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NATIONAL NEWS

- On October 29, 2019, the Prime Minister Modi is to attend the third session of **Future Investment Initiative Forum in Saudi Arabia**. The PM will deliver a keynote address at the forum.
 - He will also meet the Saudi king Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.
- **Government of India has accorded 'Maharatna' status to public sector undertaking's (PSU's) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Power Grid Corporation.**
 - Two separate orders to this effect were issued by Department of Public Enterprises, under Union Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises.
 - **Related News**
 - Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited CEO: Mukesh Kumar Surana
 - Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited Headquarters: Mumbai

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Indian tourists** will be now be exempted from visas to **enter Brazil for tourism or business purposes**. The exemption is also available for Chinese tourists. Both India and China are part of BRICS, an association of 5 major emerging national economies. Other three are Brazil, Russia and South Africa.
 - **Related News**
 - Brazil Capital – Brasilia
 - Brazil Currency - Brazilian real
- On October 24, 2019, the member states of United Nations endorsed a proposed road map for action on **nitrogen challenges** called **Colombo Declaration on Sustainable Nitrogen Management**.
 - It was organized by Sri Lanka with the support of UN and its member nations. A two-day event was conducted to frame the declaration
 - **Related News**
 - United Nations Founded: 24 October 1945

- United Nations Headquarters: New York

IMPORTANT DAYS

- The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** is to observe **Vigilance Awareness Week between 28th October, 2019 to 2nd November, 2019**. The directions for the observance will be issued by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
 - Every year last week of October is observed as Vigilance Awareness Week.
 - **Related News**
 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Founded: 1976
 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Headquarters: New Delhi

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Diffident** - shy because of a lack of self-confidence.
 - Similar Words - modest , bashful.
 - Antonyms - confident , conceited.
- **Edify** - make understand, instruct or improve someone morally
 - Similar Words - educate , train
 - Antonyms - misguide, mislead.

NATIONAL NEWS

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- **Uttar Pradesh government launched** its **flagship scheme Kanya Sumangla Yojna**. The scheme will provide an amount of 15 thousand rupees in a phased manner to every family in which a girl child takes birth.
 - The scheme has been designed in a way that parents have to take care of the girl child's health and education to get the benefit.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Uttar Pradesh CM - Yogi Adityanath
 - Uttar Pradesh Capital – Lucknow

- A delegation of **Group of Intellectuals and Academicians** (GIA) presented a **'Report from Ground Zero'** on Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh after setting aside of Article **370 & 35A** to Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (MoS) in PMO.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Jammu & Kashmir Governor: Satya Pal Malik
 - Jammu & Kashmir Capital : Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- A Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted by India, Nepal and Bhutan to create a **trans-boundary wildlife conservation park**. The park will include **bio-diversity rich landscapes**.
 - The initiative was started by India keeping in view the migratory wildlife species in the region, especially elephants.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Bhutan Capital: Thimphu
 - Bhutan Currency : Bhutanese ngultrum, Indian rupee

APPOINTMENT

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi appointed Sukhbir Singh Sandhu as the Chairman of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).
 - **Sandhu is a 1988 batch IAS officer from the Uttarakhand Cadre.**

BOOKS

- Economist and author Bibek Debroy have come out with English translations of two Hindu mythological texts "**Markendya Purana**" and "**The Bhagavad Gita**", publishers Penguin announced.
 - The book is a special bilingual edition of the foundational text on "dharma" and the Hindu philosophy.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Disarmament Week is an annual event that is observed from 24 October to 30 October in various parts of the world.** The observance revolves around raising public awareness of the dangers of the arms race and the need for international disarmament.
 - An important focus of this week is trying to convince nations to only keep the weapons they need for an adequate police force.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Deleterious** - causing harm or damage.
 - Similar Words - injurious , dangerous.
 - Antonyms - beneficial , advantageous.
- **Demeanor** - the way a person behaves toward other people
 - Similar Words - manner , attitude.
 - Antonyms - impropriety , impropriety
 - ealed.