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TAMILNADU

➤ Ooty to host 2nd flower festival:

- Udhagamandalam – Ooty – in Tamilnadu will be hosting the second flower festival of the year during the North East Monsoon in October and November. Preparatory works for the elaborate exhibition of colourful and fragrant flowers have started in the famous Botanical Gardens in Udhagamandalam.

➤ Tamil Nadu officials to participate in safety workshop in Australia

- The Tamil Nadu government has sent a team of senior bureaucrats to Australia for studying highway safety using Safe System Solution and emulate the best practices back home. They were to participate in a six-day workshop which is set to begin on September 16.
- The programme is part of the memorandum of understanding signed by the State government with VicRoads and Highways Department, Australia.

➤ US company TI to set up research lab at NIT in Trichy

- Texas Instruments (TI), a US company, engaged in the design and development of semiconductors and software will set up a hi-tech, cutting edge research lab at National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Trichy, Tamilnadu.

➤ Rehabilitating deer population begin in Kodiakkarai Wild Life sanctuary

- A unique exercise of rehabilitating deer population has been started in the Kodiakkarai Wild Life sanctuary in Tamilnadu. This follows upgradation works being undertaken at the cost of eight crores rupees in the Sivagangai Gardens of Thanjavoor under the smart city scheme of the Central government.

➤ Srivilliputtur „palkova“ got GI tag

- The famous Srivilliputtur palkova, a sweet made from cow milk and sugar got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai. The GI tag will certainly benefit the milk producers and the farming community.
- The GI application for this product was filed by the Srivilliputtur Milk Producers' Co-operative Society, and was facilitated by the Veterinary College and Research Institute, Tirunelveli

➤ 62 new marine species found in Gulf of Mannar

- The Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute (SDMRI) has recorded 62 new species and 77 new patch reef areas during a recent baseline study of biological resources in the Gulf of Mannar.
- The 62 newly recorded species in the study include 14 species of hard corals (the number of coral species identified has increased from 117 to 131), 17 species of soft corals, 11 species of sponges, 16 species of mollusks and two species of seaweeds and fishes each. In addition, more than 50 unidentified species were observed, which are believed to be new to Gulf of Mannar.

➤ Nilgiri tahr"s population up 27% in three years in TN

- The Nilgiri tahr, its sightings in the Mukurthi National Park have risen from 568 in 2018 to 612 this year. Officials said this was the second consecutive year that an increase in the population



of the animal had been recorded in the park, meaning the population of the Nilgiri tahr, also known as the Nilgiri ibex, has risen by 132 since 2016.

➤ **2nd Singapore – India Hackathon to be organised at IIT Madras from Sept 28**

- To promote innovation, 2nd edition of Singapore – India Hackathon will be organised at IIT Madras, Chennai from Sep 28 to 29 this year.
- India-Singapore Hackathon is the first of its kind joint International hackathon between India and Singapore during which the selected bright students from India and Singapore will work in collaboration to develop innovative and out-of-the- box solution for some of the daunting problems faced by our societies.



National

➤ **September month to be celebrated as 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah'**

- The entire month of September will be celebrated as the Rashtriya Poshan Maah.
- This year the theme is Complementary Feeding.
- Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment - POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to address malnutrition with a targeted approach by 2022.

➤ **EC launches Electors Verification Programme**

- The Election Commission launched new mega Electors Verification Programme (EVP) across the country. Under the programme, a voter from each family will get a username and password, allowing a person to upload all documents related to electoral registration and tag similar details about his or her family members.

➤ **Country's longest electrified rail tunnel**

- In Andhra Pradesh, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu dedicated the country's longest electrified rail tunnel between Cherlopalli and Rapuru and the electrified railway line between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli. The length of the rail tunnel is 6.6 kilometre.

➤ **Fire and Fury Corps celebrates 20th Raising Day**

- The elite Fire and Fury Corps on September 1 celebrated its 20th raising day at Leh, with all its personnel reaffirming their wholehearted support to the people of Ladakh region.
- It was on September 1, 1999, in the aftermath of the Kargil War that this elite Corps was raised.

➤ **Varun Dhawan's 'Coolie No.1' first Bollywood film set to go plastic-free**

- Bollywood has taken lead to promote India's plastic free movement with Varun Dhawan's upcoming movie "Coolie No. 1" becoming the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free.
- The movie's producer Deepshikha Deshmukh announced on twitter today that the movie is going plastic free and urged her peers to do the same.

➤ **Food ministry to ban single – use plastic products from Sep 15:**

- Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan announced a blanket ban on all types of single-use plastic products in his Ministry and its all PSUs from 15th of this month.
- The decision was taken in a high-level meeting with Secretaries of both the Departments and with other senior officials of the Ministry.

➤ **“Eat Right India Movement”**

- Dr Harsh Vardhan launched the Eat Right India Movement of FSSAI, the new healthy eating approach which places citizens at the centre of a Health Revolution through food and fitness. The campaign ‘Eat Right India’ with its new logo and tagline Sahi Bhojan. Behtar Jeevan’ were released by the Health Minister, at an event on the side-lines of the 5-day 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia’.



- **India announces 1 billion dollar line of credit for development of Russia's Far East**
 - India today announced a line of credit worth one Billion US dollars for the development of the Far East region of Russia.
 - Addressing the Plenary Session of 5th Eastern Economic Forum, EEF, in Vladivostok this evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this announcement will prove to be a take-off point for India's 'Act Far East' policy.
- **Project „Bal Basera" for the welfare of Children of Construction Workers**
 - With the support of CPWD, a Crèche (Bal Basera) at AIIMS Rishikesh, a project for the welfare of Children of Construction Workers deployed at the site will be inaugurated by Mrs Deepa Singh, President CPWD Officers' Wives Association on 09.09.2019 at 11.00 AM.
 - Bal Basera shall accommodate about 35 Children and shall be run by the CPWD OWA. AIIMS Rishikesh Project is being executed by CPWD.
- **Gandhi Solar Park inaugurated at UN headquarters**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared his thoughts on Mahatma Gandhi at a programme hosted by India in New York. Mr Modi along with others world leaders also inaugurated the Gandhi Solar Park at the UN headquarters and released a commemorative stamp issued by the UN on the occasion of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.
- **Article 371 providing special provisions for NE states will not be tampered with**
 - Union Home Minister Amit Shah has asserted that the Article 371, which provides special provisions for North Eastern states, will not be tampered with. Addressing the 68th Plenary of the North Eastern Council (NEC) in Guwahati, Mr. Shah allayed apprehensions of North Eastern people regarding Article 371, following the abrogation of Article 370.
- **DPIIT to Launch Plastic Waste Management Campaign**
 - As part of Prime Minister's call to action for Plastic Waste Management, during his Independence Day speech, the theme of this year's Swachhta hi Sewa is Plastic Waste Management.
 - Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, is playing a critical two-fold role for the success of the campaign as mandated by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- **National Animal Disease Control Programme**
 - In one of the major efforts towards doubling the Farmers Income, Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall be launching the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock, on 11th September from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh.
 - The programme also aims at vaccinating 36 Million Female Bovine Calves annually in its fight against the Brucellosis disease.
- **Prime Minister to Launch Kisan Man Dhan Yojana on the 12th of September**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall launch the Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana on the 12th of September at Ranchi, Jharkhand.



- The Scheme shall secure the lives of 5 Crore Small and Marginal Farmers by providing a minimum pension of Rs 3000 per month, to those who attain 60 years of age.
 - The scheme has an outlay of Rs 10,774 Crores for the next three years. All the small and marginal farmers who are currently between the ages of 18 to 40 years can apply for the scheme.
- **Motihari-Amlekhganj cross border petroleum pipeline**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal's Prime Minister K.P.Sharma Oli will jointly inaugurate Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross border petroleum products pipeline through video conference. This is the first transnational petroleum pipeline from India and first South Asian oil pipeline corridor.
 - The landmark pipeline will ensure smooth, cost-effective and environment-friendly supply of petroleum products to Nepal. The 69 kms long pipeline from Motihari in Bihar to Amlekhgunj in Nepal has been constructed at the cost of around three hundred fifty crore rupees which are entirely borne by Indian Oil Corporation.
- **India's second Multi-Modal Terminal in Jharkhand**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation India's second riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT) built at Sahibganj in Jharkhand. The terminal at Sahibganj will open up industries of Jharkhand and Bihar to the global market and provide Indo-Nepal cargo connectivity through waterways route.
- **132nd Birth Anniversary Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant**
- The nation today paid tributes to Freedom Fighter Bharat Ratna Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant on his 132nd Birth Anniversary.
 - Bharat Ratna Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant was Indian freedom fighter and one of the architects of modern India. He, along with Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabh Bhai Patel, was a key figure in India's Independence movement.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2019**
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2019, a massive countrywide awareness and mobilization campaign on Swachhata at Mathura.
 - SHS 2019, with special focus on 'plastic waste awareness and management' is being organized from 11th September to October 2nd 2019, as the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is poised to dedicate an ODF India to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary.
- **India's Tallest Air Traffic Control Tower Inaugurated:**
- India's tallest Air Traffic Control tower was inaugurated at the Indira Gandhi International Airport recently which will ensure up-scaled services and systems for efficient, smooth and uninterrupted air traffic management.
- **Hindi Divas**
- Hindi Divas is being celebrated across the country. It was on this day in 1949 that the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi written in Devanagari as the official language of the country.



