

Current Affairs: October 19, 2024

National News

1. **PM Modi Launches National Learning Week**:



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Karmayogi Saptah' National Learning Week (NLW), aimed at enhancing the skills of civil servants. This initiative is part of the broader 'Mission Karmayogi,' which promotes a modern civil service aligned with Indian values.

International News

2. **India-Colombia Audio-Visual Agreement**:



India and Colombia signed an Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement to foster collaboration between their film industries. The agreement aims to pool creative resources and expand market access for filmmakers from both countries.

3. **India's Humanitarian Aid**:



India delivered 12 haemodialysis machines to Papua New Guinea and sent medical supplies to Lebanon as part of its humanitarian efforts, responding to commitments made during international summits.

****Banking News****

4. ****India and South Korea Join FTSE Russell Index****:



FTSE Russell announced that India and South Korea will be included in the Emerging Markets Government Bond Index by 2025, potentially attracting significant investment into their bond markets.

****State News****

5. ****Haryana's Free Dialysis Program****:



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini fulfilled a key poll promise by providing free dialysis for chronic kidney patients in all government hospitals, emphasizing health support for citizens.

****Defence News****

6. ****Sagar Kavach Exercise****:



The Indian Coast Guard conducted the 'Sagar Kavach' coastal security drill to enhance maritime security along the coasts of Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Goa, and Maharashtra, involving various stakeholders for improved coordination.

****Appointments News****

7. ****Sandip Goenka as CEO of ACKO Life****:



Acko appointed Sandip Goenka as CEO of its new life insurance division, ACKO Life. He brings over 20 years of experience in the insurance sector, aiming to drive growth and efficiency.

****Summits and Conferences****

8. ****NHRC Conference on Older Persons' Rights****:



The National Human Rights Commission held a conference focusing on the rights of older persons, highlighting their importance in cultural heritage and society.

****Business News****

9. ****Jio Payments Bank License****:



Jio Payments Bank obtained a mutual fund distribution license, allowing it to distribute various mutual fund schemes, marking its expansion in the financial sector.