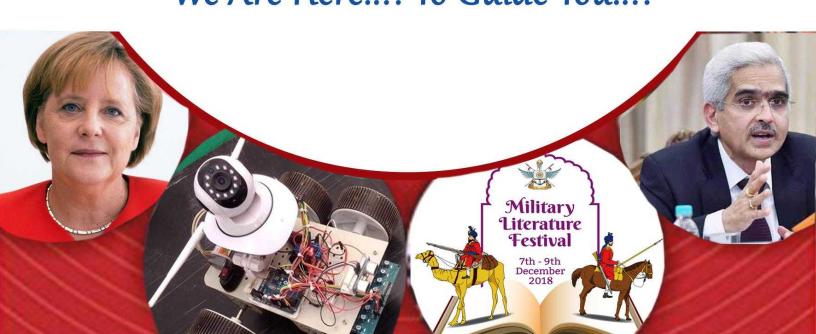


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NATIONAL NEWS

- **First State Level Awareness Programme** on Agriculture Export Policy to create awareness among farmers and stakeholders held in **Pune, Maharashtra**.
 - Union cabinet approved the Agriculture Export Policy 2018 with an Objective of Doubling Farmers income by 2022.
- The second edition of World Count festival 2019 was held in Pune, Maharashtra. The Festival, was hosted by the award -winning screenwriter, author and columnist Advita Kala.
 - This festival is held with a motive to bring together speakers from several **socio-political spheres** and share their insights on various issues.
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) App has been launched on Google play store. Ayushman Bharat Yojana or Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) is a centrally sponsored scheme; which was launched in the year 2018, under the Ayushman Bharat Mission of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the country.
- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for petroleum and natural gas, inaugurated the 2019 Asia LPG summit in New Delhi. This two-day event will focus on 'LPG – Energy for Life'.
 - India is the second largest consumer of liquified natural gas (LPG) in the world under the flagship 'Ujjwala' scheme, and in take of LPG in households is providing access to cleaner cooking fuel.
- The "Darwaza Band- Part 2" campaign was launched by Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen focuses on sustaining the open defecation free status of villages across the country. The World Bank also supported the Darwaza Band -Part 2. Earlier Darwaza Band campaign was launched in 2017.
 - The campaign launched by the **Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation** in **Mumbai** in the presence of actor **Amitabh Bachchan**.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The government appointed **Dinesh Bhatia**, the present consulate general of India at Toronto as the next **ambassador of India to the Republic Of Argentina**.
 - **Ranjan** has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to the **Republic of Colombia**.

ECONOMY

- National Bulk Handling Corporation (NBHC) has released Kharif Crop estimation for the year 2018-2019. According to the report, the basmati rice production is expected to decline by 9.24% to 5.18 million metric tonnes.
 - The total **oilseeds** production is estimated to be **19.87 million metric tonne** which is **5.36 %** lower as compared to the year 2018.
- National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has been named a winner under the 'miniratna' category by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

• It is felicitated for their exemplary work towards **promotion of SC/ST** entrepreneurs.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) unveiled its Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) at ISRO Headquarter campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka for its maiden manned space mission 'Gaganyaan'.
 - The space flight centre was inaugurated by K Kasturirangan, former ISRO Chairman. ISRO is gearing up for its maiden manned mission Gaganyaan, which is planned for 2021-end.

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SPORTS

• Indian women's cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana has become the topranked batter in women's ODI cricket, as per the latest rankings released by the ICC.

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• The 22-year-old moved up three spots in the batters' rankings to reach the top spot.

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