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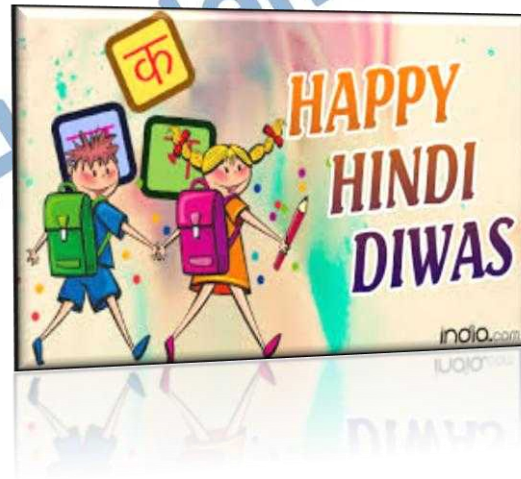
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NATIONAL NEWS

- To promote heritage tourism and preserve heritage, Rajasthan government held a **two-day** convention on **'Revitalising India as a Heritage Destination'** to focus on preserving heritage properties in **Bharatpur**, Rajasthan.
 - It was organized by **Indian Heritage Hotels Association. Rajendra Singh Pachar** was the convention chairman.
- **For the first time in India**, dog owners will have a dedicated **dog park** to visit. Set up in **Hyderabad**, the park is spread across an area of 1.3 acres. The park houses dog training equipment, play equipment, splash pool, fountain, areas for exercise, amphitheater, lawns, separate kennels for small and big dogs and a dedicated dog clinic.
- India's first **underwater robotic drone** developed at Maker Village in Kochi, which can send real-time video of ships and other underwater structures to help with their repair and maintenance, was launched.
 - The first commercial remotely operated vehicle (ROV)/ underwater drone, **Eyerovtuna**, was developed by EyeROV Technologies, a company incubating at Maker Village which is the largest hardware incubator in the country.
- **Maharashtra** has the highest number of people living with **HIV** in India which is around 3.30 lakh, contributing 15 per cent of total immunodeficiency virus-affected people in the country which is 21.40 lakh, according to the latest data by Health and Family Welfare Ministry. Nationally, around 69.11 thousand PLHIV died of AIDS-related causes in 2017.
 - The report **"HIV Estimations 2017"** released compiled by the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS) is the 14th round in the series of HIV Estimations under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP).
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** said that the state would become **open defecation free by October 2, 2019**, with his government constructed over 1.36 crore toilets in the last 17 months. The Chief Minister said that the coverage of the cleanliness in Uttar Pradesh was only 23 per cent.
 - He said that after the base line survey for the small families, by October 2, 2019 no families would left without toilets in the state.

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Chandrababu Naidu** flagged off the ‘**Swachh Dhara**’ programme in **Amravati**, with an aim to provide clean drinking water across the state.
 - As part of the scheme, tankers providing water across the state will be cleaned periodically through a six-layered cleaning process which involves the use of ultraviolet radiation to kill bacteria.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- World leaders and business tycoons gathered in Russia’s Far Eastern port city of Vladivostok to discuss cooperation at the fourth **Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)**.
 - The three-day forum under the theme of “**The Far East: Expanding the Range of Possibilities**” has attracted thousands of attendees from more than 60 countries.
- **Typhoon Mangkhut** has left multiple dead as the storm pummelled the northern **Philippines** with ferocious wind and rain that set off landslides, damaged an airport terminal and ripped off tin roofs.
 - Mangkhut slammed ashore before dawn in Cagayan province, in the northeast, and is on target to hit southern China.
- In a bid to understand Earth’s ice sheets, glaciers, sea ice, snow cover and permafrost, **NASA** successfully launched its **Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2**, or **ICESat-2**. The satellite with a three-year mission was launched with liftoff aboard a Delta II rocket from Space Launch Complex-2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

ECONOMY

- Inflation based on wholesale prices eased to a four-month low of **4.53%** in August on softening of **prices of food articles**, especially vegetables. The Wholesale Price Index-based inflation stood at 5.09% in July and 3.24% in August last year.
 - The wholesale price index is an index that **measures and tracks the changes in the price of goods in the stages before the retail level.**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **India’s** first underwater robotic drone –**Eyerov TUNA** was launched and handed over to the **Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) of DRDO**. It was

developed by **EyeROV Technologies at Maker Village.**

- It is the first commercial **Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)**/ underwater drone and was supported by **Kerala Start up Mission (KSUM).**
- **Indian Coast Guard Ship Vijaya**, the **second** in the series of **98 m offshore patrol vessels (OPVs)**, was commissioned by **Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra** in **Chennai**. It has been designed and built indigenously by **Larsen & Toubro.**
- **NASA** launched its **Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2**, known as **ICESat-2**, which will use an extremely precise laser to collect measurement data to track the Earth's shrinking polar ice from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.
 - The laser, known as **ATLAS (Advanced Topographic Laser Altimeter System)**, splits into six beams and fires 10,000 pulses per second to collect very precise measurements for scientists to analyze. The ATLAS will focus on two areas: **changes to the earth's ice sheet and sea ice thickness change.**
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will launch **its polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV) C42 from Sriharikota**. PSLV-C42 is scheduled to be launch from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre. It will carry two earth observing satellites – **NovaSAR and S1-4 of Surrey Satellite Technology Limited, UK.**

AWARDS

- **GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd** received the **Airports Council International Airport Service Quality** World no.1 airport award trophy for the second consecutive year. This was under the category of: **5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA).**
 - The award ceremony was organised at the **'2018 ACI Customer Excellence Global Summit' at Halifax in Canada.**

IMPORTANT DAYS

- The **International Day of Democracy** was observed across the world on **September 15, 2018**. The day provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. It was observed for the first time in 2008.

The **theme** of the 2018 International Day of Democracy was **'Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World'**.