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लहरों के स्वर में कुछ बोलो इस अंधड़ में साहस तोलो कभी-कभी मिलता जीवन में तूफानों का प्यार तूंफानों की ओर घुमा दो नाविक निज पतवार शिवमंगल सिंह 'सुमन'







The Hope Mars mission has been launched from which country's space center?

A. INDIA

**B. CHINA** 

C. USA

D JAPAN

Ans. D



Sacred groves in Rajasthan are known as -

- A. Koyil
- **B.** Sernas
- C. Devara kaadu
- D. Orans

Ans. D





Who is the MD of Bharat Forge?

- 📈 Baba Kalyani
- B. Azim Premji
- C. Ratan Tata
- D. Mukesh Ambani

Ans. A

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Recently Indian naval ships conduct a Passage exercise

(PASSEX) with -

A. USA

B. UK

C. Russia

D. Sri Lanka

Ans. A





Which country will host 2022 T20 world cup?

- A. Australia
  - B. Dubai
  - C. India
  - D. England

Ans. A

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(20 July)

### Straight talk

A few of the observations made by Justice Arun Mishra in the Rajasthan case on Thursday

We are not on Rajasthan and what happened there. Suppose X,Y, Z is there (in the government). There is loss of faith, may be within the party... Can the voice of dissent be shut down in a democracy? This is not a simple matter.

These are people elected by the public

- Question is about democracy. How it will survive?
  - This is a very serious issue and requires a prolonged hearing

# SC rejects Rajasthan Speaker's plea to stay HC proceedings

Case pertains to validity of the anti-defection notices he issued to Pilot, 18 MLAs

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused Rajasthan Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi's plea to stop the State's High Court from deciding the validity of the anti-defection notices he issued to former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and 18 dissident Congress MLAs.

But the High Court order on July 24 will be subject to the final decision on the Speaker's remonstrance in the top court that the HC crossed the 'Lakshman Rekha' and interfered with an ongoing disqualification proceedings even before he could take a final decision.

The Speaker had complained that the HC had no jurisdiction to ask him to defer the disqualification proceedings till July 24.

The top court scheduled a hearing on Monday (July 27).

During the hearing on Thursday, a three-judge Bench, led by Justice Arun Mishra, said the "larger question" here is whether a legislator's "voice of dissent" can be "shut down" with the threat of disqualification. Can expressing dissent amount to "voluntarily giving up the party membership" under Paragraph 2(1) (a) of the Tenth Schedule of



the Constitution and invite anti-defection proceedings? "Can the voice of dissent

[of MLAs] be shut down like this in a democracy? This is not a simple matter. These are people elected by the public. The larger question is about democracy and how it will survive like this... This for us is not about the disqualification of some people," Justice Mishra addressed senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the Speaker.

"If these MLAs have to voice their dissent, let them do it in their party meetings. The disqualification petition before me says they did not attend party meetings, they attempted to destabilise their own government, they

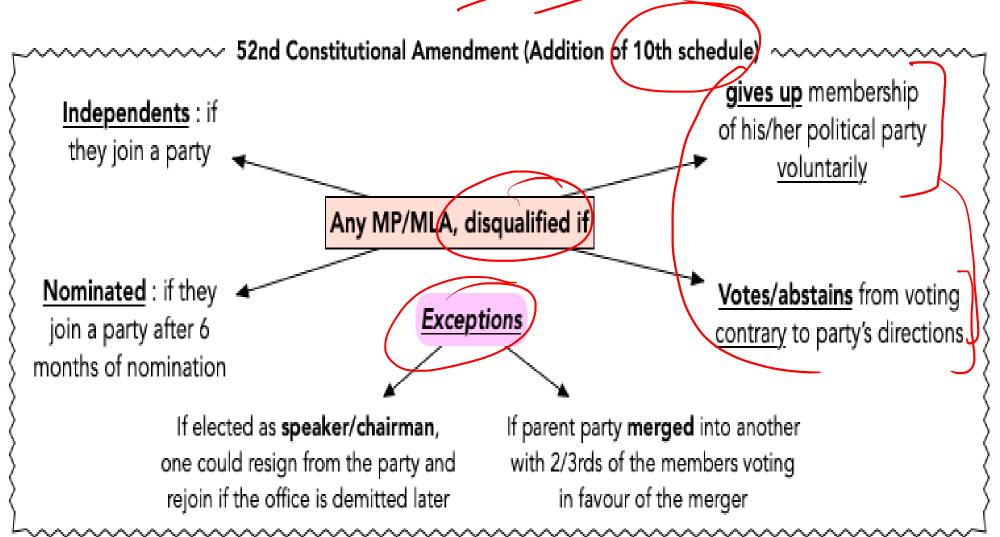
are sitting incommunicado in a Haryana hotel and making demands for a floor test in the media...," Mr. Sibal responded to Justice Mishra.

