

## June 13 – International Albinism Awareness Day

On 18 December 2014, the General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/69/170 proclaiming, with effect from 2015, 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day. The United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a resolution in 2013 calling for the prevention of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism.

” **Albinism Awareness Day 2019 Theme – “Still Standing Strong**

## Extension of President’s rule in J&K for another six months

The Cabinet has approved extension of President’s rule in Jammu and Kashmir for six months with effect from 3rd of next month. The present term of President’s rule is expiring on 2nd July and the Governor has recommended that the President’s rule in the state may be extended for a further period of six months. The extension has been approved based on the prevailing situation in the state.

## Maritime Information Sharing Workshop 2019

A Defence Ministry release said that over 41 delegates from 29 countries of the Indian Ocean Region, IOR and beyond are participating in the two-day event. In the course of two days, the MISW aims to acquaint participants about Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region, IFC-IOR, its information sharing mechanisms and promote sharing of best practices in this field.

## SCO summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has left for **Bishkek**, the capital of Kyrgyzstan this morning to attend the meeting of Council of Heads of States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization -SCO. Important issues including global security situation, multilateral economic cooperation, people-to-people exchanges and topical issues of international and regional importance will be discussed during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit. Afghanistan will also be one of the focus areas in the summit.

## “12th Conference of States Parties to Convention to Rights of PwDs”

Mrs Shakuntala Doley Gamlin, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment participated in “12th Conference of States Parties to the Convention to Rights of Persons with Disabilities” at the UN Headquarters, New York.

### **16th Asia media summit**

The 16th Asia media summit that kicked-off in Cambodia is deliberating on many issues pertaining to the media and broadcasting industry. The plenary discussed on the current situations in developing markets as to adapt to the new technological possibilities

### **Union Cabinet approves MoC between India and Kyrgyzstan**

The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Collaboration, MoC between India and Kyrgyzstan for collaborative research work on High Altitude Biology and Medicine. The MoC will help in understanding the physical and mental picture of soldiers at high altitude and mitigate the related maladies by using Yoga practice, herbals and nutraceuticals.

### **Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bolivia**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation between India and Bolivia on cooperation regarding Bioceanic Railway Integration Corridor Project. The MoU will facilitate exchange of information, expert meetings, seminars, technical visits and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation projects.

### **Memorandum of Understanding between India and Thailand**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation between India and Thailand in the field of Astronomy / Astrophysics / Atmospheric Science. The MoU will lead to new scientific results, human resource development through increased scientific interaction and training, joint use of scientific infrastructure etc.

### **Memorandum of Understanding between India and Russia**

The Union Cabinet was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation between Research Designs and Standards Organisation, under the Ministry of Railways, India and Railway Research Institute, Russia and Research and Design Institute for Information Technology, Signalling and Telecommunication on Railway Transport, Russia. The MoU will facilitate exchange of information, expert meetings, seminars, technical visits and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation projects.

### **Memorandum of Understanding between India and Finland**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation in the area of Cyber Security between India

and Finland. The MoU intends to promote closer cooperation for exchange of knowledge and experience in detection, resolution and prevention of security related incidents between India and Finland.



### **Cabinet approves the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 by replacing the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Second Ordinance, 2019 (Ord.4 of 2019).

The Bill would ensure gender equality and gender justice to Muslim women. The Bill would also help in protecting the rights of married Muslim women and prevent divorce by practice of ‘talaq-e-biddat’ by their husbands.

### **New president of Kazakhstan**

In Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev today took oath as the new president of the country. He was acting president following the surprise resignation of Nursultan Nazarbayev in March this year. The career diplomat became the country’s second elected president after succeeding 78-year-old Nursultan Nazarbayev.

### **Jnanpith award**

Noted English writer Amitav Ghosh was conferred the 54th Jnanpith award for the year 2018. The award was given for his outstanding contribution in English. Former Governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi presented the award to Mr Ghosh at a function in New Delhi. Mr.Ghosh is the first English writer to get this award.

### **‘E-Governance Initiatives for ST Welfare Schemes’**

Shri Arjun Munda, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs launched the “e-governance initiatives for ST Welfare schemes” at a function organized by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has developed online portals namely DBT Tribal (<https://dbttribal.gov.in/>) and NGO Grants Online Application & Tracking System (<https://ngograntsmota.gov.in/>) for bringing in greater e-Governance in implementation of welfare schemes for STs.

### **Indian men’s archery team secure Olympic quota**

Indian men’s archery team secured the Olympic quota for the 2020 Tokyo Games by storming into the quarterfinals of the World Championships with a 5-3 win over Canada in the Netherlands. This is for the first time after 2012 London Olympics that Indian men could secure a team quota.