

NATIONAL**New Delhi****Foundation day of Department of Biotechnology**

- Department of Biotechnology in the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day in New Delhi with the theme as "**Celebrating Biotechnology: Building Indian as an Innovation Nation**".

Delhi government presents Rs 60,000 cr rupee budget for 2019-20

- The Delhi government presented a 60,000 crore rupee budget for 2019-20 in the Assembly. 26 per cent of total budget have been earmarked for education

National Level Finals of National Youth Parliament Festival

- Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports & Information and Broadcasting Col Rajyavardhan Rathore (Retd) inaugurated the National Level Finals of National Youth Parliament Festival at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**Country's goods, services exports to cross 500 billion dollars during current fiscal**

- The country's goods and services exports will cross 500 billion dollars during the current fiscal despite challenges being faced on the global trade front. This was stated by the Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu while speaking at the Rising India Summit 2019 in New Delhi.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**20th Session of India-Italy Joint Commission**

- The meeting of 20th India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) began in New Delhi. The JCEC is an institutional mechanism for bilateral trade engagement held at the level of Minister of Commerce and Industry of the two countries.
- The two-day session is being co-chaired by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu, from the Indian side. The 19th Session of India-Italy JCEC was held in Rome on 11th -12th May, 2017.

Skill Saathi Youth Conclave

- Union Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said Odisha has the potential to soon emerge as skill capital of the country.
- Inaugurating a "Skill Saathi Youth Conclave in Bhubaneswar, he said the youth of Odisha has intellect, skill and courage and with these qualities, they can meet any challenges and work together to create a New Odisha.

‘Aviation Conclave 2019’

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in association with Airports Authority of India, AAICLAS and Confederation of Indian Industry, is organizing the Aviation Conclave 2019 with an overarching theme of “**Flying for All**” in New Delhi.
- Over 30 industry leaders will discuss and deliberate across 5-key sessions covering the Drone-Ecosystem Policy Roadmap, Roadmap for Manufacturing Aircraft and associated equipment, including Regional Transport Aircraft, in India, the Project Rupee Raftaar- Aircraft Financing and Leasing from India, the National Air Cargo Policy, and the Mission to transform Indian Airports into Next-Gen Aviation Hubs.

National workshop on heat wave risk reduction

- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is conducting a two-day national workshop on heat wave risk reduction on 27-28 February, 2019. The workshop, to be held at Nagpur, has been organised in collaboration with the Maharashtra Government.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**MoU between Inland Waterways authority of India and Indian Oil**

- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for jointly developing infrastructure for fuels, lubricating oil, LPG, Natural Gas and any other related fuel and gas for meeting the requirement of National Waterways.

DEFENCE**IAF conducts airstrikes**

- The Indian Air Force conducted airstrikes at the biggest terror camp of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in Balakot at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan.

India successfully test fires QRSAM missiles

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired indigenously developed Quick Reach Surface-to-Air missiles (QRSAM) from ITR Chandipur, off the Odisha Coast. The two missiles were tested for different altitude and conditions.

AWARDS

Gandhi Peace Prize

Year	Winner
2015	Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari
2016	Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International
2017	Ekal Abhiyan Trust
2018	Sh Yohei Sasakawa

SPORTS

ISSF World Cup

- In shooting, Hungary's Veronika Major won a gold medal in 10-metre air pistol event at the ongoing ISSF World Cup in New Delhi.

Cannes International Open trophy

- In Chess, Indian Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta lifted the Cannes International Open trophy.

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