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## NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Arunachal Pradesh** government signed a **MoU** with **The British Council** in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation.
  - The MoU was signed by Tayek Talom, Director of Higher and Technical Education of Arunachal Pradesh, and Alan Gemmell, Director, British Council India, on the sidelines of the **Tawang Festival**.
- Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched a new web portal of '**Odia Virtual Academy**' (**www.ova.gov.in**) to promote the Odia language and literature at the Secretariat in Bhubaneswar. The new website will be helpful in the promotion of Odia language at the international level, especially for the Non Resident Odias (NROs).
  - **Three** memoranda of understanding (MoUs) were signed by the **Odisha Government** with the **University of Chicago library**, CDAC and Centre for Internet and Society, Bengaluru to expedite digitisation of Odia literature and development of Odia software.
- **Indo-Canadian** expatriates have donated more than **\$7 million dollars** to a Toronto-based non-profit organisation which builds and runs education hostels in rural India. The non-profit AIM for SEWA (Canada) builds hostels in far-flung, rural areas of India to educate children from poor families.
  - At this year's annual gala dinner in Toronto attended by former Miss India Pooja Batra, many Indo-Canadians pledged donations to AIM for SEWA to take its collections to over \$7 million dollars to promote education of poor rural kids in India.
- Panel of governors constituted by **President Ram Nath Kovind** submitted its report '**Approach to Agriculture : A Holistic Overview**' on approach to agriculture for **doubling farmer's income**.
  - The committee was headed by **Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik**.
- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) organized a seminar in Wardha district of Maharashtra.
  - The seminar, titled "**Gandhian Thoughts and Sanitation**", was centered on the Gandhian ideology on sanitation and the implementation of the same through the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).
  - The seminar ended with a visit to Sevagram, to experience and learn from Gandhiji's time there.
- To make the younger generation more oriented towards scientific and technological innovations, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur organised a science and technology competition for students of class 8 to 10.
  - The competition called the '**Young Innovators Programme YIP 2018**' was attended by many schools in the country and also from Singapore.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **United Nations (UN)** announced launch of a project on creating an “inventory” on intangible legacy of India. Also the **UN house** has been dedicated for preserving the Indian Heritage and Culture. This project dubbed- A snapshot inventory of intangible cultural heritage, will be launched to protect the disappearing intangible cultural heritage of India.
  - For the implementation of the project, UN with its own agencies like **UNESCO and UNDP**, will also collaborate with several ministries, such as the **Ministry of Culture** and **Ministry of Textiles**.
- **India** donated **\$300,000** to a training programme of commanders for **UN peacekeeping**. **This** was announced by **Stephane Dujarric**, the spokesman for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.
  - The name of the programme is: **“Pipeline to Peacekeeping Command Programme”** and it is **3 years** training programme.
- The **13th Annual Summit between India and Japan** was held in presence of **PM Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe** in Tokyo, Japan. Issues of mutual interest, including forging ties in newer areas were discussed during the talks.
  - The areas include health, digital technologies, agriculture and food processing and disaster risk reduction.

## AWARDS

- The **United Nations** has hailed the “inspiring” work of four individuals and organisations as it announced the winners of its Prize in the Field of **Human Rights for 2018**.
  - The honour was given to **Asma Jahangir**, the **late Pakistani lawyer** and leading human rights defender, along with **Tanzanian activist Rebeca Gyumi**, **Brazil’s first indigenous lawyer Joenia Wapichana** and **Irish** human rights groups **Front Line Defenders**.
- Miss Paraguay **Clara Sosa** won the **Miss Grand International 2018** title at the 6th edition of the beauty pageant in Yangon, Myanmar. Clara Sosa succeeds Miss Grand International 2017 Maria Jose Lora of Peru. India’s, fbb Colors Femina Miss Grand India 2018 **Meenakshi Chaudhary** was named **1st runner up**.

## APPOINTMENT

- **Michael D Higgins** has been **re-elected Irish president** after winning a landslide victory with 822,566 votes. The 77-year-old professor and campaigner will serve his second term after first being elected in 2011. Mr Higgins is Ireland’s ninth president.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The first indigenously overhauled **Sukhoi Su-30MKI** fighter jet was handed over to the **IAF**. It was built by the **11 Base Repair Depot (BRD)** of the Indian Air Force at **Ojhar** in **Maharashtra's Nashik district**. It will be deployed with the Air Force base in **Pune**.
  - The first Su-30MKI overhauled by 11 BRD took off on **April 24**.
- The US military aboard the **USS John Finn** successfully detected, tracked and targeted and a medium-range ballistic missile off the west coast of Hawaii. It was done by an **SM-3 Block IIA** missile and is the 3rd attempt so far.
  - The Standard Missile-3 Block IIA is a part of the **US-Japan Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense system**.

## SPORTS

- **Indian golfer Khalin Joshi** clinched the **Panasonic Open India title** at the Delhi Golf Club. With this win, Joshi became the **seventh Indian to win the Panasonic Open India title** in the last eight editions of the tournament.
- **Indian table tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee** has won a **silver medal in the under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open**. She lost to Korea's Youjin Kim in the final. In the semifinals, Ayhika had defeated Hong Kong's Chengzhu Zhu to enter the finals.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Animation Day 2018**
  - **International Animation Day** is celebrated on **October 28**, commemorating the day in 1892 when **Charles-Emile Reynaud's Theatre Optique** made its first public appearance in Paris. The day recognises and celebrates the artists, technicians and scientists behind the art of animation in all its forms and avatars.