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November 01 2019- current affairs

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 01 – World Vegan Day

- World Vegan Day is an annual event celebrated by vegans around the world every 1 November. Vegan Day first occurred on November 1st, 1994 as a way of commemorating the 50th anniversary of the UK Vegan Society and indeed the term “Vegan”. The Vegan Society was established in November of 1944.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Bamboo Technology Parks to be set up in the two new UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh

- Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region took a review meeting with officials of the Ministry and the North Eastern Council (NEC, during which he announced that Bamboo Technology Parks would be set up in the two new Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) under NEC will implement the project, he added.
- The project for setting up three new Bamboo Technology Parks in Jammu, Srinagar and Leh would be in consonance with the National Bamboo Mission (NBM). A Bamboo Industrial Park has already been approved to be set up in the Dima Hasao district of Assam.

New Regional Centre of GB Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar approved the proposal of setting-up of a New Regional Centre of the GB Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development at Ladakh.
- As the setting up of the Centre is being envisaged concurrently with Ladakh being designated as a separate Union Territory (UT), the Institute is expected to have an institutional linkage with the Ladakh Administration right from its inception.

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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

1st Multilingual Writers' Meet

- For the first time, Arunachal Pradesh will host the Multilingual Writers' Meet at its oldest town Pasighat in East Siang District. The two-day event will be held at the auditorium of College of Horticulture and Forestry.
- Sahitya Academi in collaboration with Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society, Itanagar are hosting the meet. 25 prominent multilingual writers and poets from all parts of India and many literary dignitaries of the host state will attend the event.

NAGALAND

Nagaland launched the Ex-gratia Scheme

- Nagaland Government launched the Nagaland Ex-gratia Scheme for Students Studying outside Nagaland belonging to any recognized scheduled tribes and indigenous inhabitants of the state. The scheme is targeted for students who die outside the state while pursuing secular, technical, professional, diploma and theology courses.

APP & WEB PORTAL

Ladakh LG RK Mathur launches new website for Ladakh

- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur launched new Ladakh website. After swearing in as Lt. Gov in an interactive session with the District administration of Leh, RK Mathur launched the attractive and all new www.ladakh.nic.in website.
- The new Lt. Governor RK Mathur who is IITian and former Chief Information Commissioner has suggested technical changes and thrust upon more transparency through the new Ladakh website.

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Meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh to attend a key meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and participate in bilateral engagements with the Uzbekistan government.
- Shri Rajnath Singh will represent India in the meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO at Tashkent on November 2, 2019. The leaders participating in the meeting are expected to focus their discussions on the multilateral economic cooperation in the SCO region.

5th Inter Governmental Consultations

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel will co-chair the 5th Inter Governmental Consultations (IGC) in New Delhi. The two leaders will also hold talks and discuss a host of bilateral issues including economic partnership, trade, investment and agriculture.
- Entire gamut of bilateral issues including science, education, technology, people to people contact and cultural exchanges will also be discussed. Two countries are likely to sign around 20 agreements.

16th ASEAN-India summit and 14th East Asia summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Thailand from 2nd to 4th November to participate in the 16th ASEAN-India summit, 14th East Asia summit and 3rd Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).
- Prime Minister Modi will release the commemorative coin marking the 550th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Thai translation of Tirukkural (Tamil classic).

Spain confirms offer to host COP Climate Summit

- The Spanish government confirmed that it has offered to host the COP 25 climate summit after Chile abandoned plans to hold it due to deadly anti-government protests.
- Earlier, Chile's President Sebastian Pinera said Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez had "made a generous offer to host the COP 25 summit in Madrid" on the original scheduled dates of December 2-13.

SCHEMES



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Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021

- The Union Minister reviewed the preparations for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021 and instructed all the Deputy Commissioners to work hard to make India successful in this examination.
- Nishank said that India is going to participate in the PISA competition to be held in 2021. He said that this examination is an important platform to bring global recognition to Indian talent. There is no dearth of competence, discipline and talent among our students, but the need is that they get the right direction and guidance.

MoU & AGREEMENTS

MoU Signed between AIIA and Germany

- An MOU has been signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) under Ministry of AYUSH and Frankfurter Innovationszentrum Biotechnologie GmbH (FiZ).
- One important goal of the collaboration is to research in the field of genomics and develop evidence-based guidelines supported with latest technologies like Artificial Intelligence and machine learning so as to integrate Ayurvedic principles and practises into modern medicine for the wider reach to the masses.

DEFENCE

'Dharma Guardian' military exercise

- The second edition of the annual joint military exercise, named as Dharma Guardian between Indian and Japanese Army ended at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (CIJWS) Vairengte in Mizoram.
- The primary focus of this fortnight-long joint military exercise was to train and equip the contingents in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.



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APPOINTMENTS

IAEA Board Appoints Rafael Grossi as Director General

- Ambassador Rafael Mariano Grossi is set to take office as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in early December, following his appointment to the post by the Agency's Board of Governors.
- IAEA appointed by acclamation Mr Grossi as Director General, to serve for four years from 3 December.

SPORTS

Pooja Gehlot enters final of UWW Under-23 World Championships

- Indian women grappler Pooja Gehlot (53kg) has entered the finals after beating Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil in the semifinals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships 2019 in Budapest. In the summit clash, Pooja will be up against Haruno Okuno of Japan.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 02 - International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2 November as the 'International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists' in General Assembly Resolution A/RES/68/163. The Resolution urged Member States to implement definite measures countering the present culture of impunity. The date was chosen in commemoration of the assassination of two French journalists in Mali on 2 November 2013.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



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Online Hackathon on Data-driven Innovation for Citizen Grievance Redressal

- Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is going to launch a nation-wide online Hackathon 'Data-driven Innovation for Citizen Grievance Redressal' on 5th November, 2019 in New Delhi. The Hackathon will be launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

Union Minister Flags off E-Vehicles procured by Information & Broadcasting Ministry

- Shri Prakash Javadekar flagged off e-vehicles, procured by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at an event in New Delhi. The Electric-vehicles are supplied by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of state-owned NTPC Limited, Power Finance Corporation, Rural Electrification Corporation and POWERGRID, under the Government of India
- With this partnership, the Government of India continues to be an active participant in India's quest for reduced emissions & vehicular electrification. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Javadekar stated the benefits of using e-vehicles, "E-cars are an attractive, sustainable and profitable solution to mitigate climate change and the risk of public health caused by vehicular emission."

ASSAM

21st North East Book Fair in Guwahati

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurates the 21st North East Book Fair organized by the All Assam Publishers and Booksellers Association (AAPBA) in Guwahati. The Vice President said that students must be encouraged to look at reading as a fun activity rather than a chore.

BIHAR:

Chhath Puja festival: 'Kharna' to be observed this evening

- In Bihar, the festival of Chhath is being celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety. On the third day of the festival today, devotees will offer Sandhya Arghya to the setting Sun on the ghats of different rivers, ponds and other water bodies across the state.



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WEST BENGAL

Kolkata International Film Festival to start on November 8

- The Kolkata International Film Festival will start on November 8. Satyajit Ray directed Gupi Gayen, Bhagha Bayen will be the inaugural film of this festival. Cine Super-star Amitabh Bachchan and Shahrukh Khan, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and a galaxy of Bollywood and Tollywood stars will be present at the inaugural programme of the festival.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

India and Germany to cooperate in Artificial intelligence

- The German Federal Minister for Education & Research, Ms. Anja Karliczek called on the Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan here today to discuss various activities under Science and Technology and status of research – cooperation between both countries.
- The interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems programme launched in India last year by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) encompasses all elements including Artificial Intelligence, Internet of things etc. This new initiative with Germany will be operated through existing Indo-German Science and Technology Centre at Gurugram

APP & WEB PORTAL

Shri Santosh Gangwar Launches 3 Apps: Uan Registration, E-Inspection and DIGI Locker to Benefit EPF Subscribers and Stakeholders

- Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment launched 3 Apps: **UAN REGISTRATION, E-INSPECTION AND DIGI LOCKE**, developed by Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) at its 67th Foundation Day. Speaking on the occasion Shri Gangwar said that these Apps will immensely enhance the Ease of Doing Business and promote transparency in the working in the EPFO.



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SCIENCE

Cyclone Maha likely to bring rainfall to South Gujarat, Saurashtra

- Cyclone Maha is likely to bring heavy rainfall in the south Gujarat region, including coastal belt of Saurashtra from 6th November onwards. The cyclone effect was seen on several parts of Saurashtra coast and coastal parts of Amreli such as Pipalav, Jafarabad received rainfall.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS:

Coal India to produce 750 million tonnes of coal next financial year

- Union minister for Mines and Coal Pralhad Joshi has said that state-owned Coal India will produce 750 million tonnes of coal in the next financial year and will offer around 10,000 new jobs to boost employment. Mr Joshi also directed Coal India to take necessary steps to achieve this goal in light of growing energy requirements of the nation. The minister announced this target during his address at the 45th foundation day of Coal India Limited in Kolkata.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

7th India-US Economic and Financial Partnership meeting held in Delhi

- The Seventh Meeting of the India-U.S. Economic and Financial Partnership is meant to deepen the economic partnership between the two countries as a framework, commensurate with the growing importance of our economic relations and significant business and cultural ties that already exist between the two nations, and to undertake further work in a number of areas to improve cooperation and support for economic development.

MoU & AGREEMENTS

India Strengthens its Partnership with Germany on the Skills Agenda



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- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed two major agreements, referred to as Joint Declaration of Intent (JDoI), along with Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (hereinafter referred to as “BMZ”), Germany.
- One DoI was with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (hereinafter referred to as “BMBF”) for Cooperation in the Field of Skill Development and Vocational Education and Training. The second was signed for Dual VET initiative marking Sustainable Growth of Skills with Siemens Limited, India.

India & Germany sign two Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Education

- India and Germany signed two Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Education. First was an addendum to the MOU on Cooperation in the Field of Higher Education, signed by MHRD and BMBF, through which funding period of Indo-German Partnership has been extended from 1st July, 2020 to 30th June, 2024.
- Second MOU was signed between University Grants Commission, India and DAAD, Germany for extending the joint partnership programme under “Indo German Partnerships in Higher Education” (IGP) with the objective to enhance long-term partnerships between German and Indian Institutions of higher education by opening up new and innovative areas of cooperation;

DEFENCE

The Army Aviation Corps Celebrated its Thirty Fourth Raising Day

- The Army Aviation Corps celebrated its Thirty Fourth Raising Day on 01 Nov 2019. To mark this occasion, a Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at National War Memorial, India Gate, New Delhi. Wreaths were laid by Lt Gen Anjan Mukharjee (Retd) and Maj Gen AK Suri, ADG Army Aviation, in presence of host of serving and retired aviation personnel.

India, Germany stress the need to further deepen bilateral defence cooperation

- India and Germany have acknowledged the need to further deepen bilateral defence cooperation as strategic partners to jointly address global and regional security challenges.



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- The Joint statement issued after the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in New Delhi said that both sides agreed to develop stronger cooperation in Defence Industry testing and certification, especially for design certification of various systems.

APPOINTMENTS

Air Marshal Manavendra Singh AVSM assumes Charge as Director General Inspection and Safety

- Air Marshal Manavendra Singh, AVSM VrC VSM, took over as Director General Inspection and Safety, Air Headquarters RK Puram on 01 Nov 2019. The Air Marshal was commissioned in the flying branch of Indian Air Force on 29 Dec 1982 as a Helicopter pilot. Prior to his present appointment he was Senior Air Staff Officer, Southern Air Command.

SPORTS

Tokyo Olympics Qualifiers: India beat Russia 4-2 in men's hockey

- In Men's Hockey, India beat Russia 4 – 2 in first leg of Tokyo Olympics Qualifiers at Bhubaneswar in Odisha. Mandeep Singh's brace and goals from Harmanpreet Singh and Sunil steered India to a comfortable victory over Russia in Friday's match

Olympic Test Event Boxing: Shiva Thapa, Pooja Rani clinch gold, Ashish settles for silver

- Indian pugilists Shiva Thapa and Pooja Rani clinched gold medals, while Ashish settled for a silver, as India ended with a decent haul of seven medals at the Olympic Test Event for Boxing in Tokyo, Japan.

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November 3: World Jellyfish Day

- World Jellyfish Day is observed on November 3 of every year. It is a special day to commemorate the invertebrate that has been on this earth for millions of years longer than humans. World Jellyfish Day typically comes within the spring period, as the spring season is the time when they began their migration to the shores of the northern hemisphere.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Vigyanika-International Science Literature Festival

- Vigyanika-International Science Literature Festival, being organised as part of the 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 at Kolkata, will also feature a Science Book Fair where more than thirty publishers will display their scientific publications.
- IISF 2019 is an annual event organised jointly by the Ministry of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Vijnana Bharati (Vibha). The fifth edition of IISF this year is being held at Kolkata during November 5–8, 2019.
- Vigyanika-International Science Literature Festival is being coordinated by the CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (CSIR-NISCAIR), Vigyan Prasar and Vigyan Bharati.

National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD) upgraded from Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM) at AG Colony Road, Erragadda, Hyderabad. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri G. Kishan Reddy was also present on the occasion.

First ever movement of container cargo on Brahmaputra



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- In line with Government's focus on improving connectivity to the North Eastern Region (NER), a landmark container cargo consignment sailed on inland waterways from Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) to the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) terminal at Pandu in Guwahati on 4 November, 2019.
- The 12-15 days voyage will be an integrated movement via National Waterway-1 (river Ganga), NW-97 (Sunderbans), Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route and NW-2 (river Brahmaputra). This is the first ever containerised cargo movement on this Inland Water Transport (IWT) route.

PUNJAB

550th Prakash Purab

- Punjab Government has started free bus service for devotees coming to visit Sultanpur Lodhi during the 550th Prakash Purab celebrations of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- The decision was taken in a meeting of the officers of Tourism and Transport Departments, chaired by Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Singh Channi. In accordance with the decision, 1500 buses would ply daily to take the devotees to Sultanpur Lodhi from 5-12 November.

MoU & AGREEMENTS

India, Uzbekistan sign 3 MoUs in fields of Military Medicine and Military Education

- India and Uzbekistan signed three MoUs to enhance cooperation in Military Medicine and Military Education. During the meeting, the two sides expressed satisfaction at the enhanced level of defence engagements between India and Uzbekistan since the visit of the then Defence Minister of Uzbekistan to India in September 2018.
- Two Institution-to-Institution MoUs on training and capacity building between institutes of higher military learning of the two countries were also signed. The MoU is a byproduct of interactions emanating from the MoU on Military Education signed between the two countries in October 2018.

Defense



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1st-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise – Dustlik-2019

- The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise – Dustlik-2019 began at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov presided over the Curtain Raiser of the military drill.
- The exercise, which will focused on counter-terrorism, will continue till November 13. During the exercise, an Indian Army contingent will train along with Uzbekistan Army. The exercise will enable sharing of best practices and experiences between the Armed Forces of the two countries and will lead to greater operational effectiveness.

SCO Joint Exercise on Earthquake

- Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue in New Delhi. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is hosting the event which will continue till 7th of this month.
- The aim of the exercise is to rehearse the disaster response mechanism, share knowledge, experience and technology for mutual coordination. This simulation exercise will also provide an opportunity to enhance the coordination and co-operation involving multi-agency operations in an earthquake scenario.

