

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Vigilance Awareness Week

- The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observes the Vigilance Awareness Week every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls.
- Vigilance Awareness Week 2018 to be observed from 29th Oct-3rd Nov
- **Theme for this year is 'Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India'**

## NATIONAL

### Arunachal Pradesh

#### Two day Children's Film Bonanza

- In Arunachal Pradesh, the two day Children's Film Bonanza begins in Naharlagun. Internationally acclaimed film Gauru will be screened during the two day event.
- The film festival is being organized by the Children's Film Society, India, in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh Information and Public Relation Department.

### Uttar Pradesh

#### PM Modi inaugurates Krishi Kumbha 2018

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Krishi Kumbha 2018 in Lucknow through video conferencing, Mr Modi reiterated the government's commitment to double farmers' income by 2022 will help the nation's food producers at every stage from sowing to selling.

**INTERNATIONAL****Japan's Okinawa to hold referendum**

- Japan's Okinawa to hold referendum on polarising plan to relocate US military base.

**'Cesspool' reopens to visitors**

- Philippine tiny Boracay Island once called 'Cesspool' reopens to visitors.

**SCIENCE****First Soyuz Rocket launched successfully**

- Russia has successfully launched a Soyuz rocket for the first time since the failure of a similar rocket aborted a manned take-off to the International Space Station (ISS) on October 11.

**Cell-sized robots can be used to detect diseases**

- MIT scientists have developed a method to mass produce robots no bigger than a cell “syncells” (short for synthetic cells) that could be used to monitor conditions inside an oil or gas pipeline, or to search out disease while floating through the bloodstream.

**BUSINESS & ECONOMY****India set to be third largest aviation market**

- India will be the third largest aviation market globally a year sooner than was earlier predicted.
- It is now expected to be among the top three countries by 2024 from its current seventh position, according to global aviation body IATA.

**RANKINGS & INDEXES****Badminton World Federation Rankings**

- 1) Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying
- 2) Indian PV Sindhu

**SUMMITS & CONFERENCES****22nd National level meeting held between India and Myanmar**

- The 22nd National Level Meeting between India and Myanmar was held from 25 to 26 October, 2018. The two countries agreed on providing of security cooperation along with international border and facilitating movement of people and trade across the international border.

**5th edition of Women of India National Organic Fest 2018**

- Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurated the 5th edition of Women of India National Organic Fest 2018 in New Delhi.

**SCHEMES****Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)**

- Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is being implemented with a view to promote organic farming in the country.

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

- India and Bangladesh have signed several agreements for enhancing inland and coastal waterways connectivity for trade and cruise movements.

**Discussion between India and European Commission**

- Cooperation on Digital communications & economy discussed between India and European Commission.

## SC rules out sale and registration of BS-IV vehicle from 1st April, 2020

- The Supreme Court has said, no Bharat Stage, BS-IV vehicle would be sold or registered in the country from 1st April, 2020. BS emission norms are standards instituted by the government to regulate output of air pollutants from motor vehicles.
- The BS-IV norms have been enforced across the country since April last year. In 2016, the Centre had announced the country would skip the BS-V norms altogether and adopt BS-VI norms by 2020.

## AWARDS

- **Top Challengers' and Best Mining Equipment Seller Award** - Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), a Mini Ratna Public Sector Undertaking, under the Ministry of Defence.

## SPORTS

### World Wrestling Championships

- Pooja Dhanda won a bronze medal in the women's freestyle 57kg weight class in Budapest, Hungary.

### Asian Champions Trophy hockey

- India to play with Japan in the semi-final of the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament in Muscat.

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