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#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) announced India's status as a polio-free country. The risk of children getting vaccine derived poliovirus was "minimal" in India which came up in the backdrop of oral polio vaccine vials being found contaminated with the type-2 polio virus.
  - This was achieved by high routine immunization coverage being achieved in India under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).
- Microsoft India & NITI Aayog signed a MOU to deploy artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to address challenges in agriculture and healthcare. In the health sector, Microsoft will also support NITI Aayog in preparing a blueprint for AI-led Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programs.
  - Additionally, a Microsoft NITI Aayog Problem to Solution Incubation Test Bed will be set up within its premises in Bangalore to develop AI driven solutions for societal problems identified by NITI Aayog.
- Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, released an Analytical Report of the National Health Profile-2018. It covers demographic, socioeconomic, health status and health finance indicators, comprehensive information on health infrastructure and human resources in health.
  - The report was prepared by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), under the administration of the Directorate General of Health Services at Patna.
- Haryana launched first-of-its-kind National Autism Intervention Research Centre at Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurugram. This has been started in association with Behaviour Momentum India.
  - o It will help people suffering from autism who need behavioural and medical experts to get educated, learn play and social skills and improve their quality of life.
- Union Minister of State for Textiles, Ajay Tamta, inaugurated the 46th edition of world's largest IHGF-Delhi Fair at India Expo Centre & Mart at Greater Noida. This Fair has played a vital role in increasing exports of handicrafts from the country and has acquired a special importance for the handicrafts sector.
- India's first agri and food business online learning platform was launched at the **SR Innovation Exchange (SRiX) Campus, Warangal in Telangana.** The name of the platform is: **SRiX Agri-Business Academy.** 
  - o It is an Indo-UK collaborative initiative and a technology business incubator under

the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. It will focus on start-ups of agriculture, cleantech and IoT.

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- "The Indian Ocean: Defining our Future" Conference was held for 2 days till October 12, 2018 held at Temple Trees, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It is aimed to explore strongest challenges in the Indian Ocean region.
  - This would lead to a multilateral diplomatic Conference to be held early 2019 in Sri Lanka to work on the conference that would contribute towards greater peace, security and prosperity in the Indian Ocean.
  - India was represented by Indian Deputy National Security Advisor Pankaj Saran, in the Inaugural Panel titled "Navigating Challenges and Prospects in the Indian Ocean: Towards a Shared Understanding"
- India and China have launched their first joint programme for Afghanistan to train its diplomats. According to the Indian Embassy in Beijing, Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Vinay Kumar hosted 10 Afghan Diplomats who will be travelling to India for the 1st India-China joint training programme for Afghan diplomats under the aegis of the Trilateral Cooperation between India, China and Afghanistan.
- The Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution C. R. Chaudhary, attended the 6th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting (IMM) in Singapore. The Ministers from 16 RCEP countries met in Singapore to discuss a modern, comprehensive and mutually beneficial economic partnership agreement among ASEAN and ASEAN's FTA partners.
  - Next round meeting of Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) is scheduled to be held in Auckland, New Zealand.

#### **ECONOMY**

• The World Bank announced funding of up to \$1 billion to the Government of Indonesia for relief and reconstruction efforts in the disaster-affected areas of Lombok and Sulawesi. It would be guided by a US\$5 million grant for technical assistance for resilient and community-led reconstruction detailed planning.

#### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- Scientists have developed a new camera called the T-CUP, which might be the world's
  fastest camera. T-CUP can capture 10 trillion frames per second. It can freeze time to
  see light in extremely slow motion.
  - It was developed by researchers at INRS (Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique) led by Lihong Wang of California Institute of Technology, US.

#### **SPORTS**

- The **Japan Association of Athletics Federations** announced to be the host of the 2019 edition of 4th International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Relays, beginning May 11, 2019. The 2019 meet will take place May 11 and 12 at Nissan Stadium in Yokohama, near Tokyo.
  - o The first three editions of the IAAF World Relays, in 2014, 2015 and 2017, were held in the Bahamian capital of Nassau.
- Mick Schumacher, son of Formula One legend Michael Schumacher, won the 2018
   Formula Three (F3) European title in Hockenheim, Germany. Mick Schumacher
   finished at second position in the second race of the day and won his first junior
   championship with 347 points.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- **15th October** 2018, International Day of Rural Women was celebrated all over the world. This day recognizes the role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in agriculture, rural development, food security and eradicating rural poverty.
  - o In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly, declared October 15 as International Day of Rural Women. It was first observed in 2008.
  - Theme: for International Day of Rural Women 2018 is "Sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls".