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#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

- The four day long 12th Annual Indian Subcontinent Decision Sciences Institute (ISDSI) conference commenced in SPJIMR, Mumbai.
  - The theme of this international conference is "Data Driven Decision Making in the Digital Age".
- The NITI Aayog ranked Jharkhand's Pakur district the worst and Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar the best among the nation's 111 backward districts. The "Transformation of Aspirational Districts" programme aims to quickly and effectively transform some of the most underdeveloped districts of the country.
  - The second "delta ranking" of backward districts which the NITI Aayog
    has dubbed as aspirational districts was released by its CEO Amitabh
    Kant, reflecting the incremental progress made by the districts between
    June and October.
- In Assam, the third Dwijing Festival has begun on the bank of Aye river at Chirang district. Adventure sports, food mart, cultural events, traditional games are being organized in the 12 daylong event. Participants from Thailand, Bhutan and Bangladesh are also taken part in the festival.
  - Assam Public Health Engineering (PHE) minister Rihon Daimary inaugurated the festival in presence of several dignitaries.
- The 26th National Childres's Science Congress has been inaugurated by the Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik in Bhubaneswar. Inaugurating the Congress session, Shri Patnaik has said that the progress of science is essential for the National growth and healthy Nation.
- Andhra Pradesh's very own High Court will begin functioning from January 1.
   The Ministry of Law and Justice notified the constitution of the High Court in Amaravati.
  - President Ram Nath Kovind signed a notification in this regard. Andhra Pradesh High Court will be the 25th High Court in the country.

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Israel's parliament, the Knesset, approved of a law to permit exports of medical marijuana. This made Israel the 3rd country after the Netherlands and Canada, to take its medical cannabis global.
- An American adventurer has become the first person to complete a solo trek across Antarctica without assistance of any kind. **Mr Colin O'Brady**, 33, took 54 days to complete the nearly 1,600km crossing of the frozen continent from north to south.

#### **ECONOMY**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set up an expert committee, headed by its former governor **Bimal Jalan**, to suggest **how the central bank should handle** its reserves and whether it **can transfer its surplus to the government**.
  - The committee, which has been formed to review the existing economic capital framework (ECF), will have former RBI deputy governor Rakesh Mohan as its vice chairman.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The mechanical branch of Central Railway's Nagpur division has developed a
new AI-powered robot named USTAAD (Undergear Surveillance through
Artificial Intelligence Assisted Droid) which examines parts of the coach in real
time with a HD camera and transmits them over WiFi.

#### **AWARDS**

Divya Patidar Joshi from Madhya Pradesh was crowned with the Mrs. India
 2018 title at the Mrs. India My Identity Beauty Pageant 2018 finale held in

#### New Delhi.

- With this win, in the year 2019, she would be representing India for Mrs.
   Universe title.
- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh was conferred the "Champions of Change" award by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu for exemplary leadership in bringing about transformation in governance.
  - The award was instituted by the Centre to identify remarkable progress made in 115 "aspirational" districts whose development is being monitored by NITI Aayog.

#### **SPORTS**

- India's Aadi Sai Vijaykaran, an 13 years old class 8 student from KC High, Chennai created history by winning the Junior debate championship at the World's Scholar Cup held at Yale University, USA.
  - The theme for the cup was 'An Entangled World: diplomacy, human relationships, the science of memory, and literature, art'.

#### IMPORTANT DAYS

- Good Governance Day: 25 December
  - Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday is celebrated as Good Governance Day across the country on 25 December.
  - The Samadhi of Bharat Ratna and Former Prime Minister Atal Behari
     Vajpayee Sadaiv Atal was dedicated to the Nation.