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NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched **Ayushman Bharat**, world's largest government-funded healthcare scheme in **Jharkhand's capital Ranchi**. With the roll out of the Centre's flagship scheme which has been renamed as **PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)**, the Narendra Modi-led NDA government aims to provide healthcare facilities to over **10 crore** families covering urban and rural poor.
 - The scheme will become operational from **September 25** on the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay**. The ambitious scheme offers an insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh, which will cover 10 crore poor families or almost 50 crore persons.
- The **first General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance, ISA**, will be inaugurated on the 2nd of October in **Delhi**. The Ministerial level Assembly will be held in Greater Noida. The ISA is a major initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in contributing to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through the rapid and massive deployment of solar energy.
- Centenary celebrations to commemorate hundred years of liberation of **Haifa** in Israel by the Indian troops in 1918 culminates with a grand function in New Delhi. The Battle of Haifa is being commemorated in Israel, Delhi and Jaipur.
 - **The Indian Army** commemorates **September 23 every year as Haifa Day** to pay its respects to the two brave Indian Cavalry Regiments, Mysore and Jodhpur Lancers, that helped liberate the city following a dashing cavalry action by the 15th Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.
- **World Rhino Day** is being celebrated in **Assam**. State Forest minister Parimal Suklabaidya along with others will take part in the main event to be held in Guwahati. There are over 2600 rhinos that have been found in Assam as of now.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Pakyong Airport** in Sikkim on September 24, nine years after the foundation stone was laid. The airport is the hilly state's **first and only airport**. Currently, the nearest airport for the people of Sikkim is 124 kilometre (km) away in Bagdogra, West Bengal.
 - The airport is located around 60 km from the **Indo-China border**. It is constructed by the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.
- India successfully conducted an interceptor missile test off the **Odisha coast**, achieving a major milestone in developing a **two-layer Ballistic Missile Defence system**. According to Defence sources, the interceptor was launched from **Abdul Kalam Island of the Integrated Test Range (ITR)**.

- This **Prithvi Defence Vehicle (PDV)** mission is for engaging the targets in the exo-atmosphere region at an altitude above 50 kilometres of the earth's atmosphere.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Opposition leader **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih** won the Maldives' presidential election, a surprise defeat for **President Abdulla Yameen**. Results released by the Elections Commission showed Solih had secured **58.3%** of the popular vote.
 - The poll is being closely watched by regional rivals India and China, who are jostling to influence Indian Ocean nations.
- **Nepal** is likely to be the first country in the world to double its tiger population. On the occasion of **National Conservation Day** on **23 September**, Nepal announced that there are now an estimated 235 wild tigers in the country, nearly doubling the baseline of around 121 tigers in 2009.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** has arrived **in New York** to represent India at the **73rd session of the UN General Assembly** and hold several bilateral and multilateral meetings with her global counterparts.

ECONOMY

- **India** has made momentous progress in reducing multidimensional poverty with its incidence almost halving between 2005-06 and 2015-16, climbing down to 27.5 per cent from 54.7 per cent, according to estimates from the 2018 global **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)**.
 - **Jharkhand** made **the biggest strides** among all states in reducing multidimensional poverty **while Delhi, Kerala and Goa have the lowest** incidence of multidimensional poverty.

SPORTS

- **AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships** will be hosted by India from 13-25 November 2018 in **New Delhi**. This championship was last held in India in 2006 and India made its best ever performance that year. India had topped the medal tally with 4 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze medal.
 - The first edition of AIBA women's world championship was held in Scranton, United States in 2001.

- **Belgium** has joined **France** in **number one** position on the FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) rankings released on 20th September 2018. This is the first time in the 25-year history of FIFA rankings, the first spot is shared.

APPOINTMENTS

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved **Anil Kumar Chaudhary's** name as the new **Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India** Ltd. His tenure as CMD of SAIL is likely to be for a little over 2 years.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- On **23rd September** 2018, **the first International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL)** was observed throughout the world.
 - United Nations General Assembly declared 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages. 23 September was chosen to commemorate the formation of World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) on 23 September 1951.
 - **Theme:** for International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) 2018: “**With Sign Language, Everyone is Included!**”

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