



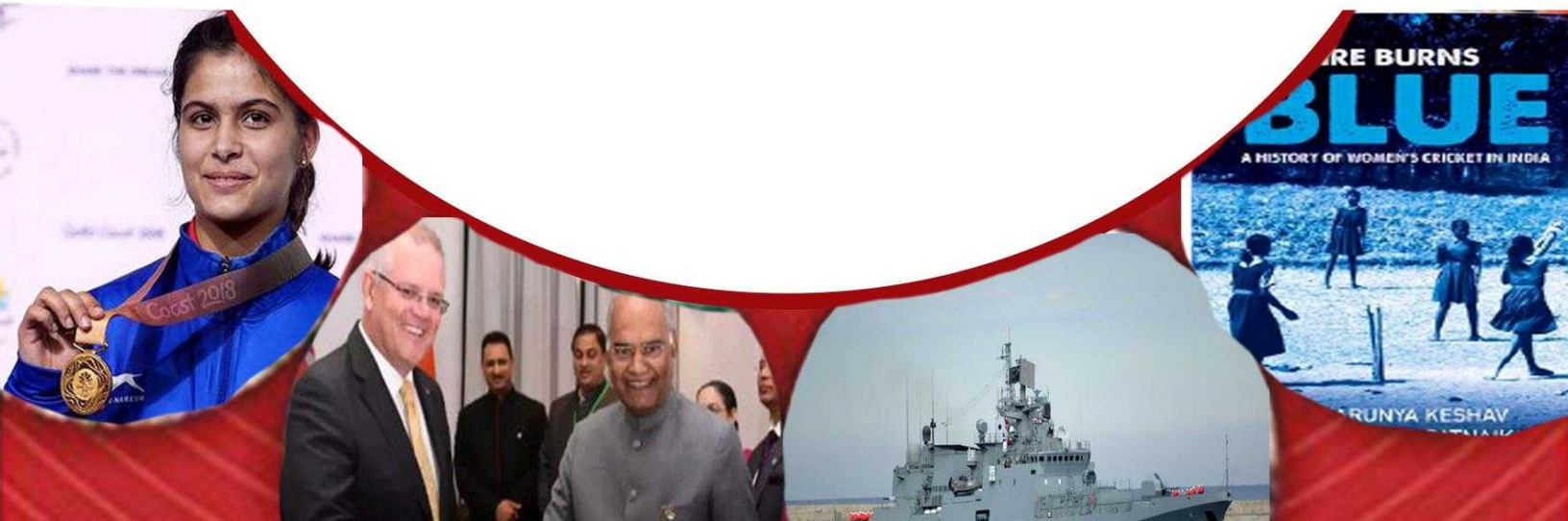
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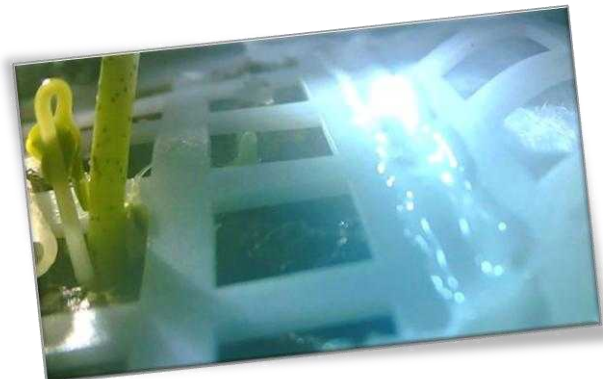
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## National News

- **Minister of State in Department of Space Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the 1st batch of **UNNATI** programme of **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The full form of **UNNATI** is: **Unispace Nanosatellite Assembly and Training** programme.
  - It has been launched by ISRO as part of initiative by **United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs** to commemorate the **50th** anniversary of the **first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE-50)**.
- Honorable President of India **Shri. Ramnath Nath Kovind** inaugurated the three-day **Gandhian Resurgence Summit** on the occasion of Father of the Nation **Mahatma Gandhi's 150 birth** anniversary at **Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh**. It concludes on 19th January, 2019.
- **Union Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated the **three-day long 9th International Micro irrigation** conference at **Aurangabad, Maharashtra**. The conference would conclude on January 18, 2019.
  - The Theme of the conference was: **"Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture"**.
- The **first National Sports Meet 2019 for Tribals** was organised by the Ministry of Tribal Welfare in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
  - Tribal children of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools from 20 states participated in the program.
- **Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** launched the **"Global Housing Technology Challenge-India"** (GHTC- India) in **New Delhi**. This will be implemented under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) Mission**.
  - Under this, the best globally available innovative construction technologies would be adopted by India to deliver ready to live-in houses in a shorter time, with lower cost and quality construction.

## International News

- According to the 6th City Momentum Index, released by property consultant JLL, **Bengaluru** has emerged as the **world's most dynamic city** with a robust technology and innovation ecosystem in place. The report is titled: '**JLL City Momentum: The World's Top 20 Most Dynamic Cities**'.
  - Among other Indian cities, **Hyderabad** ranked **second** with **Delhi at fourth, Pune at fifth, Chennai at seventh** and **Kolkata at fifteenth** position featuring in top **20** cities.

## Science & Technology

- World's **first** television channel dedicated to **human rights** was launched in **London** by the **International Observatory of Human Rights (IOHR)**. It would be a web-based channel would bring human rights issues to audiences in over **20** countries across **Europe, Latin America and the Middle East**.
  - Initially the programmes would be broadcasted in English but other languages including Farsi, Turkish, Arabic and Russian would be inducted in the future.

## Economy

- A Fitch group company **India ratings and research** estimated that India's GDP growth to be a "tid higher" at **7.5%** in financial year **2019-20**. Earlier it was **7.2%** during fiscal year **2018-19**.
  - The economy seen a growth rate of **7.2%** in the current financial year against **6.7%** in the previous year estimated by Central Statistics Office (CSO).

## Awards

- **Yohei Sasakawa** was named to receive Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018, who is the Goodwill Ambassador of the **World Health Organization for Leprosy Elimination**. The award will be given to Yohei Sasakawa in recognition of his work towards the eradication of the disease in India and across the world.
  - The award was instituted by the Government of India in 1995 during the commemoration of **125th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.
- The **Japan Prize Foundation** announced India born professor **Dr. Rattan Lal** as the recipient of the **2019 Japan Prize** in the field of **“Biological Production, Ecology”**.
  - **Dr. Yoshio Okamoto** was announced to be the recipient of the 2019 Japan Prize on of **“Materials and Production”** field.

## Appointment

- **President Ram Nath Kovind** approved the elevation of **Justice Sanjiv Khanna** and **Justice Dinesh Maheshwari** to the Supreme Court.
  - The Chief Justice of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President under clause (2) of **Article 124** of the Constitution.

## Sports

- Stephen Constantine steps down as the head coach of the **Indian Football** team following the team’s exit from 2019 **AFC** (Asian Football Confederation) Asian Cup. **India** faced failure against **Bahrain** at the **Sharjah Stadium**.
  - This was Constantine’s second regime as India’s Head Coach after 2005. He returned to the hot seat in 2015, succeeding Dutch Wim Koevermans.