

## **NATIONAL**

### **Maharashtra**

#### **Government declares drought in 180 Tehsils of state**

- The Maharashtra cabinet has declared drought-like situation in 180 tehsils of the state. The cabinet also announced eight schemes to provide relief in the affected areas.

### **New Delhi**

#### **SC allows green crackers with permissible sound limits on Diwali**

- The Supreme court permitted sale and manufacture of "green" crackers which have low emission across the country.

### **Bihar**

#### **Postal department's cultural centre named after Madan Mohan Malaviya**

- Union Minister for Communications Manoj Sinha named a pre-Independence period cultural centre of the Postal department in the heart of Patna city after freedom fighter Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

### **Gujarat**

#### **Gujarat govt declares 51 talukas as water scarcity hit**

- The Gujarat government declared 51 talukas, comprising 3,291 villages, as scarcity hit owing to scanty rains.

### **Rajasthan**

#### **SC directs Rajasthan govt to stop illegal mining in Aravalli hills**

- The Supreme Court directed the Rajasthan government to stop illegal mining in a 115.34-hectare area in Aravalli hills within 48 hours.

**Andaman & Nicobar Islands****1500 crore rupees will be spent to develop the NH in A&N Islands**

- Government says 1500 crore rupees will be spent to develop the National Highway in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**INTERNATIONAL****Paul Biya wins 7th presidential term in Cameroon**

- In Cameroon, Paul Biya, who has ruled the country since 1982, won seventh presidential term with a landslide victory in presidential election.

**Japan orders Facebook to improve data protection**

- The Japanese government ordered Facebook to improve the protection of users' personal information following data breaches affecting tens of millions of people worldwide.

**SCIENCE****NASA CubeSat beams back image of Mars**

- NASA's first CubeSats called MarCO-A and MarCO-B, to travel into deep space have beamed back an image of Mars visible as a tiny red dot against the dark sky.

**BUSINESS & ECONOMY****India takes lead in delivering equipment to France for ITER research project**

- India has taken a lead over others nations in delivering equipment to France for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) research project which is aimed at generating energy through nuclear fusion.

**SUMMITS & CONFERENCES****UN Day Concert 2018**

- The Permanent Mission of India to the UN is hosting the UN Day Concert 2018. Sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan to perform at UN Day Concert pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi at an annual concert.

**National workshop on physical & mental disabilities**

- Social Justice & Empowerment Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot inaugurated a national workshop on physical and mental disabilities in New Delhi.

**APPOINTMENTS**

- Vikas Sehgal - IT firm Cyient director

**SCHEMES****Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali**

- Environment Ministry has launched Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali campaign. This campaign was initiated in 2017-18 wherein large number of school children participated and took pledge to minimize bursting of crackers.
- It is now merged with “Green Good Deed” movement that has been initiated as a social mobilization for conservation and protection of environment.

**MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS****MoU between India, Croatia**

- India and Croatia signed two agreements to strengthen cultural and diplomatic cooperation between the two countries.

**MoU between India, China**

- India, China sign agreement on security cooperation in the first India-China high-level meeting on bilateral security cooperation held in New Delhi.

## APP & WEBPORTAL

### ‘Khushi’

- Life insurer PNB Metlife has unveiled an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered customer service app ‘Khushi’.
- The app is designed to be a one-stop shop providing insurance-related information, anytime, anywhere, such as policy features, premium due details besides providing fund value and portfolio details.

## SPORTS

### World Wrestling Championship

- Bajrang Punia had to settle for silver in the 65 kg category of the World Wrestling Championship after losing to youngster Japanese Takuto Otoguro in the final at Budapest.

### French Open Badminton tournament

- French Open badminton tournament begins in Paris.

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