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NATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a **105 million dollar** loan agreement to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in **Himachal Pradesh** for increased supply of hydropower.
 - The loan agreement was signed by Additional Secretary in the Finance Ministry **Sameer Kumar Khare**, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission, **Kenichi Yokoyama**.
- The **6th Indian Social Work** Congress was held in **New Delhi**. It was jointly organized by **National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI)** and **Department of Social Work (Delhi School of Social Work), University of Delhi**.
 - The **theme** of 6th ISWC 2018 was **“Human Development and Social Inclusion: Imperatives for Social Work Education and Practice”**.
- **India's first specialized hospital for elephants** was formally opened by Agra Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar at Farah block's Churmura village.
 - Located close to the elephant conservation and care centre, the hospital is designed to treat injured, sick or geriatric elephants and is equipped with a medical hoist for lifting elephants.
- **Nongkrem dance festival**, an annual event during which prayers are offered for good harvest, peace, and prosperity of the community was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm by the inhabitants of the **Khasi Hills, Meghalaya** recently. The unique dance is performed by the members of Hima Khyrim, a sub-tribe of the indigenous Khasi tribe.
- The **third** edition of the **India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018** got underway at **Polo 5th Ground, Shillong**. It was inaugurated by the Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma in the presence of Japanese Ambassador to India, Kenji Hiramatsu.
 - The four-day long festival is being organised by the **Forest and Environment Department, Govt of Meghalaya, Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development** in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.
- **NITI Aayog** has constituted the **‘Himalayan State Regional Council’** to ensure sustainable development of the Himalayan region. The Himalayan State Regional Council **will be chaired by the Dr VK Saraswat**, Member, NITI Aayog and will consist of the Chief Secretaries of the Himalayan States as well as the Secretaries of key Central Ministries, senior officers of NITI Aayog special invitees.
- **15-day Aadi Mahotsav festival** commenced in the national capital Delhi. It would be attended by Tribal Affairs Minister **Jual Oram**. There are 2 venues of the festival- **Delhi**

Haat and Central Park in New Delhi. It will feature exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through one hundred stalls.

○ The theme of the festival is ‘**Celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce**’.

- **26th Conference of Central and States Statistical Organizations** was held at Dharamshala in **Himachal Pradesh**, the conference took place for 2 days on 15th and 16th November. It was organized by **Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**.
 - The theme of this year’s Conference is “**Quality Assurance in Official Statistics**”.
- **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** launched the ‘**Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme**’ to provide insurance coverage to dairy farmers in the state. The government subsidized scheme, as proposed, will give insurance coverage to dairy farmers at low premium rates.
 - Moreover, farmers belonging to the general category will be getting 50% subsidy on premiums while those belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) category would get 70% subsidy on the premium.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The two-day summit to mark the **World Tolerance Day** was inaugurated in **Dubai**. Held for the first time in UAE, the **theme** of the Summit was ‘**Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration**’.
 - More than 2,000 ministers and government leaders from around the world are participating in the Summit.
- **Oxford Dictionary** has declared the adjective ‘**toxic**’ as the **Word of the Year** for what it says reflects the ethos, mood, or preoccupations in 2018. The adjective toxic is defined as ‘poisonous’. **The Oxford Word of the Year** is a word or expression that is judged to have lasting potential as a term of cultural significance.
 - The word toxic was selected from a shortlist that included contenders such as ‘gaslighting,’ ‘incel’ and ‘techlash.

APPOINTMENT

- Ms **Nina Tshering** La was appointed the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Congo**. At present Nina Tshering La is the Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Congo. She has been concurrently appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Congo, with residence in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Indian Navy successfully completed refit of **Maldivian Coast Guard Ship (MCGS) Huravee** at Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam and formally handed over the ship to Major Mohamed Jamshad, Commanding Officer MCGS Huravee.
 - The refit to MCGS Huravee is an initiative by the Indian Navy to further Indian Navy's diplomatic outreach to friendly foreign navies in the Indian Ocean Region. During the refit, major repairs were done on the ship's hull, main propulsion and auxiliaries.

AWARDS

- **Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati**, Director, **Blue Bells Group of Schools** has been conferred with the coveted **Global Education Leaders Award 2018** by His Highness **Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan**, member of the **Cabinet and Minister of State for Tolerance, UAE**.
 - The event was held **at The Atlantis**, Dubai in the presence of His Excellency **Navdeep Singh Suri**, Indian Ambassador to UAE, **Mr. Manpreet Singh Badal**, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Govt. of Punjab.

SPORTS

- **Aabid Hameed**, a 15-year-old Kashmiri, was the shining light at the recently concluded **World Kickboxing Championship in Argentina** when he became the lone gold medal winner (junior category, 55 kg) for India.
 - Aabid was a part of the nine-member Indian contingent which went to the South-American country for the Championship.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day for Tolerance – 16 November**
 - **The World Tolerance Summit (WTS) 2018** was inaugurated on **November 16 in Dubai, UAE**. The **theme** of the summit was '**Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration**'.
 - The two-summit is the biggest gathering of government leaders, ambassadors, change-makers and key figures from the public and private sectors.