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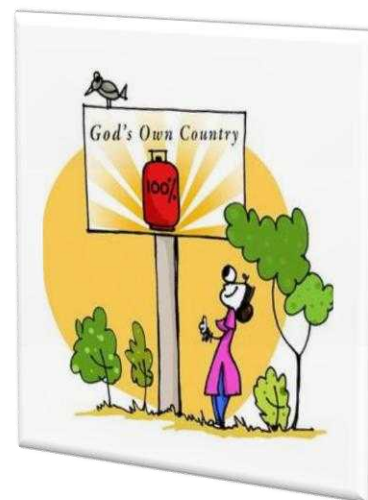
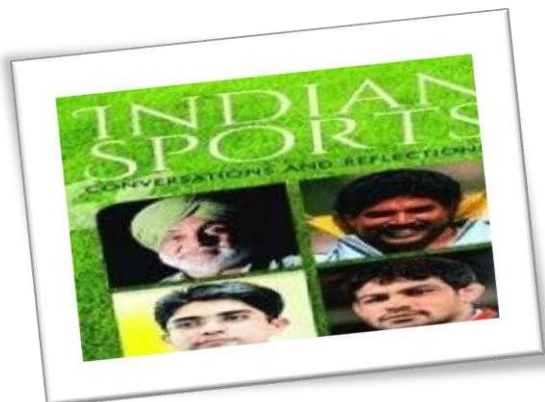
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** interacted with IT and electronic manufacturing professionals and key industry leaders from across the country **in New Delhi**. Professionals from about 100 locations across India joined the event through video-conference. The Prime Minister launched the **“Main Nahin Hum” Portal and app on the occasion**.
 - The portal which works on the theme "Self for Society" will enable IT professionals and organizations to bring together their efforts towards social causes, and service to society, on one platform.
- The **Haryana regional office of Nabard has signed an MoU with Delhi-based Ayurvet Research Foundation (ARF)** for facilitating various collaborative initiatives, especially **in the resource-poor districts of Haryana, for the integrated agricultural and rural development of the state**.
 - The MoU will facilitate in finding practical solutions to the problems and challenges coming in the way of integrated development of some districts.
- **Environment Ministry** launched the **2nd edition of Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali** campaign. It was initiated in **2017-18** and is aimed at pledging to minimize bursting of crackers. This edition has been merged with **“Green Good Deed”** movement for conservation and protection of environment.
 - It has been extended **Pan-India** and will last till the **1st week of November**.
- **India and Myanmar** signed a MoU for the appointment of a private Port Operator for the Operation and Maintenance of **Sittwe Port**, Paletwa Inland Water Terminal and associated facilities included in the Kaladan Multi Model Transit Transport Project in implementation of India’s Act East Policy.
- **UNESCO MGIEP** in association with **Government of Andhra Pradesh** announces **TECH 2018**, an international conference which aims to showcase the role of games and digital learning to create peaceful and sustainable societies. TECH 2018 will feature speakers from the fields of digital learning, artificial intelligence, games for learning and more. The three day event will be held from 15-17 November **at Novotel, Vizag City, Andhra Pradesh**.

- **TECH 2018** aims at drawing a blueprint for harnessing pedagogical possibilities opened up by digital technologies, in order to contribute to enabling a revolutionary shift in education from individual content acquisition to collaborative intelligence.
- Uzbekistan Ambassador to India **Farhod Arziev** inaugurated a four-day international dance festival titled **“Udbhav Utsav” in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**.
 - The dance festival was sponsored by the **Greenwood group of schools**. Dance troupes from Bulgaria, Turkey and Sri Lanka, apart from 25 teams from India, participated in the event.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** will inaugurate the **second** edition of the **Sagar conference at Bambolim, Goa**. It is being organised by the Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS). The conference aims to highlight the technological, economic and developmental opportunities with opening up of space and how efficiently the potential can be explored.
 - Delegates including scientists and researchers from around 15 countries will participate in the conference.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and the United States (**US**) started a two-week military exercise named **“Iron Magic 19”** in the **Arabian Gulf**. Iron Magic 19 will be held till November 1, 2018. It is part of a series of joint military exercises throughout the year between the UAE armed forces and the armed forces of other countries.
 - This exercise aims to enhance cooperation, joint actions and exchange of expertise in military areas.
- Promoting business-to-business cooperation and talent transfer from India to Japan, Indian IT industry’s apex body **Nasscom** has entered into a partnership with the **Hiroshima government** for co-creating **a Japan-India IT Corridor** in **Hiroshima**. The project will be formally initiated by early **2019**.
 - Indian companies on the software side can help Japanese manufacturing companies adopt digital transformation and create innovative product and

solutions lines.

ECONOMY

- **India** has the **second largest insurance gap** in the world of \$27 billion **after China**, where the under insurance or insurance gap is over \$76 billion. According to a **Lloyd's of London's report**, global under insurance stands at \$162.5 billion in 2018.
- Life insurer **PNB Metlife** has unveiled an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered customer service app '**Khushi**'. The app is designed to be a one-stop shop providing insurance-related information, anytime, anywhere, such as policy features, premium due details besides providing fund value and portfolio details.

AWARDS

- Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu presented the **19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence 2018 in Public Administration** to senior advocate **Fali S Nariman**. The award has been institutionalized in the name of Lal Bahadur Shastri, the 2nd Prime Minister of India and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress political party.
- Former Prime Minister **HD Deve Gowda** will be conferred with the **Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti Award** on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
 - HD Deve Gowda is awarded for his contribution to the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes communities. The award will be given by Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy.
- **Invest India** has received the top **UN Investment Promotion Award** in recognition of its efforts to boost investments in the renewable energy sector in India.
 - The award was presented by Armenian President **Armen Sarkissian** to **Deepak Bagla**, the CEO of Invest India, in Geneva at the inaugurations of the **World Investment Forum** organised by the **UN Convention on Trade**

and Development (UNCTAD).

APPOINTMENT

- **Paul Biya**, won the 7th term as President of Cameroon. He had won 71.3 % of the ballot in the presidential election held on October 7, 2018. His rival Maurice Kamto came second with 14.2 % of the vote.

SPORTS

- **Athletics Federation of India** will be awarded the **FICCI** (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) **India Sports Awards 2018** for the category of Best National Sports Federation (NSF).
 - The award will be presented at the India Sports Awards ceremony, at Federation House, New Delhi. The Jury for the awards was chaired by Justice (retd) Mukul Mudgal. Pankaj Singh is the sports head of FICCI.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Polio Day – October 24**
 - **24th October** 2018, **World Polio Day** was observed all over the world. World Polio Day was initiated by Rotary International more than a decade ago to commemorate the birth of **Jonas Salk**, who developed a vaccine against poliomyelitis.
 - Polio or poliomyelitis is a highly contagious disease caused by poliovirus. It attacks the nervous system. Children less than 5 years of age are highly vulnerable to this disease.
 - **India received polio-free** certification along with the entire South-East Asia Region of WHO (World Health Organisation) on **27th March 2014** by WHO.