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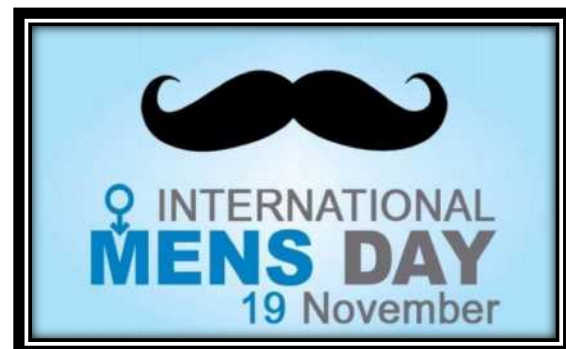
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **50th Union World Conference on Lung Health** will be held in **Hyderabad** next year. The conference '**Ending the Emergency: Science, Leadership, Action**' which will be held from October 30 to November 2 next year, the **International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease** said.
 - The meeting culminated in a political declaration signed by world leaders committed to ending tuberculosis by 2030. **The Indian government has committed to eliminate TB in India by 2025.**
- **Manipur Tourism** is once again returning with one of their most important yearly event, the **Manipur Sangai Festival**. Celebrated each year, this is one of the most popular festivals of India.
 - **Manipur Sangai Festival 2018** will be celebrated from November 21 to November 30, and it was first celebrated in the year 2010.
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** launched month-long **Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan** or Women Empowerment campaign in **Lucknow**. It is aimed to empower women in the state through various programmes including education, **self-employment, health, cleanliness, nutrition.**
 - For the awareness of the campaign, women officers and female staff of the state government will go door-to-door in villages to educate women about the schemes.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the **Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects in 65 Geographical Areas (GAs) in 129 Districts** under the 9th CGD Bidding Round recently awarded by **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)**, remotely from Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** signed a memorandum of understanding with the **IIM Calcutta Innovation Park** to help facilitate incubation of start-ups primarily in the **Eastern and North Eastern states**. It will primarily be focusing on developing start-up ecosystems that make a socio-economic impact in the **eastern and north eastern states**.
- Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the extension of the term of the Commission examining the issue of **Sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (in the Central List)** for **six months beyond 30th November, 2018 and till 31st May 2019.**
- Himachal Pradesh cabinet gave an approval to **Sashakt Mahila Yojna** that aims to empower rural women. The scheme also envisages to link rural women with sustainable

livelihood opportunities and improve their skills.

- The main aim is to empower rural women by providing them an interface for organization and socio-economic development.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Australia** signed five agreements to boost **investments and enhance cooperation** during President Ram Nath Kovind's visit to the country and he had also unveiled the statue of **Mahatma Gandhi** at Parramatta in Sydney. Kovind, the first Indian head of state to visit the country, held talks with Australian Prime Minister **Scott Morrison** in Sydney to step up bilateral strategic ties.
 - The agreements were signed in the field of **disability sector, education, trade-investment, scientific cooperation, agriculture and on higher education focussing on PhD** by both the nations.
- The 12th world congress of the **International Society for Mountain Medicine (ISMM)** will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal. "**Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas**" will be the theme of 4 day congress. The program includes many aspects of **mountain medicine**, from science through to expedition medicine.
 - The biennial event mainly focuses on science and research aspects of high altitude medicine. It will also include practical workshops related to **trekking, expedition medicine and clinical education.**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Google's Next Billion Users (NBU)** team announced the national roll-out of its **Neighbourly app** in **Delhi and Bangalore**. It will help people by sourcing local information from their neighbors about their neighbourhood in an easier way. The full-fledged app offers services in **8** vernacular languages and is a targeted app with a geographic radius between **1 to 5 km**.
- Researchers, headed by **IIT Professor Shiv Govind Singh**, at Indian **Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad**, developed smartphone-based system to detect adulteration in milk. This could be done by using an indicator paper that changes colour according to acidity which further can be incorporated with algorithms on a smartphone to accurately detect the colour change.

APPOINTMENT

- Tanzanian biologist **Joyce Msuya** has been appointed as acting Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**) after the resignation of Erik Solheim. Erik Solheim resigned from the post of Executive director of UNEP following an internal audit report that said he had gobbled up **\$500,000** in unnecessary and budgeted travel expenses in **just 22 months**.
- Facebook-owned Messaging Company WhatsApp has appointed **Abhijit Bose**, co-founder and CEO of Payment device maker Ezetap as the head of WhatsApp India.

AWARDS

- The Manipal Academy of Higher Education won **silver** in the **International Green Apple Award** for **environmental best practice 2018**. The award was received by **Derrick I Joshua**, assistant direct director, environment sustainability, MAHE at a ceremony at at a ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, London.
- **The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)** has been selected among the winners of the **Asia Environment Enforcement Awards** for its work in combating trans-boundary environmental crime, Union Environment Minister **Harsh Vardhan** said. This is the **second** time in a row that the awards are being given by **UN Environment to India**.
 - **WCCB** is a statutory multi-disciplinary body established by the government **under the Environment Ministry** to combat organized wildlife crime in the country.
 - The prestigious **International James Dyson award 2018** was won by **Nicolas Orellana of Chile** and **Yaseen Noorani from Kenya** for their innovative design 'Urban wind turbine' called **O-Wind Turbine**. It would help cities to harness energy to produce electricity and was inspired from NASA's Mars Tumbleweed Rover
 - It is a sphere shaped object with vents that spins and **converts the power of the wind into electricity**.


SPORTS

- LI NING BWF World Junior Championship was organized at **Markham, Canada** in which India's top Junior Shuttle **Lakshya Sen** won the **bronze medal** in Men's Single event.
 - Lakshya Sen lost 22-20, 16-21, 13-21 to Thailand's **Kunlavut Vitidsarn** in the semi-

final of the men's single junior championship on 17th November 2018.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Africa Industrialization Day (AID) celebrated on November 20**
 - The 2018 Africa Industrialization Day was celebrated at **United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)'s headquarters in Vienna**, with an event organized by UNIDO with the support of the **United Nations Office of the Secretary-General, the UN Economic Commission on Africa (UNECA), and the African Union Commission (AUC)**.
 - It focused on the context of the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). It was first established in **1989** by UNGA to raise awareness about the importance of Africa's industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent.
 - The Theme for the 2018 edition is: **"Promoting Regional Value Chains in Africa: A pathway for accelerating Africa's structural transformation, industrialization and pharmaceutical production"**


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