

September 23 - International Day of Sign Languages

2018 theme - "With Sign Language, Everyone is Included!"

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana from Ranchi in Jharkhand.
- The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated a new airport in Jharsuguda - also known as the powerhouse of Odisha.
- A 20kW FM transmitter of All India Radio located at Gharinda close to the international border at Attari in Amritsar.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pakyong Airport in Sikkim, first airport in the Himalayan State & the 100th airport in the country.
- Nepal to be world's first country to double its tiger population
- Opposition candidate Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has emerged victorious in Maldives Presidential elections.
- SpaceX, Elon Musk's space transportation company named its first private passenger on a voyage around the moon as Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa.
- MINERVA-II1(MICro Nano Experimental Robot Vehicle for Asteroid, the second generation) become world's first to successfully land on the surface of an asteroid Ryugu by the Japanese space agency JAXA.

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- Launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). **Three Best Performing States** Under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
 - 1) Andhra Pradesh
 - 2) Odisha
 - 3) Madhya Pradesh
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to represent India at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly.

- National Orientation workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) inaugurated & also launched the new website of the NeVA.
- Ministry of Minority Affairs is organising “Mushairas”, based on the themes of teachings and principles of Mahatma Gandhi, across the country.
- BSNL has inked a pact with Japan’s Softbank and NTT Communications to roll out 5G and internet of things (IoT) technology in India.
- India successfully test fires interceptor Prithvi missile.
- **The Right Livelihood Award known as the “Alternative Nobel”** - Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani and Waleed Abu al-Khair [Saudi Arabia]
- **2018 honorary award** - Thelma Aldana of Guatemala and Colombia’s Ivan Velasquez

Junior world wrestling championships

- India’s Deepak Punia won silver medal in 86kg freestyle event in Slovakia.
- India’s Naveen Sihag has progressed to the 57kg gold medal bout in the men's freestyle competition.
- Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting won the Men's singles China Open title. Spain's Carolina Marin won the women's singles title.
- India beat Pakistan by nine wickets in a Super Four encounter of the Asia Cup cricket in Dubai to enter finals of Asia Cup.

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