

IMPORTANT DAYS**February 06 - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation**

- International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is a United Nations-sponsored annual awareness day that takes place on February 6 as part of the UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation. It was first introduced in 2003.

NATIONAL**Himachal Pradesh****Government to amend PG policy for doctors**

- Himachal Pradesh government has decided to amend PG policy on bond money for MBBS doctors who pursue higher courses.

Maharashtra**Government sets up panel to review welfare schemes for tribals**

- The Maharashtra government has set up a committee to review various schemes being implemented for the welfare of tribals in the state.

Odisha**Gadkari to lay foundation of highway projects**

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari will today lay the foundation stone for three highway projects worth over two thousand 300 crore rupees in Odisha.

INTERNATIONAL**Taliban demands new Afghan Constitution**

- The Taliban demanded a new Constitution for Afghanistan and promised an “inclusive Islamic system” to govern the war-torn country at a rare gathering with senior Afghan politicians in Russia that excluded the Kabul government.

SCIENCE**GSAT-31 successfully launched**

- India’s communication satellite GSAT-31 has been launched successfully from French Guiana. The Ariane-5 rocket lifted off with it from Kourou Launch and placed it in the intended Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.
- It is to replace the ageing INSAT-4CR satellite. GSAT-31 is India’s fortieth communication satellite.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**43rd International Book Fair**

- At the 43rd International Book Fair in Kolkata, the stall of the National Digital Library of India is attracting people seeking to download books for free.
- The NDLI was sponsored by the Union Human Resources Development Ministry and developed by IIT Kharagpur.

‘Parmanu Tech 2019’

- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh delivered the keynote address at the ‘Parmanu Tech 2019’ conference, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Atomic

Energy (DAE). The conference discussed issues related to Nuclear Energy and Radiation Technologies.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Government to conduct survey of all agricultural households

- The government has decided to conduct a survey of all agricultural households in the country covering the period from July 2018 to June this year. National Sample Survey Office is the nodal agency.
- It will focus on their income, expenditure and indebtedness.

AWARDS

Sangeet Natak Akademi awards

- President Ram Nath Kovind gave away the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2017 at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Forty-two artists from the fields including Music, Dance, Theatre, Traditional, Folk, and Tribal music were awarded.

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APP & WEBPORTAL

'Darwaza Band -Part 2' campaign

- The Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen launched the 'Darwaza Band -Part 2' campaign which focuses on sustaining the open defecation free status of villages across the country. The campaign, produced by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, was launched in Mumbai.

SPORTS

India Vs New Zealand T20 Series

- India lose by 80 runs in the 1st T20 Vs New Zealand and take 1-0 lead.

India Vs New Zealand (W) T20 Series

- New Zealand defeated India by 23 runs in the first (W) Twenty-20.

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