue of Peace' in Srinagar



- Union home minister, Amit Shah virtually unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region.
- Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, is considered to be a great thinker, philosopher and social reformer, a south Indian Brahmin born in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur.
- Ramanuja is known to have revolted against the discrimination of untouchability and played a role in bringing a big change in society.
- He is a follower of Vaishnavism and taught people the principles of salvation.
- He wrote many books, including Sri Bhashya, Vedartha Sangraha and Bhagavad Gita Bhasya, based on his belief that is different from the teachings of Adi Shankaracharya.
- The saint is known for judging people not by their caste at birth, but by their character.

- He is believed to be the first Hindu acharya to initiate women into 'sanyasa' (renunciation of the world).
- He is also known for blending Vedanta methodology with 'bhakti'.
- After Ramanuja's demise, the female community of 'sanyasinis' faded away.

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