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Important Dates

August 01 - World Lung Cancer Day

- World Cancer Day is observed on August 1, 2019. Lung cancer continues to be one of the most common cancers worldwide, claiming more lives yearly than breast, colon and prostate cancers combined. It is estimated that lung cancer accounts for nearly one in five cancer deaths globally.

August 02 - Birth anniversary of freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya

- Pingali Venkayya, a freedom fighter and the designer of the flag on which the Indian national flag was based was born on August 02 in 1876, near Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Today is his 143rd birth anniversary. Venkayya's design for the National Flag was finally approved by Mahatma Gandhi in a Congress meeting in Vijayawada in 1921.

1st – 7th August - World Breastfeeding Week

- The Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, is organizing a number of activities on the theme “Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding” during the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) being observed from 1st to 7th August 2019. **The focus this year is on protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding.**

August 06 - Hiroshima Day

- Hiroshima Day commemorates 6 August 1945, the day when an atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Hiroshima Marks 74 th anniversary of atomic bombing this year. The mayor of Hiroshima urged Japan to sign a landmark UN treaty banning nuclear weapons as the city marked 74 years since being targeted in the world's first atomic attack.

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.

77th anniversary of Quit India movement

- The 77th anniversary of the August Kranti Din, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of freedom struggle of our country, is observed on August 08.
- On this date in 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a call to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai.

August 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

- 9 August commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It is celebrated around the world and marks the date of the inaugural session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations in 1982.

August 9 – Nagasaki Day

- On this day in 1945, a second atom bomb is dropped on Japan by the United States, at Nagasaki, resulting finally in Japan's unconditional surrender. The bomb was nicknamed 'Fat Man' in reference to Winston Churchill. 'Fat Man' killed 80,000 people on 9th August, 1945.

August 10 - World Biofuel Day

- World Biofuel Day is observed every year on 10th of August to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and highlight the various efforts made by Government in the biofuel sector.
- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas organized World Biofuel Day on 10th August 2019 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

Summit / Conference**52nd ASEAN summit**

- Foreign Ministers from South East Asia are attending the 52nd ASEAN summit in Bangkok. The meeting held for deeper integration to expand trade and bolster prosperity in the region amid rising global challenges.

Regional Conference on Good Governance

- The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), in association with Department of Administrative Reforms, Government of Rajasthan and the Harish Chandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration (HCMRIPA) will organize the Regional Conference on Good Governance on 14th-15th November, 2019 at Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- **Theme: "Strengthening State Institutes of Public Administration"**

11th Annual General Meeting of Indo-Lanka Chamber of Commerce & Industry

- The 11th Annual General Meeting of the Indo-Lanka Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held in Colombo. President of the Indo- Lanka chamber Romesh David in his speech spoke about active engagement between the industries of the two countries.

10th Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Ministerial Meeting

- Addressing the 10th MGC Ministerial Meeting in the Thai capital Bangkok, Dr Jaishankar said, connectivity is a major focus area of cooperation for India. The MGC, is a sub-regional cooperation organisation comprising India and five ASEAN countries, namely, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

15th meeting of the India-US Defence Policy Group (DPG)

- Indian and US officials have agreed to pursue a policy environment conducive to collaboration between the defence industry and start-ups in both countries. An understanding in this regard was reached during the 15th meeting of the India-US Defence Policy Group (DPG) in Washington.

8th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial meeting

- The Commerce Secretary Dr. Anup Wadhawan led a delegation to the 8th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial meeting held in Beijing on 2-3 August 2019. During the meeting he highlighted India's contribution in shaping the RCEP negotiations .

Second All India Annual Conference of IIS Officers

- The Second All India Annual Conference of Indian Information Service Officers was organized at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra in New Delhi. The Conference was organized with a view to attain greater integration of all Media Units under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in order to further amplify government communication.