APPOINTMENTS

Satya Pal Malik takes oath as Goa Governor

- New Governor of Goa, Satya Pal Malik took oath of office. Chief Justice of Mumbai High Court, Pradeep Nandrajog administered him the oath in a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan at Dona Paula near Panaji.

Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal sworn in as Chief Justice of MP High Court

- Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court today. Governor Lalji Tandon administered him the oath of office at Raj Bhavan.



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SPORTS

South Africa wins Rugby World Cup

- South Africa won the Rugby World Cup in Japan. The Springboks claimed the Cup for the first time since 2007. It was a rematch of the final game of 2007. Both teams scored only penalty kicks in the first half. South Africa led 12-6 at half time. The Springboks became the second team after New Zealand to win three World Cup titles.

Lakshya Sen wins SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament

- India's Lakshya Sen has won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament at Saarbrücken in Germany. He defeated Sen Weng Hong Yang of China in an exciting final.

Indian Hockey Men's and Women's teams qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- In Men's Hockey, eight-time champions India qualified for next year's Tokyo Olympic after mauling Russia 7-1 in the second game of the two-legged FIH Qualifiers for men in Bhubaneswar.
- Indian women's also sealed their place after beating the United States 6-5 on aggregate despite losing the second match 1-4.

Subedar Gunasekaran felicitated for winning 3 gold in Military World Games, China

- Subedar Anandan Gunasekaran who won three gold medals in the 7th Military World Games recently in Wuhan in China was felicitated at the Madras Engineering Group and Centre in Bengaluru. Subedar Anandan had won Gold in 100 meters, 200 meter and 400 meter race as a para-athlete.

Korea Open Badminton

- Maisnam Meiraba Luwang clinched the boys' singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea.
- It is the 16-year-old Manipur's Luwang's third international title this year following his triumphs at the Russian Junior White Nights 2019 and India Junior International 2019.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 5: World Tsunami Awareness Day

- In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day. World Tsunami Awareness Day was the brainchild of Japan, which due to its repeated, bitter experience has over the years built up major expertise in areas such as tsunami early warning, public action and building back better after a disaster to reduce future impacts.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Tribal festival

- The 15-day Aadi Mahotsav, National Tribal festival will be held in New Delhi from 16th to 30th November, 2019. The inaugural ceremony will be graced by the Union Minister for Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah as Chief Guest and the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda will preside
- The theme of the festival is “a Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce”, which represents the basic ethos of tribal life. The festival, will feature exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through 200 stalls to showcase this.

India's first global Mega Science Exhibition 'Vigyan Samagam' in Kolkata

- Bringing the world's major Mega Science projects together, India's first-ever global Mega-Science exhibition, 'Vigyan Samagam', was inaugurated at the Science City in Kolkata.
- Vigyan Samagam exhibition will traverse its visitors through the world from micro to macro, unveiling the efforts of the international community in understanding the Universe. From discovery of the Higgs particle to that of gravitational waves from merger of neutron stars and black holes, these projects throw light on crucial questions related to the origin of the Universe and its evolution through its various stages.

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INTERNATIONAL

Biggest US-Bangladesh Navy exercise starts in Chattogram

- The second phase of the biggest US- Bangladesh Navy exercise named 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)- 2019' started in Chattogram.
- The exercise provides an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the operational activities of the Navies of two countries and to get acquainted with advanced technology through various theoretical and practical training.

APP & WEB PORTAL

Finance Minister Launches two new IT Initiatives -ICEDASH & ATITHI

- Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman **unveiled two new IT initiatives - ICEDASH and ATITHI- for improved monitoring and pace of Customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers** by electronic filing of Customs baggage and currency declarations.
- ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs helping public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports. With ATITHI, CBIC Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has introduced an easy to use mobile app for international travelers to file the Customs declaration in advance

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

Mission Innovation (MI) Face-to-Face Meeting of Innovation Challenges

- The Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the Mission Innovation (MI) Face to Face meeting of Innovation Challenges(IC). The objective of the meeting is to identify major gap areas in Clean Energy Innovation and how to address these beyond 2020 to make MI more impactful.



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- Mission Innovation was announced on November 30, 2015 due to pioneering efforts by India, France and USA, as world leaders came together in Paris to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate changes. Mission Innovation (MI) is a global initiative of 24 countries and the European Union to dramatically accelerate global clean energy innovation

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh chairs Ambassadors' Round-table on DefExpo 2020

- In a major outreach to the defence manufacturing industries of the world, Ministry of Defence organised Ambassadors' Round Table conference on DefExpo 2020, chaired by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in New Delhi. The Round Table was aimed to brief the representatives of foreign missions based in New Delhi about the arrangements being made for DefExpo and elicit suggestions from them to further improve the experience.
- Heads of Missions and Defence Attaches of over 80 countries participated in the conference indicating the growing stature of the 11th mega biennial event, to be held in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow from February 5-8, 2020.

5th Global Exhibition on Services (GES)

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways, Piyush Goyal, will launch the curtain raiser of 5th Global Exhibition on Services (GES) in New Delhi on 5th November 2019. The exhibition will be held in Bengaluru from 26th – 28th November 2019
- Four editions of GES have already been held. The event is organised by Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry in partnership with Services Export Promotion Council and the Confederation of Indian Industry.

India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission

- Defence minister Rajnath Singh will co-chair the 19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation starting in Moscow.
- During his visit, Mr Singh is expected to hold discussions with Defence Minister of Russian Federation General Sergei Shoigu. He is also scheduled to inaugurate, along with Russian Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov, India-Russia Defence Industry Cooperation Conference.



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RANKINGS & INDEXES

ATP rankings

- Rafael Nadal is back to the world No.1 for the eighth time in his career in the ATP rankings released. The Spaniard goes up one place to overtake Novak Djokovic even though the Serb sealed his fifth Paris Masters title on Sunday with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Canadian Denis Shapovalov.

SCHEMES

Skills Build platform in Collaboration with IBM

- Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), announced the launch of Skills Build platform in collaboration with IBM. As part of the programme, a two-year advanced diploma in IT, networking and cloud computing, co-created and designed by IBM, will be offered at the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) & National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).
- The platform will be extended to train ITI & NSTI faculty on building skills in Artificial Intelligence (AI). SkillsBuild offers digital learning content from IBM and partners such as CodeDoor, Coopacademy and Skillsoft.

SPORTS

China Open Badminton

- In Badminton, Indian shuttlers P V Sindhu and Saina Nehwal will begin their campaign at China Open commencing in Fuzhou. Sixth seed Sindhu, who claimed the World Championship title in August this year, will begin her campaign against Germany's Yvonne Li. Eighth seed Saina will be up against China's Cai Yan Yan.

Deodhar Trophy



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- Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem claimed four wickets as India B lifted the Deodhar Trophy with a comprehensive 51-run win over India C in the final in Ranchi.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 6: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

- On 5 November 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. It aims to educate people about the damaging effects of war and armed conflict on the environment.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Guinness World Records with largest astrophysics assemble

- The Guinness World Records for the largest astrophysics lesson (45 minutes) and assembly of spectrometers was successfully achieved at the Science City, Kolkata on the first day of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 with the participation of over 1,598 students from Kolkata.
- Astronomers use spectrometers to know details like temperature, chemical composition, etc. of celestial objects hundreds or millions of light years away from us.

'Wastelands Atlas' – 2019

- The Union Minister for Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar released the Wastelands Atlas – 2019. The Department of Land Resources in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Department of Space has published Wastelands Atlases of India – 2000, 2005, 2010 & 2011 editions.



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- The new wastelands mapping exercise, carried out by NRSC using the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite data is brought out as the fifth edition of Wastelands Atlas – 2019.

Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) Reforms

- National Workshop on Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) Reforms was held in New Delhi. During the event, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the CPGRAMS reforms for Departments of Financial Services and Telecommunications (DoT).
- National Workshop on CPGRAMS reforms marks a major step of the Government for systemic improvement in the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System. The new upgraded CPGRAMS version 7.0 provides for grievances filed on CPGRAMS to be directly sent to field level grievance officers by providing user ID's to all field level functionaries.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Rising Himachal 2019: Global Investors meet in Dharamshala

- The State Government of Himachal Pradesh is organizing Global Investors' Meet 2019, a flagship business event, at Dharamshala on November 7 -8, 2019. This event will showcase the policy and regulatory environment, investment opportunities in eight focus sectors to boost manufacturing and employment generation in the State.
- The eight focus sectors are agri-business and post-harvest technology, manufacturing and pharmaceuticals, tourism and hospitality, civil aviation, hydro and renewable energy, wellness, healthcare and AYUSH, housing and urban development, IT-ITeS and electronics, education and skill development.

TAMILNADU

Monograph of 'Musical Excellence of Mridangam'

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the monograph, the Musical Excellence of Mridangam, at a function in Chennai. He stressed the importance of having a strong collaboration between music and



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science. The monograph has been prepared by the renowned Mridangam exponent Dr Umayalpuram Sivaraman, scientist Dr T.Ramasamy and Dr Naresh.

INTERNATIONAL

World Travel Market (WTM) in London

- The Ministry of Tourism is participated in the three day long World Travel Market (WTM) from November 04-06, 2019 in London, UK. The theme for India Pavilion at WTM 2019 is 'Incredible India - Find the Incredible India'.
- WTM is one of the must-attend business-to-business exhibition for the travel and tourism industry worldwide. In the last four decades, WTM has grown in to world's largest Exhibition attracting over 5,000 exhibitors from 182 countries and regions and more than 51,000 participants.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

15th meeting of Governing Council of SACEP

- Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Information & Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar will attend the 15th meeting of the Governing Council of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme, SACEP in Dhaka.
- The SACEP is an inter-governmental organization which was established in 1982. Its member countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka aim to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region. The 14th meeting of the SACEP Governing Council was held in March last year in Colombo.

International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management

- Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) inaugurated the five day-long "International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate Smart Agriculture and Global Food and Livelihood Security" at the National Agricultural Science Centre Complex in New Delhi.



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- The conference is being organized jointly by the Soil Conservation Society of India in association with World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC), China and International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO), U.S.A. with the objective to deliberate upon the various issues and challenges of soil and water conservation.

DEFENCE

DRDO's Igniter Complex at HEMRL, Pune

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Shripad Naik inaugurated the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) Igniter Complex at High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) in Pune.
- HEMRL is a premier laboratory of DRDO and primarily engages in developing Rocket and Gun Propellants, Pyrotechnic Devices, High Explosive Systems and synthesis of high energy molecules.

APPOINTMENTS

Mizoram's New Governor

- S Sreedharan Pillai has assumed the office of Governor of Mizoram. Mr. Pillai took oath of office in a swearing-in ceremony held at Raj Bhavan in Aizawl. The Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Ajay Lamba administered the oath of office to Mr. Pillai.

SPORTS

FIFA International Friendly match

- In Football, Indian women's team will take on Vietnam in the second FIFA International match in Hanoi. India will look to make a strong comeback after facing a defeat in the opening game.

14th Asian Shooting Championship



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- Deepak Kumar secured India's 10th Olympic quota in shooting while Manu Bhaker claimed the women's 10 metres air pistol gold medal in the 14th Asian Championship in Doha. Deepak is the second Indian shooter to earn an Olympic quota in the men's 10 metres air rifle event after Divyansh Singh Panwar, who secured it in April.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 7 - National Cancer Awareness Day

- National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7 November to spread awareness about cancer and to make it global health priority. In 2014, National Cancer Awareness Day was started by the announcement of the former Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Three books on Guru Nanak Dev Ji launched

- On the occasion of 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal will launch three books on Guru Nanak Dev Ji at Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College in Delhi.
- The National Book Trust has published three titles – Guru Nanak Bani, Nanak Bani, and Sakhian Guru Nanak Dev-to spread the message of Guru Nanak Dev's writings among readers of Indian sub-continent. These books, published originally in Punjabi, shall be translated into 15 major Indian languages.

11th edition of Bal Sangam

- The Eleventh edition of Bal Sangam to be organised by the National School of Drama, NSD, will begin from the 9th of this month in the New Delhi.

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- It is a confluence of folk and traditional art forms performed by children. The four-day festival will showcase enthralling folk and traditional performing arts and folk theatre dedicated to children.

INTERNATIONAL

Bangladesh bans Islamist outfit 'Allar Dol'

- Government of Bangladesh has banned the Islamist outfit 'Allar Dol' saying that it poses threat to public safety and security.
- Allahr Dol is the ninth Islamist group to be banned for extremism and militancy in Bangladesh. Allah'r Dol was formed in 1995 with the aim to establish Caliphate through armed struggle. In 2004 it merged with banned militant organisation Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

APP & WEB PORTAL

Shaala Darpan portal

- Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Shri Sanjay Dhotre launched Shaala Darpan portal, an E-Governance school automation and management system for NavodayaVidyalayaSamiti (NVS) in New Delhi. This single integrated platform has been developed for information sharing and knowledge dissemination for the 22000 employees and over 2 lakh students across schools and offices of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

First ever 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave'

- The Minister of State (I/C) for Shipping, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the first ever 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave' at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh on 7 November 2019.



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- The Ports' First Conclave of BIMSTEC nations is expected to explore the possibility of increasing economic cooperation by furthering EXIM trade and coastal shipping. The Conclave will also discuss on various investment opportunities, best practices adopted for productivity and safety at Ports.

MoU & AGREEMENTS

MoU between India and Paraguay

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Paraguay for Strengthening Cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- The MoU between India and Paraguay will help the two nations in creating an institutional mechanism for enhancing cooperation in the tourism sector. It will further help India in increasing foreign tourist arrivals from Paraguay, which in turn, will result in economic development and employment generation.

MoU signed between India and Guinea

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given approval for the MoU between India and Guinea in the field of Renewable Energy. The objective of the MoU is to establish the basis for a cooperative institutional relationship, To encourage and promote bilateral technical cooperation in the field of renewable energy on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity between the Parties.
- Areas of cooperation include Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Bio-energy, and Waste to energy, Small Hydro Storage and Capacity Build.

MoU between India and Maldives

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Maldives on Training and Capacity-Building Programme for Maldivian Judicial Officers in India.
- The MoU will promote cooperation between India and Maldives in judicial and other legal areas, and enable exchange of knowledge and technology in training and capacity building.



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MoU signed between India and Bangladesh

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval for the MoU between India and Bangladesh on withdrawal of 1.82 cusec of water from Feni River by India for drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom town Tripura, India.

MoU between India and Switzerland

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Switzerland on Technical Cooperation in the field of Climate Change and Environment.
- The MoU will enable establishment and promotion of closer and long-term cooperation between the two countries in the field of environmental protection and management of natural resources on the basis of equity, reciprocity and mutual benefits, taking into account the applicable laws and legal provisions in each country.

SPORTS

India won three-match series against West Indies

- In Women's Cricket, India won the three match series 2-1 beating the West Indies by 6 wickets in the 3rd and final ODI match in North Sound, Antigua.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 8 – WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY 2019

- World Town Planning Day (WTPD) is an international day celebrating the accomplishments of planners and their contributions to their communities. On November 8, planners around the world participate in World Town Planning Day activities annually, a practice that began in 1949.

