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NATIONAL NEWS

- The UN Postal System has issued two stamps with diyas in celebration of Diwali as "the quest for the triumph of good over evil". The stamps are in the \$1.15 denomination, which is the basic rate for international air mail letters. They are sold in sheets with 10 stamps and stickers and a large picture of the UN headquarters lit up for Diwali.
 - The stamps had been officially released last month and are now available at the UN headquarters post office and online.
- India has been elected as a member of the International Telecommunications
 Union Council (ITU) for another 4-year term from 2019 to 2022. The
 elections to the council were held during the ongoing ITU Plenipotentiary
 Conference 2018 at Dubai, UAE.
 - o India secured 165 votes and ranked third among the 13 countries elected to the council from the Asia-Australasia region, and eighth among the 48 countries elected to the council globally. The ITU has 193 member states who elect representatives to the council.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate two important national highways in Varanasi on November 12, having a total length of 34 kilometres and constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,571.95 crore. The 16.55 km Varanasi Ring Road Phase-I has been completed at a cost of Rs. 759.36 crore, while the work of four-laning and construction of 17.25 km Babatput-Varanasi road on NH-56 has cost Rs. 812.59 crore.
 - The roads have been constructed by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) under Bharatmala programme. The Babatpur Airport highway will link Varanasi to the airport and go on to Jaunpur, Sultanpur and Lucknow.
- The Women and Child Development Ministry has set up an online marketing portal for unique organic products of the women farmers and entrepreneurs from across the country, besides serving as an e-platform to bring them together and promote and celebrate their achievements.
 - Named "Mahila-E-Haat", the portal was launched ahead of the "Women of India National Organic Festival, 2018" which was organised by the

ministry to promote women entrepreneurs.

- Andhra Pradesh got around Rs. 1,255 crore World Bank loan assistance for a project aiming at enhancing agricultural productivity. The central government, state government and World Bank signed the loan agreement for a \$172.20 million project to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability and climate resilience of about two lakh poor and marginalised farmers in the state.
 - The AP Integrated Irrigation and Agriculture Transformation Project
 (APIIATP) will be implemented in rural areas largely dependent upon
 rain-fed agriculture.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- China has unveiled its new-generation stealth combat unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), stated to be the most advanced drone developed so far by the country.
 The UAV CH7 was unveiled at the Air Show China 2018 in Zhuhai, South China's Guangdong Province.
 - The CH7 makes China the second country, following the US, to produce high-altitude long-endurance combat UAVs with advanced penetration capabilities.

ECONOMY

- The Meghalaya Government announced Rs.378 crore investment in the second phase of the State's flagship aquaculture mission aimed at cutting down fish imports into the hill State.
 - The mission Meghalaya State Aqua Mission 2.0 was announced by Fisheries Minister Comingone Ymbon at the 5th state aqua festival held in Shillong at the U Soso Tham auditorium premises.
- The Reserve Bank has liberalised the norms governing foreign borrowings for infrastructure creation "in consultation with the Government".
 - As per the notification, the minimum average maturity requirement for ECBs (external commercial borrowings) in the infrastructure space raised

 by eligible borrowers has been reduced to three years from earlier five years.

- Unemployment rate in the country rose to 6.9% in October, the highest in two years, according to a report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). The estimated number of people employed during October 2018 was 397 million.
 - o This was **2.4% lower than the rate in October 2017**. Around 407 million individuals were estimated to be employed during the same period in 2017.

BOOKS

- A book on history of women's cricket in India will hit the stands on November 30. The book, titled 'The Fire Burns Blue: A History of Women's Cricket in India', is co-authored by sports journalists Karunya Keshav and Sidhanta Pathak.
 - o It would talk about the numerous "twist and turns" of women's cricket, including the early days of pioneers like Diana Eduljee and Shantha Rangaswamy in the early '70s and the stars of today like Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur.

SPORTS

- India's 10m rifle mixed team pairing of Elavenil Valarivan and Hriday Hazarika struck gold at the 11th Asian Championship with a junior world record score in the final in Kuwait city. Mehuli Ghosh and Arjun Babuta also won bronze in the same event.
- Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary set the junior world record by winning
 the 10m air pistol mixed team gold medal in the 11th Asian Airgun
 Championships. India's junior shooting squad thus ended the championship with
 a tally of 11 medals, including four gold.

Abhidnya Patil and Anmol Jain, finished fourth.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- World Legal Service Day-Nov 9
 - o Legal Services Day is used to celebrate to make all the people aware of the Functions and their activities are done by the Legal Services in the Country.
 - o The 9th of November is selected as the Legal Services Day which was first started by the Supreme Court in the year 1995 all across the India to offer help and support to the weaker and poor group of sections of people.