➤ **Maritime Communication Services in India**

- Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched the maritime communication services at Mumbai.
- He said that Maritime Connectivity will enable high-end support to those in sea by providing access to Voice, Data and Video services while traveling on sailing vessels, cruise liners, ships in India, using satellite technology.

➤ **Centre to set up 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres across the country**

- Union Government has set a target of setting up 12 thousand 500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres across the country. Out of which four thousand will be set up during this year. AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik said this after inaugurating a Unani Medical Centre and Siddha Clinical Research Unit at Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi.

➤ **Doordarshan completes 60 years of existence**

- The public broadcaster started its journey on September 15 in 1959 from Delhi. Over 90 percent of Indian population receive DD programmes. Over the years, Doordarshan has grown into a network operating 34 satellite channels, besides providing free-to-air DTH service having 104 in its bookings.

➤ **National Centre for Clean Coal Research & Development inaugurated at Bengaluru.**

- Union Minister of Science & Technology, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, today inaugurated the National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development at Indian Institute of Science (IISc)-Bengaluru.
- Government of India through Department of Science & Technology, has set up the National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development (NCCCR&D) as a national level consortium on clean coal R&D, led by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc)-Bengaluru.

➤ **International symposium on buckwheat**

- In Meghalaya, a four-day international symposium on buckwheat with the theme "diversifying food systems for health and nutritional security" is being organised by North Eastern Hills University, Shillong from 3rd to 6th September 2019.

➤ **Ministry of Railways decides to adopt HOG (Head on Generation technology) system**

- The way ACs run and power supply is done in railway coaches is to transform. Such new technological transformation is also to bring in foreign exchange saving of about 1400 Crore Rupees per year.
- In the new technology called – Head on Generation technology, the power will be drawn from the Overhead Electric supply. The power generator cars which used to make huge noise and emit fumes will no more be there. In place of two such generator cars there will be one standby silent generator car to be used for emergency.

➤ **Supreme Court gets four new judges**

- The Centre on September 18 cleared the appointments of Justices V. Ramasubramanian, Krishna Murari, S. Ravindra Bhat and Hrishikesh Roy as Supreme Court judges. The Supreme Court vacancies had increased its judicial strength from 31 to 34 following the enactment of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Bill of 2019 into law.



➤ **Government notifies 8.65% interest rate for EPFO members:**

- Government has approved 8.65 per cent interest rate on deposits in Employees Provident Fund for 2018-19.
- Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified 8.65 per cent rate of interest on EPF deposits for its over six crore subscribers.

➤ **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS- Dial 112)**

- Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah launched three citizen centric services of the Chandigarh Police, in Chandigarh.
- ERSS provides a single emergency number (112) has been designed to play a pivotal role in mitigation or preventing escalation of crime, especially against women and children.
- Citizens can send their emergency information through call, sms, email and through the 112 India mobile app. ERSS is one of the key projects of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs under Nirbhaya Fund.

➤ **National Intelligence Grid to be ready by early 2020**

- The NATGRID - a robust intelligence gathering mechanism related to immigration, banking, individual tax payers, air and train travels - is likely to be operational by January 2020.
- The NATGRID will have data related to all immigration entry and exit, banking and financial transactions, credit card purchases, telecom, individual tax payers, air flyers, train travelers besides others to generate intelligence inputs.

➤ **Chilahati- border railway link upgradation work inaugurated**

- Railway Minister of Bangladesh, Md. Nurul Islam Sujan and High Commissioner of India, Riva Ganguly Das laid the foundation stone at Chilahati in Bangladesh for undertaking the work of up-gradation and laying of missing tracks from Chilahati to the border with India near Haldibari.
- The Haldibari- Chilahati railway track was part of the broad gauge main route from Kolkata to Siliguri during British undivided India. Trains from Bangladesh to Darjeeling via Siliguri operated till 1965 which stopped functioning after the 1965 Indo-Pak war.

➤ **“UMMID” initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of new born babies:**

- The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched UMMID (Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders) initiative and inaugurated NIDAN (National Inherited Diseases Administration) Kendras, which is being supported by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), M/o Science and Technology.

➤ **National Launch of 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy**

- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI launched the 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy (2019-2029), which focus on sustaining the sanitation behavior change that has been achieved under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G).



➤ **Two insurance schemes for traders launched in haryana**

- The State government launched two insurance schemes for registered small and medium traders in an apparent bid to woo voters. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched —Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojanall and —Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojanall.

➤ **“Glorious Diaspora - Pride of India’**

- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu releasing the Coffee Table Book titled 'Glorious Diaspora- Pride of India' containing brief profiles of the recipients of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards from 2003 to 2019 in New Delhi, he said the overseas Indians must create awareness in the countries of their stay that the dilution of Article 370 was purely an internal administrative measure and aimed at accelerating the development of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

➤ **“Handbook on Fisheries Statistics – 2018**

- The Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh released the —Handbook on Fisheries Statistics – 2018ll, published by the Department of Fisheries of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India.
- The Handbook on Fisheries Statistics – 2018 is the 13th edition which presents useful statistical information for various aspects of Fisheries sector. The last (12th edition of) Handbook was published in 2014.

➤ **“Sikh Heritage of Nepal”**

- A book titled "Sikh Heritage of Nepal" was released in Kathmandu. The book published by Indian Embassy highlights Nepal's Sikh connection which dates back to Guru Nanak Dev, who travelled through Nepal during his third Udasi.
- The book also underlines the Sikh community's significant contribution to the development of Nepal.



INTERNATIONAL

- **International Affairs Biggest congregation of Dawoodi Bohra sect being held in Colombo**
 - The biggest congregation of Dawoodi Bohra sect is being held in Sri Lankan capital of Colombo with participation of more than twenty thousand community members.
 - Spiritual guru of the community His Holiness Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin conducted the first sermon of Ashara Mubarak in Husaini Masjid.
- **Japan to launch special police unit to patrol isles in East China Sea**
 - Japan will launch a special police unit equipped with submachine guns and helicopters to patrol disputed isles in the East China Sea.
 - The National Police Agency said it had put in a budget request for an additional 159 officers to head off illegal landings on remote islands by armed groups.
- **School built with India's assistance inaugurated in Nepal**
 - Nepal's Attorney General Agni Prasad Kharel and Ambassador of India to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri jointly inaugurated a school building constructed with India's assistance in Jhapa District.
 - The new building of Shree School chaun Higher Secondary School has been built with Government of India's grant of 35.70 million Nepali Rupees.
- **Iran rules out bilateral talks with US**
 - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani ruled out holding any bilateral talks with the United States. He also threatened to further cut Iran's commitments to a nuclear deal within days.
 - In an address to Parliament, Rouhani said any dialogue with the US would have to fall within the framework of the group of major powers that agreed to a landmark nuclear deal with Tehran in 2015.
- **India, Pak agree to visa-free travel of Indian pilgrims for Kartarpur Sahib Corridor**
 - India and Pakistan agreed to visa-free travel of Indian pilgrims, without any restrictions based on their faith for the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor. The understanding was reached during the third round of talks on the modalities for operationalization of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor held at Attari.
- **Russia to launch special stamp to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi:**
 - Russia will launch a special stamp to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Ambassador to Moscow D.B. Venkatesh Varma said. An innovative app to popularise Yoga would also be inaugurated.
- **Japan keen to fund Indian tech start-ups: NASSCOM**
 - Indian tech entrepreneurs who participated in a cross border collaboration meet, jointly organised by The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM). The two-day start-up pitch session held in Tokyo was part of Nasscom's ongoing efforts to accelerate global capital access to startups and promote technological exchanges between India and Japan.