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- On the week of November 4-8, CIP will hold a week-long online conference, which will showcase presentations on important planning issues and innovations from Canada and around the world.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

PUNJAB

State of art railway station at Sultanpur Lodhi in Punjab

- Union Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal yesterday inaugurated the state of the art new railway station along with a multi media centre at Sultanpur Lodhi in Punjab. The railway station modelled on Sikh architecture has been engineered to facilitate pilgrims visiting the holy city.

INTERNATIONAL

Russia re-enacts historic wartime parade

- Russian troops wearing World War II uniforms marched across Moscow's Red Square, in memory of the historic 1941 parade, when Soviet soldiers went directly to the battlefield to fight the Nazis.
- The annual re-enactment featuring some 4,000 troops and T-34 tanks commemorated the legendary November 7, 1941 parade whose participants marched from Red Square to the front line, becoming a symbol of courage and patriotism.

SCIENCE

Cyclone Bulbul set to intensify into very severe cyclonic storm

- Cyclone Bulbul over the Bay of Bengal is set to intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm today, triggering heavy rain in parts of Odisha and West Bengal. Met department has advised people in affected areas to remain indoors and total suspension of fishing.
- The two states are bracing to contain the damage from the storm. The cyclonic storm 'Bulbul' over east-central Bay of Bengal continued to move northwards with a speed of 21 kmph during past 6 hours and lay about 410 km south-southeast of Odisha's Paradip coast



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SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

21st Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)

- The 21st Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The Council reviewed the current global and domestic macro-economic situation and financial stability and vulnerabilities issues, including inter-alia, those concerning NBFCs and Credit Rating Agencies.

10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine

- 10th Asian Conference on Emergency Medicine will be held November 7-10, 2019 in New Delhi, India. It was inaugurated by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu.
- The 2019 Conference is jointly organized by the Asian Society for Emergency Medicine (ASEM) and the Society for Emergency Medicine, India (SEMI). The theme of the Conference "Affordable Care, Bridging Gaps, Creating Impact" will underpin the need for collaboration and cooperation of our global family of emergency medicine.

APPOINTMENTS

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan re-elected President of the UAE

- The UAE Supreme Council has re-elected His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan as President of the UAE for a fourth five-year term. Shaikh Khalifa was first elected President on November 3, 2004 following the death of his father Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan

AWARDS

Abhisek Sarkar wins award at Dhaka Lit-fest

- At the ninth edition of the Dhaka Literature festival West Bengal-based writer Abhisek Sarkar and Bangladeshi poet Rofiquzzaman Rony were given the Gemcon Young Literature Award and Gemcon Young Poetry Award. Abhisek and Rofiquzzaman won the awards for their manus, "Nishiddho" and "Dhoashar Tamate Rong," respectively.



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Infosys Prize 2019 for science and research

- The Infosys Prize for 2019 was announced on November 7 at the Infosys campus in Bengaluru. The award is given annually to honor outstanding achievements of contemporary researchers and scientists across six categories : Engineering and Computer Sciences, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences.
- Humanities: Manu V. Devadevan, Life Sciences: Manjula Reddy , Mathematical Sciences: Sidhartha Mishra, Physical Sciences: G. Mugesh ,Social Sciences: Anand Pandian, Engineering and Computer Science: Sunita Sarawagi.

MoU & AGREEMENTS

MoU between India and Brazil

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Brazil in the field of Health and Medicine.
- The bilateral MoU between India and Brazil will encourage cooperation between the two countries through joint initiatives, technology development in the health sector and development of research in the health sector. It will facilitate in improving the public health status of people of both the countries.

DEFENCE

Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy Bilateral Maritime Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti

INS Kamorta, an Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette jointly worked with Indonesian Warship KRI Usman Harun, a multi-role Corvette in Bay of Bengal in the Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ from 06 Nov to 07 Nov 19. The joint exercises include manoeuvres, Surface Warfare exercises, Air Defence exercises, Weapon firing drills, Helicopter Operations and Boarding Operations.

SPORTS

1st Indian male cricketer to play 100 T20I

Stand-in skipper Rohit Sharma became the first Indian man and second in world cricket to complete 100 T-20 Internationals. Shoaib Malik with 111 games from Pakistan is the only player to have played more than 100 T20 Internationals.



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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Shilpotsav -2019

- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot visited the “Shilpostav-2019” to encourage the artisans at Dilli Haat, INA, in New Delhi. Shilpostav- 2019 is the annual fair of artisans from across the country, belonging to the weaker sections of the society, which began on 1st November and will continue till 15th November 2019.

TAMILNADU

Meenakshi temple pilgrims to be given free laddu as prashad

- The world renowned Madurai Meenakshi temple in Tamil Nadu has commenced free supply of its famous sweet laddu offering from Nov 8,2019.
- Meenakshi Temple is a historic Hindu temple located on the southern bank of the Vaigai River in the temple city of Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India. Madurai Meenakshi temple was built by King Kulasekara Pandya (1190-1216 CE).The temple is at the center of the ancient temple city of Madurai mentioned in the Tamil Sangam literature, with the goddess temple mentioned in 6th century CE. The temple was further expanded during the late 16th century and early 17th century by Vishwanatha Nayakar, a king of the Nayaka dynasty.

DELHI

Inaugural conclave on “National Capital Region -2041”

- The inaugural conclave “NCR-2041” with the theme “Planning for Tomorrow’s Greatest Capital Region” will be held in the national capital on 11th November 2019. The Regional Plan-2041 for NCR will be among the key instruments to address various issues related to harmonious development of the largest metropolitan region of the world.



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- The Regional Plan with the horizon year 2021 was notified on 17th of September 2005 and is presently in force. A Regional Plan with next horizon year 2041 is required to be prepared now.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Highlevel Task Force Setup to Fast Track Implementation of Schemes

- A High Level task force will be constituted with Secretary Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Secretary as chairperson, and representatives of the Union Ministries of agriculture and food processing, railways and tourism, to study all schemes of the Government of India and the Himachal Pradesh State Government in order to ensure better implementation of these schemes.
- The high level task force will give its recommendations within three months. This was announced by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways, Piyush Goyal,.

APP & WEB PORTAL

Indian Railways launches three online applications

- Indian Railways launched three applications for all-India rollout to strengthen the IT enablement of railways which will help ensure proper monitoring of projects being undertaken by Indian Railways and will boost the vision of Digital India.
- **CRS Sanction Management System:** CRS Sanction is an important aspect in construction, maintenance and up-gradation of railway assets.
- **Rail-road crossing GAD approval system:** This project for online e-Governance platform was developed to expedite preparation, processing & approval of General Agreement Drawings (GADs) related to construction of Road Over Bridges (ROB)/Road Under Bridges (RUB)
- **TMS for construction:** This application has been developed for new assets being constructed by the construction/project organisation.



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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

SBI lowers lending rates by 5 basis points

- State Bank of India has lowered its lending rates by 5 basis points across all tenors. It has also sharply slashed the deposits pricing between 15 and 75 basis points. It will be effective from 10th of November. This is the seventh consecutive cut in lending rates by the bank this fiscal.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO)

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is organizing 27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) during 11-12th November 2019 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, DG Block, Action Area 1, New Town, Kolkata.
- The Conference, a major national annual event, provides a platform for discussion and improved coordination between the Central and State Statistical agencies for enhancing the efficiency of the Indian Statistical System. The theme of this year's Conference is "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

10th Meeting of Heads of Departments of SCO Member States

- The Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah addressed the 10th Meeting of the Heads of Departments of SCO Member States, dealing with the prevention and elimination of emergency situations, in New Delhi.
- Expressing pride in organizing an SCO Ministerial Meeting for the first time in India, the Home Minister expressed hope that this meeting would bring together all SCO Nations to deliberate on an effective strategy to build disaster resilient infrastructure and bolster each others' capabilities to efficiently tackle future disasters by exchanging best practices.



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“NuGen Mobility Summit”

- ICAT is organizing the “NuGen Mobility Summit” from 27th – 29th November 2019 at ICAT Centre-II, IMT Manesar, Haryana to identify the trends and roadmap for the future of sustainable mobility in India and to address the challenges faced by various stakeholders.
- The Summit aims to bring together industry, researchers and academic experts to share, discuss and showcase new proposals, technology and innovations and present solutions to the challenges faced by the engineering industry in India and abroad.

APPOINTMENTS

Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth claims victory in the election

- In Mauritius, Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth claimed victory in the election as official preliminary results showing his alliance taking a comfortable lead over rivals in the Indian Ocean nation.
- Jugnauth’s ruling Militant Socialist Movement (MSM) won more than half of parliamentary seats, securing incumbent Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth a five-year term.

DEFENCE

The Upgraded 3d air Combat Mobile Game

- The Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal HS Arora launched the multiplayer version of its upgraded 3D Air Combat Mobile Game “Indian Air Force: A Cut Above” at the Air Force Bal Bharti School. The game was initially launched by the Indian Air Force to connect with the youth of the country and inspire them to join the Indian Air Force.
- The first version of the mobile game was launched on 31 May 19. The mobile application has two modes named as “Team Battle” and “Death Match”. The user has option to choose from the diverse range of the aircraft in the inventory of the IAF, including Mig 21, Tejas and Mig 29 which were not available in the previous version



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SPORTS

India to host 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup

- India will host the 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup from 13th to 29th of January. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) said India will host the men's tournament while Spain and the Netherlands have been named as the co-hosts of the 2022 Women's World Cup scheduled to be held from 1st to 22nd of July.

November 10 & 11, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 10 – World Science Day for Peace and Development

- Celebrated every 10 November, World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.
- **2019 Theme: "Open science, leaving no one behind"**

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Education Day

- National Education Day is observed on 11th November every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was a freedom fighter, scholar and the first Education Minister of independent India. The day is also seen as an occasion to remember Azad's contribution in laying the foundations of the education system in the country.



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JAMMU & KASHMIR

Train services between Srinagar and Baramullah resumed

- In Jammu and Kashmir, the train services between Srinagar and Baramullah resumed. Services from Srinagar to Banihal Junction in Jammu region will also resume.
- The train services remained suspended on these routes since 5th of August after central government scrapped Article 370 and bifurcated the state into two Union Territories.

UTTARAKHAND

Uttarakhand Foundation Day

- Uttarakhand was formed on 9 November, 2000 by joining several districts from the Northwestern part of Uttar Pradesh and a portion of the Himalayan Mountain range. This year 19th Uttarakhand Foundation Day is going to celebrate. In 2007, the name of the state was formally altered from Uttaranchal to Uttarakhand.

INTERNATIONAL

Iran, Russia inaugurate new phase of construction for 2nd reactor

- Iran and Russia inaugurated a new phase of construction for a second reactor at Iran's sole nuclear power plant in Bushehr on the Gulf coast. The reactor is one of two officially under construction since 2017 at the Bushehr site.
- Russia built the existing 1,000 megawatt reactor at Bushehr that came online in September 2011 and is expected to undertake construction of a a third in future, according to the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI).



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APP & WEB PORTAL

SWAYAM 2.0

- Human Resources Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will launch SWAYAM 2.0, Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds in New Delhi. The SWAYAM programme is initiated by the government to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy – access, equity and quality.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

9th BRICS Trade Ministers Meet

- Commerce and Industry and Railway Minister, Piyush Goyal will attend the 9th BRICS Trade Ministers Meet in Brasilia, Brazil, on the 11th of November 2019.
- Discussions at the 9th BRICS Trade Ministers Meet will be focussed on opportunities for enhanced intra-BRICS trade and investment cooperation. Issues like cooperation in e-commerce, investment facilitation, MSMEs, Intellectual Property Right, will be discussed during the meet.

BRICS summit from 13th to 14th November

- Brazil is hosting 2019 BRICS summit, this time in capital Brasilia from 13th to 14th November. BRICS brings together five major economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa having 23 percent of the global GDP and around 17 percent of the share in world trade. 2019 edition of BRICS will be its 11th summit, happening every year since its inception.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Assamese version of book 'Courts of India: Past to Present'

- Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi released the Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present' in Guwahati. Releasing the book published by the Publication Division, Mr. Gogoi termed it as the architecture of justice.



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- The book has captured the historical developments which took place in the history of nation's courts. The various chapters of the book narrates the historical events of the court.

AWARDS

National Entrepreneurship Awards 2019

- Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey conferred the National Entrepreneurship Awards 2019 to Enterprises and Ecosystem builders. The fourth edition of the award ceremony was organized to mark the completion of 5 years of setting up of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in 2014.
- The awards aim to recognize and honour the outstanding young First-Generation Entrepreneurs, and Ecosystem builders for their outstanding contribution in entrepreneurship development and providing support to the entrepreneurs. It seeks to instill and entrench the entrepreneurial attitude among the future generations and the Youth of India.

DEFENCE

Defence innovations conference

- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is organising 'Def-Connect' in New Delhi to showcase the accomplishments of the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative and construct a strong outreach towards the potential future entrepreneurs of the defence sector. Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh will be the Chief Guest of the event.
- The event would lead to better interaction & bridging the gap between the stakeholders and will be a precursor for Startup showcase during the forthcoming DefExpo 2020, to be held in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow from February 5-8, 2020.

Mid Planning Conference (MPC) for MILAN 2020

- The Mid Planning Conference (MPC) for MILAN exercise concluded at Visakhapatnam. MILAN 2020 is scheduled to be conducted at Visakhapatnam in Mar 2020. The scope of exercise planned during the harbour and sea phase of MILAN 2020 was discussed in detail with the delegates of the participating countries during the conference.



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- MILAN series of biennial a multilateral naval exercise which commenced in 1995, was conducted at Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) until last year, is being conducted for the first time on the mainland at ENC with increased scope and complexity of the Exercise.

SPORTS

China Open Badminton

- Kento Momota won his 10th title as Japan's world number one defeated Taiwan's world number two Tien-chen to retain his Fuzhou China Open Badminton crown. Home hope Chen Yufei similarly successfully defended the women's title with a victory over Japan's Nozomi Okuhara.

Indian shooters secure unprecedented 15 quota places for Tokyo Olympics

- Angad Vir Singh Bajwa who secured gold and Mairaj Ahmad Khan winning silver added to India's rich Olympic quota haul with a sensational 1-2 finish in the men's skeet event at the 14th Asian Shooting Championship at Doha. Their medals ensured India secured an unprecedented 15 quota places for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- This is India's best-ever Olympic quota haul, easily surpassing the 12 at the 2016 Rio Games and 11 in London in 2012.

November 12, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 12 – World Pneumonia Day

- World Pneumonia Day is annually held on November 12 to raise awareness of pneumonia, promote prevention and treatment, and generate action to fight the illness. It was established in 2009. Pneumonia is one of the leading causes of deaths in children under five years old despite being easily preventable and treatable.



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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

550th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev

- The 550th Prakash Parv or birth anniversary of first guru of the Sikhs, Guru Nanak Dev ji is observed on November 12, 2019. Guru Nanak's birth anniversary is observed every year on Karthik Poornima. Guru Nanak Dev was the first Guru and founder of Sikhism, a poet, a wandering religious teacher and a great social reformer.
- Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of the Sikhs, contains the teachings of the Guru Nanak Dev ji in the form of hymns.

Public Service Broadcasting Day

- Public Service Broadcasting Day is celebrated on November 12. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.
- The Father of the Nation addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.

"Swachh - Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan"

- To strive to make our beaches clean and create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) are undertaking a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the "Swachh - Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan", from 11th -17th November, 2019.
- The identified beaches are in 10 coastal States/Union Territories (UTs) namely Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. The beaches have been identified after the consultation with the States/UTs.



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GUJARAT

World's first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port

- Gujarat Government has given approval to the world's first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port. According to release issued by State Information Department, the joint venture of United Kingdom-based Foresight Group and Mumbai-based Padmanabh Mafatlal Group, will invest 1,900 crore rupees to set up a CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port. At present, the Bhavnagar port is operated by Gujarat Maritime Board, which is handling three metric tons of cargo annually.

INTERNATIONAL

Dhaka Global Dialogue Starts

- Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first edition of the three day long Dhaka Global Dialogue. The three day long programme is being jointly organised by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS). Over 150 delegates from 50 countries are participating in the conference to discuss some of the most pressing global imperatives in the context of the Indo-pacific region.

RANKINGS & INDEXES

Sumit Nagal attains career-best ranking

- Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal moved two places up in men's singles rankings and achieved his career-best 127th spot in the latest Association of Tennis Professional (ATP) rankings released recently. Nagal currently has 433 points while Rafael Nadal retained the top rank with 9,585 points.

ICC T20 Rankings

- India fast bowler Deepak Chahar, who returned a world-record haul of six for seven against Bangladesh on Sunday, has moved up 88 slots to 42nd in the latest ICC T20 rankings for bowlers. Rohit Sharma continued to remain India's top-ranked batsman at the seventh position while K L Rahul moved up a place to eight.



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- In the team rankings, Pakistan continued at the top with 270 points but Australia were only one point behind them after winning their three-match series 2-0. England, South Africa and India occupied the next three positions

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

India-ASEAN Business Summit

- India-ASEAN Business Summit is being held in New Delhi. The India- ASEAN Business Summit on the theme: "Today, Tomorrow, Together" is being organised to strengthen trade & investment flows with ASEAN Economies. The objective of the conference is to enhance the trade trajectory between India and ASEAN nations to new highs. More than 60 delegates from 10 ASEAN countries and more than 200 delegates from India are participating in the summit.

Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference

- Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the India Pavilion at the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) in Abu Dhabi.
- The India Pavilion has been set up by 9 Indian Oil & Gas companies from the upstream, midstream, downstream and engineering segments, alongwith Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

APPOINTMENTS

Bangladesh High Commissioner to India

- Mohammad Imran has been appointed as the new High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India. He is currently Bangladesh's Ambassador to United Arab Emirates. He succeeds Syed Muazzem Ali. The announcement was made today by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.



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Chief Justice of Patna High Court

- Justice Sanjay Karol was today sworn in as the Chief Justice of Patna High Court. Bihar Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath of office to Justice Karol at the Raj Bhavan. Justice Karol was earlier posted as Chief Justice of Tripura before this appointment.

SPORTS

World Para Athletics Championships

- Javelin thrower Sundar Singh Gurjar has won India's second gold defending his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event in Dubai. With this, India has secured three Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku.

Saurabh Chaudhary wins silver medal in Men's 10m air pistol

- Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian Championship in Doha. With 583, both Chaudhary and Abhishek Verma had qualified for the finals in seventh and sixth place
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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 14 - World Diabetes Day

- In 2007 General Assembly adopted resolution 61/225 designating 14 November as World Diabetes Day. The focus for World Diabetes Day 2019 is on Family and Diabetes. The Day is raising awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the family and support network of those affected and promoting the role of the family in the management, care, prevention and education of diabetes. Diabetes is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attack, stroke and lower limb amputation.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Children's Day

- Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November in India and is also known as Bal Divas. This day increase awareness in people about the rights, care, and education of children. Children are the future of the country. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru.

39th India International Trade Fair begins

- 39th India International Trade Fair will begin at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The theme for this edition of the fair is 'Ease of Doing Business'. The fair will be inaugurated by Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Nitin Gadkari.



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- Several countries, including Australia, Iran, the UK, Vietnam, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Egypt, Hong Kong, Indonesia are participating in the 14-day Trade Fair. This year the status of 'Partner Country' has been accorded to Afghanistan and South Korea will be the Focus Country. Bihar and Jharkhand will be the focus states.

President addresses student innovators of Atal Tinkering Lab Marathon-2018

- A group of selected student innovators of the Atal Tinkering Lab Marathon-2018, called on President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Addressing the student innovators, the President said, he was happy to note that they were selected as the best innovators from approximately 50,000 students from 2,700 schools across the country. He said that it makes him wonder what young children of this nation can achieve when given the opportunity to think unconventionally.

Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurates LINAC services, AMRIT pharmacy and auditorium at National Cancer Institute, AIIMS Jhajjar campus.

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan visited the National Cancer Institute, AIIMS, New Delhi (Jhajjar Campus). He stated that the NIC has been able to reduce the waiting list for surgery of Cancer patients very significantly thus providing very valuable service to the healthcare seekers.
- The National Cancer Institute, AIIMS, New Delhi (Jhajjar Campus) was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister on 12.02.2019.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship)

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Arunachal Pradesh to attend the Maitree Diwas celebrations at Tawang. Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship) will be celebrated for two days at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium Tawang. This will be the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas which celebrates civil-military bonhomie in the area. Rajnath Singh will also inaugurate Sisseri River Bridge and National Highway-52 in East Siang District.



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JHARKHAND

Greetings to the people of Jharkhand on their Statehood Day

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has greeted the people of Jharkhand on their Statehood Day. Jharkhand is synonymous with bravery and compassion. The people of this land have always lived in harmony with nature. They have excelled in various fields thanks to their hardwork. Jharkhand keep scaling new heights of progress and realise Bhagwan Birsa Munda's dream of a prosperous and happy state", the Prime Minister said.

INTERNATIONAL

Union HRD Minister holds bilateral talks with Education Ministers of Norway, Bangladesh, Mexico, Thailand and Malaysia

- Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' held bilateral talks with Education Ministers of Norway, Bangladesh, Mexico, Thailand, UAE and Malaysia in Paris on 13th November, 2019. The meetings took place on the sidelines of 40th UNESCO General Conference being held in Paris. HRD Minister also participated in High Level Meeting of Education Ministers at UNESCO, highlights new transformational initiatives by India to enhance international cooperation in field of education.

APPOINTMENTS

Prakash Javadekar Takes Charge as Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Minister

- Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting & Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, assumed office in the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

Justice Muhammad Raffiq takes oath as Chief Justice of Meghalaya HC

- Justice Muhammad Raffiq took oath as Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court. Meghalaya Governor Tathagata Roy administered the oath of office and secrecy at Raj Bhavan in Shillong.



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- Raffiq succeeds Ajay Kumar Mittal who is now the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court. He will be the eighth Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court. Justice Rafiq started his law practice in 1984. He practised exclusively in Rajasthan High Court in almost all branches of law.

FIFA names Arsene Wenger as global football development chief

- Veteran coach Arsene Wenger has been named FIFA's Chief of global football development. FIFA said, the former Arsenal and Monaco coach would be responsible for the growth of the game for both men and women around the world and would also be the leading authority on technical matters, including potential changes to the sport's laws.

DEFENCE

Indo-Uzbekistan Joint Field Training exercise (FTX)-2019 Exercise Dustlik-2019

- The inaugural Indo-Uzbekistan Joint Field Training Exercise (FTX)-2019, Exercise DUSTLIK-2019 culminated on 13 November 2019 after 10 days of joint training with Uzbekistan Army at Chirchiq Training Area, Uzbekistan. In the joint exercise which began on 04 November 2019 training was focused on counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations in urban scenario as well as sharing of expertise on skills at arms, both combat shooting and experiences in counter insurgency and counter terrorism.

APP & WEB PORTAL

UP government launches e-Ganna app, web portal

- Uttar Pradesh government has launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, e-Ganna App, for sugarcane farmers of the state. Cane supply slip will now be issued to the farmers by sugar mills online.
- The web portal and e-Ganna App will help in eradicating cane mafia and middleman and strengthen cane development societies. The portal and the App will ensure transparency in the process of getting slips, and facilitate sugarcane supply by farmers to mills and check irregularities.

Sishu Suraksha APP



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- The Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights launched a mobile app Sishu Suraksha on the occasion of Children's Day. The purpose of the app is to empower citizens to take moral responsibility of protecting future generations. The app can be used by anyone in the state to lodge a complaint which will be directly registered at Commission.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

India and Switzerland hold Secretary-level Bilateral Meeting

- India and Switzerland held Secretary-level bilateral meeting in New Delhi and discussed enhanced cooperation in the fight against tax evasion. The Secretaries expressed satisfaction over the progress made over the past few years in the area of administrative assistance in tax matters, particularly the efforts made by Switzerland in providing assistance in HSBC cases.

Two day International Conference on Yoga for Heart care

- Ministry of AYUSH is organizing the International Conference on Yoga on 15-16 November 2019 at Mysuru, Karnataka. The Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri B.S. Yediyurappa will inaugurate the two day conference on 15th November, 2019 in the presence of Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH and Defence, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik.
- The theme of the conference is 'Yoga for Heart Care'. More than 700 national and international delegates are expected to participate in the conference spread over ten technical sessions involving fifty resource persons & experts.

PM addresses Plenary session of XI BRICS Summit

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi proposes first meeting of BRICS Water Ministers in India and he said that an Innovation has become the basis of our development.
- He addressed the Plenary session of XI BRICS Summit in Brazil. Heads of states of other BRICS countries, also addressed the Plenary session. Prime Minister said that the theme of this summit – "Economic growth for an innovative future" is very apt. He said that Innovation has become the basis of our development. He emphasized that it is necessary for strengthening the cooperation under BRICS for innovation.



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SPORTS

IOA to meet CGF officials

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will meet top officials of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) in New Delhi to bring Shooting back on the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games roster. For the first time since 1974, Shooting has been excluded from the Games roster. In protest, the IOA had threatened to pull out of the Games if it was not reinstated.

Sports Minister felicitates Wushu World Championships Medal Winners

- India's Wushu World Championships medal winners Praveen, Yunnam Sanathoi Devi, Poonam Khatri and Vikrant Baliyan were felicitated by Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi. India had won four medals – a gold, two silvers and a bronze – in the World Championships held in Shanghai, China, last month. Praveen, who had won a gold, was handed a cheque of 20 lakh rupees, Sanathoi and Poonam got 14 lakh rupees each for the silver and Vikrant received eight lakh rupees for winning bronze.

November 16, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 16- International Tolerance Day

- On December 12, 1996, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 51/95, which invited UN member states to observe the International Day for Tolerance on November 16 each year. The resolution came about after and a follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance, which took place in 1995, after being proclaimed in December 1993. The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.

INTERNATIONAL

Bangladesh tops business bribery risk in South Asia

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- Bangladesh has the highest business bribery risk among South Asian countries, according to the Trace Bribery Matrix which releases annual ranking for 200 countries. The Matrix evaluates countries under four parameters which are business interaction with the government, anti-bribery deterrence, transparency and civil society oversight. Bangladesh has been placed at 178 position among 200 countries in terms of business bribery risk. It has been on the high risk country list of Trace Bribery Matrix since 2014 when the first matrix was released.

Dhaka International Folk Festival Inaugurated

- The 5th edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival was inaugurated by the Information Minister of Bangladesh Dr Hasan Mahmud at a grand ceremony at Bangladesh Army Stadium. Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen was present as chief guest in the opening ceremony. More than 200 artistes from 6 countries are performing in the largest folk festival of Asia.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Press Day

- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar has extended his greetings to the media fraternity on the occasion of National Press Day. Press freedom is the essence of a vibrant democracy and this government is ensuring full freedom to the press.
- Javadekar said, media can criticise but should guard against 'fake news' and desist from disinformation and misinformation. He said, there is ethic for every freedom. He said, freedom of media was trampled upon by the Congress during an emergency.

National Tribal Festival

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the National Tribal Festival "Aadi Mahotsav" in New Delhi.
- The theme of the 15-day Mahotsav being held at Dilli Haat in INA, is celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce. The tribal textiles manufactured by master tribal craftsmen from Jammu & Kashmir in the North to Tamil Nadu in the South and from Gujarat in the West to Nagaland/Sikkim in the East will be the main attractions.



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JAMMU AND KASHMIR

National Mission 'NISHTHA' launched in J&K

- National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was launched in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with its formal inauguration by Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department, Sarita Chauhan. The event was attended by around 300 teachers, Key Resource Persons (KRPs) and Chief Education Officers, DIET Principals and Educational Administrators.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

Conference of Directors of IITS, NITS and IEST

- Rashtrapati Bhavan will host a conference of the Directors of IITs, NITs and IEST, Shibpur on November 19, 2019. This Conference is part of regular interactions of the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, with such institutions in his capacity as visitor to 152 Central Universities and institutions of higher learning.
- The agenda items of the conference will include – deliberations on challenges / opportunities along broad parameters on which NIRF rankings are based; participation and contribution of alumni in activities of the institutes; steps to increase representation of women in faculty and student intake; ways to involve students in nation building; promotion of research, innovation and entrepreneurship; filling up of vacancies, including faculty from foreign universities; and review of major infrastructure projects.

International Conference of Global Mothers-2019

- The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu said that 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam' has been the guiding light for the Indian family system since time immemorial and our ethos and socio-cultural fabric are woven around this perceptive phrase.
- Inaugurating the International Conference of Global Mothers-2019, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam –Family System and Role of Mother", in New Delhi, the Vice President expressed happiness over the theme of the Conference saying that the conference is a celebration of motherhood. "The entire world is indebted



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to mothers and this is the reason that in all religions and in all parts of the world mothers hold a special position of relevance and reverence”, he added.

8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics

- The 8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-VIII) will be organized by the Ministry of Agriculture in New Delhi from 18th to 21st November 2019. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra DG ICAR & Secretary DARE informed that the conference will be inaugurated by the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Chief Guest will be Bill Gates.
- The conference will be organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, ISI-CAS, FAO, the USDA, ADB, World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Eurostat, AfDB and various other organizations. The theme of this year's ICAS is 'Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)'.

Regional Conference on “Replication of Good Governance Practices in Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh”

- A two-day Regional Conference on the theme: “Replication of Good Governance Practices in Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh” began in Jammu. The Conference is organised by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India in collaboration with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on November was inaugurated by Minister of State for PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh along with Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, G. C. Murmu.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Tsunami warning after 7.4 magnitude quake hits near Maluku islands in Indonesia

- A massive earthquake of 7.4 magnitude hit the northwest of the Maluku islands in Indonesia. The earthquake was measured at 62km deep in the sea. The powerful quake has also triggered a tsunami warning in the region. Indonesia is situated on the 'Ring of Fire' an area in the basin of the Pacific Ocean which is vulnerable to frequent earthquake and volcanic eruptions.

Cyclone 'Bulbul' caused extensive damage: Inter-ministerial central team



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- An inter-ministerial central team has said, cyclone 'Bulbul' caused extensive damage to agriculture and other installations in coastal districts of Odisha. The seven-member team, led by Saheli Ghosh Roy, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, conducted a two-day on-the-spot damage assessment in four of the six affected districts in the state. Ms Ghosh Roy said, paddy cultivation has been completely destroyed and infrastructure like transmission lines also damaged in coastal areas.

APP & WEB PORTAL

Digital version of Gurbani released by I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar

- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar has said that All India Radio is a most reliable medium of communication.
- Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the new state of the art Auditorium of All India Radio, Rang Bhavan in New Delhi, the Minister said, the All India Radio has a very wide reach. On this occasion, Digital Version of Gurbani and Shabad Kirtan from Prasar Bharti's archives was also launched.

