



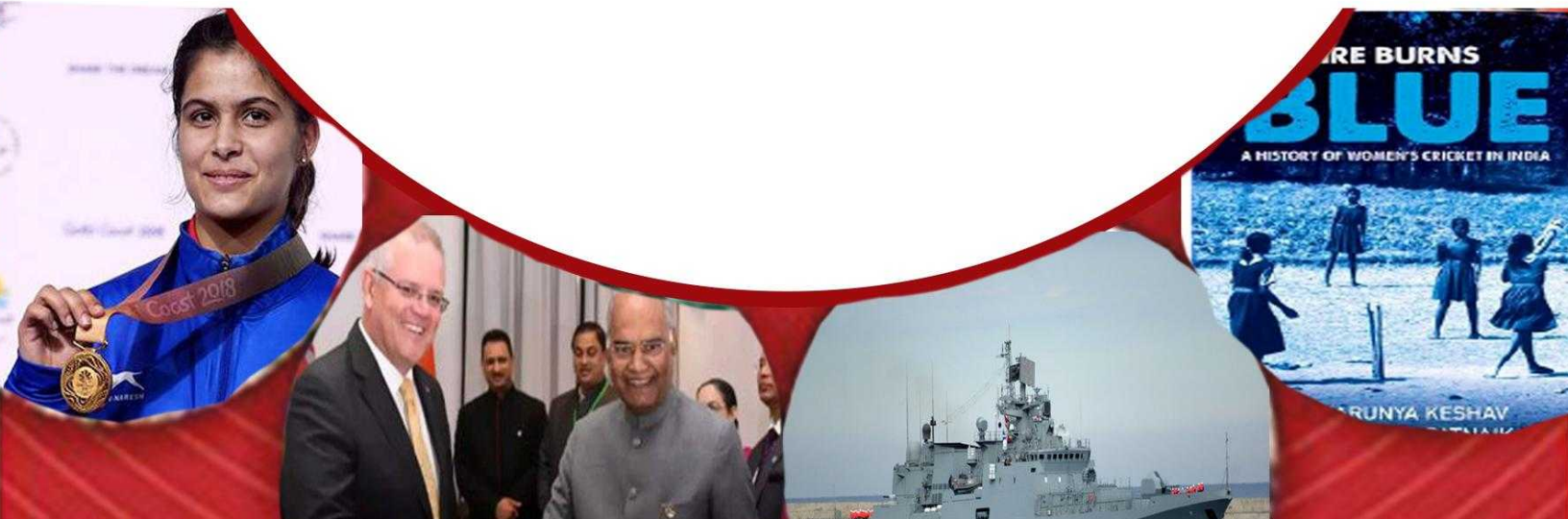
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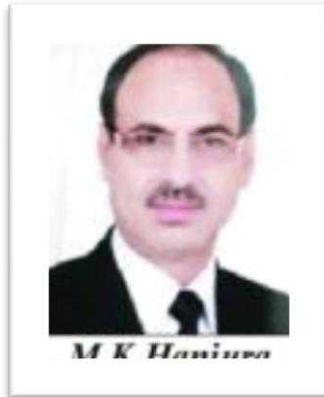
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **4th Edition of Raisina Dialogue** was organized by **Ministry of External Affairs** in partnership with Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi. The Theme of the Dialogue was **“A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes”**.
 - The Raisina Dialogue whose first edition was held in 2015 is India’s flagship annual **geopolitical and geostrategic conference**.
- Arunachal Pradesh **Chief Minister Pema Khandu** inaugurated India’s longest 300-meter single-lane **steel cable suspension bridge** over **Siang** River in Upper Siang district of state bordering China.
 - The suspension bridge, also known as **Byorong Bridge**. It will reduce the distance from **Yingkiong to Tuting town by almost 40 km**. The earlier road length was 192 km.
- **First 2019 edition** of the ‘**National Consultation on Child Protection**’ was held at India Habitat Centre, **New Delhi**, under the Chairmanship of the **Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development**.
 - The next quarterly meeting would be held in May, 2019.
- The Lok Sabha passed **“The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019”** by voice vote after a brief discussion.
 - The Bill has been formulated recognizing the need for regulation of the use and application of **Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) technology**, for establishing identity of missing persons, victims, offenders, under trials and unknown deceased persons.
- **The Ministry of Women and Child Development**, Government of India, has launched an online campaign, **‘#www: Web- Wonder Women’** to recognize the exceptional women who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media.
 - The partners of the campaign are: **Breakthrough and Twitter India**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The first **India-Central Asia Dialogue** will be held in **Samarkand, Uzbekistan** on January 12 and 13. The Dialogue will be co-chaired by External Affairs Minister (EAM) **Sushma Swaraj** and the Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan, **Abdulaziz Kamilov**.
- **According to Henley Passport Index**, which keeps in record and analyses of every country’s travel afford revealed a report of powerful passport holding country, in which **Japan has retained its position to the top for the consecutive year and India has leaped two steps forward to 79th rank**. A total of 190 countries are analyzed here.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **IIT-Madras** team created '**space fuel**' by trapping **carbon dioxide** in crystalline form with the help of water molecules. This would in future help to curb greenhouse gases. This was made in vacuum, one thousand billion times below the atmospheric pressure called **ultra-high vacuum (UHV)** and temperature close to minus **263** degree Celsius.
 - The Study was published in the journal **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)**.

ECONOMY

- The **Union Road Minister Nitin Gadkari**, on successful meeting with Iran's Minister of Foreign Affairs **Mohammad Javad Zarif**, announced that **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved **Iran's Pasargad Bank** to open branches in **Mumbai** for easing trade related transactions.
- **Market regulator SEBI has set up a advisory committee** that will help and **analyse the new methods of policy making for the development of capital market**. The committee formed will be **headed by Sankar De**.
 - This committee is formed with an objective to define the objective of creating the policy for the development of the capital market and for as bridge between the analytical research to formation of the policy.

AWARDS

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** pavilion received '**Exhibitor of the Year Award**' at **106th Indian Science Congress** held at Lovely Professional University (LPU), Phagwara, **Punjab**.

SPORTS

- 36 years old boxer, **M C Mary Kom** attained the **first position** in the latest ranking released by the **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** in the **Light Fly 45-48 kilograms** category with **1700 points**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Hindi Day is being observed on January 10**
 - **World Hindi Day** is celebrated on January 10 every year, marking the anniversary of **first World Hindi Conference** which was held in 1975. It was first observed on **January 10, 2006**.
 - The first World Hindi Conference was inaugurated by the then prime minister Indira Gandhi.


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