

NATIONAL

The 9th India-Japan Energy Dialogue was held in New Delhi. India and Japan agreed to initiate discussion on the **concept of electric vehicles (EVs)** by collaborating with “**Policy dialogue on next generation/Zero emission vehicles**”.

In 2019, 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held in Varanasi. Theme-“**Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India**”. Organised by External Affairs in association with the UP govt.

Union Minister Uma Bharti, has launched **the Gobardhan scheme** from Haryana’s Karnal district. **GOBAR-Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources**. Aim to positively contribute to cleanliness and generate energy from solid waste.

Countrywide farmer outreach exercise, the central government has organized block level **Kisan Kalyan Karyashala**.

WHO- Delhi and Varanasi are among the 14 Indian cities figure in World's 20 most polluted cities list.

Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)** beyond 12th Five Year Plan to 2019-20. The financial outlay for this purpose is **Rs 14,832 crore**. Under this scheme, new All India Institute of Medical Science are established and the government medical colleges are upgrade.

India-South Africa Business Summit concludes in Johannesburg to strengthening a rapidly growing economic and trade partnership between the two strategic partner countries.

India ranked 6th in the list of Doping Violations report released by World Anti-Doping Agency.

India has emerged as one of the **five biggest military spenders in 2017** by surpassing France. The report was produced by **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**.

Maharashtra has become the **first state** to issue a crucial land ownership document online and accept a digital signature on it as valid. To get the document digitally, one can log on to **mahabhulekh.maharashtra.gov.in**.

Women and Child Development Ministry will hold National Conference of 244 Districts under **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, BBBP**, in New Delhi. The scheme was launched with an initial funding of **Rs.100 crore**.

HRD Ministry has launched a major and unique initiative of online professional development for 1.5 million higher education faculty using the **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) platform SWAYAM**.

Vibrant North East 2018 held in Guwahati. The main purpose of the event is to disseminate information about the schemes, grants and projects of the Central Government to ensure that they are implemented as expected officially.

A mobile application — ‘Dhadkan’ has been launched for **monitoring the health of people** suffering from heart ailments and provide them with medical assistance in case of emergency. It was developed by Students at **IIT Roorkee**.

Pensioners would now be able to view their pension passbook on mobile phones with the help of **Umang app**. Umang app is a common platform for services such as **gas booking, Aadhaar, crop insurance, EPF and National Pension System**.

The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi has approved extending the **investment limit from Rs 7.5 lakh to Rs 15 lakh** under the **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)**.

Manipur CM N. Biren Singh launched **‘Go to Village’** mission. The mission is aimed at identifying the eligible and deserving beneficiaries in every corner of the state and delivering government services at their doorstep.

The **15th Asia Media Summit (AMS-2018)** will be held in New Delhi with theme **“Telling our Stories- Asia and More”**.

International Children’s **Theatre Festival** in Kolkata. The festival, organised by the **‘Kolkata Eso Natak Shikhi’**, is based on the theme **“Safe Drive Save Life, Save Kids’ Life,”**

The **19th edition of TOONZ Animation Masters Summit 2018** was held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Social Justice Ministry to organise 'Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme'. The event named **Swar Swagtam** is of great importance for creating awareness among the public about the Cochlear Implant Programme under ADIP Scheme of the Department.

INTERNATIONAL

The International Buddhist Conference was concluded in **Lumbini, Nepal**. The theme of the meet is **‘Lumbini Nepal: The birthplace of Lord Buddha and the fountain of Buddhism and world peace’**.

The **2018 World Hindu Congress** will be held in Chicago from September 7 to 9. Theme, “**Sumantrite Suvikrante**” — think collectively, achieve valiantly.

India and Pakistan will be part of a **multi-nation counter-terror exercise in Russia** under the framework of **SCO**. The main aim of the ‘**Peace Mission-2018**’ exercise is to conduct it under the framework of the SCO’s **Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)**, which is headquartered in **Tashkent (Uzbekistan)**.

The bilateral trade for the year 2018 between the traders of **India and China** through the **Nathu La border began**.

China has launched a new communication satellite “**APSTAR-6C**”. The satellite will provide TV transmission, communication, Internet and multimedia services to customers across the Asia-Pacific region.

The 12th informal meeting of **SAARC Finance Ministers** was held in **Manila** on the sidelines of the **51st Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.

The State-run **Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL)** has inked a pact with the ministry of power to incur capital expenditure of **Rs 25,000 crore** for the current fiscal 2018-19.