He said the July 14 notice issued by the Speaker was an opportunity for the MLAs to explain their conduct. "I, as the Speaker, am giving them a chance to respond to the petition... As to why there are holed up in a hotel? If I am satisfied with their explanation, I will not disqualify them. But no judicial authority can interfere till I make my final decision in the disqualification proceedings. That is the law you declared in Kihoto Hollohan case in 1992," Mr. Sibal submitted.



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### Some points of Debate vis-a-vis Anti-Defection Law

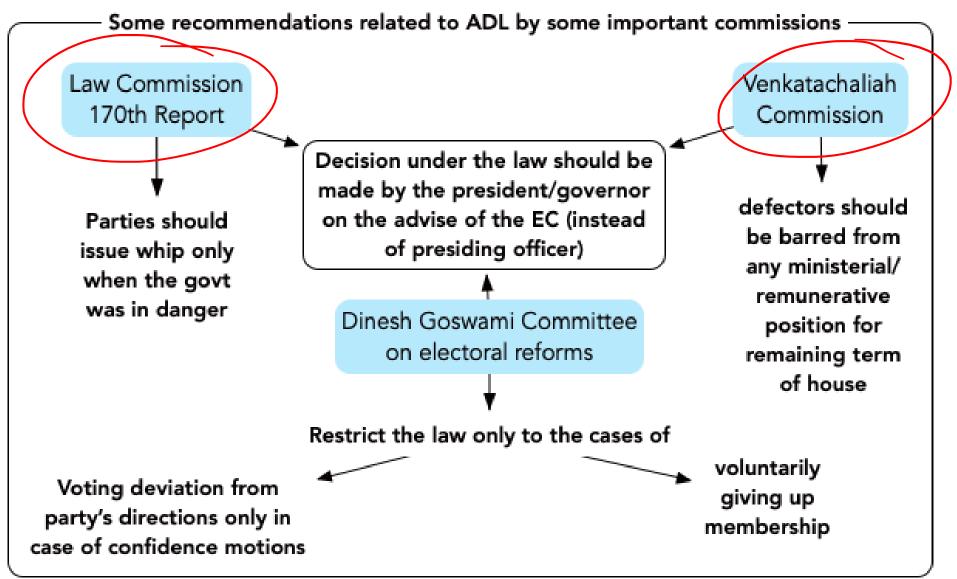
A member may be unable to express his actual beliefs which are in contravention of the party line.

Should the law be valid for all votes or only for confidence motions ? Does it not impinge on right of free speech of legislators?

SC has held that the law does not violate any rights/ freedoms. The presiding officer could take a partisan decision using the law .

However, the finality of presiding officer's decision has been upheld by the SC.





# China launches ambitious Mars mission

Beijing wants to join the U.S. in successfully landing a spacecraft on the red planet

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BEIJING

China launched its most ambitious Mars mission yet on Thursday in a bold attempt to join the U.S. in successfully landing a spacecraft on the red planet.

A Long March-5 carrier rocket took off under clear skies around 12-40 p.m. from Hainan Island, south of China's mainland. Hundreds of space enthusiasts cried out excitedly on a beach across the bay from the launch site.

"This is a kind of hope, a kind of strength," said Li Dapeng, co-founder of the China branch of the Mars Society, an international enthusiast group.

China's space agency said that the rocket carried the probe for 36 minutes before successfully placing it on the looping path that will take it



**Space race:** People watching a rocket, carrying an orbiter, lander and rover, on a mission to Mars from Hainan. • AFP

beyond Earth's orbit and eventually into Mars' more distant orbit around the sun.

