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NATIONAL NEWS

- According to an annual report released by **International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC)** at the **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**, vaccinations in India are still out of reach of girls under the age of **five** in rural India. The name of the report is: 2018 Pneumonia and Diarrhea Progress Report.
 - It measures the countries via the Global Action Plan for the Prevention of Pneumonia and Diarrhea (GAPPD) score. The IVAC report does not reflect on the pneumonia vaccine introduced by India in 2017 under the universal immunisation programme.
- Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, **Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar** inaugurated **3-day Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities, 2018** event in New Delhi. It was organized by: **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)**.
 - The objective of the event is to: Leverage IT skills among youth with disabilities and Spread awareness about the application of ICT for persons with disabilities especially in Asia-Pacific region.
- Delhi government announced **“Jashn-e-Virasat-e-Urdu”**, a festival to celebrate Urdu culture and its heritage. This festival aims to promote the growth of Urdu as a language. It is a 6-day festival. It will end on November 15, 2018. It was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, at Central Park, Connaught Place, in New Delhi.
- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** gave nod to Tamil Nadu for launching its **State Shelter Fund** for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment. The fund’s name is: **Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund**. And this is the category-I Alternative Investment Fund.
 - This was announced at an event called **‘Innovative and Alternative Finance for Business and Infrastructure Development in India’**.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the **‘Bhubaneswar Me Wi-Fi’** project to make Bhubaneswar a fully Wi-Fi enabled city before the Hockey World Cup. This project has been implemented by the Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited.
 - Internet speed will be 2mbps. Each user will get 250mb free data per day.

After exceeding this limit user can pay and use the Wi-Fi.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** embarked on a seven-day 3-South African nation visit to **Botswana, Zimbabwe** and **Malawi**.
 - VP inaugurated the **13th Annual Global Expo Botswana 2018** which was held in **Gaborone, Botswana**. **Botswana** decided to join the **International Solar Alliance**

APPOINTMENT

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, appointed **3** IRS officers as the members of **CBDT**. The 3 appointments are as follows: **P K Dash, Akhilesh Ranjan** and **Neena Kumar**.
 - The other 2 members are: IRS officers **Aditya Vikram** and **P C Mody** while the board's **Chairman** is **Sushil Chandra**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **NASA's Ralph**, a space instrument, will travel with the **Lucy mission** to **Jupiter's Trojan asteroids**, in 2021. The Lucy spacecraft carries a near-twin of Ralph named **L'Ralph**. L'Ralph will investigate Jupiter's Trojan asteroids.
 - L'Ralph will detect the chemical fingerprints of Trojan asteroids. These data would be helpful in finding how organic molecules form in primitive bodies, a process that might have led to the emergence of life on Earth.
- The Army inducted new artillery guns and equipment, including **K9 Vajra** and **M777 howitzers**, at Deolali artillery centre in Nashik district, Maharashtra. **M777 American Ultra Light Howitzers** and the **K-9 Vajra** were inducted. The **'Composite Gun Towing Vehicle'** was also inducted for towing the existing guns in service with India.

AWARDS

- **Swati Chaturvedi**, an Indian freelance journalist, won the **2018 London Press Freedom Award for Courage**. She received the award at the 1st award ceremony organised by the United Kingdom chapter of Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF) or Reporters Without Borders in London.
 - She is the author of the book 'I am a Troll: Inside the Secret World of the BJP's Digital Army'.

SPORTS

- **11th Asian Air Gun championship** was held at Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Olympic Shooting Complex at Kuwait City, **in Kuwait**. India's junior shooters won a total of **11 medals**: 4 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the book '**Yoga and Mindfulness**' authored by Yoga exponent, **Ms. Mansi Gulati**, at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Conference Hall, Vice President's House, in New Delhi. This book stresses that, yoga is not just asanas, but anything you do with mindfulness and dedication is yoga.
 - It helps in understanding the philosophy behind yoga and also explains how various asanas are performed, with the help of pictures. It also lists the benefits of every asana.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **11th November** 2018, **National education day** was celebrated across India. In 2008, Central Government declared November 11 as National education day. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, freedom fighter, educationist and the first Education Minister of independent India from

1947 to 1958.

- This day recalls the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to education in India. On this day, various programmes are organized in schools throughout India.


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