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Rajasthan passes bill to award death penalty for rape of girls below 12 years of age

Rajasthan Assembly has passed The Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2018 awarding death penalty to convicts involved in the rape of girls below 12 years of age. The Bill was introduced by Rajasthan Home Minister Gulab Chand Kataria and was passed in the House by a voice vote following a debate.

Prakriti to be 1st ITBP Woman Combat Officer

In another first for women, 25-year-old Prakriti has been inducted as the first direct-entry combat officer in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. The ITBP is the last of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to induct women officers in combat roles after the government first allowed it to enrol them in 2016.

Sufi singer Pyare Lal Wadali passes away

Pyare Lal Wadali, the younger brother of Sufi singer Puran Chand Wadali of the Wadali brothers, died of cardiac arrest. The Wadali brothers some years ago had taken the country by storm by their hit album featuring Sufi songs such as 'Tu mane ya na mane dildara, aasan te tenu rab manya'.

Prince Charles appoints Sanjeev Gupta as UK Skills Ambassador

Indian-origin steel tycoon Sanjeev Gupta appointed by Britain's Prince Charles as an official ambassador for the Industrial Cadets programme designed to nurture manufacturing skills. Mr. Gupta was appointed to the flagship programme to give children and young people the direct structured experience of the industry while still at school or college. The Industrial Cadets annual awards ceremony was held in London. Mr. Gupta is an Executive Chairman of UK-based GFG Alliance.

Indian volunteer wins Commonwealth Point of Light award

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II recognised Srishti Bakshi from India as the 26th Commonwealth Point of Light in honour of her exceptional service to empowering women in India. Srishti is the founder of the CrossBow Miles movement. Srishti leads workshops for women in rural communities on digital and financial literacy, leadership and health.

French President Emmanuel Macron in India on 4-day visit

French President Emmanuel Macron arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India. The visit aims at strengthening the bilateral economic, political and strategic dimension of engagement between the two countries. During the visit, India and France will sign agreements in different fields tomorrow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Emmanuel Macron will co-chair the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance.

'Book Fulfilling Bapu's Dreams - Prime Minister Modi's Tribute to Gandhiji' launched

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, received the first copy of the book 'Fulfilling Bapu's Dreams - Prime Minister Modi's Tribute to Gandhiji' from Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, who formally released it at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The book underscores an important aspect of India's developmental process - linking sanitation with broad mass participation, making it a mass movement, giving central importance to the practical needs of ordinary citizens in policy, and establishing ethical ideals firmly in public life.

Dharun breaks National record in hurdles

Ayyasamy Dharun broke the men's 400m hurdles national record and in the process grabbed a Commonwealth Games ticket on the concluding day of the 22nd Federation Cup National Senior Championships. Dharun erased Joseph G Abraham's over 10-year-old earlier national record of 49.94 made in August 2007 in Osaka. Dharun got his last medal at an Indian Grand Prix event in Bengaluru.

Virat Kohli named 1st Brand Ambassador for Uber India

Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has been named cab-hailing startup Uber's first Brand Ambassador in India. Kohli will also be involved in a series of marketing and customer experience initiatives.