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Permanent Indus Commission meet begins in Delhi

- ❖ The Indian delegation for the annual meeting comprises India's Indus Water Commissioner P K Saxena, a representative of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and technical experts, sources said. Pakistan's six-member delegation for the commission's 114th meeting is being led by Syed Muhammad Mehar Ali Shah. The IWT covers the water distribution and sharing rights of six rivers — Beas, Ravi, Sutlej, Indus, Chenab and Jhelum. The treaty specifies that waters from the three western rivers — Indus, Jhelum and Chenab — are reserved for Pakistan, while waters from eastern rivers — Ravi, Sutlej and Beas — are reserved for India.

First US shale gas reaches India; GAIL's Dabhol terminal receives cargo

- ❖ India's first liquefied natural gas cargo from the United States landed at the Dabhol regasification terminal in Maharashtra. Receiving the first-ever shipment of 1.2 lakh tonne LNG under the long-term contract of 20 years, oil minister Dharmendra Pradhan also announced a Rs 700-crore investment by the newly-created Gail arm Konkan LNG to complete an under-construction breakwater facility, that on completion will make the terminal an all-weather facility.

Meeting Of PIC Between India And Pakistan Held In New Delhi

- ❖ The two-day meeting of Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) between India and Pakistan began in New Delhi. Representatives from both the sides had discussed Water Treaty dispute and resolution of outstanding issues. The PIC is mandated to establish and maintain cooperative arrangements for the implementation of the treaty and to promote cooperation between the two sides in developing the Indus water systems.

Jr World Cup: Muskan Bhanwala wins 25m pistol gold; India bag fourth individual gold

- ❖ The final competition day at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney opened with another gold awarded to the Indian National Team, as Muskan Bhanwala secured the gold medal in the 25m Pistol Women Junior event. Bhanwala — who placed 4th at last year's ISSF Junior World Championship in Suh, Germany — took the lead at the end of the sixth round, when she nailed a perfect 5-hit series and found herself sitting on a 3-point advantage over her closest rival, People's Republic of China's Qin Sihang (16).

Film director C.V. Rajendran passes away

- ❖ Tamil film director C.V. Rajendran, who was part of late C.V. Sridhar's unit and directed a few memorable films like Kalatta Kalyanam, Sumathi En Sundari and Raja starring Sivaji Ganesan and Jayalalithaa and Poononjal, died aged 81.

Mithali Raj Adjudged 'Sportsperson Of The Year'

- ❖ Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj was adjudged 'Sportsperson of the Year' while ace shuttlers Kidambi Srikanth and P V Sindhu bagged the best senior male and female athletes at the Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards for 2017 in Hyderabad. Former Indian cricketer VVS Laxman presented 'best coach of the year' award to Pullela Gopichand, who received this award for the second time in a row. Triple Olympian and former national Hockey player N Mukesh Kumar was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award at the event.

NASA to send first mission to study 'heart' of Mars

- ❖ Scheduled to launch on May 5, InSight - a stationary lander - will also be the first NASA mission since the Apollo moon landings to place a seismometer, a device that measures quakes, on the soil of another planet. "In some ways, InSight is like a scientific time machine that will bring back information about the earliest stages of Mars' formation 4.5 billion years ago," said Bruce Banerdt, principal investigator for InSight. InSight or the Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport mission, carries a suite of sensitive instruments to gather data. Unlike a rover mission, these instruments require a stationary lander from which they can carefully be placed on and below the martian surface, NASA said.

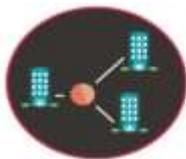
World Autism Awareness Day

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 2 April as to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. The theme for WAAD 2018 is "Empowering Women and Girls with Autism". Autism is a lifelong neurological condition that manifests during early childhood, irrespective of gender, race or socio-economic status. The term Autism Spectrum refers to a range of characteristics.

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