

NATIONAL**Odisha****Odisha CM unveils statue of Guru Padmasambhava**

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik unveiled a 19-foot-high statue of Guru Padmasambhava, the founder of Tibetan Buddhism, at Jirang in Gajapati district.

INTERNATIONAL**US urges Nigeria to hold election free of 'intimidation'**

- The United States has called on all sides in Nigeria including the military to ensure that next week's election is "free from outside pressure and intimidation."

US: Bills introduced in House and Senate to remove per-country green card limits

- Powerful lawmakers in the US House of Representatives and the Senate have introduced identical legislations, which if passed would end per-country green card limit and benefit Indian professionals waiting to gain permanent legal residency in the country.
- The Act alters the per-country limits for employment-based immigrants so that all are treated equally regardless of their country of birth.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the CMS**

- The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals (CMS), an environmental treaty under the aegis of United Nations Environment Programme, is going to be hosted by India during 15th to 22nd February, 2020 at Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

5th India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Committee Meeting

- The 5th India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Committee Meeting was held in New Delhi. The last Joint Consultative Committee Meeting between the two countries was held in October 2017 at Dhaka.

National Workshop on Street Vendors

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the National Workshop on Street Vendors in New Delhi.
- The workshop has been organised as a part of the Shehri Samridhi Utsav.

8th round of National Deworming Day (NDD) campaign

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) conducted its eighth round of National Deworming Day (NDD). This key program initiative is implemented with an objective to reduce the prevalence of Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) or parasitic intestinal worms so that they are no longer a public health problem.

69th Berlin International Film Festival

- India Pavilion inaugurated at 69th Berlin International Film Festival.

SCHEMES**“Asiatic Lion Conservation Project”**

- A dedicated project for conservation of Asiatic Lion with a contribution of Rs 97.85 Cr from Centre to be spent over 3 years launched. The Asiatic Lion, endemic to Gir landscape of Gujarat, is one of the 21 critically endangered species identified by the Ministry for taking up recovery programmes.

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

- India and Bangladesh have signed an MOU for training 1800 Bangladesh Civil Servants at the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) an institute under the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DAR&PG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Govt. of India, over the next 6 years.

GeM and CCI Sign MoU

- Government e Marketplace (GeM) and Competition Commission of India (CCI) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 6th February 2019 to enable a fair and competitive environment in the e-Marketplace.

DEFENCE**Exercise Cutlass Express 2019**

- INS Trikand, a front-line warship of the Indian Navy, participated in a multinational training exercise 'CUTLASS EXPRESS – 19' held from 27 Jan to 06 Feb 19. The aim of the exercise was to improve law enforcement capacity, promote regional security and progress inter-operability between the armed forces of the participating nations for the purpose of interdicting illegal maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean.

AWARDS**Sena medals**

- In Udhampur, 92 army men were awarded Sena medals at an investiture ceremony for their gallantry and distinguished services.

BOOKS & AUTHORS**Handbook on Prevention of Accidents and Awareness of First Aid**

- Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare released a communication material comprising First Aid Module for Community, Handbook on Prevention of Accidents and Awareness of First Aid, and a documentary film on the occasion of '30th Road Safety Week' at a function.

SPORTS**India Vs New Zealand T20 Series**

- India won by 7 wickets in the 2nd T20 Vs New Zealand and levelled the series 1-1 lead.

India Vs New Zealand (W) T20 Series

- New Zealand defeated India by 4wickets in the second (W) Twenty-20.

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