

## **STATE**

### **TAMIL NADU**

#### **T.N. Governor Banwarilal Purohit heads for Delhi**

- Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit on april 1 left for New Delhi, in a context in which various political parties and groups in the State are intensifying agitations over the Cauvery issue.The Governor will meet Union Home Ministry officials. Mr Purohit on april 1 met the State Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and other officers.

#### **India-Korea Coast Guards joint exercise on April 5**

- The Indian Coast Guard and the Korea Coast Guard will hold a joint exercise in Chennai on April 5. The joint exercise, named Sahyog - Hyeoblyeog 2018 is part of a proposed establishment of a MoU between the two Coast Guards to improve maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.

#### **Tamilnadu tops in Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana(PMMY) loan disbursement**

- According to data Tamil Nadu is the biggest recipient of loans to small and micro enterprises under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).As on March 16, 2018, in the last three financial years, a total of Rs. 52,499.82 crore has been disbursed in the State.Tamil Nadu is home to large number of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME).

#### **Tamil Nadu power minister writes to Piyush Goyal for rail rakes**

- With coal stock fast depleting and just enough to last five days, state power minister P Thangamani has written to coal and railway minister Piyush Goyal to come to the rescue by allotting more rail rakes to evacuate coal from the mines.

## **KERALA**

### **Alappuzha second in LIFE Mission**

- Alappuzha second in construction of 1,714 houses has been completed in the district under the Livelihood Inclusion and Financial Empowerment (LIFE) Mission, a comprehensive housing scheme envisaged by the State government.
- Alappuzha district had achieved the second position in the State in the implementation of the LIFE Mission. The scheme is being implemented simultaneously by local self-government institutions, Fisheries, Minority Welfare, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development departments.

## **ANDHRA PRADESH**

### **Amaravati green and blue city action plan finalized**

- The Amaravati Development Corporation (ADC) has prepared the action plan to turn the capital city Amaravati into a green and blue city of global standards with sustainability and liveability as its focal points. The World Bank gave an in-principle approval for a loan of nearly ₹1,485 crore for this project named Amaravati Green Development Project (AGDP). It is to be cleared by the Department of Economic Affairs.

## **KOLKATA**

### **Mamata started Rupashree scheme in Kolkata**

- Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has started the project 'Rupashree' which provides one-time financial support for the marriage of poor women. For the 'Rupashree' scheme, a woman has to fill out the application form before her marriage and submit it to the Block Development Officer or the

Municipality Office. An amount of Rs. 25,000 will be credited to her bank account before her marriage, the official said. A sum of Rs. 1,500 crore has been earmarked for the project which is expected to benefit about six lakh women belonging to the economically poor families.

## **INDIA**

### **No delay in filing review plea: Ministers**

- Union Ministers Ram Vilas Paswan and Thawar Chand Gehlot hailed the government's decision to file a review petition against the Supreme Court's ruling in the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

### **Supreme Court will ensure Tamil Nadu's share of Cauvery water, CJI assures State**

- Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra on April 2 orally assured Tamil Nadu that the court will ensure that the State gets its due allocation of the Cauvery water. In an urgent mentioning by Tamil Nadu, a Bench led by Chief Justice Misra agreed to hear the State's plea to initiate contempt proceedings against the Central government for its willful disobedience of the February 16 court judgment in the Cauvery dispute mandating it to frame a scheme for allocation of the river water among Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry. Chief Justice Misra orally remarked that the term "scheme" used in the judgment does not mean Cauvery management board only.

### **Google doodle celebrates Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, feminist freedom fighter and culture queen**

- Google Doodle today paid a tribute to Indian freedom fighter and feminist social reformer Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay on her 115th birth anniversary. The colourful doodle celebrates Kamaladevi's multi-faceted

accomplishments and her immense contribution in enriching India's cultural and social fabric.

### **BS-VI fuel will bring down sulphur level by 80 percent:Petroleum Minsiter**

- The Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that we decided to proactively advance the roll-out of BS-VI fuel in Delhi from April 2018, instead of April 2020 after taking stock of the alarming pollution situation in Delhi in winters.BS-VI fuel will bring down sulphur by 5 times from the current BS-IV levels , this is an 80 percent reductionwhich makes it extremely clean. It will improve emissions from the existing fleet, even from the older vehicles on road. BS-VI is as clean as CNG or even cleaner than CNG in some respects Pradhan said today at the launch of BS-VI compliant automotive fuels in Delhi and addedwe plan to extend the availability of these fuels across the country by 1st April 2020.

### **Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan-launched to encourage Science & Mathematics learning in children**

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA), a convergent framework across School Education and Higher Education aiming to encourage children towards learning Science and Mathematics and to develop their interest through activities related to Science and Mathematics. One of the interventions under RAA is strengthening of school Science and Mathematics laboratories, through the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). Further, under RMSA, important interventions i.e. Science Fair/Exhibition and Talent Search at district level; mathematics and science kits to schools, visit to higher institutions of students and learning enhancement of students have been approved.

## **Padma Awards**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented five Padma Bhushan and thirty-eight Padma Shri Awards on April 2, 2018 at a Civil Investiture Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

To know the list of awardees please [click here](#)

## **WORLD**

### **China fires riposte by imposing fresh levies on US agro-products**

- China has fired its riposte against Washington's decision to impose fresh tariffs on steel and aluminum products, by levying up to 25 per cent duties, mostly on agricultural products sourced from the United States.
- China's State Council imposed additional tariffs on 128 items imported from the U.S., including wine, nuts and pork. Earlier the U.S. had raised tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, including those from China.

## **Science**

### **China's Tiangong-1 space station burns up over South Pacific**

- China's Tiangong-1 space station re-entered the Earth's atmosphere and burnt up over the middle of the South Pacific. The space station was launched in 2011 to carry out docking and orbit experiments as part of China's ambitious space programme, which aims to place a permanent station in orbit by 2023.

## **ECONOMY**

### **E-way bill rollout successful**

- The re-introduction of the e-way bill system under GST had been very successful with no technical glitches. The GST provision, requiring

transporters to carry an electronic waybill when moving goods between States, was implemented to check tax evasion and boost revenues.

## **SPORTS**

### **Australia downs India**

- Third seed Australia proved too strong for India, dropping just 10 games overall, while registering a 3-0 victory in a league match of the Asia Oceania World junior under-14 tennis tournament on april 2.

### **Title to remember for Isner**

- John Isner delved deep into his energy tank to outlast Germany's Alexander Zverev 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4 and claim the biggest title of his career at the Miami Open on april 2.

### **Santosh Trophy: Kerala emerges champion**

- Kerala beat Bengal via the tie-breaker and won its sixth Santosh Trophy title at the Salt Lake Stadium. In final, Kerala missed umpteen chances to let the match remain undecided at 2-2 after extra time.