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President of India Inaugurates 13th Edition Of CII Agro Tech India - 2018 in Chandigarh



The President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the 13th edition of **CII Agro Tech India-2018** on 1st December in Chandigarh. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Indian agriculture needs a renewal of its marriage with contemporary technology; protection against climate change, price fluctuations and demand shocks; and sustained investment by and partnership with business.

15th India Health Summit held in New Delhi



From 29th - 30th November 2018, The leading industry body, **Confederation of Indian industry (CII)** organized its Annual Flagship, 15th **India Health Summit-2018** in New Delhi. The theme of the summit this year is '**Indian Healthcare – A Changing Paradigm**'.

Rajnath Singh inaugurates 19th Hornbill festival in Nagaland



In Nagaland, the 19th edition of the **Hornbill Festival 2018** began with a colourful extravaganza of music and dance on 1st December. Inaugurating the opening ceremony this evening, Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** conveyed his greetings to the people of Nagaland on the occasion of Statehood Day which attained statehood on 1st

December, 1963.

FSSAI launches 'Heart Attack Rewind' campaign for trans fat elimination by 2022



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of **India** (FSSAI) has launched a new mass media campaign calling for the elimination of industrially produced trans fat in the food supply. Called "**Heart Attack Rewind**"- the first mass media campaign of its kind – will

support FSSAI's global target of eliminating trans fat in India by the year 2022, a year ahead of the global target by the **World Health Organization** (WHO) for complete elimination of trans fat, a statement said. "Heart Attack Rewind" warns citizens about the health hazards of consuming trans fat and offers strategies to avoid them through healthier alternatives.



Business



GST collections drop to Rs 97,637 crore in November



Goods and Services (GST) collection in **November** dropped to **Rs 97,637 crore**, which less than October. The GST collections stood at Rs 1.03 lakh crore in April, Rs 94,016 crore in May, Rs 95,610 crore in June, Rs 96,483 crore in July, Rs 93,960 crore in August, Rs 94,442 crore in September and Rs 1,00,710 crore in

October.



Appointments



Bank of Maharashtra appoints AS Rajeev as MD, CEO



State-owned **Bank of Maharashtra** on 2nd December announced that **A S Rajeev** has joined the lender as its **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer**. "A S Rajeev has joined Bank of Maharashtra as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer on 2nd December 2018. Prior to this, he was Executive Director of

Indian Bank from 22 January 2016," the lender said in a release.

Raninder Singh becomes first Indian to be elected ISSF's vice-president



Raninder Singh became the first Indian to be elected as the vice-president of the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)** on 1st December. The 51-year-old Raninder is currently the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

ISSF Headquarters: **Munich, Germany**



India to host G-20 summit for the first time in 2022



PM **Narendra Modi** on 1st December said **India will host the G-20 Summit in 2022**, the year the country will celebrate the 75th Independence Day. The announcement was made at the closing ceremony of the two-day summit held in **Argentina's capital Buenos Aires**. Italy was

to host the international forum in 2022. Thanking Italy for allowing India to play the host, Modi invited G-20 leaders to India in 2022, which also marks the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

UN conference on climate change begins in Poland



The 24th meeting of **Conference of Parties (COP-24)** to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** has begun at **Katowice, Poland** on 2nd December. The Conference will continue till 14th of this month. COP-24 is very significant as it is expected to finalise guidelines for implementation of the

Paris Agreement adopted in 2016.

President: **Andrzej Duda**

Capital: **Warsaw**

Currency: **Polish złoty**

World Bank unveils USD 200 bn in climate action investment for 2021-25



The **World Bank** has unveiled **200 billion US Dollars** in climate action investment for 2021 to 2025, adding that this amounts to a doubling of its current five-year funding. The move coincides with a UN climate summit in Katowice.

Asia Pacific Summit-2018 begins in Kathmandu



The **Asia Pacific Summit-2018** has started in **Kathmandu**, the capital of Nepal. The theme of two day Summit is "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values".

Capital: **Kathmandu**

Prime minister: **Khadga Prasad Oli**

Currency: **Nepalese rupee**

President: **Bidhya Devi Bhandari**

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador sworn in as Mexican president



The 65-year-old left wing nationalist attacked neoliberalism as he pledged to initiate a “fourth transformation of Mexico” in a combative speech, promising a radical change of course in a country struggling with gang violence, poverty and corruption.

Capital: **Mexico City**

Currency: **Mexican Peso**

Australia the first country in the World to recognise 'orphanage trafficking' as slavery



Australia became the first country in the world to criminalize the act of falsely **inducing children into orphanages** as a form of slavery. The Modern Slavery Bill was passed by both houses of parliament and under it the new law, so-called "**orphanage trafficking**" will be treated as a slavery and trafficking offense.

Cambridge Dictionary declares 'Nomophobia' as People's Word of 2018



Like many modern coinages, **nomophobia** is what's called a blend: a new word made up of syllables from two or more words, in this case '**no mobile phone phobia**.' "Yes, the word of the year basically translates to the "fear or worry at the idea of being without your mobile phone or unable to use it". The study also showed that out of the 58% men and 47% women suffered from the phobia. So, all in all, if you feel like you're using your smartphone a bit too much or can't go 3 hours without it, it's time to put it down and take a walk in the park. No, not the metaphorical one. A real one with real people and real trees in it. Or else Akshay Kumar is gonna come and take away your mobiles.

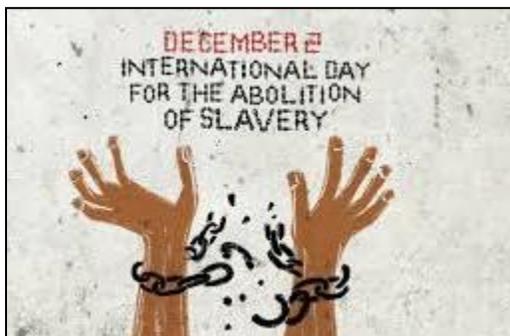
International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 3 December



It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

2018 Theme: **Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: 2 December



Slavery is not merely a historical relic. According to the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)** more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern slavery. Although modern slavery is not defined in law, it is used as an umbrella term covering practices such as forced labour, debt

bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking.

Fundamental Rights of Indian Constitution:

Article 23 - Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labour

Article 24 - Prohibition of employment of children in factories, etc.