



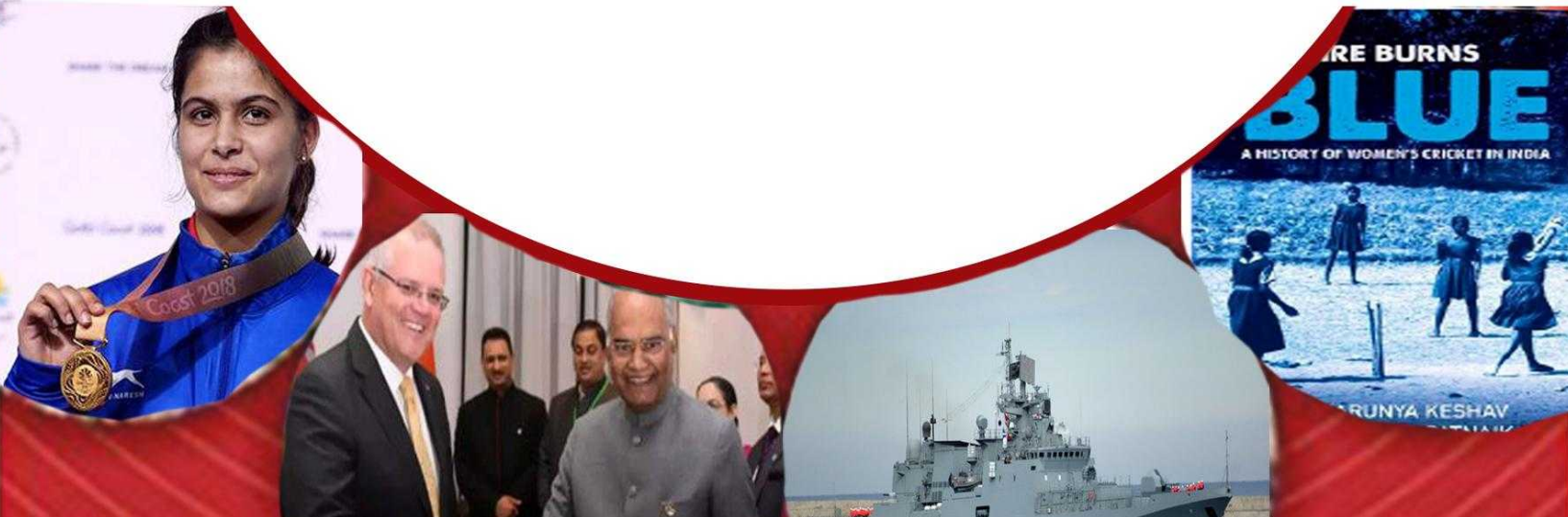
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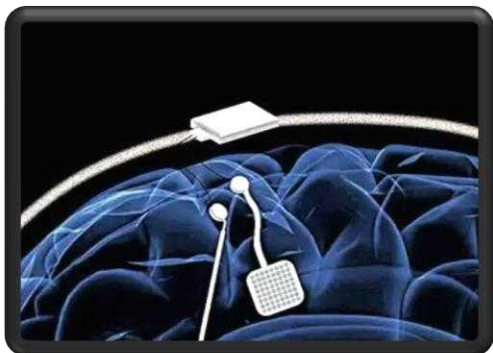
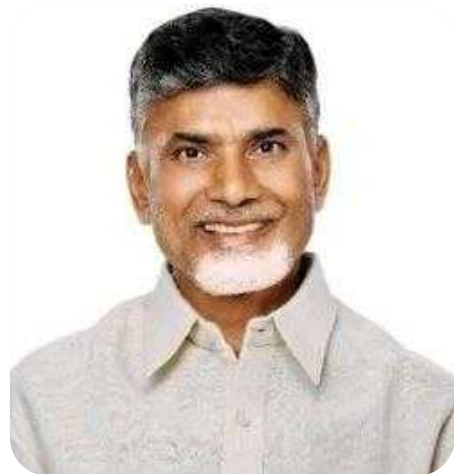
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National News

- The Union Cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** approved **10 pc quota** in jobs and educational institutions for **economically weaker sections** in **general category**.
 - For the implementation of the quota, **Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution** will have to be amended.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** cleared the redrafted **Citizenship Amendment Bill** thus providing Indian citizenship to non-Muslims from **Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan**.
 - First introduced in Parliament in **2016**, the bill seeks to amend the **Citizenship Act 1955**.
- **Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg** has arrived in New Delhi on a three-day state visit to India. She was accompanied by senior officials from her government and a large business delegation. She will participate in the Indo-Norwegian Business Conference.
- The North Central Railway, NCR has launched a mobile application to help people navigate through Prayagraj city during Kumbh Mela starting from January 15. The **'Rail Kumbh Seva Mobile App'** will also provide information regarding all the 'Mela special' trains that will be run during the period.
 - Additionally, the app will provide a link to the user to buy both unreserved and reserved train tickets.
- **The Polavaram irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh** created two **Guinness world records** for **'pouring the highest amount of concrete'** and **'largest continuous concrete pour in 24 hours'**.
 - The Polavaram irrigation project is located in **West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh**.

International News

- Egypt opened West Asia's largest cathedral in its **New Administrative Capital**, 45 kms away from its capital, Cairo.
 - **President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi** inaugurated the newly-built Cathedral of Nativity on the eve of **Coptic Christmas**.
- **China** passed law to make Islam compatible with socialism and 'sinicize' it within next **five years**. The law was passed after Chinese government officials met representatives from eight Islamic groups.

Economy

- The **Group of States' Finance Ministers (GoFM)** led by **Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, Sushil Kumar Modi** approved levy of **1% 'calamity cess'** by **Kerala** for a period of **two** years to fund rehabilitation work in the state of Kerala. It will recommend the same to the **GST council meeting** which will be held in **January 10, 2019**.

Awards

- The Vice President of India, **Shri M Venkaiah Naidu** conferred awards on 17 persons for their outstanding contribution in different fields of textiles sector during the day long **'National Conclave on Accomplishments and Way Forward for Textiles Sector'** in New Delhi.
 - The conclave was a part of a two-day event, on **5th – 6th January 2019** in New Delhi, to highlight the achievements of the textiles sector. The event was inaugurated with a textiles fashion show **"Artisan Speak"** at Red Fort.
- The **Bimal Roy Memorial and Film Society** announced that it would honour veteran actors **Asha Parekh** and **Farooque Shaikhat** the event on **January 8, 2019**, commemorating **52nd** death anniversary of the renowned filmmaker.

Sports

- Indian fast bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** finishes 2018 as the highest international wicket-taker of 2018 with **78 wickets** after taking 9 wickets in the 3rd Test Match against Australia held in Melbourne Cricket Ground, Australia.
 - South African fast bowler **Kagiso Rabada** ranked 2nd in the list of Highest International wicket taker of 2018 with **77 wickets**.
- India's top-ranked doubles players **Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan won the Tata Open Maharashtra ATP 250 tournament** in Pune after beating a British pairing of Luke Bambridge and Jonny O'Mara in straight sets.


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