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NATIONAL NEWS

- One of the earliest **Buddhist settlements in Odisha, Lalitgiri**, where excavations have yielded ancient seals and inscriptions, has been converted into a museum. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the museum through video conference **from Bhubaneswar**.
 - It became the **third site museum of the Bhubaneswar circle** of the **Archaeological Survey of India** after Ratnagiri and Konrak.
- **The country's first music museum** will be set up with assistance from the Central government **in Thiruvaiyaru, Tamilnadu**, the birth place of **Saint Tyagaraja, one of the Trinities of Carnatic music**.
 - **The Tyagaraja Aaradhana Music Festival** which is held annually in January in Thiruvaiyaru attracts musical talents from all over the world.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative **Rs 100 coin** in memory of former prime minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
 - The coin was released on commemoration of the birth anniversary of the late Pm on December 25, which is also celebrated as 'Good Governance Day'.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the website for the **Cyber Coordination Centre** on the concluding day of 3-Day **Conference of Director Generals of Police**, which was organized at Kevadiya in **Narmada** district of **Gujarat**.
 - It would also act as bridge between law enforcement agencies on the one hand, and academia and private cyber security professionals on the other.
- **Sahitya Kala Parishad**, Department of Art, Culture and Languages, **Government of Delhi**, organized the sixth edition of five-day long **Yuva Natya Samaroh** at Kamani Auditorium in New Delhi. The event will conclude on 26th December.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Scientists have created the **world's smallest tic-tac-toe board using dynamic DNA origami tiles** microscopic organic structures that can be programmed to transform into predesigned patterns.
 - The team from **California Institute of Technology in the US** had earlier used DNA origami to create tiles that could be designed to self-assemble into larger nanostructures that carry predesigned patterns.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **SpaceX** launched the U.S. Air Force's newest '**GPS III**' satellite on a **Falcon 9** rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, USA. This GPS 3 satellite replaces an aging **GPS 2R** spacecraft launched in 1997.
 - The solar-powered spacecraft, dubbed "**Vespucci**," is the company's first official "**National Security Space**" mission. It was competed through the Air Force's Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program.

APPOINTMENTS

- United States President **Donald Trump** announced through a tweet that Defence Secretary **Jim Mattis** will be replaced by his deputy **Patrick Shanahan** as acting Pentagon chief on **January 1**, 2019 the date which is two months earlier than planned.

AWARDS

- **Lewis Hamilton** was awarded with **Drivers' Driver of the Year** after claiming the **5th World Drivers' Championship**. After this he became the **3rd** man in history to secure the 5th world title.

SPORTS

- **Spain's Real Madrid** won the Club World Cup for a **third consecutive year**, and record **fourth** in total, by beating Abu Dhabi side **Al Ain** in the final.
 - Real now hold the record for **most victories** in the competition, which was first held in **2000**, moving one clear of Spanish rivals Barcelona.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National farmers' day on 23rd December**
 - **National Farmer's Day (NFD)** was celebrated throughout the country to acknowledge the role of farmers in India's socio-economic development and to mark the birth anniversary of Indian farmer's leader and 5th Prime Minister of India **Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh**.
 - This day which is also observed as **KisanDiwas** is celebrated across the nation every year with the focus on the upliftment of the status of farmers.



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