

IMPORTANT DAYS

October 8 - Indian Air Force's 86th anniversary

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is the air arm of the Indian armed forces. It ranks fourth amongst the airforces of the world. It was officially established on 8 October 1932 as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire.

October 8 - Andaman and Nicobar Command celebrates its 18th Raising Day

- The Andaman and Nicobar Command, the only joint tri-services operational Command of the country, is celebrating its 18th Raising Day. The joint tri-services operational Command was created in 2001 to safeguard India's strategic interests in the region.

NATIONAL

Kerala

Red Button Public Robotic Spectrum (RBPRS), an intelligent robotic terminal

- Red Button Public Robotic Spectrum (RBPRS), an intelligent robotic terminal to help the public to reach out to police and track crimes, will be installed at two places in Cherthala.

Nagaland

Nagaland's 'Gandhi' Natwar Thakkar dies

- Noted Gandhian Natwar Thakkar came to be accepted as "Nagaland's Gandhi" died in a private hospital in Guwahati .

Telangana

Siemens CoE to be set up at NIT

- A Siemens Centre of Excellence is proposed to be set up on the National Institute of Technology (NIT) campus here at a cost of Rs.210 crore.

INTERNATIONAL**Joint WHO-UNICEF campaign**

- More than 306,000 people, including over 164,000 children under the age of 15, were vaccinated against cholera as part of a joint WHO-UNICEF campaign in Yemen.

Tropical Storm Michael

- A tropical storm “Michael” is likely to develop in the northwestern Caribbean and bring storm surges and heavy rainfall to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

SCIENCE**NASA probe to fly by most distant object ever visited by a spacecraft**

- NASA’s New Horizons probe is on course to flyby the Kuiper Belt object nicknamed Ultima Thule, which is at a distance of 6.6 billion kilometers from Earth this New Year. This event will set the record for the most distant object ever visited by a spacecraft.

Tiny spheres can trap water pollutant

- Scientists have created tiny spheres that can catch and destroy bisphenol A (BPA), a synthetic chemical used to make plastics that often contaminates water.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**India Skills 2018**

- The country's biggest skill competition, India Skills 2018 has concluded in New Delhi.

Revisiting Gandhi: The Art of Shelly Jyoti exhibition

Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated the exhibition “Revisiting Gandhi: The Art of Shelly Jyoti” at IGNCA, New Delhi.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Brett Kavanaugh - 114th Justice of the US Supreme Court**

SCHEMES

Chief Minister’s Sashakt Kisan Yojana and Krishi Samuh Yojana

- Arunachal Pradesh Government launched the Chief Minister’s Sashakt Kisan Yojana [Employment Generation & Agri-Mechanization Programme] and Chief Minister’s Krishi Samuh Yojana [empowering the farmers through cooperative approach] in Itanagar.

DEFENCE

JIMEX 18

- Bilateral Maritime Exercise between Japan and India (JIMEX 18) to Commence at Visakhapatnam.

Shankhnaad

- Shankhnaad’, a military tune eulogizing the valour of Veer Mahar soldiers, dedicated to the Nation by the General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Army Staff. The tune has been written by Brigadier Vivek Sohal (Retired) and composed by Dr (Mrs) Tanuja Nafde.

AWARDS

- **Nobel Prize for Economic Sciences - William D. Nordhaus [USA] [For integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis] & Paul M. Romer [USA] [For integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis]**

APP & WEBPORTAL

‘cVigil’

- The “cVigil” mobile application for citizens to share proof of malpractices by political parties, candidates and activists would be available for use soon after the notification of polls in five States.

SPORTS**U-19 Asia Cup**

- Indian won the U-19 Asia Cup defeating Sri Lanka in the final.

IBSF World U-16 Snooker Championships

- India's Keerthana Pandian won the girls' title in the IBSF World Under-16 Snooker Championships in the final in St Petersburg, Russia.

India's Premier Cyclothon

- Deborah Herold won the gold medal in the elite women's 40 kilometre competition at Saksham Pedal Delhi, India's Premier Cyclothon. The honour in men's 50 kilometres was bagged by Shreedhar Savanur.

China Open Tennis

- Caroline Wozniacki won her 30th WTA singles title in the China Open final in Beijing.

Youth Olympic Games

- Shooter Tushar Mane bagged silver in the men's 10 metre air rifle event.
- Thangjam Tababi Devi became India's first judo medallist at the Olympic level, claiming a silver medal.

Para Asian Games

- Men's badminton team won bronze.

- Farman Basha won silver and Paramjeet Kumar won the bronze in the 49 kg men's powerlifting event.
- Swimmers Devanshi Satijawon won silver in women's 100 metre butterfly and Suyash Jadhav won the bronze in the men's 200 metre individual medley.

World Wrestling Championships

- 30-member team led by Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia to represent India at World Wrestling Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

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