

# Headlines at a Glance - 18th October 2021

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## **Centre renames Andaman's 'Mount Harriet' as 'Mount Manipur'**

As a tribute to the freedom fighters of Manipur, the Union government has decided to rename Mount Harriet, an island peak in Andaman and Nicobar islands. It will now be known as Mount Manipur, officials said. Union home minister Amit Shah made an announcement in this regard while addressing a public function at Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar islands on Saturday. Shah said Manipur played a significant role in resisting the British in the Northeast during the 1857 revolution and in 1891. Manipur never gave up and the people there continued to fight. The state was the only one to implement its own constitution. Manipur war hero Yubraj Tikendrajit and General Thangal were publicly hanged in Fida, Imphal.

**SOURCE:** *Hindustan Times*

## **ASEAN excludes Myanmar junta leader from summit**

Southeast Asian countries will invite a non-political representative from Myanmar to a regional summit this month, delivering an unprecedented snub to the military leader who led a coup against an elected civilian government in February. The decision taken by foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at an emergency meeting on Friday night was an unusually bold step for the consensus-driven bloc, which traditionally favours a policy of engagement and non-interference. Brunei, ASEAN's current

chair, issued a statement citing a lack of progress made on a roadmap that the junta had agreed to with ASEAN in April to restore peace in Myanmar.

**SOURCE:** *The Hindu*

### **NASA launches Lucy spacecraft, the first space mission to study Trojans Asteroids**

NASA's Lucy space probe launched successfully from Cape Canaveral in Florida early Saturday, the beginning of a 12-year mission to study Jupiter's Trojan asteroids. Scientists believe the Trojan asteroids, which orbit the Sun along the same path as Jupiter, may hold clues about the formation of our solar system. It's NASA's first-ever single-spacecraft mission to explore so many different asteroids, the agency said. Lucy is on a complicated trajectory that will include three trips back toward Earth for gravity assists. First, Lucy will orbit the Sun and then head back toward Earth next year for a gravity assist. That will accelerate and direct the craft's trajectory beyond Mars' orbit, when Lucy will head back toward Earth again for another gravity assist in 2024.

**SOURCE:** *BBC News*

### **Italy unveils G20 Innovation League to promote startups for sustainable future**

The current Italian Presidency of the G20 has unveiled the G20 Innovation League, a new and unique initiative designed to drive forward innovative projects that help create a sustainable future. The initiative brings together the most promising startups from G20 countries together with institutions and investment funds so they can collaborate and develop innovative sustainable business projects. Held in Sorrento, Italy and supported by Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Technological Innovation and Digital Transition, and the Ministry of Economic Development, the event was inaugurated by Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio. He underlined the importance of international cooperation to face the current challenges and innovatively rethink the future. Italy will host the G20 Summit in Rome on October 30-31.

**SOURCE:** *Economic Times*

### **8th Edition of joint military exercise MITRA SHAKTI concluded**

The eighth iteration of Exercise Mitra Shakti, a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army that took place from October 4 to 16, came to an end on October 16 at Combat Training School, Ampara. The largest bilateral exercise being undertaken by the Sri Lankan Army, Mitra Shakti, is based on counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban terrain, and it forms a major part of India and Sri Lanka's growing defence partnership, according to a Ministry of Defence statement. Both contingents have shown remarkable passion and professionalism while doing joint manoeuvres as part of the exercise over the last 14 days.

**SOURCE:** *The Indian Express*