

## STATE

### KARNATAKA

#### **Jayciana cultural festival**

- Jayciana, the annual cultural festival of JSS Science and Technology University (formerly SJCE). A cyclothon on April 14 to raise awareness about breast cancer, and a marathon on April 15 to support women's empowerment will be held as part of the festival

### KERALA

#### **A March for science in Kerala**

- Scientists, research scholars, science teachers and students in Kerala will join hands with their counterparts in hundreds of cities across the world on April 14 in the March for Science, an international movement to safeguard science and create a scientific temper among the masses.
- The march will focus on the dip in funding for science research, the lack of scientific temper among the political leadership and the propagation of unscientific ideas in society by vested interests. The march would highlight the demand to earmark 3% of India's GDP for science research and 10% for education.

### ODISHA

#### **Starting direct trade in Tendu leaves**

- 17 gram sabhas in Odisha's Kalahandi district have now started negotiating directly with companies for the sale of tendu leaves, which was before controlled by government.
- This year, six village panchayats have exercised their right of ownership on tendu leaves and not allowed the forest department to do the routine bush cutting of plants.

## **NATIONAL**

### **65th National Film Awards for 2017**

- The 65<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards 2017 were announced today by the Chairpersons of the juries on Feature Films, Best Writing on Cinema and members of Dadasaheb Phalke Award and Non-Feature films.

**To know the list of awardees please click here**

### **Union Home Minister launches e-FRRO scheme**

- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched the web-based application 'e-FRRO' (e-Foreigners Regional Registration Office). He said the e-FRRO scheme is aimed at building a centralized, transparent online platform for the foreigners to avail visa related services and to provide Faceless, Cashless and Paperless services to the foreigners with user friendly experience.
- The e-FRRO scheme would be a quantum jump in improving the ease of service delivery with respect to foreigners visiting and staying in India. In the new system, foreigners would be able to get as many as 27 Visa and Immigration related services in India from the comfort of their place of stay. Using the e-FRRO application, foreigners can apply online on the portal and obtain the service(s) through email/post without appearing in person at the FRO/FRRO office.

### **IMC-2018 promises to be one of the biggest TMT & ICT summits in the world**

- The India Mobile Congress (IMC) today announced the initial details of the India Mobile Congress 2018, including exhibitors, sponsors, programmes and activities planned for the annual mobile industry event. Under the theme "NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS: Connect. Create. Innovate.",
- India Mobile Congress will be held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018, at Aerocity, New Delhi, with a slew of parallel events taking place at the same venue. The IMC expects that more than 200,000 professionals from the Telecom industry, encompassing the 5G, start-up ecosystem, Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Smart Cities, and allied industry sectors will attend India Mobile Congress 2018.

## **Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train to be fully operational by 2023**

- The proposed bullet train between Ahmedabad and Mumbai will be made fully operational by 2023. Some sections of the high speed, 500-km route will, however, become operational in 2022 itself. The Railways will be using the latest technology for the project.

## **AWARDS**

### **Shorenstein Journalism Award for 2017**

- Siddharth Varadarajan, the founding editor of The Wire, will receive the Shorenstein Journalism Award for 2017 at Stanford University. The award is given annually by Stanford University's Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center and alternates between recipients from the West and Asia.

## **WORLD**

### **Oldest living female gorilla *Fatou* celebrates 61st birthday**

- Fatou the gorilla, believed to be one of the world's oldest, is celebrating her 61st birthday at Berlin's zoo nearly six decades after she found her way to Germany from a French bar. She isn't the oldest inhabitant of the zoo, however, Ingo the flamingo, who arrived there in 1948, has that honor.

### **Pakistan Supreme Court disqualifies Nawaz Sharif from holding office for life**

- Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif was disqualified from holding office by a five-judge Supreme Court bench last July in the Panama Papers case under Article 62(1)(f), which sets the precondition for an MP to be "sadiq and ameen" (honest and righteous). Sharif was found to be involved in money laundering in 1990s, when he twice served as the PM, to purchase assets in London.

## **ECONOMY**

### **SEBI hikes FPI investment**

- To increase inflows of foreign funds into Indian capital markets, regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to raise the investment limit for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in central government securities and corporate bonds in two tranches.
- It has been decided to enhance the limit for investment by FPIs in two tranches from April 12 and October 1. The move is part of an effort by SEBI to push inflow from overseas investors in the country's capital markets.

### **Government to launch this fiscal's first tranche of gold bond**

- The government announced this fiscal's first tranche of sovereign gold bond (SGB) and its subscription will open on April 16. The sovereign gold bond 2018-19, Series-I, will be sold through banks, Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), designated post offices and recognised stock exchanges namely the NSE and BSE.
- Under the scheme, the bonds are denominated in units of one gram of gold and multiples thereof. Minimum investment in the bonds is one gram with a maximum limit of subscription of 500 grams per person per fiscal year (April-March).
- To promote digital payment, it said, the issue price of the gold bonds will be Rs 50 per gram less for those who subscribe online and pay through digital mode. Investors in these bonds have been provided with the option of holding them in physical or dematerialised form.

## **SPORTS**

### **Commonwealth games 2018:15-year-old Anish Bhanwala wins gold**

- Anish won the gold medal with a Games record in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol event at the Belmont Shooting Centre.
- Indian shooter Anish Bhanwala, aged 15, created history by becoming the country's youngest ever gold medal winner in the Commonwealth Games.

### **Commonwealth Games 2018: Irfan, Rakesh Babu suspended**

- The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has suspended the accreditation of two Indian athletes, A.V. Rakesh Babu and Irfan Kolothum Thodi for breaching no-needle policy at the Commonwealth Games.

### **Commonwealth Games 2018: Bajrang punia bags gold**

- Bajrang Punia won the men's 65kg freestyle title adding to India's gold tally at the Commonwealth Games.

### **Commonwealth Games 2018:Manika Batra, Mouma Das win India's first-ever silver in women's doubles**

- Manika Batra and Mouma Das won silver medal in women's doubles Table tennis event at the Commonwealth Games 2018.

### **Commonwealth Games 2018:Tejaswini Sawant won gold; Anjum Moudgil bags silver medal**

- Tejaswini Sawant won her maiden gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2018 in Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event in Gold Coast. Anjum Moudgil clinched a silver medal in the same event by finishing with a total of 455.7

### **Commonwealth Games 2018: Pooja Dhanda, Mausam Khatri bag silver; Divya Kakran gets bronze in wrestling**

- Mausam Khatri and Pooja Dhanda won silver medals each. Divya Kakran won bronze medal for India. India's wrestling haul at CWG 2018 increased to eight medals.