

STATE

KERALA

250-year-old temple all set for re-consecration in Tiruchanur

- The project, estimated at an outlay of Rs.3 crore to Rs.5 crore, involves not only rebuilding the dilapidated structure, but also re-consecrating the 250-year-old presiding deity (Moolavirat) in the sanctum sanctorum. The “**Maha Samprokshanam**” will be performed on April 27.

NORTHEAST

Comprehensive strategy to implement BharatNet in NE

"Under this strategy all the uncovered gram panchayats in the region especially in **Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura** will be linked through broadband connectivity on satellite media by December 2018 at an estimated cost of Rs 733 crore,".

TAMILNADU

Mission Indradhanush

- The aim was to ensure **100% immunisation** of children **under the age of two and pregnant women**, he said.
- The ‘**Gram Swaraj Abhiyan**’ (village self-governance campaign) was rolled out in 74 village panchayats in Vellore district
- ‘**Mission Indradhanush**’ was one of the Central government schemes to be implemented as part of this campaign.

NATIONAL

First “Indian Culinary Museum” opened at ICI campus

- The **Indian Culinary Institute (ICI), Noida campus** was inaugurated today by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism.
- This is in line with the commitment of creating specialized skilled manpower in the field of hospitality and posturing the research and development in Culinary Arts.

Van Dhan Scheme launched to help increase tribal income

- PM Modi launched the **Van Dhan Scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs** and TRIFED on 14th April, 2018 during the celebrations of Ambedkar Jayanti at **Bijapur, Chattisgarh**.
- Emphasizing the important **role of value addition in increasing tribal incomes**, he stated that Van Dhan, Jan Dhan and Gobar-Dhan Schemes had the potential to change the tribal-rural economic system.

A first of its kind Israeli Modern Art Exhibition to be inaugurated in the Capital

- The National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi in collaboration with the Embassy of Israel in India and the Petach Tikva Museum of Art, Israel is organizing an exhibition titled ‘**To the End of Land**’-contemporary art from Israel on the occasion of **25 years of diplomatic** relations between the two countries.

Vistara 3rd Indian carrier to be a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA)

- **Vistara**, the full-service carrier promoted by Tata Sons Limited and Singapore Airlines Limited (SIA), recently became **eligible to start international operations**.
- Air India and Jet Airways are the two other airlines in India that are IATA members.

IndiGo's interim CEO

- **IndiGo** on Friday announced that its President Aditya Ghosh will be resigning from the company and its promoter **Rahul Bhatia** will become the **interim CEO**.
- **Gregory Taylor** will be considered for the appointment as **President and CEO** of the company, subject to regulatory approvals.

WORLD

Complete denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula

- North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in embraced after pledging on 27.04.2018 to work for the “complete denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula”.
- The two Koreas announced they would work with the United States and China this year to declare an official end to the 1950s Korean War and seek an agreement to establish “permanent” and “solid” peace in its place.

Britain's new prince is named Louis Arthur Charles

- Britain's royal palace says the infant son of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge has been named **Louis Arthur Charles**.

ECONOMY

DAC Approves Capital Acquisition Proposals worth Rs 3,687 Crore

- In a boost to indigenisation and in realisation of India's growing technological prowess Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO's) designed and developed **NAG Missile System (NAMIS)**
- The system includes a **third generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile, the NAG**, along with the Missile Carrier Vehicle (NAMICA)
- The DAC also reviewed the progress of the DRDO programme to develop **indigenous Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS)**.

SCIENCE

New frog species takes historical name of Goa

- In the highland plateaus of the **Western Ghats** parts of Goa, scientists have identified a new species of frog called **Fejervarya goemchi**.

Olive Ridley hatchlings at the Gahirmatha beach

- Olive Ridley hatchlings of over 6 lakhs are emerging from eggshells at the **Gahirmatha** nesting ground in **Odisha's Kendrapara** district and started crawling towards the sea.
- The annual visit of the turtles along Odisha coast, billed as the **world's largest nesting ground** of these aquatic animals at the Gahirmatha beach.

SPORTS

India are joint 6th in list of doping violations: WADA report

- India maintained their dubious record of being among **top 10 nations** with regards to doping violations being **joint sixth** as World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) published its report as per samples collected in 2016.

Asan World Prize for Chilean poet

- The **146th** birth anniversary of **Kumaran Asan** will be celebrated in his native village Kayikkara from April 29 to May 1.
- The Asan World Prize, given by the Asan Memorial Association once in three years, will be presented to **Chilean poet Raul Zurita** in connection with the **Asan World Prize Literary Festival**.

Santosh Gangwar gives away NSCI Safety Awards – 2017

- The Government of India is following the approach of '**Reform to Transform**' through far-reaching structural reforms.
- Altogether 70 organizations have been pronounced as winners of the awards in four awards categories – **Sarva Shreshtha Suraksha Puraskar, Shreshtha Suraksha Puraskar, Suraksha Puraskar and Prashansa Patra**.
- These Awards are adjudged and declared every year by the **National Safety Council**, an autonomous society set up by the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**, Government of India.