

IMPORTANT DAYS**August 17 - Indonesian Independence Day**

- Indonesian Independence Day is celebrated on 17 August every year. This day is celebrated as the declaration of independence from Dutch colonization in 1945. It is also referred to as Hari Merdeka.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS**National Tribal Festival “Aadi Mahotsav”**

- Aadi Mahotsav (National Tribal Festival), a joint initiative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India & Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) is all set for a colourful start from 17th August till 25th August, 2019 at Polo Ground, Leh-Ladakh.
- The theme of the festival is : “A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Craft, Culture and Commerce”. TRIFED essentially is to play the role of a ‘Service provider’ & ‘Market Developer.’

Four New Products get GI Tag

- The Geographical Indication (GI) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has recently registered 4 new GIs. Palani Panchamirtham from Palani Town in Dindigul District of Tamil Nadu State, Tawlhlohpuan and Mizo Puancheifrom the state of Mizoram and Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala are the latest additions to the list of registered GIs.

NAGALAND**Nagaland State Police Dept gets first Laboratory-cum-Training Centre**

- Nagaland State Police Department got its first Laboratory-cum-Training Centre for Prevention of Cyber Crime against Women and Children. IGP, CID, Nagaland, Zekotso Mero informed that the training will commence immediately where 50 police personnel from different police units will be trained.

INTERNATIONAL**Severe Tropical Storm Krosa**

- A powerful tropical storm lashed Japan, bringing strong winds and torrential rain. Severe Tropical Storm Krosa, which is one notch below a typhoon, slammed into the southern Hiroshima region, packing wind gusts of up to 126 kilometres per hour

SCIENCE**India gets its first national essential diagnostics list**

- India has got its first National Essential Diagnostics List (NEDL) finalised by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) which aims to bridge the current regulatory system's gap that do not cover all the medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic device (IVD).

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**National Workshop Cum Exhibition on Sustainable Sanitation**

- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) will be organizing a one day national workshop cum exhibition at Vigyan Bhawan ,New Delhi on 19 August, 2019. The focus of the workshop will be on discussing social and legal issues as well as technological and managerial interventions with regard to human entry into sewers and septic tanks

APPOINTMENTS**Ravi Shastri re-appointed as head coach of Indian men's team**

- Ravi Shastri was re-appointed head coach of the Indian men's team by the Kapil Dev-led Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), which unanimously felt that the incumbent's communication skills and understanding of team issues stood out.

SPORTS**Deepak Punia becomes India's first junior World Champion in 18 years**

- Wrestler Deepak Punia has become India's first junior World Champion in 18 years. He claimed a gold medal at the Junior Worlds with a win over Russia's Alik Shebzukhov at Tallinn, Estonia.

Women's Pro Golf Tour: maiden title for Gauri Karhade

- Rookie Gauri Karhade, playing only her sixth event as a pro on the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour pick her first title on the circuit.

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