

IMPORTANT DAYS

May 17- World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WTISD)

- World Information Society Day was proclaimed to be on 17 May by a United Nations General Assembly resolution, following the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society.

Theme 2018: Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All

NATIONAL

KERALA

Rural Innovators' Meet

- The Rural Innovators' Meet (RIM) – 2018, a three-day event organised jointly by the Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) and the Community Agrobiodiversity Centre (CABC) of the M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), concluded here.

'One Bar, One Vote' rule in Odisha

- 'One Bar, One Vote' rule is part of a guideline set by the Supreme Court in 2015 to identify the number of genuine advocates practising in different courts of the country. "The rule allows multitude of memberships of different Bars, yet it gives only one voting right to an advocate,"

ANDHRA PRADESH

'Save Ongole dairy' campaign launched

- Farmers and civil society organisations under the aegis of the Prakasam District Development Forum have launched a campaign for the revival of the Ongole dairy.

HARYANA

Bajaj become first father-daughter duo to scale the Mount Everest

- 24-year-old Deeya Suzannah, who along with her father Ajeet Bajaj became the first Indian father-daughter duo to climb the Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak.

INTERNATIONAL**Malaysia to introduce sales and service tax after effectively scrapping GST**

- Mahathir Mohamad-led Malaysia government said it will introduce a sales and service tax (SST) to partly offset the shortfall in revenue from effectively scrapping a goods and service tax (GST) from June.

SCIENCE**US team invent new device that may increase smart phone battery life 100 times**

- Led by Indian-origin scientist Deepak K. Singh, it develops new magnetic material that employs a unique “honeycomb” lattice with distinctive electronic properties that could increase the battery life of electronic devices, such as smart phones and laptops, by more than a hundred-fold.

Newest frog for India from Karnataka

- The latest addition to India's frog fauna is the Mangaluru narrow-mouthed frog (*Microhyla kodial*), which has been found in a small industrial region in coastal Karnataka.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**DG for trade remedies**

- The Ministry of Commerce issued a notification for a unified Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) that would subsume the Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied duties, Directorate General of Safeguards and some functions of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

Drug maker Granules' ANDA gets USFDA nod

- Granules India Ltd. said it had got U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) approval for its abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) for Methylergonovine 0.2 mg tablets.
- It is a semi-synthetic ergot alkaloid used for prevention and control of postpartum haemorrhage.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**Reliance Power quits Talaiya project**

- Reliance Power Limited has pulled out of the special purpose vehicle set up to develop an ultra mega power project at Talaiya in Jharkhand.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**AWARDS**

- P.Sivakumar, Director, Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) - 'Technology Leadership Award 2017' for transmission system for armoured vehicles.
- Y.S.T. Raju - 'Scientist of the year 2016' award for his role in developing Integrated Fire Control System for Arjun MBT Mk-II prototype.
- S.Pazhanikumar - 'Scientist of the Year 2017' award for his role in developing Arjun armoured vehicle.

APPOINTMENTS**Ambika Sharma is USIBC's Managing Director of India operations**

- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) announced that Ambika Sharma will join the USIBC as Managing Director of India operations.

APP & WEBPORTAL

Health service app - mfine raises \$4.2 million from Prime Venture Partners, others

- mfine, an app-based on-demand healthcare service, said it has raised \$4.2 million in Series A funding.
- The company said it would use the funds to build its hospital network across cities and strengthen the technology team.

Forum launched for bank customers

- Tamil Nadu Bank Users' Welfare Association, a non-profit forum, has been launched to address various banking issues faced by customers and offer consultative services.

SPORTS**HOCKEY**

- Defending champion India breezed into the summit clash of the women's Asian Champions Trophy after edging past Malaysia 3-2, for its third consecutive win.

FOOTBALL

- Griezmann scores twice as Atletico wins Europa League final.
- Atletico Madrid won the Europa League for the third time with a resounding 3-0 victory defeating Marseille.