

IMPORTANT DAYS**July 26 - Kargil Vijay Diwas**

- Kargil Vijay Diwas, named after the success of Operation Vijay. On this day, 26 July 1999, India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been lost to Pakistani intruders.

NATIONAL**New Delhi****Scheme to compensate victims of sexual assaults should include children**

- The Supreme Court suggested that the Compensation Scheme for Women Victims/Survivors of Sexual Assault/Other Crimes-2018, proposed by the National Legal Services Authority, should include child victims of sexual assault.

INTERNATIONAL**Imran Khan declares victory in Pakistan election**

- Pakistan's cricket star-turned politician Imran Khan declared victory for his party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party (PTI), in the country's general election.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**DoT clears Vodafone, Idea merger**

- The Department of Telecommunications gave its final approval to the merger of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular.

Sensex touches 37,000

- Sensex crossed above the 37,000-mark for the first time ever.

Hindalco unit to buy Aleris for \$2.6 bn

- Hindalco Industries has agreed to acquire U.S. based Aleris Corporation for an enterprise value of \$2.58 billion in a move that will help Hindalco become a global leader in aluminium excluding China.

NTT to set up 2 India data centres

- Japan's NTT Communications Corporation announced that the company will set up two new data centres in Mumbai and Bangalore, through Netmagic, a subsidiary.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) Meeting

- The 6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) meeting held in New Delhi discussed a range of issues on S&T cooperation between the two countries.

10th BRICS Summit Johannesburg Declaration

Theme :- Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution

- 10th BRICS Summit took place at Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg.

2nd Conference of Young Superintendents of Police

- Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates the 2nd Conference of Young Superintendents of Police. The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has called upon the Police organisations to collaborate with reputed institutes such as the IITs and IIMs for innovative solutions in technology and management.

SCHEMES

Samagra Siksha

- The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

India signed MoU with Bangladesh in warship design

- Garden Reach Ship Builders (GRSE) of Kolkata, a defence public sector undertaking, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Khulna Shipyard Limited (KSY) of Bangladesh to help the country in design and construction of warships.

JEE (Main) and NEET exam to be conducted twice a year by the National Testing Agency

- The Union Cabinet approved JEE (Main) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)-UG twice a year in order to give adequate opportunity to candidates to bring out their best.

DEFENCE

Air Defence India – 2018 Seminar

- Raksha Rajya Mantri (RRM) Dr. Subhash Bhamre inaugurated a two-day Air Defence India – 2018 Seminar & Exhibition, organised by Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).

AWARDS

Centre for Cultural Resources and Training Centre

- Senior Fellowship Award for 2016-17 - **Mohammed Ayazuddin Patel**

APP & WEBPORTAL

“Innovate India Platform”

- Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog & MyGov launches “Innovate India Platform”. The #InnovateIndia portal will serve as the common point for all the innovation happening across the nation.

SPORTS

World Cup hockey

- Ireland beat India 1-0 in the Women’s World Cup Hockey group league match.

Goal of 2018 Fifa World Cup

- 1) **Benjamin Pavard’s [France]** goal against Argentina [first European player to win the award since its inauguration in 2006]
- 2) **Juan Quintero’s [Colombia]** goal against Japan
- 3) **Luka Modric’s [Croatia]** goal against Argentina