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October 31 – World Cities Day

The United Nations General Assembly has designated the 31st of October as World Cities Day, by its resolution 68/239. The Day is expected to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.

2019 Theme: Changing the world: innovations and better life for future generations **National Unity Day**

National Unity day (also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is celebrated every year on 31st of October by the people all through India. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who really unified the country. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day was introduced by the Government of India in 2014 with the aim of celebrating this event every year on 31st October.

The aim of introducing this event is to pay tribute to the great man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, on his birth anniversary by remembering his extraordinary works for the country. He really worked hard in keeping India united.

New UTs Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh come into existence

Radha Krishna Mathur took oath as the first Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. He was administered the oath of office by the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Justice Gitta Mittal at a function held at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra in Leh. Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as the first Lieutenant Governor of the J&K Union Territory. The two new Governors would be replacing Satya Pal Malik, who served as the 13th and last Governor of the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir ceased to exist at 30 October in line with The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. The two Union Territories came into existence following the August 5th decision of Parliament to bifurcate Jammu and Kashmir.

Argentina's 2019 Election Brings in a New President

Peronists Alberto Fernández, along with running mate and former President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, won the first round on October 27 with 48 percent of the vote. Center-right President Mauricio Macri earned 40 percent but lost his reelection bid to a Peronist front.

Sharjah International Book Fair 2019

The 38th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2019 was inaugurated by Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah. Nearly 1800 exhibitors from 77 countries are participating in the Fair. The fair will showcase 987 activities presenting scientific, knowledge and literary themes.

The theme of the Sharjah World Book Capital (SWBC), 'Open Books Open Minds', to promote books and reading across age groups and communities.

Cyclone "MAHA"

A meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, Shri Rajiv Gauba, was held to review the preparations for the cyclone MAHA over the Comorin and adjoining Lakshadweep Islands.

IMD informed that the Depression that had developed in the Comorin Sea, has now intensified into a Cyclonic storm. It is likely to cross Lakshadweep Islands by the noon of 31st October 2019 as a Severe Cyclonic Storm and emerge thereafter into the east Central Arabian Sea.

India's marine exports to China heading for USD 1 billion mark

India's exports of marine products to China has tripled and touched almost USD 800 million, in the first nine months of 2019, as per the data released by China's customs authority recently. India's marine exports are expected to cross USD 1 billion mark by the end of this year. A Chinese trade delegation visited India on 9th October 2019 and signed a contract for import of marine products worth USD 500 million in the next two years.

2nd Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA)

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy hosted the second Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) on 30 and 31 October 2019 New Delhi. While on 30 October 2019, coordination and consultation meetings on different aspects of ISA programmes and initiatives was held.

The Assembly is the supreme decision making body of the ISA, and gives directions on various administrative, financial and programme related issues. The first Assembly of the ISA was attended by 78 countries in 2018, and they had affirmed their determination to accelerate the deployment of solar energy worldwide for achieving universal energy access at affordable rates.

28th Vyas Samman award

The 28th Vyas Samman for the year 2018 was conferred on well known Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagoori at a function in New Delhi. Mr Jagoori has been chosen for the prestigious award for his poetry collection- Jitne Log Utne Prem.

The Vyas Samman, started in 1991, is given by K K Birla Foundation for an outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.

Oman Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Open

India's Swastika Ghosh and Kavya Sree Baskar have secured bronze medals in the Oman Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Open in Muscat. Swastika lost to Yi-Chen Hsu of Chinese Taipei 1-4 to settle for the bronze medal. Kavya Sree lost 1-3 against eventual champion Pu-Syuan Cheng of Taipei in the Cadet Singles to be content with the bronze medal.

U-23 World Wrestling Championship



At the Under-23 World Wrestling Championship in Budapest, Indian grappler Ravinder settled for a silver medal after going down to Kyrgyzstan's Ulukbek Zholdosbekov in the final. He suffered a 3-5 loss to Ulukbek in 61-kg category. Ulukbek is the current Asian U23 champion. This was India's first medal at the 2019 edition and overall fifth silver at the Championships.



