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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Rajasthan** Chief Minister **Vasundhara Raje** announced that the state will observe **September** as the “**month of nutrition**” to create awareness among people living in the state.
 - Raje announced that from **next month, students of Class 1 to 8 of government schools** will be **given milk daily instead of thrice a week**, for which additional funds of **Rs 203 crore** will be allocated.
- Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** dedicated the **state’s first civil airport at Hisar** to the people of **Haryana**, saying it would open the possibilities of **creating an economic corridor and vibrant industrial ecosystem**.
 - He also said that a **high-speed train** would soon be started from **Hisar to Delhi** to improve connectivity to the international airport at **New Delhi**.
- On the event of **heavy rainfall and flood** in **Kerala**, the Central government has constituted a coordination committee to work on the discharge of **floodwaters** between **Kerala-Tamilnadu**.
 - The committee is headed by the **Central Water Commission** Chairman **Narendra Kumar** to coordinate the discharge of floodwaters from inter-State projects involving Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- To help them understand and identify sexual abuse, **Amnesty International India** launched a new campaign named ‘**Our Safety, Our Rights**’, among children against sexual abuse.
 - The campaign will culminate on **October 11 – International Day of the Girl Child**.
- Commemorating its golden jubilee ‘**iCRAFPT ’18**’, the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (**IIFPT**), started an international conference on recent advances in food processing technology till **August 19, 2018** at its campus in Thanjavur.
- The theme of the conference is: ‘**Doubling Farmers Income through Food**’

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- A special film festival on the theme “**Freedom Struggle and Freedom Fighters**” was held to mark **India’s 72nd Independence Day**, in **Mumbai**. The festival was organized by Films Division, **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.

ECONOMY

- India Ratings and Research (**Ind-Ra**) has revised down its **FY19** economic growth forecast to **7.2% from 7.4% earlier**.
 - It cited the headwinds emanating from elevated global crude oil prices and the government’s decision to **fix the minimum** support prices of all **kharif crops** at **1.5x** of the production cost as the reason for the downward revision.

SPORTS

- **International Master Nihal Sarin** became the **53rd Grandmaster of India** despite losing his final round game to Richard Rapport of Hungary in the ninth and final round of **Abu Dhabi Masters**.
- **Indian cyclist Esow Alben** has won **India’s first medal** (a silver medal) at the **2018 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships** in **Aigle, Switzerland**.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Former Senator Mario Abdo Benítez** has been sworn in as president of Paraguay after narrowly winning the presidential election in **April**.
- **IAS officer K S Srinivas** has taken over as Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority (**MPEDA**).
 - Prior to this appointment, he had served as **Joint Secretary in Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers’ Welfare in Ministry of Agriculture**.