

August 10 - World Biofuel Day

- The historic **Red Fort** came alive as it saw the **first ever architectural illumination** of its front fortification wall and the two important gateways Lahori Gate and Delhi Gate.
- Defence Minister to **Launch UP Defence Industrial Corridor Projects at Aligarh, Uttarpradesh.**
- **The Union Ministry of Home Affairs** has signed a pact with Mumbai-based **Tata Trusts**, under which the trust will **provide technical support to speed up the development process** of the **Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra.**
- The State government has decided to provide **1,000 solar-powered houses to repatriates from Sri Lanka living in the Tamilnadu.**
- **United Nations** to check the possibilities of **collaboration with the Kerala in cashew and fisheries sectors.**
- The **Karnataka Cabinet** approved **waiver of short-term crop loans up to Rs.1 lakh borrowed from cooperative banks** in the first phase.
- **India will triple its ethanol production** over the next four years till 2022 and this will save Rs.12,000 crore in the country's oil import bill.
- Commercial vehicle manufacturer **Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL)** said its subsidiary Optare Plc has bagged an order from **Transport for London (TfL)** for **31 electric double-decker buses.**
- **The President of India**, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the **'One District One Product' Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**
- **Dr. Mahesh Sharma** inaugurated an **exhibition** entitled **'Prathibandhit Sahitya mein Swatantrata Sangram'** (Freedom Movement through Proscribed Literature) in the premises of National Archives of India, in New Delhi.
- **NITI Aayog**, together with the **Ministry of Home Affairs** and the UT Administrations of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep hosted an **Investors' Conference** at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi for the **Holistic Development of Islands.**

- **María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés (Ecuador)** - Elected as President of the United Nations General Assembly for the 73rd session.
- **Godrej Aerospace**, a unit of Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd., has signed an **agreement with U.K.-based GKN Aerospace**, a premier aerospace supplier, for the **manufacture of specialised helicopter fuel tanks**.
- **Operation “Madad”** has been launched by the Southern Naval Command (SNC) at **Kochi** undertaking **disaster relief operations** due to the unprecedented flooding experienced in many parts of Kerala.
- **Curtain Raiser: Exercise SCO Peace Mission 2018** will be conducted by **Central Military Commission of Russia** from 22 August to 29 August 2018 at Chebarkul, Chelyabinsk, Russia.
- The **e-Mor software** is for strengthening cause of **death reporting systems in hospitals** and **improves death audits** with use of appropriate tools for classifying deaths.
- **“PARIVESH”** is an **environmental single window hub for Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ clearances** launched by PM Modi.
- **PENCIL online portal** for effective enforcement of the Child Labour Act and **National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme**.
- **Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** was named the Indian contingent’s **flag-bearer for the Asian Games** opening ceremony in Jakarta.