

National Sports Day

National Sports Day is celebrated on 29 August every year to honour the birthday of Dhyan Chand a field hockey player. National Sports Day is also known as Rashtriya Khel Divas.

International Day against Nuclear Tests

The International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on August 29. The day was established at the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly by the resolution 64/35 on December 2, 2009. The day was established to spread awareness and education “about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

Cabinet approves 100 pc FDI in coal mining, contract manufacturing, 26 pc in digital media

In major decisions to liberalise Foreign Domestic Investment (FDI) norms to boost investment, the Union Cabinet on approved 100 per cent FDI in coal mining and contract manufacturing through automatic route. The Cabinet also liberalised sourcing norms concerning single-brand retail and allowed 26 per cent FDI in the digital media. It also decided that single-brand retail trading entities can do retail online trade prior to the opening of brick and mortar stores.

Shri Prahlad Singh Patel launches integrated NOAPS single window clearing system

Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel launched an integrated NOC online Application Processing System for National Monuments Authority (NMA) for 517 local bodies of six states in New Delhi. This will help in online processing of applications requesting NOC for construction related work in prohibited and regulated area of ASI protected monuments. The States and Urban Local Bodies which are part of NOAPS are: Madhya Pradesh (378), Andhra Pradesh (110), Haryana (15), Punjab (10), Jharkhand (3), Telangana (1). In order to automate the process of grant of NO Objection Certificate (NOC) for construction related work in the prohibited and regulated area, NMA had decided to Design, Develop and Implement a web enabled Software (S/w) application named NOC online Application Processing System (NOAPS) and launched it in the public domain over the URL: <http://nmanoc.nic.in/>.

India Launches World's First Ever Facial Bio-Metric Data Based Seafarer Identity Document

India has become the first country in the world to issue Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID), capturing the facial bio-metric data of seafarers. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, MoS (I/C) Shipping and Chemical & Fertilizers launched the project in New Delhi. The new facial biometric technology is a marked improvement over the two finger or iris based bio-metric data, with modern security features. The BSID project is being implemented in collaboration with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Mumbai. Nine data collection centers have been setup to issue BSID.

India Ratings cut GDP forecast to 6.7% for FY'20

India Ratings has lowered the country's growth forecast to six-year low of 6.7 per cent for FY'20. It has reduced the GDP growth forecast rate from 7.3% to 6.7%. Ind-Ra expects GDP growth to recover to 7.4% in the second half of FY20.

Pramod Agarwal to succeed Coal India chairman

AK Jha Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has selected Pramod Agarwal, a 1991 batch IAS from Madhya Pradesh cadre as the next chairman of Coal India. He will take over after the present chairman A K Jha retires in January 2020. Agarwal is currently principal secretary for urban development and housing department in Madhya Pradesh.

12th India Security Summit on “Towards New National Cyber Security Strategy”

The 12th India Security Summit on the theme “Towards New National Cyber Security Strategy” was held in New Delhi. During the conference, many issues were discussed such as protection of critical national infrastructure, emerging cyber threats: incidents, challenges and response. It was organised by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM). It is officially supported by the Ministry of Communications & IT.

Shaliza Dhama Is First Woman Air Force Officer To Become Flight Commander Wing Commander

Shaliza Dhama became the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to become the Flight Commander of a flying unit.

She took charge of a Chetak helicopter unit at the Hindon Airbase in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Chetak is a single engine turbo shaft, light utility helicopter with capacity of 6 passengers and has maximum speed of 220 km/hour.

Indian Institute of Petroleum sets up plant to turn plastic waste into diesel

Union Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated a plant at the Indian Institute of Petroleum which can turn plastic waste into diesel. The plant has the capacity to produce 800 liters of diesel from one tonne of plastic waste. The plastic waste would be collected with the help of NGOs.