



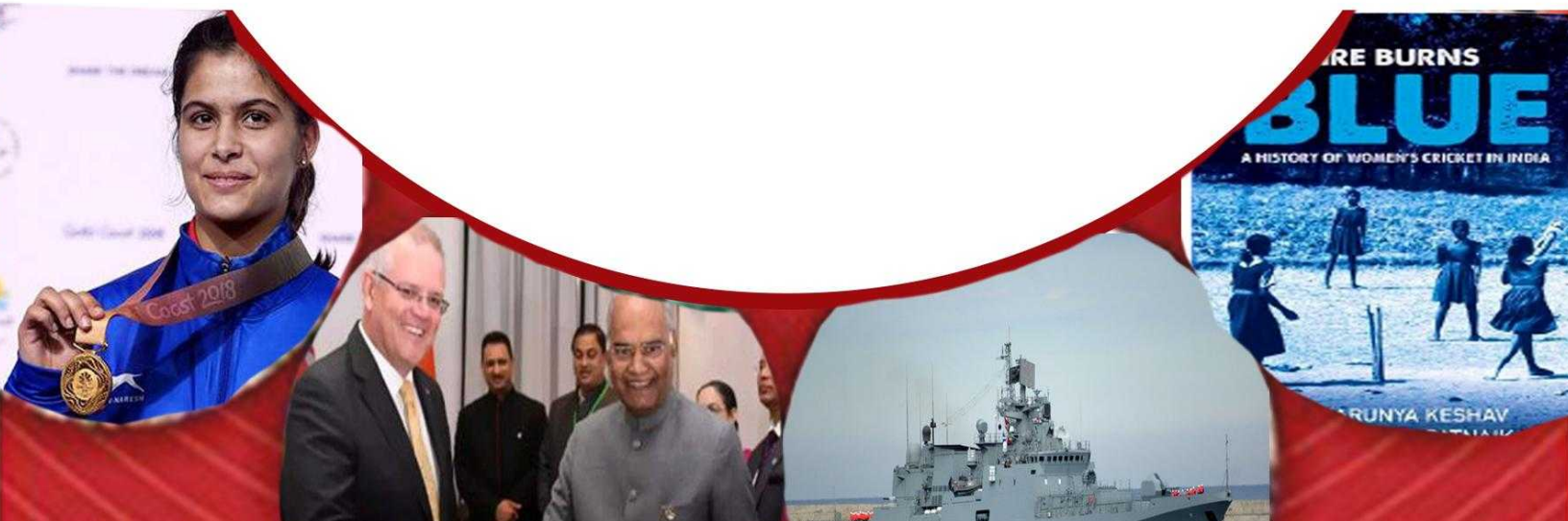
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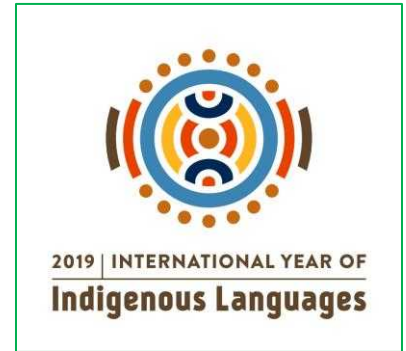
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Highlighting the success of Make in India and contribution of Indian workers, Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal, **renamed** India's first indigenous semi-high speed train '**Train 18**' as '**Vande Bharat Express**'.
 - **Vande Bharat Express** will run from **Delhi to Varanasi** taking stops at Kanpur and Prayagraj.
- Department of Justice (DoJ) has decided to deliver e-courts services to the litigant public through around two lakh Common Service Centres (CSCs) so as the provide efficient and time bound access to the Courts services.
 - e-courts services are rolled through digital mediums like Email, SMS, Mobile App and some other platforms.
- Supreme Court constituted a new **five-judge committee** to hear upon the politically sensitive **Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land title dispute in Ayodhya**.
 - The new committee members are **Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S.A. Bobde, D.Y. Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S.A. Nazeer. Justices Bhushan and Nazeer** are the new members in the bench.
- An expert programme '**Operation Olympics**' managed by **Kerala's** Sports Department and State Sports Council was commenced to train 123 athletes in 11 disciplines for **2020 Tokyo Olympics**.
 - The programme has the objective to provide international standard training to the athletes with the help of eminent trainers from both India and abroad.
- The Supreme Court said it will be taking an "**in-chamber**" **decision** on the listing of petitions challenging the **constitutional validity of Article 35-A**, which provides special rights and privileges to permanent residents of **Jammu and Kashmir**.
 - The oral observation came from a **Bench led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi** in response to an oral mentioning for early hearing of the petitions.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah** was elected as **Malaysia's new king by the members of the country's royal families**. The 59-year-old was earlier appointed the Sultan of the Malaysian state of Pahang.
 - **He replaced Sultan Muhammad V of Kelantan**, who stepped down recently, making it the first abdication in Malaysia's history.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- India tested the new generation anti-radiation missile (NGRAM) which would destroy all the surveillance and radar systems. The missile is launched from Balasore.
 - The Defence-Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has created this missile as a **surface to air** missile and is screened by **Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jet**.

ECONOMY

- The report released by **CISCO** on **2019 Data Privacy Benchmark Study** ranked India in 6th position in **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** readiness index.
 - It also stated that organizations that invested to meet GDPR norms experienced shorter delays in selling to existing customers.

AWARDS

- Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) awarded social impact award to **Tetra Pak** India, the world's leading packaging and processing solutions provider under the category '**Sustainable Environment category**'.

- **Romain Rolland Book Prize for literary translation** won by Tamil translation of Andrei Makine's "**La vie d'un homme inconnu**" (The Life of an Unknown Man) at the **Jaipur Literature Festival**.
- Assam government entitled the **Republic Day Journalism Award 2019** to veteran journalist and former editor **Dhirendra Nath Chakraborty**.

SPORTS

- Ace **Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal** was crowned champion of the **Indonesia Masters 2019** after her opponent Carolina Marin pulled out of the summit clash due to an injury.
 - Saina was the runner-up in the 2018 edition of the Indonesia Masters.
- **The Australian Open** is a tennis tournament held annually in **Melbourne Park, Australia**. The tournament is run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).
 - **Novak Djokovic from Serbia** won the Men's Singles event and **Naomi Osaka of Japan** won the Women's singles event.