Workshop on ‘Role of Technology in Reuniting Missing Children & Trafficked Persons’

- A one-day Workshop on ‘Role of Technology in Reuniting Missing Children & Trafficked Persons’ was jointly organised by National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with Indian Police Foundation on 5th August, 2019 at NCRB Auditorium New Delhi. Shri K. V. Eapen, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, inaugurated the workshop

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”

NHRC National Level Review Meeting on Mental Health

- NHRC National Level Review Meeting on Mental Health was held at India International centre, New Delhi .It highlighted the several issues to bridge the gap between the legislation and its implementation

Home Minister-level Talks between India and Bangladesh

- The Seventh meeting of the India-Bangladesh Home Minister Level Talks (HMLT) was held in New Delhi on 07 August 2019. The HMLT was co-chaired by Shri Amit Shah, Home Minister of India and Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan, Minister for Home Affairs of Bangladesh.

3rd Edition of Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST 2019)

- Ministry of New & Renewable Energy organised Curtain Raiser ceremony for the 3rd Edition of Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST 2019) which will be held from 30th October to 2nd November 2019 in India.
- Objective of the event is to attract the right investments in renewable energy (RE) and present India's RE story to the world.

3rd International Electric Vehicle Conclave

- The Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Arjun Ram Meghwal, inaugurated the 3rd International Electric Vehicle (EV) Conclave at the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar, Gurugram,. The Conclave was held to create a knowledge-sharing platform to ensure flow of information at all levels in the automotive sector.

Appointments & Resignation

Rakesh Asthana given additional charge of Narcotics Control Bureau

- IPS officer Rakesh Asthana has been given the additional charge of Narcotics Control Bureau for six months. Presently he is serving as Director-General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security.

New director of Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)

- Atish Dabholkar, a theoretical physicist from India, has been appointed as the new director of Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy.

New DGP of Puducherry

- Balaji Srivastava assumed charge as the new Director General of Police of the Union Territory . He replaces S. Sundari Nanda, who has been transferred to Delhi.
- Mr. Srivastava, a 1988 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre, earlier served as the DGP of Mizoram.

Science & Technology**Japan approves growing human organs in animals for first time**

- Scientists in Japan will begin trying to grow human organs in animals after receiving government permission for the first study of its kind in the country. It is the first step in what researchers caution is a very long path towards a future where human organs for transplant could be grown inside animals.

Tigers in India face lurking threat from virus

- A potential virus Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) that can be transmitted from CDV-infected dogs living in and around wildlife sanctuaries has started to raise concern among wildlife biologists. Canine distemper is a contagious and serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems of puppies and dogs.

India's Deep Ocean Mission

- India's ambitious 'Deep Ocean Mission' is all set to be launched this year. One of the main aims of the mission is to explore and extract polymetallic nodules. These are small potato-like rounded accretions composed of minerals such as manganese, nickel, cobalt, copper and iron hydroxide.

Indian egg-eating snake spotted in Bukkapatna

- A two ft-long Indian egg-eating snake has for the first time been spotted in Bukkapatna forest in Sira taluk of Tumakuru district in Karnataka. The rare species which is found in the Indian subcontinent and only eats birds eggs was spotted by members of WARCO (Wildlife Awareness and Reptile Conservation Organisation).

Artificial Intelligence used to detect fast radio bursts

- Scientists have developed an automated system that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to detect and capture fast radio bursts (FRBs) in real-time. FRBs are mysterious and powerful flashes of radio waves from space, thought to originate billions of light years from the Earth, said researchers from Swinburne University of Technology in Australia.

Ocean warming, overfishing increase methylmercury toxin in fish

- The amount of toxin that gets accumulated in certain fish which are higher in the food chain have been found to increase. The researchers warn that human exposure to the toxin through fish consumption is bound to increase as a result of climate change.

Pink bollworm pest appears in cotton in Telangana districts

- The dreaded cotton crop pest, pink bollworm, has made its appearance in some fields near Ponnari village in Tamsi mandal of Adilabad district, galvanising agriculture scientists to initiate measures to control its spread. The pest can be controlled by setting up of pheromones traps, manually destroying the infested rosette flowers and judicious use of neem seed kernel extract as pesticide at this stage.

