



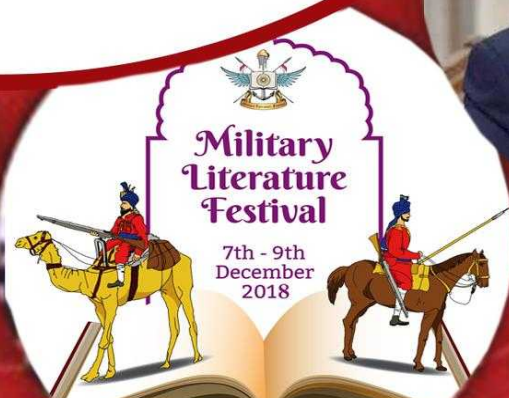
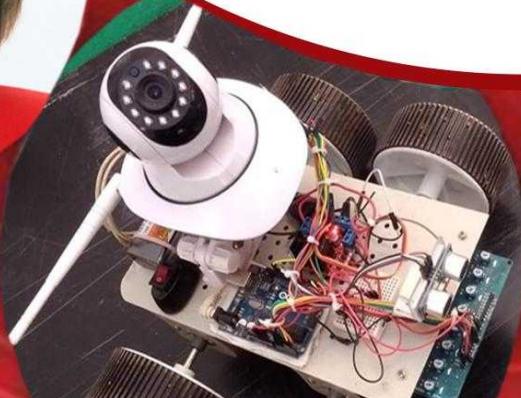
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** approved a proposal seeking the establishment of '**Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog**' to conserve, protect and develop India's cattle population.
  - The **Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog** will work in collaboration with veterinary, animal sciences or agriculture universities, departments or organisations of the central/state government engaged in the task of research in the field of breeding and rearing of cows, organic manure, and biogas.
- **The Maharashtra government** has set up a committee to review various schemes implemented for the welfare of tribals in the state.
  - The **17-member committee**, headed by former MLA and Shramjeevi Sanghatna president **Vivek Pandit**, will undertake study of various works done for providing employment opportunities, minimum wages and proper livelihood to tribals.
- **A Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) programme** has been launched by Government to orient potential migrant workers with regard to culture, language, do's and don'ts in the emigration process and safety measures.
  - PDOT has been conducted under Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and The National Skill Development Corporation is the devising agency for this programme.
- Air India's First ever Flight Simulator known as '**Boeing 747-200**' was exhibited in **Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai**.
  - The Simulator was acquired by Air India in 1980, which is designed and manufactured by the CAE (Canadian Aviation Electronics), Canada.
- **Indian Coast Guard and the Airport Authority of India** signed a Memorandum of Understanding at Coast Guard Regional Headquarters in Port Blair in the presence of Inspector General Maneesh Vishal Pathak for coordination in the **aeronautical and maritime search and rescue operations**.
  - The MoU with AAI is aimed at strengthening mutual interactions, interoperability and validating procedures during conduct of search and rescue operations.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Germany** have joined hands for cooperation on **Water and Waste Management**. During the meeting of **3rd Indo-German Working Group** for cooperation on water and waste management which concluded in **New Delhi**, both sides discussed potential cooperation in this area.
- **NATO's** next meeting of Heads of State and Government will take place in **London** this December, marking the **70<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the military pact. Stoltenberg also highlighted

that London was home to NATO's first headquarters, adding that the UK is one of the alliance's 12 founding members.

## ECONOMY

- RBI has released 6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement. The **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** decided to:
  - **Reduce the policy repo rate** under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by **25 basis points from 6.5% to 6.25%** with immediate effect.
  - Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0%, and the **marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.5%**.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Former Assistant General Manager at Western Railway, **Rahul Jain** took charge as the General Manager of **Integral Coach Factory**.
  - He succeeded **Sudhanshu Mani** who is known as the architect of India's first self-propelled long distance **"Train 18"**.
- Air India chief **Pradeep Singh Kharola** has been appointed **Civil Aviation secretary**. He will succeed **Rajiv Nayan Choubey** who retired, after the resignation he took over as member in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

## AWARDS

- **The State Bank of India's** UK chief Shri **Sanjiv Chadha** has been honoured with the **'Freedom of the City Of London'** by city of London Corporation.
  - Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was the previous Indian recipient of this award and other recipient includes author JK Rowling and actor Dame Judi Dench.

## SPORTS

- Indian opener **Smriti Mandhana** hammered the **fastest fifty for India** in **Women's T20Is**. The left-handed batswoman struck a half-century in just **24 balls** in the 1st T20I against New Zealand at Westpac Stadium in **Wellington**. In doing so, the 22-year-old bettered her own record of a fifty in **25 balls**, which she created in **2018** against **England**.
  - **New Zealand's Sophie Devine** holds the record of the quickest half-century in women's T20Is. She set the record in **2005** against **India** when she hammered an **18-ball** fifty.