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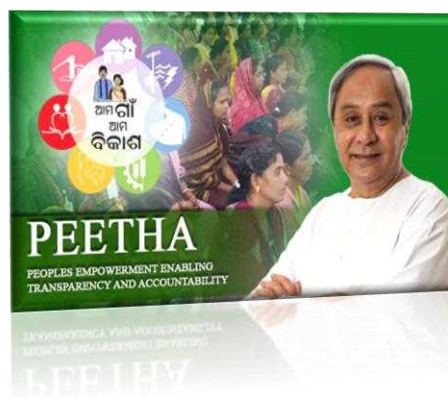
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **India** is the **fourth** highest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world, accounting for 7 percent of global emissions in 2017, according to a study by Global Carbon Project on 06th December 2018.
  - The top 10 emitters were **China, the US, the EU, India, Russia, Japan, Germany, Iran, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.**
- Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the **19th All India Police (AIPDM) Shooting Competition-2018** at Manesar, **Gurugram in Haryana.** The competition will continue till 11th of this month.
- Minister for Electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched **National Challenge – ‘Ideate for India – creative solutions using technology’** for school students in **New Delhi.** The challenge will help empower the youth to become the next generation of innovators and technology creators.
  - **‘Ideate For India’** national challenge is a joint collaboration between **National e-governance Division and Intel India.**
- **Odisha’s Kandhamal Haldi** (turmeric), famous for its healing properties, is a few steps away from receiving GI tag as the Geographical Indications Journal has advertised its application seeking objections.
  - ‘Kandhamal Haldi’ was accepted under sub-section (1) of **Section 13 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.**
- **Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland, Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson,** arrived in India on an eight-day visit to the country. Thordarson is scheduled to address the **Iceland-India Business Seminar at The Oberoi hotel in New Delhi.**
  - On December 8, the Icelandic Foreign Minister will meet External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** at the Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan and hold talks over bilateral issues.
- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has approved the **Agriculture Export Policy, 2018** with an aim to **double farmers’ income by 2022.** Exports of agricultural products would play a pivotal role in achieving this goal.
  - **The Agriculture Export Policy** has the vision to harness the export potential of Indian agriculture, through suitable policy instruments, to make India global power in agriculture and raise farmers’ income.

- Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister laid the

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Foundation stone of **Pusa Kisan Haat** in Indian Council of Agricultural Research's (ICAR) Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) in **New Delhi**.

- To share knowledge on principles of welfare of bears and other wild animals in zoos, sanctuaries and rescue centres, a four day **1st International Conference on Bears** commenced **in Agra, Uttar Pradesh**. It concluded on December 6, 2018.
- According to **Oxford Economics** report, the top 10 fastest growing cities in the world from **2019 to 2035 are in India**. Gujarat's **Surat** tops the list followed by Uttar Pradesh's **Agra**.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Dubai Crown Prince Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum** has launched the **largest Arabic audio library in the world**.
  - The **Dubai Audio Library**, which targets seven million visually impaired people in the Arab world, was an initiative undertaken by the **Roads and Transport Authority (RTA)** in collaboration with the website Bookshare.org.
- **Luxembourg** is set to become the **first country in the world to make all its public transport free**. Fares on trains, trams and buses will be lifted next summer under the plans of the re-elected coalition government led by **Xavier Bettel**, who was sworn in for a second term as prime minister recently.

## ECONOMY

- **Media consumption in India** grew at an annual per capita rate of **9 per cent** over the last six years, far outpacing the US and China in this regard, according to a joint report released by the **Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)** and the **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)**.
  - Although the country's rate of media consumption was at twice the pace of China and nine times that in the US, there is "ample headroom" in India for growth to continue, said the report titled "**One Consumer, Many Interactions**", released at the **7th CII Big Picture Summit in New Delhi**.

## AWARDS

- Nobel Prize laureate **Malala Yousafzai** has been honoured by **Harvard University** for her global work promoting girls education.
  - The 21-year-old received the **2018 Gleitsman Award** from the Centre for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School for her global movement to equip girls with 12 years of free, quality and safe education.
- **The Hungarian capital city of Budapest** was awarded the **IAAF World Athletics Championships in 2023 at the IAAF Council in Monaco** which means the World Championships will return to European soil after a six year hiatus following Doha in 2019 and Eugene in 2021.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Prominent **Indian-origin lawyer Shamila Batohi** has been appointed to head **South Africa's prosecuting authority, the first woman to head the agency** facing criticism for its handling of the investigations against former president Jacob Zuma over corruption charges.
  - Batohi will start her new role as the **National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP)** in February 2019.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** approved the appointment of **Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian** as the new **Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)** for a term of three years.
  - This comes nearly six months after former CEA Arvind Subramanian stepped down from the post.

## SPORTS

- Rajasthan's **Maheshwari Chauhan** retained her **women's skeet title** at the **62nd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC)** for **shotgun** events in Jaipur.
  - The **bronze medal** was won by **Punjab's Simran Preet Kaur Johal**, who later picked up three gold in other events.
- **Italy** won the Ninth edition of International **Admiral's Cup Regatta 2018** with their consistent performance in all races held in **Ettikulam Beach at Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala**.
  - **Singapore** was the runners-up and the defending champion **USA** came on the third spot.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Civil Aviation Day- December 7**
  - **International Civil Aviation Day** is annually observed **December 7** to raise awareness of the importance of international civil aviation and the role that the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** plays in international air transport.
  - The current **theme** for International Civil Aviation Day is **“Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left behind,”**.

  
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