

## **NATIONAL**

### **Andhra Pradesh**

#### **City skater Riya Saboo in Asian roller skating championship**

- City skater Riya Saboo is all set to take part in the Asian roller skating championship to be held in South Korea from September 4 to 14.

### **Kerala**

#### **Rock theme park to be opened on July 4**

- Kerala Tourism will promote the Jatayu Earth Centre as its new product by branding it a ‘international tourism cultural centre.’
- It is the first tourism initiative in public-private-partnership in the State under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) mode.

### **Karnataka**

#### **Common minimum programme**

- A monthly assistance of Rs 6000 for pregnant women, three months before and after the delivery, and a public pension of Rs 6000 per month for senior citizens.

### **Rajasthan**

#### **‘Nidaan’ software for disease monitoring**

- A new software, ‘Nidaan’, has been launched in Rajasthan for presumptive diagnosis and monitoring of seasonal and non-communicable diseases as well as the trends of ailments found in specific areas.

### **Maharashtra**

#### **Government aids landless laborers to acquire land by paying only 5%**

- Landless among the SCs can now purchase acres of rainfed agricultural land or two acres of irrigated land by paying only 5% of the cost. The rest up to 8 lakh rupees will be born in by the state government.
- The scheme was launched with the aim to uplift the livelihood of the laborers belonging to the Schedule Caste and Nav Buddhist people who belonged to the Below Poverty Line sector.

## **Uttarpradesh**

### **Eastern Peripheral Expressway**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal (KGP) expressway, also known as Eastern Peripheral Expressway, on May 27.

## **New Delhi**

### **ASEAN India Film Festival**

- **Tagline of the Festival - 'Friendship through Films'.**
- The Directorate of Film Festivals is organising ASEAN India Film Festival from 25th to 30th May, 2018 in Delhi in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (ASEAN Multilateral Division) as part of the series of events to commemorate the 25 years of ASEAN and India relations.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **A page from Karl Marx's manuscript sold for \$5,23,000**

- A single page from one of Karl Marx's manuscript, which is said to be a part of the first draft of his famous book Das Kapital, has been sold for a whopping \$5,23,000 at an auction.
- The manuscript is one of the 1,250 pages of notes Marx made in London from September 1850 to August 1853, based on which he wrote the first draft of Das Kapital.

## **SCIENCE**

**DNA hunt for Loch Ness monster**

- A global team of scientists plans to scour the icy depths of Loch Ness next month using environmental DNA (eDNA) in an experiment that may discover whether Scotland's fabled monster really does, or did, exist.
- The use of eDNA sampling is already well established as a tool for monitoring marine life like whales and sharks.

**BUSINESS & ECONOMY****Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs)**

- 10.2% growth rate in Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) in Rupee terms in April 2018 over April 2017.

**MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS****MoU between India and Angola**

- For promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Electronics and Information Technology in the areas of e-Governance, HRD for IT education, Information Security, Electronics Hardware manufacturing, IT embedded Software industry, Telemedicine etc.

**MoU signed between India and France**

- To identify research/ demonstration/ pilot project between National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) in the field of Renewable Energy.

**MoU between India and Denmark**

- Cooperation in the areas of food safety.

**MoU between India and Morocco**

- To encourage and promote technical bilateral cooperation on new and renewable energy.

**MoU between India and Singapore**

- Cooperation in the field of Personnel Management and Public Administration.

### **MoU between India and Turkey**

- Trade in poppy seeds to ensure quick and transparent processing for import of poppy seeds from Turkey.

### **SCHEMES**

#### **Indo-Dutch Startup Initiative: #StartUpLink to be Launched**

- The official launch will take place on 25th May, 2018 at Taj West End Hotel, Bengaluru.
- The initiative will fulfill the twin objective of facilitating market expansion for startups in the two countries alongside fostering a joint sense of innovation and entrepreneurship.

### **AWARDS**

#### **Man Booker International prize - Olga Tokarczuk**

- Polish novelist Olga Tokarczuk won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for fiction for *Flights*, a novel that charts multiple journeys in time, space and human anatomy.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Stacey Cunningham - New York Stock Exchange president.**
- The New York Stock Exchange has named its first female leader in the history of the 226-year-old exchange.
- Stacey Cunningham will become the 67th president from 25.05.2018. She's currently NYSE's chief operating officer.
- She succeeds Thomas Farley.

### **APP & WEBPORTAL**

#### **My MP Rojgar Portal**

- Madhya Pradesh government has launched 'My MP Rojgar Portal' as part of Pahal programme to provide jobs to youths in Bhopal.
- This portal has been prepared by Madhya Pradesh Skill Development and Employment Generation Board under youth empowerment mission.

## **SPORTS**

### **Japan defeated India in Uber cup**

- India suffered a humiliating 5-0 defeat against Japan in its third and final Group-A tie of the Uber Cup badminton tournament in Bangkok.