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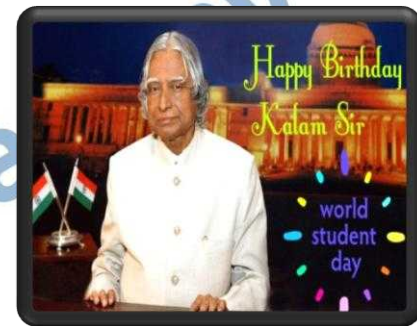
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya**, Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Chemical & Fertilizer launched the **Youth Road Safety Learners Licence programme in New Delhi**. This programme will be run in collaboration with **Diageo India** and the **Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE)**. It will provide structured training program for young, first-time drivers.
- Inclusion of all **3** Special forces in the **first Indo-US tri-services exercise** was announced. The first such exercise involving all the 3 forces will be in **India**, and it will take place in **2019**. It will focus on United Nations-based scenario and the over-arching mission of humanitarian assistance, disaster relief measure.
 - In the exercise, the Indian Army will have **Para SF**, the Navy will have **Marcos** while the Air Force's **Garud** will be their respective Special Forces.
 - The three forces of India and the US already take part in bilateral exercises separately – **Armies** participate in an annual drill called **Yudh Ayaas**, The **Air forces** take part in a bilateral drill called **Cope India** and The **Navies** participate in an exercise in **Malabar**, involving Japan.
- To attract young leaders to address serious urban challenges, the **Delhi** government announced **Chief Minister's Urban Leaders Fellowship Programme**. According to the scheme, the selected candidates will work with Ministers or Senior Officials of Education, Health, Water, Environment, Transport, etc.
 - Under this, a total of **30** young professionals, under **35** years age, have been invited with **#DelhiGovernanceRevolution**.
- **Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani**, inaugurated the **6th edition of India International Silk Fair (IISF)** in New Delhi. Minister of State for Textiles, **Ajay Tamta** was also present on the occasion. India is the 2nd largest producer of silk in the world.
 - Over 108 exhibitors of silk and blended silk products manufactured in different parts of the country will display their products during the three-day event, **organized by the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC)** at Pragati Maidan.

- **The Election Commission of India** is introducing the unique internet based mobile app **C-vigil** in the upcoming assembly polls. The **'CVIGIL'**, which stands for **'citizens' vigil'**, will be operationalised for the first time as a pilot project.
 - Using which a person can secretly send to it geo-tagged videos and photos of illegal money being distributed or a hate speech being made during polls.
- **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet led by CM Yogi Adityanath** has **approved the proposal to rename Allahabad**, which **will be called Prayagraj** with immediate effect. **Uttar Pradesh Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh** informed the media regarding the decision.
 - The new name derives from a place in the city called Prayag, where three rivers flowing across the state meet.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Stanford University** takes **first** place on **Reuters'** list of the **World's Most Innovative Universities** for the **third** consecutive year, holding fast to its ranking by consistently producing new patents and papers that influence researchers around the globe.

ECONOMY

- The government has increased the rate of interest for **General Provident Fund (GPF)** and other related schemes **by 0.4% points to 8% for the October-December quarter**. The rate is in line with that for Public Provident Fund (PPF). The interest rate on GPF was 7.6% for the July-September quarter of 2018-19.

SPORTS

- The **Indian Under-18 men's and womens Hockey** team finished their **2018 Youth Olympic Games** campaign with **silver** medals **at Buenos Aires, Argentina**. While the women suffered a heart-breaking 1-3 loss against hosts

Argentina, the men were handed a 2-4 loss by Malaysia in their respective final of the Hockey 5s competition.

- **Novak Djokovic** won a record **fourth Shanghai Masters title** over 13th-seeded Borna Coric. The second-seeded Djokovic has won all four Shanghai finals he's contested in his career. He previously shared the record of winning three Shanghai titles with Andy Murray.

AWARDS

- National Award winning music director **Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi**, famous as '**Khayyam**', has been named for this year's **Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement**.
 - Instituted by the **Hridayesh Arts**, the award carries a cash prize of Rs 100,000 and a memento and shall be conferred by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at a function in Mumbai on October 26.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Food Day – October 16**
 - **16th October 2018**, World Food Day was celebrated all over the world. World Food Day is celebrated every year on October 16 by 150 countries to support Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations' mission to create awareness and gather support to end world hunger.
 - FAO and World Food Day Committee conducted 2018 World Food Day event, with the theme "**Our actions are our future. A #zero hunger world by 2030 is possible**".

BOOKS

- A book titled '**Lalu Leela**', penned **by deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi**, was released in Patna. The book highlights how RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his family allegedly amassed properties through illegal means when they were in power.

- The 200-page book is primarily a compilation of over 40 press conferences held by Modi from April to July last year, in which he highlighted a number of benami deals and shell companies associated with Lalu family.


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