SPORTS

Indore Test: India declared at 493 for 6 in first innings

- In cricket, Team India declared at 493 for 6 in their first innings against Bangladesh today in the first Test match at Indore. India has a lead of 343 runs. An electric double ton by Mayank Agrawal put India in commanding position at the end of the second day.

Fit India movement must become a citizen's movement: Kiren Rijju

- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Kiren Rijju today said Fit India movement must become a citizen's movement. Giving the keynote address in Conference of Ministers and Secretaries of the States and UTs for Youth Affairs and Sports in New Delhi. Mr Rijju said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has directed all Ministries that Fit India must be a part of their action. He added that Fit India is a way of life and it should be encouraged in such a manner that each state competes with the others on which is the fittest state in India.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 17- International Students Day

- International Students' Day is an international observance of the student community, held annually on November 17. Originally commemorating the Czech universities which were stormed by Nazis in 1939 and the students who were subsequently killed and sent to concentration camps, it is now marked by a number of universities, sometimes on a day other than November 17, as a nonpolitical celebration of the multiculturalism of their international students.
- The date commemorates the anniversary of the 1939 Nazi storming of the University of Prague after demonstrations against the German occupation of Czechoslovakia and the killings of Jan Opletal and worker Vaclav Sedlacek.

INTERNATIONAL

Czech Republic: Anti-government protests mark 30th anniversary of Velvet Revolution

- In Czech Republic, lakhs of people took to the streets in the capital Prague as part of major anti-government protests. Demonstrators are demanding for Prime Minister Andrej Babis to resign over allegations of fraud. It is alleged Babis used European Union subsidies for his private business. Protest was organized by activist group Million Moments for Democracy, which has staged numerous protests against the government of Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis, urging him to resign. The protest was held on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, which ended communist rule in what was then Czechoslovakia.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

President Kovind witnesses exhibition of paintings at Rashtrapati Bhawan

- President Ram Nath Kovind witnessed an exhibition of paintings set up by the Artists-in-Residence at Rashtrapati Bhawan. The President also felicitated the artists. During their stay at Rashtrapati Bhawan,

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the artists put their creativity on canvas and also mentored around 65 school children. The art works created by these children were also in display at the exhibition.

- The aim of the programme is to provide artists an opportunity to stay in Rashtrapati Bhawan and be a part of the life there. The visitors to the Rashtrapati Bhawan Museum can witness the exhibition of these paintings from 19th to 24th of this month between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Entry will be from Gate Number 30 of Rashtrapati Bhawan.

UTTAR PRADESH

Yogi Adityanath inaugurates North India's 1st sugar mill which will produce ethanol

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated North India's first sugar mill which will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane. The mill was inaugurated in Pipraich area of Gorakhpur. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said his government is working to restore the pride of Sugar Bowl' of east Uttar Pradesh.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE:

6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus to be held in Thailand

- The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with 17 other Defence Ministers of ADMM-Plus countries will attend the meeting. On the sidelines of ADMM-Plus, RakshaMantri held bilateral meetings with US Secretary of Defence Dr Mark T Esper, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand General Prawit Wongsuwan, Defence Minister of Japan Mr Taro Kono, Defence Minister of Australia Ms Linda Reynolds and Defence Minister of New Zealand Mr Ron Mark.
- It was RakshaMantri's first meeting with US Secretary of Defence. Both the leaders expressed satisfaction over the increasing defence engagements between the two countries and looked forward to meeting again for the 2+2 meeting in Washington DC later next month.

Amit Shah launches special winter-grade diesel for use in high-altitude regions of Ladakh through video-conference



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- Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launched the the first Winter-Grade Diesel outlet for Ladakh region, which will help to address the problem faced by people due to loss of fluidity in Diesel fuel during extreme winter conditions. He said, the winter grade diesel produced by Panipat Refinery for the first time has a pour point of – 33degreeCelsius and does not lose its fluidity function even in the extreme winter weather of the region unlike the normal grade of Diesel which becomes exceedingly difficult to utilize.
- Shri Shah said that the government led by Shri NarendraModi was committed since 2014 to bring the region of Ladakhat par with the rest of the country, which wasneglected for the last 70 years. He said that the abrogation of Article 370 was a step in that direction.

Yediyurappa to inaugurate three day Bengaluru Tech Summit

- Karnataka Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa will inaugurate the three day Bengaluru Tech Summit at the Bengaluru Palace. More than 3500 delegates, 12,000 visitors and 200 speakers will be part of the three day Bengaluru Tech Summit. 250 Exhibitors will showcase their services, products, and technologies to visitors. The summit is expected to be attended by global tech leaders, investors, industry captains, research heads, policymakers and startups from India and 20 foreign countries.

AWARDS

National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2019

- Vice President of India presents 'National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2019' on the occasion of National Press Day. On the occasion of National Press Day, the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu awarded the winners of 'National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2019' at New Delhi. The journalists in different areas were honoured for their outstanding and exemplary work in journalism at an event organized by Press Council of India.
- Vice President highlighted the significance and the role of media. He emphasized that ever since the launch of the first newspaper in India- 'The Bengal Gazette' by James Augustus Hickey in 1780, the press has been playing an outstanding role in empowering the people.

APPOINTMENTS

Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan takes oath as Chief Justice of Jharkhand HC

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- Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan took oath as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court today. He was administered the oath of office by Governor Draupadi Murmi in a simple ceremony at Raj Bhawan. Chief Minister Raghuwar Das, judges of the Jharkhand High Court and other dignitaries were present at the function. Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan has been appointed as the 13th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court. The post was lying vacant since May this year after the former Chief Justice, Anirudh Bose was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa wins Sri Lanka Presidential election

- Sri Lanka's former Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa has won the Presidential election. He is the brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Gotabaya got 52.25 per cent of the total valid votes. Premadasa has conceded defeat and congratulated Gotabaya on his victory. Gotabaya will be sworn in as the new President. He served as the Defence Secretary during the end of the LTTE War.

Justice Bobde to take over as 47th Chief Justice of India

- Justice SA Bobde took over as 47th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on 18 Nov 2019. President Ram Nath Kovind will administer him the oath of office at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Justice Bobde will succeed Justice Ranjan Gogoi, who retired on 17 Nov 2019. He will have a tenure of around 18 months till his retirement on April 23, 2021.

Sarita Devi elected as member of AIBA athletes commission

- Laishram Sarita Devi of Manipur is among the six boxers from 5 continents who were elected as members of AIBA Athletes Commission. Laishram Sarita Devi was inspired by Muhammad Ali's achievements, and turned professional in boxing in the year 2000. She is DSP in Manipur Police.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First Night trial of surface-to-surface medium-range missile Agni-II

- India has successfully conducted the first night trial of Agni-II, its versatile surface-to-surface medium-range nuclear-capable missile from Dr Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast. Agni-II, an intermediate-



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range ballistic missile (IRBM), has already been inducted into the armed forces. This was the first time that the sophisticated missile was test fired at night.

SPORTS

Indian women clinch five gold at Asian Youth Boxing C'ship

- Indian women clinched five gold while two men bagged silver at Asian Youth Boxing Championship in Mongolia. Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) won Gold for the country in a phenomenal sweep.

Seven Indian boxers enter finals of Asian Youth Boxing Championship

- Seven Indian boxers – two men and five women – have entered the finals of Asian Youth Boxing Championship at Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. Among the men, Selay Soy (49kg) and Ankit Narwal (60kg) made the summit clashes, while Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) made to the finals.

England qualifies for UEFA Euro 2020 football tournament

England has qualified for the UEFA Euro 2020 football tournament and also become the top scorer with 38 goals in 2019. This is England's second-highest number ever and the highest since achieving the same total in 1966.

November 19, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 19 – International Men's Day (IMD) 2019

- International Men's Day (IMD) is an annual international event celebrated on 19 November. Inaugurated in 1992 on 7 February by Thomas Oaster, the project of International Men's Day was conceived one year earlier on 8 February 1991. The project was re-initialised in 1999 in Trinidad and



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Tobago. International Men's Day is celebrated in over 80 countries, on 19 November, and global support for the celebration is broad.

- International Men's Day celebrates worldwide the positive value men bring to the world, their families and communities. We highlight positive role models and raise awareness of men's well-being. Our theme is "Making a difference for men and boys."

November 19 – Women's Entrepreneurship Day (WED) 2019

- Women's Entrepreneurship Day (WED) is a day on which the work of women entrepreneurs is observed and discussed, held on the nineteenth of November of each year. The inaugural event was held in New York City at the United Nations, with additional events being held simultaneously in several other countries. 144 nations overall recognized the first WED in 2014, which included the presentation of the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Pioneer Awards. The organization behind WED also has an ambassadorship and fellowship program.

INTERNATIONAL

Sri Lanka's new President directs state institutions to display National Emblem

- Sri Lanka's new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has directed all state institutions to display the national emblem in place of the traditional portrait of the incumbent President. Among his first orders after being sworn in as President, Mr Rajapaksa stated that he instructed for the removal of politicians' photographs from name boards of roads as well.

Open air screening section arranged for general public in IFFI 2019

- The 50th International Film Festival of India opens on 20th November in Goa. The festival caters to over twelve thousand delegates. But do not worry if you are not a delegate. There is an Open Air Screening section where you can enjoy some of the blockbusters free.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Appointment of Chief of Defence Staff



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- The Government has approved in principle the creation of a post of CDS. An Implementation Committee was also approved and constituted to further determine and finalize the exact responsibilities, an enabling framework for this new post and all other issues involved to ensure smooth operationalization.

NEW DELHI

IITF 2019: Trade Fair in New Delhi to open for general public from 19-11-19

- The ongoing 39th India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi will open for general public from today. The event which began from 14th of November will continue till 27th of this month. The first five days of the event were reserved for business. This year the theme of the fair is 'Ease of Doing Business'.

HARYANA

Haryana govt decides to create new Foreign Cooperation department

- Haryana Government has decided to create a dedicated new department namely Department of 'Foreign Cooperation' in order to streamline and provide focus to various initiatives taken by the state government for the promotion of investment, employment for youth and welfare of Non-Resident Indians.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE:

29th Regional Contact Points (RCP) meeting of Asia Pacific (A/P) region of the World Customs Organization

- The 29th Regional Contact Points (RCP) meeting of Asia Pacific (A/P) region of the World Customs Organization (WCO) is being organised by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) at Puducherry from 18th to 20th November, 2019.

SPORTS

63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship kicks off in New Delhi



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- Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Shreyasi Singh won the women's Trap Gold at the ongoing 63rd National Shooting Championship for shotgun events in New Delhi. Shreyasi representing Bihar shot 42 out of 50 birds to claim the crown, while Rajeshwari from Punjab managed 38 hits to settle for silver. Pragati Dubey of Madhya Pradesh won bronze with a finals score of 31.

2020 Hockey Pro League

- Bhubaneswar will host the India's home matches during 2020 Hockey Pro League. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) said, the second edition of the Hockey Pro League will be played between 11th of January and 28th of June. Bhubaneswar has become a hockey hub in India and has been hosting a majority of tournaments, the most recent being the Olympic qualifiers.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 20- Universal Children's Day

- On the 14th of December 1954, the United Nations General Assembly recommended that countries celebrate a Universal Children's Day. The date 20 November marks the day on which the assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. On 20 November 1959 they adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Food Security Mission

- Government enacted that National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) in July 2013 with an intended coverage of up to 75% of rural population and up to 50% of urban population for receiving highly subsidized food grains under Targeted Public Distribution System. One of the guiding principles of the Act is its life cycle approach wherein special provisions for supplementary nutrition have been made for pregnant women and lactating mothers and children in the age group of 6 months to 14 years.



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PM KISAN MAAN DHAN YOJANA

- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that the more than 18 Lakh Farmers registered under PM KISAN MAAN DHAN YOJANA. With a view to provide social security net for the Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF) as they have minimal or no savings to provide for old age and to support them in the event of consequent loss of livelihood, the Government has launched a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, the Pradhan Mantri KisanMaan-DhanYojana (PM-KMY).
- Under this Scheme, a minimum fixed pension of Rs.3,000/- is provided to the eligible small and marginal farmers, subject to certain exclusion clauses, on attaining the age of 60 years. It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme, with entry age of 18 to 40 years. The Scheme aims to cover around 3 crore beneficiaries. As on 14/11/2019, 18,29,469 farmers in the country have been registered under the Scheme, including 61,496 farmers of Gujarat.

Ministry of Tourism is promoting Buddhist Circuit to increase India's share in global tourism market – Tourism Minister

- With a view to showcase and project the Buddhist Heritage in India and boost tourism to the Buddhist destinations in the country. Ministry of Tourism organises the International Buddhist Conclave biennially with participation of tour operators, Media, opinion makers etc. from overseas as well as Indian stakeholders.
- MoT has also produced two films viz. 'India – The Land of Buddha' and 'Following the path of the Buddha' which have been promoted on electronic and digital media, and at Road Shows and Know India Seminars etc. organised by the India Tourism Offices overseas. MoT also has a dedicated section for the promotion of Buddhist heritage and destinations on its promotional website.

27.77 lakh hectares covered under organic farming in the country: Union Agriculture Minister

- A total area of 27.77 lakh hectares is covered under organic farming in the country under Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) and 3rd party certification. Government of India has been encouraging organic farming in the country through the dedicated schemes namely ParamparagatKrishiVikasYojana (PKVY- Centrally Sponsored scheme, in all states & UTs) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development of North East Region (MOVCDNER -Central Sector scheme for North Eastern Region). Both the schemes



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aim at promotion of cluster/ Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) based chemical free, low input cost, sustainable organic farming and support farmers from input procurement to market linkages.

Union Minister for Rural Development inaugurates SARAS at IITF 2019 in New Delhi

- Union Minister for Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar was inaugurated the SARAS India International Trade Fair at PragatiMaidan in New Delhi. Mr Tomar said, empowering rural women through Self-Help Groups is one of the top priorities of the government. He said, more than seven crore women have joined Self-Help Groups so far and the Ministry is making all efforts to take this number to 10 crore.

NEWDELHI

Shri Prahlad Singh Patel takes part in the 32nd Foundation Day Celebrations of Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts, New Delhi

- Union Minister of State(Independent Charge) for Culture and Tourism Shri Prahlad Singh Patel took part in the 32nd Foundation Day Celebrations at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts as chief guest in New Delhi. Shri Patel said that IGNC has great significance for it plays the role of preserving the dying forms of art and culture. He also released 20 new books and 6 DVDs on this occasion. The function was attended by Joint Secretary(culture),Smt. Nirupama Kotru, DG National Gallery of Modern Art, Shri Adwait Gadnayak and member secretary IGNC, Dr.Sachchidanad Joshi among others.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE

Smriti Irani addresses South Asia Safety Summit

- Union Minister Smriti Irani has stressed the need to ensure the safety of women and children within their homes, and create safe neighbourhoods to protect them against violence and abuse. The Women and Child Development Minister was addressing the 2nd edition of South Asia Safety Summit in New Delhi.

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat inaugurates IPEC at Nagpur

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- RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat inaugurated the International Principal's Education Conference (IPEC) at Nagpur. Highlighting the importance of individual excellence in the education system Mr. Bhagwat said, striving for excellence holds the key for becoming successful in life. He stressed that it is the responsibility of educational institutes to mould the students into fearless, confident human beings in true sense.

