



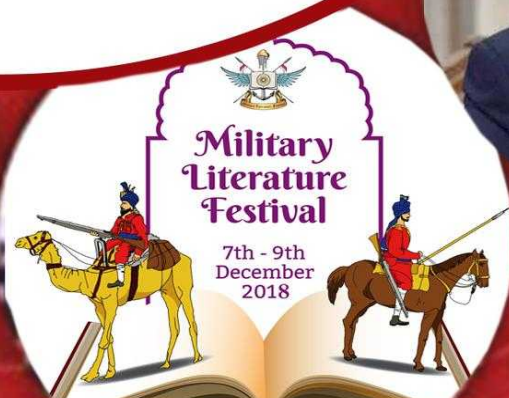
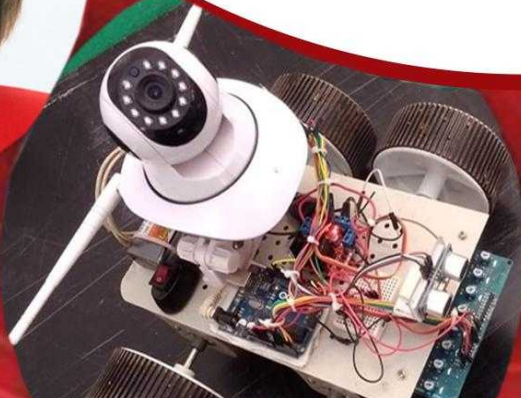
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the **"Skill Saathi Youth Conclave in Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. The programme aims to engage more and more people with skill development and inspire youth to make the most of various skill development opportunities in the country.
- P.M Narendra Modi addressed Network-18 **Rising India Summit 2019**, with the theme **'Beyond Politics: Defining National Priorities'**. He also laid out his vision for a **'New India'**. The event was held in **New Delhi**.
 - The Summit discussed various topics including income tax and GDP numbers, India's global standing, Jan Dhan accounts, and unemployment.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi launched the Khelo India Mobile App at the Youth Parliament Festival in New Delhi**. Developed by the **Sports Authority of India**, the App helps create awareness about sports and fitness, especially among youngsters.
- The **16th** edition of **BioAsia 2019** -Asia's largest biotechnology and life-sciences forum was conducted in **Hyderabad, Telangana**. It was inaugurated by the Governor of Telangana –**E.S.L Narasimhan**. The Partner Country for the event is **South Korea. South Africa and Spain** are the international partners for the event.
 - The theme of the conference was **"Life Sciences 4.0 – Disrupt the Disruption"**
- Assam chief minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** launched the **Parents Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring (PRANAM)** Commission, a panel set up to look after the issues with respect to the **PRANAM Bill** brought in for protection of parents of state government employees at **Guwahati, Assam**.
 - According to the Bill, if the **PRANAM Commission** gets a complaint that parents of a state government employee is being ignored, then **10% or 15%** of the **employee's salary** will be deducted by the government and paid to the **parents or differently abled siblings**.
- Union Textiles Minister **Smriti Irani inaugurated the 'Titanwala Museum' in Bagru** that showcases the **Chhipa** community's hand-block printing.
 - The Union minister was accompanied by Jaipur MP Ramcharan Bohra who

requested for setting up of a sewage treatment plant in Bagru.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- UNICEF representative in India **Yasmin Ali Haque** lauded the contribution of **Poshan Abhiyaan**-a scheme by the **central government** in reduction of stunting, under-nutrition and anaemia in women and adolescents by providing monetary support via direct cash transfers.
 - It was launched in **2017** by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** in **Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan**. Quoting Haque, “Poshan Abhiyaan has got global recognition for its effort to eradicate malnutrition from India.

ECONOMY

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** and **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** for development of infrastructure for fuels, lubricating oil, LPG, Natural Gas and any other related fuel and gas for meeting the requirement of National Waterways.
 - As per the National Waterways Act 2016, 106 new National waterways have been declared in addition to existing 5 National Waterways.

AWARDS

- **Railway's ticket booking mobile application** and the **Chhattisgarh government's 'Khanij online'** are among 14 such IT projects that have been chosen for this year's **National e-Governance Awards**.
 - Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (**IRCTC**) **Rail Connect** mobile app was launched in January 2017.
- Eminent Indian **playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar** has been chosen for this year's **META Lifetime Achievement Award**. The playwright will be conferred upon with the award on March 12, along with the winners of the 14th **Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) festival**.

SPORTS

- **Manu Bhaker** and **Saurabh Chaudhary** clinched the gold medal in the **10m Air Pistol Mixed Team** event at the **ISSF World Cup** in **New Delhi**.
 - Ranxin Jiang and Bowen Zhang of China won silver while the Republic of Korea pair Minjung Kim and Daehun Park got the bronze.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** launched the book titled '**Quality, Accreditation, and Ranking – A Silent Revolution in the Offing in Indian Higher Education**' edited by **Education Promotion Society for India's (EPSI)** Alternate President **Dr. H Chaturvedi** in New Delhi.



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