



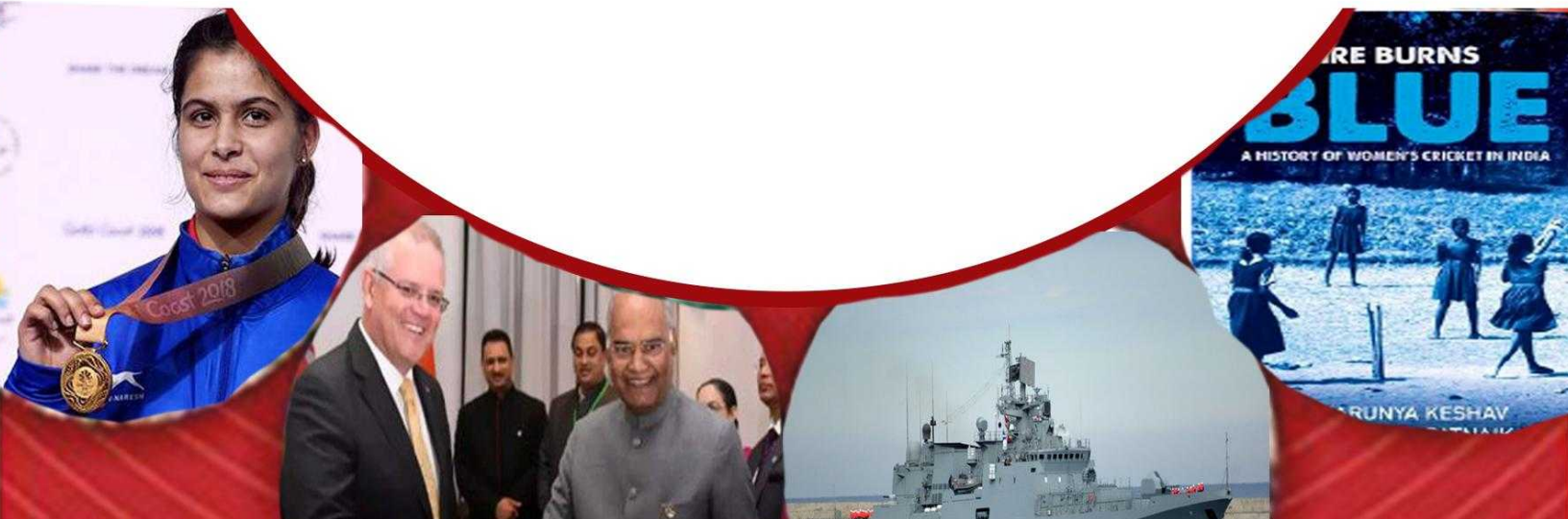
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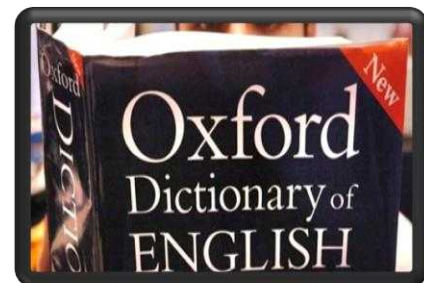
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NATIONAL NEWS

- People can watch the highlights of this year's **Republic Day parade at the Rajpath on a mobile application** which has been launched by the **Defence Ministry**.
 - **The 'RDP INDIA 2019'** app was launched on the occasion of the **70th Republic day**. This new initiative is in sync with the Digital India campaign of the government.
- **The Chief Election Commissioner of India, Sunil Arora and Election Commissioner Shri Ashok Lavasa** inaugurated an International Conference on 'Making our Elections Inclusive and Accessible "on the occasion of 9th National Voters Day held 'in **New Delhi**.
 - **National Voters Day** is observed on **25th January every year**. Theme of 2019 voters day is **"My Vote Matters"**
- The Third bridge was inaugurated by **Union Minister Nitin Gadkari** in the presence of Chief Minister **Manohar Parrikar**. The bridge has been named as **'Atal Setu'** after former prime minister of India late Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
 - It is **four-lane, 5.1-kilometer long** and the **third Cable bridge across river Mandovi in Panaji, Goa**.
- The Chief Minister of Odisha, **Shri Naveen Patnaik** announced **"Jiban Sampark"** Project in partnership with **UNICEF India** (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) during after inauguration of Tribal Fair also known as **"Adivasi Mela"** on Republic day.
 - The Project was announced to spread awareness about the development and welfare initiatives of state government among the particularly vulnerable Tribal Groups of the state.
- Kerala's **Governor P. Sathasivam** in his address to the state assembly announced Kerala government will soon launch a **'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme'** to provide regular pension to Non Resident Keralites. This scheme is a part of welfare measures towards **Pravasi Malayalis**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India** and **Sri Lanka** has 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.

ECONOMY

- **Economic Advisory Council of Prime Minister (EAC-PM)** headed by **NITI Aayog Member Bibek Debroy** said in a report that India will continue to grow in the **7 to 7.5 per cent range** in the next few years despite global and structural challenges.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Dr. Poonam Khetrupal Singh** has been appointed Regional Director for World Health Organization South-East Asia, for a **second five-year term**. Her second term of office will begin on **1 February 2019**.
 - she is the **first woman** to become Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia Region

AWARDS

- **'Black Panther', Rami Malek and Glenn Close** were some of the biggest winners at the **2019 Screen Actors Guild Awards**. From television, **'This is Us'** won ensemble award for drama, while **'The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel'** won the comedy award.
 - Rami Malek won for playing the iconic Queen front man Freddie Mercury in 'Bohemian Rhapsody' while Glenn Close took home the award for best actress for 'The Wife.'
- The Southern Railway bagged number one position for cleanliness in the country in the survey conducted by **Trains Cleanliness Survey conducted by IRCTC**.

SPORTS

- Nepal's **Rohit Paudel** became the youngest man to hit an international fifty. Rohit Paudel of Nepal scored 55 for Nepal in the 2nd ODI against **UAE** to become the youngest man to score a half-century in one-day internationals.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Customs Day- January 26**
 - International Customs Day (ICD) is celebrating on the **26th January** every year by the Custom Organization, to commemorate the first Conference of **World Customs Organizations**.
 - This year international Customs day is celebrated with a **slogan "SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport."**