

- **May 11 - 20th National Technology Day** .It was on this day two decades ago that the Pokhran nuclear tests took place and demonstrated India's capacity as a nuclear weapons state.
- A Sanskrit text titled '**Gudhartha Tatvaloka,**' written by **Dharmadatt Jha (Bachcha Jha)** a century ago, is widely considered a tough tome in Navya-nyaya (Neo-logical) discipline of Indian philosophy and logic, not only due to its language but also the ideas within.
- The Assam government has decided to urge the Centre **for withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act** from parts of the state in phases and not at one go.
- **On May 11, Maharashtra Day celebrated with an array of cultural programs**
- The inaugural session of the **Indian Pavilion at the Cannes Film Festival 2018 was held at Cannes, France.**
- **Iraq** holds its first parliamentary election since declaring victory over the Islamic State (IS) group, with the country hoping to shore up a fragile peace as it looks to rebuild.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart KP Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated a **direct bus service between Janakpur and Ayodhya,** the two sacred cities for Hindus.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) will involve banks for ensuring availability of financing options for the private players engaged in Inland Water Transport (IWT) sector.
- U.S. President Donald Trump announced that his country would pull out from the **Iran nuclear deal and reimpose sanctions on Tehran.** It is expected to be hit by the comprehensive sanctions regime, which also affects countries that deal with Iran.
- **Chinese medical device maker Lepu Medical Technology (Beijing) Co. has entered the Indian market** through a subsidiary and is keen to explore opportunities for local manufacturing as well as collaborations.
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred State-run lender Dena Bank** from extending fresh credit in view of deteriorating financial health

due to mounting non-performing assets (NPAs). In addition, the lender has also been barred from recruiting staff.

- A NASA program that cost \$10 million per year to track carbon and methane, key greenhouse gases that contribute to **global warming**, has been cancelled.
- The black **windmill butterfly *Byasa crassipes*** in **Arunachal Pradesh's Dibang Valley in the Lower Dihang Valley** district. The species was being photographed for the first time in history, and being sighted for the first time in India since 1917.
- **Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj and Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi witnessed signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Myanmar's Nay Pyi Taw** on Friday. India and Myanmar signed seven Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs).
- **Exercise Harimau Shakti 2018** between Indian and Malaysian Armies concluded with a Closing Ceremony at the tropical rainforests of Hulu Langat on 11 May 2018.
- **Indian Naval (IN) ship Sumedha, a Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel (NOPV)**, has been deployed to undertake joint EEZ surveillance of Maldives from 09 to 17 May 18, as part of Indian Navy's 'Mission Based Deployments'.
- **The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) conducted a meeting with 17 heat wave-prone States** here to review their preparedness and mitigation measures.
- **Nobel laureate and noted economist Muhammad Yunus** who is the founder of **Grameen Bank** and known as the **Father of Microfinance** was honoured with the **11th KISS Humanitarian Award 2018**
- **Shri Munu Mahawar (IFS: 1996)**, presently Joint Secretary at Headquarters, has been **appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman**.
- **Rafael Nadal broke John McEnroe's record of 49 straight** sets won on the same surface by beating Diego Schwartzman 6-3, 6-4 in the **third round of the Madrid Open**.
- **Robert Lewandowski and Wojciech Szczesny** are set to make their World Cup debuts after being included in Poland's preliminary squad