MOU and Agreements

ADB to provide USD 91 million loan for Vijayanagara Channel

- The Centre and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement to extend 91 million US dollar loan to modernize the Vijayanagara Channel Irrigation Systems and prepare river basin management plans in the Krishna river basin. It will help improve irrigation water use efficiency and contribute to improving sustainable water security in Karnataka.
- The second project loan for the Karnataka Integrated and Sustainable Water Resources Management Investment Programme (IWRM) was signed by Additional Secretary in the Finance Ministry Sameer Kumar Khare and Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission, Kenichi Yokoyama.

SPORTS

Indian football team virtually knocked out of 2022 World Cup qualifying round

- The Indian football team was virtually knocked out of the 2022 World Cup qualifying round after losing 0-1 to Oman in Muscat. Mohsin Al Ghassani scored the all-important goal in the 33rd minute at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex Stadium as Oman beat India for the second time in the campaign.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 21 - World Television Day



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- The United Nations' (UN) World Television Day is annually observed in many places around the world on November 21. The day recognizes that television plays a major role in presenting different issues that affect people. World Television Day is a day to renew governments', organizations' and individuals' commitments to support the development of television media in providing unbiased information about important issues and events that affect society.

November 21 – World Hello Day

- On World Hello Day, people greet each other to show their support for world peace. The greetings demonstrate to world leaders that conflicts should be settled with communication instead of by force and violence. Anyone can participate in the day, which can be done by greeting at least ten people.
- The day highlights how anyone can make a contribution to world peace. This day was founded by two brothers, Brian and Michael McCormack and created in response to the Yom Kippur War, which was fought between Israel and Egypt in October 1973.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

UGC asks higher educational institutions to celebrate Constitution Day on Nov 26

- University Grants Commission, UGC has issued circular to higher educational institutions to celebrate Constitution Day on 26th of November. On this day in 1949, the Constitution was adopted which came into force on 26th January, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.
- The commission has requested universities and affiliated colleges to make dedicated efforts to promote and spread awareness about the constitution and fundamental duties among their students, teachers staff and officials.

Govt appoints 478 Judges in High Courts, 34 Judges in SC: Ravi Shankar Prasad

- The Minister of Law and Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad has said that the government has provided all kinds of infrastructure and other support to the Judiciary to expedite speedy disposal of long-pending cases. Mr. Prasad said that the government has appointed a record number of 478 Judges in the High Courts and 34 Judges in the Supreme Court. He also said that the Chief Justices of the High Courts have been requested to take proactive steps to dispose off cases that are more than 10 years old.



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National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in Leh

- The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) in Leh as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH. It also approved creation of the post of director in Level-14 to oversee implementation of the project from the construction stage itself.
- The setting up of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) would provide an impetus for the revival of Sowa-Rigpa in the Indian Sub-continent. The Institute will also provide opportunities for students of Sowa-Rigpa not only in India but also from other countries.

CCEA approves amendments proposed in Toll Operate Transfer Model by NHAI

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA, has approved the amendments proposed in the Toll Operate Transfer (TOT) Model by National Highways Authority of India. The Model would facilitate efficient toll realization through private sector.
- The CCEA approval will ensure a wider set of assets for Monetization and providing a more attractive model for the investors. The fund generated from such monetization shall be utilized for development of highways in the country, which will benefit users throughout the country.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

J&K: Administration to launch second phase of 'Back to Village programme'

- The Jammu and Kashmir administration is all set to launch the second phase of 'Back to Village programme' to upgrade government websites with latest information from 25th to 30th November. The flagship programme is aimed at empowerment and development of Panchayats. It ensures the functionality of Panchayats in terms of manpower, 100% coverage of beneficiary oriented schemes and doubling of income of rural people by giving the impetus to the rural economy.

42 projects under Himayat Mission sanctioned in J&K

- The Jammu and Kashmir administration is working on effective implementation of Himayat Mission. Under this, 42 projects have been sanctioned for training and placement target of 68,134 youths. They are provided free skill training for a duration ranging from 3 to 12 months. They



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will be trained in a range of skills with the provision to provide placement to every trained candidate.63 Training centres have been set up within & outside the Union Territory with the enrollment of 5815 candidates.

UTTAR PRADESH

UP CM Yogi Adityanath to inaugurate Munderwa Sugar Mill in Basti district

- Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will inaugurate the newly-established Munderwa Sugar Mill in Basti district.It will be third inauguration of sugar mills in the state in just three weeks after the opening of mills in Ramala in Baghpat and Pipraich in Gorakhpur.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

Global Bio-India Summit to begin in Delhi

- Three-day Global Bio-India Summit will begin in New Delhi.Secretary of Department of Bio-Technology Dr RenuSwarup said, it will be one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate to be held in India for the first time.She said, it will bring academia, innovators, researchers, start-ups, medium and large companies together on the same platform.DrSwarup said, over three thousand delegates from around 25 countries and over 15 states of India will participate in the mega event.

PM Modi to address Accountants General, Deputy Accountants General Conclave

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General Conclave in New Delhi.Mr Modi will unveil the statue of Mahatma Gandhi before his address to Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General from across the country in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.The conclave on the main theme Transforming Audit and Assurance in a Digital World is being held to consolidate experience and learning and chart out the path of Indian Audit and Accounts Department for the next few years.

DEFENCE

India, Singapore express satisfaction over defence ties

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- India and Singapore have expressed satisfaction at the deepening defence ties between the two countries and reaffirmed their commitment to promote stability in the region. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Singaporean Counterpart Dr N G Eng Hen co-chaired the Fourth Singapore-India Defence Ministers' Dialogue in Singapore.

Ques 1: India and which country expressed satisfaction over defence ties?

MoU and AGREEMENTS

MoU between India and Finland for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- The main objectives of the Memorandum of understanding, inter alia, are: Establish the basis for a cooperative relationship to encourage and promote successful bilateral cooperation in the field of tourism and sharing data; knowledge, expertise etc. related to tourism

SCHEMES

Assam govt to start Arundhati gold scheme by January 2020

- The Assam government will start Arundhati gold scheme by January next year for the registered newly married couples. Under the scheme, an amount of 30 thousand rupees will be given to the bride to purchase gold.
- Assam Finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the scheme is aimed to promote marriage registrations and prevent under-age marriages in the state. He said that the annual income of the bride and her father should not be more than 5 lakh rupees per year to get the benefit.

APPOINTMENTS

Mahinda Rajapaksa to be sworn in as new srilanka PM



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- In Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa will be sworn in as new Prime minister after Ranil Wickremesinghe decided to resign from his post to pave way for a caretaker government. The swearing-in will take place in the afternoon after Wickremesinghe formally tenders his resignation.

SPORTS

ACC Emerging Cup: India lose to Pakistan by three runs in semis

- India crashed out of the Asian Cricket Council Emerging Teams Cup after losing by three runs to Pakistan in the first semifinal in Dhaka. Pakistan scored 267 for seven after opting to bat first. Chasing the target, Skipper Belur Ravi Sharath with 47 and Aryan Juyal with 17 runs made a bright start, stitching 43 runs for the opening wicket.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 22 – Go For A Ride Day

- Go For A Ride Day encourages you to get out into the world – hope on your bike, into your car, or simply get your walking boots out of storage and go on a trip. November 22nd has seen various developments of the transportation industry since as early as 1904, making Go For a Ride Day a celebration of not only cars, but any mode of transportation that strikes your fancy.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Giriraj Singh inaugurates celebrations of World Fisheries Day, 2019

- The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Giriraj Singh inaugurated the celebrations of World Fisheries Day, 2019 at NASC Complex, PUSA, New Delhi. The Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr Sanjeev Balyan and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi also graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. During the event, the Ministers Says no other sector can give a

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rate of profit like Fisheries sector& it is instrumental in fulfilling Government's goal of doubling farmers' income ana also felicitated outstanding fish farmers, aquapreneurs & fisher folks in recognition to their accomplishments in the field and for their contribution into the growth of the sector.

Hitech multimedia exhibition inaugurated at IFFI

- Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare inaugurated an interactive digital exhibition IFFI @50 at the Kala Academy in Panaji. The exhibition is considered as a highly hi-tech interactive multimedia exhibition. Mr.Khare said, the exhibition will benefit the old and young alike, adding that it will be easier for the listener to gather the information on various dimensions of film making.

UIDAI operationalizes 21 Aadhaar Seva Kendras

- Unique Identification Authority of India, UIDAI has operationalized 21 Aadhaar Seva Kendras as part of its plan to open 114 stand-alone Aadhaar enrollment and centres across the country.These are in addition to 35,000 Aadhaar EnrollmentCenters run by Banks, Post Offices and State Governments.UIDAI plans to set up 114 Aadhaar Seva Kendras in 53 cities across the country.

Two lakh Gram Panchayats to be connected with internet, broadband by March 2020

- Centre has set a target to provide internet and broadband connectivity to two lakh Gram Panchayats by March next year. Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said a total of over 1,28,000 Gram Panchayats have been made Service Ready till 7th of this month. The Minister said, BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband and internet connectivity to all 2, 50,000 Gram Panchayats in the country.

MoS (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh to inaugurate 'Destination North East' Festival on 23rd November

- Destination North East' to be held from November 23-26 at Varanasi. The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the 'Destination North East' Festival in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 23rd November, 2019. The festival is being organised by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India. The Secretary (DoNER) Dr Inderjit Singh and Secretary (NEC) Shri Ram Muivah will also attend the event.



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HARYANA

Haryana first time participating in IFFI

- For the first time, Haryana is participating in the ongoing International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Sharing more information in this regard, a Spokesman said that People associated with the film industry are keenly seeking information about the Haryana Film Policy. He said that the officers representing Haryana in the film festival interacted with the film-maker Madhur Bhandarkar and shared the information about the State Film Policy with him.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

Three-day Global Buddhist Congregation to begin in Aurangabad

- In Maharashtra, a three-day Global Buddhist Congregation will begin at Nagsenvan in Aurangabad. The inaugural ceremony will take place in the presence of Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama and Mahanayaka Thero from Sri Lanka.
- The chief organiser of the event and development commissioner of the state Industries Department, Dr Harshdeep Kamble, said that, talks on relevance of Buddhism in the modern world, Buddhist culture and way of life, revival and strengthening of Buddhism, Buddhism for youth held during the congregation. It will also have other cultural events."

MoU and AGREEMENTS

CCRAS Signs MoU with JNU and ILBS for Cooperation in the Field of Research & Development and Training in Ayurveda & Traditional Medicine

- Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with JawaharLal Nehru University (JNU) and Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) for cooperation in the field of Research & Development and Training in Ayurveda & Traditional Medicine in the presence of Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH and Defence, Shri Sripad Naik at New Delhi on 20th November, 2019.



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- Minister stressed upon the need for Translational Research in Ayurveda through interdisciplinary approaches for global acceptance and understanding of Indian Knowledge System of Medicine such as Ayurveda and appreciated the efforts of CCRAS, JNU and ILBS for their noble initiatives that may open new horizons in this field

SPORTS

ISSF World Cup: Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan, Divyansh Panwar win gold medals

- In Shooting, India's young shooters touched another sensational high with Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Panwar clinching gold medals in their events to give the country its best ever single-day show in the ISSF World Cup Finals in Putian, China.

Veda Krishnamurthy to lead India A women's team in Australia

- Middle-order batter Veda Krishnamurthy will lead a 15-member India 'A' women's team during next month's tour of Australia. While Veda will lead the side, off-spinner Anuja Patil has been named as her deputy for the tour. The squad was picked by the All-India Women's Selection Committee after meeting in Kolkata.

November 23, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 23 - International Aura Awareness Day

- International Aura Awareness Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday in November. An aura is a quality or energy emanating from a person or thing. This day was created to spread awareness of the human aura and how our physical and mental health affect our auras. In Latin or Greek, the word aura means breeze or breath. By the 19th century, the word aura began describing a quality or energy emanating from a person or thing. Auras are usually affiliated with the New Age religion. Some people claim to see auras around other people. They say auras provide insight into a person's beliefs, thoughts, and personalities

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INTERNATIONAL

India, China to hold celebratory activities to mark 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties

- India and China will jointly hold 70 celebratory activities to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations. External Affairs Ministry said that the year-long activities starting from 2020 will demonstrate historic connect between two civilizations as well as growing bilateral relations.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

PM Modi to share his thoughts in 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on 24-11-19

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people in the country and abroad in his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme at 11 A.M. on 24-11-19. It will be the 59th episode of the monthly radio programme.

Gadkari inaugurates 11th edition of Agro Vision

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has stressed upon the importance of Agricultural allied businesses for the development of farmers in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. He said this while inaugurating the 11th edition of Agro Vision- 2019, an Agricultural exhibition at Reshimbag Ground of Nagpur.
- Emphasizing the need for a permanent venue for training on best practices in agriculture & extension activities for the farmers in Vidarbha, the minister urged the professional and scientific institutes to take initiative in this regard.

Jal Shakti Minister releases short documentary film on Water Conservation named 'SHIKHAR SE PUKAR'

- Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released a short documentary film on Water Conservation named 'SHIKHAR SE PUKAR' in New Delhi. The film has been made to promote 'JalshaktiAbhyan' and is based on the Journey of an IAS Officer Ravindra Kumar, who climbed Everest this year to attract the attention of people from top of the Everest on the serious issue of Water Conservation and stopping Water Pollution.



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JAMMU AND KASHMIR

J&K achieves highest road length under PMGSY in 2019

- In a significant accomplishment, Jammu and Kashmir has achieved the highest PMGSY road length in the country during the current year so far. During the current fiscal, around 11,400 kilometres of different road projects against the total sanctioned length of 19,700 kilometres.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

Two-day conference of Governors, Lieutenant Governors

- President Ram Nath Kovind will preside over the conference. It will be the 50th such Conference to be held in Rashtrapati Bhavan and the third Conference to be presided over by President Kovind. The Conference will discuss important thematic issues in various sessions. It includes tribal issues, reforms in agriculture, JalJeevan Mission, new education policy for higher education and governance for ease of living.

APPOINTMENTS

Devendra Fadnavis takes oath as Maharashtra CM; Ajit Pawar of NCP takes oath as Deputy CM

- Devendra Fadnavis has taken oath as the Maharashtra Chief Minister for the second term. NCP's Ajit Pawar has become the Deputy Chief Minister.
- Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath to the two leaders. After the oath-taking ceremony, Mr. Fadnavis said Maharashtra people had given a clear mandate and the state needed a stable government and not a Khichadi government. Deputy CM Ajit Pawar said that from the result's day to this day no party was able to form Government and Maharashtra was facing many problems including farmer issues. As such, they decided to form a stable government.

APP & WEB PORTAL

Tax department launches web portal for exchange of information



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- The Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), P C Mody inaugurated the Web Portal for Exchange of Information on Income Tax Website in New Delhi.
- The Web Portal consolidates all the relevant Automatic Exchange of Information related information at one place for financial institutions, officers and public. Finance Ministry in a statement said that the portal would not only be useful for the domestic financial institutions but will also help the foreign tax authorities and financial institutions to get information about the Indian laws, rules and procedures.

SCHEMES

Over 7 crore farmers benefited under PM-KISAN scheme

- Over seven crore farmers have been benefited under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. Under this scheme, six thousand rupees per year are being given in three instalments to the farmers. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar said, from 1st December of this year, the release of benefits will be made to beneficiaries only on the basis of Aadhar authenticated data under this scheme.

