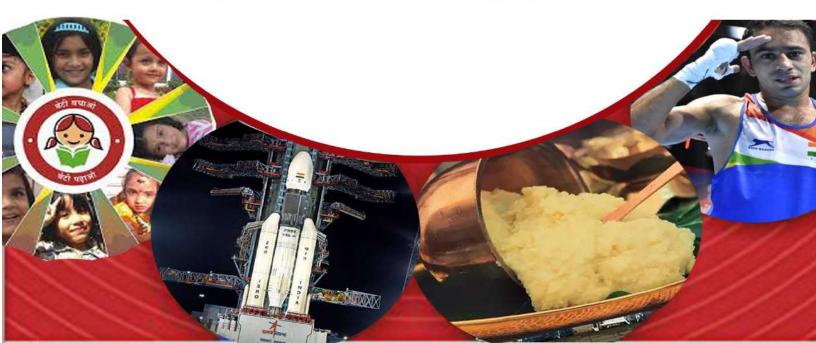


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NATIONAL NEWS

- Union defence minister Rajnath Singh will embark on a two-day isit to France on Monday. During his visit, he will receive the first of 36 Rafale fighter jets manufactured for India.
 - On October 8, the defence minister is scheduled to meet the **French President Emmanuel Macron**
 - Data from the past three CPCB reports, carrying water pollution monitoring figures on different stretches during 2002-17, shows that the number of polluted river stretches in the country increased from 121 in 2009 to 302 in 2015 and further to 351 in 2018.
 - Analysis of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data show that the 10 dirtiest river stretches in 2018 were found on river Vasishta (Tamil Nadu), Ghaggar (Haryana and Punjab), Bhadra (Gujarat), Mithi (Maharashtra), Sabarmati (Gujarat), Hindon (Uttar Pradesh) and Sutlej (Punjab), among others.
- On 5th October PM Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart signed several MoUs that included connectivity, trade, transport and defense. The agreements include A Coastal Surveillance system
 - Standard Operating Procedure on the use of Chattogram and Mongola ports.

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

• The researchers, including those from Harvard University in the United States (US) have captured images of the formation of individual viruses. The study was published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS).

 The viruses when formed were of 30 nanometers in diameter and had one piece of RNA (Ribo – Nucleic Acid) about 180 identical proteins.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- The Wildlife Week is being celebrated all over India from 2nd -8th October 2019 with the aim of protecting Indian wildlife species from extinction.
 - The theme for the year 2019 is "Life Below Water: For People And Planet" which aimed at preservation of underwater fauna and flora.

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WORDS OF THE DAYS

- Imbroglio- an extremely confused, complicated, or embarrassing situation. Similar Words - complexity , predicament Antonyms - simplicity, peace
- 2) Malaise- a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease Similar Words - Unhappiness, restlessness. Antonyms - well-being, comfort.

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