➤ **“Seoul Defence Dialogue 2019”**

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh address at the ‘Seoul Defence Dialogue 2019’ with the theme, ‘Building Peace Together: Challenges and Vision’, during his visit to Republic of Korea (ROK), Raksha Mantri said —of the numerous security challenges that the world is facing, the gravest is that of terrorism.
- “No country in the world is safe from terrorism and India has been actively pursuing counter terrorism cooperation bilaterally, regionally and globally through UN and other fora, he added.

➤ **Thessaloniki International Fair in Greece**

- An Indian delegation led by Minister of State (MoS) for Commerce and Industry, Hardeep Singh Puri participated in the 84th Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF) in Greece recently.
- New India Pavilion was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis and the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Hardeep Singh Puri on 7th September 2019

➤ **18th anniversary of the September 11 attacks**

- On Wednesday, New York City will commemorate the 18th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan.
- The National September 11 Memorial and Museum will begin the ceremony to honor the 2,983 people tragically killed on September 11, 2001.

➤ **US Prez Trump issues new executive order to combat terrorism:**

- United States President Donald Trump has issued a new executive order on the eve of the 9/11 anniversary that would enhance the country’s ability to target terrorists and those who finance their activities to deter perpetrators of terrorism worldwide.
- Utilizing the new order, the Treasury sanctioned over two dozen individuals and entities from 11 terrorist groups, including Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan.

➤ **India-Poland direct flight to be launched on September 12**

- According to Polish sources, the flight will be operated by LOT Polish Airlines and the first flight will fly Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland Marcin Przydacz to India. The direct flight will connect New Delhi with Warsaw and will operate five times a week.
- Economic ties between India and Poland will receive a boost with the beginning of direct flights from September 12.

➤ **Bangladesh to import, invest in power from neighbouring countries**

- Bangladesh is holding talks with neighbouring countries including India to import electricity and invest in power plants to make electricity available to every village in the country. Bangladesh has imported 600 MW from India and it is planning to invest in Bhutan and Nepal.

➤ **President of India Unveils Statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Switzerland**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Villeneuve, Switzerland on September 14, 2019 in the presence of Mayor and President of Canton Vaud and other dignitaries. Switzerland is the largest exporter to India from Europe. Our bilateral trade volume stands at around US\$ 19 billion



➤ **Special Training Programme for Maldivian Civil Servants**

- The Special Training Program for Maldivian Civil Servants under the India-Maldives MoU on Training and Capacity Building Programme between the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) and the Maldives Civil Service Commission (CSC) will be conducted from September 16-28, 2019 at Mussoorie and Delhi. A 32 member Maldives delegation arrived at the NCGG, campus in Mussoorie.

➤ **Hurricane Humberto:**

- The U.S. National Hurricane Center says it expects Hurricane Humberto to lash Bermuda with high winds and heavy rain later this week. Humberto was about 670 miles west of Bermuda on September 16 with maximum sustained winds of 90 mph.

➤ **Bangladesh government proposes to set up monument in Tripura**

- Bangladesh government has proposed to set up a monument in Tripura in memory of the martyrs of 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War. The delegation, headed by Bangladesh Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud, also discussed various issues including Agartala-Akhaura rail connectivity, waterways and border haats.

➤ **Documentary film based on life of Uttarakhand farmer nominated for Oscars**

- A documentary film based on life of a Uttarakhand farmer has been nominated for Oscars. The documentary film named Moti Bagh is based on the life of Vidyadutt, a farmer living in Pauri Garhwal region of the state.

➤ **International Speed Post to New Countries**

- The Department of Posts has announced commencing of International Speed Post (EMS) Service to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and North Macedonia.
- EMS or Express Mail Service is a premium service that enables its users to send documents and merchandise faster and with the added facility of being able to track the movement of the item on the internet. The EMS service to these countries will henceforth be available at major Post offices across India.

➤ **Sharjah International Book Fair**

- The 38th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) will be organized from 30th of October to 9th of November this year, where authors, publishers, intellectuals and artists worldwide will bring their experiences and expertise to this prominent event and partake in a vibrant cultural programme.

➤ **PM Modi & Mongolian President to unveil Lord Buddha's statue at Gandan Monastery**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga will jointly unveil the Lord Buddha's statue at Gandan Monastery in Ulaanbaatar through video-conferencing.
- The Mongolian President arrived in New Delhi is on a five-day state visit to India. India and Mongolia had established a Strategic Partnership in 2015. The partnership between the countries which is based on the ideals of freedom and democracy and on a strong foundation of shared Buddhist heritage, has seen considerable progress during the last few years.



➤ **55th ITEC Day celebrated in Dhaka**

- The 55th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day was celebrated at the High Commission of India in Dhaka, Bangladesh on September 19.
- ITEC offers opportunities to participants to avail of short and medium term courses in premier institutions like IITs and IISCs in India. It was instituted in 1964 as part of India's Development Assistance offering for developing countries.

➤ **Hurricane Imelda in Texas**

- Texas is facing the wrath of Hurricane Imelda which has led to heavy rains & flash floods in its southern parts on September 19. Jefferson County received a maximum rainfall of 43.15 inches.

➤ **India announces 12 million dollar grant for high impact developmental projects in Pacific Island countries**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met leaders of the Pacific Islands Developing States (PSIDS) on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session in New York. Prime Minister Modi announced the allocation of 12 million US Dollar grant towards the implementation of high impact developmental project in the area of their choice.
- In the health sector, PM offered to organize a Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in a Pacific regional hub under 'India for Humanity' programme.

➤ **New initiative launched at UN Climate Action Summit to guide heavy industries**

- A new initiative was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit to help guide the world's heaviest greenhouse gas emitting industries toward the low-carbon economy.
- India and Sweden together with Argentina, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, South Korea and the UK, as well as a group of companies announced a new Leadership Group for Industry Transition.
- This Leadership Group will drive transformation in hard-to-decarbonize and energy-intensive sectors. An official release said this global initiative will ensure heavy industries and mobility companies can find a workable pathway to deliver on the Paris Agreement.

➤ **World's first camel hospital at Dubai set to expand its facilities**

- World's first camel hospital at Dubai is set to expand its facilities by an additional 50 per cent in response to the increase in demand for its services. It is a unique hospital catering specifically to the needs of the burgeoning camel industry that has been flourishing and growing by leaps and bounds over the past few years.
- The camel hospital, built at an estimated cost of 40 million Dirhams, opened its doors in 2017 to meet the demand in the UAE for an advanced medical facility dedicated to treating camels.

➤ **Saudi Arabia to offer tourist visas for first time:**

- Saudi Arabia said it will offer tourist visas for the first time, opening up the kingdom to holidaymakers as part of a push to diversify its economy away from oil.
- Kickstarting tourism is one of the centre pieces of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's Vision 2030 reform programme to prepare the biggest Arab economy for a post-oil era.



➤ **India, Nepal, Bhutan to count tigers in high altitude**

- India, Nepal and Bhutan will next year begin a detailed assessment on tigers. While India is home to the most number of tigers in the world, most of them are focussed in Central India and the Western Ghats. The latest tiger survey, made public earlier this year estimated 2,967 tigers all over India.

➤ **Exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy at Russia**

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), ShriPrakash Javadekar inaugurated a unique exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana, the birth place of Tolstoy at Russia.
- The exhibition presented and highlighted their correspondence and their thought process in a very artistic manner.

➤ **Biggest festival of Nepal „Bada Dashain“ begins**

- Bada Dashain, the biggest festival of Nepal has begun. The festival starts on first day of Navaratri with Ghatsthapana. The 15 day festival is celebrated in the month of Ashwin. People within Nepal and abroad visits their native places to celebrate Bada Dashain festival with their family and friends.

➤ **Nepal releases coins to mark Guru Nanak Dev's 550th birth anniversary**

- To celebrate 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the Nepal Rastra Bank has issued commemorative coins. In special ceremony coins of 2,500, 1,000 and 100 Nepali rupees were launched in Kathmandu.



Science and Technology

➤ WHO opens global registry on human genome editing

- An expert advisory committee of the World Health Organisation (WHO) has approved the first phase of a global registry to track research on human genome editing as the UN's international public health monitor seeks to address the ethical and regulatory challenges surrounding promising new technologies to address gene based treatments.

➤ 70 rare Assam temple turtle hatchlings released in Pobitora Sanctuary

- About 70 hatchlings of the rare Black Softshell and Indian Softshell turtles bred in the ponds of two temples in Assam were released in the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, about 50 km east of Guwahati. Assam is the most species-rich State in India in terms of turtle diversity.
- The sanctuary is often called 'Mini Kaziranga' because of similar landscape and a sizeable population of the one-horned rhino.

