



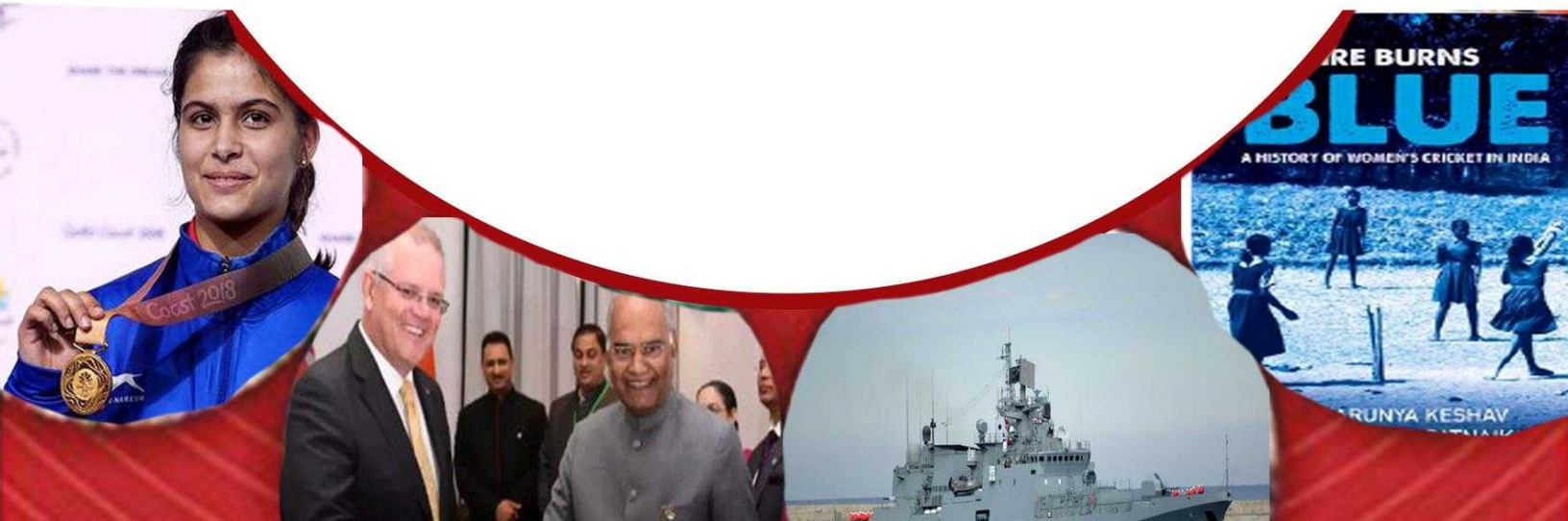
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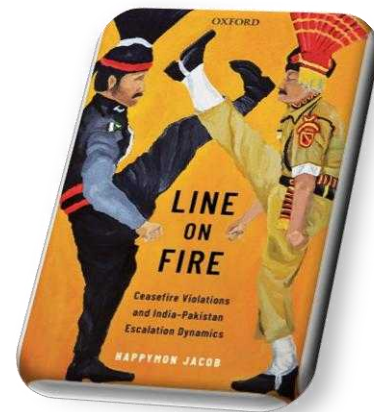
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Baba Kalyani led committee** constituted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to study the existing **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** policy of India submitted its report to **Union Minister for Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu** in **New Delhi**.
  - The report says that if **India is going to become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025** then the current environment of manufacturing competitiveness and services has to undergo a basic paradigm shift.
- Nitin Gadkari to inaugurate first inter-state bridge in Jammu and Kashmir. It was built at a cost of **Rs 150 crore** in a span of three and a half years linking areas of **Katthua district with Punjab**.
  - The bridge also called as Keediyar-Gandiyal bridge is 1.2 km-long on the river **Ravi**
- The **4th International Exhibition & Conference on Steel Industry, India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference** was organised by **Ministry of Steel** in association with Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (**FICCI**) at NSE Complex Goregaon, **Mumbai**.
  - The theme of the event is **“Balancing Steel Demand & Supply Dynamics: Building a New India”**.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, **Pema Khandu declared Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF)** as the “State Festival” during a valedictory ceremony of the fourth edition of the festival at Seijosa in East Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.
  - Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF) is only conservation festival of Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Andhra Pradesh government** decided to give only **five per cent reservation to the economically weaker sections (EWS)** under the Centre’s 10 per cent quota, setting aside the rest to the upper caste Kapus in its capital city **Amaravathi**

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Sri Lanka** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to provide modern **infrastructural facilities to Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic**

### **Studies of Eastern University in Batticaloa district of Sri Lanka.**

- The project involves refurbishment of the auditorium and construction of a modern building complex with recording cum editing facilities and supply vehicles to the institute through a grant of over 27 crore Sri Lankan rupees from the Government of India.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- **Maharashtra** in collaboration with World Health Organization (**WHO**) -recommended triple-drug therapy for lymphatic filariasis to speed up elimination of the disease in **Nagpur**. This disease is transmitted through mosquitoes.
  - Actor **Swapnil Joshi** is assigned as brand ambassador for this project.

## **ECONOMY**

- **INSEAD business school** in partnership with **Tata Communications** and **Adecco Group** released the 6th edition of **Global Talent Competitive Index (GTCI) 2019** which stated that India has moved up one position to rank **80th** on the Global Talent Competitive Index 2019 ranking.
  - The top 5 countries in the index included **Switzerland** followed by Singapore, the US, Norway and Denmark.

## **AWARDS**

- **US-based Indian poet Ranjani Murali** received the '**Woman's Voice Award**' at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF). The award carries a cash prize of **Rs 1 lakh** apart from a citation.
  - The objective of the award – '**Prabha Khaitan Womans Voice Award**' – is to recognise and encourage creative writing by women in India, to create a forum for their work and to support the publication of their writing.
- Jallikattu' as a symbol of the **valour and courage of the Tamil people**. A grand "jallikattu" (bull-taming) event held in **Pudukkottai** and this event entered the world record for the maximum number of bulls released into the sport arena.
  - This event had the participation of **1,354 bulls and 424 tamers**.

## SPORTS

- Virat Kohli became the **first player** to bag all top three ICC Awards in a single year. He won the **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year**, the **ICC Men's Test Player of the Year** and the **ICC ODI Player of the year** for his performance in 2018.
- 21-year Old Wicketkeeper batsman, **Rishabh Pant** was named the **“International Cricket Council (ICC) Emerging Player of the year”** for his brilliant performance in Test Cricket in 2018.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** launched the book **‘Universal Brotherhood Through Yoga’** in **New Delhi**.
  - The book is compiled by **Bharatiya Sanskrit Pitham**.

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