China's tandem spacecraft – with both an orbiter and a rover – will take seven months to reach Mars, like the others. If all goes well, Tianwen-1, or "quest for heavenly truth," will look for underground water, if it's present, as well as evidence of possible ancient life.

It marked the second flight to Mars this week, after a UAE orbiter blasted off on a rocket from Japan on Monday. And the U.S. is aiming to launch Perseverance, its most sophisticated Mars rover ever, from Cape Canaveral, Florida, next week.

#### Solo attempt

This isn't China's first attempt at Mars. In 2011, a Chinese orbiter accompanying a Russian mission was lost when the spacecraft failed to get out of Earth's orbit after launching from Kazakhstan, eventually burning up in the atmosphere.

This time, China is going at it alone. It also is fasttracking, launching an orbiter and rover on the same mission instead of stringing them out.

Landing on Mars is notoriously difficult. Only the U.S. has successfully landed a spacecraft on Martian soil, doing it eight times since 1976.



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### Women officers can now get permanent commission in Army

Defence Ministry issues formal order

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Defence has issued the formal Government Sanction Letter for grant of permanent commission (PC) to women officers in the Army.

"In anticipation, the Army Headquarters had set in motion a series of preparatory actions for conduct of the Permanent Commission Selection Board for affected women officers. The Selection Board will be scheduled as soon as all affected Short Service Commissioned (SSC) women officers exercise their option and complete requisite documentation," the Army said in a statement on Thursday.

#### 10 streams

The order specifies the grant of permanent commission to SSC women officers in all the 10 streams in which they presently serve – Army Air Defence, Signals, Engineers, Army Aviation, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps and Intelligence Corps, in addition to the existing streams of Judge and Advocate General and



A file photo of women officers in a jubilant mood following the SC verdict.

Army Educational Corps, the Army said.

The order follows a Supreme Court verdict in February that directed the government that women officers be granted PC and command postings in all services other than combat. Following this, Army chief Gen. Manoj Naravane said it was an enabling one and gave a lot of clarity on how to move forward. He stated that the same procedure for male SSC officers would be followed for women to give permanent commission.

About 322 women officers had approached the top court and the issue of command postings came up in the discussion on subsequent avenues after the grant of PC.





# Locals mark 6 places for settling Bru refugees

They also cap no. of families to be accommodated in two Tripura zones at 500

#### RAHUL KARMAKAR

**GUWAHATI** 

Non-Brus of Tripura have proposed six places for settling the displaced Brus from Mizoram and set a limit for the number of families to be accommodated in two subdivisions that have borne the burnt of the 23-year-old refugee crisis.

Members of the Joint Movement Committee (JMC), comprising Bengali, Mizo and other indigenous communities of Kanchanpur and Panisagar subdivisions of North Tripura district, had on July 21 submitted a memorandum to the State government with proposals they said would be a win-win solution for all stakeholders.



Bru refugees in Tripura. •

The memorandum was submitted during a conference with the State's Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar and Principal Chief Conservator of Forest A. Rastogi via video from district headquarters Dharmanagar.

"We told the government that the locals are not against the settlement of Brus from adjoining Mizoram but they just cannot be settled at random. We have identified six places and proposed that 500 families at most be settled in these places," JMC convener Susanta Bikash Barua told *The Hindu*.

These places are Bandarima-Pushporampara, Sakhan Hills, Chaigarhpur, Subalbari, Kalarambari-Bandarima in Kanchanpur subdivision and Kukinala in Panisagar subdivision.

The Brus are distributed among seven relief camps in these two subdivisions.

The JMC and other groups have been maintaining that

the Brus were difficult to coexist with.

The Bru leaders, however, put the onus on the State government to honour a quadripartite agreement in January for resettling more than 6,500 families in clusters of at least 500 families in suitable areas.

#### 'Proposal violates pact'

"The proposal of limiting the number of families in Kanchanpur and Panisagar subdivisions does not conform to what has been agreed upon," said Bru community leader T. Laldingliana.

The areas proposed by the JMC and those sought by the Bru organisations do not match.

