



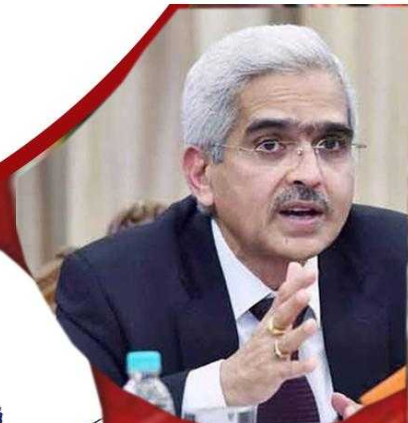
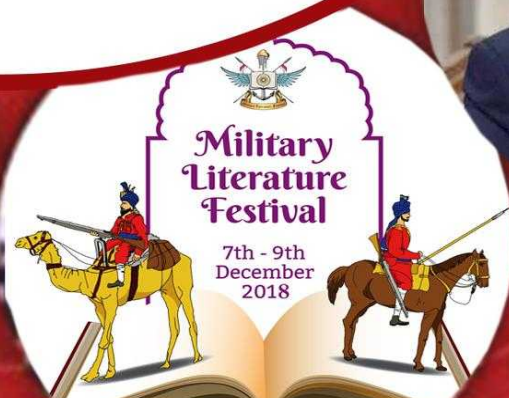
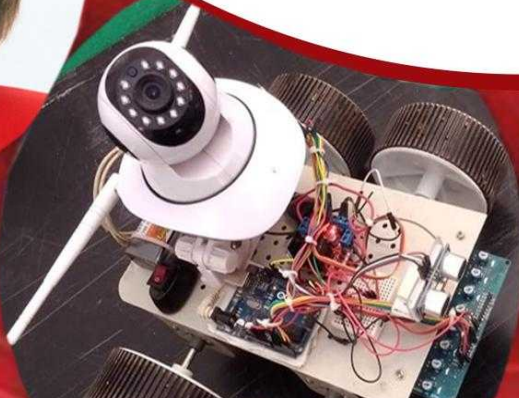
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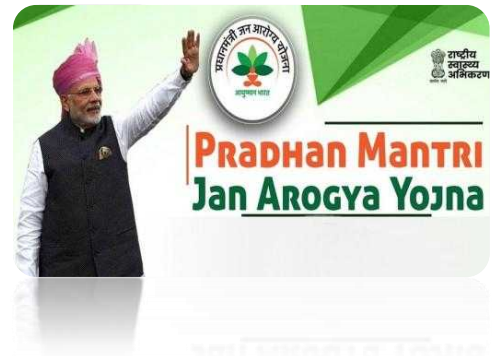
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **“Parmanu Tech 2019” Conference** was organised by the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** and **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)** at **New Delhi**. The conference discussed issues related to Nuclear Energy and Radiation Technologies.
 - The main motive of this conference is to showcase India’s capabilities in Nuclear Energy with environmental responsibility.
- **Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)** integrated **Pink toilets** named **“She Mart and Loo’s”** in order to provide women with safe and hygienic toilets.
 - Under this public **baby feeding rooms** are also being launched in the **“She Mart and Loo’s”**. The She Mart store will stock eco-friendly, recycled and upscale products manufactured by self-help groups.
- **Indian Ocean Rim Association meet** was organised in New Delhi with the collaboration of Ministry of Home Affairs with the Ministry of External Affairs and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) solely based on Disaster Risk Management.
 - It will focus and strengthen cooperation in disaster response intervention and mobilization of relief material to affected countries.
- **2nd ASEAN – India Youth Summit concluded in Guwahati** which was conducted to strengthen the mutual cooperation among ASEAN countries. It was inaugurated by **Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Minister of State for Tourism K J Alphons**.
 - The **theme** of the summit was **‘Connectivity: Pathway to Shared Prosperity’**.
- Sahapedia in partnership with UNESCO organized the second edition of **India Heritage Walk Festival (IHWF) 2019**. It is also supported by the National Mineral Development Corporation.
 - The heritage walk plans to introduce **Sanjhi- a paper-cutting art** by a **stencil of Vrindavan and the lanes of Bandra in Mumbai**.

- The **7th edition of the film festival** began on February 7th of 2019 in **Kolhapur, Maharashtra**. It is an eight-day festival, in which Veteran actress Rohini Hattangadi is the chief guest at the inaugural function.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Macedonia signed an accord, to become the 30th member of the NATO military alliance. The historic agreement was signed between **Macedonia's Foreign Minister Nikola Dimitrov** and NATO Secretary **General Jens Stoltenberg**.
 - **NOTE:** Montenegro-joined NATO as its 29th member.
- US Chambers of Commerce released the annual International IP Index of top 50 economies in the world. As per the ranking, India climbed 8 positions to 36th rank in comparison to last year's 44th rank.
 - The index has been topped by US, followed by UK, Sweden, France and Germany, while Venezuela stood at last rank.

ECONOMY

- As per Oil Minister, **Dharmendra Pradhan, India** has become the **second** largest importer of **liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)** after **China**, due to rising demands of cleaner alternatives to the traditional cooking fuels like firewood and cow dung.
 - In India, LPG is mainly imported from Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Iran.

AWARDS

- **Father Francois Laborde**, a 92-year-old priest, was conferred with the **Legion d'Honneur, the highest civilian award of France**, in recognition of his work for specially-abled children in **Howrah**.
 - Father Francois Laborde, French-origin with indian citizenship, is considered to be the third person from the state to be entitled with the

Legion of Honor after film maestro Satyajit Ray and actor Soumitra Chatterjee.

SPORTS

- The 24 year old World champion Manipuri weightlifter **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** notched up gold at EGAT Cup in Chiang Mai city, Thailand.
 - Mirabai Chanu has won **48 kg category Gold** with effort of 192 kg in the silver level Olympic qualifying event for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation- 6th February**
 - **February 6th** is observed as the **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**, which is also called as **Female Genital Cutting (FGC)** that is, removal of all or part of a female's genitalia for non-medical reasons.
 - The UN officially commemorated the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation to remark to fight against FGM on **February 6, 2003.**
 - The theme for the year 2019 is **#EndGFM.**