October 28 – International Animation Day

October 28 is International Animation Day. It's a day to recognize and celebrate the artists, the scientists and the technicians behind animated art including animated movies. Created by the International Animated Film Association (Association Internationale du Film d'Animation) in 2002, the unofficial holiday commemorates the day in 1892 when Charles-Emile Reynaud's Theatre Optique made its first public appearance at the Grevin Museum in Paris, France.

October 29 – International Internet Day

International Internet Day is celebrated worldwide, every year on 29th of October. Since the year 2005 the International Internet Day has been famously celebrated to commemorate a momentous day in the history of telecommunications and technology. This was the event of the sending of the first message, first electronic message which was transferred from one computer to another in 1969.

Air India depicts 'Ik Onkar' on tail to mark 550th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev

In a unique gesture to mark 550th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji, Air India has depicted Sikh religious symbol 'Ik Onkar' on the tail of one of its aircraft. The flight is set to fly from Amritsar to Stansted in the United Kingdom.

Bangladesh to hold the world's second-largest Muslim congregation 'Bishwa Ijtema'

Bangladesh will hold the first phase of Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest congregation of Muslim community after Hajj, from January 10 to 12 next year in Dhaka. The second phase of the Ijtema will be held from January 17 to 19.

Emergency declared in California as wildfires rage

The Governor of the US state of California, Gavin Newsom, has declared a state of emergency because of raging wildfires. The Kincade fire located in Sonoma County, north of San Francisco, first started on October 23. It is the largest fire currently burning in the state.

Cyclone Kyarr moves away from West coast

Cyclone Kyarr, after a trail of destruction in Goa, moved away from the West Coast, with the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting reduction in the rainfall.

The Weather Department, has, however, asked fisherman not to venture into the Sea for the next 24 hours due to rough weather conditions and gusty winds.

Indo-French Joint Exercise Shakti-2019

Series of 'Exercise SHAKTI' between India and France commenced in year 2011. Its a biennial exercise and is conducted alternately in India and France. As part of Exercise SHAKTI – 2019, French Army troops arrived in India on 26 October 2019 for training with Indian Troops.



Chairman, National Highways Authority of India

Sukhbir Singh Sandhu has taken over as Chairman, National Highways Authority of India today. He is an IAS Officer of 1988 batch Uttarakhand Cadre, who has held important positions in the Central Government and the Government of Uttarakhand, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Government of Punjab.

Manohar Lal sworn-in as Haryana CM for 2nd term

Senior BJP leader Manohar Lal has been sworn-in as Chief Minister of Haryana. Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya administered him the oath of office and secrecy at a function at Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh.

This is the second consecutive term for Manohar Lal as Chief Minister. Jannayak Janta Party leader Dushyant Chautala was sworn-in as Deputy Chief Minister.

Tiger Woods equals world record for most career titles on PGA Tour with his 82nd win in Japan

Tiger Woods made history when he won the Zozo Championship in Japan for his 82nd US PGA Tour victory, equalling Sam Snead's 54-year-old record. The 15-time major winner held off the challenge of home favourite Hideki Matsuyama to win by three shots at the tournament.

Vigilance Awareness Week to be observed from 28th October to 2nd November

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observes the Vigilance Awareness Week from 28th October to 2nd November, 2019. This is observed every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls. This awareness week campaign affirms our commitment to promotion of integrity and probity in public life through citizen participation.

Theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week: "Integrity- A way of life"

29th BASIC Ministerial Meet on Climate Change

The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Shri Prakash Javadekar participated in the 29th ministerial meeting of the BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India, China) countries on Climate Change at Beijing, China on 25th-26th October 2019. The 29th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change was held in Beijing, China, on 25th-26th October 2019.