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Important News:

- > Jharsguda airport in Odisha is renamed as Veer Surendra Sai Airport. The Airport was inaugurated by Narendra Modi in Sept 2018.
- The 7th International Tourism Mart which was held in Agartala, Tripura was organised by Ministry of Tourism from 22 Nov to 24 Nov 2018.
- Insight (interior exploration using Seismic Investigation, Geodesy and Heat Transport) is a robotic lander designed to study deep interior of planet Mars. It landed on Elysium Planitia on 26 Nov 2018.
- > The **Oxford Dictionary's word of the year** 2018 is **Toxic.**
- The govt of India issued a commemorative coin of Rs. 75 on 75th Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose hoisting tricolour at Port Blair on 30 Dec 1943.
- Amnesty International has stripped Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi of its Ambassador of Conscience Award 2009 for not speaking about the ongoing violence against Rohingya Muslim community.
- Shakti is India's first microprocessor designed by IIT Madras and fabricated at semi-conductor laboratory of ISRO in Chandigarh.
- India has reached 77th rank from 100th rank in the Ease of Doing Business 2019 released by World Bank. New Zealand topped the rankings followed by Singapore.
- Operation Greens is started by govt of India to stabilise the supply of TOP (Tomato, Onion and Potato) crops. NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India) is the nodal agency to assist the govt with operation greens.
- Cyclone Gaja hit the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu which led to loss of life and property. The cyclones are named by India Meteorological Department.

Awards and Honours:

- Azim Premji has been conferred the highest French civilian distinction 'Chevailer de la Legion d' Honneur' for his important contribution to IT industry in India.
- N Ram, Chairman of Hindu group of publications has been chosen for the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award 2018 for Press Council of India.
- Best Film (Golden Peacock) Award at 49th International Film Festival is the Ukrainian movie Donbass. The ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi medal is won by Indian-Ladakhi movie Walking with the wind.

Person in News:

- Sunil Arora is the new and the 23rd Chief Election Commissioner from 02 Dec 2018. He is succeeding OP Rawat.
- Stan Lee, the creator of iconic comic-book heroes including Spiderman, the X-Men, Iron Man and Hulk passed away on 12 Nov 2018.



Anupam Kher resigned from chairmanship of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). He is succeeded by Brijendra Pal Singh.

Defence:

Vice President, Shri Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated first India-built war memorial at Villers Guislain in France to pay tribute to tribute to thousands of Indian Soldiers who fought during World War – I.

Military Exercises:

- Konkan 2018, the bilateral Naval Exercise between Indian Navy and Royal Navy (UK) was conducted near Goa from 28 Nov 2018 to 06 Dec 2018.
- INDRA 2018 was conducted between India and Russia in Babina, Uttar Pradesh. The exercise was aimed to combat insurgency.
- Indo-US joint military exercise Vajra Prahar was conducted at Mahajan Firing range in Rajasthan.
- Samudra Shakti is biltareal Naval Exercise between Indian and Indonesian Navies at Surabaya Port, Indonesia between 12 Nov to 18 Nov 2018.
- SIMBEX 2018, is a bilateral maritime exercise between Singapore and India is scheduled from 10th Nov to 21st Nov 2018 off Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea.
- Dharma Guardian 2018 is the joint military exercise between Indian and Japanese armies which commenced at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare school, Vairengete, Mizoram.

Places in News:

Sports:

- The Norwegian player, *Magnus Carlsen* won *FIDE world chess championship* 2018 defeating Fabiana Carauna (USA) in London, England.
- Asian games gold medallist, *Hima Das* has been made country's *first youth ambassador* by UNICEF.
- Australia won the Women World T20 which was held from 09 to 24 November 2018 was hosted by West Indies. The Runners up was England and the player of the series was Alyssa Healy.

Important Days in November:

Qaumi Ekta Week (National Integration Week) was celebrated from 19 to 25 November 2018.

- 19 November 2018: National Integration Day
- 20 November 2018: Welfare of Minorities Day
- 21 November 2018: Linguistic Harmony Day
- 22 November 2018: Weaker Sections Day
- 23 November 2018: Cultural Unity Day
- 24 November 2018: Women's Day
- 25 November 2018: Conservation Day



World Fisheries Day: 21 November Organisation: World Fisheries Forum Theme in India: 2022 Ka Hai Sapna...Kisan Ki Aay Ho Dugna - Sankalp Se Siddhi

National Milk Day: 26 November Organisation: Indian Dairy Association Occasion: Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien
