

November 29, 2018



ISRO launches India's first hyperspectral imaging satellite (HySIS) along with 30 foreign satellites



At exactly 9.58 am on 29th November, **Indian Space Research Organisation's** reliable workhorse **PSLV-C43 rocket** soared into the skies from **Sriharikota's** first launchpad carrying with it **India's first hyperspectral imaging satellite (HySIS)**, an advanced earth observation satellite, and 30 foreign

satellites.

ISRO Chairman: **K Sivan**

National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) has been conferred with the status of Miniratna



On 27th November, the **Government of India** conferred the **National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC)** with the status of **Miniratna: Category –I**. The empowerment of Miniratna Status to NPCC will help the company in taking speedy decisions by

enhancing the delegation of powers to the Board.

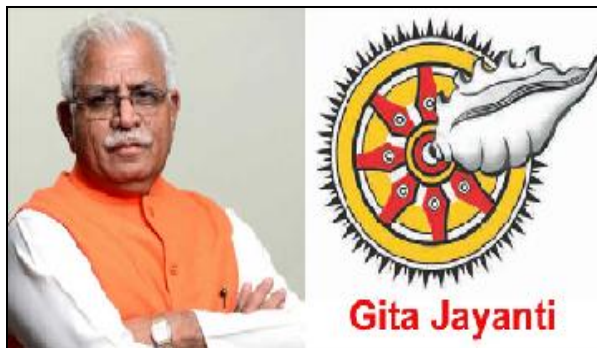
NITI Aayog organized the 2nd phase of Urban Water Management in New Delhi



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On November 26, 2018, NITI Aayog in collaboration with the **Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE)** & **Temasek Foundation (TF)** International organized the 2nd Phase of Urban Management Programme on 'Water Recycling and Reuse' at India Habitat Centre in New

International Gita Festival to be held from Dec 7-23 in Kurukshetra



spokesperson said.

The **International Gita Festival, 2018**, will be organised in **Kurukshetra in Haryana** from December 7-23, in which **Mauritius** will be the partner country and **Gujarat** the partner state. The Gita festival will also be organised in Mauritius next February, an official

Appointments

Arvind Saxena appointed UPSC chairman



Arvind Saxena has been appointed as **Chairman of Union Public Service Commission, UPSC**. According to an official release, the term of his appointment will be till 7th of August, 2020 when he attains 65 years. Mr. Saxena joined UPSC as a Member on 8th May, 2015 and has been performing

duties of the post of Chairman, UPSC since 20th of June this year.

AM Naik appointed Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation



The government on 28th November appointed **AM Naik** as the **Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**. Naik is currently the Group Chairman of engineering conglomerate Larsen and Toubro.

Awards

Indian Navy commander, captain win 'Asian of the Year' award for Kerala flood rescue



An Indian Navy commander and a captain were among those honoured at the 'Asian of The Year' awards here on 28th November, acknowledging their selfless service and bravery in rescue operations during the devastating floods in Kerala. Commander (Pilot) **Vijay Varma** and Captain (Pilot) **P Rajkumar** were honoured for their death-defying rescue flying during the floods earlier this year.

Science

'Miko 2': IIT-Bombay graduates launch India's first advanced personal robot for kids



On 27th November 2018, Graduates of **Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay (IIT-B)** who are Co-founders of a start-up called **Emotix** have launched India's first advanced personal robot **Miko 2 for Kids**.

CSIR to establish a High-End Skill Development Centre in Chandigarh



On 27th November 2018, India's Premier National Research Laboratory, the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR – IMTECH)** announced a new partnership with a leading German Science and technology company, **Merck** to establish a “**High End**

Skill Development Centre” at CSIR- IMTECH in Chandigarh.



International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People: 29 November



The United Nations' (UN) **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People** is annually observed on November 29. The day is also known as Solidarity Day.

First 3-day Sustainable Blue Economy Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya



The first 3-day **Sustainable Blue Economy Conference** concluded at Kenyatta International Convention Center, KICC, in **Nairobi, Kenya**. The theme of this conference was '**The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**'

EU sets goal to be 'climate neutral' by 2050



The European Union has urged government, businesses, citizens and regions to join it in an ambitious plan to cut emissions and make the bloc **carbon neutral by 2050**.