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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **Qaumi Ekta Week** will be observed across the country from 19 November to foster and reinforce the spirit of communal harmony and national integration. The observation of the week will help to highlight the inherent strength and resilience of the nation to withstand actual and potential threats to the eclectic and secular fabric of the country. As part of the week-long programmes, **19 November** will be observed as **National Integration Day**. The **last day of the Qaumi Ekta Week will be observed as Conservation Day**.
  - **The National Foundation for Communal Harmony**, an autonomous organisation with **the Ministry of Home Affairs**, organises Communal Harmony Campaign coinciding with the Qaumi Ekta Week and observes the **Communal Harmony Flag Day on 25th November**.
- The 2-day **1st Indo-Japan Business Council- KONNICHI WA PUNE** concluded in **Pune, Maharashtra**. It was organized by the **Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC)**. The festival aimed to boost investment, promote businesses and cultural exchange between India and Japan.
  - Maharashtra has emerged as one of the top destinations for the Japanese companies operating **750** out of the total **1309** Japanese firms in the country.
- Punjab becomes 3rd Indian state after Maharashtra and Gujarat to permanently ban Hookah bars or lounges. The ban was announced after President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to a bill passed by Punjab state assembly.
- The government has approved three new proposals – **fast-track special courts, procurement of forensic kits in sexual assault cases and setting up video surveillance system at 50 railway stations** under the **Nirbhaya Fund**. The decision was taken by the Empowered Committee of Officers headed by Women and Child Development Ministry (WCD) Secretary **Rakesh Srivastava**.
  - **Nirbhaya Fund** is an Indian rupee **10 billion corpus** announced by Government of India in its **2013 Union Budget**.
- The 14th edition of international children's theatre festival, '**Jashne Bachpan**', was **inaugurated in New Delhi**. The plays will be performed in vernacular languages like Bengali, Marathi, Assamese, and Malayalam besides non-verbal, English, Hindi and other foreign languages.
- **Indo-Japan Business Council's Business Festival** recently held in **Pune**. The Indo-

Japan Business Council (IJBC), hosted **KONNICHI WA PUNE** – a first of its kind business festival in Pune. The festival was aimed to boost investment, promote businesses and cultural exchange between India and Japan.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The Bahrain government will sign an agreement with India early next year for cooperation in **space technology**. It was announced by **Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohammed**, Minister for Transportation and Telecommunications, Bahrain.
  - The agreement will be mainly **for training purposes** and both countries will cooperate.
- **French President Emmanuel Macron** and **Morocco's King Mohammed VI** have inaugurated **Morocco's first high-speed rail line**, the first ever such line in Africa. Known as the **LGV**, it will connect the economic hubs of Tangier and Casablanca in 2 hours 10 minutes at a speed of up to 320 kph (199 mph) instead of almost 5 hours on a regular train.
  - The king named the first line **Al Boraq** after a mythical winged creature that transported the prophets to the heavens.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The 0.7 m GROWTH-India telescope located at Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh has made its first observation which is a **follow-up study of a nova explosion**. The GROWTH-India is a part of multi-country collaborative initiative known as **Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen (GROWTH)** to observe transient events in the Universe.
  - GROWTH-India is India's first fully robotic telescope designed to capture cosmic events.

## APPOINTMENT

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi headed Appointments **Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** appointed **IRS officer Sanjay Kumar Mishra** as the full-time **chief** of the **Enforcement Directorate (ED)** for **2** years. Earlier in October 27, 2018, he was appointed as the

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**principal special director** in the central probe agency and was entrusted with the “additional” charge of ED director for three months.

- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi named 1985-batch IAS from West Bengal cadre **Sumanta Chaudhuri** as the **new Coal Secretary**. He replaced **Inder Jit Singh**.

## AWARDS

- UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group) conferred “**Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award**” on Rajasthan Chief Minister **Vasundhara Raje** for providing Rajmail email service for citizens of Rajasthan in local script.

## SPORTS

- German Player Alexandar Zverev beat Serbian player Novak Djokovic by a margin of 6-4 and 6-3 to win the ATP World Tour Finals in London. Alexander Zverev is now the first German to win ATP Singles title since Boris Becker did it in 1995.
  - The ATP world tour season features only the world’s best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **AYUSH Ministry Celebrating First Naturopathy Day**
  - The AYUSH Ministry is celebrating its **first Naturopathy Day** across the country on November 18, 2018. The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy is organising health camps, workshops and exhibitions in association with local naturopathy centres and hospitals.
  - More than 1,000 Naturopathy specialist doctors from all over the country participated in the event, which was organised by **International Naturopathy Organisation in association with Ministry of Ayush**.