

IMPORTANT DAYS

August 23 - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

• International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, August 23 of each year, the day designated by UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

NATIONAL

Rajasthan

Bhamashah Techno Hub

• India's Largest Business Incubator Bhamashah Techno Hub Launched In Jaipur

Uttar Pradesh

UP government to name Bundelkhand Expressway as Atal path

• The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to name the upcoming Bundelkhand Expressway as 'Atal Path'.

INTERNATIONAL

9th edition of Mountain Echoes Literature Festival

• In Bhutan, the ninth edition of Mountain Echoes Literature Festival bagan in Thimphu

SCIENCE

Indian-American scientist finds simple way to predict IBD

 An Indian-American scientist Chander Mohan has identified as many as 50 protein biomarkers that can non-invasively detect inflammatory bowel

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disease (IBD) - a gut disorder that leads to diarrhoea, abdominal cramps, and weight loss.

ESA satellite to improve weather forecast launched

• The Earth Explorer Aeolus satellite was launched successfully by the European Space Agency (ESA) a satellite that will measure winds around the globe and help improve weather forecasting.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

US imposes preliminary anti-dumping duties on metal pipes made in India

• India has been slapped with an anti-dumping duty of 50.55 percent. US imports of the pipe from India last year totalled USD 294.7 million.

RANKINGS & INDEXES

35% of cyber attacks on Indian sites from China

• The cyber attacks from China made up 35% of the total number of cyber attacks on official Indian websites, followed by US (17%), Russia (15%), Pakistan (9%), Canada (7%) and Germany (5%)," the report prepared by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In).

Forbes' Top 10 Highest Paid Actors

- 1) George Clooney 2) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson 3) Robert Downey Jr.
- 7) Akshay Kumar 9) Salman Khan

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

President of India inaugurates 6th International Buddhist Conclave

• The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 6th international Buddhist conclave in New Delhi organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.



National level Orientation workshop

• The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India organized an orientation workshop in New Delhi for various stakeholders participating in the Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) being celebrated in the month of September.

IIT-H hosts international workshop on reproduction

• The Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad hosted an international workshop on 'Reframing the Biological Clock' as part of a project funded under Wellcome Foundation U.K. Small Projects Grant for 2018.

APPOINTMENTS

• Brand ambassador of the city-based Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) - Actor Raveena Tandon (By the Maharashtra government)

DEFENCE

CSIR laboratory to manufacture critical composite air-frame components for LCA Tejas

 CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) has received an order of more than Rs 100cr for delivering critical composite air-frame components to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), for the LCA-Tejas Full Operational Capability (FOC) standard aircraft.

AWARDS

Prof Appa Rao Podile (The Vice Chancellor of the University of Hyderabad)
J C Bose Fellowship-2018.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

• Sea Prayer book - Khaled Hosseini (a tribute to Syrian boy Alan Kurdi)



APP & WEBPORTAL

Selfies app and Exoplanet Excursions virtual reality app by NASA

• The Selfies app and Exoplanet Excursions virtual reality app were released to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the launch of NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope.

Various applications under the eCourts project

• The Chief Justice of India Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra launched various applications (e-filing, e-pay, and NSTEP (National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes created under the eCourts project) for the benefit of the litigants and lawyers at an event in the Supreme Court of India.

National Logistics Portal

• A National Logistics Portal is being developed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to ensure ease of trading in the international and domestic markets.

SPORTS

Kho-Kho gets recognition from Olympic Council of Asia

• The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has given recognition to India's indigenous sport of Kho-Kho.

Asian Games 2018

- Shardul Vihan became the youngest Indian shooter to win a medal at the Asian Games after he finished second and won silver in the men's double trap
- Ankita Raina won bronze in the Women Tennis at Asian Games



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