



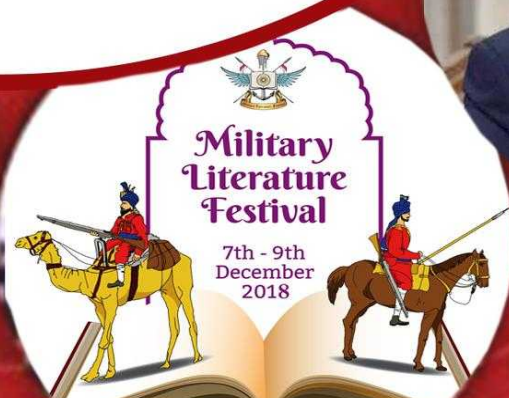
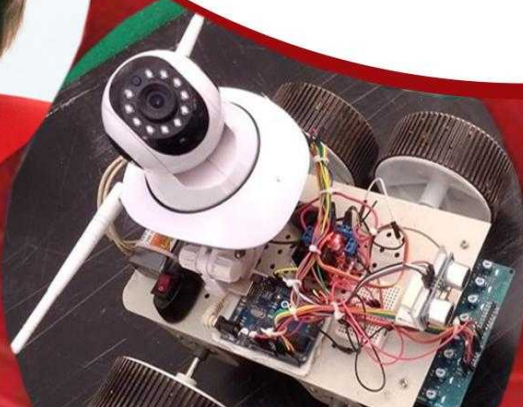
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** addressed the **Global Business Summit in New Delhi**. He highlighted the role of his government's policies in establishing a **high growth rate** and **controlling inflation**.
 - The government would provide conducive environment for start-ups and promote renewable sources of energy.
- Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated **'Waste to Wonder Park'** which houses the replicas of **Seven Wonders of the World** at **Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi**.
 - The replicas of all seven wonders of world has been built with **eco-friendly, self sustainable material, and has its own solar and wind power generation**.
- The government of **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the **Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana** to provide **employment for youth**. The scheme guarantees 100 days of employment every year to urban youths from economically weaker sections (EWS)
 - The youth would get Rs 4,000 stipend per month and total Rs 13,500 for the 100 days period would be provided.
- The **Odisha** government As part of its initiatives to **empower women**, launched the **'Khushi'** scheme to provide **free sanitary napkins** to school girls across the state at the cost of **INR 466 crore in a period of 5 years**.
 - Under the scheme, the state will provide free sanitary napkins to 17 lakh girls studying in Classes 6 to 12 in government and government-aided schools.
- The **"National Conference on Logistics Policy: Context, Issues & The Way Forward"** was held in New Delhi. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, **Suresh Prabhu**, addressed the first stakeholder consultation on the draft logistics policy.
 - He also launched the **SAFAR Mobile App** which will help to gauge the actual issues faced by transporters on the road.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** condemned the **Pulwama** terror attack in **Kashmir**, which led to death of 40 CRPF jawans and decided to keep Pakistan in the 'grey' list owing to continued funding of terrorist groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jamat-ud-Dawa.

ECONOMY

- **Zimbabwe's** central bank announced the discontinuation of its official currency, quasi-currency bond note officially pegged at parity with the **U.S. dollar** and launched a new currency called **RTGS dollars**, to resolve a long-term monetary crisis.
 - U.S. dollars to banks at a rate of **2.5 RTGS** to the greenback.

APPOINTMENT

- **Justice Uma Nath Singh** took the oath as the **first** lokayukta of **Nagaland**. He was formerly the **Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court**.

AWARDS

- Bollywood actress, Kareena Kapoor Khan is named as the brand ambassador of **Swasth Immunised India**, a year-long campaign initiated by **Network18** and **Serum Institute of India** which promotes immunisation of babies under **two years** of age.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Thinking Day : February 22**
 - The **World Thinking Day** is celebrated every year around the world on **22nd February** by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. The day is celebrated to appreciate the help and guidance of brothers and sisters around the world.
 - The theme of **World Thinking Day 2019 is 'Leadership'**. The aim is to learn the different ways to be a leader and develop the power to bring the change a person wants to see in the world.