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**NEWS OF THE DAY**

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## STATE

### **1. Hemant Soren set to be sworn in Jharkhand CM on December 29**

Hemant Soren, Chief Ministerial candidate of the victorious Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-Congress-Rashtriya Janata Dal alliance, on Tuesday staked claim to form the next government in the mineral-rich State.

### **2. CM writes to PM, seeks classical language status for Marathi**

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging him to ensure that Marathi is accorded the status of a 'classical language' at the earliest. "The Prime Minister must take all possible and immediate steps to ensure Maharashtra's first language is given a privileged/elite status alongside six other languages already accorded the status of a 'classical language'," he said in a letter on Tuesday.

### **3. Tamil Nadu Assembly to convene on January 6**

The Tamil Nadu Assembly will convene on January 6 for its next session, which will begin with the Governor's address.

### **1. No link between NRC and NPR, says Amit Shah**

“There is no link between the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the National Population Register (NPR), I am clearly stating this today,” Union Home Minister Amit Shah told news agency ANI on December 24. “There is no need to debate this [pan-India NRC] as there is no discussion on it right now, PM Modi was right, there is no discussion on it yet either in the Cabinet or Parliament,” he said in an interview to the news agency.

### **2. National Population Register data first collected in 2010, updated in 2015**

The data for National Population Register (NPR) was first collected in 2010 and West Bengal was one of the five States that used the requisite information for planning various beneficiary schemes, a senior government official said.

The other States which used the NPR data collected by the Registrar General of India (RGI) on behalf of the Centre were Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Manipur and Rajasthan.

### **3. Rohtang tunnel named after Vajpayee**

The Cabinet had approved ₹6,000 crore for the Atal Bhujal Yojana for five years from 2020-21. Mr. Javadekar said half the cost would be borne by the Centre and the rest would be met with a World Bank loan.

“The scheme is aimed at improving groundwater management through community participation in identified priority areas in seven States: Gujarat, Haryana,

Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh,” an official release said. It would be implemented in 8,350 villages across 78 districts.


#### 4. Railway Board revamp will see cut in strength

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved the restructuring of the Railway Board, including reduction in the Board strength as well as merger of the different cadres into a central service called the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS).

#### 5. Union Cabinet clears NPR update, census

A meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday approved over Rs. 3,941.35 crore for updating the National Population Register (NPR) across the country, barring Assam, and Rs. 8,754.23 crore for conducting the Census of India, 2021.

**The numbers game**  
 The Cabinet approved over **₹3,941.35 crore** for updating the NPR and **₹8,754.23 crore** for conducting the Census of India 2020 in all States and UTs, except Assam



- Details under 14 categories would be collected through door-to-door enumeration, along with the Census
- The objective of the NPR is to create a comprehensive identity database of every usual resident (who has been living at a particular place for the past six months). The database would contain demographic as well as biometric particulars
- Though the government said the NPR and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) are not linked, the Citizenship Rules, 2003, state that the Centre can decide a date to prepare the NPR

- The data for NPR was collected in 2010, along with the house-listing phase of the Census of India, 2011
- This data was updated in 2015 through a door-to-door survey, and its digitisation has also been carried out
- It was decided to update the NPR, along with the house-listing phase of Census 2021, during April to September

## 6. Chief of Defence Staff gets govt. nod

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved the creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who will function as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister and also as the Permanent Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC).

The CDS, who will be above the three Service Chiefs, has been a long pending demand as part of higher level military reforms.

### Single point of contact

The Cabinet approved the creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) as part of military reforms

- The CDS will be of the rank of a four-star General with salary equivalent to a service chief

- He will head the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), which will be created in the Ministry of Defence. The armed forces will be brought under the DMA



- The CDS will look after the jointness in operations, logistics, transport, training,

support services, communications, repairs and maintenance

- He will act as the principal military adviser to the Defence Minister on all services matters. However, the three chiefs will continue to advise the Minister on respective services

### **1. New construction seen at Pyongyang missile site**

A new satellite image of a factory where North Korea makes military equipment used to launch long-range missiles shows the construction of a new structure.

### **2. Senate leaders at an impasse over Trump impeachment trial**

The fate of a Senate impeachment trial for President Donald Trump is at an impasse as Republican and Democratic leaders remained at odds over what form it would take and what witnesses would be called.



**1. Brazil President Bolsonaro discharged from hospital after losing memory in fall**

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro was discharged from a hospital Tuesday after recovering from a fall at the presidential palace that affected his memory.

Bolsonaro, 64, had a quiet night and left the Armed Forces Hospital in Brasilia following about ten hours under observation, according to a statement from the presidency.

**2. Government clears 4-star Chief of Defence Staff as military advisor**

The Union Cabinet Tuesday approved creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) as principal military advisor to the government. In line with the landmark announcement made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech, this fulfils a long-standing recommendation for higher military reform, recommended by various expert

committees and group of ministers, more so after the 1999 Kargil War.

The CDS will be a four-star General, at par in military rank, salary and perquisites with the three services chiefs, and will head the newly created Department of Military Affairs in the Ministry of Defence and function as its Secretary.

**3. Jharkhand: Hemant Soren stakes claim to form govt**

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) working president Hemant Soren on Tuesday met Jharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu and staked claimed to form the government in the state.

