

## **STATE**

### **TAMILNADU**

#### **Tamil Nadu to emerge as major defence hub:Defence Minister**

- Tamil Nadu will soon become a major defence manufacturing hub in the region, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on the first day of the four-day defence expo being held on the outskirts of Chennai. Tamil Nadu has been selected for the event with a clear purpose, as it lies in one of the two proposed defence corridors in the country.

### **KARNATAKA**

#### **International Theatre Festival-2018 in Shivamogga**

- Rangayana is gearing up to host the Vishwamanava International Theatre Festival-2018, a seven-day theatre festival, at Suvarna Samskruti Bhavan here from April 14 to 20.

### **GUJARAT**

#### **Heat Action Plan launched in Ahmedabad**

- Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) launched 6th edition of Heat Action Plan (HAP) to protect city dwellers from climate fueled scorching temperatures. Ahmedabad was the first city to prepare and implement heat action plan.
- The 2018 Ahmedabad heat action plan released on Wednesday features several key elements like expanding use of cool roofs, reflective paint on buildings to inside temperatures lower, increasing access to drinking water and training medical professionals to help protects patients during extreme heats.

## **DELHI**

### **Mission Buniyaad: Government mission to skill kids launched**

- Mission Buniyaad, a campaign by Delhi government to group children from classes III to IX on their maths and reading abilities, was launched by deputy CM and education minister Manish Sisodia .The campaign aimed at 76,000 students in classes III to V in Sarvodaya schools and classes VI to IX in DoE schools expects to achieve results by July.

## **NATIONAL**

### **NHAI signs agreement for its First International Project**

- To provide seamless vehicular movement for enhancing trade, business, health, education and tourism between Indian, Myanmar and Thailand, the National Highways Authority of India has signed an agreement for upgradation of Yagyi – Kalewa section of highway (Milepost 40/0 to Milepost 115/5) in Myanmar to two lane with earthen shoulder. The project will have 3 new major bridges and 2 new minor bridges

### **AIIB decides to invest \$140M to improve Rural Connectivity in India**

- 1.5 Million rural residents in State of Madhya Pradesh are going to directly benefit from improved livelihoods, education and mobility with the USD \$ 140-Million loan approved by the Board of Directors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The Project, co-financed with the World Bank, aims to improve the rural road connectivity and management for residents of about 5,640 villages who use the rural roads for daily activities.
- Livelihoods of the rural population will be improved by expanding income earning opportunities through better farm-to-market road connections. Moreover, more children are expected to enroll in higher education programs and school attendance is expected to further improve. The road

maintenance pilot under the Project will employ more women, contributing to gender equality and income generation.

### **PM to open first wellness centre under Ayushman Bharat plan in Bijapur**

- Prime Minister will visit one of the top performing aspirational districts Bijapur in Chhattisgarh and open the first health centre under Ayushman Bharat Scheme on April 14, the birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar.

### **More than one lakh bio-toilets installed in railways :Railway Ministry**

- Indian Railways has installed more than one lakh bio-toilets in trains till March 2018, seven years since 57 were installed in the Gwalior Varanasi Bundelkhand Express in January 2011.
- During 2017-18, the railways installed highest ever bio-toilets in coaches which is 40 per cent higher than the set target of 40,000 bio-toilets and 64 per cent higher than the fitment of 34,134 bio-toilets in 2016-17.

## **WORLD**

### **Bangladesh PM announces abolishing quotas for government jobs**

- Bangladeshi Prime Minister Minister Sheikh Hasina has announced she will be abolishing the quota system for government jobs.

### **China continues its provocations in south, East China seas**

- China continues its provocations in the South and East China Seas and is using a coordinated effort to compete with the US in diplomatic, military and economic terms. China claims almost all of South China Sea and also laid claims on the Senkaku islands under the control of Japan in East China Sea and resorted to aggressive patrols in the last two years.

## **SCIENCE**

### **PSLV-C41 successfully launches IRNSS-1I navigation satellite**

- In its forty third flight, ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C41 successfully launched the 1,425 kg IRNSS-1I Navigation Satellite today from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota. Eighth in the series, the satellite completes the first phase of the Indian regional navigation constellation.
- IRNSS-1I is the latest member of the 'Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC)' system. NavIC, also known as Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), is an independent regional navigation satellite system designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 1,500 km around the Indian mainland.

**To note:** Till now, PSLV has successfully launched 52 Indian satellites and 237 customer satellites from abroad.

### **NASA to study how tiny sea creatures affect Earth's climate**

- In a first, NASA is conducting a study of the world's largest phytoplankton bloom in the North Atlantic to see how the tiny sea critters influence the climate in every season.
- The North Atlantic Aerosols and Marine Ecosystems Study (NAAMES) mission began its fourth and final deployment, which will study how phytoplanktons give rise to small organic particles that leave the ocean and end up in the atmosphere, ultimately influencing clouds and climate. It is the first research mission to conduct an integrated study of all four distinct phases of the world's largest phytoplankton bloom.

## **ECONOMY**

### **TVS Emerald to launch new residential project in Chennai**

- TVS Emerald, the Chennai-based real estate vertical of TVS Group, is gearing up to launch residential project. LightHouse is the third project of

TVS Emerald after GreenHills in Perungalathur and GreenAcres at Kolapakkam.

### **DIPP comes out with fresh notification on definition of start-ups**

- Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), under the Union Ministry for Commerce and Industry, has come out with a new notification on definition of start-ups
- According to the notification, an entity shall be considered as a start-up up to a period of seven years from the date of incorporation/registration, if it is incorporated as a private limited company (as defined in the Companies Act, 2013) or registered as a partnership firm (registered under Section 59 of the Partnership Act, 1932) or a limited liability partnership (under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008) in India.

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### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **Sanjiv Mehta: chairman of Hindustan Unilever**

- Sanjiv Mehta, who is currently the CEO and managing director, will take over as the chairman and managing director of HUL.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Commonwealth games 2018:Tejaswini bags silver in women's 50m rifle prone**

- Tejaswini Sawant won a silver medal in the women's 50m rifle prone.

#### **Commonwealth games 2018: wrestling :Sushil, Aware strike gold, Babita silver**

- Double Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar (74 kg) and Rahul Aware claimed contrasting gold medals even as defending champion Babita Phogat (53 kg) settled for a silver in wrestling.

### **Srikanth on the place No.1**

- He has reached the level of no.1 in men's BWF men's singles rankings for the first time. The 25-year-old shuttler's prolific form in 2017, during which he won a record four Super Series titles, has helped him reach 76895 rating points.

### **Commonwealth games 2018: Seema and Navjeet bag silver and bronze in Discus throw**

- Seema Punia by winning gold takes her fourth successive Commonwealth Games medal. Navjeet Kaur Dhillon won silver.