

IMPORTANT DAYS

June 23 - International Widows' Day

- **International Widows Day is an opportunity for action towards achieving full rights and recognition for widows – too long invisible, uncounted and ignored.**

June 23 – 70th Anniversary of Olympic Day

- **In January 1948, the International Olympic Committee approved the idea of Olympic Day to commemorate the creation of the IOC on 23 June 1894 in Paris.**

June 23 - United Nations Public Service Day

- **The UN Public Service Day celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlights the contribution of public service in the development process; recognizes the work of public servants, and encourages young people to pursue careers in the public sector.**

NATIONAL

Haryana

Three day Photo Exhibition

- **Three day Photo Exhibition on 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Khelo India Khelo' inaugurated in Chandigarh.**

New Delhi

Inauguration of Metro in New Delhi

- **Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bahadurgarh-Mundka Metro Line via video conference.**

Maharashtra

India Infrastructure Expo 2018

- The Union Minister of Railways, Coal, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated the India Infrastructure Expo 2018 in Mumbai. Two day expo is being organised by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

Andhra Pradesh

iCon-ic tower in Amaravati

- CM Naidu lays foundation stone for NRT Icon Tower in Amaravati. The iconic structure will give a stunning 360° degree view of Amaravati for the occupants.

INTERNATIONAL

Mongolia Starts Construction Of Its First Oil Refinery With \$1 Billion Indian Loan

- The oil refinery, which is to come up at Altanshiree Soum in the country's Dornogobi province, has been financed by India through a \$1 billion Line of Credit extended after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to Mongolia in 2015.

SCIENCE

World's smallest computer device created

- Scientists have developed the world's smallest computer "Michigan Micro Mote" – a device that measures just 0.3 millimetres and could help find new ways to monitor and treat cancer.

IISc researchers find asthma drug effective in treating TB

- A drug (Pranlukast) currently used for treating asthma has been found to be effective against tuberculosis, researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, have found.

Novel packaging extends shelf-life of chicken

- Researcher from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai have developed a new eco-friendly food-packaging material using mango peel extracts and three other biodegradable polymers to extend the shelf-life of chicken.

India's first robotic telescope

- India's newest telescope located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle in Ladakh has started observing the skies. The country's first robotic telescope observed its first light of the targeted Messier catalog – a catalog of nearby, bright astronomical sources accessible from the northern hemisphere.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**India is the largest borrower from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**

- AIIB is the first major multilateral development bank where principal contributors are the borrowing members themselves. The third Annual Meeting of the bank focuses on infrastructure, with the theme of innovation and collaboration, said Shri Garg.

India cuts export quotas for Maldives

- India has lowered the limits on the export of certain essential commodities such as potatoes, onions, and eggs to the Maldives, according to a recent notification, in a move that sparked reports of possible food shortages in the Maldives.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**AAI, Honeywell to develop voice recognition software**

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has tied up with IT solutions provider Honeywell to prepare a unique software to help pilots and air traffic control

(ATC) officers overcome communication problems because of varying local and foreign accents.

DEFENCE

Chief of the Naval Staff Visits Bangladesh

- Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff will be proceeding on a goodwill visit to Bangladesh from 24 to 29 Jun 18. The visit is aimed at consolidating bilateral defence relations between India and Bangladesh and to explore new avenues for naval cooperation.

SCHEMES

SKY Scheme for farmers to generate solar power

- The Gujarat government on Saturday launched a solar power scheme for farmers- Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY) enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.

Mohanpura Irrigation project in MP

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh. The Rs 3,866-crore project includes a dam and a canal system.

PM inaugurates urban development projects

- Prime Minister Modi remotely inaugurated urban development projects at various locations across the State. These include houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana, urban drinking water supply schemes, urban solid waste management, urban sanitation, urban transportation and urban landscape projects.
- At an event in Indore, he also distributed the Swachh Survekshan-2018 Awards, and launched the Swachh Survekshan-2018 results dashboard.

AWARDS

- **Vasundhara Raje (Rajasthan CM)- ‘Chief Minister of the Year’ award**
- **Vijay Amritraj (Tennis) - SJFI Medal by The Sports Journalists Federation of India**
- **The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) - X International IT Forum Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia**

SPORTS**Singapore National Swimming Championships**

- Sandeep Sejwal grabs gold in men's 50m breaststroke event at Singapore National Swimming Championships.

French Grand Prix

- Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton won the French Grand Prix for Mercedes.
- Aseel Al-Hamad is the first female member of the Saudi Arabian Motorsport Federation.

Fourth International Chess Festival, Italy

- Chennai's Praggnanandhaa is world's second youngest Grand Master.