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## **NATIONAL**

### **Swachh Bharat Summer Internship**

Following the Prime Minister's clarion call on **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014** for each individual to devote at least **100 hours to Swachhata** through the year, Ministry of **Drinking Water and Sanitation** (MDWS) in association with Ministry of **Human Resource Development** (MHRD) and Ministry of **Youth Affairs and Sports** (MYAS) has launched the **Swachh Bharat Summer Internship** – a novel and **first of its kind initiative**. The internship period commences from May 1, 2018 and ends on July 31, 2018.

### **GOBAR-DHAN Scheme**

Union Minister for **Drinking Water and Sanitation**, **Uma Bharti** launched the **GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources - DHAN scheme)** at the **National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI)** Auditorium, **Karnal** under The Swachh Bharat Mission. The scheme aims to positively impact village cleanliness and generate wealth and energy from cattle and organic waste. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) comprises two main components for creating **clean villages** – creating **open defecation free (ODF)** villages and managing solid and liquid waste in villages.

### **Defence ➤ First Ever Joint Army exercise on Malaysian Soil**

Exercise **Harimau Shakti 2018**, between the **Indian Army** and the **Malaysian Army** commenced on **30th April at Wardieburn Camp, Kuala Lumpur** with a brief and impressive handing over of troops ceremony.

### **Pilot scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 2500 MW**

The Government kicks off a **Pilot Scheme** for Procurement of Aggregate Power of **2500 MW** on competitive basis for **three years** under medium term i.e. from generators with commissioned projects but without Power Purchase Agreement. **PFC Consulting Limited** (A wholly owned subsidiary of PFC Ltd) has been appointed as **Nodal Agency** and PTC India Limited as the Aggregator.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **World Immunization Week**

**World Immunization Week 2018** is celebrated from **April 24 to April 30**. World Immunization Week aims at highlighting the collective effort which is needed to ensure that every person gets protection from diseases which can be prevented from vaccines. **Theme** for the year 2018 is **“Protected Together, Vaccines Work”**.

### **International Buddhist Conference**

**International Buddhist Conference** concluded in **Lumbini, Nepal**, which is the **birth place of Gautama Buddha**. It was organised as part of **2562nd Buddha Jayanti** celebrations. The basic objective of the conference was to disseminate teachings of Gautam Buddha and spread the messages of nonviolence, brotherhood, co-existence, love and peace to the international community.

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## AWARDS & HONOURS

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### Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation Awards 2018

Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation Awards 2018 were held on April 29 in Mumbai.

- **Best Actor: Akshay Kumar, for Padman (Jury) and for Toilet: Ek Prem Katha**
- **Best Actress: Bhumi Pednekar, for Toilet: Ek Prem Katha**
- **Best Actress in a leading role: Sonam Kapoor, for Padman**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award: Rakesh Roshan**
- **Most Versatile Actress: Manisha Koirala**
- **Saraswatibai Dadasaheb Phalke Best Actress (Lifetime) award: Farida Jalal**
- **Best Debut Director award : Konkona Sensharma**
- **Best Playback Singer Male: Armaan Malik**

The Best Playback Singer Female: Neeti Mohan

## APPOINTMENTS

### Uday Kotak

The board of directors of **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has **redesignated Uday Kotak** as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (**MD & CEO**) with effect from 1 May, 2018.

**Maharashtra** ➤ **MoUs & Agreements** ➤ **Government signed MoU with British Council**

The government of **Maharashtra** has signed a memorandum of understanding with the **British Council** to **strengthen educational and cultural cooperation** between the two nations. Under this new agreement, British Council would be training **30,000 teachers** in the English language in the state. The training will be funded by **Tata Trusts**, the Tata group's philanthropic organisation.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Labour Day

The **International Labour Day**, also known as **International Worker's Day** or **May Day** is observed every year on **May 1**. The day aims to promote and encourage the international labour associations, marks the **victory of workers' movement** for eight hours of work and pay tribute to workers sacrifices in achieving economic and social rights all over the world. The **theme** of International Labour Day 2018 is "**Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement**".

## ABBREVIATIONS IN THE NEWS

**GOBAR: Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources**

**NDRI: National Dairy Research Institute**

**ODF: Open Defecation Free**

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