



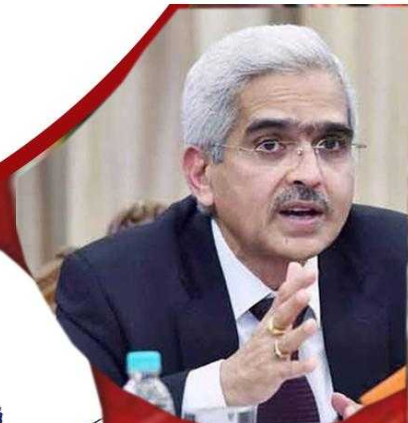
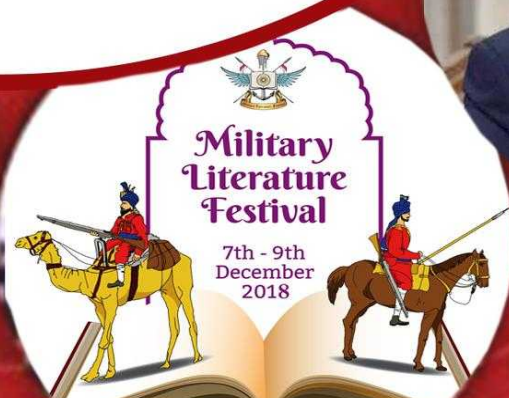
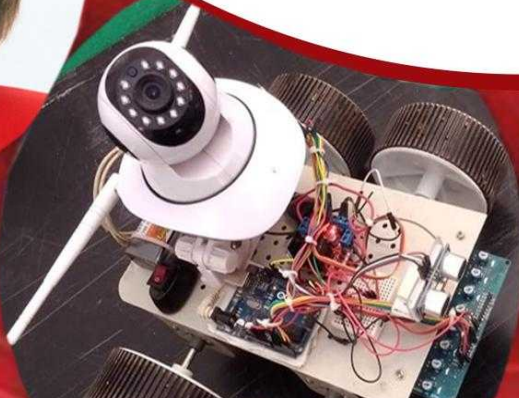
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Shri J P Nadda**, Union Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** inaugurated the **'4th Global Digital Health Partnership Summit'** in the presence of Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad Union Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology and Health Ministers from several countries.
 - The meeting on digital health is being hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with the **World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP)**
- The **Central Information Commission (CIC)** has said that an electronic voting machine (EVM) is "information" under the Right to Information Act and it can be demanded by a citizen from the Election Commission (EC) by paying Rs. 10. The decision was taken by **Sudhir Bhargava- Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)**.
- The **3rd edition** of the **3-day** festival **"Words in the Garden"** based on the life and ideology of **Mahatma Gandhi** was held at **India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi**.
 - The festival explored themes with contemporary relevance inspired by Bapu's ideologies – **'Significance of non-violence today'** and **'Sustainable Living'**.
- **India ranked 47th in the overall "Inclusive Internet Index 2019"** score while **Sweden topped the chart**, followed by Singapore and the US, a **Facebook-led study** has revealed.
 - According to the **Inclusive Internet Index (3i)** prepared by the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) for Facebook**, there are demonstrable benefits from comprehensive female e-inclusion policies, digital skills programmes and targets for women and girls to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).
- **India successfully test fired a quick reaction surface to air missile (QRSAM) off the coast of Odisha**. Two quick reaction surface missile were tested by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**. The missile is being developed by DRDO **for the Indian Army**.
 - The **NGARM (next generation anti-radiation missile)** was fired from a

Su-30 aircraft successfully at a radar station and it took out its target successfully

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- As part of the ongoing India Bangladesh defence cooperation, a joint military exercise **Sampriti-2019** will be conducted at **Tangail, Bangladesh** from 02 March to 15 March 2019.
 - Exercise Sampriti-2019 is an important bilateral defence cooperation endeavour between India and Bangladesh and this will be the eighth edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** launched **Rail Drishti Dashboard**, an online portal containing information related to passenger and freight trains and links to live feeds of **IRCTC** kitchens.
 - The **URL** of the dashboard is raildrishti.cris.org.in and it is very well optimized and user friendly so that those in remote villages can also access and know everything about railways.

APPOINTMENT

- **Muhammadu Buhari was re-elected Nigeria's President**, results showed, after a delayed poll that angered voters and led to claims of rigging and collusion.
- **Dr. K. J. Srinivasa** has been appointed as the next **High Commissioner of India to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana** and is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
 - He is currently the **Consul General** at the **Consulate General of India, Johannesburg, South Africa.**

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- President **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the “**Gandhi Peace Prize**” for the years **2015, 2016, 2017** and **2018** at Rashtrapati Bhawan. **Gandhi Peace Prize for Social, Economic and Political transformation through Non-violence** was instituted in the year **1995**.
 - 2015 – Vivekanand Kendra, Kanyakumari,
 - 2016 – Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International (jointly)
 - 2017 – Ekal Abhiyan Trust and
 - 2018 – Yohei Sasakawa

SPORTS

- **Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta** won the **Cannes International Open** after taking an easy draw with Pier Luigi Basso of Italy in the ninth and final round that concluded recently.
 - Earlier this year, Abhijeet had also tied for the first place at the Delhi International open in January.
- Leg-spinner **Rashid Khan became the first bowler to bag four wickets off successive deliveries in Twenty20 Internationals**. Rashid’s impressive bowling performance in the third and final game also helped Afghanistan sweep the T20I series against Ireland in Dehradun.