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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **West Bengal government** has ensured food security to more than 85 million people of the state under the '**Khadya Sathi**' scheme. Special assistance is also being given to the people of Jangalmahal and Hill areas besides Aila-affected areas and farmers of Singur, tea garden workers as well as the Toto tribe.
 - It has implemented on behalf of World Food Day.
- The Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has dedicated a **DRDO website - 'The Kalam Vision – Dare to Dream'** – to former president and 'Missile Man' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. The website was launched on the 87th birth anniversary of the former president and it focuses on subjects such as artificial intelligence, robotics, autonomous systems and cyber security. Kalam's birthday is on **15 October**.
- **A Korean War memorial** will be built in **New Delhi** to commemorate India's role in the war that ended in an armistice in 1953. **"India and South Korea** have agreed to build a war memorial. The idea was proposed by the Korean War Veterans Association in India. The Delhi government had identified the land for the memorial in central Delhi.
- On the occasion of World Food Day, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated a two-day **Agri-startup and Entrepreneurship event, in New Delhi**. The theme of the event was Unleashing potentials in agriculture for young agripreneurs. More than 100 agripreneurs participated in the event.
 - These models would help in increasing agricultural production and farmer's income in spite of adversity of climate change.
- **Minister for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Radha Mohan Singh** announced that 30% government's policies have been formulated to enhance women participation in the agriculture sector. Speaking at the **Mahila Kisan Diwas programme in New Delhi**, he said that the involvement of women in the sector has risen to 18% according to a **NSSO (National Sample Survey Office) report**.
 - The theme of the event was: '**Securing Rights of Women Farmers: Developing a Roadmap for Action**'.
- To promote maritime security in **the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**, **Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba** inaugurated **The Goa Maritime Symposium – 2018**, the second edition of the Goa Maritime Symposium (GSM) at INS Mandovi at Goa.
 - The theme of the seminar was **"Building Stronger Maritime Partnerships in IOR"**.

- **'Bharosa'**, a 24 hour state-of-the-art centre to support women and children afflicted by violence was inaugurated by **Hyderabad Police Commissioner V C Sajjanar**. The centre would help these women along with dealing in POCSO cases.
 - It would ensure speedy justice to women in distress and has facilities to record statements of children in POCSO cases.
- **Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan** launched the air quality early warning system for **Delhi**. It has been designed with the help of American and Finnish models to predict extreme air pollution levels.
- The sixth meeting of the UAE – **India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments** ('the Joint Task Force') **was held in Mumbai** to review the progress being made in addressing the agreed actions of the previous meeting held in Abu Dhabi in January 2018 and to elaborate a number of new key issues of mutual importance.
 - The two sides noted the positive outcomes achieved by the Joint Task Force to date and agreed upon the need to further explore ways to facilitate investment in key Indian and UAE sectors with the potential for economic growth.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Tanzania** signed two **MoUs** in presence of External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Tanzanian Foreign Minister Dr. Augustine Mahiga. The MoUs are between **Foreign Service Institute of India and Centre for Foreign Relation, Tanzania and National Research Development Corporation and Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Corporation**.
 - The agreements were signed following **India-Tanzania 9th Session of Joint Commission on Economic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation in New Delhi**.

ECONOMY

- ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Managing Director and Chief Executive **Nimesh Shah** has been elected as the **chairperson** of industry body AMFI. Kailash Kulkarni, CEO of L&T Mutual Fund, continues to be the vice chairperson of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced that its **Chandra X-ray Observatory** went into safe mode on 10th October 2018, possibly due to a gyroscope problem. NASA's Hubble Space Telescope also went offline on 5th October 2018 due to a gyroscope failure. Flight controllers are trying to bring back both to operation.
 - Both the orbiting observatories are old and are in well-extended missions. Hubble is 28 and Chandra is 19 years old
- **China** successfully launched **twin BeiDou-3 navigation satellites** into space from a Long March-3B carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan province of China. The satellites were launched to strengthen China's satellite navigation network which aims to surpass the US' Global Positioning System (GPS).

SPORTS

- **The Indian blind cricket team** has won **the triangular series** after beating Sri Lanka by 10 wickets in the final in Goa. India skipper Ajay Reddy was adjudged Man of the Final for his bowling efforts against the Lankans in the final game of the series which also involved England.
 - Indian skipper Ajay Reddy was adjudged man of the match for his fabulous bowling efforts.

AWARDS

- **Northern Irish author Anna Burns** has won the **2018 Man Booker Prize** for her novel '**Milkman**', which is her third full-length novel. The book is about an 18-year-old girl, known as "middle sister", who is sexually harassed by an older paramilitary figure, called the "milkman". Anna Burns has become the first Northern Irish author to win the Man Booker prize.
- '**Beeg Ani Beegath**', a collection of short stories in Konkani by the well-known writer, journalist, and critic H M Pernal bagged the prestigious 'Vimala V Pai Vishwa' Konkani best book award for the year 2018. H M Pernal is the pen name of Henry M Mendonca, a native of Pernal in Udipi district, who currently lives in Mangaluru.
 - Konkani poet **Sharathchandra Shenoy** from Kochi won the Vishwa Konkani best poetry award for his book 'Idam Na Mama,' while Vishwanath M Shet from Uttara Kannada bagged the **Vishwa Konkani lifetime achievement** award. Each award carries

a purse of Rs one lakh each, a certificate, memento and shawl.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – 17 October**
 - **17th October 2018**, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was observed all over the world. This day acknowledges the efforts and struggles of people living in poverty and provides an opportunity to listen to their issues.
 - In 1992, United Nations General Assembly declared 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
 - Theme for International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2018 is **“Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity”**.

BOOKS

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** released a biography of late **Anumolu Ramakrishna**, a pioneer in the application of innovative systems and construction techniques in the Indian construction sector.
 - The biography titled **‘Building a Legacy’** is authored by city-based Chartered Accountant **V Pattabhi Ram**.