

STATE

MADHYA PRADESH

- The Government of India, the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the **World Bank** today signed a **\$210 million** loan agreement for the Madhya Pradesh Rural Connectivity Project.
- The Project will cover 10,510 km stretch of rural roads in Madhya Pradesh that fall under the Chief Minister's **Gram Sadak Yojana** (CMGSY) program.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

- India's **first organic kiwi wine** goes to the market in bottles sourced from Sichuan.
- The '**Naara-Aaba**' is from one of the few organic kiwi wineries located outside Switzerland, in Arunachal Pradesh's Lower Subansiri district.

TELANGANA

- GI tag for **Adilabad Dokra** an ancient bell metal craft and **Warangal Dhurries** a popular traditional cotton rug from Telangana.
- One of the newest innovations by the weavers here is an adaptation of tie-dyed ikat techniques and hand-painted or block-printed kalamkari designs for the dhurries to save time and energy.

NATIONAL

India's Best Panchayat

- **Digambarpur gram panchayat** in West Bengal is declared as the best panchayat in the country by Central Government.

Framework for National Policy on E-commerce

- **First meeting** of the think tank on the Framework for National Policy on E-commerce in **New Delhi** on April 24th, 2018 chaired by Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation.
- **Department of Commerce** established the think tank on the Framework for National Policy on E-commerce.

Secure India Conclave underway in New Delhi

- The two-day Secure India Conclave got underway in New Delhi on 24.04.2018.
- The conclave is being organised by **Global Counter Terrorism council** keeping in view, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of **New India: Secure India 2018**.

Mobile App (m-Awas)

- Hardeep Puri, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (I/C) launched a Mobile App (**m-Awas**) for allotment of Government accommodations in General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) in Delhi under the control of the Directorate of Estates, here on April 24.

LPG bottling plant

- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for a liquefied petroleum gas (**LPG**) **bottling plant** at **Maneri** district in Madhya Pradesh.

Bruhad Sampark Yojana

- Bruhad Sampark Yojana, an initiative by the Ministry of External Affairs **to expand the bilateral relations** of India with countries across the world.

- Championed by Prime Minister's vision of making our nation a 'Vishwaguru'.

Gagan shakthi-2018

- **Exercise Gagan Shakti-2018** provided IAF with an excellent opportunity to practice its war time drills and undertake operations in realistic scenario.

WORLD

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation [SCO]

- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj address to the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** Council of Foreign Ministers in Beijing.
- The SCO, a permanent intergovernmental international organisation created in 2001, comprises eight member states including India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russian, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

ECONOMY

Bilateral trade

- India's export to Poland was **\$2.3 billion** & polish export to India stood at **\$800 million**.
- The bilateral trade between **India and Poland** has crossed **\$ 3 billion** in 2017 and the European country is exploring various sectors to improve the trade balance.

SCIENCE

Zero Shadow Day in Chennai

- A sub-solar point is when the sun is directly overhead at a particular latitude. When the sun is at the zenith (the highest point in the sky) its rays will be hitting a particular point exactly perpendicular to the surface.
- This will make your shadow be exactly under you, making it look like there are no shadows. Take a small jump and you can see your shadow.
- It occurs twice a year.

New Structure in the cell

- A new twisted and knotted structure called **i-motif** has been for the first time studied inside a living cell.
- Researchers say that it looks like a four-stranded knot of DNA.

World's smallest land fern discovered in Western Ghats:-

- Indian researchers have discovered the **world's smallest land fern** hiding in the Ahwa forests of the Western Ghats in Gujarat's Dang district.
- The size of the new Malvi's adder's-tongue fern *Ophioglossum malviae*, named after their resemblance to a snake's tongue.

SPORTS

First medal for the Indian camp in the Shooting World Cup

- **Shahzar Rizvi** wins air pistol **silver** in men's air pistol in the shooting World Cup here on April 24. Changwon (Korea)