India is organising a five-day cultural festival in Egypt to commemorate the **157th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore**.

The **Nobel prize in literature 2018** has cancelled after **sexual assault scandal in Sweden**.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

One97 Communications Limited, the owner of Paytm, announced the launch of its offline payments solution – **the Paytm Tap Card**.

The **GAIL India** has borrowed **Rs.2,000 crore** loan from **SBI** to meet its general capital expenditure requirement.

India has been projected to be the second fastest growing country in the **world for passenger traffic** by the **ACI. Vietnam at the top position** with a 8.5% growth rate, followed by India at 7.5% and Iran at 7.3%.

The IT firm Cognizant has acquired privately-held **Hedera Consulting**. It is a move that will strengthen the former's consulting and digital transformation capabilities for clients in Belgium and the Netherlands.

India has slipped by three spots to **11th** position in the FDI Confidence Index 2018 of global consultancy firm A T Kearney. The **United States (US) topped the index** and it is followed by Canada and Germany respectively.

ADB-India's projected GDP growth of over 7% for the current fiscal.

NITI Aayog and IBM signed a **Statement of Intent (Sol)** to develop a crop yield prediction model using **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** to provide real time advisory to farmers in Aspirational Districts.

LuLu Financial Group, the financial services and payments solution brand, has started operations in Hong Kong with the inauguration of its head office **at Kowloon**.

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the person	Designation	Preceeded
Subash Chandra Khuntia	IRDAI Chairman	T S Vijayan
Kavinder Gupta	J&K Deputy CM	Nirmal Singh

Harendra Singh	Cheif Coach of the Indian Men's Hockey Team	Dutchman Sjoerd Marijne
Lynn Elsenhans	1 st female board member of Saudi Aramco	-
Uday Kotak	Managing Director and CEO	-
Sitanshu Ranjan Kar	Director General of Press Information Bureau(PIB)	Frank Noronha
Mallikarjun Kharge	Chairman of Public Accounts Committee of Parliament	KV Thomas
Ashok Lahiri	Full time Member of 15 th Finance Commission	
Radhakrishnan Nair	ICICI bank Independent Director	
Deepa Ambekar	Interim judge to the Civil court of New York City	
Jagdish Mukhi	Acting Governor of Manipur	
Vladimir	President of Russia(4 th term)	
Chandra Sekar Ghosh	Deputy Chairman of CII Eastern Region(ER)	

SPORTS

India's 10m air pistol shooter Shahzar Rizvi grabbed the No. 1 spot in ISSF World rankings. Jitu Rai ranked 6th. **10m air rifle rankings:** Ravi Kumar 4th, Deepak Kumar 9th. **Women: 10m air pistol:** Manu Bhaker 4th; **10m air rifle:** Mehuli Ghosh 7th. 50m rifle 3-positions: Anjum 8th.

Lewis Hamilton Mercedes driver wins at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

Mohamed Salah has been named the Football Writers' Association **Footballer of the Year**.

'**Star Khel Mahakumbh**' was launched at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh in the presence of 1,500 athletes.

Indian pugilist Neeraj Goyat has been conferred with the **WBC Asia Boxer of the Year Award**.

Indian junior athletes clinched overall title in the **3rd South Asian Junior Athletics Championships (SAJAC)** which concluded at **Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo**. India bagged 20 gold, 22 silver and 8 bronze medals

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Legendary singer **Asha Bhosle** was honoured with **26th PC Chandra Puraskaar** for her contribution in the field of Indian music.

The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, presented the **65th National Film Awards** in New Delhi.

Category	Winner
Dadasaheb Phalke Award	Vinod Khanna
Best Actress Award	Sridevi
Best Playback Singer Male	KJ Yesudas
Best Actor Award	Riddhi Sen

Jnanpith laureate M T Vasudevan Nair has won this year's annual **ONV Literary Prize**.

OBITUARY

Name of the person	Realted Field
Ashok Mitra	Economist

Ravinder Sharma	The founder of Adilabad's Kala Ashram, fondly called Guruji
Idris Hassan Latif	Former Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Air Chief Marshal
Keyur Bhushan	Freedom fighter and writer
Atul Date	Marathi singer

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Event of the day	Theme 2018
May 01	International Labour Day or May day	Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement.
April 24 to 30	World Immunization Week	Protected Together, #VaccinesWork
May 03	World Press Freedom Day	Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law.
May 05	International Day of MidWives	
May 05	World Cartoonist's Day	

