

NATIONAL

Jammu & Kashmir

Construction of bunkers along the IB/LoC to protect border residents in J&K

- The Home Minister called for expediting construction of bunkers along the International Border (IB) and Line of Control (LoC) to protect the border residents.
- The MHA has approved Rs.415 crores for construction of more than 14,000 bunkers in Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Rajouri and Poonch districts.

Uttarakhand

4th International Yoga Day

- The main event of 4th International Yoga Day celebrations (IDY-2018) will be held on 21st June 2018 at Dehradun in Uttarakhand.

Meghalaya

‘Gaj Yatra’

- ‘Gaj Yatra’, a “journey celebrating India’s national heritage animal”, aims at securing 100 elephant corridors across India.
- Four of these are in Meghalaya, including the Siju-Rewak corridor that some 1,000 elephants use to travel between the Balpakram and Nokrek National Parks in the State.

West Bengal

Braille-enabled signboards to be used during Maheshtala bypoll

- For the first time in West Bengal, the Election Commission (EC) will use Braille-enabled signboards carrying instructions for visually challenged voters.

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched the week-long 'Polythene Hatao Paryavaran Bachao' campaign started by Environment, Science and Technology Department in Shimla.

INTERNATIONAL

Kabul's first library on wheels

- **Charmaghz**, the library-on-wheels offers pupils and street kids free access to children's books, which are in short supply at public schools and libraries.
- The library bus was launched in February by Oxford University graduate Freshta Karim.

SCIENCE

New Zealand to cull 1,26,000 cows to end disease outbreak

- New Zealand, the world's biggest dairy exporter, will spend more than NZ\$880 million (\$610 million) in a bid to eradicate the mycoplasma bovis cattle disease.
- Mycoplasma bovis can lead to conditions such as udder infection, pneumonia and arthritis in affected cattle, but does not pose a food safety risk or any risk to humans.
- Prime Minister - Jacinda Ardern.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

IL&FS unit, SoftBank arm partner to set up 20 GW of solar units by 2025

- IL&FS Energy, a subsidiary of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) has partnered with SB Energy of the SoftBank Group, to jointly develop grid-connected solar parks across various locations in India.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

MOU to develop prototypes for self-piloted vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft

- IIT-Kanpur to develop vertical take-off and landing aircraft prototypes
- The VTOL technology equips the aircraft to perform manoeuvres that are impossible with traditional aircraft, and also comes across as a big advantage for air combat and rescue.

Tata Trusts signs MoU with govt to provide development support in Naxal-hit districts

- The Tata Trusts has joined hands with the government to help it in development initiatives in eight worst Naxal-affected districts in Chhattisgarh, which were covered under the "transformation of aspirational" districts programme.

BCCI goes 'green' by joining hands with United Nations

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and UN Environment signed an agreement to promote 'green' cricket in India.
- The partnership will also focus on phasing out single-use plastic across stadiums in the country.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

108th session of UNWTO Executive council

- The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, Shri K. J. Alphons attended the 108th session of UNWTO Executive Council from 23rd to 25th May 2018 held in San Sebastian, Spain.
- UNWTO will focus on Innovation and digital transformation in the sector.
- The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is the United Nations agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

DEFENCE

Mount Deotibba Expedition-2018

- All women high altitude expedition to Mount Deotibba (6001 Mtrs) which is located in Himachal Pradesh, has been organised by the Indian Navy from 28 May to 15 Jun 2018.

Joint indo-Bangladesh Army Trekking Expedition to Nanda Devi

- A Joint Indo-Bangladesh Army Trekking Expedition to Nanda Devi East Base Camp (4300m) was flagged off by Director General of Military Training on 28 May 18 at New Delhi.
- It consists of 16-member team of Indian Army and 10-member team from Bangladesh Army.

SCHEMES

'Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kisaan Yojana'

- The Himachal Pradesh state government has introduced 'Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kisaan Yojana' to enhance agricultural income by adopting low-cost climate-resilient Zero Budget Natural Farming System, the farmers in the state have intended to switch over to organic farming.

APPOINTMENTS

Nasir Ul Mulk - Interim prime minister

- Pakistan appointed former chief justice Nasir Ul Mulk as interim prime minister until general elections are held.

Sudha Balakrishnan - RBI's first CFO

- Sudha Balakrishnan, a former vice president at National Securities Depository Ltd., assumed charge as the first Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Amit Jain - Regional General Manager for Asia Pacific region

- Amit Jain, currently, President of US-based cab aggregator Uber India and South Asia, will be stepping up as Regional General Manager for Asia Pacific region.

APP & WEBPORTAL

Uber offers traffic data tool to government

- The U.S.-based cab aggregator Uber introduced ‘Movement’, a free tool that uses “anonymised data” from trips taken through its platform.
- This data can help planners and policy makers to analyse transportation patterns, and plan future infrastructure projects accordingly.

SPORTS

IPL final: Chennai Super Kings beat Sunrisers Hyderabad

- Shane Watson struck an unbeaten 117 off 57 balls as Chennai Super Kings beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by eight wickets in the Indian Premier League final.
- This Victory gave Super Kings a record third IPL title.