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### **World Theatre Day: 27 March**

- ❖ World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute (ITI). It is celebrated annually on the 27th March by ITI Centres and the international theatre community. The first World Theatre Day International Message was written by Jean Cocteau (France) in 1962.

### **Famous Madhavpur Mela Organised in Gujarat**

- ❖ For the very first time, Ministry of Culture organised Madhavpur Mela in Gujarat with an objective to symbolise the country's unity in diversity. The four-day long event was organised under the banner of "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat in Madhavpur Ghed, district Porbandar. A group of 150 people from the Northeast were given a traditional welcome. The purpose of this integration is to bring various parts of the country especially the Northeast, close to each other under the banner of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Madhavpur Mela shares its connection with the Mishmi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh. The Mishmi tribe traces its ancestry to the legendary King Bhishmak and through him to his daughter Rukmini and Lord Krishna.

### **3,21,567 Affordable Houses sanctioned for Urban Poor under PMAY(Urban)**

- ❖ Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has approved the construction of 3,21,567 more affordable houses for the benefit of urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) with an investment of Rs. 18,203 cr with central assistance of Rs. 4,752 cr. T. The approval was given in the 32nd meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee. The projects were sanctioned across 523 cities in the states of Haryana, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Mizoram, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab & Goa. With the above proposed houses, cumulative houses under PMAY(U) would become 42,45,792 after final approval from CSMC. Further after subsuming projects of RAY scheme the total number of houses being funded under PMAY(Urban) would be 43,87,640 houses.

### **CBDT extends PAN-Aadhaar linking deadline to June 30**

- ❖ The CBDT has extended the deadline for the PAN-Aadhaar linking to June 30. The policy-making body of the tax department issued an order extending the deadline from the current last date of March 31. The order said the deadline for PAN-Aadhaar linking for filing I-T returns is being extended after "consideration of the matter".

## MP has the highest number of tribal habitations fully covered by Drinking Water supply

- ❖ The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has informed that under the Scheme 'National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)', 10% of the total allocation of funds is earmarked to be used for the supply of drinking water to Scheduled Tribe (ST) dominated habitations. Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 55770 fully covered tribal habitations with the safe drinking water in the country followed by Odisha 52427 ,Jharkhand 53476 numbers of habitations.

## Anushka Sharma and P V Sindhu had featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2018

- ❖ Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma and Badminton Ace P V Sindhu had featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2018 list. The list includes innovators and disruptors who are reshaping their industries and changing Asia for the better. Anushka, one of Indian film industry's highest paid actresses, is all of 29. Pakistani singer Momina Mustehsan too found a mention.

## Liashkova from Belarus wins Miss Supermodel Worldwide 2018 title

- ❖ Belarus beauty Aleksandra Liashkova won Miss Supermodel Worldwide 2018 title at a grand finale in Gurugram. Ekaterina Evdokimova of Russia was declared 1st runner-up. India's Shweta Parmar was awarded Miss Congeniality. First edition of the pageant saw Liashkova beating 42 other hopefuls. It was organised by Ten Square Media and Rubaru Group.

## Rahul Dravid named election icon for Karnataka Assembly polls

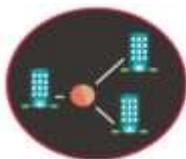
- ❖ Former Indian captain Rahul Dravid has been named as the election icon to motivate young voters to come and vote in the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections, Chief Electoral Officer Sanjiv Kumar has revealed. Meanwhile, film and music director Yograj Bhat will make the Karnataka Election Anthem, Kumar added. The voting for Karnataka Assembly elections will take place on May 12.

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