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World Habitat Day

The United Nations designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. The Day is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns. USEFUL INFO Theme 2019 Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth

World Cotton Day

The first-ever World Cotton Day (WCD) will be hosted by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva on October 7, 2019. The international day aims to celebrate the advantages of cotton, ranging from its qualities as a natural fibre to the benefits people obtain from its production, transformation, trade and consumption. World Cotton Day also aims to highlight the challenges faced by the world's cotton economies, as cotton is significant for the least developed, developing and developed economies worldwide.

World Post Day World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October

The day was anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969

India gets info on Swiss bank account holders in fight against black money

India has received first tranche of its residents' account details in Swiss banks under a latest framework enabling automatic information exchange between the two countries. The development marks an important breakthrough in India's efforts to track down black money stashed abroad. India is amongst 75 countries with which Switzerland's Federal Tax Administration (FTA) has swapped intelligence on the financial details of people. The FTA will next exchange information in September 2020.

2019 Nobel Prize in Physics Goes to 3 Scientists Whose Work Furthers Understanding of 'Earth's Place in the Cosmos'

Three scientists have been awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in physics for groundbreaking discoveries about the evolution of the universe and the Earth's place within it. James Peebles, from Canada, has been awarded half of the 9m Swedish kronor (£740,000) prize for his theoretical discoveries about the evolution of the universe. The Swiss astronomers Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz share the other half of the prize for their discovery of the first planet beyond our solar system. Mayor and Queloz have been recognised for their joint discovery in 1995 of the first exoplanet, 50 light years away in the constellation of Pegasus. The planet, 51 Pegasi b, is a gaseous ball about 150 times more massive than Earth and has a scorching surface temperature of about 1,000C.

World Congress of Poets at KIIT

The 39th World Congress of Poets (WCP) will commence in KIIT Deemed to be university, coinciding with the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. More than 1,000 poets, writers from 82 countries and 500 poets from Odisha will attend the meet, which has 'Compassion

through Poetry’ as its theme. This is the third time WCP is being hosted in India. On previous two occasions it was held in Chennai in 1986 and 2007. It is a matter of pride for Odisha and India to be hosting such a coveted Congress



Saturn overtakes Jupiter as planet with most moons

Saturn has overtaken Jupiter as the planet with the most moons, according to US researchers. A team discovered a haul of 20 new moons orbiting the ringed planet, bringing its total to 82; Jupiter, by contrast, has 79 natural satellites. The moons were discovered using the Subaru telescope on Maunakea, Hawaii.

India ranks 68th on WEF’s global competitiveness index

India has slipped 10 spots to rank 68th out of 141 surveyed countries in the annual global competitiveness index. The index maps the competitiveness landscape of 141 economies through 103 indicators organized into 12 themes. Singapore replaced the United States as the world's most competitive economy. Hong Kong SAR came in at 3rd position while Netherlands was ranked 4th and Switzerland at 5th spot. India's rank was as high as 15th in terms of corporate governance.

Michelle Obama Publishing Companion Journal To BECOMING

Michelle Obama is back with a companion guided journal to her 2018 bestseller, Becoming! Michelle Obama’s second book titled “Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice” is set to release on November 19, 2019. It is published by Clarkson Potter, an imprint of Random House, a division of Penguin Random House. The journal will be published in more than 20 countries.

Simone Biles wins 15th world championship title

US gymnastics star Simone Biles clinched a record-extending 15th world championship gold medal as the Americans won the women's team title in Stuttgart, Germany. Biles secured her 21st world medal, overtaking Russia’s Svetlana Khorkina for the women's record.