

IMPORTANT DAYS

August 10 - World Biofuel Day

- World Biofuel Day is observed every year on August 10 to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. The World Biofuel Day is being observed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for the last three years.

NATIONAL

New Delhi

Inauguration of architectural illumination at the historic Red Fort

- 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.

Uttar Pradesh

UP Defence Industrial Corridor Projects

- Defence Minister to Launch UP Defence Industrial Corridor Projects at Aligarh.

Maharashtra

Tata-Centre deal to boost development

- 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.

Tamilnadu

Solar-powered houses to Sri Lankan repatriates

- The State government has decided to provide 1,000 solar-powered houses to repatriates from Sri Lanka living in the State.

Kerala**UN team to look into tie-up in two sectors**

- United Nations to check the possibilities of collaboration with the State in cashew and fisheries sectors.

Karnataka**Cabinet approves loan waiver of up to Rs.1 lakh from coop. banks**

- The State Cabinet approved waiver of short-term crop loans up to ₹1 lakh borrowed from cooperative banks in the first phase.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**‘India to triple ethanol production by 2022’**

- 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.

Ashok Leyland wins double-decker EV deal

- 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.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**‘One District one Product’ Summit**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the ‘One District One Product’ Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

‘Prathibandhit Sahitya mein Swatantrata Sangram’ Exhibition

- The Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) and Minister of State for Environment Forest and Climate Change, 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.

Investors’ Conference for the Holistic Development of Islands

- NITI Aayog, together with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the UT Administrations of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep hosted an Investors’ Conference on August 10, 2018 at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi for the Holistic Development of Islands.

APPOINTMENTS

- **María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés (Ecuador)** - Elected as President of the United Nations General Assembly for the 73rd session.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Godrej, U.K.’s GKN Aerospace sign pact for helicopter tanks

- 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.

DEFENCE

Operation 'Madad'

- Operation “Madad” has been launched by the Southern Naval Command (SNC) at Kochi since 09 Aug 2018 for assisting the state administration and undertaking disaster relief operations due to the unprecedented flooding experienced in many parts of Kerala.

Curtain Raiser: Exercise SCO Peace Mission 2018

- SCO Peace Mission Exercise is conducted biennially for SCO member states. The joint exercise for the year 2018 will be conducted by Central Military Commission of Russia from 22 August to 29 August 2018 at Chebarkul, Chelyabinsk, Russia.

APP & WEBPORTAL**e-Mor software**

- 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. This can bridge the gap and lead to better death statistics and surveillance in India.

“PARIVESH”

- “PARIVESH” is an environmental single window hub for Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ clearances launched by PM Modi.

PENCIL online portal

- PENCIL online portal for effective enforcement of the Child Labour Act and National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme.

SPORTS**Neeraj named flag-bearer for Asian Games opening ceremony**

- Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was named the Indian contingent’s flag-bearer for the Asian Games opening ceremony to be held on August 18 in Jakarta.

U-19 Cricket One day Series

- India beat Sri Lanka to win the U-19 five-match one day series 3-2.