



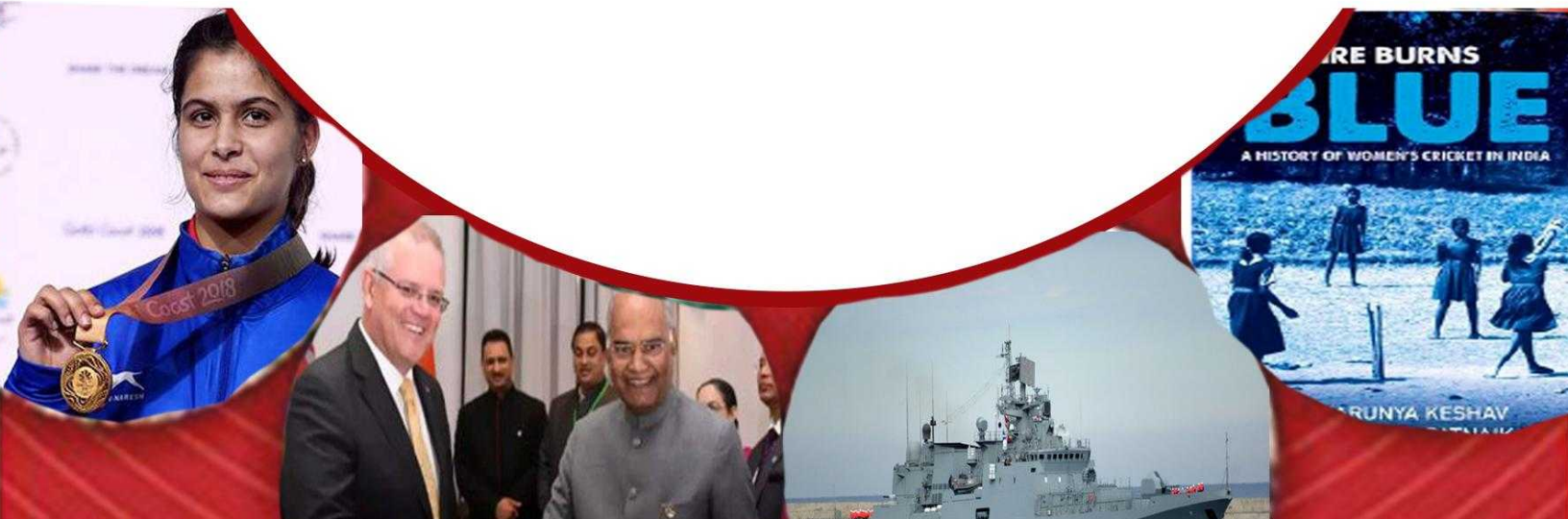
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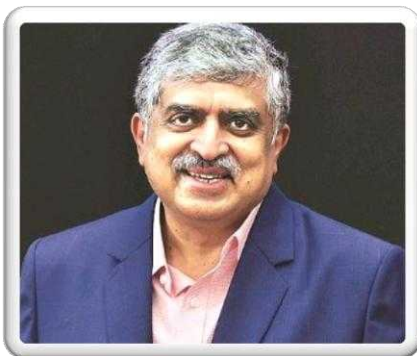
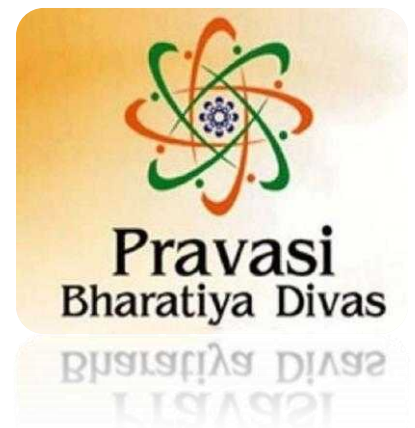
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Cabinet has approved Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to six communities of Assam. The communities that are proposed to be extended ST status include, **Koch Rajbongshi, Tai Ahom, Chutiya, Matak, Moran and the tea tribes.**
 - The move came before the centre introduced the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 in Lok Sabha. This amendment bill will give a status to the various tribal people.
- The Jammu and Kashmir administration set up a law commission, with **Justice (Retd) M K Hanjura as its founding chairperson**, to identify redundant and obsolete laws that can be repealed and suggest measures for quick redress of public grievances.
- To recognize the exceptional women who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media, the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**, Government of India, has launched an online campaign, **'#www: Web- WonderWomen'**.
 - The partners of the campaign are: **Breakthrough and Twitter India.**
- To refine and strengthen the Credibility of Research Publications, The Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Satya Pal Singh announced that the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** approved list of journals and the proposal to establish a **Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE).**
 - The **'CARE Reference List of Quality Journals'** will be regularly updated and published by the UGC and the Members of the Consortium at their respective websites and will be used for all academic purposes.
- The Chief Minister of **Meghalaya, Shri. Conrad K Sangma**, inaugurated the project **"Development of North East Circuit: Umiam (Lake View) – U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort"** under Tourism Ministry's **Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**
 - The project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in **July 2016 for Rs. 99.13 Crores.**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- UN office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released a latest Global Report on **"Trafficking in Persons"**, which reveals that the number of human trafficking victims around the world is on the rise while armed groups and terrorists are trafficking women and children to generate funds and recruit.
 - Trafficking for sexual exploitation is the most prevalent form in European

countries, whilst in **sub-Saharan Africa** and the Middle East, forced labour is the main factor driving the illicit trade.

SCINCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Coimbatore** city traffic police launched a mobile application '**Police-E-Eye**' for the public to report on traffic violations to police and to keep a check on the same.
 - The violations so filed can be photographed which will be sent to the police along with the location, time and date with the help of GPS.

ECONOMY

- The **Reserve Bank of India** constituted a 5-member high-level committee **under Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani** to suggest measures to strengthen the **safety and security of digital payments in the country**.
 - The decision aims to encourage **digitisation of payments and enhance financial inclusion through digitisation**.
- **World Bank** projected India' GDP, expected to grow at **7.3% in the fiscal year 2018-19, and 7.5%** in the following two years.
 - The Bank said India will continue to be the fastest growing major economy in the world. In India, the growth has accelerated, driven by an upswing in consumption, and investment growth has firmed as the effects of temporary factors wane, the World Bank said in its latest report.

AWARDS

- **Liverpool's Mohamed Salah** was conferred with the **2018 Confederation of African Football Player of the Year award**, for the second time, in **Senegal**.
 - Among other awardees, **Houston Dash** and South Africa forward **Thembi Kgatlana** was named **Women's Player of the Year**.

APPOINTMENT

- The chairman of **National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI)**, Shri Pranav R Mehta, has taken over as the president of **Global Solar Council (GSC)** from January 1, 2019.

- He is dubbed as the **Solar Man of India**. He has been conferred with the **'Visionary Disruptor Award'** by Solar Future, which he will be receiving on 15th January, 2019 at the sidelines of World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi.

SPORTS

- **Confederation of African Football's (CAF) Executive Committee** announced that **Egypt** will host **African Cup** for the fifth time in 2019. South Africa was the other country who made a bid to host the event.


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