

## **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar to give away Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar & National Safety Awards for the Performance year 2015 on 17th September 2017**

The Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, has been operating the "Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP)" (Previously known as Shram Vir National Awards) and "National Safety Awards (NSA)" since 1965.

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## **President launches nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva jan aandolan from Kanpur**

The President Shri Ram Nath Kovind today launched the nationwide jan aandolan, Swachhta Hi Seva, from Iswarigunj, a village in Kanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. With this the whole country swings in to mass Shramdaan for toilet making and cleaning of public places for next two weeks.

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## **Stipend of Rs 50,000 per month be paid to the elite athletes preparing for Tokyo Olympic, Asian Games or Common Wealth Games to meet pocket expenses.**

The Olympic Task Force has recommended that stipend of Rs 50,000 per month be paid to the elite athletes preparing for Tokyo Olympic, Asian Games or Common Wealth Games to meet pocket expenses.

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## **Population Control, Poverty Alleviation and Environmental Protection are key to development: Vice President**

The Vice President of India and the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that the population control, poverty alleviation and environmental protection are the key issues to the development of any country. He was addressing the Delegation of Asian Population and Development Association, consisting of Parliamentarians from 15 countries, four sitting MPs, one former MP and two MLAs from India, who called on him, here today. The Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Dr. P.J. Kurien and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

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## **Ministry of Finance releases India's 'External Debt: A Status Report 2016-17'; India's External Debt stock stood at US\$ 471.9 billion at end-March 2017, decreasing by US\$ 13.1 billion (2.7 per cent) over the level at end-March 2016.**

The 23rd Issue of the Annual Publication 'India's External Debt: A Status Report 2016-17' prepared by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India presents a detailed analysis of India's External Debt position at end-March 2017