➤ Shri Prahlad Singh Patel flags off the first ever Mobile Science Exhibition

- The Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent charge), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel flagged off the first ever Mobile Science Exhibition (SCIENCE EXPLORER) for the entire Ladakh Region in Leh. The Union Culture Minister simultaneously launched 25 new Mobile Science Exhibition buses for Aspirational Districts of India.

➤ WHO South-East Asia Region plans to banish measles, rubella by 2023

- Member-countries of the World Health Organisation (WHO) South-East Asia Region have resolved to eliminate highly infectious childhood killer diseases measles and rubella by 2023.—The new target to eliminate both the diseases will leverage the existing momentum and a strong political commitment, which is being demonstrated through unprecedented efforts, progress and successes in recent years, said Dr. Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia.

➤ Typhoon Faxai:

- In Japan, the Tokyo Metropolitan area is being pounded by heavy winds and rain from the powerful typhoon Faxai. Japan's Meteorological Agency said Typhoon Faxai, packing winds of up to 216 kilometres per hour, made landfall in Chiba just east of the capital before dawn, after barreling through Tokyo Bay.

➤ India joins the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research and Development Hub

- India has joined the Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development (R&D) Hub as a new member. This was announced by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology in New Delhi.
- This expands the global partnership working to address challenges and improve coordination and collaboration in global AMR R&D to 16 countries, the European Commission, two philanthropic foundations and four international organisations (as observers).
- The Global AMR R&D Hub was launched in May 2018 in the margins of the 71st session of the World Health Assembly, following a call from G20 Leaders in 2017.



➤ **Cyclonic Storm „HIKAA“**

- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday informed that Cyclonic Storm 'Hikaa' will reach Oman coast by the early morning of September 25.
- A deep depression over the Arabian Sea has intensified into cyclonic storm 'Hikaa' that will cause strong winds along the Gujarat coast. The deep depression that formed over northeast and adjoining east-central Arabian Sea intensified into the cyclonic storm Hikaa after moving nearly westwards.

➤ **Typhoon Tapah lashes South Korea**

- A powerful typhoon battered southern South Korea, injuring 26 people and knocking out power to about 27,790 houses. Typhoon Tapah earlier lashed parts of Japan's southern islands with heavy rains and winds that caused flooding and some minor injuries.

➤ **Keeladi findings traceable to 6th century BCE:**

- In a major turning point in the cultural historiography of the ancient Sangam Age, the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department (TNAD) has stated that the cultural deposits unearthed during excavations at Keeladi in Sivaganga district could be safely dated to a period between 6th century BCE and 1st century CE.
- This is the first time the date has been officially announced by the TNAD. The recent scientific dates obtained for Keeladi findings push back the date of Tamil-Brahmi script to another century, i.e., 6th century BCE.

➤ **Giant earthworm found at the foot of Western Ghats**

- The earthworm measures 950 mm (more than 3 feet) and is 20 mm in width. This was the first time such a large earthworm had been sighted in the Western Ghats and the coastal belt.
- The giant earthworms begin migrating at night during the pre-monsoon and post-monsoon periods.

➤ **First Indigenous Fuel Cell System:**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, unveiled the first Indigenous High Temperature Fuel Cell System developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in partnership with Indian industries under India's flagship program named —New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI) on the occasion of CSIR Foundation Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

➤ **Chandrayaan-2 orbiter locates Lander Vikram on surface of moon**

- In a significant development relating to the lunar mission Chandrayaan-2, the Lander Vikram has been located on the surface of the moon.
- The Lander lost its contact with the ISRO's Mission Control Centre in Bengaluru in the wee hours yesterday, just minutes before its scheduled soft-landing. During its final leg of the crucial powered descent near the lunar South Pole, it went silent after reaching up to 2.1 kilometres above the surface.
- The thermal image has been captured by the 'Imaging Infra-Red Spectrometer' that is fitted on the Orbiter. In the Orbiter of Chandrayaan-2, the Imaging Infra-Red Spectrometer has been added, originally for the dual purpose of studying the nature of minerals on the moon and to confirm the presence of water.



➤ **Water found for first time on potentially habitable planet**

- K2-18b, which is eight times the mass of Earth, is now the only planet orbiting a star outside the Solar System, or ‘exoplanet’, known to have both water and temperatures that could be potentially habitable, according to the study published in the journal Nature Astronomy.
- Astronomers have for the first time discovered water in the atmosphere of an exoplanet with Earth-like temperatures that could support life as we know it.

➤ **“Project NETRA”**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) initiated ‘Project NETRA’ – an early warning system in space to detect debris and other
- Space debris could be floating particles from dead satellites or rocket parts that stay in orbit for many years.
- NETRA effort would make India a part of international efforts towards tracking, warning about and mitigating space debris.

➤ **Mobile App “CHC Farm Machinery”**

- During the National Conference on Crop Residue Management Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare launched a multilingual Mobile App —CHC Farm Machinery for the farmers to avail the custom hiring services of CHCs located in the radius of 50 Kms.
- This app connects the farmers with Custom Hiring Service Centres in their area. This app can be downloaded on any android phone from Google Play Store.

➤ **CBSE’s portal “Vidyadhan” on Diksha App Launched**

- Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ presented CBSE Teacher Awards – 2018 to 34 teachers of the country. During this function the minister launched CBSE’s portal ‘Vidyadhan’ on Diksha App, a Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing’s (National Forum for Teachers).
- Vidya Daan is a unique initiative in which a repository of content is prepared by the teachers by uploading study materials for students of class 6th to 10th on an on-line platform, Diksha App.

➤ **E-Saral Hindi Vakya Kosh and E-Maha Shabda Kosh Mobile App**

- Shri Amit Shah launched the E-Saral Hindi Vakya Kosh and E-Maha Shabda Kosh Mobile App, both initiatives of the Department of Official Language that aim to harness information technology for the growth of Hindi.
- He also awarded Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar and Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar to government departments and public sector units respectively for their contribution to Hindi.

➤ **Common Digital Platform for Issuance of Electronic Certificates of Origin**

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Hardeep Singh Puri, launched Common Digital Platform for Issuance of electronic Certificates of Origin (CoO) in New Delhi .
- Digital Platform is to Give Single Point Access to Exporters. Certificate of Origin will be issued electronically which can be in paperless format if agreed to by the partner countries.



➤ **MIS Portal Under Accessible India Campaign**

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has developed a Management Information System (MIS) for stakeholders of Accessible India Campaign (AIC).
- MIS portal will bring all the nodal ministries, and States/UTs on a single platform for monitoring the progress being made against each target of AIC and the portal will be useful in maintaining all the function on digital platform and capture data on a real-time basis.

➤ **E-Beat Book" System and „E-Saathi" App**

- Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah launched E-Beat Book' System and 'E-Saathi' App of the Chandigarh Police, in Chandigarh.
- The 'E-Beat Book' is a web and mobile based application which will ease the collection, updation and analysis of the information related to crime and criminals in a real time.
- The 'E-Saathi' App would help the general public, including senior citizens, to remain in touch with the police and also give suggestions to facilitate participative community policing('Your Police at Your Doorstep' initiative).

➤ **Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram App**

- In Uttar Pradesh, Mobile App of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram has made screening and referral of malnourished children easy. It is an initiative of Ministry of Health and Family welfare.
- App has made easy the identification of 38 different congenital diseases. All the information of disease is uploaded in the App with the picture and details of child which can be checked by doctors and administration and can be tracked.

➤ **Knowledge Management Portal "SIDHIEE"**

- Ministers Shri Nitin Gadkari and Shri RK Singh released Energy Conservation Guidelines for MSMEs and launched the Knowledge Management Portal —SIDHIEE under the Bureau of Energy Efficiency BEE's MSME Programme. This portal will host useful information including fifty videos of multimedia tutorials for MSMEs for early adoption of energy efficient technologies.

➤ **National Launch of Private Security Agency Licensing Portal**

- The Private Security Agency Licensing Portal was launched in New Delhi. The online portal would be useful in ensuring transparency in licensing in this sector and would give a boost to its credibility. The portal will be available in all official Indian languages in next 90 days and that such facilitation would give a pan-India profile to the online licensing process.

➤ **"CHC Farm Machinery and krishi kisan App for Geo Tagging"**

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, launched two mobile Apps – 'CHC Farm Machinery and Krishi Kisan App for Geo Tagging' in New Delhi.
- The Minister said that through CHC Farm Machinery App, farmers can select and order the required machinery at the rates feasible for them from the Custom Hiring Centers located in the radius of 50 Kms.



- The Krishi Kisan App will provide farmers the information of best demonstration of high-yielding crops and seeds in their nearby area.

