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## NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India**, along with the **World Health Organization** organized the “**4th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices “Increasing access to medical devices”**” to be held in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India**.
- **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)** signed a MoU with **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd** for training rural youth for skill development under **Deendayal upadhyaya grameen kaushalya yojana (Ddu-Gky)**.
  - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU–GKY) is the flagship placement linked skill-training programme under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).
- **ISRO launched its military communication satellite GSAT-7A from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**. The satellite GSAT-7A is the 35th Indian communication satellite weighing 2,250 kg.
  - GSAT-7A will be the **first** satellite built primarily for the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** to qualitatively unify its assets and improve combined, common intelligence during operations.
- The ninth meeting of the **India-Republic of Korea (ROK/ South Korea) Joint Commission** will be held in **New Delhi** during the South Korean Foreign Minister **Kang Kyung-wha**’s official two-day from December 18 to 19 in New Delhi.
- A mobile application “**Chuppi Tod**” (**break your silence**) was launched in **Patna** to fight the rampant social evil of child marriage and sexual harassment.
  - Launched by noted women rights campaigner **Prashanti Tiwari**, the application will educate women and girls on the evils of sexual harassment and child marriage.
- **The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** ordered creation of a 12 member committee of senior officials chaired by **S K Dash** for a fresh cadre review and restructuring of the Income Tax Department.
  - The decision was taken by the government with a aim to create a “**caring but strict**” direct taxes regime in the country.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Merriam-Webster** has declared '**Justice**' as the **2018 Word Of The Year**. As per Merriam-Webster says, the word 'Justice' is used in many phrases like racial justice, social justice and obstruction of justice.
- **WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2018** has been released and **India has ranked 108th** in World Economic Forum (WEF) same as the previous year 2017 at 108th. Iceland holds the top spot in the index for the 10th consecutive year.
  - Philippines tops in Asia in the World Economic Forum's latest gender equality rating and ranked 8th worldwide.

## APPOINTMENT

- **The interim chief of Central Bureau Investigation (CBI) M Nageswara Rao** was promoted to the rank of an **Additional Director** by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet**.
- **Ashok Kumar** was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Djibouti**. He is presently **Joint Secretary** in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Mohinder Pratap Singh was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Mongolia**. He is presently Director at Headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs.

## AWARDS

- **United Nations Human Rights Prize for 2018**, was posthumously awarded to **Pakistan's** iconic human rights activist and lawyer **Asma Jahangir**, the award was received by her daughter, **Munizae**, at an impressive ceremony in the General Assembly hall of United Nations in New York.

## SPORTS

- The **37th Senior National Rowing Championship** began in the Army **Rowing Node in Pune**. Around 500 rowers and coaches from various rowing associations across the country are taking part in the Championship.
  - The Rowers for the World Championships-2019 will be selected from this event. World Championship -2019 is the first qualifying Championship for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Goa celebrated 57th Liberation Day**
  - On December 19, 2018, **57th Goa Liberation Day** was celebrated. Goa Liberation Day programme was held in **Panaji** in North Goa.
  - Goa was liberated on 19th December 1961, from around 450 years of Portuguese rule. In 1987 Goa was separated from Daman and Diu and made a full-fledged state.