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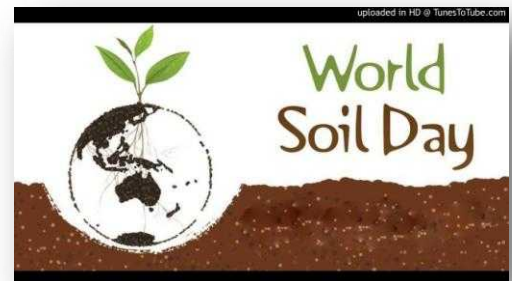
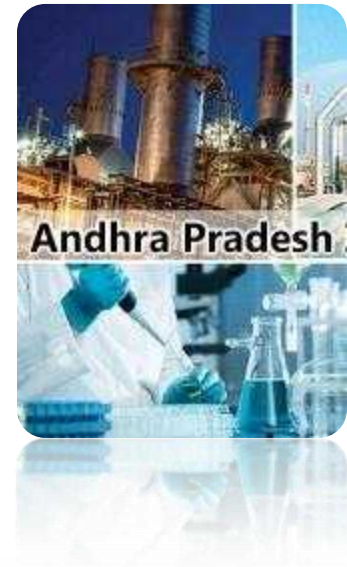
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **80th** Session of the three-day **Policy Commission of the World Customs Organisation (WCO)** will begin in **Mumbai**. Issues like trade facilitation and controlling illicit financial flow will be discussed during the three-day event, the opening session of which will be addressed by Union Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley**.
- **The Nagaland government** has inked a MoU with **Estonian academy** to enlighten the state people on the **e-governance models prevailing in the world**. The main objective of the **five-year agreement** with the e-Governance Academy of Estonia is to work together **to develop and expand scientific collaboration** on setting up e-Governance Academy in Nagaland.
 - The day long e-Naga Summit was held on the theme, **“Building IT infrastructure to make the state of Nagaland the next IT hub of South-East Asia”**.
- **Residents of Maharashtra** can now inspect government records in district-level offices and local bodies under the **Right to Information (RTI) Act for two hours**.
 - The move is aimed at increasing transparency and to cut down the number of RTI applications and appeals in the government offices.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** Governor Satya Pal Malik has launched the ambitious **“Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)”** scheme which would benefit over 31 lakh residents in the state.
 - The AB-PMJAY is the **world’s largest healthcare scheme** which aims at providing portable coverage of **Rs 5 lakh per entitled family annually**.
- **The Centre** has proposed prohibition **of the use of animals for performances, exhibition at any circus or mobile entertainment facilities**, a move hailed by animal rights activists as “progressive and laudable”.
 - In the **Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001, under rule 13**, the following shall be added 13A– prohibition on exhibiting and training of animals for specified performances. No animals shall be used for any performances or exhibition at any circus or mobile entertainment facility.
- **The Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF)** is in India for a bilateral air exercise - **SHINYUU Maitri 18** with **Indian Air Force** from 03-07 December at **A F Station Agra**. The theme of the exercise is **‘Joint Mobility/Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) on Transport aircraft’**.
 - The focus of the exercise is set for the IAF and JASDF crews to undertake Joint Mobility/HADR operations. Display of heavy loading/ off loading are also planned to be practiced during this exercise.
- With an aim at creating awareness about various schemes of the state government and improve transparency in distribution of individual and social benefits, chief minister **Naveen Patnaik announced PEETHA initiative**.
 - The PEETHA initiative is part of the Ama Gaon... **Ama Bikash (AGAB) programme**, perceived to be the largest people-connect programme of the Naveen Patnaik

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government.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **H.E. Mr. Teodor Melescanu**, Foreign Minister of **Romania** visited India, recently. In the discussions, External Affairs Minister, **Smt. Sushma Swaraj**, highlighted the constructive cooperation between the two countries **on international and bilateral issues**.
 - During the visit, Romania will formally open its **Honorary Consulate** in Chennai. Romania will take over the **Presidency of the European Council in January 2019**.

ECONOMY

- **The government** has constituted a six-member **committee** to look at selling as many as **149** small and marginal oil and gas fields of state-owned ONGC and OIL to private and foreign companies to boost domestic output.
 - The panel is headed by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar.
- **The Economic Development Board (EDB)**, the investment promotion arm of the Kingdom of Bahrain signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) **with the Maharashtra Government** to provide a framework for Co-operation between the two authorities to promote FinTech in their respective markets.
 - This MoU is in line with the EDB's aims of exploring greater synergies between India and Bahrain in the financial technology space and will last for an initial period of three years.

AWARDS

- **Hussain** received a '**Hero to Animals Award**' by **the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)** India for saving the lives of humans and animals by banning all forms of manja throughout the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
 - In July, Hussain called for a complete ban on the sale, production, storage and import of Chinese 'manja', saying these sharp-edged threads not only hurt birds but also children.
- **Luka Modric won the Ballon d'Or award for the first time**, ending the 10-year dominance of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. Modric won the Champions League with Real Madrid and then guided Croatia to the World Cup final in July. He was voted player of the tournament.

APPOINTMENTS

- **The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)** announced the appointment of Jon Ridgeon as its new CEO following approval by the IAAF Council on the

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first day of its 215th Council Meeting in Monaco. Ridgeon will take up the new role in March 2019.

- **Shri Ravindra Kumar Verma** has assumed the charge as **Technical Member in the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL)**, Ministry of Power for a period of 03 years. Hon'ble **Mrs. Justice Manjula Chellur**, Chairperson, APTEL administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy to Shri Ravindra Kumar Verma.

SPORTS

- **Rajasthan's Maheshwari Chauhan** retained her women's skeet title at the **62nd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC)** for shotgun events. Maheshwari got the better of Punjab's Ganemat Sekhon. The bronze medal was won by Punjab's Simran Preet Kaur Johal.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The book '**Modiraj Main Kisan, Double Aamad Ya Double afat**' is authored by **Swaraj India President Yogendra Yadav**.
 - It was launched by agricultural economist **Ashok Gulati** and the Punjab State Farmers' and Farm Workers' Commission Chairman **Ajay Vir Jakhar** among others.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Indian Navy Day- 4th of December**
 - **Navy day is observed on 4th of December** every year to celebrate the achievements, and role of the naval force in protecting and guarding the the country. Navy Day is celebrated in memory of the strength and bravery of the Indian Navy who won the Indo-Pak war in 1971.
 - The theme for this year is '**Indian Navy, Mission-deployed and Combat-ready.**'