

IMPORTANT DAYS**October 11 - International Day of the Girl Child**

- Since 2012, 11 October has been marked as the International Day of the Girl. The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.
- **2019 Theme — GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable**

NATIONAL AFFAIRS**9thRCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting in Thailand**

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal will attend the 9thRegional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial meeting to be held on 11-12 October 2019at Bangkok in Thailand.
- This will be the last Ministerial before the 3rdLeaders Summit to be held on November 4th 2019 in Bangkok. The Prime Minister of India is expected to attend the Summit.

5th National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges

- The Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, chaired the 5th National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges in New Delhi, Minister said that a humane solution has to be developed to tackle the menace of malnutrition in India and for this the economic benefits of investing in nutrition has to be highlighted and propagated.

38thIndia Carpet Expo

The Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) is organizing the 38thIndia Carpet Expo (15th in Varanasi), from 11th- 14thOctober, 2019 in Sampurnanand Sanskrit University Ground with an aim to promote the cultural heritage and weaving skills of Indian hand-made carpets.

Madhya Pradesh**MP Tourism Board to organize City Walk Festival**

- In a unique way to promote tourism, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board will organize a month long City Walk Festival in 11 cities from October 12 to till November 10. Local, national and international tourists of all age groups will participate in the festival.

Chhattisgarh**‘Garbage Cafe’ in Chhattisgarh's Ambikapur to provide free meal in exchange of plastic waste**

- The first-of-its-kind 'Garbage Cafe' commenced in Ambikapur city of Chhattisgarh. The café is being run by the Ambikapur municipal corporation. In this unique Cafe', poor people and rag pickers will get free food in exchange for one kilogram of plastic, while breakfast will be provided if half a kilogram of plastic is brought to the cafe. The café inaugurated by Health Minister of Chhattisgarh T. S. Singh Deo.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**First National Hindi Science writers conference begins today in Lucknow**

- In Uttar Pradesh, the first 2-day long National Hindi Science writers conference will start today in Lucknow with an aim to release science writing from the clutches of English and to promote use of Hindi and other Vernacular languages.
- More than one thousand science writers from across the country are expected to take part in this conference

13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare

- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates the 13th Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHFW), during the conference he also launched Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan, SUMAN, initiative in New Delhi.

Defence**President Kovind presents prestigious Colours to Army Aviation Corps**

- President Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious President's Colours to the Army Aviation Corps in Nashik. Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Chief of Army Staff General Bipin Rawat and other senior officers of Army, Navy and Air Force were present on the occasion.

AWARDS**Nobel Prize for Literature for 2018 and 2019**

- The 2019 Nobel Prize in Literature has been announced along with the 2018 Prize. The Swedish Academy said, Austrian author Peter Handke has won the 2019 Prize while Polish writer Olga Tokarczuk has received the 2018 Prize.
- Handke was honoured for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience. His notable works include "Short Letter, Long Farewell" and "A Sorrow Beyond Dreams".
- Tokarczuk was awarded for a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life. Her first novel, "The Journey of the People of the Book," was released in 1993

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