



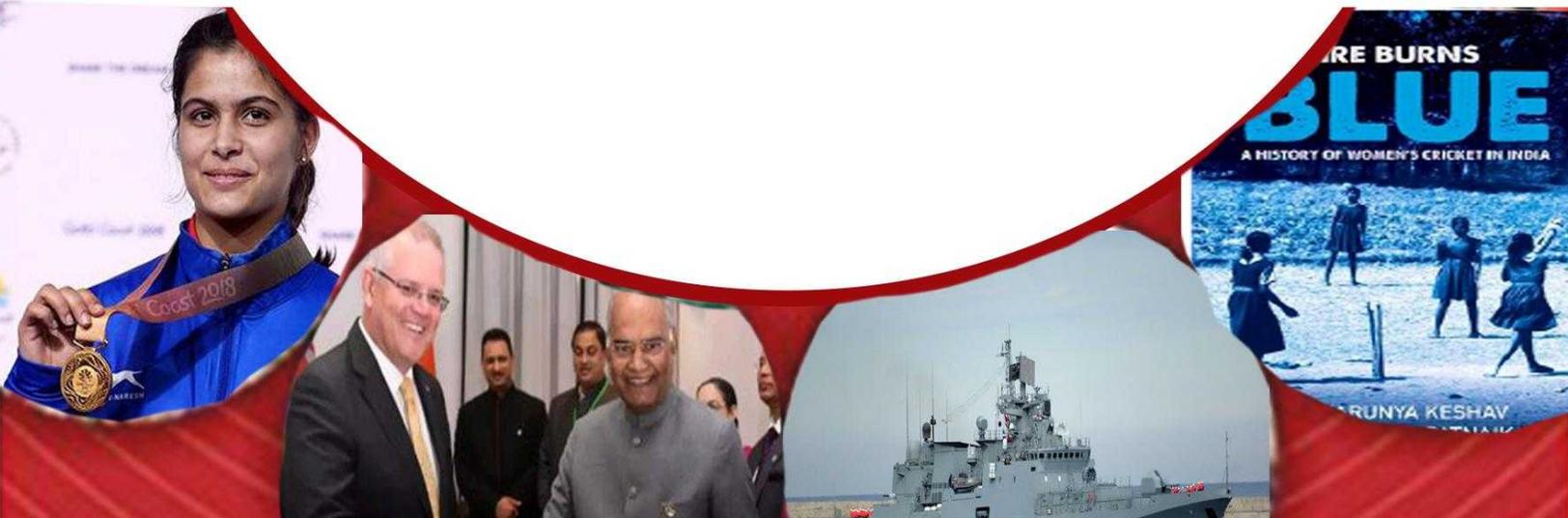
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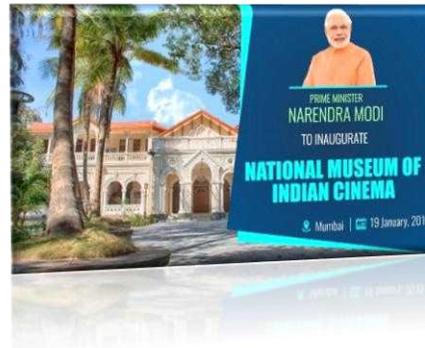
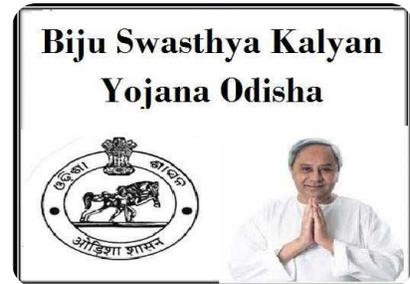
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the **Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor in the Tiruchirappalli district of Tamil Nadu**, with various private and public sector industries announcing an investment of around Rs 3100 crores.
 - This will be the country's second defence industrial corridor after the **first one was launched in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh** August last year.
- Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit 2019 at **Mahatma Mandir in Gandhi Nagar** concluded on 20th January. 75 member delegation of Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council participated in this Summit.
 - This year United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan & Morocco were the **partner countries** for 9th edition of Vibrant Gujarat.
- The Tripura government has unveiled an official logo for the state's tea to popularise the beverage and to promote the potentiality of tourism.
 - The **logo features Tripura's iconic landmark, the "Neermahal"** which is the largest and one-of-its-kind water palace in India.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar laid the **foundation stone of "Haryana Bhawan" at the "Statue of Unity" complex in Kevadiya, Gujarat**.
 - Probably Haryana is the first state of the country that has laid the foundation stone for the construction of its state house in this complex.
- In a bid to boost people-to-people ties and cultural exchanges, **Danish Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen inaugurated a Danish Cultural Institute in New Delhi**.
 - Headquartered in Denmark, the Danish Cultural Institute has been engaged in fostering mutual understanding between people and cultures since 1940.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the **426 metres** long **Diffo Bridge** over **Chipu River** in Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - Border Roads Organization (BRO) has constructed the bridge along Indo-China border. The Bridge will make travelling from east part to west part of Arunachal Pradesh very convenient and time saving.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India** is likely to surpass the United Kingdom in the **world's largest economy rankings in 2019**, to become world's fifth largest economy, according to a report by global consultancy firm PwC.
 - As per the report, while the UK and France have regularly switched places owing to similar levels of development and roughly equal populations, India's climb up the rankings is likely to be permanent.

- **Palestine** took over the chairmanship of the **Group of 77** from **Arab Republic of Egypt**.
 - The main functions of G 77 is to promote **collective economic interests and enhance joint negotiating capacity with UN Agencies** and to promote **South-South cooperation for development**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Japan** launched the **Epsilon – 4 rocket** carrying 7 satellites developed by private sector companies and Universities from the Uchinoura Space Center in **Kagoshima**.
 - The Epsilon series was developed in a bid to put small satellites into orbit at a low cost.

ECONOMY

- Government announced that **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Libcoin** are in dialogue to form a world class consortium to initially build the first lithium Ion battery plant in India. This project will bring energy independence by replacing oil imports with abundant renewable energy sources.
 - The aim of the project is to create integrated manufacturing ecosystem resulting in self-reliance and lower cost.

AWARDS

- Six-time women's world boxing champion and Olympic medal list **M C Mary Kom** was named as the event ambassador for the 16th **Tata Mumbai Marathon** which will be held in **January 20, 2019**.
 - It would be organized by **Procam International**.

APPOINTMENT

- **Andry Rajoelina** was sworn in as **President of Madagascar**. The oath-taking ceremony was attended by delegation from 35 countries and international organizations.