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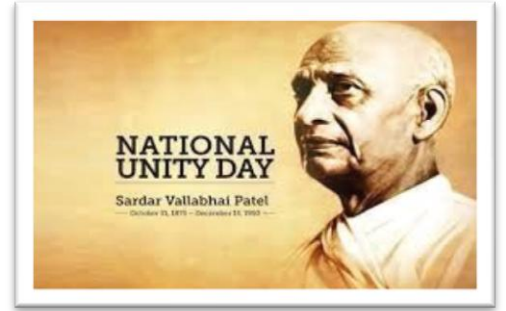
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **1st ‘Annual Senior Care Conclave – Igniting Industry for India’s Ageing Sector’** held at the **Indian Habitat** Centre in **New Delhi**. Hon’ble Minister of State for **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, Government of India, Ms. Anupriya Patel delivered the key note address and released the CII report- **“Igniting Potential in Senior Care Services”**.
 - The conclave aimed to discuss, debate and catalyze the growth of the sector by unlocking latent and potential opportunities.
- First-of-its-kind exercise **DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018**, a joint military exercise between **Indian & Japanese** Armies, commenced at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengete, **Mizoram, India**.
 - It will be a **14** days long exercise continuing till **November 14, 2018**. The respective armies were represented by: Japan: **32nd Infantry Battalion** and India: **6/1 Gorkha Rifles**.
- To promote Augmented and Virtual Reality(AR/VR) technology to drive economic growth, job creation, and skill development in the country, the **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)** formed a new industry expert committee, under its **Emerging Technology Council**, focused on **AR/VR**.
- The **3-day 13th Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee Meet** concluded at **Mantripukhari Garrison** in north **Imphal**. A **19-member** delegation consisting of officials of the Myanmar Army, police and bureaucratic departments attended the meeting. It was held under the aegis of Spear Corps of Indian Army.
- To give boost to **Malabar** tourism, the **Kerala Tourism Department** launched a **‘SMiLE Virtual Tour Guide’** site for the region in **north Kerala**. It was conceived by and executed by **Bekal Resorts Development Corporation (BRDC)** that focuses on eco-friendly and experiential tourism.
 - SMiLE is the acronym for: **‘Small and Medium Industries Leveraging Experiential’** Tourism.
- The **Maharashtra state cabinet** on cleared the decks for the **Navy’s longest-serving aircraft** carrier, **INS Viraat**, now retired, to be converted into **India’s first-ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre**.
 - The ship is the **world’s oldest aircraft carrier**, according to the Indian Navy, which bought it in 1986 and recommissioned it a year later. At present, Viraat is at Mumbai’s Naval dockyard after its decommissioning in 2017.

- **Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik** has launched ‘**Soura Jalandhi**’ scheme which aims at **increasing use of solar energy for helping farmers in irrigation**. ‘Soura Jalandhi’ is a dug well based solar pump irrigation system in convergence mode.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- To combat one of the world’s most significant causes of premature death: Air Pollution, the **3-day long 1st Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health** concluded at the **World Health Organisation**’s headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Theme of the conference was: **“Improving Air Quality, Combatting Climate Change-Saving Lives”**.
- **Nearly half a billion people in Asia are hungry** and lack access to adequate nourishing food, including in the region’s largest cities, said a new **report** by the **UN food security** agency. An estimated 486 million people remain undernourished in Asia, according to a report launched by **UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**.

ECONOMY

- **The** NBFC would focus on providing growth capital to industry with an initial focus on small and medium enterprises (SMEs). **Reserve Bank of India** gave licence to the **Kirloskar group** to launch a non-banking finance company (NBFC) named **Kirloskar Capital**.
 - It will be headed by industry veteran **Vimal Bhandari** as **CEO**.
- **India and Japan** signed a **Rs 1,817 crore** loan agreement for the construction of the **Turga pumped storage hydel power project at Purulia in West Bengal**. The project will contribute to the industrial development and living standards in the state.
 - The **Japanese Official Development Assistance loan agreement** was signed in New Delhi between **Ministry of Finance** Additional Secretary C.S. Mohapatra and **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** New Delhi Chief Representative Katsuo Matsumoto.

AWARDS

- Noted **Malayalam novelist and short story writer M Mukundan** has been selected for the **Kerala government’s** highest literary award ‘**Ezhuthachan Puraskaram**’ for this

year. The 76-year old writer has been chosen for his overall contributions to the Malayalam literature.

- Considered as one of the pioneers of modern Malayalam literature, Mukundan is known as **“Mayyazhiyude Kathakaran”**.

APPOINTMENT

- Justices **Hemant Gupta, R Subhash Reddy, M R Shah and Ajay Rastogi** were sworn in as judges of the Supreme Court. **Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi** administered oath of office to the four judges.
 - On 1st November 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind approved the promotion of these four judges as Supreme Court judges, based on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **China** has successfully launched a **high orbit satellite** to boost its home-grown **BeiDou global satellite navigation system** being built to rival United States Global Position System (GPS). The satellite was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the southwestern Sichuan Province.
 - Launched on a **Long March-3B carrier rocket, it is the 41st of the BeiDou navigation system, and will work with 16 other Beidou-3 satellites** already in orbit

SPORTS

- **Sports for Life, organisers of the World Corporate Games**, announced that the 2019 edition will be held in Qatar under the slogan **‘Qatar, where the World comes to compete’**. The 23rd edition is set to be held in November and will be the first ever to take place in the Middle East.
 - The announcement was made on the sidelines of the **Qatar-Germany Investment and Business Forum held in Berlin**.
- **Vietnam** will host a **Formula One race in April 2020**. Vietnam will be only the third Southeast Asian country to host a Formula One race, after Malaysia and Singapore. The race will be hosted in the capital **Hanoi**.

IMPORANT DAYS

- **World Vegan Day – November 1**
 - **World Vegan Day** is an annual event celebrated by vegans around the world every 1 November. The commemoration of this event began in **1994 by a UK celebrity, Louise Wallis**, who was at the time the chair of The Vegan Society.

