



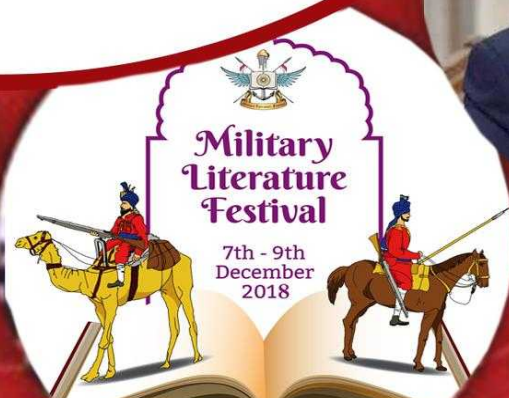
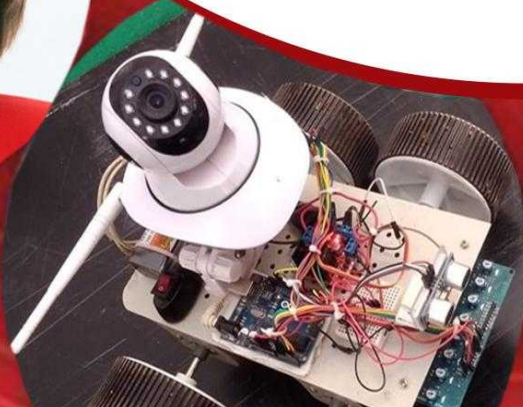
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## 1st LAWASIA Human Rights Conference

9-10 Feb 2019 | New Delhi, India

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## NATIONAL NEWS

- A **UAE-based** international cooling provider has entered into a 30-year concession with **Andhra Pradesh government** to build, own, operate and transfer **India's first district cooling system** in the state's new capital **Amaravati**.
- **India and the European** Union on Thursday decided to jointly invest up to 40 million euros on seven research and innovation projects, including on Ganga rejuvenation, to tackle the urgent **water challenges in the country**.
  - On Thursday announced the seven projects that have been selected under the EU-India Joint Call on Research and Innovation for Water.
- **The Indian Air Force (IAF)** demonstrated its full spectrum combat and fire capabilities during '**Exercise Vayu Shakti-2019**' in **Pokharan firing range close to Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan**.
  - The exercise was performed in the presence of Indian Air Force chief BS Dhanoa.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu** announced **Rs 9000 each to the farmers with less than 5 acres land under Annadata Sukhibhava scheme 2019**. Farmers having land **more than 5 acres**, will be given **Rs 10,000**.
  - The Chief Minister also laid emphasis on the special skill development training programmes given to youths that assist them in securing jobs at various sectors.
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) organised a conference on **Sustainable and Environment-friendly Industrial Production (SEIP) Project** in New Delhi.
  - The project worked directly with companies and advised them on environment friendly production and wastewater management in 5 industrial areas in three states (Delhi, Uttarakhand and Gujarat).

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **World Health Organization says the number of Measles cases reported in 2018 is nearly double** the infections contracted in the previous year.
  - Measles is a viral infection **caused by rubeola virus**. It is a highly infectious disease but easily preventable by vaccination. **Vaccination for measles was introduced in 1963**.

## APPOINTMENT

- The UN has appointed an Indian official in one of the top most positions in its Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance.
  - **Chandramouli Ramanathan** has been appointed as Controller, **Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance** in the management strategy, policy and compliance department.
- Flight Lieutenant **Hina Jaiswal** has created history by becoming the **first Indian Woman Flight Engineer**.
  - She achieved the feat after completing the prestigious Flight Engineers' course 112 Helicopter Unit, Air Force Station, Yelahanka.

## AWARDS

- **Abdul Aziz Muhamat, a Sudanese refugee** who has been held in **Australia's** notorious offshore **Manus Island processing centre** for over five years, has won the prestigious **Martin Ennals human rights prize, the UN refugee agency UNHCR** has said.
  - It is the first time that the major prize has been awarded to an individual focused on refugee issues.
- **Chhattisgarh's Raigarh municipal corporation won the "Swachhata Excellence awards 2019"**. The municipal corporations of Ambikapur and Kumbakonam bagged the second and third prizes respectively.

## SPORTS

- In a battle between the Indian shuttle queens, **Saina Nehwal toppled top seed PV Sindhu for the second year** as she claimed the **senior national title in women's singles final** victory in Guwahati.
  - **Sourabh Verma clinched his third consecutive title** by defeating Lakshya Sen in the **men's singles final**.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The banned Punjabi **poem 'Khooni Vaisakhi'** on the **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre** which was written by Punjabi writer **Nanak Singh in 1919**, will be published next month by **Harper Collins in English**.
  - The poem was presented at Jallianwala Bagh on 13th April, 1919 by Nanak Singh also known as **'Father of Punjabi Novels'** But this poem was banned by the British after its publication in 1920.