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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **International Conference on Status and Protection of Coral Reefs (STAPCOR – 2018)** was held at **Bangaram coral Island** of **Lakshadweep**. The conference was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
  - Theme for the conference was: “Reef for Life”. Nearly 150 delegates from India and other countries participated.
- **Most of the international migrants in 2017 were from India**, followed by China and Bangladesh, an **Asian Development Bank (ADB) report** titled ‘**Asian Economic Integration Report 2018**’ said. The report further said as many as one third of international migrants were from Asia in 2017.
  - According to the report, Asia continued as the largest source of international migrants globally although the number of Asian migrants headed to regional destinations declined slightly.
- **The Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018** opened in **New Delhi**. The **theme** of the 2-day summit is, ‘**Connecting Farmers to Market**’. Inaugurating the summit, Secretary Agriculture and Co-operation Sanjay Agrawal said, several measures are being taken to double farmers’ income by 2022.
  - Pioneer of India’s green revolution Professor MS Swaminathan was also present on the occasion.
- **The Supreme Court** ruled that **no Bharat Stage-IV vehicle shall be sold across the country** with effect from April 1, 2020. The **Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI)** emission norm would come into force from April 1, 2020 across the country.
  - The ruling was made by a three-judge bench headed by **Justice Madan B Lokur**. The bench clarified that only BS-VI compliant vehicle will be sold in India from April 1, 2020.
- **Haryana Government** has decided to introduce “**Pashu Sanjeevni Sewa**” in the state under which free of cost quality veterinary services and health care facilities for the livestock would be made available at the doorstep of livestock farmers through mobile veterinary clinics. To begin with, this service would be started in all blocks of three districts namely Jind, Yamunanagar and Nuh .

- It was informed that the livestock farmers would be able to avail the service of mobile veterinary clinics 24×7 after giving a call on toll free number **1962**.
- Anil Ambani-led shipbuilder **Reliance Naval and Engineering (RNEL)** launched a 3,000-tonne training ship for the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**, which will be delivered in May next year.
  - The **105-metre** long training vessel, the **largest ship** ever built for the ICG, at the cost of Rs 220 crore, is named '**ICGS Varuna**', and was launched at the shipyard of RNEL **at the Pipavav Port in Amreli district of Gujarat**.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India, Afghanistan and Iran** held their **first trilateral meeting on Chabahar port project** during which they reviewed its implementation. The meeting assumes significance as the **strategically-located port on the energy-rich Iran's southern coast** was coming under the ambit of US sanctions on Tehran.
  - The Chabahar port is being considered **a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India, Iran and Afghanistan with central Asian countries**.

## ECONOMY

- An **overseeing committee (OC)** is set up under the **inter-creditor agreement (ICA)** for resolution of stressed assets and it will have six members. The OC, which is being formed under the aegis of the **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**, will approve resolution plans for stressed assets submitted by lead lenders.
  - An inter creditor agreement **is an agreement among creditors** that sets forth the various **lien positions and the rights and liabilities of each creditor and its impact on the other creditors**.

## AWARDS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has been conferred with the **Seoul Peace Prize**

for 2018 for his **contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth**. The Seoul Peace Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the **24th Olympic Games held in Seoul**.

- The award was established to crystallise Korean people's yearning for peace on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of the world. He is the 14th recipient of the award and the past laureates included former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and renowned international relief organizations like Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam.
- **Benjamin**, the author of '**Jasmine Days**', translated from Malayalam into English by Shahnaz Habib, is the winner of the **first edition** of the Rs 25 lakh **JCB Prize for Literature**, India's richest literary prize.
  - The award was announced at a specially curated dinner event in New Delhi. 'Jasmine Days' is published by **Juggernaut Books**.

## APPOINTMENT

- The Union Government has sent **CBI Director Alok Verma on leave**. Verma was appointed as CBI Director in 2016 for two years and his tenure ends in December 2018. The decision was taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
  - The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) issued an order **appointing M Nageshwar Rao as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**.

## SPORTS

- **Virat Kohli became only the fourth batsman** to score **10,000 ODI runs for India** and in the process, he also broke Sachin Tendulkar's record to become the fastest to reach the milestone. While Tendulkar took **259 innings to get there, Kohli got to the landmark in a mere 205 innings**.
  - Kohli is also second only to Tendulkar in the list of most century-scorers in one-day internationals.

- Manipur Chief Minister **N Biren Singh** declared open the **first edition of North East Olympic Games 2018** at **Main Stadium Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal**. The Games is being organized by the MOA under the aegis of the North East Olympic Association.
- **Hockey India** congratulated **Rohini Bopanna** on being promoted as **FIH International Technical Official** by the FIH Officials Committee.
  - Earlier this year, Bopanna was also appointed as a technical official for the 5th Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2018 held in Donghae City, South Korea.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **United Nations Day – 24 October**
  - **24th October 2018, United Nations (UN) Day 2018** was celebrated all over the world. This day marks the anniversary of UN Charter's entry into force in 1945. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, the United Nations officially came into force.
  - United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 since 1948. In 1971, United Nations General Assembly recommended this day to be observed by Member States as a public holiday.
  - 2018 UN Day Concert will be in UN Headquarters in New York, with the theme **"Traditions of Peace and Non-violence"**.