

IMPORTANT DAYS

February 19 - Birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

- The birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is celebrated all over Maharashtra. With his valour and great administrative skills, Shivaji carved out an enclave from the declining Adilshahi sultanate of Bijapur. Shivaji is well-known for his innovative military tactics that centred around non-conventional methods leveraging strategic factors like geography, speed, and surprise to defeat his more powerful enemies.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji is remembered as a torchbearer of good governance and as an accomplished administrator.

February 19 - Guru Ravidas Jayanti

- Guru Ravidas Jayanti is being celebrated on February 19. Sant Ravidas was a 14th-century saint and reformer of the Bhakti movement in North India.

NATIONAL

Maharashtra

Election commission launches voter awareness campaign

- Maharashtra's state election commission has launched a voter awareness campaign to ensure maximum participation of all eligible voters in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

New Delhi

15th Foundation Day Celebrations of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu addressed the Foundation Day Lecture 'Constitution and Tribes', on the occasion of 15th Foundation Day Celebrations of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, in New Delhi.

Uttar Pradesh**World's first diesel to electric converted locomotive**

- Prime Minister flagged off an 1st ever indigenously developed electric locomotive converted from a diesel engine at the Diesel Locomotives Works (DLW).

INTERNATIONAL**Myanmar sets up committee to discuss reforming constitution**

- Myanmar set up a committee to discuss reforming the country's military-drafted constitution. Myanmar parliament voted to form a cross-party committee to debate reforms of the charter.

SCIENCE**Israel to launch its first moon mission**

- Israelis to launch its first moon mission this week, sending an unmanned spacecraft to collect data to be shared with NASA. 585-kilogram Beresheet (Genesis) spacecraft is to lift off atop a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- So far only Russia, the United States and China have sent their spacecraft to the moon. The Chinese spacecraft made the first ever soft landing on the far side of the moon on January.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**RBI to give Rs 28,000 cr to Centre as dividend**

- The Reserve Bank has announced that it will transfer an interim surplus of 28,000 crore rupees to the central government for the half-year ended 31st December 2018.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**Regional Maritime Safety Conference**

- Union Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari will launch the revised guidelines for chartering of ships by providing Right of First Refusal to ships built in India in Mumbai at the Regional Maritime Safety Conference.
- The measure will not incentivize ship building activity in the country but also help in raising the demand for such vessels and provide them with additional market access and business support.
- The maiden edition of this conference is being organised by National Maritime Foundation in association with the Ministry of Shipping and the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The two-day conference is being organised to discuss issues related to maritime security in the India-ASEAN subregion and to promote trade along sea routes.

APPOINTMENTS

- Anuj Sharma - **Kolkata Police Commissioner**

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

- India and Morocco signed four MoUs for setting up of Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism, Cooperation in Housing and Human Settlement, Reciprocal facilitation of procedures for issue of Business Visa and Cooperation in Youth Matters.

APP & WEBPORTAL

Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences and Safe City Implementation Monitoring Portal

- The Home Minister also launched two portals - Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences and Safe City Implementation Monitoring Portal. A separate Women Safety Division has been established in the Home Ministry and many existing laws have been amended.

Tele Law Dashboard & Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono) Mobile Application

- The Tele Law Dashboard is an online platform to connect beneficiary with the panel lawyer through video conference, telephone and chat, Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono) Mobile Application will facilitate registration of a lawyer volunteering to provide pro bono legal services.

SPORTS

70th Strandja Memorial Tournament

- Nikhat Zareen (51kg), Manju Rani (48kg) and Meena Kumari Devi (54kg) entered the finals of the 70th Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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