Space Science**ISRO releases first set of earth pictures captured by Chandrayaan-2**

- Space agency ISRO released the first set of pictures of the earth, captured by Chandrayaan 2, the country's second Moon mission launched a fortnight ago. The pictures were captured by LI-4 camera on board Chandrayaan II. The LI-4 camera onboard the lander Vikram of the spacecraft show the crystal clear and panoramic view of the earth, around which it is still revolving.

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.

Economic Affairs**India offers 5-lakh-dollar-grant to Gambia**

- India has offered a grant of 5 lakh dollar to the Gambia for skill development and cottage industry project. The two countries also signed an MoU on Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.

KABIL set up to ensure supply of critical Minerals to Indian domestic market

- A joint venture company Khanij Bidesh India limited, KABIL has been set up with the participation of three Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs to ensure supply of critical Minerals to Indian domestic market. These CPSEs are National Aluminium Company Limited, Hindustan Copper Limited and Mineral Exploration Company limited.

China no longer top trading partner of U.S.

- As a result of their ongoing trade war, China is no longer the top trading partner of the United States and has been replaced by America's neighbours Mexico and Canada, according to a media report.

Government unveils draft e-com norms

- To protect the interest of online shoppers, the Department of Consumer Affairs has released draft guidelines on e-commerce that state that an e-commerce entity cannot directly or indirectly influence the price of the goods or services.

Schemes**I&B Minister launches e-projects of publication division**

- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar launched redesigned dynamic website of publication division www.publicationsdivision.nic.in to provide realtime purchase facilities to book lovers. The website will provide information about publication division's books and journals.

Atal Community Innovation Centre

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Atal Community Innovation Centre in New Delhi to encourage the spirit of innovation at the community level. This initiative aims to encourage the spirit of innovation through solution-driven design thinking to serve society.

PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana

- The scheme has been envisioned with an aim to improve the life of small and marginal farmers of the country. The scheme is voluntary and contributory for farmers in the entry age group of 18 to 40 years and a monthly pension of Rs. 3000/- will be provided to them on attaining the age of 60 years.
- The farmers will have to make a monthly contribution of Rs.55 to Rs.200, depending on their age of entry, in the Pension Fund till they reach the retirement date i.e. the age of 60 years.
- The Central Government will also make an equal contribution of the same amount in the pension fund. The spouse is also eligible to get a separate pension of Rs.3000/- upon making separate contributions to the Fund. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) shall be the Pension Fund Manager and responsible for Pension pay out.

MoU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**Lok Sabha to become paperless from next session**

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has announced that the Lower House will become paperless from the next session. This move will save crores of rupees to the Government.

Cabinet approves ISRO Technical Liaison Unit at Moscow

- Cabinet has given nod to the setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) at Moscow in Russia. The unit will collaborate with Space agencies and industries in Russia and neighbouring countries for mutually synergetic outcomes.

Cabinet decides to introduce bill to increase number of SC Judges

- Cabinet has decided to introduce bill to increase the number of Supreme Court Judges from 30 to 33 excluding Chief Justice of India. Government in 2016 had also increased the number of High Court judges from 906 to 1079.

MoU between ISRO and the Bolivian Space Agency

- The Cabinet also approved MoU between ISRO and the Bolivian Space Agency on Cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

Conference on Countering Rogue Drones' in New Delhi

- In the 'Conference on Countering Rogue Drones' in New Delhi, Rakesh Asthana, Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security said, Ministry had constituted a committee for finding out best available counter drone solutions and standards to safeguard civil aviation against possible drone attacks in India.

India, Guinea sign three MoUs

- India and Guinea have signed three MoUs .These MoUs were signed between the two countries Cooperation in the Field of Traditional System of Medicine, e- Vidhyabharati - e-Aarogya Bharati e-VBAB Network Project and Renewal Energy.

