



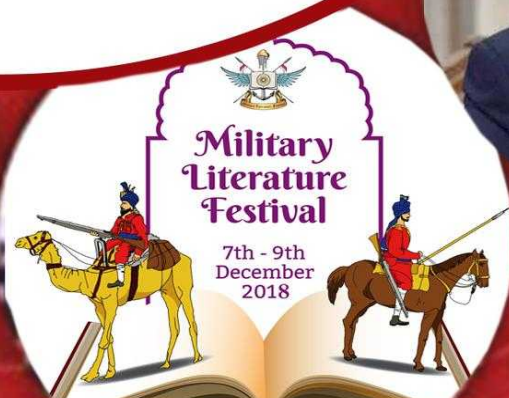
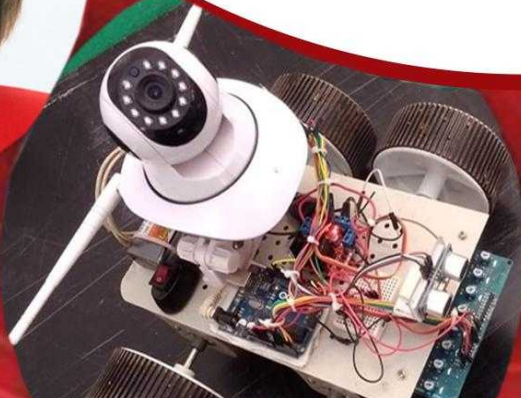
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## National News

- **The International Labour Organization (ILO) centenary celebrations** have been inaugurated by the Union Minister of Labour and Employment, Santosh Kumar Gangwar at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute in **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**.
  - Shri Gangwar addressed the representatives of Trade Unions, Employer organizations and Workers at the beginning of the celebrations of ILO.
- **Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu** launched the **Hirkani Maharashtra scheme** to provide a platform for **women's Self Help Groups (SHGs)** and the District Business Plan Competition **to boost entrepreneurship in Maharashtra**.
  - Under the Hirkani Maharashtra scheme, women's SHGs will pitch their business plan at the taluka level.
- **The 13th International Oil and Gas Conference – PETROTECH – 2019** got underway at **India Expo Mart, Greater Noida**. Over 95 Energy Ministers from partner countries are expected to participate in the three day Conference.
  - The **theme** of the conference is **Collaborating For Sustainable and Secure Energy Access for all. India is the third largest consumer of crude oil and petroleum** products and the government has taken several measures to provide energy for all.
- Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the **Institute of Advanced Virology (IAV) in Thiruvananthapuram**. A first of its kind research institute that is linked to the **Global Virus Network (GVN)**, it will operate from the **Bio 360 Life Sciences Park at Thonnakkal** in the capital city.
  - The institute is affiliated to the **Global Virus Network**, which has 45 centres of excellence in over 29 countries.
- **The government of Assam** has announced a new scheme called **Arundhati to provide gold at free of cost to the brides**. Under the scheme, the government of Assam aims to provide **1 Tola Gold** to brides belonging to all such communities of Assam where it is customary to provide gold at the time of the wedding.
  - The scheme is named after **Arundhati, wife of great sage Basistha**.

## International News

- **The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change** signed a letter of Intent establishing the **India-Norway Marine Pollution** Initiative together with the Norwegian ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  - The India-Norway Marine Pollution Initiative will combat marine pollution, which is one of the fastest growing environmental concerns.

## Science & Technology

- The **second** indigenously developed '**Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)**' propulsion-based missile system was successfully flight tested **in Odisha by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**.
  - The success of SFDR propulsion technology is a significant milestone and will pave the way for the development of long-range air-to-air missiles in the country.

## Appointment

- **Abdel Fattah El Sisi**, the **President** of **Egypt**, was elected as the **African Union's** new chairman during 32nd AU Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
  - The Egyptian President said that the objective would be to improve peace and security in Africa in a holistic and sustainable manner.

## Awards

- **Aegis Graham Bell Award 2018** announced **YES BANK** as winner in **"Innovation in Data Science"** category for their industry-first project **"Yes EEE (Engage Enrich Excel)"**. 9th edition of Aegis Graham Bell Award 2018 hosted by **Government of Goa at Entertainment Society of Goa, Panaji**.
  - AGBA has been promoting innovations and entrepreneurship in

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) domain.

## Important Days

- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science-11th February**
  - The **United Nations (UN) General Assembly** declared **11th February** as the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**, in order to achieve full and equal participation and access to women and girls in science, and to further achieve gender equality and empowerment of women and girls.
  - The theme for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2019 was **“Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth.**

## Books & Authors

- The book **“Law, Justice and Judicial Power – Justice P N Bhagwati’s Approach”** written by Mool Chand Sharma was launched by the Chief Justice of India, Shri Justice **Ranjan Gogoi**. The first copy of the book was received by the **President Ram Nath Kovind**.
  - The book is a collection of 24 essays celebrating Justice P N Bhagwati’s judicial work and landmark judgments as well as his work towards introducing public interest litigation in India.