

IMPORTANT DAYS

March 23 - World Meteorological Day

- Every year on 23 March, the World Meteorological Organization commemorates the coming into force of the Convention establishing the World Meteorological Organization on 23 March 1950.
- The World Meteorological Day theme 2019: The Sun, the Earth and the Weather.

NATIONAL

KERALA

Jalam Jeevamritham campaign

- The Kerala Water Authority (KWA) has established 207 vending points for water supply in regions facing acute shortage this summer. The initiative is part of the Jalam Jeevamritham campaign.

Hridyam

- In an effort at capacity building, for the first time, the Health Department has now opted for e-learning solutions and it is proving to be a huge hit amongst all health-care providers. Health Department and the National Health Mission launched Hridyam in 2017.

TAMILNADU

Supreme Court considering report on elephant corridors

- The Supreme Court is considering a report filed by its amicus curiae to direct States through which elephant corridors run to submit voluntary

relocation/rehabilitation plans for people who live in these eco-sensitive zones.

- In Tamil Nadu, a report submitted by the Nilgiris Collector in the apex court in August 2018 revealed that 821 buildings, constructions, occupancies had encroached on the notified corridor.

TELANGANA

Drastic fall in Singur water levels

- Drastic fall in Singur water levels drives animals out. Diversion of Singur water to Sriram Sagar Project in Rajanna-Sircilla district about two years ago had its adverse impact not only on the farm sector and drinking water but also on animals.

NEW DELHI

Centre bans Yasin Malik-led JKLF under anti-terror law

- The Centre has banned the separatist leader Yasin Malik - led Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) under anti-terror law. It has been done in accordance with policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and the government has acted strongly against the terrorists.

INTERNATIONAL

US-backed Syrian force declares victory over Islamic State

- A U.S.-backed Syrian force says it has liberated the last area held by the Islamic State group in the eastern Syrian village of Baghouz, declaring victory over the extremists and the end of their self-declared caliphate.

France's 'yellow vest' demonstrators

- France's "yellow vests" are expected to stage further anti-government protests despite the authorities vowing a "zero tolerance" approach. The protests began in rural France on November 17 over fuel tax increases and quickly ballooned into a full-scale anti-government rebellion that two months of public policy debates have failed to defuse.

India-funded educational campus inaugurated in Nepal

- Educational campus constructed with Government of India's financial grant of 35.5 million Nepalese rupees was inaugurated in Nepal.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**Government begins seizing properties of terror financiers to curb terror funding**

- The government has started seizing properties belonging to terror financiers in a big way as part of its efforts to curb terror funding. Thirteen persons and their properties have so far been identified by the National Investigation Agency, NIA, in this connection.

Employment generation in formal sector touched 17-month high: EPFO

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in its latest released payroll data has said that net employment generation in the formal sector touched a 17-month high of 8.96 lakh in January, 2019.

RANKINGS & INDEXES**Asian Rich List 2019**

- India's High Commissioner to the UK Ruchi Ghanashyam released the list which is a compilation of the 101 wealthiest Asians in Britain.
- Leading London-based NRI industrial tycoons, the Hinduja family top the Asian Rich List 2019 for the sixth successive year with an estimated net worth of £25.2 billion, an increase of over £3 billion over the previous year.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Next Navy Chief - Vice Admiral Karambir Singh**
- **Western Fleet Commander - Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh**

APP & WEB PORTAL**cVIGIL**

- The app, cVIGIL, launched by the EC for keeping tabs on those violating the poll code and expenditure limit. On the app, citizens can upload photographs and videos on what they deem to be violations of poll code from the spot with location-based details.

SPORTS**Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey**

- India defeated Asian Games champion Japan 2-0 to start its campaign at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament.

Sri Lanka's Malinga to retire after Twenty20 World Cup

- Sri Lankan limited overs captain Lasith Malinga will retire from international cricket after next year's Twenty20 World Cup.

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