

PM Modi announced to celebrate September as a month of nutrition

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to celebrate September as a month of nutrition. Mr. Modi laid emphasis on creating awareness to fight malnutrition among children, particularly the girl child. Gujarat Government launched a pilot project, Poshan Abhiyan which is a statewide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani had also launched 'Purna' project to eliminate malnutrition among the girls in the age group of 14 to 18. State Government had allocated Rs. 270 crore for this pilot project. **PURNA** project is also known as Prevention of under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia among Adolescent Girls .

India-France to jointly build, run space-based ship tracking system

The world's first space-based automatic identification system (AIS) to track merchant ships on a real-time basis will be built and operated jointly by India and France, the **French space agency (Centre national d'études spatiales or the National Centre for Space Studies — CNES)**. CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall and K Sivan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), signed an agreement recently to start development and production of a constellation of satellites on which studies have been underway for more than a year.

Centre for avian ecotoxicology inaugurated in Coimbatore

A National Centre for Avian Ecotoxicology was inaugurated at **Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural Sciences (SACON)**. Ecotoxicological studies assume significance at a time when ecological factors are unable to explain continued mortality of birds leading to population decline over a period of time. The Ministry has funded an estimated amount of Rs 4 crore for modernising the facility at SACON. The centre would study the impact of chemical contaminants such as pesticides, heavy metals, poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, poly chlorinated biphenyls and drugs through food chain, and their harmful effects on individual species of birds and, where possible, link them to population and communities.

Karnataka Government categorised Nicotine as Class A poison

Government of Karnataka amended the Karnataka Poisons (Possession and Sale) Rules 2015. He notified **Nicotine as “Class A poison”**. The main aim is to strengthen the enforcement of the ban on production and sale of electronic cigarettes. The new rules are called the Karnataka Poisons (Possession and Sale) Rules, 2019.

Indonesia picks Borneo island as site of new capital

Indonesia has chosen the eastern edge of jungle-clad Borneo island for its new capital. The current capital, Jakarta, home to more than 10 million people, sits on swampy land. Parts of the city are sinking by as much as 25cm (10in) a year and almost half now sits below sea level. The

new location was at "minimal" risk of natural disasters. The estimated cost of the project was around 466 trillion rupiah (US\$33 billion).



RBI to transfer Rs. 1,76,051 crore to Government

The Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the transfer of Rs 1,76,051 crore to the Government of India. To transfer a sum of Rs 1,76,051 crore to the Government of India comprising Rs 1,23,414 crore of surplus for the year 2018-19 and Rs 52,637 crore of excess provisions identified as per the revised Economic Capital Framework (ECF).

Government of India had constituted an Expert Committee to Review the Extant Economic Capital Framework of the Reserve Bank of India under the chairmanship of Dr Bimal Jalan.

Likee creates Guinness World Record for I-Day campaign

Likee, the pioneering global short video creation platform, has won the Guinness World Record for creating the largest online video album of people waving the Indian flag during its 'No matter where I am, #IAMINDIAN' campaign.

China, Pakistan air forces start joint exercise 'Shaheen-VIII'

The air forces of China and Pakistan began joint exercise 'Shaheen-VIII' in a location in northwest China. The annual joint training is the eighth of its kind between the two countries since it was first launched. The joint exercise is conducted each year in both countries on an alternate basis.

India's Komalika Bari wins gold medal in World Youth Championships in Madrid

Jharkhand's Komalika Bari won gold medal in women's cadet recurve category in the World Archery Youth Championships in Madrid after a 7-3 victory over Japan's Waka Sonoda in the final. She is only the third Indian archer to hold a world title. She is the second Indian archer to become world champion in the Under-18 recurve women's category.

India's First Woman DGP Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya passed away

The first woman Director General of Police (DGP), Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya, passed away. Ms Bhattacharya, a 1973 batch IPS officer, made history when she was appointed the DGP of Uttarakhand in the year 2004.