



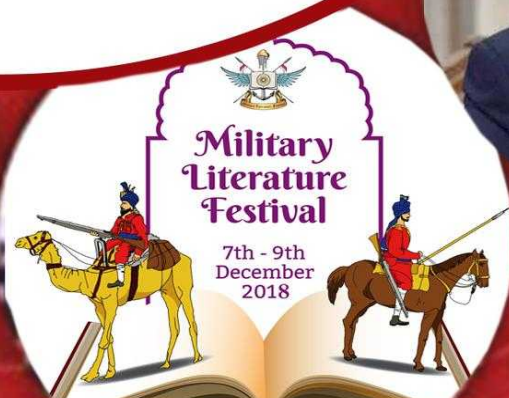
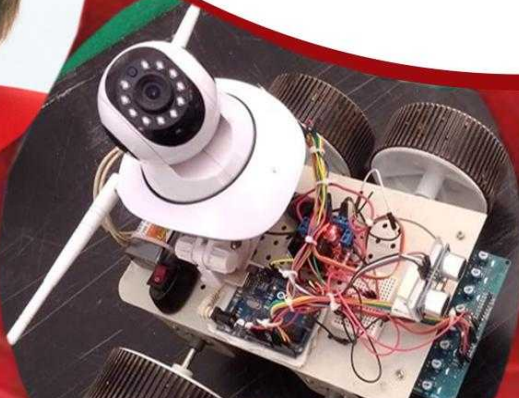
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **The International Conference and Exhibition on Energy and Environment – Challenges and Opportunities (ENCO-2019)** held in **New Delhi**.
 - This conference aims to deliberate and identify the **R&D** needs to innovate new techniques, technologies and applications for clean, safe, symbiotic sustenance of society, environment, energy and industries in post-**2020 era**.
- Union Minister of State for **Food Processing Industries, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti**, inaugurated **Tripura’s first mega food park** named **Sikaria Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd. at Village Tulakona in Agartala, Tripura**.
- In a major boost for the Navy’s firepower, the **Defence Ministry has approved the acquisition of more than 100 heavyweight torpedoes** which will be equipped on the force’s six Scorpene-class submarines being built at Mazagon Dockyards in Mumbai.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** approved the launch of **‘Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan’ (KUSUM Yojana)** with the objective of providing financial and water security to farmers.
- **UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** launched Scheme for **Adolescent girls**.
 - The scheme focuses on girls aged between **11 to 14** years who have left studies and will take steps for proper nutrition and special care for them.
 - The state government also decided to observe Adolescent girls day on 8th of every month at **Anganwadi centres** across the state.
 - State Government will also launch **Nutrition Campaign** for the adolescent girls on **8th March**.
- **NITI Aayog** Organized a conference on **“The Future of Indian Banking”** with the Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare (**EGROW Foundation**).
 - The conference aims to increase and elevate the discourse on the banking sector in India, and help develop insights to inform the continued evolution of the **Indian banking** sector for optimally supporting the growing credit needs of the Indian economy.

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- **Australian Small Brown Rat** becomes **World's First Mammal to go Extinct** due to **“human-induced climate change”**. It was found only on a small sand island near the coast of Papua New Guinea.

INTERNATIONAL

- After withdrawing the most favoured nation (**MFN**) status and slamming a **200 per cent import duty**, **India** decided to stop the flow of its share of water from **the three eastern rivers –the Beas, Ravi** and Sutlej to Pakistan. Construction of a dam had started at **Shahpur-Kandi on Ravi river**.
- Sudanese President **Omar al-Bashir** has declared a year-long state of emergency, dissolving his cabinet and local governments throughout the country. Omar al-Bashir in a televised address called on Sudan's parliament to **postpone constitutional amendments** that would allow him to run for another term in a presidential election in **2020**.

APPOINTMENT

- **Ajay Singh**, president of the **Boxing Federation of India** has been selected as the president of the **Foundation Board for Better Boxing** of **AIBA** (International Boxing Association).

AWARDS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** was conferred with the **Seoul Peace Prize** during his two-day visit to **South Korea**. The award was first announced by the Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation in **October 2018**.
- **Divya Karnad** became the **First Indian Woman** to be honoured with the **‘Future for Nature Award’** for her work on marine conservation along with **Oliver Nsengimana and Fernanda Abra**.
 - She is the second Indian to receive this award after **Dr. Charudutt Mishra**.
 - It is a prestigious international award that celebrates achievements in protecting **wild animals and plant species**.