

IMPORTANT DAYS

August 29 – National Sports Day

- The National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29 August each year. This day marks the birthday of Major Dhyan Chand Singh, the hockey player who won gold medals in Olympics for India in the years 1928, 1932 and 1936.

NATIONAL

Andhra Pradesh

Alibaba Cloud offers hitech solutions to A.P.

- Alibaba Cloud India (ACI) signed an MoU with the A.P-Economic Development Board (AP-EDB) for leveraging the Chinese company's ET (Extreme Tech) City Brain solutions in diverse sectors like real-time governance, smart city and integrated traffic management, small and medium enterprises and skill upgrading.

Karnataka

India Post Payment Bank to be launched on Sept. 1

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), a subsidiary of India Post, will have its presence in Dakshina Kannada from September 1

Telangana

Kaleshwaram project: 400 kv GIS sub-station commissioned

- The 400 kv Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) sub-station, established as part of the sixth package of Kaleshwaram project at Nandi Medaram in Peddapally district, was commissioned.

Rajasthan

Monitoring of nutrition to go hi-tech

- Monitoring of nutrition and health-related services in the Anganwadi centres will go hi-tech in Rajasthan during September, which will be observed as a “nutrition month”.

INTERNATIONAL**Robot teachers in China’s kindergartens**

- The autonomous robot named Keeko has been a hit in several kindergartens, telling stories and challenging children with logic problems.

SCIENCE**Floating solar panels to be installed on dams**

- The Marathwada Statutory Development Corporation has come up with a plan to install solar panels in the backwater of two dams to generate electricity. Jayakwadi dam in Aurangabad and Ujani dam in Solapur will be the sites of the solar power generation project.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**India remains top destination for FDI**

- India remains a preferred destination for foreign direct investment (FDI) as domestic consumption remains strong, according to the RBI Annual Report. India received \$37.3 billion capital inflow in 2017-18 as compared with \$36.3 billion in the previous fiscal.

RANKINGS & INDEXES

- **The 4th Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2017-18** - Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

3rd edition of 'Smart India Hackathon- 2019'

- The third edition of World's Biggest Open Innovation Model - Smart India Hackathon 2019 was launched by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar in New Delhi.

5th Executive Committee meeting

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) approved projects worth nearly Rs 150 crores in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal under the Namami Gange programme in its 5th Executive Committee meeting held in New Delhi.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**MoU between India and Bulgaria**

- The Union Cabinet approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bulgaria for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.

MoU between India and Republic of Korea

- Cabinet apprised of the MoU between India and Republic of Korea on the cooperation in the field of railways

MoU between India and United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

- Cabinet apprised of the MoU between India and United Kingdom and Northern Ireland on the Cooperation in the fields of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries.

Agreement between India and Morocco

- Cabinet approves signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Morocco

Trade Cooperation Framework between India and Rwanda

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Memorandum of Understanding between India and USA

- Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and USA in insurance regulatory sector

Revised Cost Estimate for setting up of India Post Payments Bank

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“Ocean Services, Technology, Observations, Resources Modelling and Science (O-SMART)”

- Cabinet approves Umbrella scheme “Ocean Services, Technology, Observations, Resources Modelling and Science (O-SMART)” of Ministry of Earth Sciences

DEFENCE**Exercise Peace Mission 2018**

- The joint military exercise of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), ended in Russia with the eight-member states undertaking joint training on combating terrorism. This is the first time India and Pakistan participated in the exercise.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Shri RK Singh releases book - “Weather Information Portal for Indian Power System” by Power System Operation Corporation limited (POSOCO)

SPORTS

Asian games 2018

- The Indian table tennis mixed doubles pair of A. Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra won a historic bronze.
- Vikas Krishnan won bronze medal in the men's 75kg category boxing.
- Indian women's hockey team reaches first Asian Games final in 20 years
- Swapna Barman becomes first Indian heptathlete to win Asian Games gold
- Arpinder Singh clinched India's first men's triple jump gold in 48 years with a jump of 16.77m
- Dutee Chand wins silver in women's 200m

Quadrangular Cricket Series

- India-B beat Australia-A in the final to clinch the Quadrangular cricket Series.

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