



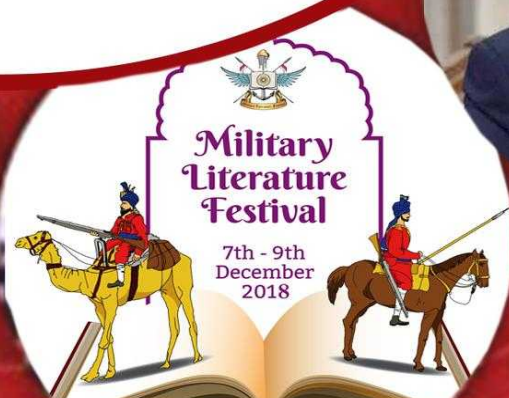
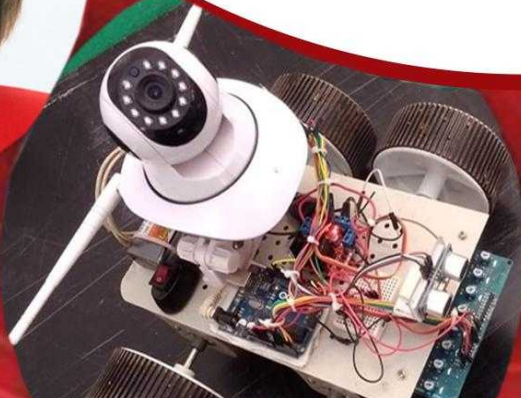
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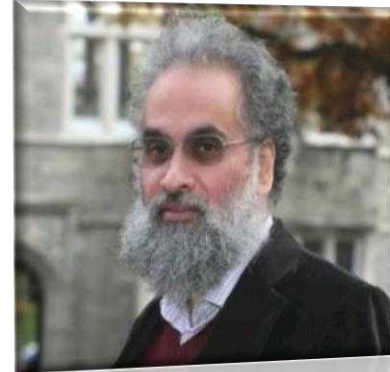
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar announced an Universal Old Age Pension scheme, named **MukhyaMantri Vriddha Pension Yojana (MMVPY)**, irrespective for all caste, community, religion, except for those who are retired from government organizations. The scheme will come into its enforcement from 1st April, 2019.
  - The scheme facilitates the amount of Rs. 400 monthly pension for all in the state above the age of 60 who are not getting pension from the government.
- Andhra Pradesh has made a significant move by merging **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Portal** with its **own Annadatha Sukhibhava scheme**. This move will further allow a fixed amount of Rs. 10,000 per annum to all farmers in the state, irrespective of the size of their land.
  - The benefits will be facilitated in 2 portions of Rs. 5000 before the Kharif and Rabi crop cycle.
- A Bilateral meeting between **India and Germany 3rd Indo-German Environment Forum held in New Delhi**. Additional Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Anil Kumar Jain** called for strengthening the renewable alliances and climate between India and Germany as well as cooperation in field of environment.
- **Indian Army** showcased its artillery firepower by using ultra light Howitzers and indigenous Swathi weapon-locating radar at the **annual “Exercise Topchi”**. The exercise was held at Deolali Camp near **Nashik**.
  - The aviation and surveillance capabilities were also showcased. The precision displayed while delivering the explosives in the target area stunned all those present.
- Harsimrat Kaur Badal – Union Minister of Food Processing Industries commissioned **Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park** at Tundurru Village in Bhimavaram Mandal, West Godavari District, **Andhra Pradesh** through video conferencing.
  - It will be the **first Mega Aqua** Food Park operationalised exclusively for fish and marine products processing in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **One of the world's largest and longest-running international military exercises** officially began **in Thailand**. The **38th annual Cobra Gold exercise**, scheduled to run through Feb. 22, is co-sponsored by the **Royal Thai and U.S armed forces**.
  - They are joined by another 27 nations, including Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea and Singapore. China and India participate in civic-action parts of the exercise.
- Ahead of World Hearing Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Trade Union (ITU) have issued a new international standard regarding fabricating and utilization of musical devices, which includes smart phones and audio players, to make them safe for listening.
  - **World Hearing Day** – 3rd March.

## APPOINTMENT

- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed **Sushil Chandra**, the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), to be designated as the **new Election Commissioner on 14th February, 2019**.
  - The Election Commission now has Sunil Arora as the Chief Election Commissioner who will succeed O.P. Rawat and Ashok Lavasa and Sushil Chandra as fellow commissioners.

## AWARDS

- **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)** awarded actor-director Bradley Cooper '**Oscat**' award for casting his own dog, rather than one supplied by animal exhibitors, in his movie **A Star is Born**.
  - **A Star is Born** has received **8 Oscar** nominations including best actor for **Bradley Cooper** and best actress for **Lady Gaga**.

## SPORTS

- **Meghalaya's** state animal **Clouded Leopard** will be the **mascot** for the **National Games 2022** coinciding with the 50th year of the creation of the state.
  - Clouded Leopard is among the wild cats that live throughout the forests of **Garro, Khasi, and Jaintia Hills**.
- **Russia's Daniil Medvedev** has achieved his fourth **ATP title** after a triumph against finalist **Hungary's Morton Fucsovics** in the Finale of **Sofia Open 2019**.

  
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