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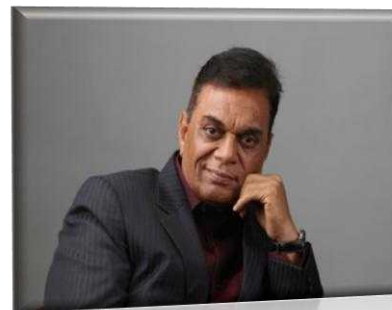
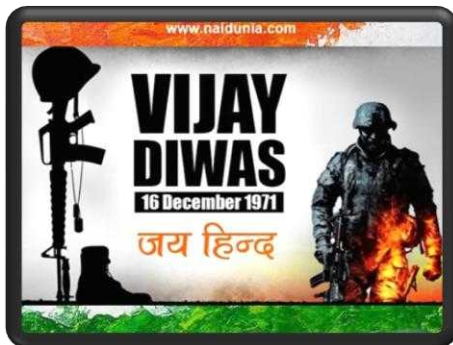
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Maldives' new President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih** arrived in New Delhi on a three-day state visit during which he will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi aimed at strengthening bilateral ties.
 - Solih, who surprisingly defeated Maldivian strongman Abdulla Yameen in polls in September, arrived in New Delhi on his first foreign visit after assuming office and was received by Union minister Hardeep S Puri.
- Ministry of Railways under **Piyush Goyal** decided to give a discount of 25 per cent on existing haulage rate per **Twenty Feet Equivalent Unit (TEU)** on the transport of empty containers as well empty flat container wagons.
- The first ever two days, **National Workshop on Explosive Detection (NWED -2018)** was held at High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (**HEMRL**) Pune, Maharashtra.
 - Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) Chief **Atulchandra Kulkarni** was the chief guest of the workshop.
- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH **Shri Shripad Yesso Naik** and Union Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) **Dr. Jitendra Singh** laid the foundation stone of **Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plants (IHAMP)** with an estimated cost of Rs. 100 crore at Bhaderwah in District Doda in Jammu & Kashmir.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Union Minister of **Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation**, Suresh Prabhu announced to set up a **National Medical Devices Promotion Council** under the **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)** in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
 - The President said the **"Year of Tolerance" will be an extension of the "Year of Zayed"**, as it upholds the values of tolerance and coexistence that the late **Sheikh Zayed** established among the people of the UAE.
- **Australia** became one of the few countries to formally recognize **West Jerusalem** as the capital of **Israel** however it will not move its embassy from Tel Aviv until a peace settlement is reached.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- As part of its proposed manned space mission, **India will launch the Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS)** to improve data relay and communication links with its remote sensing/earth observation satellites.
 - The two-satellite IDRSS will maintain continuous communication link with India's

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remote sensing/earth observation satellites and also with the **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV Mk III)** that would carry three Indian astronauts to the space in 2022.

APPOINTMENT

- Sri Lanka's ousted Prime Minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe** was sworn into office again, two months after being removed by the President **Maithripala Sirisena**, thus bringing an end to weeks-long political crisis in the country.

AWARDS

- **Indian-American Shree Saini** has been crowned Miss India Worldwide 2018 at 27th annual global pageant held in the Fords City of **New Jersey**. It is Organised by the New York-based India Festival Committee (IFC).
 - **Sakshi Sinha** from Australia was declared as the first runner up.
- **Producer Ashok Amritraj** was honoured with the French Knight of the National Order of Merit for his contribution to the world of cinema and Indo-French film industry.

SPORTS

- **Ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu** lifted the prestigious season-ending **World Tour Finals trophy at Guangzhou, China**. The Olympic silver medallist defeated Japan's Nozomi Okuhara 21-19, 21-17 in the summit clash.
 - **PV Sindhu becomes first Indian to lift Badminton** World Federation World Tour Finals title.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Vijay Diwas-December 16**
 - The nation celebrated **Vijay Diwas** to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in 1971 war – the war for the Independence of Bangladesh from Pakistan.
 - A 72-member delegation of war veterans and **Mukti Jodhas**, led by parliamentarian **Ms. Quazi Rosy** from Bangladesh are taking part in Vijay Diwas celebrations.