



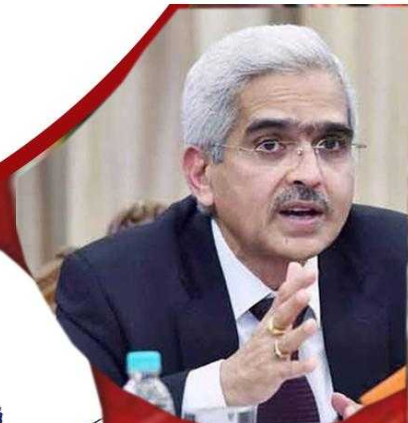
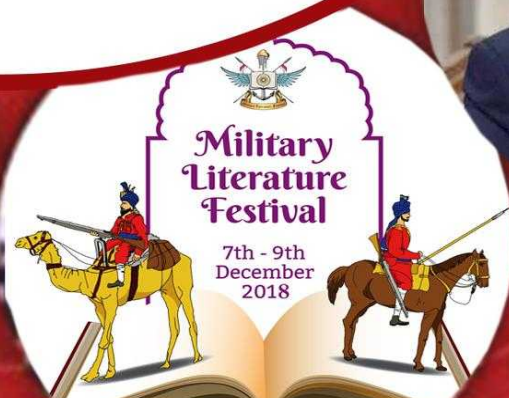
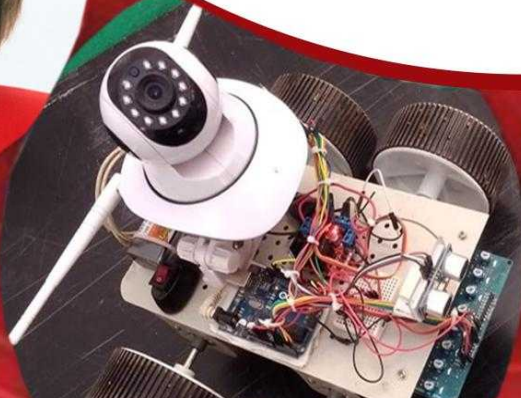
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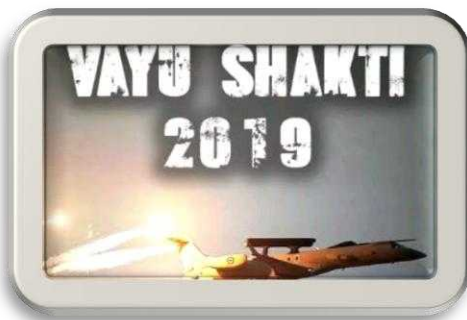
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, **Radha Mohan Singh**, inaugurated the **4th Agri Leadership Summit 2019** at the **India International Horticulture Market** in **Haryana**. The main objective of the summit was to provide a platform to the progressive farmers, **Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO), Agri-input and Agri-produce processing industries** of the country
  - The theme of the summit was **“Entrepreneurship & Agri Business; Agri Allied – A Promising Sector and Agri Service- Direct Marketing”**.
- **40th International Annual Desert Festival kicked off in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**. It will exhibit rich cultural heritage of the state and attract thousands of tourists from all over the world to the Golden City. The festival is **held amidst the beautiful dunes of the Thar Desert in the Sam dunes**.
- Revenue Department of Telangana has issued a notification stating about the creation of 2 new districts in Telangana– **Mulugu** and **Narayanpet**. District Naraynpet and Mulugi has been carved out of the District **Mahabubnagar** and **Bhupalapally** districts respectively.
  - With the creation of 2 districts, total number of districts in Telangana has augmented to 33.
- **A 110-foot National Flag** was hoisted at **Raipur railway station in Chhattisgarh** as a tribute to **40 soldiers martyred in last week's terror attack at Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir**.
  - On **August 15** when India celebrated **72nd Independence day**, a **1,100-foot tricolour was unfurled at Surat in Gujarat**.
- Home Minister **Rajnath Singh will launch Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) in 16 states and Union territories for women safety from New Delhi**. The states include Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir.
  - Persons in distress can dial a **pan-India number : 112**.

- The **Supreme Court** directed all state governments to make their **police personnel** aware of the verdict which scrapped **Section 66A of Information Technology Act**. Sensitising the police will reduce unnecessary arrest of people under their provision.
  - Section 66A of IT Act which provided jail term for people sending offensive contents in internet. It was scrapped by Supreme Court on March 24, 2015.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- U.S. President **Donald Trump**, declared a national emergency at the **US-Mexico border** to fund construction of his long-sought wall, citing an **“invasion of drugs and criminals”** as reason for the act.
- **Argentina** became the **72nd country** to sign the Framework Agreement of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.
  - The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** is a group of **121** solar resource-rich countries with headquarters in **Gurugram**, India.

## APPOINTMENT

- Indian-origin global negotiator, Professor **Faizel Ismail**, was appointed as the director of **South Africa’s Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance**.
  - He is a professor at the **University of Cape Town (UCT)’s School of Economics** and has served as an **Ambassador** to the **World Trade Organisation**.

## AWARDS


- President **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the **Rabindranath Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony** for the year **2014, 2015 and 2016** at the **Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi**.
  - The awardees were: **Shri Rajkumar Singhajit Singh** for the year **2014**, **Chhayanaut** (a cultural organization of Bangladesh) for the year **2015**, **Shri Ram Sutar Vanji** for the year for **2016**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Iran's President **Hassan Rouhani** unveiled the first Iranian made **semi-heavy submarine** named "**Fateh**" ("Conqueror" in Persian), capable of being fitted with missiles, as per the reporting on Iran's state TV.
  - It has subsurface-to-surface missiles with a range of about **2,000 km** (1,250 miles) and is capable of reaching **Israel** and **U.S. military bases** in the region.

## SPORTS

- **Elise Mertens**, world number **21 from Belgium** beat world number **3, Simona Halep** to win the **Qatar Open** held in **Doha, Qatar**. This is said to be the biggest title of her career.

  
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