Economic Affairs

➤ **India among top 10 nations in gold reserves**

- India has pipped the Netherlands to move into the list of top ten countries in terms of total gold reserves. According to the World Gold Council, India has gold reserves totalling 618.2 tonnes, which is marginally higher than the Netherlands' reserves of 612.5 tonnes.
- U.S. leads the pack with 8,134 tonnes followed by Germany with 3,367 tonnes.

➤ **Government imposes minimum export price for onion to check domestic prices**

- The government has imposed a minimum onion export price of 850 US dollars per tonne to curb its exports and help bring down domestic prices. A notification to this effect was issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The Minimum Export Price is the rate, below which no exports are allowed.

➤ **New Reduction in corporate tax**

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced reduction in corporate tax rate to 25.17 per cent from the current 30 per cent, to bring them on par with Asian rivals such as China and South Korea, hoping to boost demand and investments.
- Finance Minister said to attract fresh investment in manufacturing and to give a boost to Make-in-India initiative, another new provision has been added in the Income-tax Act with effect from current fiscal.

➤ **RBI makes repo-linked interest rates mandatory**

- The Reserve Bank of India has made it mandatory for banks to link all of their new loan products, be it personal, housing or auto to an external benchmark like the policy repo rate. RBI issued a circular saying that banks will have to link their products to an external benchmark with effect from 1st October 2019.

➤ **World Bank to provide Rs 3,000 crore aid for food parks**

- Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Rameswar Teli has said, the World Bank will provide three thousand crore rupees assistance to finance, mini and mega food parks across the country.

➤ **National Agreements: ESIC Signs an Agreement with SBI**

- A Memorandum of Agreement has been signed between the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and SBI today in accordance with which, the SBI would provide e-payment services directly to the bank accounts of all ESIC beneficiaries and payees without any manual intervention as an integrated and automated process.
- The SBI would provide e-payment integration with the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) processes of ESIC through its Cash Management Product (CMP) e-payment technology platform.



➤ **16 MoUs signed during Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's U.S. visit: State government**

- Tamil Nadu was India's second largest State economy, performing higher than the national average on various economic and developmental fronts, with a highly educated population and skilled labour force.
- The best testimony for the State's vibrant investment climate is the resounding success of the Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2019.
- Tamil Nadu had attracted nearly \$43 billion in investments through 304 MoUs

➤ **Railways signs MoU with CII on green initiatives**

- Indian Railways signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Confederation of Indian Industries in New Delhi for the facilitation of green initiatives. The objectives of the MoU is greening of Railway properties and energy efficiency in manufacturing facilities and railway workshops.

➤ **ISRO and DRDO signed MoUs**

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has joined hands with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for development of human centric systems for the Human Space Mission to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities.
- A delegation of ISRO scientists, led by Director, Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair, signed a set of MoUs with various DRDO labs to provide technologies for human centric systems and technologies specific to the Human Space Mission.

➤ **MoU between Government e Marketplace (GeM) and Government of Punjab**

- Government e Marketplace (GeM) under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Government of Punjab, signed MoU to set up a GeM Organizational Transformation Team (GOTT) Project Management Unit (PMU) in the state.

➤ **Agreement between Skill India and IBM**

- The Directorate General of Training (DGT) division of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has signed an agreement with Global IT major IBM where the latter will carry out a nationwide Train-the-Trainer in Basic Artificial Intelligence Skills.



Schemes

➤ **Shram Yogi Prasad Scheme**

- Mr. Shah launched the Shram Yogi Prasad Scheme. Under this scheme industrial and construction workers will get nutritious breakfast and meals at subsidized rates at their workplace on a regular basis.

➤ **Prime Minister launched National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self Employed Persons**

- The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi launched at Ranchi, the National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self Employed Persons, a pension scheme for the Vyaparis (shopkeepers/retail traders and self-employed persons) with annual turnover not exceeding Rs 1.5 crore
- It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for entry age of 18 to 40 years with a provision for minimum assured pension of Rs 3,000/- monthly on attaining the age of 60 years

➤ **Union HRD Minister launches LEAP – 2019 and ARPIT – 2019**

- Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) – 2019 and Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) – 2019 under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) in New Delhi.
- ARPIT is a great platform for teachers to learn about latest developments in their field and develop their teaching qualities.
- Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) was launched to design and deliver a structured scheme of leadership development for Higher Educational Institutions.

➤ **Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS) NIRVIK**

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry through Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) has introduced a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS) called NIRVIK to enhance loan availability and ease the lending process.
- The scheme was announced by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to boost exports on 14th September 2019 in New Delhi.

➤ **National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) Scheme:**

- Ministry of Human Resource Development has announced a new Scheme, National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) for using technology for better learning outcomes in Higher Education.
- The objective is to use Artificial Intelligence to make learning more personalised and customised as per the requirements of the learner.
- All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) would be the implementing agency for NEAT programme. The scheme shall be administered under the guidance of an Apex Committee constituted by MHRD.



Indian Forces (Defence)

- **8 US made Apache AH-64E attack helicopters to be inducted into IAF today**
 - Eight United States-made Apache AH-64E attack helicopters will be inducted into the Indian Air Force today. The addition of the Apache fleet will significantly enhance the IAF's combat capabilities.
 - The IAF had signed a multi-billion dollar contract with the US Government and Boeing Ltd in September 2015 for purchase of 22 Apache helicopters.
- **Exercise Yudh Abhyas – 2019**
 - As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training, Exercise Yudh Abhyas - 2019 is being conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, USA from 05-18 September 2019.
 - Exercise Yudh Abhyas is one of the largest joint running military training and defence corporation endeavors between India and USA. This will be the 15th edition of the joint exercise hosted alternately between the two countries.
- **The annual Defence Ministerial Meeting on 2 September 2019 in Tokyo**
 - H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister of India is on a bilateral visit to Japan at the invitation of the H.E. Mr. Takeshi Iwaya, Defence Minister of Japan from 2 to 3 September 2019. The two Ministers held the annual Defence Ministerial Meeting on 2 September 2019 in Tokyo.
- **Exercise TSENTR 2019**
 - Exercise TSENTR 2019 is part of the annual series of large scale exercises that form part of the Russian Armed Forces' annual training cycle. This year's Exercise TSENTR 2019 will be conducted by Central Military Commission of Russia. Apart from host Russia, military contingents from China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan will also take part in this mega event.
- **Indo – Lanka maritime fleet exercise – SLINEX 2019 to be held from tomorrow:**
 - Sri Lankan Navy is sending Sindurala and Suranimala two ships to India to participate in the SLINEX 2019, the joint maritime naval exercise with the Indian Navy. The annual Joint Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise - SLINEX 2019 is scheduled to be held from tomorrow. The week-long exercise will be attended by 323 Sri Lankan navy personnel including the commanding flag officer of the naval fleet.
- **White Water Rafting Expedition – „Rudrashila“ Flagged off at Jaisalmer**
 - The white water Rafting Expedition christened „RUDRASHILA“ being undertaken by Kalidhar Battalion under the aegis of Battle Axe Division was Flagged Off on 11 September 2019.
 - The expedition christened „Rudrashila“ has been organised to commemorate the 75th Raising day of the Kalidhar Battalion. „Rudrashila“ takes its name from the famed Rudraprayag tributary of the Ganges River in the Mountains of Uttarakhand. „Kalidhar Battalion“ was raised on 01 November 1943 and has participated in all major operations of the Indian Army including two overseas assignments in Korea in 1953 and UN peacekeeping Mission in Congo in 2005-06.