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 replace the more than three decades old Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Defence Affairs

India test-fires Surface to Air-Missile from Chandipur in Odisha

- India successfully test-fired its all weather tracked-chassis Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM) from a mobile launcher at launch complex III of the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha. It was the second developmental trial of the missile in this year from the same test range.

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.

Indigenous SDR, Next Generation Maritime Mobile Coastal Batteries for Indian Navy

- Defence Acquisition Council, DAC has accorded approval for procurement of indigenous Software Defined Radio (SDR) and Next Generation Maritime Mobile Coastal Batteries for the Indian Navy.
- It has been developed and manufactured in India by Indo-Russia Joint Venture Company, BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited.

National Affairs

President Kovind gives assent to Triple Talaq Bill

- President Ram Nath Kovind has given his nod to the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 that abolishes the practice of instant Triple Talaq. The law comes into force retrospectively from 19th September 2018. The bill seeks to declare the practice of instant Triple Talaq as void and illegal and makes it a cognizable offence.

Postal department decides to convert India Post Payments Bank into SFB

- The Postal Department has decided to convert the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) into a small finance bank (SFB), enabling it to offer small loans to customers. It also looks to open one crore accounts for IPPB in 100 days.

One Nation-one Ration Card scheme implemented on pilot basis in four States

- In a major boost to national food security government, launched the One Nation-One Ration Card scheme on a pilot basis in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat from today.

President Kovind inaugurates exhibitions on Mahatma Gandhi and Khadi in Gambia

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated exhibitions on Mahatma Gandhi and Khadi at the Ebunjan Theatre in The Gambia to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the Mahatma. These exhibitions starting today will be held till 2nd October.

MIB launches a competition for designing Postage Stamp

- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched a competition for designing a Postage Stamp along with the First Day Cover to commemorate Golden Jubilee edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

Pashmina Products Receive BIS Certification

- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has published an Indian Standard for identification, marking and labelling of Pashmina products to certify its purity. The certification will help curb the adulteration of Pashmina and also protect the interests of local artisans and nomads who are the producers of Pashmina raw material.

HRD Minister inaugurates Technology Expo at IIT Delhi

- Human Resources Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated Technology Expo at IIT Delhi to showcase latest innovation in field of science and technology. Over 80 latest innovations and 90 research posters by institutions from across the country are showcasing the prototypes developed by the investigators in the day long exhibition.

Lalit Kala Akademi celebrates 65th Foundation Day

- National Academy of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, celebrated its 65th Foundation Day in New Delhi. Lalit Kala Akademi or National Academy of Art was established in New Delhi in 1954 by the government to promote and propagate understanding of Indian art, in and outside the country.

National Population Register data to be collected in a year

- The next round of recording biometric and family-tree details of Indian citizens under the National Population Register (NPR) will be conducted in September 2020. The exercise is different from the decennial Census and is not linked to the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Govt introduces J&K Reorganisation Bill 2019 in Rajya Sabha

- Amid Opposition uproar, the government introduced the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019 in the Rajya Sabha. It also moved a resolution revoking Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir.

Rajya Sabha passes Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill

- The government announced the repealing of Article 370 which grants special status to Jammu and Kashmir. The resolutions in this regard were adopted by the Rajya Sabha. The Bill seeks to make Jammu and Kashmir a Union Territory with the legislature and Ladakh Union Territory without legislature.

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.

Union HRD Minister to launch 'Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha'

- Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will launch 'Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha' drive on 9th August 2019 in New Delhi to create awareness about Water Conservation among all school students in the country.

e-Rozgar Samachar launched to spread awareness about job opportunities

- The e-version of Rozgar Samachar has been launched recently by Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar. It has been launched with a view to make aspirants aware of job opportunities in government sector including public sector enterprises.