# Madhubani artist turns 'mask man' of Bihar

Turning his traditional skills to the need of the hour, Remant Kumar Mishra makes trendy safety wear

#### AMARNATH TEWARY

PATNA

When the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic hit India in March, noted Madhubani artist Remant Kumar Mishra, 37, decided to turn adversity into an opportunity.

Now going by a new sobriquet of Bihar's "mask man", Mr. Mishra despatches masks with hand-painted Madhubani motifs all over India.

Hailing from the Jitwarpur village under the Rahika block of Madhubani district in north Bihar, on March 9, Mr. Mishra distributed 650 masks with Madhubani (also known as Mithila painting) motifs among district officials and his acquaintances, seeking their feedback.

"They appreciated my effort as the masks are not only



Practical art: Remant Kumar Mishra with his creations.

comfortable to wear but also look ethnic and trendy," Mr. Mishra, who has been a Madhubani artist from the age of 10, told *The Hindu*. His grandmother, mother, wife and other family members al-

so paint in the Madhubani style. "In every household here, you can find a Mithila painting artist," he said.

Ranti under the Rajnagar block is another hub for this craft tradition. Mythological characters, and aspects of nature are central motifs in this style of painting, originally rendered only with fingers and natural colours. "But now we use brushes, nib-pens and synthetic colours as well to paint Mithila art," said Mr. Mishra.

Mr. Mishra's phone has been ringing constantly with orders after photos of his masks went viral on social media. "I heard that social activist and writer Advaita Kala tweeted about my masks, which helped other people all over the country find out about them. I am thankful to her," he said, adding that he now engages nearly 300 villagers, including 15 tailors from his locality, in painting masks.

He has been receiving or-

ders from all over the country and in the past three months, has sent over 14,000 masks in sanitised packages on a first come-first served basis.

He charges ₹50 apiece for his three-layered cotton masks featuring Madhubani motifs. "We also have masks with catchy slogans like 'go corona' and 'namaste karna hai, haath nahi milana hai' (greet greet each other with folded hands, don't shake hands)," he said.

He orders his cotton fabric from Warangal in Telangana. "I am quite particular about choosing the right fabric. My first priority is the safety and satisfaction of my customers," the artist said. He can be contacted at 8789183527 or 9899429912.



 Madhubani painting has its origins in Maithili village of Bihar.

• In the beginning, the women of the village drew these paintings on the walls of their dwelling, as a demonstration of their feelings, hopes, and ideas.



 Later these paintings started becoming a part of festivities and special occasions.

 Gradually, the Madhubani painting traversed the traditional boundaries and reached professional artists both in India and abroad.



The themes of these paintings are chiefly nature and mythological events.

It revolves around Hindu deities like Krishna, Shiva, Lakshmi, Durga, Rama, and Saraswati.

# 24% RS members face criminal cases

ADR analysis finds that 89% have declared assets estimated at over ₹1 crore

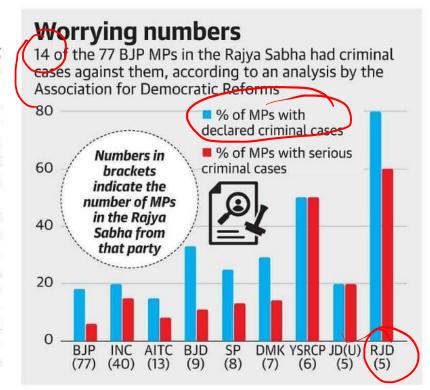
#### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

About a quarter of the sitting Rajya Sabha members have declared criminal cases against themselves, according to an analysis of their self-sworn affidavits by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) released on Wednesday.

With three seats vacant and Kerala MP K.K. Ragesh's affidavit being unavailable, the ADR report said that an analysis of 229 of the 233 Rajya Sabha seats that represent the States and the Union Territories showed that 54 MPs or 24% had declared criminal cases.

Out of the 229 MPs, which included the newly-elected representatives taking the oath on Wednesday, 28 or 12% had declared serious criminal cases.

The report stated that 14



of the 77 BJP MPs and eight of the 40 Congress MPs had declared criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits.

The ADR analysis found

that 203 of the 229 MPs, or 89% of those analysed, had declared assets over ₹1crore, including 90% of the BJP MPs, 93% of the Congress MPs, 100% of the AIADMK MPs and 69% of the Trinamool Congress MPs.