**4. Maharashtra cabinet nod to subsidised meal scheme**

Named 'Shiv Bhojan', the meal, which will cost Rs 10, will consist of two chapatis, one vegetable, rice and dal. According to Food and Civil Supplies Department officials, there will be at least one outlet in every district headquarters to prepare and dispense the meal in the pilot phase of the scheme.

These outlets would operate between 12 pm to 2 pm. These outlets would be able to turn out a maximum of 500 meals.



## **5. Cabinet approves World Bank-funded Atal Jal, PM**

### **Modi to launch scheme today**

On the eve of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary, the Union cabinet on Tuesday approved the World Bank-funded Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal), which aims to improve ground water management in seven states.

He said the scheme will benefit seven states - Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

## **6. Railway Board trimmed, cadres merged for 'smooth operation'**

In a major move aimed at structural reform and end of "departmentalism", the Union government on Tuesday drew the curtains on the Railway Board in its present form by merging eight Indian Railways specialised service cadres into a uniform cadre called the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS).

## **7. Uttar Pradesh cabinet nod for Rs 182 as daily payment to NREGA workers within 15 days**

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Tuesday cleared a proposal to provide Rs 182 as daily payment to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

(MGNREGA) workers within 15 days, failing which salary of the officials concerned and employees would be deducted at the rate of 0.05 per cent.



## தி இந்து

1. மக்கள் தொகை கணக்கெடுப்புக்கு ரூ.8,754 கோடியும் மக்கள் தொகை பதிவேட்டை புதுப்பிக்க ரூ.3,941 கோடியும் ஒதுக்கீடு செய்ய மத்திய அமைச்சரவை நேற்று அனுமதி வழங்கியது.
2. மக்கள் தொகை பதிவேட்டின் போது எவ்வித ஆவணங்களும் கேட்கப்படாது என்று மத்திய அரசு அறிவித்துள்ளது.
3. ராணுவம், கடற்படை, விமானப் படை என முப்படைகளுக்கும் ஒரே தலைமை தளபதியை நியமிக்கவும் மத்திய அமைச்சரவை ஒப்புதல் அளித்தது.
  - (i) புதிய தலைமைத் தளபதி 4 நட்சத்திர அந்தஸ்துள்ள ஜெனரலாக இருப்பார்.
  - (ii) ராணுவ விவகாரங்களின் துறை தலைவராகவும் அவர் செயல்படுவார்.
4. அடல் புஜல் யோஜ்னா திட்டத்தில் நீர்வள மேலாண்மைக்காக ரூ.6,000 கோடி ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.
5. லக்னோவில் வாஜ்பாய்க்கு சிலை: பிரதமர் மோடி இன்று திறந்து வைக்கிறார்

6. இந்தியா குறிப்பிடத்தகுந்த பொருளாதார தேக்க நிலைகளுக்கு இடையில் இருப்பதாக ஐ.எம்.எஃப். அறிக்கையில் கூறப்பட்டுள்ளது.

7. நீர் நிலைகள் மீட்டெடுப்பில் தீவிரம் செலுத்தி வருவதாக சிவகங்கை மாவட்ட ஆட்சியரை உயர் நீதிமன்றம் பாராட்டியுள்ளது.

சிவகங்கை மாவட்ட ஆட்சியராக ஜெ.ஜெயகாந்தன் உள்ளார்.

# தீர்மானம்

1. முப்படைகளின் தலைமைத் தளபதியாக தற்போதைய ராணுவத் தளபதி பிபின் ராவத் நியமிக்கப்பட உள்ளதாக மத்திய அரசு வட்டாரங்களில் தகவல் வெளியாகியுள்ளது.
2. 2020-ஆம் ஆண்டின் முதல் சட்டப்பேரவைக் கூட்டம் ஆளுநர் பன்வாரிலால் புரோஹித் உரையுடன், வரும் ஜனவரி 6-ஆம் தேதி நடைபெறுகிறது. இதுகுறித்த அறிவிப்பை சட்டப் பேரவைச் செயலாளர் கி.சீனிவாசன் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை வெளியிட்டார்.
3. ஜார்க்கண்ட் மாநில முதல்வராக ஜார்க்கண்ட் முக்தி மோர்ச்சா (ஜேஎம்எம்) செயல் தலைவர் ஹேமந்த் சோரன் வரும் 29-ஆம் தேதி பதவியேற்க இருக்கிறார்.
4. மகாராஷ்டிராவின் துணை முதல்வராக தேசியவாத காங்கிரஸ் கட்சியின் தலைவர் அஜித் பவார் பதவியேற்க உள்ளதாக தகவல்கள் வெளியாகியுள்ளன.
5. தேசிய மக்கள்தொகைப் பதிவேடு (என்பிஆர்) நடவடிக்கைக்கு ரூ.3,941.35 கோடியை ஒதுக்கீடு செய்ய மத்திய அமைச்சரவை செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை ஒப்புதல் வழங்கியது.

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7. கீழ் வெண்மணி நினைவு நாள் - நாகை மாவட்டம், கீழ் வெண்மணியில் வர்க்க ஒற்றுமைக்காவும், கூலி உயர்வுக்காகவும் போராடிய விவசாயத் தொழிலாளர்கள் 44 பேர், 1968- ஆம் ஆண்டு டிசம்பர் 25- ஆம் தேதி உயிருடன் எரித்துக் கொல்லப்பட்டனர்.