

IMPORTANT DAYS

May 24 - World Schizophrenia Day

- **‘Manoranjan’**, a legal awareness programme at Vazhavatta in the district to mark World Schizophrenia Day on May 24.
- Schizophrenia - A disorder that affects a person's ability to think, feel and behave clearly.

NATIONAL

WestBengal

Bangladesh Bhavan

- Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate the Bangladesh Bhavan, a symbol of the cultural ties between India and Bangladesh at Santi Niketan.
- The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Ms. Sheikh Hasina, will be present at this event.

Uttarakhand

Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav

- Ministry of Culture is organising the 9th edition of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav under the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, in Tehri, Uttarakhand from 25th May to 27th May, 2018.
- Uttarakhand Government's Tehri Lake Festival to be a part of the RSM.

New Delhi

‘Clean Air India Initiative’ launched

- The Clean Air India Initiative is a collaborative project between Get In The Ring, a platform for start-ups, the government of the Netherlands, Start-up India, and INDUS Forum, an online matchmaking platform of Indian and Dutch businesses.

- Prime Minister of Netherlands Mark Rutte launched the ‘Clean Air India Initiative’ to curb air pollution in New Delhi.

Maharashtra

Electric vehicle policy

- UNEP teams and experts from Tata Power recently reviewed the State’s plans to retrofit and convert 8,000 State-run buses into battery driven vehicles.
- The UNEP, Maharashtra government and the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) are slated to sign an MoU on May 31.

INTERNATIONAL

North Korea demolishes nuke test site with series of blasts

- North Korea carried out what it said is the demolition of its nuclear test site Thursday, setting off a series of explosions over several hours in the presence of foreign journalists.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

‘Share of diesel vehicles to fall below 25% post BS VI’

- The share of diesel vehicles in the domestic automobile market is likely to fall below 25% post implementation of BS VI norms, according to research agency ICRA.

Govt hikes customs duty on wheat to 30% to curb cheaper imports

- The government has raised the customs duty on wheat from 20 % to 30 % in order to curb cheaper imports and protect domestic growers.
- The import duty on walnut shell has also been increased from 30% to 100%, according to a late night notification issued by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC).

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

SIDBI to extend direct funding facility to Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in CSCs

- CSC SPV(Special purpose vehicle) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed an MoU for providing financial support to Common Services Centers (CSCs) across the country, with minimum one year of operation, under the Direct Financing Window of SIDBI.

Haryana signs 2 MoUs for revival of Sarasvati

- Memorandums of understanding (MoUs) for investigation into the palaeochannel and the study of hydrological aspects relating to the Sarasvati rejuvenation and heritage development projects.

IIT-M inks pact with AAI for research in air navigation systems

- The Indian Institute of Technology - Madras has signed an MoU with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for research on air navigation systems & will address aviation infrastructure and air traffic management challenges across 125 airports in the country.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

5th India CLMV Business Conclave

- The inaugural session of 5th India CLMV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam) Conclave was presided over by Deputy Prime Minister of Kingdom of Cambodia in Phnom Penh on 21-22 May 2018

DEFENCE

Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII

- Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII between India and Nepal will be conducted at Pithoragarh from 30 May to 12 June 2018.
- Exercise SURYA KIRAN with Nepal is the largest in terms of troop participation.

SCHEMES

‘SamagraShiksha’

- Ministry of HRD launches ‘SamagraSiksha’ scheme for holistic development of school education in New Delhi.
- Emphasis on Integration of two Ts - Teacher and Technology in the new scheme will help improve quality of education.

AWARDS

Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018 – CSIR

- Council of Scientific & Industrial Research has been awarded the Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018 in the Government Research Organizations Category.

Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017 – INSV Tarini Team

- The Six-member all-women team comprising of Lt Commander Vartika Joshi, Lt Commander Pratibha Jamwal, Lt Commander Swathi Patarpalli, Lt Aishwarya Bodapatti, Lt SH Vijaya Devi and Lt Payal Gupta have received the Puraskar from Hon’ble Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi in New Delhi.

APPOINTMENTS

Airtel Payments Bank MD & CEO - Anubrata Biswas

SPORTS

Tejaswini strikes gold

- Former World Champion Tejaswini Sawant bagged the 50m rifle prone gold in the Grand Prix.
- Anjum bagged the silver ahead of Olivia Hofmann of Austria who bagged bronze.