

1. **Jharkhand banned Popular Front of India**

The Jharkhand government banned the Popular Front of India (PFI) in the State to curb its anti-national activities and for links with terror outfits like the IS. The PFI has been banned with immediate effect under the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1908.

2. **NASA lost contact first mini-spacecraft MarCO CubeSats**

NASA has lost touch with the first mini-spacecraft that ventured into deep space, according to the US space agency which said that it is unlikely the twin CubeSats will be heard from again. The MarCO CubeSats were launched last year to test if such low-cost technology can operate in deep space. WALL-E sent back stunning images of Mars as well, while EVE performed some simple radio science.

3. **'Exercise Rahat' Concluded in Jaipur**

Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise 'Exercise Rahat' concluded in Jaipur, Rajasthan. It was demonstrated in Jaipur, Kota, and Alwar in Rajasthan. With a view to co-operating efforts for humanitarian assistance and Disaster Relief operations, NDMA coordinated the exercise. Indian Army was represented by Jaipur based Sapta Shakti Command.

4. **Book 'Undaunted: Saving The Idea of India' by former finance minister P Chidambaram launched**

Former finance minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram expressed disapproval of the Madhya Pradesh government's decision to slap NSA for alleged cow slaughter, saying the party leadership has conveyed its reservations to the state leadership.

5. **RBI MSME package to help recast Rs 1-trn loans for 700k accounts: Govt**

The Reserve Bank's restructuring package for small businesses announced last month will help recast Rs 1 trillion of loans for 700,000 eligible micro, small and medium enterprises. The estimate from the Department of Financial Services (DFS) secretary Rajiv Kumar is much higher than domestic rating agency Icr's assessment of Rs 10,000 crore.

6. **13 February: World Radio Day**

13 February is celebrated as World Radio Day by UNESCO all over the world. The theme of WRD 2019 is 'Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace'. This day marks a time where people around the world celebrate the radio and how it shapes our lives. Radio informs, transforms and unites us.

7. **England football great Gordon Banks passes away**

England football great, goalkeeper Gordon Banks, whose safe pair of hands helped the Three Lions to their only World Cup final victory in 1966, has passed away at the age of 81. Banks won 73 caps for England between 1963 and 1972 and made nearly 200 appearances for Stoke before his playing career was brought to an end due to a car crash that cost him the sight in one eye.

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