



Maharashtra to be the first state to have DNA databank in India

- ❖ A major IT firm along with Maharashtra Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) is building a tool for storage of DNA profile of criminals to help police investigations dealing serious crimes against women and children. Maharashtra will be the first Indian state to start DNA database which will also help law enforcement agencies in tracking maoists as well as terrorists besides repeat offenders. Almost all developed countries including the USA, Canada, Australia, UK, NZ as well as majority of the European countries have DNA database.

PV Sindhu beats Nozomi Okuhara to win 2017 Korea Open Super Series

- ❖ PV Sindhu on 17 September 2017 became the first Indian shuttler to win the BWF Korean Open Super Series. Sindhu defeated Nozomi Okuhara of Japan 22-20, 11-21, 21-18 to grab the prestigious title. The duo had already fought-out the longest match in the final of the BWF World Championship in August 2017, when Okuhara emerged victorious after a 110-minute match.

India likely to be 3rd largest economy by 2028: HSBC report

- ❖ India is likely to overtake Japan and Germany to become the third largest economy in the next 10 years but needs to be consistent in reforms and focus more on the social sector, British brokerage HSBC has said. Social capital is insufficient in the country and spending on aspects like health and education is not just desirable for its own sake, but is also central to economic growth and political stability, it said. India also needs a lot of focus on ease of doing business and related aspects like contract enforcements.

Arjan Singh, iconic war hero of 1965 Indo-Pak, no more

- ❖ Arjan Singh, Marshal of the Indian Air Force passed away on 16 September 2017 in New Delhi, after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 98. The Air Force Marshal was the fourth generation of his family to join the British Indian armed forces. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather had served in the cavalry. He officially joined the Royal Indian Air Force at the age of 19. He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian honour, in 1965.

Scheme to provide meal to labourers launched in C'garh

- ❖ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh launched 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shram Anna Sahayata Yojna' under which nutritious meal for Rs 5 will be provided to labourers in the state. Under the scheme, first Shram Anna Sahayata centre was inaugurated in Telibandha area where around 1,000 labourers will be served meal daily between 8 am to 10 am. The centre has been constructed at a cost of Rs 20 lakh. Meanwhile, a skill development centre set up in the same premises was also dedicated by the chief minister on the occasion. Girls and women from the families engaged in rag

picking will be given skill development training in varied disciplines including stitching, cooking and others there.

Salman Khan gets Global Diversity Award 2017

- ❖ Salman Khan has been honoured with the Global Diversity Award 2017 in the British Parliament House. He was honoured for his contribution to the Indian film industry as an actor, producer, television personality, singer and philanthropist. Keith Vaz, the longest serving Indian-origin MP in Parliament presented him the award. The Global Diversity Award is given to people of immense stature in terms of what they have done for diversity in the world. Previous recipients of the award include Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan, actor Aishwarya Rai, Chinese action icon Jackie Chan, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, American Civil Rights leader Jesse Jackson and Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton.

Tunisia lifts ban on Muslim women marrying non-Muslims

- ❖ The Tunisian government has lifted a ban on Muslim women marrying non-Muslims on the recommendation of the president, who says Tunisia needs to modernise. Muslim men were allowed to marry non-Muslim women, but not the other way around. A government official said such marriages can now be freely registered.

Suresh Chitturi appointed as Vice-Chairman of International Egg Commission

- ❖ On 15th September 2017, Mr. Suresh Chitturi, Managing Director of Srinivasa Farms, was appointed as Vice-Chairman of International Egg Commission, in Belgium. The appointment was made at a meeting in Bruges, Belgium. Mr. Suresh Chitturi would hold this position for the next two years. Mr. Suresh is the second person from India to be appointed as a top executive of the International Egg Commission. Mr. B. V. Rao of Venkateshwara Hatcheries was a top executive of IEC 25 years ago.

MPEDA bags Rajbhasha Keerti Award

- ❖ The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has been awarded National Rajbhasha Keerti Award. MPEDA has bagged the award for the third consecutive year. Rajbhasha Keerti Award is presented by Department of Official Language which is under the Ministry of Home Affairs. This award was introduced to encourage the implementation of the official language policy of the department. MPEDA Chairman A Jayathilak received the award from President Ram Nath Kovind. This award has been given for the best Implementation of Official language in the organization.

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