MoU & AGREEMENTS

Government E-Marketplace signs MoU with Government of NCT Delhi

- Government e-Marketplace, GeM has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Delhi Government to facilitate buyer organizations of the national capital towards a market-based procurement.
- The MoU was signed by Chief Financial Officer and Joint Secretary, GeM Rajeev Kandpal and Special Secretary Finance in Delhi Government Neeraj Bharati. It will further expedite the harmonization of the procurement guidelines of the two entities and integration of the systems, enabling seamless procuring experience.

SPORTS

Kolkata Day/Night Test



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- On the second day of maiden Pink ball Day and Night Cricket Test at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, India will resume its first innings at 174 for 3 against Bangladesh. For the first time in India, Pink ball is being used in the day-night test in place of the usual red ball to have better visibility under a bad light.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the five-day match in the presence of BCCI President Saurav Ganguly, Bangladesh Cricket Board President Nazmul Hasan Papon and other dignitaries. Former Indian Cricketers Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar and eminent former cricketers of Bangladesh were present on the occasion.

November 24 & 25, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 25- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

- The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (Resolution 54/134). The premise of the day is to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence; furthermore, one of the aims of the day is to highlight that the scale and true nature of the issue is often hidden.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Egypt animal mummies showcased at Saqqara near Cairo

- In Egypt, a large cache of mummified animals, found in an ancient Egyptian necropolis, have been displayed for the first time near the Capital Cairo. Archaeologists discovered the trove last year, near the Step Pyramid of Saqqara, south of the capital. They uncovered hundreds of artefacts, including masks, statues and mummified cats, crocodiles, cobras and birds.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

NCC celebrates its 71st Raising Day

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- The National Cadet Corps (NCC), the world's largest uniformed youth organization, is celebrating its 71st Raising Day. The celebrations began, with Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and DG NCC Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra paying homage to the martyrs, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation, at the National War Memorial in New Delhi. The NCC Raising Day was also celebrated all over the country with the cadets participating in marches, cultural activities and social development programs.

Gadkari releases booklet at Agro Vision 2019 in Nagpur

- Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari released a booklet titled 'Convergence of National Highway improvement/construction with water conservation and groundwater recharge' at Agro Vision-2019 in Nagpur. The 4-Day agriculture exhibition, Agro Vision-2019 began on 22 Nov 2019.

Constitution has potential to unite diverse elements of large country like India

- In the run-up to Constitution Day on 26th November, we recall the thoughts shared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address to the Parliament at the conclusion of debate on a commitment to the Constitution as a part of 125th birth anniversary celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 27th November 2015. The Prime Minister said that the Constitution has the potential to unite the diverse elements of a large country like India.

IFFI 2019: Master class on The Art of Visual Effects conducted by V Srinivas Mohan

- The international film festival of India, IFFI, is going ahead full throttle in Goa. Delegates have enjoyed almost a week of films and filmmaking activities.
- A Master class on The Art of Visual Effects was conducted by National award-winning Visual effects designer, V Srinivas Mohan. He has worked for films like 2.0 and Baahubali. He was addressing an audience full of film students as he told them about modern techniques. In the film 2.0, the virtual camera was used and operated remotely to get stunning effects.

State Governments to inculcate good habits of water conservation amongst youth



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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged state governors to inculcate the message of good habits of water conservation amongst the youth and student community. He also requested them to seek out ways of helping to publicize the message of traditional water related festivals like Pushkaram.
- The Prime Minister was addressing the 50th Conference of Governors which concluded in New Delhi. He said, the discussion on JalJeevan Mission in the conference reflected the priority given by the Government to water conservation and water management techniques.

MANIPUR

Sangai Festival 2019

- In Manipur, week-long Manipur Sangai Festival 2019 started. The festival is organized by the State Tourism Department and biggest festival held annually to promote tourism. The formal inaugural function of the festival was held at Hapta Kangjeibung at Imphal.
- Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh attended the inaugural function as Chief Guest. State Ministers, dignitaries from foreign countries also attended the function. The festival is held at different parts of Manipur. During the festival, cultural programmes, traditional games, folk dance and classical music will be performed by different communities of the State as well as from other States. The festival will conclude on the 30th of this month.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE

2-day Air Force Commanders' Conference

- The two-day Air Force Commanders' Conference will begin in New Delhi. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the meet. Top commanders of the Indian Air Force will participate in it and discuss the operational, maintenance and administrative matters related to Air Force.

SPORTS

Kolkata Test: India win by an innings, 46 runs against Bangladesh



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- India beat Bangladesh by an innings and 46 runs in the Day and Night Pink ball Test to win the series 2-0 at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. The victory in the second Test records a 12th home series win in a row. India had earlier won the first Test against Bangladesh by an innings and 130 runs in Indore.

Rafael Nadal clinches sixth Davis Cup title

- In tennis, world number one Rafael Nadal has clinched sixth Davis Cup title for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Madrid. Nadal defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) to clinch Spain's 2-0 win against Canada.

India bag 28 medals including 13 gold in U-15 Asian Wrestling C'ships

- In wrestling, India concluded its campaign at the Under-15 Asian Championships with 28 medals, including 13 gold, 14 silver and a bronze. The superb show by Indian grapplers continued as they won 5 gold on the last day at Taichung, China. Led by 2019 Cadet World Championships bronze medalist Deepak Chahal, the freestyle grapplers captured four gold while one gold came in the Greco-Roman category.

Lakshya Sen wins Scottish Open title

- In badminton, India's Lakshya Sen has won the Scottish Open men's single title, defeating Brazilian Ygor Coelho to seal his fourth title in three months. The 18-year-old Indian started his year with a silver medal at the Polish Open International Challenge in March. After a series of disappointing exits, Sen went on to win the Belgian International in September, his first title of the year.

November 26, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 26 – National Constitution Day

- Constitution Day (National Law Day), also known as Samvidhan Divas, is celebrated in India on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On 26 November 1949,

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the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, and it came into effect on 26 January 1950.

- The Government of India declared 26 November as Constitution Day on 19 November 2015 by a gazette notification. The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi made the declaration on 11 October 2015 while laying the foundation stone of the B. R. Ambedkar's Statue of Equality memorial in Mumbai. The year of 2015 was the 125th birth anniversary of Ambedkar, who had chaired the drafting committee of the Constituent Assembly and played a pivotal role in the drafting of the constitution. Previously this day was celebrated as Law Day. 26 November was chosen to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread thoughts and ideas of Ambedkar.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Nation remembers 26/11 martyrs on its 11th anniversary

- The Nation is remembering the martyrs of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks on its 11th anniversary. Various events have been organised in the city. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu paid tributes to the martyrs of the terror attack. On November 26, 2008, Mumbai was attacked by 10 terrorists of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba. In the mayhem that followed for the next three days, 166 people including 18 police officers and two NSG commandos lost their lives

MP: Constitution Day programmes being organised in govt offices, Universities

- In Madhya Pradesh, Constitution Day programmes are being organised in all Government offices and Universities to mark the 70th anniversary of the Constitution Adoption Day.
- Chief Minister Kamal Nath will administer the oath to all the staff-officers at the State Secretariat. State government is also starting a public awareness campaign in relation to the Constitution. The campaign starts from November 26, 2019 and will be conducted till April 14, 2020, the birthday of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. Various creative activities will be conducted during this period.

UTTAR PRADESH

UP govt launches immunisation campaign against Filaria



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- Uttar Pradesh government is launching a massive immunisation campaign against the filariasis or Filaria. Central government has set year 2021 as the deadline for complete eradication of filaria in country. more than 65 thousand teams of health workers will distribute medicines to around 6.5 crore people till 10 December in 19 districts. Campaign will be launched by Health and Family Welfare Minister Jai Pratap Singh said that at present there are 1.25 lakh cases of filaria in these 19 districts.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE

AYUSH Ministry hosting WHO Meetings on developing Standardized Terminologies and Benchmarks documents of Practice for Traditional Medicine

- Ministry of AYUSH is hosting two important WHO meetings during the last week of November and first week of December 2019 at the Institute of Prost Graduate Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (IPGT & RA), Jamnagar, Gujarat and another is Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy, New Delhi.
- The WHO – International Experts Consultation Meeting (IECM), held from 26th to 29th November 2019, shall host 51 selected international experts (from all six WHO regions) of Ayurveda, Unani and Panchakarma, as well as Traditional Medicine practitioners, researchers, health policy makers, regulators and administrators.

Prime Minister's meeting with Shigeru Kitamura, Japan Secretary General of NSS

- Shigeru Kitamura, Secretary General of National Security Secretariat (NSS) of Japan called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister welcomed Mr. Kitamura on his first visit to India after assuming charge in September, 2019 and stressed the importance of the growing strategic partnership between the two countries for peace, progress and security in the region. He expressed the confidence that the discussions of Mr. Kitamura with the National Security Advisor of India would pave the way to strengthen this vital aspect of bilateral cooperation.

SCIENCE

Protection of Endangered Species



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- Census of major flagship species is undertaken at the State-level by the respective State/Union Territory Governments periodically. However census of tiger and elephant is undertaken at the national level once every four and five years respectively. As per the report of the latest census carried out by the state and central government, the population of endangered species especially lions, rhinos, tigers, and elephants has increased in country.
- Ministry is providing financial assistance to State /UT Governments for the recovery programme of critically endangered species under the component- Recovery programme for saving of critically endangered species and habitats of the Centrally sponsored scheme 'Development of Wildlife Habitats'. Presently 21 critically endangered species have been identified under this programme

DEFENCE

Naval Exercise off the East Coast

- Naval Exercise MILAN 2020 is scheduled to be held at Vishakhapatnam in March, 2020 in which 41 countries have been invited. The Government pursues cooperation initiatives with friendly foreign countries including in Indian Ocean Region through structured interactions like Staff Talks, Empowered Steering Group etc. The areas of cooperation include Capacity Building, Marine Domain Awareness, Training, Hydrography, Technical Assistance, Operational Exercise etc.

SCHEMES

SabkaVishwas – Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme

- The aim of SabkaVishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme, 2019 is to help taxpayers, including small taxpayers, in clearing the baggage of disputes under legacy taxes (Service Tax and Central Excise), which are subsumed in Goods and Service Tax. This was stated by Shri Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs. The main components of the Scheme are dispute resolution and amnesty.

APP AND WEB PORTAL

Govt launches Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal



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- Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal, CLAP, in New Delhi.
 - The portal provides a transparent and robust real-time web-based monitoring system for credit-linked Subsidy Services, CLSS, beneficiaries. Using the portal, a beneficiary can track his application status in real-time.

SPORTS

Sangram Dahiya, Varsha Varman win double trap national titles

- Haryana's Sangram Dahiya and Varsha Varman of Madhya Pradesh clinched double trap titles, winning gold at the 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship in New Delhi.
- In men's category, Sangram shot 142 out of 150 targets to leave behind former world champion Ankur Mittal, who managed 137 hits over the five rounds of 30 targets each to win a silver. Punjab's Prithvi Singh Chahal won bronze with a score of 135. Varsha, in the women's category of 120 targets each, had 97 to her name to clinch the gold ahead of state-mate Manisha Keer, who had 93 hits winning Silver. Mahima Vishwakarma ensured a Madhya Pradesh sweep in the category, winning bronze with 92.

November 27, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 27 - Turtle Adoption Day

- Turtle Adoption Day is a "day of action for the protection of endangered reptiles." Specifically, the day supports the welfare of turtles. It appears to have been created by a woman named Christine Shaw, who made a blog post on November 25, 2011, on the website of Found Animals, an animal welfare organization that works to find new homes for distressed and abandoned animals.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Constitution Day observed in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka

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- High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das said that Indian Constitution gave people civil rights which were very forward-looking for the time when it was adopted. Addressing a gathering of Indians working in Bangladesh on the occasion of the Constitution day, she said that drafting committee of Indian Constitution under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar also laid out the roadmap to achieve the aspiration of social justice in India.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

President, CJI address Constitution Day function at Supreme Court

- President Ram Nath Kovind said that co-existence of the fully independent judiciary with a vibrant parliamentary democracy is a testimony to the sagacity and foresight of our founding fathers. Addressing the Constitution Day function at the Supreme Court, Mr. Kovind said the founding fathers created institutions and designed the right balance among them to ensure that their core objectives are not compromised.

Union Minister Shri Giriraj Singh addresses National Milk Day celebration

- The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh addressed entrepreneurs, milk producer farmers, academia and media on the occasion of National Milk Day-2019 at Pusa in New Delhi. Addressing the august gathering Shri Singh thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for protecting interest of 10 crore farmers by not joining Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). He said that Prime Minister has always given the prime importance to the betterment of "Gaon Gareeb Kisaan" and RCEP was not in favour of farmers (Kisaan).

On the occasion of 'Constitution Day' MHRD announces National Essay Competitions every month as part of nationwide Nagrik Kartavya Palan Abhiyan

- Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched the kartavya.ugc.ac.in portal on the occasion of 'Constitution Day', as a part of year long Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan being observed throughout the country. The portal will be used primarily for holding monthly essay competitions for students as well as other activities like quizzes, debates, poster making etc pertaining to Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan. Minister of State for HRD Shri Sanjay Dhotre was also present on the occasion.



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UTTAR PRADESH

Uttar Pradesh govt to set up state's 1st vulture conservation

- In a major step to conserve the endangered vulture population, the Uttar Pradesh government will set up state's first vulture conservation and breeding centre in farenda area of Maharajganj district. Environment Minister had recently told the Parliament that there has been a sharp decline in the population of vultures in the country which has come down from 40 million to 19,000 in a span of over three decades.

APP AND WEB PORTAL

The President of India launches web-portal of "National Youth Parliament Scheme"

- A special function on the occasion to commemorate 70th Anniversary of adoption of the Constitution of India, - "SamvidhanDiwas" was organized in the Central Hall of Parliament. On this occasion, the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind launched the Web-Portal of "National Youth Parliament Scheme". The web-portal of the National Youth Parliament Scheme is available at www.nymps.mpa.gov.in. The main objective of the portal is to increase the outreach of the youth parliament programme of the Ministry to hitherto untouched sections and corners of the country.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ISRO launches India's latest earth observation satellite Cartosat-3 successfully

- The national space agency ISRO has launched India's latest earth observation satellite Cartosat-3 successfully. The workhorse rocket PSLV in its C-47 version carried it along with 13 other customer payloads into the intended polar sun-synchronous orbit. The launch vehicle was ignited at 09.28 hours from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh, some 90 kilometres off Chennai.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

Seminar "DEFCOM INDIA 2019" underway in New Delhi



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- A two-day seminar “DEFCON INDIA 2019” is underway in New Delhi with the theme “Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness”. The seminar is devoted to the seminal theme of leveraging communications for achieving jointness between the three services.

SPORTS

Indian archers clinch 3 bronze medals at Asian Championship

- Led by Atanu Das, Indian archers bagged three bronze medals and also ensured at least three silver medals, at the ongoing Asian Championship at Bangkok. The Indian archers are competing in the tournament as neutral athletes under the World Archery flag due to the suspension of the national federation, Archery Association of India, AAI.

