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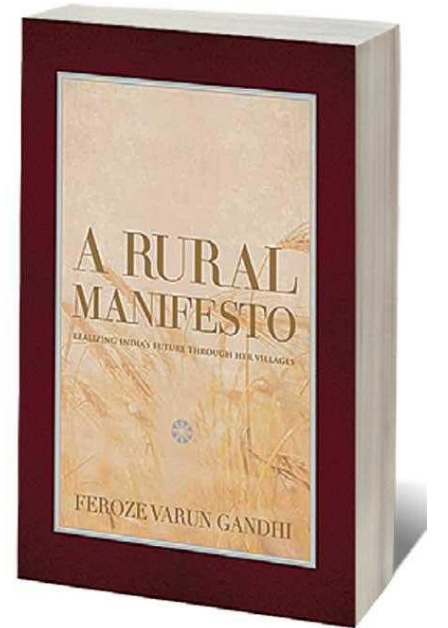
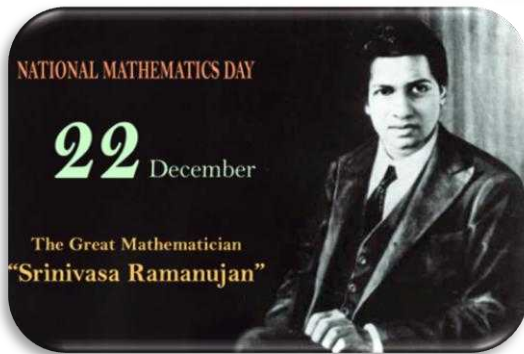
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Defence Minister **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** launched the **Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR)** at Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) Gurugram.
  - The IFC-IOR is aimed to engage with partner nations to develop maritime domain awareness and share information on vessels of interest in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, on his first visit to Karimnagar, inaugurated the **Centre of Excellence Genetic Blood Disorders** at the Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences **in Karimnagar, Telangana**.
  - This centre will work on Sickle Cell Anaemia, Thalassemia and Other Genetic Blood Disorders. India has the largest number of children with Thalassemia major in the world.
- **Minister of State for the Women and Child Development Ministry Virendra Kumar** released the performance of states and UTs under the maternity benefit programme named **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana**.
  - **Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh** topped the charts as the best performing states.
- **Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu** have emerged as **top performing states in Niti Aayog's SDG India index 2018**, which evaluates progress in social, economic and environmental terms.
  - Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are the worst performing states in the government think tank's first of its kind India Index for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
- The **55th SKOCH Summit** was held in Constitution Club of India, **New Delhi**. It was hosted by **SKOCH group**, the think tank for socio-economic issues with focus on inclusive growth.
  - A book titled **India 2030** was also released on the occasion. West Bengal won **31 SKOCH** awards for its performance in different fields.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Burundi** confirmed the small central city of **Gitega the country's new political capital**. The previous capital Bujumbura, on the north-eastern shore of Lake Tanganyika, became a country's economic capital.
- **Indians** placed at **12th rank in the "misperception index"** according to the MORI Perils of Perception Survey 2018, done by Ipsos India, an independent market research company.
  - It behind several countries like, Italy, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Chile and Argentina, among others.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **India** successfully test-fired its nuclear-capable long-range Inter Continental Ballistic Missile **Agni-IV**, with a strike range of **4,000 km**. The test was part of a user trial by the Army.
  - The strategic **surface-to-surface missile** was flight tested from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at **Dr Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha** coast. Agni-IV missile is equipped with advanced Avionics, 5th generation On Board Computer and distributed architecture.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **The Ministry of External Affairs** in New Delhi appointed **Mohinder Pratap Singh as the next Ambassador of India to Mongolia**. He is presently Director at the headquarters of the ministry.
- **Fencing Association of India (FAI) president Rajeev Mehta** has been made the head of the South Asian body for a four-year term. FAI secretary general Bashir Ahmed Khan will also hold a similar post at the **South Asian Fencing Federation**.

## AWARDS

- Former Prime Minister **Dr Manmohan Singh** received **South Indian Education Society (SIES) Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati National Eminence Award** as part of the Kanchi Mahaswami festival. He was awarded for his contribution to the field of public leadership.

## SPORTS

- Pune woman **Vedangi Kulkarni**, 20, became the **fastest Asian** to cycle the globe. She spent **159** days peddling up to **300 km** a day in **14** countries.
  - **British adventurer Jenny Graham**, 38, is the **fastest woman** to have cycled the globe in 124 days in 2018.



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