



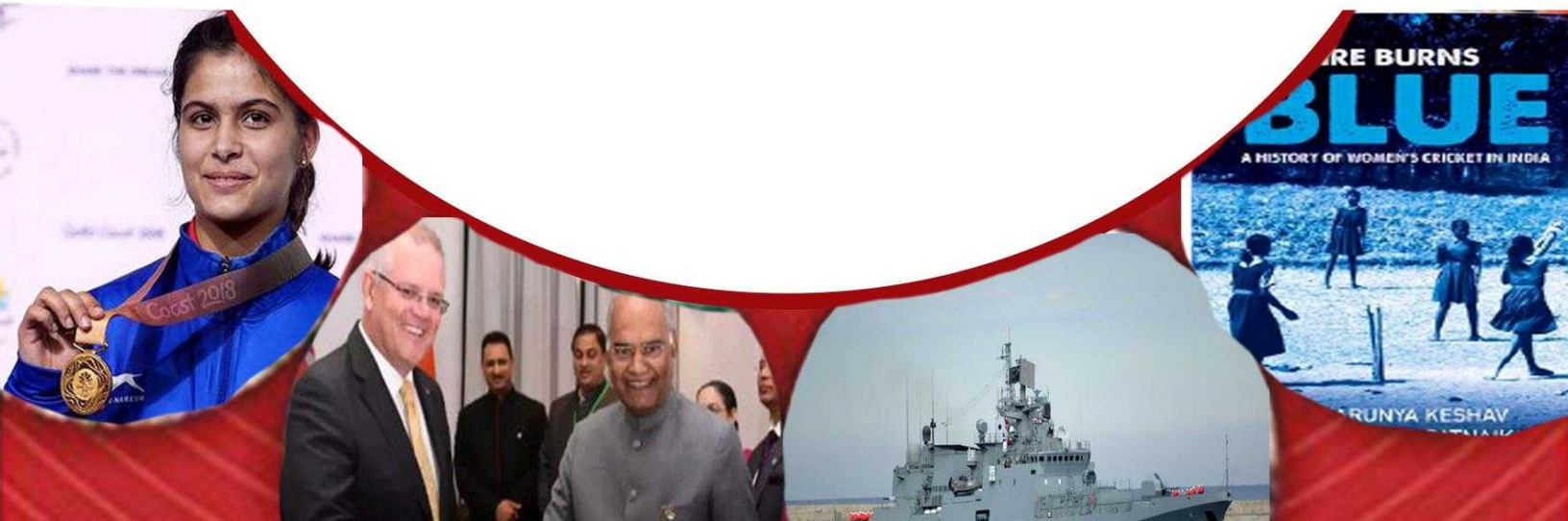
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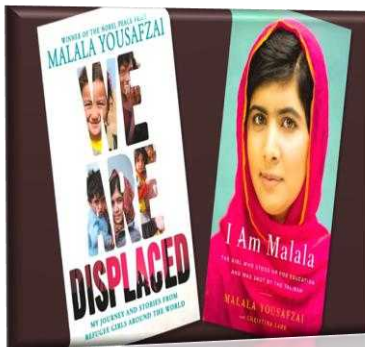
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** launched **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)** in **New Delhi**.
 - It will be launched in the **43** smart cities falling in the list of the **102 non-attainment cities**, under the Smart Cities program. Selection of **102** non-attainment cities identified with respect to **‘Ambient Air Quality India’ report of 2011-15 and WHO report of 2014-2018**.
- 6 states, **Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand**, in the presence of **Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Road Transport & Highways and Shipping ShriNitinGadkari**, signed an agreement for **Renukaji Dam Multipurpose Project in New Delhi**.
- Indian and global leaders on economic policy shall deliberate for two days at the **25h Partnership Summit 2019**, which will be inaugurated by Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu**.
- To tap the global value and supply chain by promoting the export of services, organic agricultural produce, the **4th** meeting of the **Council for Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP)**, chaired by **Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu**, was held in **New Delhi**.
- The one-day **Global Skill Summit 2019** was held in **Ranchi, Jharkhand**. It is the only state where overall three global summits were organized in a row merely in four years by the state government. It was under the **#MOMENTUM JHARKHAND** campaign.
 - The theme of the Summit was: **‘Skilling Youth, Enabling Youth’**.
- Sikkim, though being a smallest state have set a initiative to introduce UBI in the entire nation. Sikkim’s long lasting chief minister and head of sikkim’s ruling party (sikkim democratic front) **Pawan kumar chamling**, quoted that if everything goes right then sikkim would be the first state to implement UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME SYSTEM and execute it by **2022**.
 - This scheme is also regarded as an alternative to social welfare programmes with benefits towards reducing poverty.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **11th edition of EIU Democracy Index 2018** was released by the **Economist Intelligent Unit** compiling the state of democracies in 167 countries in the world. The Index was started in **2006**.
 - India got a rank of 42 falling in the **‘Flawed Democracy’** category. Among the

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167 nations, **Norway** topped the charts. It was followed by: Iceland (2), Sweden (3), New Zealand (4) and Denmark (5) closing off the top 5 rankings.

- The Foreign Minister of Guatemala **Sandra Jovel** notified the United Nations secretary-general about the Government's decision to terminate the agreement which established **the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG)**.

SCINCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chairman K Sivan** announced that the **1st Gaganyaan** manned mission to outer space would be launched by **December 2021**.
 - Under Gaganyaan project, India is planning to send three astronauts to outer space for seven days and bring them back ISRO is conceiving a mission **to Venus by 2023**.

ECONOMY

- The **World Economic Forum** announced that the **Tata Steel** plant at **IJmuiden** in the **Netherlands** has been recognized as '**Manufacturing Lighthouses**' – a distinction awarded to manufacturing facilities which are seen as leaders in technologies of the '**Fourth Industrial Revolution**'.

APPOINTMENT

- **Nicolas Maduro** was sworn in as **Venezuelan President** for the 2nd term for a new 6-year term. Venezuela is one of the world's largest oil producers and holds the presidency of oil cartel Opec until 2025.
- **Additional Director M. Nageswara Rao** took charge of the office of the **Central Bureau of Investigation** as the **Director**.
 - The decision was taken by a 2-1 decision by a selection committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with its other two members being Leader of Congress Mallikarjun Kharge and Supreme Court judge A.K. Sikri.

AWARDS

- Industrialist and **Godrej Group Chairman Adi Godrej** was conferred **the ICSIs Lifetime Achievement Award** for ‘**Translating Excellence in Corporate Governance into Reality**’ in **Mumbai**.
 - The award instituted by **The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)**, was given at its golden jubilee celebrations.

SPORTS

- Indian Weightlifting Federation President **Birendra Prasad Baishya** is named as Chef de Mission for the **Tokyo 2020 Olympics**.
 - Baishya is also one of the Indian Olympic Association Vice Presidents. Tokyo 2020 organizing committee president is **Yoshiro Mori**.



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