

IMPORTANT DAYS**August 07 - 5th National Handloom Day**

- The National Handloom Day is observed annually on 7th August to honour the handloom weavers in the country and also highlight India's handloom industry. National Handloom Day seeks to focus on the contribution of handloom to the socio economic development of the country and also increase the income of weavers.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS**Sushma Swaraj passes away at 67**

- Former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj passed away at the age of 67. Swaraj, who served as the External Affairs Minister in the Modi-led BJP government during 2014-2019, opted out of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and was left out of the new Cabinet. She was the country's first full-time woman Foreign Minister.

TAMILNADU**The book 'Oru Manidhan Oru Iyakkam Kalaignar Mu. Karunanidhi'**

- The book 'Oru Manidhan Oru Iyakkam Kalaignar Mu. Karunanidhi', published by Frontline, a publication of The Hindu group, will serve as a guide and a tool for the next generation to know about how one person could become a movement, bring about changes in a democracy.

Karthikeyan is CMDA member secretary

- The Tamil Nadu State government named D. Karthikeyan as the member secretary of the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority. He was earlier the Commissioner of Municipal Administration.

INTERNATIONAL**Bangladesh signs uranium supply deal with Russia**

- Bangladesh signed a deal with Russia for the supply of uranium for its 2,400 MW Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP). Under the deal, Russia will supply the nuclear fuel needed for the plant during its entire life cycle.

India contributes USD 5 million to UN Palestine refugee agency

- India contributed yesterday USD 5 million to the UN Palestine refugee agency and called for ensuring sustained fiscal support for the organisation's work. The UNRWA has been providing health, education, relief and social services, as well as emergency humanitarian assistance, across its five areas of operations in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank, and the Gaza Strip since 1950.

US ends visa-free entry for visitors to North Korea

- The United States has revoked visa-free entry rights to the country, for foreigners who have visited North Korea in the past eight years. This move may deal a new blow to the isolated country's nascent tourism industry.

SPACE SCIENCE**Chandrayaan-2 successfully completes its final earth-bound orbit-raising manoeuvre**

- India's lunar probe Chandrayaan-2 has successfully completed its fifth and final earth-bound orbit-raising manoeuvre. The manoeuvre led the spacecraft to reach an orbit of substantial apogee, that is the farthest point from the Earth. The country's second lunar expedition to the Moon, Chandrayaan-2 is expected to reach an orbit around the Moon on the 20th of August.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019**

- The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), in association with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India and the State Government of Meghalaya will organize the 22nd National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2019 on 8-9th August, 2019 at Shillong, Meghalaya. Theme: "Digital India: Success to Excellence"

MoU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**Landmark Consumer Protection Bill, 2019 gets Parliamentary approval**

- The Parliament gave its nod to the landmark Consumer Protection Bill, 2019 which aims to protect the rights of consumers by establishing authorities for timely and effective administration and settlement of consumers' dispute. The Bill will

DEFENCE**Mountaineering Expedition team to climb Mt. Elbrus**

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Shripad Yesso Naik flagged off an Expedition Team of Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (Hmi), Darjeeling to Mt. Elbrus, Russia. The expedition team plans to summit Mt. Elbrus, the highest peak in European Continent on August 15, 2019 and hoist India's national flag atop the mountain to coincide with 73rd Independence Day.

SPORTS**Rankireddy-Shetty jump seven spots in badminton rankings**

- In Badminton, Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty jumped seven places to enter the top 10 of the latest world rankings. They are placed ninth in the doubles rankings.

India tops latest ICC Test rankings

- India topped the latest ICC Test team rankings while New Zealand is placed 2nd and South Africa is in 3rd position. India skipper Virat Kohli retains his number one position in the latest ICC Test batsmen's ranking

NBA India Games 2019

- The NBA India Games 2019 will feature the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers playing two pre-season games on October 4 and 5.

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