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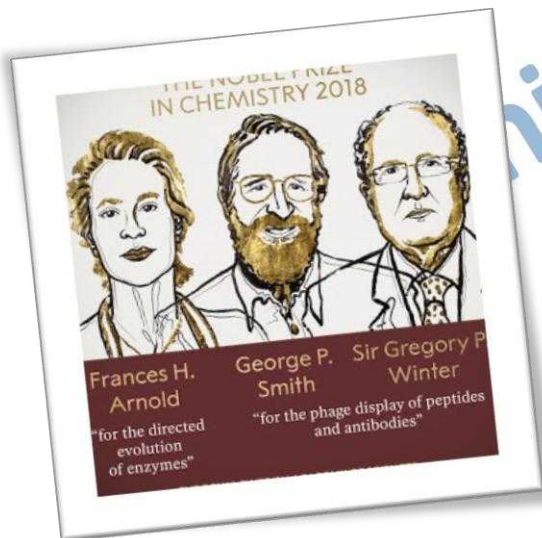
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- A joint exercise of '**Sahyog-Hop Tac 2018**' commenced off Chennai coast between **Vietnam and India**. In this bilateral exercise, **Vietnam Coast Guard ship CSB 8001** took part in it for the first time. A vessel '**Sagar Manjusha**', owned by **National Institute of Ocean Technology** and vessels from Indian coast guard took part in it as well.
  - This exercise enhance cooperation between the two Coast Guards in areas of maritime safety and security.
- **Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh** declared Manipur as the 23rd state in the country to become Open Defecation Free (ODF) in India. It is the 5th North-Eastern state to get the tag.
  - This announced during the celebration of National Cleanliness Day at Gandhi Memorial Hall in Imphal. He also launched the Google Toilet Locator to enable locating nearest public toilet for use.
- **India and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a **\$240 million** loan agreement to provide safe drinking water to about 1.65 million people in three districts of West Bengal.
  - The agreement was signed by Ministry of Finance Additional Secretary Sameer Kumar Khare for the Indian government and ADB's India Resident Mission Country Director Kenichi Yokoyama for the multilateral lending agency.
- **SIDBI** has launched a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign '**Udyam Abhilasha**', in 115 aspirational districts identified by **NITI Aayog** in 28 States reaching to around 15,000 youth.
  - SIDBI has partnered with Common service centres, e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle, set up by the Ministry of Electronics and IT for implementing the campaign.
- **Haryana's Maharshi Dayanand University** has been declared the cleanest government varsity by the HRD Ministry, followed by Guru Nanak Dev University in Punjab's Amritsar. Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar announced the "**Swachh Campus rankings**" under different categories.
  - The Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in the national capital has been ranked third among the government institutions. Raipur's ITM University has been ranked at the top among non-residential campuses of private universities.

- **Indian Railways** launched its **Project ‘Utkrisht’** to upgrade 140 rakes of Mail/Express trains in the first phase. The project aims to do Installing ‘Swachh Rail Toilet’, Fitting of energy-efficient LED lights – in the main interior, doorway, gangway and inside toilets and Health faucets, auto janitors, odonil containers, big size mirror etc.
- To promote Khadi products, **Union Minister for Micro Small & Medium Enterprises, Shri Giriraj Singh** inaugurated a month long- **National Khadi Festival 2018 in Mumbai**. This event was organized by **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**.
  - At the Event, the various programs included were: Khadi Sangam (under which exhibitions will be organized in 300 districts to promote Khadi products), e-commerce tie-ups, designing competitions for youngsters, World Khadi Congress, Gandhi Parv.
- **IIT-Kharagpur** was named the national coordinating institute of the **Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)** under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
  - The Ministry also launched a dedicated web portal for SPARC- [www.sparc.iitkgp.ac.in](http://www.sparc.iitkgp.ac.in), which will be active from October 4 to November 15.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Veteran Kurdish leader **Barham Salih** has been elected as the President of Iraq. Iraq’s **Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK)** selected Salih to take over from Fuad Masum.
- **India** has launched a massive **operation** to provide assistance to the earthquake and tsunami victims **in Indonesia**, dispatching two aircraft and three naval ships carrying relief material to the country.
  - ‘**Operation Samudra Maitri**’ for humanitarian assistance was launched on October 1, and following Indonesia’s acceptance of international aid.

## APPOINTMENTS

- The **UNICEF** has appointed **Ravi Venkatesan** as its special representative of young people. His new role will provide strategic guidance and support UNICEF globally with high-level outreach, partnerships and scaling innovations.

- On 3rd October 2018, **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** was sworn-in as the **46th Chief Justice of India (CJI)**. Justice Ranjan Gogoi was administered the oath by President Ram Nath Kovind. He is the first Chief Justice of India from the north-east. His term will end on November 17, 2019.
- **Athlete Sanya Richards-Ross** has been named as the **event ambassador** for the **Airtel Delhi Half Marathon** that will be held on 21st October 2018. Sanya Richards-Ross is a four-time Olympic gold medalist and a seven-time medalist at the World Championships.
  - She is the fastest American woman in the history of 400m with her record of 48.70s timing set at the IAAF World Cup 2006.

## AWARDS

- **The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** has decided to award the **Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2018 with one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA) "for the directed evolution of enzymes"** and the other half jointly to **George P. Smith (USA) and Sir Gregory P. Winter (UK) "for the phage display of peptides and antibodies"**.
- US lawmakers, including four Indian Americans, have moved a resolution in the US House of Representatives to posthumously award the prestigious **Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi** in recognition of his promotion of peace and non-violence.
- UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) conferred 2018 **Nansen Refugee Award to Dr. Evan Atar Adaha** in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Evan Atar Adaha is a surgeon from South Sudan. He was awarded for his 20-year medical service to refugees of Sudan and South Sudan.

## SPORTS

- Teenage shooting star **Manu Bhaker** was named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the **3rd Youth Olympic Games** to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 6-18.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day of Non-Violence – October 2**
  - **2nd October 2018**, International Day of Non-Violence was observed throughout the world. October 2 is the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of non-violence. This day aims to propagate non-violence through education and public awareness.
  - In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 2 as International Day of Non-Violence.

  
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