- **Indo-Thailand Joint Military Exercise Maitree – 2019**
 - Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 between India and Thailand will be conducted at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) from 16-29 Sep 2019. Indian and Royal Thailand Army (RTA) comprising 50 soldiers each will participate in the exercise with an aim to share experience gained during various counter terrorism operations in their respective countries.
 - Exercise MAITREE is an annual training event which is being conducted alternatively in Thailand and India since 2006.
- **DRDO successfully flight-tests Man Portable Antitank Guided Missile**
 - Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire and forget Man Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in the ranges of Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. The missile was launched from a man portable Tripod launcher and the target was mimicking a functional tank.
- **Army's mountain strike Corps to conduct exercise in Arunachal:**
 - The Army is scheduled to conduct a major Exercise 'HimVijay' beginning October in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam with its newly created Integrated Battle Groups (IBG) involving 15,000 troops.
 - The exercise will coincide with the proposed visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping for the second informal summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **IAF resurrects 17 Squadron „Golden Arrows“ for Rafale**
 - The Indian Air Force (IAF) resurrected the Air Force Station Ambala-based 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows', which will operate the first squadron of Rafale fighter jets in the near future. The squadron was formed at Ambala on 01st Oct 1951 under the command of Flight Lieutenant D L Springett and was then equipped with Harvard-II B aircraft.
- **Wargaming software handed over to Indian Navy**
 - Institute for Systems Studies and Analysis (ISSA) Delhi, a premier DRDO laboratory, has designed and developed a new generation Wargaming Software in collaboration with Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam to meet the contemporary operational and tactical level wargaming requirement for the Indian Navy.
 - The key focus has been to create a wargaming environment which enables Maritime Warfare Centres (MWCs) to train using the latest technological and computing tools.
- **Maiden IN-RSN-RTN Trilateral Exercise**
 - A maiden trilateral exercise, involving Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Royal Thailand Navy (RTN) and Indian Navy (IN) has commenced at Port Blair on 16 Sep 19.
 - The five-day-long exercise is aimed at bolstering the maritime inter-relationships amongst Singapore Thailand and India, and contribute significantly to enhancing the overall maritime security in the region.
 - This would also strengthen the mutual confidence amongst three navies in terms of interoperability and development of a common understanding of procedures.



- **Air –to-missile Astra successfully flight tested from Su-30 MKI**
 - Air-to-Air missile, ASTRA, has been successfully flight tested on 16 September 2019 off the coast of Odisha.
 - The missile was launched from Su-30 MKI as a part of User trials. The live aerial target was engaged accurately demonstrating the capability of first indigenous air-to-air missile.
- **First woman officer to be posted as a military diplomat at an Indian mission abroad**
 - Anjali Singh becomes the country's first woman officer to be posted as a military diplomat at an Indian mission abroad. This woman Navy officer will take over as the Deputy Naval Attache at Moscow in Russia
- **Second Scorpene submarine "KHANDERI"**
 - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) called 'Ship Builder to the Nation' delivered the second Scorpene submarine 'KHANDERI' to the Indian Navy at an event held in Mumbai.
 - The submarine 'KHANDERI' is named after the wide snouted Saw fish, a deadly sea predator of the great Indian Ocean. The first Submarine Khanderi was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 06th December 1968 and decommissioned on 18th October 1989 after more than 20 years of yeoman service to the nation
- **Shri Rajnath Singh becomes first Defence Minister to fly „LCA Tejas"**
 - Shri Rajnath Singh has scripted history by becoming the first Defence Minister to fly the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas'.
 - He congratulated HAL, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) for building the multi-role fighter aircraft.
- **NDRF set to induct women personnel:**
 - The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is all set to induct women personnel in its new battalions within the next one year. The Union Government had, in 2018, made a proposal to attach women contingents to NDRF battalions in the country.
- **Kargil to Kohima (K2K) Ultra Marathon - "Glory Run"**
 - Kargil to Kohima (K2K) Ultra-Marathon- —Glory Runll was flagged off from Kargil War Memorial, Drass by Air Vice Marshal PM Sinha AVSM VSM, Air Officer Commanding J&K.
 - To commemorate 20th year of Kargil Victory and to live up to the true tradition and motto of IAF i.e. —Touch the Sky with Gloryll, a unique expedition Kargil to Kohima (K2K) Ultra-Marathon- —Glory Runll is being undertaken by IAF from Kargil War Memorial, Drass (J&K) to Kohima War Cemetery, Kohima (Nagaland).
- **Exercise MALABAR 2019**
 - The 23rd edition of the Trilateral Maritime Exercise MALABAR, is scheduled between the navies of India, Japan and USA from 26 Sep to 04 Oct 19 off the coast of Japan. Two frontline indigenously designed and built Indian Naval Ships, the Multipurpose Guided Missile Frigate *Sahyadri* and ASW Corvette *Kiltan*, with Rear Admiral Suraj Berry, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet embarked onboard, arrived at Sasebo today, to participate in the Exercise.



➤ **Joint Military Exercise KAZIND - 2019**

- Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2019 between India and Kazakhstan will be conducted at Pithoragarh from 02 to 15 October 2019. The exercise will comprise of nearly 100 soldiers from both Indian and Kazakhstan Army who would be sharing their experience gained during conduct of various counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations in the past.
- Exercise KAZIND-2019 is the fourth edition of an annual event which is conducted alternatively in Kazakhstan and India. The aim of this exercise is to conduct company level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain. During the exercise, aspects of emerging trends of global terrorism and hybrid warfare have also been included.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

➤ **Skill India announces Annual Kaushalacharya Awards**

- A total of 53 trainers from diverse backgrounds including experts of World Skills Competition winners, trainers from NSTIs, ITI, JSS and trainers from reputed Corporate houses were honored at a gathering of government and industrial experts held on the occasion of Teachers' Day by Skill India.
- In a bid to motivate and incentivize more trainers to join the Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today organized Kaushalacharya Samadar 2019.

➤ **President presents National Awards to 46 teachers from across the country for their exceptional contribution**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented the National Award to 46 Teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day, in New Delhi.
- The purpose of National Awards to Teachers is to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country and to honor those teachers who through their commitment and industry have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students.

➤ **President Kovind to present Swachh Bharat Mission Awards in New Delhi**

- President Ram Nath Kovind will attend the Swachhata Mahotsava in New Delhi today. He will also present Awards for outstanding contribution to the journey of Swachh Bharat Mission in various categories. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October, 2014.

➤ **17 Indian peacekeepers in South Sudan awarded medals for service**

- Seventeen Indian peacekeepers deployed with the UN mission in South Sudan have been awarded medals in recognition of their service to the people in the world's youngest country. India is among the largest troop contributing countries in the world to UN peacekeeping missions.
- As of March this year, India is the second highest troop contributor to the United Nation Missions, with 2,337 troops deployed in various countries



➤ **Naturals Homepreneur Awards 2019:**

- Fourteen women entrepreneurs emerged winners in the Naturals Homepreneur Awards 2019 in 12 different categories. The various categories including agriculture, arts and culture, education, healthcare and social welfare.
- These women were chosen for the awards based on the uniqueness of their business idea, the challenges, scalability, progress and revenue.

➤ **Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and National Safety Awards for the year 2017**

- Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar gave away Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP) and National Safety Awards (NSA) for the performance year 2017 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has been operating the —Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP) (Previously known as ShramVir National Awards) and —National Safety Awards (NSA) since 1965
- These Award schemes are operated by the technical wing of the Ministry, namely the Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), Mumbai – an attached office of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

➤ **National Geoscience Awards**

- The National Geoscience Awards for the year 2018 for outstanding contributions in the field of geosciences, mining and allied areas were presented to twenty-two scientists from across the country
- Syed Wajih Ahmad Naqvi, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), received the Award for Excellence for his significant global contributions in the field of aquatic biogeochemical research.
- for her significant work in the fields of petrology, volcanology and geochemistry.

➤ **National Water Mission Awards- 2019**

- NWM, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has initiated the 'National Water Mission Awards' to recognize excellence in water conservation, efficient water use and sustainable water management practices.
- Union Minister for Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Sekhawat said that water conservation along with water-harvesting and judicious and multiple use of water are key to tackle the water challenge in India.

➤ **Naturals Homepreneur Awards 2019:**

- Government of India has instituted the highest civilian award in the field of contribution to the unity and integrity of India, in the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. A notification instituting the Sardar Patel National Unity Award was issued by Ministry of Home Affairs on 20th September, 2019.
- The Award seeks to recognize notable and inspiring contributions to promote the cause of national unity and integrity and to reinforce the value of a strong and united India. The award will be announced on the occasion of the National Unity Day, i.e. the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel on 31st October.



➤ **National Tourism Awards 2017-18**

- Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the National Tourism Awards 2017-18 on World Tourism Day in New Delhi on September 27. A total of 76 Awards under various categories were presented.
- Best State/Union Territory for Comprehensive Development of Tourism award was won by Andhra Pradesh.

➤ **Publications Division bags nine awards in Delhi Book Fair 2019**

- Publications Division has won nine awards in various categories for its participation in Delhi Book Fair 2019. These awards have been given by the Federation of Indian Publishers - the apex body of Indian publishers that organises Delhi Book Fair.

Cricket

➤ **Virat Kohli surpassed M S Dhoni to become India's most successful Test skipper**

- Virat Kohli has surpassed Mahendra Singh Dhoni to become India's most successful Test skipper. It came after the Indian team recorded its 28th win under Kohli's leadership in the second and final test against the West Indies at Kingston.
- Overall, former South Africa skipper Graeme Smith remains the most successful skipper in the world with 53 Test wins, followed by ex-Australia captain Ricky Ponting, who recorded 48 Test wins in his captaincy tenure.

