

### **Typhoon Faxai hits Tokyo, Japan**

Typhoon Faxai has hit Tokyo, Japan. There were winds of up to 216 kilometres (134 miles) per hour. Authorities have issued non-compulsory evacuation warnings to more than 390,000 people. About 100 bullet trains connecting Tokyo with central and western Japanese cities were cancelled. The Rugby World Cup 2019 (9th Edition) is scheduled to be held in Japan from September 20 and the typhoon has affected the preparations.

### **‘Economic census to be held every three years’**

To assess the country’s economic performance, economists and statisticians had to depend on data which was dated. But now, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has taken upon itself to make available the latest data and come out with the economic census every three years. The data being collected in the economic census undergoes three levels of scrutiny, all of which is through the mobile application developed exclusively for the economic census.

### **PM Modi announces target revised from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares by 2030**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has raised by 10% the amount of degraded land India has agreed to rehabilitate by 2030. India would raise its ambition of the total area that would be restored from its land degradation status, from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares between now and 2030. He made the announcement at the 14th session of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). India has the presidency of the COP for two years. Shri Prakash Javadekar is the President of this COP.

### **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India’s second Multi-Modal Terminal in Jharkhand**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the India's second multi-modal terminal built at Sahibganj in Jharkhand. This is the second of the three Multi Modal Terminals (MMTs) being constructed on river Ganga under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP). Earlier, in November 2018, Modi had inaugurated the first Multi Modal Terminals (MMTs) at Varanasi.

### **Gurugram Police ties up with Google for traffic updates**

The Gurugram traffic police have tied up with Google maps for dissemination of traffic related information in real time for public use. Information such as planned road closures, diversions and traffic alerts will now be shared by the Gurugram traffic police through Google Maps.

## National Conference on Crop Residue Management

National Conference on Crop Residue Management was held for the farmers from the states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh & Delhi. The conference was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in order to address concerns of farmers and State Governments. The straw burning incidents in 2018 have reduced by 15% and 41% as compared to that in 2017 and 2016 respectively. The conference has proposed to intensify In-Situ Management of Crop Residue to stop the straw burning. The multilingual Mobile App “Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) Farm Machinery” has also been launched for the farmers.

## India Participates in Thessaloniki International Fair in Greece

An Indian delegation led by Minister of State (MoS) for Commerce and Industry, Hardeep Singh Puri participated in the 84th Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF) in Greece recently. The Minister of State for Commerce and Industry held a press interaction during the trade fair and highlighted the prospects for the development of Indian business in Greece and the wider region of Southeast Europe to strengthen bilateral trade relations between the two countries. Hardeep Singh Puri said that India’s economy is expected to reach USD 5 trillion in 2025 and it will be among the largest in the world.

## International conference ANGAN inaugurated in New Delhi

A three-day long International conference ANGAN (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable Newhabitat) for Energy Efficiency in Building Sector is organized in New Delhi. The Conference is being organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, Government of India in collaboration with GIZ under the Indo German Technical Cooperation. The Experts will be discussing various alternative options and technologies in the field of design and construction of energy efficient Commercial as well as Residential Buildings. The International Conference will provide a platform to deliberate on interdependence between organizations, systemic sustainability and feedback loops for better resource efficiency.