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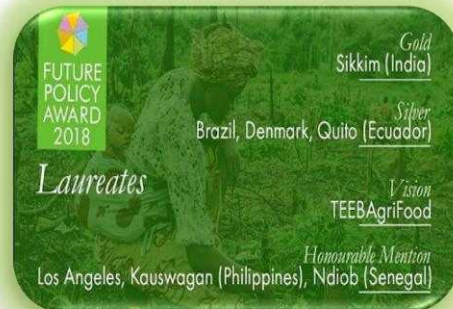
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **India** was elected to the **United Nations' top human rights body** for a period of **three** years beginning 1 January 2019, getting 188 votes in the **Asia-Pacific category**. The 193-member **UN General Assembly** held elections for new members to the **UN Human Rights Council**. The 18 new members were elected by absolute majority through a secret ballot.
 - India was vying for a seat in the Asia Pacific category. Along with India, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Fiji and Philippines had also staked a claim in the same regional group.
- **The Central Government** has approved **a special package for employment generation in leather and footwear sector**. Centre has approved **four** projects worth over **105 crore** rupees to promote **leather industry in Tamil Nadu**. The projects, under the Central Sector Scheme, **Indian Footwear, Leather and Accessories Development Programme (IFLADP)**, aims to facilitate upgradation of infrastructure, job creation and environmental sustainability.
 - **The Commerce and Industry Ministry** said that in-principal approval has also been given to **mega leather cluster** at **Bantala in West Bengal**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** said **National Human Rights Commission** has an important role to play in government's efforts to achieve sustainable development goals. Addressing an event **in New Delhi** to mark the **25th** anniversary of the founding of the **NHRC**, he said the government is committed to improve the lives of people by ensuring their rights.
- To create transparency in assurance process in Parliamentary affairs, **Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel**, inaugurated the **Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS)**.
 - It will help in information regarding assurances given on the floor of the Houses of Parliament paper less and in digital format.
- To exchange information and knowledge between members regarding wholesale and retail markets, **Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Purushottam Rupala** inaugurated the **32nd world conference of World**

Union of Wholesale Markets, WUWM at Gurugram, Haryana.

- The theme for the conference is : **‘The Wholesale Markets in the Digital Era: Challenges and Opportunities.’**
- **Minister of State for Textiles, Ajay Tamta** has stated that the Ministry will release **7.8 crore rupees** for the construction of a textile tourism complex in **Nongpoh**, Ri-Bhoi district of **Meghalaya**.
 - The Union Minister visited different weaving centers in Shillong. The NBCC has completed construction of an apparel center worth **14 crores rupees in the State**.
- According to the **RTI rating** by **Access Info Europe and the Centre for Law and Democracy, India** ranked **at 6th** position out of **123** countries, after a downfall of 4 positions from the previous year. The survey was carried by **Transparency International India**.
 - Among other countries, **Afghanistan** topped the chart with a score of 139 out of 150 whereas, **Austria** scored lowest with just 33 points. In 2011, 2012 and 2013 when the global RTI agency was launched, India was at **the 2nd rank**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Azerbaijan** have agreed to take measures to enhance bilateral trade relations. The two countries signed protocol on trade and economic, science and technology cooperation at the **5th meeting of India-Azerbaijan Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Economic, Science and Technology Cooperation**.
- To support vulnerable countries to climate and disaster shocks, the governments of **Germany** and the **UK**, with support from the **World Bank** launched a new **Global Risk Financing Facility (GRiF)**.
 - It will primarily focus on climate and disaster risk but eventually the financing will be extended to projects and instruments to help wider crises and in humanitarian emergencies.

ECONOMY

- The **Finance Ministry** increased interest rates for non-governmental provident funds, gratuity and superannuation to **8** percent from existing **7.6** percent. These include: Public Provident Fund (PPF), Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme, National Savings Certificate and post office time deposits.
 - The changes are effective from **October 1, 2018** to **December 31, 2018**, for the **3rd** quarter.
- The **World Bank** announced concessional loan worth **USD 195 million** to **Nepal** to reform the country's **financial and energy sectors**. It was announced during the ongoing annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) at **Bali in Indonesia**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s **Voyager 2 probe** is on its way outside the influence of the Sun and it could be close to **interstellar space**. Voyager 2 could be the second space probe to reach interstellar space after Voyager 1 which crossed into interstellar space in 2014.
 - Voyager 2 probe is the only man-made probe to have crossed past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. It used the gravitational pull of the four planets, on its way to interstellar space. Voyager 2 will be in service till 2020.

AWARDS

- **Maryse Conde** from the **French Caribbean territory of Guadeloupe** was awarded the **New Academy Prize in Literature**. Conde will win about £87,000 raised from crowd funding and donations. The prestigious literature prize was suspended this year after a scandal at the Swedish Academy, which awards it.

SPORTS

- **India** recorded its **best-ever** showing in the **Asian Para Games** by bagging **72 medals**, including **15 gold**, with the shuttlers adding two gold on the concluding day of the competitions **in Jakarta**.
 - With **15 gold**, 24 silver and 33 bronze medals, **India** is placed **ninth** in the overall tally. While **China** finished on **top** with **172 gold**, 88 silver and 59 bronze for a whopping total of 319 medals.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **The International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR)** encourages every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster-resilient communities and nations. The **United Nations General Assembly** designated **October 13** as the **International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction** as part of its proclamation of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.
 - The **theme** of 2018 is: **“Reducing the economic loss of disasters”**.
- **13th October** 2018, World Migratory Bird Day was observed all over the world. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) aims to create awareness on the need for conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. From 2018, World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated twice a year, on the second Saturday in May and in October. In 2018, it was celebrated on 12th May and now on 13th October.
 - **Theme:** for World Migratory Bird Day 2018 is **“Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation”**. Also **2018** is the **“Year of the Bird”**.