



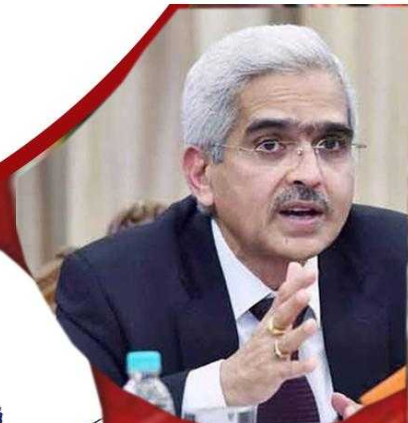
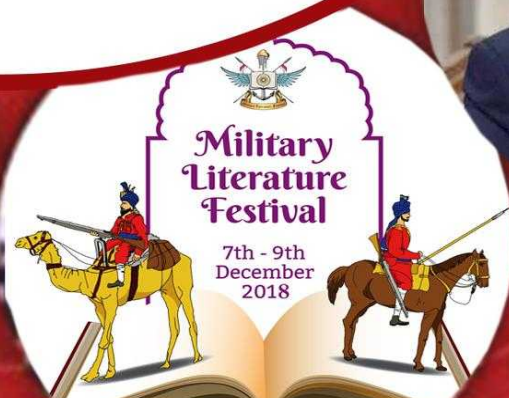
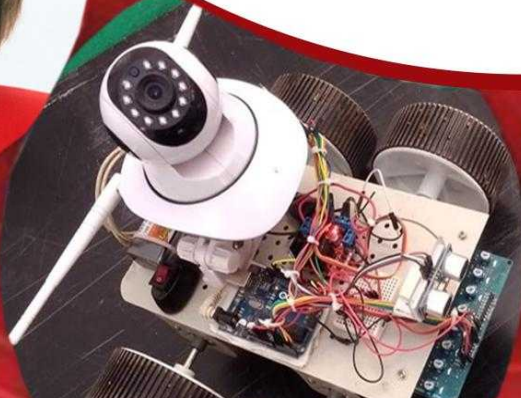
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **In a first, the Kerala government has set up a price monitoring and research unit (PMRU)** to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under Drugs Price and Control order.
 - The move reportedly comes after the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) proposed such a system for states and union territories.
- Assam occupied the top slot in the **ranking of best practices** followed by states in the Budget formulation, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, **as per a survey by Transparency International**.
 - The survey is based on 4 parameters which include public disclosure, budgetary process, post-budget fiscal management and efforts to make the budget more transparent and citizen-friendly.
- **Shehri Samridhi Utsav**, an initiative of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), is launched with aim to extend the reach of **Deendayal Antyodaya Mission – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**.
 - It is the National Exhibition and a sale of Self Help Group products and National Street Food Festival organized in **New Delhi**.
- **International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)** decided to set up a **World Heritage Centre** housing ‘spiritual camps’ in **45 countries**, one of which is to be set up in **Mayapur** in **West Bengal**.
 - This festival is held with a motive to bring together speakers from several socio-political spheres and share their insights on various issues.
- The 6-day long music and dance festival ‘**Sopan 2019**’, to encourage **young artists to take up traditional art** took place in **New Delhi**.
 - This festival is an opportunity for upcoming talents from vocals and instruments to dance forms to set an audience base for themselves.
- **Dr M. Manikandan, Minister for Information Technology of Tamil Nadu** inaugurated ‘**ICT Academy Bridge 2019**’ conference in the city that witnessed more than 1,000 participants from government, industry and academia.
 - Organized by ICT Academy, the **37th edition of the conference is the largest Industry-Institute Interaction Event of Asia**. The conference was

organized under the theme “**Fostering India for Industry 4.0**”.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **Ministry of Coal**, Government of India signed an MoU with Ministry of Energy, Republic of **Poland** in-order to foster relations in the field of coal mining and clean coal technologies.
 - The objective of MoU includes: promoting trade and investment in the coal sector, enhancing the understanding of coal related energy issues, clean coal technologies.

ECONOMY

- The Economic Affairs Secretary, **Subhash Chandra Garg** said that the finance ministry is expecting the GDP growth to reach **7.5 per cent** in 2019-20 from **7.2 per cent** projected for the current fiscal.
 - The Government is expecting a nominal growth of **11.5 per cent** (for 2019-20) and inflation to remain at **4 per cent**.

AWARDS

- P.S. Krishnan, former Secretary of Government of India, was entitled with K. Veeramani Award for Social Justice 2018 in **New Delhi**.
 - **Social Exclusion and Justice in India, Empowering Dalits for Empowering India: A Road-map** are some of books written by P S Krishnan.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Mashoka5**, the mobile app for booking of Bungalow No.5, New Delhi was launched by Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs **Shri Hardeep S Puri**.
 - The Application will help an applicant to complete the **entire booking process** from anywhere and at any time, by using a **mobile phone**.

- **India's 40th communication satellite GSAT-31** has been launched successfully from **French Guiana**. The **Ariane-5 rocket** lifted off with it from Kourou Launch Base, and in 42-minutes, placed it in the intended Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.
 - GSAT-31 will provide transponder capacity for DTH television and connectivity to services like VSATs for ATMs, stock-exchanges, Digital Satellite News Gathering DSNG and e-governance applications.

SPORTS

- **Indian women's hockey team midfielder Navjot Kaur**, who climbed the ranks in the national team with significant performances, completed the milestone of playing **150 international matches**.
 - The Indian midfielder also featured in the 17th Asian Games, 2016 Rio Olympics, fourth Women's Asian Champions Trophy and was part of India's silver medal feat at the 2018 Asian Games.


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