Girl who works in fields qualifies for national cross country athletic championship

- A 15-year-old girl, who works in the fields, has qualified for the national cross country athletic championship, to be organised by the School Games Federation of India, in Punjab next month.
- For Gayatri Sukhdev Gaikwad, who hails from Babulgaon Budruk village from Yavatmal District of Maharashtra, attending school and picking cotton in the fields is a routine. She won a State-level cross-country event held in Satara, Maharashtra and qualified for the tournament.

November 28, 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 28 – Red Planet Day

- Red Planet Day commemorates the launch of the Mariner 4 spacecraft and is a day to celebrate the planet Mars and learn more about it. Mariner 4, a robotic interplanetary probe, was launched by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) on November 28, 1964. It was the fourth of a series of spacecraft designed to fly past planets, and it became the first to fly past Mars. It provided the first close-up photos of the planet and the first from-space images of another planet ever.



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Sweden King, Queen to undertake 6-day visit to India

- Sweden King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia will undertake a six-day visit to India beginning on 01 Dec 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs announced. It said the King will have meetings with President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest. Apart from Delhi, the royal couple is scheduled to visit Mumbai and Uttarakhand. This will be King Gustaf's third visit to India.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

International Film Festival of India, IFFI, ends at Panaji in Goa

- The International Film Festival of India, IFFI, will come to an end at Panaji in Goa . The 50th edition of Asia's biggest film festival began on the 20th of this month. The closing ceremony of IFFI@50 is to be held this afternoon in Goa. The theme of the event is Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat. The union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant are expected to be present.
- The nine day super fest comes to an end with the screening of the closing film later tonight. The India Premiere of "Marghe and her Mother" directed by Iranian Master, Mohsen Makhmalbaf will be the closing film of IFFI.

Article 370 was the biggest impediment to J&K's development: LG

- Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir G C Murmu said, Article 370 was the biggest impediment to the development of Jammu and Kashmir, as it limited Centre's powers to implement special provisions and welfare schemes in J&K. Mr Murmu said, the provision did not allow the full functioning of democracy and caused more damages than any benefits. He was addressing a gathering in Moori Village near Katra in Reasi district as part of government's largest public outreach programme Back to Village.

Fit India Week in Nov-Dec should be made mandatory across all schools: Sports Minister



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- Sports Minister Kiren Rijju visited Kendriya Vidyalaya at Andrews Ganj in New Delhi to participate in Fitness Week Celebrations at the school. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken the initiative of observing Fitness Week in the second, third and fourth week of November, as part of the Fit India Movement.
 - The Minister said that celebrating fitness week at this time of the year is a very good step. He said, it is being organized across all Kendriya Vidyalayas and he will encourage private schools to do the same. He said, Fit India Week in the month of November and December should be made mandatory across all schools as fitness is a very important part of a student's life.

APPOINTMENTS

Uddhav Thackeray to be sworn in as Maharashtra CM

- Shiv Sena President Uddhav Thackeray will take oath as the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The swearing-in ceremony will be held at Shivaji Park in Central Mumbai.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

Gadkari addresses NuGen Mobility Summit 2019

- Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has called upon the auto industry to think about future technologies as skilled man-power, cheap labour and technology are available in the auto sector. He said, Ethanol, Methanol, Bio-diesel and Bio-CNG will support the future technology to be utilized in the auto sector. The Minister was speaking at the NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 at International Centre for Automotive Technology Centre, ICAT in Gurugram.

President of India Addresses the 15th FICCI Higher Education Summit

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, addressed the 15th FICCI Higher Education Summit in New Delhi. This Summit is being organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The President said that the world of tomorrow will be driven by knowledge, machine-intelligence and digital pathways. To prepare ourselves for this transformation and to leverage its limitless



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opportunities, we have to recast our higher education with new courses and deeper research-orientation.

MoU AND AGREEMENTS

MoU signed between India and Myanmar on bilateral cooperation for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Myanmar on bilateral cooperation for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons; Rescue, Recovery, Repatriation and Re-integration of victims of Trafficking.
- To strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two countries and to increase bilateral cooperation on the issues of prevention, rescue, recovery and repatriation related to human trafficking. To strengthen cooperation to prevent all forms of human trafficking and to protect and assist the victims of trafficking

MoUs signed between India and Saudi Arabia in the field of combating illicit trafficking and smuggling of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Chemical Precursors

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval for the MoUs between India and Saudi Arabia in the field of combating illicit trafficking and smuggling of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Chemical Precursors.
- Under the MoU, there is a provision for the exchange of relevant information as well as methods, identities and suspicious activities of producers, smugglers and traffickers of narcotic drugs, details of trafficking of NDPS and Precursors Chemicals on requisitions and financial details of the traffickers arrested on drug related charges.

Cabinet approves Agreement and Protocol between India and Chile for the avoidance of double taxation

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the signing of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) and Protocol between the Republic of India and the Republic of Chile for the elimination of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion and avoidance with respect to taxes on income.



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WCD Ministry signs MoU with Ministry of food Processing Industries

- Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (FPI) in New Delhi in the presence of the Union Minister of Women & Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani and Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries. The MoU was signed by Secretary, Ministry of WCD, Rabindra Panwar and Secretary Ministry of FPI, Smt Pushpa Subramanyam.
- Smriti Zubin Irani thanked Minister of Food Processing Industries for joining hands with the Ministry of WCD for the upliftment of women entrepreneurs engaged in organic farming. She said that this effort reflects the Government's focus on convergence of strength and capacity building among Ministries and Departments to help serve the people.

DEFENCE AFFAIRS

Curtain Raiser: Exercise Mitra Shakti-VII: 2019

- The seventh edition of India-Sri Lanka joint training exercise, Exercise MITRA SHAKTI- 2019 is scheduled to be conducted at Foreign Training Node (FTN), Pune from 01 - 14 December 2019. The sixth edition of the exercise was held in Sri Lanka. The aim of this joint training exercise is to build and promote positive relations between armies of India and Sri Lanka with focus on sub unit level training for counter insurgency & counter terrorism operations in urban and rural environment under United Nations mandate.

SPORTS

Hyderabad to host 1st T20I against WI, 3rd match in Mumbai: BCCI

- The BCCI announced the swapping of venues of India's first and third T20 Internationals against the West Indies. The opening match is now scheduled at Hyderabad on December 6. Mumbai will host the third and final T20 International on December 11. The second T20 will be held as per earlier schedule in Thiruvananthapuram on December 8.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 29 – International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

- The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People marks the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 181 (II) on 29 November 1947, partitioning the mandate for Palestine into two States. The Day provides an opportunity for the international community to focus its attention on the fact that the question of Palestine remains unresolved. This year, the annual Special Meeting in observance of the Day took place on 27 November 2019. It will be followed by the opening of the exhibit “Palestine – the most universal of national causes” – consisting of pictures and quotes by well-known public figures, who have expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Saudi Arabia, UAE discussed to develop mega crude refinery in Maharashtra

- Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have discussed to develop the planned mega crude refinery in Maharashtra at an initial cost of 70 billion US Dollars. It will have a capacity of 1.2 million barrels per day integrated with a modern petrochemical complex.
- Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence jointly presided over the 2nd meeting of Saudi Emirati Coordination Council in Abu Dhabi. The two oil rich nations discussed ways and means to secure the supply of at least 600,000 barrels per day of Saudi and Emirati crude oil for Indian market.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Golden Jubilee Edition of IFFI culminates in Goa

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- The Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India, IFFI, culminated in Goa. The festival saw screening of 300 films of various languages from India and abroad for delegates from different parts of the world.
- The IFFI was awarded the ICFT-UNESCO Fellini medal at the closing ceremony which was received by Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare and Director of festivals Chaitanya Prasad. Governor of Goa Satyapal Malik, Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant, Union minister Babul Supriyo and others were present on the occasion.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan calls for Technology & Innovation to be the backbone of development

- The 8th Foundation Day of Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA) (PPP between Department of Science & Technology (DST) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)) was addressed by the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan. The Minister recognized and felicitated the exceptional performance of GITA project in contributing towards enhancing the country's innovation ecosystem. The theme of the event was 'Making India Future Ready'.

MoU and AGREEMENTS

ADB, India sign \$451 Million Loan to strengthen Power Connectivity in Tamil Nadu

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$451 million loan to strengthen power connectivity between the southern and northern parts of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC), which is part of the East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC), in Tamil Nadu. ADB is the lead partner of the Government of India for developing ECEC.
- The signatories to the loan agreement were Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary (Fund Bank and ADB), Department of Economic Affairs in India's Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

G Kishan Reddy inaugurates 1st Intl. Conference on "Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience"

- Minister of State for Home Affairs, G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the 1st International Conference on "Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience" in New Delhi. While addressing the Conference, Mr Reddy



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called for developing technology to anticipate disasters like landslides and develop infrastructure to quickly respond to minimise the damage.

- The Minister said that landslides have attracted global attention as they may cause huge havoc on communities, live stock, environment leading to huge loss of lives. He expressed hope that deliberations in this conference will go a long way in finding long term solutions to natural disasters.

HM Amit Shah to address valedictory session of 47th All India Police Science Congress

- Home Minister Amit Shah will be reaching Lucknow to address the valedictory session of 47th All India Police science congress. The 2-day event was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Puducheri and retired IPS officer Kiran Bedi.
- Police officers from SP to DG rank from various states and union territories are participating in the annual event. Uttar Pradesh Police in association with the home ministry and the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) is organising the event.

Dr. Jitendra Singh to inaugurate two-day Conference on Jal Shakti and Disaster Management

- A two day Conference is to be held on November 30-December 1, 2019 at Jammu. 'Sahyog Sankalp' Resolution to be adopted in the Valedictory Session. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with Governments of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir is organizing a two-day Conference on 'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat' with focus on Jal Shakti and Disaster Management.

DEFENCE AFFAIRS

Passing out parade to be held at Indian naval academy on 30 November 2019

- Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala will hold its Passing out Parade (POP) for Autumn Term 2019 on Saturday, 30 November 2019. Trainees comprising Midshipmen and Cadets of 97th Indian Naval Academy Course (B.Tech), 97th Indian Naval Academy Course (M.Sc), 28th Naval Orientation Course (Extended), 29th Naval Orientation Course (Regular) and 29th Naval Orientation Course (Coast Guard), will pass out as Officers on successful completion of their training. Six trainees of various friendly foreign nations will also pass out this term.



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SPORTS

Deepika wins gold, Ankita bags silver in Asian archery Championships

- Indian archers Deepika Kumari won gold while Ankita Bhakat bagged silver medal in the women's individual recurve event of the 21st Asian Championships in Bangkok. Deepika defeated Ankita 6-0 in the one-sided final. The duo had earlier secured an individual Olympic quota for the country by storming into the semifinals of the event.

Sports Ministry constitutes committee to review Draft National Sports Code

- Sports Ministry has constituted a 13-member expert committee to review the Draft National Sports Code. The expert committee will be headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice Mukundakam Sharma. Former sports persons Gagan Narang, Bhaichung Bhutia, Anju Bobby George and national badminton coach Pulella Gopichand are part of the panel. Boxing Federation president Ajay Singh, Kho Kho Federation president Sudhanshu Mittal, Athletics Federation president Adille Sumariwala and Weightlifting Federation president B P Baishya have been included in the committee.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

November 30 – Computer Security Day

- Computer Security Day began in 1988, around the time that computers were becoming commonplace, even if they were yet to become ubiquitous in homes. The 1980s saw not only increased usage of computers, especially in business and government, and the internet was in its early stages.
- These days, electronic devices such as smart phones, tablets, and computers make up an important component of our everyday lives. While communication has become easier and more efficient than ever before, these technological advancements have brought with them new concerns about privacy and security. There's even a holiday dedicated to keeping your online data safe and secure – it's fittingly called Computer Security Day.



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India to set up 12 hi-tech parks in Bangladesh

- India will set up 12 hi-tech parks in Bangladesh at a cost of \$193 million. Speaking at a business meeting in Rangpur organised by the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das said that these hi-tech parks will provide training to 30,000 youth of Bangladesh as skilled IT professionals. She also inaugurated Swami Vivekananda Bhawan at Rangpur which houses a Computer Center, Charitable Medical Centre, Coaching centre and student's home.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

FASTag deadline extended to December 15

- Union Government has extended the date for making FASTag mandatory for toll payments on National Highways to 15th of next month. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had earlier announced that from 1st of December, toll payments on highways would be accepted through FASTags only.
- The Ministry in a statement said that it has been found that many citizens have still not enabled their vehicles with FASTag due to various reasons. It said, to provide some more time to citizens to buy and put FASTag on their vehicles, it has now been decided that charging of double User Fee from vehicles which enter FASTag lane without FASTag will start from 15th of December this year. The Ministry also said, NHAI FASTag will continue to be provided free of cost till 15th December.

PIB establishes a fact-checking unit to combat fake news against government

- The Press Information Bureau of India has set up a fact-checking unit to verify news related to the various ministries to combat fake news. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting urged people to email snapshots of any dubious material they come across on any platform including social media and get it verified.

GUJARAT

Sardar Patel Narmada Trek flagged off



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- In Gujarat, the Sardar Patel Narmada Trek (SPNT), a national level trekking camp for NCC Senior and Junior Division Cadets, has been flagged off at Statue of Unity-Kevadia in Narmada district.
- More than 1,000 cadets from Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chattishgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal and Punjab are participating in this camp. The aim of organizing SPNT camp is to promote National Integration by gathering enthusiastic Nationalist youth from all faiths, castes and cultural identity at a place which is towered by the Iron Man of India.

APP AND WEB PORTAL

Digitization of Data Collected in Anganwadi Centres

- To strengthen the monitoring of Anganwadi Services Scheme revised MIS known as ICDS-Rapid Reporting System (RRS) has also been introduced for capturing the data of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) online. Under the ICDS-RRS each AWC is assigned an 11digit unique code and login password is allotted at the supervisor level to submit the monthly progress report. As on date, out of 13, 77,595 operational AWCs 13,70,927 AWCs have been assigned the 11digit unique code.

SHe-BOX

- Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has developed an online complaint management system titled Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (SHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace by women, including government and private employees. Once a complaint is submitted to the SHe-Box portal, it directly reaches to the concerned authority having jurisdiction to take action in the matter.
- A total number of 203 cases have been disposed off so far which includes cases under Central Government, State Government and Private sector. The SHe-Box portal has been developed with the objective to facilitate the registration of complaints related to sexual harassment of women at workplace

DEFENCE AFFAIRS

Indo-Nepal joint military Exercise SURYA KIRAN – XIV



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- Joint military exercise 'SURYA KIRAN - XIV' between India and Nepal will be conducted at Salijhandi, Rupendehi district of Nepal from 03 to 16 December 2019. The exercise will comprise of 300 soldiers from both Indian and Nepal Army who would be sharing their experience in conduct of various counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations as also various humanitarian assistance missions by both the Armies.

SPORTS

Sathiyam wins both group matches to enter last-16 in ITTF World Cup

- India's G Sathiyam won both his group matches against higher-ranked opponents to enter the round of 16 in the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Men's World Cup at Chengdu, China

Volleyball: Indian teams enter semis of 13th South Asian Games

- Indian men and women volleyball teams have entered the semi-finals of 13th South Asian Games. In the last group 'A' match, Indian men's team defeated host Nepal in straight sets by 25-15, 25-13 and 25-16 in Kathmandu last evening. India will now take on runners up of Group 'B' in the first semi-final.