

NATIONAL**New Delhi****Commemorative stamp on National Police Memorial**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to release a commemorative stamp on the National Police Memorial and launch a portal of cyber coordination center on the last day of three-day Conference of IGPs and state police chiefs.

INTERNATIONAL**US govt shutdown begins**

- The US government began a Christmas shutdown early, after Congress adjourned without passing a federal spending bill or addressing President Donald Trump's demand for money to build a border wall.
- Trump has dug in on his demand for 5 billion dollars for construction of a wall on the US border with Mexico.

Lankan parliament passes vote of account to meet govt expenditure

- Sri Lankan parliament passed the vote of account to meet government expenditure for the first four months of New Year.

SCIENCE**China launches first satellite for space-based broadband**

- China launched its first communication satellite to provide broadband internet services worldwide in an apparent bid to rival Google and other international firms.
- The satellite is the first in the Hongyun project planned by China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp (CASIC).

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**GST of 6 items reduced from 28 percent to 18 percent slab**

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said GST of 6 items reduced from 28 percent to 18 percent slab. These items include TV, tyre, power bank and video games.
- 28 percent slab rate is applicable only on 28 items, which are luxury items like cement, auto parts, AC and dishwasher.

RANKINGS & INDEXES**FIFA global rankings**

- Belgium to end the year as No.1 in FIFA global rankings.
- **1) Belgium 2) France 3) Brazil**

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**55th Skoch Summit**

- Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu has conferred the Skoch Golden Jubilee Challenger Award at the 55th Skoch Summit in New Delhi.
- The Skoch Challenger Awards are the highest independently instituted civilian honours. The Commerce and Industry Minister was awarded for his contribution to reforms, particularly in the power sector reforms.

SCHEMES**President emphasises on extending advanced medical services to rural India at par with urban areas**

- President Ramnath Kovind emphasized the need for extending advanced medical services to rural India at par with urban areas at the inauguration of an auditorium at the Centre for excellent in Sickle Cell, Thalassemia and Other Genetic Blood Disorders in Rural Telangana..

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Delhi Assembly passes resolution

- Delhi Assembly has passed a resolution demanding that Bharat Ratna awarded to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi be withdrawn over the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.
- The resolution moved by AAP MLA Jarnail Singh was passed by a voice vote in the House. It termed the anti-Sikh riots as a genocide.

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Cyber coordination center Portal

- A portal of cyber coordination center launched on the last day of three-day Conference of IGPs and state police chiefs.

SPORTS

Premier Badminton League

- The Premier Badminton League begins in Mumbai.

Indian Women's ODI and T20 team captains announced for the New Zealand tour

- Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur were retained as captains for the Indian Women's ODI and T20 team for the New Zealand tour beginning next month.

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