#### Highest declared assets

Janata Dal (United) MP from Bihar Mahendra Prasad had the highest declared assets at ₹4,078 crore, followed by YSRCP MP from Andhra Pradesh Alla Ayodhya Rami Reddy, with assets worth ₹2,577 crore, and Samajwadi Party MP from Uttar Pradesh Jaya Bachchan, actor-turned-politician, who declared assets over ₹1,001 crore.

The ADR report said BJP MP from Manipur Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba declared ₹5.48 lakh in assets, the lowest of the MPs analysed, followed by Aam Aadmi Party MP from Delhi Sanjay Singh, who declared ₹6.6 lakh in assets, and BJP MP from Jharkhand Samir Oraon, who declared ₹18.69 lakh.



# Tyagi calls for unified bond market, moots G-Secs in demat

SEBI chief urges first-time retail investors to invest in government debt

LALATENDU MISHRA

MUMBAI

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) chairman Ajay Tyagi on Wednesday called for unification of the financial markets, adding that the corporate bond market needed reforms without any further delay.

"Unification of financial markets is an idea whose time has come. The market infrastructure for corporate bond and G-Secs markets should be integrated," Mr. Tyagi said in his inaugural address at the FICCI Capital Market Conference 'Atmanirbhar Bharat: Role of Capital Markets'.

"Having two separate ecosystems results in artificial segmentation of investors and divergent governance and regulatory norms for institutions in the two markets performing similar functions," the SEBI chief noted. The market infrastructure institutions dealing with



One to tango: Two separate ecosystems result in divergent governance, regulatory norms, says SEBI chiefAjay Tyagi. • PTI

these two types of securities should follow the same rules and regulations, he said, adding that the economies of scope and scale would also dictate such unification.

Observing that the equity markets had seen a big surge in participation of retail investors in the last few months, he said that the rise in new demat accounts indicated the entry of first-time retail investors.

He said it would be ideal for first-time investors to begin their capital markets journey by investing in risk-free government bonds. "I would suggest that, to achieve this, the G-Secs may be issued in demat form," Mr. Tyagi added.

"These new demat account holders, after gaining experience of investing in G-Secs could then gradually add other securities to their demat accounts," he added.

Observing that the government planned to borrow an additional ₹4 trillion this year on account of CO-VID-19, he said the issuance of G-Secs in demat form would facilitate easier borrowing.

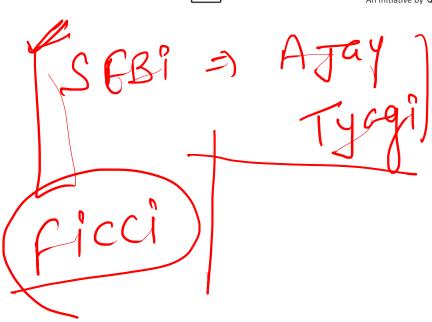
#### Corporate bond market

Stating that the corporate bond repo market had not taken off as expected, he said SEBI was examining policy options to make it work, including a central clearing facility for tri-party repo trades in corporate bonds.

He said development and deepening of the corporate bond market ought to be one of the topmost agendas of the policymakers, more so considering the problems with the banking sector.

Since the market was getting restricted to top-rated corporate bonds, there was a dire need to move down the rating curve, he said.







Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India.

Its history is closely interwoven with India's struggle for independence, its industrialization, and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing global economies.

Cil => 1895



Founder: Ghanshyan Das Birla & Purushottam das Thatur

HQ: New Delhi

Chairman: Sangita Reddy
(Joint Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals)

# Subramanian

# Fiscal push after vaccine: CEA

Subramanian says demand has flattened as people are more inclined to save

#### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

The Centre is likely to wait for the development of a CO-VID-19 vaccine before committing to any further "fiscal push" to revive the economy, according to Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Krishnamurthy Subramanian.

After he addressed a webinar organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on Wednesday, Dr. Subramanian was asked whether the government was planning any further fiscal measures as part of an economic stimulus, as opposed to monetary and credit-based measures which have so far dominated the

If the vaccine comes through in the next few months, then the time will be right for a fiscal push as it will generate demand for even discretionary spending. The timing is important so that the bang for the buck is maximised KRISHNAMURTHY SUBRAMANIAN CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER

Centre's response to the crisis.

