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Nov 15 to Nov 20

ISRO successfully launches communication satellite GSAT-29

- aboard its heavy-lift Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV MkIII-D2)
- The success of GSLV MkIII-D2 marks an important milestone in Indian space program towards **achieving self-reliance in launching heavier satellites.**



world diabetes day 2007

14 November

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- Headstart*
- The World Diabetes Day was instituted by **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in
-

Hima Das appointed as first Youth Ambassador of UNICEF India

Hima Das

- She hails from **Assam.**
- She was the **first Indian athlete** to win gold medal in track event at IAAF World U20 Championships held in Tampere, Finland.
- In 2018 Asian Games (Jakarta), she had won silver medal in 400 m finals
- Nick name : **'Dhing Express'**



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- Medals won in 2018 Asian Games
 - ❖ Gold medal: Women's 4 × 400 metres relay
 - ❖ Silver medal: Mixed 4 × 400 metres relay
 - ❖ Silver medal: Women's 400 m individual race

India's first specialized hospital for elephants:

- Churmura village in Mathura district of **Uttar Pradesh**.



GROWTH-India telescope

- located in **Hanle, Ladakh**

Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development

Delhi-based environment think-tank **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)** will be awarded Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2018 for its work in environmental education and protection.

Vajra Prahar

India-USA joint military exercise commences in Jaipur



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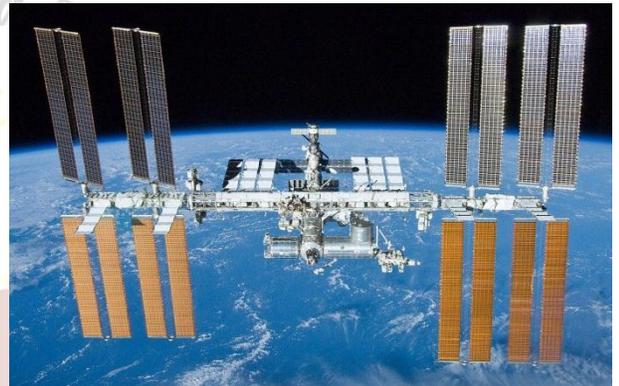
Indian Army has picked **Russia's Igla-S** missile system

- It is latest model of Russian **MANPADS (Man-portable air-defense system)** technology.
- It is designed for use **against visible aerial targets** at short range such as tactical aircraft, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAVs), cruise missiles etc.

International Space Station turns 20

The International Space Station (ISS) turned 20 years old on November 20, 2018

On 20th November **1998**, aerospace engineers from **Russia and the United States** celebrated the lift-off of the Russia-built, US-funded unit Zarya ("sunrise") as it took off from Kazakhstan's Baikonur Cosmodrome.



The most significant thrust for the success of the project was the co-operation between former Cold War rivals- the United States and Russia (part of Soviet Union that disintegrated in 1990).

Some interesting facts about ISS:

- It is the **largest manned object in space**, 357ft long, just a yard short of a full-length football field.
- It is the **single most expensive object ever built** at £93.4bn.
- It is the **third brightest object in the Earth's night sky** after the moon and Venus.
- The space station travels at a speed of 4.791 miles per second, fast enough to go to the moon and back in a single day.
- It orbits the earth approximately once every 90 minutes or 16 times in a 24-hour period.

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- The orbiting station has been continuously occupied since November 2000.
- On September 2, 2017, Nasa's Peggy Whitson set the record of being the longest-serving human in space.

Sangai Tourism Festival

- Manipur
- Sangai: critically endangered brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.
- also called as the Dancing Deer.
- natural habitat: Keibul Lamjao National Park (KLNP), the only floating national park in the world, floating in Loktak Lake.



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