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October 19th

INTERNATIONAL

1) World Food India 2023

- The second edition of World Food India 2023 is set to take place at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The event is organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- The event will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 3 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan.
- The Netherlands is the Partner Country for this edition, with Japan and Vietnam as Focus Countries.

NATIONAL

1) MO-9B Drones

The deal for 31 MQ9B Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) with the U.S. is expected to be concluded by February 2024 and deliveries will begin from February 2027, three years from the signing of the contract.

2) Census for Backward Classes

The government of Andhra Pradesh is set to launch a comprehensive caste census for Backward Classes, targeting 139 communities under this category.

3) Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras (skill development centers) in Maharashtra.
- The skill development centers will offer training programs in various sectors to provide rural youth with access to employment opportunities.





















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TELANGANA NEWS

1) RGIA ranks third for ontime performance in September

- In September, Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport secured the third position in global air port punctuality, according to the monthly report by aviation analytics firm Cirium.
- During the month, RGIA handled a total of 13,973 flights, achieving an 86.48% ontime departure rate and an 81.38% ontime arrival rate.
- In January at the sixth position, rose to the third position in February, claimed the top spot in March, secured the second position in April, slipped to the tenth position in May, bounced back to the third position in June, and held the second position in July and August.
- Top: Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru

2) New Additional Solicitor General for TS High Court

The Union government has appointed senior advocate B. Narasimha Sharma as Additional Solicitor General of India for the High Court of Telangana for a period of 3 years.

3) State's elderly population

- The anticipated proportion of the elderly population in Telangana is forecast to rise to 17.1% in 2036, a not able increase from the 11% recorded in 2021, according to the India Ageing Report 2023 released by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- Ageing is defined in terms of chronological age with a cutoff at 60 or 65 years. The India Ageing Report 2023, reveals that in Telangana the life expectancy at 60 years.





















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APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1) Mohammad Akhone

National Conference leader Mohammad Jaffer Akhone was elected Chief Executive Councillor (CEC) of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Kargil.

2) New Governors

Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das and Indra Sena Reddy Nallu have been appointed as the Governors of Odisha and Tripura, respectively.

3) President launches "fourth Krishi Road Map of Bihar"

- President Droupadi Murmu launched the fourth Krishi Road Map (2023-28) of Bihar with an estimate of ₹1.62 lakh crore.
- The map focuses on increasing agricultural production, while also increasing farmers' incomes in the five years.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Apollo allies with SAIL

Apollo Hospitals opened a 290 bed, multispecialty hospital in partnership with Steel Authority of India (SAIL), in Rourkela in western Odisha.

2) Centre raises MSP for Rabi crops

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic affairs (CCEA) has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all Rabi crops for the financial year 2024-25.
- The increase for wheat, the major Rabi crop, is ₹150 per quintal and the new price will be 32.275.























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The highest increase in MSP compared with last year is for lentils (masur) at ₹425 per quintal (new price: \(\frac{7}{6}\),425 per quintal) followed by rape seed and mustard at ₹200 per quintal (new MSP: ₹5,650 per quintal).

3) Welspun One, Murugappa arm sign pact for EV facility

- Welspun One Logistics Parks has inked a leasing pact with Murugappa Group's EV manufacturing arm Montra Electric to develop a build-to-suit facility.
- The project is part of a ₹2,500 crore invsetment MoU signed by Welspun One with the Tamil Nadu government to foster re gional economic growth.

4) 'Hydrogen gear market in India to touch \$50 bn by '30'

Industry body India Hydrogen Alliance (IH2A) opined that, it expects the domestic hy drogen equipment manufacturing and services market to reach \$45-50 billion by 2030.

ENVIRONMENT AND GEOGRAPHY

1) 'Anti-Industrial Pollution' campaign

- To address the issue of industrial pollution in the national capital, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai announced the launch of an 'Anti-Industrial Pollution' campaign.
- The campaign will closely monitor industrial units in Delhi to assess and control pollution levels and authorities will keep a check on the practice of dumping garbage.