CIC to organize Seminar on "Human Resource Development and Right to Information Act 2005"

- The Central Information Commission will hold a seminar on "Human Resource Development and Right to Information Act 2005" on 09th August 2019.
- The Seminar is aimed at recommending measures for improvement in transparency and accountability with a view to improved governance in Human Resource Development, specific to education sector.

‘One Nation, One Ration Card’ launched

- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs Ram Vilas Paswan launched the ‘One Nation, One Ration Card’, a Government of India initiative which enables beneficiaries to procure ration from fair price shop across the country.

State Wise Affairs**ARUNACHAL PRADESH****Arunachal Home Minister flags off riot control vehicle 'Vajra'**

- Arunachal Pradesh State Home Minister Bamang Felix flagged off Five Anti-Riot police vehicle, also known as Vajra, from Police Headquarter in Itanagar. This is the first set of anti-riot vehicles introduced in the state police department.

CHHATTISGARH**Chhattisgarh govt to launch free food scheme to combat malnutrition, anaemia**

- The Chhattisgarh government has announced that it will launch a scheme that will provide “free nutritious food” to those that suffer from malnutrition and anaemia in the state on a daily basis. The scheme would first be launched on October 2, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and would extend to the ten “aspirational districts in the state”.

GUJARAT**10 Task Forces formed to formulate New Industrial Policy**

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has formed 10 Task Forces to examine, review and suggest inputs for formulating New Industrial Policy of the state. The present Industrial Policy of the state was implemented in 2015. The Task Force Committee will be headed by Chief Secretary JN Singh.

KERALA**Green protocol for Nehru Trophy Boat Race**

- The green protocol will be strictly enforced during the 67th edition of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race. The boat race will be held on Punnamada Lake in Kerala on August 10. A total of 79 boats, including 23 snakeboats to take part in Nehru Trophy.

KARNATAKA**Varsha Dhare cloud seeding project**

- Deputy Commissioner M. Deepa formally launched the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department's Varsha Dhare cloud seeding project at Hubballi International Airport. The three-month-long project is aimed augmenting rainfall in North Karnataka.

Tree census in Mysuru soon

- The Forest Department is set to roll out the first-ever tree census within the next few weeks to estimate the tree numbers and ensure their protection, to shore up the green cover of the city. The census will give the authorities a baseline data of the number of trees and also help assess the extent of green cover in Mysuru.

MAHARASHTRA**Tansa, Tungareshwar sanctuaries are declared as eco sensitive zones**

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on Friday declared areas around Tungareshwar and Tansa wildlife sanctuaries in Maharashtra as eco sensitive zones (ESZ). The basic aim is to regulate certain activities around national parks and wildlife sanctuaries to minimise negative impact on the fragile eco system around.

NEW DELHI**HRD Minister inaugurates Indian Air Force Facilitation-cum-Publicity Pavilion**

- Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated Indian Air Force Facilitation-cum-Publicity Pavilion at National Bal Bhawan in New Delhi. The Pavilion has been set up by Indian Air Force to motivate students to join the Indian Air Force.

PUNJAB**Virasat-e-Khalsa museum in Punjab sets record in footfall**

- The Virasat-e-Khalsa museum in Punjab's Anandpur Sahib town is all set to find a place in the Asia Book of Records for becoming the most visited museum in the Indian sub-continent on a single day.
- With its name in the Asia Book of Records, it would be the third entry for the museum in record books. Earlier, Virasat-e-Khalsa made it to Limca Book of Records in the February 2019 edition and India Book of Records.

RAJASTHAN**Rajasthan Assembly passes bills to curb honour killings and Mob Lynching**

- Rajasthan legislative assembly passed two important bills to curb honour killings and Mob Lynching in the state, 'The Rajasthan Protection from Lynching Bill, 2019' and 'The Rajasthan Prohibition of Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances in the Name of Honour and Tradition Bill, 2019' were passed by the assembly by a voice vote.

TAMIL NADU**Ring well unearthed at Keezhadi**

- Nearly 45 days after the fifth phase of excavation commenced at Keezhadi, a ring well has been unearthed. The rings, measuring 1.5 feet in diameter, are made of terracotta, and five rings are visible now. The ring well is an indicator of the advanced water conservation technology of that period.