➤ **Mithali Raj announces T20I retirement**

- Mithali Raj decided to quit T20 Internationals, Having been India's first-ever T20I captain in 2006, she went on to play 89 matches in the shortest format, scoring 2364 runs - the most by an Indian woman. She led India in 32 of those matches, including the world cups in 2012, 2014 and 2016.

➤ **Steve Smith becomes 2nd Australian to score 500 in Ashes series**

- In Cricket, Steve Smith has become the second Australian after Allan Border to score 500 and more runs in the consecutive Ashes series in England. Smith reached this milestone after he added 122 runs in the ongoing fourth Ashes Test.

➤ **Duleep Trophy**

- India Red beat India Green by an innings and 38 runs to clinch the Duleep Trophy title on the fourth day at Bengaluru. India Red had scored 388 in their first innings.

➤ **U-19 Asia Cup**

- India crushed Pakistan by 60 runs in an Under-19 Asia Cup ODI encounter at Moratuwa in Sri Lanka. □ India clinched the Under-19 Asia Cup title, with a thrilling five-run win over Bangladesh in a low-scoring final at Colombo.



➤ **Rupa takes over as TNCA president**

- The 45-year-old Rupa, whole-time director, India Cements, was elected unopposed as the president of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) and will be in office for a term of three years.

Football

➤ **25th Senior Women's National Football Championship**

- The 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship will kick off at Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh. Altogether 30 teams from across India is participating the 15-day event. Teams have been divided into eight groups.

➤ **2020 Women's U-17 World Cup to be held from Nov 2-21**

- The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, to be hosted by India, will be held from 2nd to 21st November next year. India was announced as the host country in March this year. Spain are the defending champions, having won the title of the biennial tournament in 2018.

➤ **U-17 Junior Boys Subroto Cup – 2019**

- In the final of U-17 Junior Boys Subroto Cup International Football Tournament, Hopewel Elias Higher Secondary School, Meghalaya defeated Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) by a score line of 1-0 at Dr. Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi.

➤ **Tamil Nadu became the first team to enter semifinal of 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship**

- Tamil Nadu has become the first team to enter the semi final of the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship being held in Arunachal Pradesh. In the first quarter final match in Pasighat, Tamil Nadu beat Madhya Pradesh comfortably by 4-2.

➤ **25th Senior Women's National Football Championship**

- Defending champion Manipur clinched the title of the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship for the 20th time. In the final at CHF Ground in Pasighat today, Manipur defeated Railways 1-0 in a thrilling contest.

➤ **India lift SAFF U-18 Championship title for first time**

- In Football, India defeated Bangladesh by 2-1 in the final of SAFF Under-18 Championship 2019 to lift the title in Kathmandu. This is India's maiden SAFF U-18 trophy. India remained runners up in 2015 and finished third in 2017.



Boxing

➤ Men's World Boxing Championships

- In boxing, India will open their campaign at the ongoing men's World Championships in Ekaterinburg, Russia. India's Brijesh Yadav (81kg) will take on Poland's Maleusz Goinski in the opener. The World Championship features more than 450 boxers from 87 countries.

➤ India assured of two medals at AIBA World Men's Boxing C'ships

- India were assured of an unprecedented two medals at the AIBA World Men's Boxing Championships after Amit Panghal and Manish Kaushik entered the semifinals of the marquee event at Ekaterinburg in Russia.

➤ Amit Panghal becomes first Indian to enter World Men's C'ship finals

- In Boxing, Asian Champion Amit Panghal became the first Indian to make the finals of the World Men's Championship while Manish Kaushik signed off with a bronze medal after going down in the semifinals in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

➤ Amit Panghal loses in final of World Boxing Championships

- Ace Indian boxer Amit Panghal settled for a silver at the AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships at Ekaterinburg in Russia. He lost to Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan Zoirov in flyweight (48-52 kg) category.

Shooting

➤ ISSF World Cup 2019

- Asian Games medallist Abhishek Verma won the gold while teen sensation Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the bronze as Indian shooters dominated the podium in the men's 10-metre air pistol event of the ongoing ISSF World Cup In Rio De Janeiro.

➤ ISSF World Cup 2019

- India finished at the top of the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Championship in Rio De Janeiro with 5 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.
- Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the mixed 10m air pistol gold.
- Yashaswini Deswal and Abhishek Verma won the silver and India picked up the maximum possible medals on the final day of the tournament.
- World number one in women's 10m air rifle, Apurvi Chandela partnered Deepak Kumar to win India their fourth gold.

➤ 12th Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Masters shotgun championship

- Prithviraj Tondaiman had a resounding 48-43 victory over former World champion and six-time Asian champion Manavjit Singh Sandhu in trap in the recently concluded 12th Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Masters shotgun championship in Bhopal.



Summit / Conference **NATIONAL**

➤ **CBI's 1st national conference on cybercrime investigation**

- Director Rishi Kumar Shukla inaugurated the 1st National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics at CBI Headquarters in New Delhi. The two-day conference covers one of the mandates of CBI which is to investigate crimes with inter-state and international ramifications.

➤ **National Youth Summit**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the National Youth Summit in New Delhi on September 7, 2019, organised by the Youth Awakening Mission, a youth wing of Paavan Chintan Dhara Charitable Trust, Ghaziabad.
- He also said that Eight hundred million youth of our country, with their creative power, can take India to new heights of progress and human civilization.

➤ **ANGAN™- A three-day international Conference on Energy Efficiency in Building Sector**

- An international conference ANGAN (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat) focussed on Energy Efficiency in Building Sector began. The Conference is being organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, Government of India in collaboration with GIZ under the Indo German Technical Cooperation.

➤ **Exhibition PRA-KASHI on finest trends of contemporary weaving**

- Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the exhibition PRA-KASHI on the finest trends of contemporary weaving, in New Delhi. The National Museum, New Delhi in collaboration with Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi has organized this exhibition.

➤ **National Conference on Crop Residue Management**

- Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the National Conference on Crop Residue Management for the farmers from the states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh & Delhi in New Delhi.

➤ **India Breakfast-Networking Session organized at TIFF**

- An India Breakfast Networking Session was hosted by Information & Broadcasting Ministry on the side-line of its participation at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2019. Ms Apoorva Srivastava, Consul General of India, Toronto; Mr Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director & Co-Head, TIFF and the Indian Delegation interacted with the participants at the Session.

➤ **Conference on “Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails: Vulnerability of Inmates and Jail Staff and their Protection”**

- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy to inaugurate the National Conference on —Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails: Vulnerability of Inmates and Jail Staff and their Protection on September 12, 2019. The two-day Conference is being organised by the Bureau of Police research and development (BPR&D).



- **National Seminar on “Emerging Trends in Public Architecture” – Year of Construction Technology**
 - As a part of Nationwide Awareness Campaign during ongoing ‘Construction Technology Year’, Central Public Works Department is organizing a National Seminar on —Emerging Trends in Public Architecture on September 18, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. □ The Prime Minister had announced that April 2019 – March 2020 as the ‘Year of Construction Technology’ in a bid to increase the use of modern technologies in the construction sector.
- **The exhibition „Shashwat Maharathi : The Eternal Seeker“ on Chitracharya Upendra Maharath**
 - Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and Governor of Delhi Shri Anil Baijal jointly inaugurated the exhibition ‘Shashwat Maharathi : The Eternal Seeker’ on Chitracharya Upendra Maharath at newly renovated Jaipur House in National Gallery of Modern art New Delhi. □ The Exhibition showcases more than 1000 works of art, design, and woven objects of art by Chitracharya Upendra Maharathi.
- **Waste Management Accelerator for Aspiring Women Entrepreneurs (WAVE Summit 2019)**
 - Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ launched several initiatives of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi. □ The Minister informed that the WAVE Summit will be held in November-December 2019. It will be jointly organized by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Institute of Waste Management (IIWM) at Jaipur.
- **International Workshop for National Water Museum**
 - DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti is organizing an International Workshop on 19th – 20th September 2019, at Central Water Commission Auditorium, New Library Building, R K Puram, and New Delhi.
 - To enhance awareness among general public at large, about dwindling water resources and need for conservation, and about sustainable and judicious use of water resources, DoWR, RD & GR, under Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has taken an initiative to develop National Water Museum.
- **National Conference on Agriculture- Rabi Campaign 2019**
 - The National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign 2019 was organized on 20.09.2019 at NASC, Pusa, and New Delhi. The conference was inaugurated by Sh. Parshottam Rupala, Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
 - Minister highlighted the record production achieved for food grains (285 million tonnes) and also complimented state governments for effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
- **National workshop on Post Disaster Needs Assessment**
 - National Institute of Disaster Management is organizing a day-long National Workshop on Post Disaster Needs Assessment in New Delhi.



