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1. India and Uzbekistan sign three MoUs

During the visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Tashkent, the two countries signed three MoUs to increase military cooperation in *Military Medicine and Military Education*.

This was the first visit by an Indian Defence Minister in nearly 15 years to Uzbekistan.

2. Exercise Dustlik 2019- India, Uzbekistan joint military exercise

First-ever **India-Uzbekistan** joint military exercise- **Dustlik 2019** will be held from 4-13 November 2019 at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent.

The exercise will focus on increasing interoperability between the armed forces of the two countries and counter-terrorism.

3. Rajinikanth to be awarded Special Icon Award at IFFI

Renowned film actor **Rajinikanth** will be presented with the *Special Icon Award* at the 50th International Film Festival of India in Goa. He will be awarded for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema.

French actress **Isabelle Hupert** will be given the *Life Time Achievement Award for a Foreign Artiste* during the event.

4. President Ram Nath Kovind visits Lingdum Monastery

Indian President visits Lingdum Monastery during his two-day visit to Sikkim.

Lingdum Monastery is a *Buddhist monastery* that is located near **Ranka** in Sikkim. The monastery follows the **Zurmang Kagyu tradition**.

Attempt Today's Question of the Day

5. Outsiders to register with state authorities to stay more than 24 hrs in Meghalaya

Meghalaya government has approved the amendment to the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act, 2016 in the form of an ordinance.

Under this amendment, the outsiders coming to Meghalaya in the form of tenants, labourers, tourists, with a purpose to stay more than 24 hrs in the state will have to get registered with the state authorities.

The rule will not apply to the residents of the state (non-STs), Central and state government employees.

6. Maps of two new UTs have been released

With the implementation of the J & K Reorganisation Act 2019, the two new UTs Ladakh and J&K have come into existence from 31st October 2019. In the wake of this, the government has released the maps of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and that of India (showing 28 states and 9 UTs).

Kargil and Leh will be the two districts in **Ladakh** while remaining are included in the new UT Jammu & Kashmir.

7. Mumbai and Hyderabad now a member of UCCN in the fields of Films and Gastronomy respectively

Mumbai and Hyderabad, the two major cities of India, have been designated as member of UCCN (UNESCO Creative Cities Network) in the fields of *Film and Gastronomy respectively*.

With these new additions, the total count of cities under UCCN has become 246. There are 7 categories for designation as a member city:

1. *Crafts and Folk Arts*
2. *Design*
3. *Films*
4. *Gastronomy*
5. *Music*
6. *Media Arts*
7. *Literature*

Three other cities of India that have been designated as member of UCCN are-

- a. **Jaipur- Crafts and Folk Arts in 2015**
- b. **Varanasi- Creative city of Music in 2015**
- c. **Chennai- Creative city of Music in 2017**

8. Delhi's air quality still under 'Severe' category

Due to the burning of paddy fields and the slow speed of the wind, the air quality in the Delhi NCR region is still under the '**Severe**' category.

According to the data released by **System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR)**, the air quality index has crossed 600 today.

In response to this, the **Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA)** has declared a public health emergency in Delhi-NCR. While the Delhi government has closed schools and announced for the implementation of odd even scheme to reduce vehicular pollution.

9. Pooja Gehlot bags the silver medal in U-23 World Wrestling Championships

Indian wrestler Pooja Gehlot had to settle for silver after she lost the finals to Japan's Haruna Okuno 0-2 in the 53kg category event of U-23 World Wrestling Championships.

With this, India got its second silver medal after the first silver was won by Ravinder in men's 61 kg category.

10. South Africa wins Rugby World Cup for the third time

South Africa (Springboks) defeated England 32-12 to win the Rugby World Cup 2019. It is the third time South Africa has won this world cup. South Africa is now on par with **New Zealand** that has also won three World cup titles.

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