

- **National Productivity Council (NPC)** is celebrating its 61st Foundation Day on 12th February with the theme “**Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability**”. NPC observes foundation day as **Productivity Day** and the National Productivity Week from February 12-18, 2019.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presented a **budget of over 44,000 crore rupees for financial year 2019-20 at the State Assembly in Shimla.**
- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal today inaugurated Cremica Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd. The Park is located at Village Singhain Una District of Himachal Pradesh.**
- Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Institute of Advanced Virology (IAV) in Thiruvananthapuram.**
- The Odisha State Food Commission has again asked the **State government to expedite implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006**, that would help ensure food and nutritional security to the vulnerable section of society.
- In the United States, **Minnesota Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar has announced that she will contest for president** in the forthcoming Presidential election in 2020.
- **Poland will buy mobile rocket launchers worth 414 million US Dollar from the United States**, as Warsaw seeks closer ties with Washington amid concerns over a resurgent Russia.
- Based on computational modelling, researchers at **the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras have identified the biochemical pathways that eye cancer (retinoblastoma) preferentially chooses for growth and survival.**
- **ICC T20 rankings - T-20**, Indian spinner Kuldeep Yadav has moved up to grab a career-best second position.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **13th International Oil and Gas Conference - PETROTECH-2019 in Greater Noida.**
- The Association of Agro meteorologists (AAM) has organized a 3 day International Symposium on “**Advances in Agro meteorology for Managing Climatic Risks of Farmers**” (INAGMET-2019) at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (India).

- Dr. Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur, inaugurated the **two-day National Conference on Unani Medicine organized by the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) as a part of 3rd Unani Day celebration here in New Delhi.**
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will participate in **Swachh Shakti 2019, a convention of Women Sarpanches** and distribute the Swachh Shakti-2019 awards.
- Union Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the bid round –III under Open Acreages Licensing Policy (OALP) at Greater Noida, the venue of PETROTECH-2019.**
- Launched by the Environment Ministry last year, **the 'Green Good Deeds' campaign -- aimed at protecting the environment and promoting healthy living -- mentions a list of 500 activities** for protecting the environment.
- The Minister of State for Road Transport, Shipping and Chemical & Fertilizers informed **that 14 number of CEZs in 8 states have been identified under the Sagarmala Programme.**
- The Ministry of **Housing & Urban Affairs has instituted a challenge for States/ UTs to select six sites across the country** for constructing the Lighthouse projects under GHTC-India.
- **The scheme for Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme (CHYLP)** envisaged enriching awareness of Indian culture and heritage amongst the youth in order to promote, understand and develop fondness for India's rich cultural heritage.
- The Government is implementing a Scheme namely **“Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes”.**
- **Egypt's President El-Sissi - Chairman of African Union**

- In Rajasthan, Jaipur based Sapta Shakti Command of Indian Army is conducting a **two- day Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise “Exercise Rahat”**.
- John Morris Ajax Fire Engine on Belsize Chassis (1914) of **Pre-world war-I vintage among the proud possessions of Indian Railways preserved at National Rail Museum (NRM)**, New Delhi has participated in the Statesman 53rd edition Vintage car rally and has been awarded with Statesman Challenger Trophy.
- In Tennis, France’s **Corentin Moutet has clinched the Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament title** after beating Andrew Harris of Australia 6-3, 6-3 in the singles final.
- **Prajnesh Gunneswaran has made it to the top-100** of Men's Singles Tennis rankings with a jump of six places that took him to 97.

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