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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** chaired the **sixth** meeting of **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** at **New Delhi**. Other delegates present in the meeting were: Home Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** and Agriculture Minister **Radha Mohan Singh** and officials of **NDMA**.
- The famous **Shahi litchi of North Bihar** has got the **4th Geographical Indication (GI) tag**. Earlier, **Jardalu mango, Katarni rice** and **Magahi paan** from the state got the GI tag. Bihar produces **40 per cent of the litchi grown in the country** on 38 per cent of the area.
 - According to agriculture scientists, due to high calcium content in the soil, litchi is better in these areas.
- **Haryana** will organise its **first-ever corporate social responsibility (CSR) summit in Gurugram** on November 12 and it will be inaugurated by Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar**. During the summit, 16 state CSR Awards would be conferred. The nominations procedure for the CSR Awards would start on October 20 and continue till October 31.
 - A total of 600 guests from the corporate world would be invited to take part in the summit.
- To promote Military cooperation, India and Japan are all set to hold the **first-ever joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018'** involving the Indian Army and Japan Ground Self Defence Force in Mizoram, India.
 - The Indian contingent will be represented by 6/1 GORKHA RIFLES while the Japanese contingent will be represented by 32 Infantry Regiment of the Japanese Ground Self Defence Force. Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018' will be yet another step in deepening strategic ties including closer defence cooperation between the two countries.
- The **Punjab Cabinet** chaired by **Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh**, approved extension of the enhanced **50 per cent** reservation for women the office of the chairperson of panchayat samitis and zila parishads. Earlier, the reservation for women in these bodies are **33%**.
 - Along with this, reservation in subsequent elections will start from the first non-reserved constituency in this roster in the order **Scheduled Caste-Scheduled Caste Women-Women**.
- **Punjab** government has decided to amend the **Industrial and Business Development Policy 2017** to give investment incentive through **'Net SGST** (Net State Goods And Services Tax) **Incentive'** on intrastate sale.

- **Punjab** government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre to implement the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (**PMJAY**) in Punjab. By implementing PMJAY in Punjab, the scheme will be extended to cover more than 43 lakh families, instead of the proposed 14.96 lakh families.
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy** announced **3** percent sub-quota in recruitments for sportspersons in a function organized jointly by sports associations in **Chennai**.
 - Earlier in the Independence Day, he had announced to provide 2% reservation for the sportspersons which has been increased to 3% due to requests from various organizations.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Nepal** celebrated the festival of **Fulpati**. In Nepalese, “Phool” means flower and “Pati” means leaves and plants. It is observed on the **seventh** day of **Dashain festival**. The tradition in Nepal is to bring nine types of Fulpati into the home on the seventh day of Navaratri.
- **Canada** has become the **second country after Uruguay** to legalise possession and use of recreational **cannabis**. Medical marijuana has been legal in the country since 2001. Ontario, Canada’s most populous province, will only begin opening retail stores next spring, though residents will be able to order cannabis online.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Canara Robeco Mutual Fund** elevated **Nimesh Chandan** as the **Head – Investment, Equity** with immediate effect. This position has been newly created. In this role, Nimesh Chandan will guide the equity team in providing a strategy for equity funds.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (**CSIR-IITR**), **Lucknow**, has developed an innovative technology for “Drinking Water Disinfection System” with the trade name **“OneerTM”**.
 - The “OneerTM” technology was transferred to M/s Bluebird Water

Purifiers, New Delhi, on 17th October 2018. It will be used in continuous treatment of water and will eliminate disease causing pathogens like virus, bacteria, fungi, protozoa and cyst.

- Scientists at the European Southern Observatory (ESO) have discovered a galaxy proto-supercluster named **“Hyperion”**, the largest and the most massive structure in the early universe known so far.
 - Hyperion is located in the constellation of Sextans. It has a very complex structure. It has at least 7 high-density regions connected by filaments of galaxies

SPORTS

- **Akash Malik**, became the **first Indian** to win a **silver** medal **in archery** at the **Youth Olympic Games**. The 16-year-old suffered a defeat in the final to USA’s Trenton Cowles 0-6 in the men’s recurve event.
 - The archer, who achieved his training at the Army Sports Institute in Pune, started off brilliantly in the final, as he shot a 10 in his first attempt.

AWARDS

- **Rachana – Catholic Chamber of Commerce and Industry** selected **6** eminent people for the **Rachana Awards 2018**. The award ceremony would take place in at Milagres Jubilee Hall on November 17, 2018 in **Mangaluru**.
 - The 6 selected awardees are: **Aloysius Richard Lobo** for **Rachana NRI of the Year award**, **Lawrence Pinto** for **Rachana Agriculturist of the Year award**, **Ronald Castelino** for **Rachana Entrepreneur of the Year award**, **Faye D’Souza** from Mirror now for **Rachana Professional of the Year award**, **Sr Maria Jyothi AC** for **Rachana Woman of the Year award**.
- **Dutch** photographer **Marsel van Oosten** has won **Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018**. It was awarded by **London’s Natural History Museum**.
 - He got the award for his photo titled **“The Golden Couple,”** which is the striking photo of a pair of endangered **golden snub-nosed monkeys** in central China’s Qin Ling Mountains.

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- A **new book on Maharana Pratap named “Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior” authored by historian Rima Hooja has been released.**
 - In Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior, noted historian Rima Hooja describes in detail how Maharana Pratap managed to elude capture by the mighty Mughal army for so long and never bowed down to Akbar.


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