



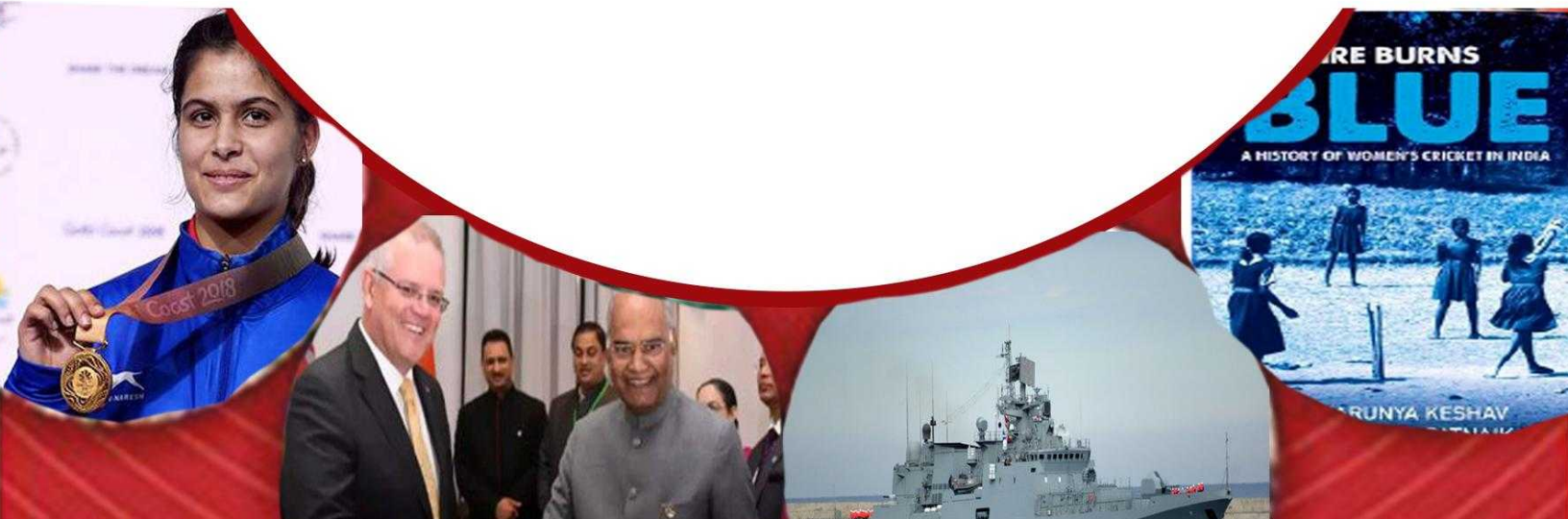
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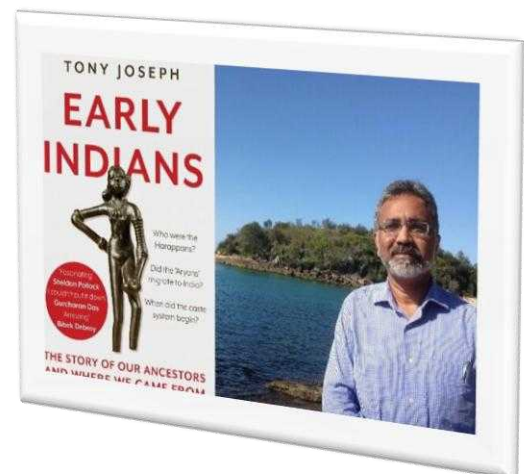
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- World's largest science meet '**Indian Science Congress (ISC)-2019**' is going to be held from 3rd to 7th January 2019, in **Jalandhar, Punjab**.
  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 106th edition of ISC-2019, based on the theme '**Future India: Science and Technology**'
- **Railways will build the country's first vertical-lift bridge connecting Rameswaram in Arabian Sea to mainland India** that will allow ships and steamers to pass through without any hinderance, replacing the existing 104-year-old Pamban bridge.
- Railway minister **Piyush Goel** announced that the **Honey Bee plan in Assam** that kept elephants away from the tracks will be expanded to other areas of the country. He said that the initiative was started on experiment basis last year.
- A government appointed panel headed by **IIT- Hyderabad chairman B V R Mohan Reddy** has suggested to the All India Council for Technical Education (**AICTE**) to stop setting up new engineering colleges from **2020** and review the creation of new capacity every two years after that.
- **Andhra Pradesh** got a separate high court which will temporarily function from the Chief Minister's camp office in **Amravati**, the new capital of the state till a permanent building for the High Court is being set up at the '**Justice City**' in Amaravati.
  - **Justice C Praveen Kumar**, the senior-most judge among the judges allotted to Andhra Pradesh, was appointed as acting Chief Justice of AP High Court, that will have 15 other judges with effect from January 1, 2019.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **The United states of America (USA)** and **Israel** officially quit the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** amid

concerns that the organization fosters anti-Israel bias.

- UNESCO was established in 1945 after the end of world war II to foster peace and it is best known for its World Heritage programs which designates cultural sites and aims to preserve traditions.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The American space agency **NASA's New Horizons** spacecraft performed the farthest flyby in history as it approached the **Kuiper Belt** object **Ultima Thule**.
  - **Ultima** is an object in the **Kuiper belt** which is a band of frozen material that orbits the Sun more than 2 billion km (1.25bn miles) further out than the **Neptune**; and 1.5 billion km beyond even the dwarf planet **Pluto**, which New Horizons visited in 2015.

## ECONOMY

- **France** introduced a new "**GAFAs tax**" named after the large internet and technology companies **Google, Apple, Facebook** and **Amazon** to ensure the global giants pay a fair share of taxes on their massive businesses in Europe.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Justice **Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan** was sworn in as the **Chief Justice** of the **Telangana High Court**.
  - His oath was administered by Telangana and Andhra Pradesh **Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan**.
- **The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet** has approved the appointment of **V K Yadav as Railway Board chairman** on the superannuation of Ashwani Lohani on December 31. Before his posting to the coveted post, Yadav was serving as General Manager, South Central Railway.

## AWARDS

- A Dharwad-based paediatrician, **Dr. Rajan Deshpande**, received the **Shankar Vaidya Shree Award** at the **19th** anniversary of the **Dr. P.S. Shankar Pratishtan** in Kalaburagi, Karnataka.
  - He was honoured for his exemplary work in children’s healthcare for 40 years.

## SPORTS

- **Serbia’s Novak Djokovic** defeated defending champion Kevin Anderson of South Africa 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 to win the **Mubadala World Tennis Championship for the fourth time at Abu Dhabi International Tennis Centre, Abu Dhabi.**

## BOOKS

- The book titled **“Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From”** has been authored by journalist **Tony Joseph**, which unravels our history using the results of genetics and other research.
  - According to book, the Indian population is a result of four major migrations, including that of the Aryans, into the country in prehistoric times.