- The focus of this workshop is to disseminate the outcome documents of the study to all the relevant stakeholders so that these may be utilized as a reference document while preparing the memorandum for submission to the Home Ministry in post-disaster phase.
- **National Conclave on Energy Efficiency in MSME sector**
 - Shri Nitin Gadkari and Shri RK Singh jointly inaugurated the National Conclave on Enhancing Energy Efficiency in MSME sector in New Delhi.
 - The two-day Conclave is being organized by Bureau of Energy Efficiency(BEE) with participation from MSME entrepreneurs, Industry Associations, technology and service providers, sectoral energy experts and senior officials from the Government.
- **Exhibition of India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019**
 - The Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the exhibition of India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019 in New Delhi.
 - The Ministry of Tourism and the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) have jointly organized this Mart.
- **National Conference on Skills and Entrepreneurship at Bengaluru**
 - The Vice President of India Shri M Venkaiah Naidu Inaugurates the National Institute of Personnel Management Personnel (NIPM) 2019 conference on 'India's Changing Paradigm: Skills and Entrepreneurship for Global Competitiveness' in Bengaluru, Speaking on the occasion, he said that skilling of youth should become national movement and urged all stakeholders to participate in a mission-mode to accomplish this objective.
- **BPR&D to organize a National Level Seminar cum Exhibition and Demonstration on Anti-Drone Technology**
 - The Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, is organizing a National Level Seminar cum Exhibition on Anti-Drone Technology at BPR&D, HQ New Delhi on September 26, 2019 and Demonstration on September 27, 2019 at BSF Campus, Bhondsi, Haryana.
- **12th Meeting of National Institute of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER)**
 - Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' chaired the 12th Meeting of National Institute of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) in New Delhi.
 - The meeting was attended by Directors of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur and Chairpersons of Board of Governors of these Institutes.
- **International Conference-Cum-Buyer seller meet in Agartala:**
 - The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, in cooperation with government of Tripura organised an International Conference-cum-Buyer Seller Meet in Agartala to showcase the export potential of agricultural products from North East Region (NER) and Tripura in particular.



➤ **16th Global SME Business Summit**

- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 16th Global SME Business Summit 2019 in New Delhi. □ The Summit is organized every year by Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). The theme this year is Making Indian MSMEs Globally Competitive.

➤ **5th India International Science Festival**

- The 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 will be held at Kolkata from 5th to 8th November, 2019. The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan announced this in New Delhi. □ The theme for this year's festival is RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)**

- Election Commission of India is scheduled to host the 4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) at Bengaluru on September 3. India will take over as A-WEB's Chair for the 2019- 2021 term.

➤ **EEF summit**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take part in the 5th Eastern Economic Forum - EEF summit in Russia. The Prime Minister will also attend the 20th annual summit between Russia and India during the three-day visit.

➤ **UNCCD COP14 begins in Greater Noida**

- The 14th Conference of Parties, COP14 to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification began on a high note at Greater Noida.
- The objective of the COP14 is to discuss various issues of land such as sustainable land management, reversing land degradation, mitigating drought, halting desertification, addressing sand and dust storms, linkages with gender.

➤ **WHO's SEARO meeting venue in New Delhi**

- The 72nd Session of World Health Organization Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO) meeting is being held in New Delhi. At the inauguration of the Session of WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia, Dr Vardhan said, universal health for all, a disease-free India and global standards of excellence in health care is the aim of the NDA Government for a new India.

➤ **UNICEF conference in Colombo**

- India gave a strong rebuttal to Pakistani attempt to raise Kashmir issue at UNICEF South Asian Parliamentarian conference in Colombo. The event in Colombo was organized by Sri Lankan Parliament together with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the convention of the rights of the child and did not have any political agenda.



➤ **1st conference of Military Medicine for SCO Member States**

- The first conference of Military Medicine for Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) Member States will be held here on 12 – 13 September, 2019.
- The conference will be the first Military co-operation event hosted by India, under the SCO Defence Co-operation Plan 2019-2020, after it became a SCO Member State in 2017.

➤ **24th World Energy Congress:**

- The 24th World Energy Congress will commence in Abu Dhabi under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates. The four-day World Energy Congress aims to bring together international energy stakeholders, including governments, private and state corporations, academia and media.
- The Minister added that the theme of this World Energy Congress is Energy for Prosperity which also represents the ambitious and dynamic energy transition of the country.

➤ **22nd Session of UN Committee on CRPD**

- Secretary of DePWD Participated In 22nd Session of UN Committee on CRPD at Geneva. India is a signatory of the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).
- It ratified this Convention on 01-10-2007 in pursuance of Article 35 of the Convention. India submitted its First Country Report on Status of Disability in India in November 2015.

➤ **16th AEM-India Consultations**

- Economic Ministers from ten ASEAN Member States and the Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India (—the MinistersII) met on 10 September 2019 at Bangkok in Thailand for the sixteenth AEM-India Consultations. The Consultations were co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce, Thailand, Jurin Laksanawisit and Minister of Railways and Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal.

➤ **15th Indo-US Economic Summit:**

- 15th Indo-US Economic Summit was organised by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce-North India Council (IACC- NIC) in New Delhi. Minister of State for Food Processing Industries said the budget allocation for food processing ministry should be raised to Rs 3,000 crore a year from the current level of Rs 1,400 crore in order to boost the sector.

➤ **Sixteenth round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Iran**

- The sixteenth round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Iran was held in Tehran.
- The two sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation, ongoing connectivity and infrastructure development projects, including the development of Shahid Beheshti Port, Chabahar and full operationalization of the Chabahar Agreement between India, Iran and Afghanistan.



➤ **BSM Organised In USA, Canada and Greece by APEDA**

- A buyer-seller meet (BSM) was organized in the Indian Consulate on 20th August, 2019 with the support of the Indian Embassy. Twenty-three exporters of agri products including processed food and tea met with potential importers from USA. □ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) organized a multi-product road show in association with the Embassy of India in Jakarta on 16th September, 2019.

➤ **63rd General Conference of IAEA**

- The 63rd General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is going on at Vienna from September 16 -20, 2019. K N Vyas, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India and Head of the Indian delegation to the conference.

➤ **16th Session of the Joint Economic Commission between India and Belgium Luxembourg Economic Union**

- The 16th Session of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC) between India and Belgium Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU) was convened in New Delhi on 17th September, 2019.
- JEC Sessions are convened based on an agreement signed in 1990 in New Delhi. This biennial event is organized in capital cities of the three countries alternatively, and is a main vehicle for discussing economic and commercial issues between India and BLEU.

➤ **7th India-UAE High Level Task Force on Investment (HLTFI)**

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal will visit UAE from 21st to 22nd September 2019 for the meeting of the 7th India-UAE High Level Task Force on Investment (HLTFI).
- The meeting will see wide-ranging discussions on priority sectors of engagement for channelling investments between the two countries.
- The HLTFI was established in May 2012 to address issues associated with existing investments between India and UAE

➤ **Climate Action Summit 2019:**

- To boost ambition and accelerate actions to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, hosted the 2019 Climate Action Summit on 23 September 2019 to meet the climate challenge. The UN 2019 Climate Summit convened on the theme, 'Climate Action Summit 2019: A Race We Can Win. A Race We Must Win.'

➤ **PM Modi addresses 1st India-Caribbean leaders' summit; urges them to join ISA**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the leaders of the Caribbean Community and Common Market during the first-ever India-Caricom leaders' summit in New York last night. The meet focused on fighting climate change and increasing India's participation with the grouping. □ A statement released by External Affairs Ministry said that Mr Modi announced a 14 million US dollar grant for community development projects in the Caricom and another 150 million line of credit for solar, renewable energy and climate change related projects



Appointments **National New Appointments: Governors**

Name

Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Arif Mohammed
Bandaru Dattatraya
Kalraj Mishra
Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan

Designation

New Governor of Maharashtra
New Governor of Kerala
New Governor of Himachal Pradesh
New Governor of Rajasthan
New Governor of Telangana

International New Appointments

Name

Major General Joyce Gladys Roach
Sunil Arora

P.K. Mishra
Shri P.K. Sinha
Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria

Designation

Additional Director General, Military Nursing Service
Chairmanship of Association of World Election
Bodies, AWEB
Principal Secretary to Prime Minister
Principal Advisor to Prime Minister
Chief of Air Staff (CAS) General Bipin Rawat Chiefs of
5 Staff Committee