

## August 12 – International Youth Day

- **Santhali (Santali)**, a **tribal language** primarily spoken in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, received global recognition when it got a **Wikipedia edition in its own script**.
- Union Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** dedicated **India's only facility for conservation of endangered species in Hyderabad**
- **Israel Opens Visa Application Centre in Kolkata**
- Scientists say the powerful **Indonesian earthquake** that killed more than 300 people **lifted the island** it struck by **as much as 25 centimeters** (10 inches).
- **NASA's Parker Solar Probe**, mankind's **first mission to 'touch' the Sun** will perform the closest-ever observations of the **Sun's outer atmosphere**, called the **corona**.
- A **new Clot buster, PEGylated Streptokinase** - a Novel Biological Entity developed by Dr. Girish Sahni, DSIR and his team of inventors at **CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH), Chandigarh** is all set to revolutionize the treatment of **ischemic strokes**.
- Astronomers have used an **Indian telescope Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune** to discover the most distant radio galaxy ever known, located at a distance of 12 billion light-years.
- Using **zebrafish**, researchers at the **Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB)** have successfully discovered a pathway that regulates **hepcidin hormone** production. The hepcidin hormone, **released by the liver**, is a **central regulator of iron in the body**.
- **The Indian Space Research Organisation** will have a year-long **Vikram Sarabhai centenary celebration** starting in August 2019. It plans to roll out a dedicated **ISRO TV channel. Jammu, Agartala** to get **Space Research Technology Centres**.
- **The International Skeletal Society (ISS)** reached out to 45 young radiologists from across the country to build interest in them to take up **musculoskeletal sub-specialisation**.
- **Senior lawyer B.S. Prasad** - New Telangana Attorney General

- **Film-maker Shaji N. Karun** - General secretary of the Purogamana Kalasahitya Sangham
- **Justice MR Shah** - New Chief Justice of Patna High Court
- **Rekha Sharma** - Chairperson of the National Commission for Women
- **Justice Rajendra Menon** - Chief Justice of Delhi High Court
- **Gita Mittal** - First woman chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court

### **Eighth International HALF (Haiku Amateur Little Film) Festival**

- **T. Krishnanunni** - Fourth Insight award for lifetime achievement
- **Bebak Baat book** - Vijay Goel [Union MoS Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics and Programme Implementation]
- **Vigyan Prasar**, has launched the **India Science Technology and Innovation portal** for information about the organisations carrying out research, those funding them.
- **Viraj Madappa**, the 20-year-old becomes the **youngest Indian to win an Asian Golf Tour title**.
- **Indian shuttler Ajay Jayaram** finishes **runner-up** at the **Vietnam Open** after losing the final to Shesar Hiren Rhustavito of Indonesia.
- Barcelona defender **Gerard Pique** confirmed that he has **retired** from **Spain's football national team**.
- **New Delhi to host shooting World Cup in 2020**
- **The Gay Games in Paris** is not just a chance to celebrate sport and diversity: they offer crucial respite to gay athletes.
- **Niki Poonacha** beat Michael Look of Australia in the **final** of the **ITF men's Futures tennis tournament in Indonesia**.
- **England** pace bowler **James Anderson** became the **first man to take 100 Test wickets at Lord's**.