

IMPORTANT DAYS

December 5 – World Soil Day

- The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), in 2002, adopted a resolution proposing the 5th of December as World Soil Day to celebrate the importance of soil as a critical component of the natural system and as a vital contributor to human wellbeing.
- 2018 Theme - '**Be the Solution to Soil Pollution**'.

December 5 - International Volunteer Day

- The International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (5 December), more commonly referred to as International Volunteer Day (IVD), is an international observance mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985.
- It is celebrated by many non-governmental organizations, civil society, and the private sector, among others. It is also marked and supported by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme. Theme “Volunteers build Resilient Communities”

NATIONAL

Bihar

Bihar sets Rs 100 fee for family property split

- Bihar government has fixed 100 rupees as the charge for people to get their property registered after division of family's immovable assets. This decision was taken at cabinet meeting which was chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Gujarat

Gujarat approves Rs 50 crore SIT fund

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has approved 50-crore rupees to Science & Technology Innovation (STI) Fund to provide assistance up to Rs. 50-lakh to UGC and AICTE recognized central and state universities and colleges.

New Delhi

National Rail Museum & Madame Tussauds Wax Museum

- National Rail Museum and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum have joined hands to provide combo offer to Delhi NCR tourists.

INTERNATIONAL

Earthquake in Pacific near New Caledonia

- A powerful undersea earthquake with a magnitude of 7.5 struck off the east coast of New Caledonia in the South Pacific.

US gives Russia 60 days to comply with nuclear treaty

- United States has warned Russia that it will withdraw from a major Cold War treaty limiting mid-range nuclear arms, if Moscow does not dismantle missiles within 60 days.

US re-establishes permanent diplomatic mission in Somalia

- The United States has reestablished a "permanent diplomatic presence" in Somalia for the first time in 27 years.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

RBI to announce its fifth bi-monthly monetary policy review

- The Reserve Bank of India will announce the fifth bi-monthly monetary policy statement for 2018-19 this afternoon. The three-day policy review meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by Governor Urjit Patel began in Mumbai.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

- Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society and FICCI are jointly organising a day long Industry Engagement Programme in New Delhi, Titled the 'Employers Network for Generating Aspirational and Gainful Employment', ENGAGE.
- Theme of the event is Skill in Jharkhand : Skilling for Future.

All-party meeting on December 11

- Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan has convened an all-party meeting on 11th of December to ensure smooth functioning proceedings in the Lower House.

SCHEMES

Guidelines for children's hostels

- Women and Child Development Ministry is formulating guidelines for children's hostels, prescribing the minimum standards of care that should be provided to children.

SPORTS

Gautam Gambhir announces retirement

- Former India opening batsman Gautam Gambhir has announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket.

Men's Hockey World Cup

- Australia beat England by 3-0 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

IPL: Delhi Daredevils renamed

- Delhi Daredevils was renamed as Delhi Capitals.

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