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NATIONAL NEWS

- The International Conference on **Status and Protection of Coral Reefs (STAPCOR – 2018)** with the **theme “Reef for Life”** was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** at Bangaram coral Island of Union Territory of **Lakshadweep**.
 - About 150 delegates both International and National, are participating in this mega event at Bangaram Island.
- The **Supreme Court** said that no **Bharat Stage IV** vehicle shall be sold across the country with effect from **April 1, 2020**. The Bharat stage emission standards are standards instituted by the government to regulate output of air pollutants from motor vehicles.
 - The **Bharat Stage VI** (or BS-VI) emission norm would come into force from **April 1, 2020** across the country. In 2016, the Centre had announced that the country would **skip the BS-V** norms altogether and adopt BS-VI norms by 2020.
- Women and Child Development Minister **Maneka Gandhi** inaugurated the **5th edition of Women of India National Organic Fest 2018** in New Delhi. The fest will continue till 4th of next month. She said, for the first time vegan food and food court have been introduced in this edition of the festival.
- **Mumbai’s** iconic heritage cinema **METRO INOX is India’s First Rooftop Solar Powered Cinema** and South Mumbai’s Largest Multiplex. It has launched two **INSIGNIA** screens which are 100% solar powered. It has become the first multiplex in India to join the solar revolution.
 - The iconic Metro Cinema has celebrated the glorious cinematic history of our country since 1938. It was recently completely refurbished rekindling its heritage features by INOX Leisure Ltd, India’s leading multiplex chain.
- Hon’ble Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, **Suresh Prabhu** inaugurated the **10th Edition of BIOFACH INDIA**, the largest show on the “Organic Sector” in India. Being organized by NuernbergMesse India and APEDA(Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and supported by the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, BIOFACH INDIA is taking place in Pragati Maidan from October 25th till 27th.
 - One of the major attraction of BIOFACH INDIA is the conference, the **theme** being **“Enhancing export of organic products trade from India – strategies and synergies”**.

- The **2-day 11th Global Agriculture Summit 2018** concluded in **New Delhi**. It aimed to provide the platform towards facilitating farmers connect with the technologies, markets, industry, institutions and the Governmental programs.
 - It was inaugurated by Secretary Agriculture and Co-operation, Sanjay Agrawal. The theme of the summit was: **‘Connecting Farmers to Market’**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **The world’s largest airport terminal “under one roof”** with a capacity to serve 90 million passengers will be officially opened on October 29 **in Istanbul, Turkey**. Dubbed as phase-1A of the project Istanbul New Airport will have a capacity to handle 90 million passenger per year, making it the largest such facility in the world.
- The **20th Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) 2018** was held at Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**.
 - WETEX 2018 is the largest edition in the 20 year-history of WETEX. It was held under the umbrella of the Green Week, in conjunction with the 3rd Dubai Solar Show, and the 5th World Green Economy Summit (WGES).
- **India and Bangladesh** signed several agreements for enhancing **inland and coastal waterways connectivity** between the two countries for **trade and cruise movements**. The MOUs were signed by: Shipping Secretary **Shri Gopal Krishna**, and his Bangladesh counterpart **Shri Md. Abdus Samadin**.
- According to a report named **QS Asia University Rankings 2019** by **Quacquarelli Symonds**, India doubled their presence in the ranking. India has the third largest number of universities and institutes, after mainland China (**112**) and **Japan (89)**.
 - There are **40** new Indian institutions taking the total number to **75** at the top **500 list**. But none made it to the top 20. **IIT-Bombay** remains the highest ranked institution. It moved one place to the **33rd** position.

ECONOMY

- To fund infrastructure projects in the state, the **Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board’s** decision to issue **‘masala bonds’** worth **Rs 5,000 crore** was announced.

- According to the **7th** edition '**World Cooperative Monitor**' report 2018, fertilizer major **IFFCO** has been ranked as the biggest cooperative in the world. It has retained this position from **2016**.
 - IFFCO has been ranked based on the ratio of turnover over gross domestic product (GDP) per capita. This relates the turnover of the co-operative to the purchasing power of the country in which it operates.

AWARDS

- Two initiatives of **India** won the **Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management Award, 2018**, at its Annual General Members Meet, in Georgetown, Guyana.
 - The initiative named "Unnayan Banka" – Reinventing Education Using Technology, of Banka District of Bihar was awarded under the Category "**Innovation Incubation**".
 - Another initiative named "Unified Agriculture Markets" of Co-operation Department of Karnataka was selected under the Category '**Innovation in Public Service Management**'. This initiative also won the **overall Gold Award for CAPAM Awards, 2018**.
- **Late Pakistani human rights activist and lawyer Asma Jahangir** was announced as one of the four winners of the **2018 UN Human Rights Prize**. She became the fourth Pakistani woman to be awarded the UN Human Rights Prize.

APPOINTMENT

- Ethiopia's parliament approved appointment of senior diplomat **Sahle-Work Zewde** as the country's first female president. She replaced **Mulatu Teshome Wirtu**.
 - Presently, she is the **U.N. under-secretary general** and **special representative of the secretary general** to the **African Union**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Russia** successfully launched **Soyuz-2.1B rocket** carrying a satellite for the Russian military, from northern Plesetsk launch pad, Russia. Russia has successfully launched a

Soyuz rocket for the first time since the failure of a similar rocket aborted a manned take-off to the International Space Station (ISS) on October 11, 2018.

- The failed launch involved an older Soyuz-FG rocket. Russia will switch to the Soyuz-2.1 series for launches to the ISS by 2020, replacing the Soyuz-FG.

SPORTS

- Olympic and world championship silver medallist **PV Sindhu** has once again regained her **World No. 2 status** in the latest **BWF rankings**. She is behind **Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying**, who continues to dominate the rankings.
 - Saina Nehwal gained 9th position. In the men's singles, Kidambi Srikanth remained static at world no 6.
- The **Indian men's football** ranking is unfazed, as it continues to be placed at the **97th** spot in the latest rankings released by Federation Internationale de Football Association (**FIFA**). **Belgium** have retained the **pole position** ahead of World Cup champions France. Brazil is placed third, followed by Croatia.

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