The CEA responded that the government was willing to do whatever was necessary to drive consumption, but added that at a time of uncertainty, people were unwilling to spend.

He cited higher balance data from Jan Dhan accounts to argue that people were more inclined to save than spend during the pandemic, thus flattening demand.

"The question is not about if but when," he said, regarding a fiscal package. "Once we have the vaccine, then the uncertainty that people have will go down significantly. If the vaccine comes

through in the next few months, then the time will be right for a fiscal push as it will generate demand for even discretionary spending. The timing is important so that the bang for the buck is maximised."

#### **Boosting demand**

Industry groups have been demanding immediate fiscal measures as a necessary step to boost demand and support vulnerable small businesses.

Earlier this week, scientists at Oxford University said they have had encouraging results in early trials for a vaccine, which seems to be safe and induces an immune reaction.



ह्यूस्ट्रें में चीन के वाणिज्य दूतावास को बंद करने का आदेश

• अमेरिका ने चीन को हयूस्टन (Houston) में अपना वाणिज्य दूतावास (Consulate) बंद करने का आदेश दिया है, इस आदेश के बाद विश्व की दो बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्थाओं के बीच तनाव और अधिक बढ़ गया है।



ध्यातव्य है कि अमेरिका-चीन के संबंध लगातार लगभग सभी मोर्चों पर बिगड़ते जा रहे हैं।

चीन ने अमेरिका के इस हालिया निर्णय का विरोध करते हुए कहा कि यदि अमेरिका जल्द ही अपने इस निर्णय की वापस नहीं लेता है तो चीन भी कुछ कड़े कदम उठाने के लिये मजबूर होगा।

ध्यातव्य है कि अमेरिका में चीन के कुल 6 वाणिज्यिक दूतावास हैं, जिसमें से एक को बंद करने का आदेश दिया गया है।





48 Counts



वैश्विक विनिर्माण जोखिम सूचकांक [Global Manufacturing Risk Index (MRI)] की रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि वर्ष 2020 में चीन और संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका ने क्रमशः शीर्ष दो स्थान बरकरार रखे हैं जबिक भारत एक स्थान की बढ़ोतरी के साथ तीसरे स्थान पर पहुँच गया है।



लागत के लिहाज से भारत, चीन और वियतनाम के बाद तीसरे स्थान पर है।

हालाँकि भारत जोखिम परिदृश्य में 30वें स्थान पर है।राजनीतिक एवं आर्थिक जोखिमों के निम्न स्तर को प्रस्तुत करने वाले देशों को उच्च स्थान दिया गया है।



## कुशमैन एंड वेकफील्ड (Cushman & Wakefield):

कुशमैन एंड वेकफील्ड एक वैश्विक वाणिज्यिक रियल एस्टेट सर्विस फर्म है।

इसका मुख्यालय शिकागो, इलिनोइस (संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका) में स्थित है।







गौरतलब है कि मानव पूंजी को सशक्त करने एवं उसकी उत्पादकता बढ़ाने हेतु एक भाग के रूप में 'मनोदर्पण' पहल को 'आत्मानिभर भारत अभियान' में शामिल किया गया है।









Retrofit of Airconditioning to Improve Indoor Air Quality for Safety and Efficiency







आरएआईएसई (RAISE), 'एनर्जी एफिशिएंसी सर्विसेज़ लिमिटेड' (EESL) और 'यूएस एजेंसी फॉर इंटरनेशनल डेवलपमेंट्स' (USAID) के मैत्री (Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency- MAITREE) कार्यक्रम के तहत एक संयुक्त पहल



काफी समय से भारत में हवा की खराब गुणवता चिंता का विषय बनी हुई है और विशेष रूप से कोरोना संक्रमण के समय में इसका महत्त्व और भी अधिक बढ़ गया है।

नई दिल्ली नगरणालका परिषद (NDMC) के सहयोग से EESL ने मध्य दिल्ली में भारत का पहला सार्वजनिक इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन चार्जिंग प्लाज़ा स्थापित किया है