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.

30th anniversary of the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai

- The 30th anniversary of the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation was celebrated in Chennai. The Research Foundation was established by Dr MS Swaminathan in 1988 in Tamilnadu.
- It is involved in research and community outreach programmes in various states of India and a few foreign countries.

UTTAR PRADESH

UP extends bilateral cooperation MoU with Netherlands in several fields

- Uttar Pradesh government and Netherlands have extended the existing bilateral agreement of cooperation in several fields by another five years.
- The MoU inked earlier, sought cooperation and exchange of the knowledge and techniques in the fields of solid waste management, spatial planning, water management including restoration of water bodies and mobility planning.

WEST BENGAL

‘Save Green, Stay Clean’ awareness campaign

- The West Bengal Government has launched an awareness campaign ‘Save Green, Stay Clean’ in Kolkata for preserving the greenery and keeping the environment clean.

International Affairs

Indian tourists exempted from visa fees by Sri Lankan Government

- India is among 48 countries whose citizens have been exempted from visa fees for tourism purposes by Sri Lankan government. Indian tourist constitutes the maximum number with around one fourth of total tourist arrivals. Tourism is Sri Lanka’s third largest and fastest growing source of foreign currency.

U.S. Embassy organizes South Asia Air Quality Tech Camp

- The U.S. Embassy in Nepal has organized a South Asia Air Quality Tech Camp in Kathmandu. The aim of camp is to address political, social and scientific facets of air pollution problem.

Japan's cabinet approves removal of South Korea from favoured trade list

- Japan's cabinet approved a plan to remove South Korea from a list of countries that enjoy minimum export controls, a move likely to escalate tensions fuelled by a dispute over compensation for wartime forced labourers.

Indian president's First visit to Guinea

- President Ram Nath Kovind has reached the Guinea capital, Conakry. Mr. Kovind was accorded a warm welcome by President of Guinea Alpha Conde. Our correspondent reports that this is the first-ever state visit by an Indian President to Guinea.

U.S. formally withdraws from INF arms treaty

- U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced Washington's formal withdrawal in a prepared statement at the ASEAN meet in Bangkok, minutes after Russia pronounced the treaty to be "dead". The 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty limited the use of medium-range missiles, both conventional and nuclear.

Model village built with Indian assistance inaugurated in Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka, the Gandhi Nagar model village built with Indian assistance was inaugurated and the completed houses handed over to the beneficiaries. It is the second of the 100 model villages being built with Indian assistance and is named after Mahatma Gandhi, in his 150th birth anniversary.

United States designates China a "currency manipulator"

- The United States has designated China a "currency manipulator", a move that could escalate the tense trade relations between the two nations.

Japan urged to sign UN nuke ban on Hiroshima anniversary

- The mayor of Hiroshima urged Japan to sign a landmark UN treaty banning nuclear weapons as the city, on August 6, marked 74 years since being targeted in the world's first atomic attack. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe led commemorations at the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima to remember those killed in the August 6, 1945 bombing.

Trump imposes total U.S. freeze on Venezuelan government assets

- U.S. President Donald Trump imposed a freeze on all Venezuelan government assets in the United States on August 5, sharply escalating a diplomatic and sanctions drive aimed at removing socialist President Nicolas Maduro from power.

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.

2019 is the United Nations' International Year of Indigenous Languages

- The United Nations General Assembly has declared **2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.**
- The Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea has the highest number of 'living' indigenous languages in the world (840), while India stands fourth with 453.

US approves sale of helicopters to S Korea

- The US government has approved the sale of 12 multi-mission Seahawk helicopters to South Korea worth 800 million US dollar.
- The helicopters bolster anti-surface and anti-submarine missions and can handle secondary missions like replenishment, search and rescue and communications relay. The two countries have been in a security alliance since the 1950-53 Korean war.

