

IMPORTANT DAYS**September 15 – International Day of Democracy**

- In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly resolved to observe 15 September as the International Day of Democracy with the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy.

2018 Theme: Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World**September 16 - International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**

- September 16 was designated by the UN General Assembly as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. This designation had been made in commemoration of the date, in 1987, on which nations signed the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

NATIONAL**Telangana****70th anniversary of Hyderabad merger**

- Merger of erstwhile Hyderabad State with the Indian Union on September 16th in 1948 on different names based on their political ideologies.

Jammu & Kashmir**J&K declared Open Defecation Free**

- Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik has declared the state open defecation free (ODF) state.

New Delhi**‘Swachhta Hi Seva’ campaign launched**

- Tourism Minister K. J Alphons launched the ‘Swachhta Hi Seva’ campaign near Sai Mandir surroundings on Lodhi Road in New Delhi.

Uttar Pradesh**15th Prawasi Bhartiya Diwas to be held in Varanasi**

- The 15th Prawasi Bhartiya Diwas -2019 will be held at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh in January next year.

INTERNATIONAL**UN agrees global plan to step up fight against TB**

- United Nations member states have agreed on a global plan to step up fight against tuberculosis, the world's number one killer among infectious diseases.

Jaipur Literature Festival

- Jaipur Literature Festival began in Houston at the Asia Society of Texas.

Archaeologists discover ancient sphinx in Egypt

- Egypt says archaeologists have discovered a statue of a lion's body and a human head in the southern city of Aswan.

SCIENCE**PSLV-C42 launches 2 foreign satellites**

- The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C42) of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched two satellites NovaSAR and S1-4- from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota.

Insect-inspired flying robot

- Scientists have now developed a novel autonomous flying robot named DelFly Nimble that mimics the rapid flight of insects.

NASA puts laser satellite in space to track ice loss

- NASA's most advanced space laser satellite ICESat-2 launched on a mission to track ice loss around the world (Greenland and Antarctic sheets) and improve forecasts of sea level rise as the climate warms.

APPOINTMENTS

- Moutaz Mousa Abdallah - **Sudan's New Prime Minister**

SCHEMES**Government to convert 1.5 lakh Primary Health Centers into Wellness Centers**

- Union Health Minister JP Nadda has said that 1.5 lakh Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and sub-centres will be converted into wellness centers by 2022.

DEFENCE**BSF plans to install hi-tech surveillance system along Pak, B'desh borders**

- Border Security Force is planning to install a hi-tech surveillance system covering a total length of about 2,000 km along Pakistan and Bangladesh borders.

Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)

- Indigenously developed weapon system Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM), was successfully flight tested for the second time successfully.

Mountaineers Satyarup & Mousumi climb Asia's highest volcanic peak

- Mountaineers Satyarup Siddhanta and Mousumi Khatua created history by climbing Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount Damavand in Iran.

Air force association Celebrates Annual Day

- The Annual Day of Air Force Association celebrated at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate in the memory of those who laid down their lives for the motherland.

APP & WEBPORTAL**Paryatan Parv**

- The 'Paryatan Parv' by the Ministry of Tourism was inaugurated by Shri Rajnath Singh.

SPORTS**Ahmet Comert Tournament**

- Indian boxers Simranjit Kaur, Monika and Bhagyabati Kachari won gold medals at Ahmet Comert Tournament in Istanbul, Turkey.

Medved International tournament

- Sakshi Malik will face Marianna Sastin of Hungary for title clash in the 62 kg category of the Medved International tournament in Minsk, Belarus.

Silesian Open boxing Tournament for women

- M C Mary Kom clinched her third gold medal of the year in 48 kg category, while Jyoti Gulia won gold in 51 kg of the youth category of the Silesian Open boxing Tournament for women in Gliwice, Poland.

New marathon world record

- Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in Berlin, smashing the previous best as he clocked 2 hour 1 minute 39 second.

South Asian Football Federation Cup

- Maldives lift SAFF cup, defeat India 2-1 in Dhaka

IAAF accords gold label to Tata Mumbai Marathon

- The Tata Mumbai Marathon, to be held on January 20, 2019, has been accorded the gold label by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

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