

NATIONAL**Assam****Second Guwahati International Film Festival**

- In Assam, the second Guwahati International Film Festival begins. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will inaugurate the festival.

New Delhi**First Aid emergency care & medical facilities at all Railway Stations and passenger carrying trains**

- First Aid emergency care & medical facilities by Indian Railways available at all Railway Stations and in all passenger carrying trains.

Maharashtra**Internet connection and free set top boxes to be provided to one lakh homes**

- An MoU in this regard was signed in Mumbai today between Education Department and Stream cost company to provide e-education in rural parts of the state, internet connection and free set top boxes will be provided to one lakh homes in Sindhudurg district in Maharashtra.

INTERNATIONAL**South Asia Regional WASH innovation**

- India's legend cricketer and UNICEF Ambassador for South Asia, Sachin Tendulkar gave away prizes to the winners of South Asia Regional WASH innovation in Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan.

2018 UN Day Concert in the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters

- 2018 UN Day Concert to be held in the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- Theme of this year's concert "Traditions of Peace and Non-violence"

European Parliament backs ban on single-use plastics

- The European Parliament has overwhelmingly backed a wide-ranging ban on single-use plastics to counter pollution in seas, fields and waterways.
- The ban would affect a range of products for which valid alternatives are available - from plastic straws to earbuds and plates - as of 2021 and would make sure that plastic bottles are 90 per cent recycled by 2025.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Govt clears five more rice mills for exporting non-basmati rice to China

- The government has cleared five more rice mills for exporting non-basmati rice to China. With this, the number of Indian mills exporting rice to China goes up to 24.
- China buys over five million metric tonnes of rice from India. India also intends to export sugar to China to bridge the trade deficit.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

International Arya Mahasammelan-2018

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the International Arya Mahasammelan – 2018 (October 25, 2018) in Delhi.

10th Nuclear Energy Conclave

- Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates 10th Nuclear Energy Conclave on the theme: 'Nuclear Power- Towards a Clean & Base Load Energy' in New Delhi.
- Kaiga Atomic Power Station unit sets world record among PHWR for operating uninterrupted for 895 days.

2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care

- Shri J P Nadda addresses 2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care towards UHC & SDGs at Astana, Kazakhstan.

SCHEMES

BIOFACH INDIA

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu at the inauguration of BIOFACH INDIA which is the world's largest event on organic industry organized by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Indo-German of Commerce in New Delhi.

DEFENCE

NATO's biggest military maneuvers

- NATO's biggest military maneuvers since the Cold War began in Norway.

Defence Pension Adalat

- A Defence Pension Adalat was conducted at Aundh Military Station, Pune, Maharashtra.

57th Raising Day Parade of ITBP

- Home Minister Rajnath Singh attended the 57th Raising Day Parade of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at Greater Noida.

AWARDS

- **Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management Award, 2018 - India**

Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony

2014 - Manipuri dance Sh. Rajkumar Singhajit Singh

2015 - Chhayanaut (a cultural organization of Bangladesh)

2016 - India's greatest sculptors, Sh. Ram Vanji Sutar

APP & WEBPORTAL

Web portal of the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)

- The Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the web portal of the Scheme "Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)" in New Delhi.

SPORTS

West Indies Dwayne Bravo announces retirement

- West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo announces his retirement from international cricket.

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