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State :

Tamilnadu :

‘Change name board from Rasasi to Rajaji’

- A petition seeking change in the name boards of Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) from ‘Rasasi’ to ‘Rajaji’, filed by Bharathiyar Thinkers Forum, has been forwarded to the Health and Family Welfare Department by Madurai Collector Veera Raghava Rao.

Kerala :

Jackfruit is Kerala’s official fruit

- **Kerala** on March 22 elevated jackfruit as the State’s official fruit. Agriculture Minister V.S. Sunil Kumar announced the ennoblement of the ubiquitous fruit in the Assembly during a discussion on demand for grants in the Budget for farming.

83% of open wells in State polluted

- As World Water Day is being observed on March 22, scientists claim that water in almost 83% of open wells and most of the rivers in **Kerala** is highly contaminated.

Kerala TUs call for general strike on April 2

- Acting swiftly to protest against the Centre's order permitting companies to ‘hire-and-fire’ by opening up the contract labour rules, trade unions have called for a general strike in the Sate on April 2.

Karnataka :

Animal welfare organisation served eviction notice

- Animal welfare organisation Care and Rescue (CaRe) has been served a notice by the Department of Women and Child Development to vacate their premises within a week.

A university that aims to rejuvenate village system

- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, functioning for now from the old district administration building, here on March 22.

Andhra Pradesh :

47 minor girls, six women rescued by RPF

- Forty-seven minor girls and six women were rescued by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel in Vijayawada railway station and on the platforms in 2017.

Seminar on ‘Conservation of Water Resources’

- Future India Club, in association with Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women, Bhimavaram, in West Godavari district, will celebrate the World Water Day on the college premises, on March 22.

India :

In four years, CSIR earned ₹ 1,908 crore

- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India’s largest chain of laboratories, earned ₹ 1,908 crore in the past four years, according to the response to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

Maoist leader Arvindji dead

- Home Ministry officials said on March 22 that the death of top Maoist commander Arvindji would impact the activities of left wing extremists in Jharkhand, his core area of operation.

G.K. Reddy award for journalist Karan Thapar

- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on March 22 presented the G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for journalism to senior journalist and television presenter Karan Thapar.

Introduce ‘Face ID’ on July 1 for Aadhaar authentication, UIDAI tells Supreme Court

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) informed the Supreme Court on March 22 that it will introduce ‘Face ID’ on July 1 to enable Aadhaar holders to authenticate their identity to access services, benefits and subsidies.

Indigenous technology tested on BrahMos supersonic missile

- Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was on March 22 successfully flight-tested for the first time with an indigenous seeker. So far, the seeker, a critical technology in missiles, had come from Russia.

World :

Trump orders curbs on Chinese goods, investments

- A senior administration official said these measures mark a fundamental change in the current American approach towards Beijing that started with the Richard Nixon-Henry Kissinger era. That approach of trying to get **China** into the global market as a fair partner has failed, the official said.

EU leaders to push for privacy protection

- **European Union** leaders will on March 22 press tech giants to protect personal data in the wake of the scandal over information harvested from Facebook, draft summit conclusions said.

Indian company among finalists in 'water from air' competition

- Indian startup Uravu that has developed a technology to create water from the air is among the five finalists in a global competition. The two-year competition is to create a device that extracts a minimum of 2,000 liters of water per day from the air using 100% renewable energy.

Facebook 'made mistakes' on Cambridge Analytica, says Zuckerberg

- Breaking more than four days of silence, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg admitted mistakes and outlined steps to protect user data in light of a privacy scandal involving a Trump-connected data-mining firm.

Russia launches manned spacecraft to ISS

- A Russian carrier rocket blasted off on March 22 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, sending three astronauts aboard the Soyuz MS-08 spacecraft to the International Space Station (ISS).

Business :

Mahindras, Ford to co-develop SUVs, electric vehicle

- The Mahindra Group and Ford Motor Company have decided to jointly develop new SUVs (sports utility vehicles) and a small electric vehicle. The Mahindra Group and Ford Motor Company have decided to jointly develop new SUVs (sports utility vehicles) and a small electric vehicle.

Arathi Krishna to take over as MD of Sundram Fasteners

- In a top-level re-jig, the board of Sundram Fasteners Limited (SFL) has decided to appoint Arathi Krishna as the managing director of the company. Currently, she is the joint managing director of the company. She will take up the new assignment on April 20

Sports :

Embarrassing 58 leaves England red-faced in pink-ball Test

- An 80-run stand by Kane Williamson and Tom Latham easily guided New Zealand to a first-innings lead after England crashed to just 58 all out in a dramatic start to the first Test on March 22.

Australia women beat India by 6 wkts in T20 tri-series opener

- Australian women's cricket team comfortably beat India by six wickets in the opening encounter of the T20 Tri-series, in Mumbai on Thursday.

National hockey championships PSPB enters semifinals

- Petroleum Sports Promotion Board dominated in its 3-0 win against Chandigarh in the quarterfinals of the eighth National **hockey** championships here on March 22 .