

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### December 7 - International Civil Aviation Day

- In 1996 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that 7 December was to be the International Civil Aviation Day.
- The day has been celebrated by the International Civil Aviation Organization since 7 December 1994, the 50th anniversary of the signing the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
- **Theme - Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind.**

## NATIONAL

### Kerala

#### International Film Festival of Kerala begins

- The 23rd International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) 2018 will begin at Thiruvananthapuram.

### Maharashtra

#### SMART initiative launched

- CM Devendra Fadnavis has launched a unique initiative called "SMART", which stands for State of Maharashtra's Agribusiness and Rural Transformation.
- This World Bank assisted project aims to revamp agricultural value chains, with special focus on marginal farmers across 1,000 villages.

### New Delhi

#### National Challenge 'Ideate for India - creative solutions using technology'

- Minister for Electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad today launched National Challenge - 'Ideate for India - creative solutions using technology' for school students in New Delhi.

- The challenge will help empower the youth to become the next generation of innovators and technology creators.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **US Congress passes bill to avoid government shutdown**

- The US Senate and House of Representatives have passed legislation that would allow continuing funding the government for the next two weeks in order to avert a shutdown.

### **Trump agrees to reach trade deal with China**

- Trump agreed to suspend plans to raise tariffs on 200 billion Dollars worth of Chinese products from 10 per cent to 25 per cent within the next 90 days.

### **UN launches new framework to combat terrorism**

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has launched a new framework to combat the scourge of international terrorism and coordinate efforts across the peace and security, humanitarian, human rights and sustainable development sectors.

### **President seeks martial law extension in southern Philippines**

- President Rodrigo Duterte asked legislators to extend martial law across the southern Philippines until the end of next year in order to quell continuing violence in the restive region.

## **BUSINESS & ECONOMY**

### **Exim Bank extends USD 500 mn loan to Tanzania**

- Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has extended a credit facility of USD 500 million to Tanzania for water supply projects in the country.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Krishnamurthy Subramanian - **New Chief Economic Advisor**

## MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

### Ministry of Shipping approves development of freight village in Varanasi

- Ministry of Shipping has approved development of a freight village in Varanasi adjoining the Inland Waterways Terminal on River Ganga. It will be developed at a cost 156 crore rupees.

### India opposes move to declare Gilgit-Baltistan as fifth province

- India has voiced strong opposition to Pakistan's reported move to declare Gilgit-Baltistan as its fifth province.

## DEFENCE

### Cycle expedition to enhance public awareness on importance of Coastal Security

- Gujarat, Daman and Diu Naval Area headquarters has organized a cycle expedition from INS Dwarka- Okha to Khukri Memorial in Diu.
- 394 kilometers long cycle expedition has been organized on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Western Naval Command and Navy Week 2018.

## SPORTS

### All India Police Shooting Competition 2018

- Minister of State for Home, Kiren Rijju inaugurated the 19th All India Police (AIPDM) Shooting Competition-2018 at Manesar, Gurugram in Haryana.

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