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NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the first Mega Food Park- The Gujarat Agro Mega Food Park, in Surat, Gujarat. It is promoted by M/s Gujarat Agro Infrastructure Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd and is located at Village Shah and Vasravi, Taluka Mangrol, District Surat.
 - Additionally, a 2nd Mega Food Park has been sanctioned by the Ministry in Mehsana District of Gujarat.
- India released its first semi-high speed train called- Train 18. It is a 16-coach prototype without a locomotive (engine) that will travel at a speed of up to 160 kmph. It was developed by the city-based Integral Coach Factory, Chennai in 18 months as part of the 'Make In India' initiative.
- Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO organized a day-long conference on Innovation in Cyberspace, Cyber Security Challenges and Innovations, held in DRDO Bhawan, NewDelhi.
 - Secretary, Department of Defence, Research and Development, and Chairman, DRDO, Dr G Satheesh Reddy stressed on work on the cyberspace area.
- As part of its efforts to train 3,00,000 people in India on digital literacy by end of 2018, Facebook has announced the launch of the Digital Literacy Library, a collection of lessons in six local languages Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.
 - This was announced at Facebook's South Asia Safety Summit where the Ministry of Women and Child Development together with Facebook convened a group of leaders in safety and technology and was joined by over 70 organizations from five countries, including India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan.
- India Mobile Congress(IMC) 2018, a marquee event which provided a peep into the exciting future in the rapidly evolving area of digital communications ended on 29 October. This year's event theme was "New Digital Horizons Connect. Create. Innovate."
 - The mega 3-day event was inaugurated on October 25 by Shri Manoj Sinha, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications.
- The country's first gallery on robotic dinosaurs was opened to the public at the Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala. A joint initiative of the Union and state governments, the science city is the biggest project of its kind in northern India and has been set up in 72 acres of land in the heart of Punjab, on Jalandhar-Kapurthala

road.

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched India's first automatic Early
 Warning Dissemination System (EDWS). The inauguration coincided with Odisha
 Government observing Disaster Preparedness Day. On this day, 19 years ago, the
 state was left devastated by "Super Cyclone" in 1999.
 - In total 122 alert towers have been set up under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) along the coastal line of Odisha to give early warning on the risk in impending natural calamities like tsunami, cyclone and flood.
- The Union Minister of State for Home, Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir inaugurated the
 two-day conference on "CCTNS--Good practices and Success Stories" organised
 by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). MoS (Home) Shri Hansraj Gangaram
 Ahir also released a Compendium of "CCTN--Good practices and Success Stories".

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- India and Japan has decided to cooperate for the first time in the areas of Indian traditional medicinal systems such as Yoga and Ayurveda to provide holistic healthcare and wellness in both the countries.
 - The Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India's Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) and the Kanagawa Prefectural Government was signed during the ongoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Japan.
- India and Japan has concluded a \$75 billion bilateral currency swap agreement. The move that will help in bringing greater stability in foreign exchange and capital markets in the country.
 - o The agreement will further strengthen and widen the depth and diversity of economic cooperation between the two countries.

ECONOMY

- According to a new Standard Chartered study-'The Emerging Affluent Study 2018– Climbing the Prosperity Ladder', India is Asia's most investment savvy economy.
 - The survey markets were: China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kenya,
 Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea, the UAE.

APPOINTMENT

• Far-right politician **Jair Bolsonaro** has won a sweeping victory **in Brazil's presidential election.** The former army captain won 55.2% of the vote against 44.8% for Fernando Haddad of the left-wing Workers' Party.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- A Japanese rocket lifted off the United Arab Emirates' first locally made satellite, the **KhalifaSat** Earth observation satellite, into orbit. The launch was done by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries from the Tanegashima Space Center.
 - The rocket named: H-2A, also carried an Ibuki-2 greenhouse gas observation satellite for Japan. UAE aims to send its first two astronauts to the International Space Station in 2019.

SPORTS

- In Men's Hockey, India and Pakistan were declared joint winners of the Asian Champions Trophy at Muscat in Oman. The tournament director declared both teams as winners after the summit clash was called off due to heavy rain.
 - O Defending champions India, thus, ended the tournament unbeaten. Before this edition, both India and Pakistan had won the tournament twice each.
- India's highest ranked archer Atanu Das won the men's recurve title while Asian Games silver medallist Rajat Chauhan emerged on top in the men's compound section in the first invitational Indian Open Indoor Archery tournament that concluded at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- The Vigilance Awareness Week will be observed across the country from 29
 October to promote probity in public life and achieve a corruption-free society. The
 theme of the week this year is, 'Eradicate Corruption Build A New India'. The
 observance of the week will commence with pledge taking by public servants in the
 Ministries, Departments, PSUs, Banks and all other Organisations.
 - During the week, several functions will be organized to create awareness against the corrupt practices. The week, in which 31st October, the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls, is observed as Vigilance Awareness Week every year.