India, Bangladesh to set up committee for optimum utilisation of water resources

- India and Bangladesh have agreed to set up a Joint Technical committee for optimum utilisation of Ganges water as being received by Bangladesh under the Ganga Water Sharing Treaty 1996.
- The Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna mega-basin is the second largest hydraulic region in the world.

Sports

COTIF Cup 2019 campaign

- Indian women's football team will face Villareal CF in its starting match in the 2019 COTIF Cup in Valencia, Spain.

Football Giant East Bengal Club turns 100 years

- Football Giant East Bengal Club turns 100 years on August 01 . On this day in 1920 East Bengal Club was established at Kumartuli Park in North Kolkata.

Aishwary wins gold at Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi memorial shooting

- In Shooting, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar clinched a yellow metal in Men's Rifle 3 Positions (3P) at 12th Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters competition in New Delhi today.

Adarsh Singh wins double gold in shooting meet

- In Shooting, young Adarsh Singh outclassed his rivals in the Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters competition, winning the gold medal in both the men and junior 25 metres rapid fire pistol event in New Delhi.

Guwahati, Kolkata to host World Cup Qualifiers

- All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary Kushal Das confirmed to Sportstar that Guwahati's Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium and Kolkata's Salt Lake Stadium will host the Indian football team's opening two World Cup Qualifiers home matches.

Vinesh Phogat wins third successive gold in 53kg

- Star India grappler Vinesh Phogat has bagged gold in women's 53kg category of the Poland Open wrestling tournament in Warsaw.. This was her third consecutive gold in the 53 kg category after winning Gold at Grand Prix of Spain and at the Yasar Dogu International at Istanbul, Turkey

Magomed Salam Umakhanov Memorial International Boxing Tournament

- Indian boxers have ended their campaign at the Magomed Salam Umakhanov Memorial International Boxing Tournament in Kaspiysk, Russia with a rich haul of six medals.

Satwiksairaj, Chirag 1st Indian doubles pair to win Super 500 title

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became the first Indian pair to win a BWF Super 500 badminton tournament. They beat World champions Li Jun Hui and Liu Yu Chen of China in the summit clash of Thailand in Bangkok to win the men's doubles category.

Hungarian Grand Prix

- Formula One leader Lewis Hamilton hunted down Max Verstappen to win the Hungarian Grand Prix for a record-extending seventh time and surge 62 points clear in the championship standings.

South Africa fast bowler Dale Steyn Retires from Test Cricket

- Dale Steyn, the legendary South African pacer, has announced his retirement from Test cricket. Steyn made his debut in 2004 against England. He remains South Africa's leading wicket-taker in Tests.

Hinako Shibuno wins British Open

- Japan's Hinako Shibuno won a thrilling women's British Open. She became the second Japanese to win a Major, joining Chako Higuchi, who won the 1977 women's PGA Championship.

India beats Chinese Taipei in World junior squash championship

- India began its campaign on a fluent note with a 3-0 win over Chinese Taipei in Group-C in the girls' team event in the World junior squash championship.

Rankiredy-Shetty jump seven spots in badminton rankings

- In Badminton, Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankiredy 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.

Women's world boxing championships

- Six-time world champion M C Mary Kom and Lovlina Borgohain have been selected for the upcoming women's world boxing championships based on their recent performances. The world championships are scheduled from October 3 to 13 in Russia.

International Hockey Federation FIH Rankings

- The Indian team, currently ranked world No. 5 in the International Hockey Federation FIH Rankings, will be the top-ranked team taking part in the next year's Olympic Games.

World Archery suspends AAI for defying guidelines

- The World Archery (WA) suspended the Archery Association of India (AAI) for defying its guidelines by electing two parallel bodies, asking the federation to put its house in order by the end of this month.
- The decision is effective from August 12 and the last event in which the archers can participate under the Indian flag is the World Archery Youth Championships in Madrid from 19th to 25th of August.

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