

April 30, 2018 - **International Jazz Day.**

- UNESCO declared April 30 as International Jazz Day.
- **Saint Petersburg, Russia** - Global Host City for International Jazz Day

## **STATE**

### **GUJARAT**

***Surat railway station to be 3rd in country to have ‘airport like’ facilities***

- The **Surat railway station** will be the **third in the country** and the **second in Gujarat** after **Gandhinagar** to be developed as a world-class facility under a Railway Ministry station redevelopment programme.
- The **country’s first two** world-class stations — **Habibganj** and **Gandhinagar** — will be ready by the beginning of next year 2019.

***Hyderabad police to go paperless***

- The **Hyderabad City Police** is all set to go **paperless** from May 1, 2018.
- E-Office initiative would help in faster movement of files and quicker public grievance redress.
- The Hyderabad City Police could perhaps be the **first in the country** to implement the paperless police station concept.

## **NATIONAL**

### ***Modi honours Tibetan institute***

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday honoured a prominent institute [**The Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS)**] of Tibetan studies with the **Vaisakh Samman Prasasti Patra** as part of celebrations at an event held in **New Delhi** to mark Buddha Purnima.
- Government has allocated Rs.360 crore for the **development of the Buddhist circuit** & this will help in developing Buddhist spots in U.P., Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and A.P.”

### ***First Ever Joint Army exercise on Malaysian Soil***

- **Exercise Harimau Shakti 2018**, between the Indian Army and the Malaysian Army commenced on 30 April at **Wardieburn** Camp, Kuala Lumpur with a brief and impressive handing over of troops ceremony.

### ***Swachh Bharat Mission launches GOBAR-DHAN***

- The **GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources - DHAN** scheme aims to positively impact village cleanliness and **generate wealth and energy from cattle and organic waste**. The scheme also aims at creating new rural livelihood opportunities and enhancing income for farmers and other rural people.
- The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) comprises two main components for creating clean villages – creating **open defecation free (ODF) villages** and **managing solid and liquid waste in villages**.

### ***Govt. launches Pilot scheme Procurement of Aggregate Power of 2500 MW for three years.***

- The Government has already moved out of this dichotomy and launched '**Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana**'- **Saubhagya** to achieve universal household electrification in the country by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- This scheme is expected to revive the power demand which has affected the generators not having Power Purchase Agreements.

### ***Mega Celebrations on Buddha Jayanti by Ministry of Culture***

- The **2562<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha** will be celebrated with a grand event in the august presence of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, in New Delhi, on **30th April 2018**.
- The Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) will celebrate the auspicious Buddha Jayanti-2018 by showcasing various facets of Buddhist traditions.
- The Prime Minister will also be performing the offering of **Sangha Dana (Cheevar Vastram and Sacred Leaf of Bodhi Tree)** to the venerated Sangha.
- The event would also house an **exhibition gallery- 'Buddham Sarnam Gacchami'** with murals, photographs and artefacts.

## **WORLD**

### ***Study to probe risks of giant Antarctic glacier melting***

- **Britain** and the **United States** launched a \$25 million project on April 30 to **study the risks of a collapse of a giant glacier in Antarctica** that is already shrinking and nudging up global sea levels.
- Scientists will study the Thwaites Glacier, which is roughly the size of Florida or Britain.

## ECONOMY

### *Rajiv Bakshi appointed CMO of Intex Technologies*

- Intex Technologies, an Indian mobile and consumer electronics companies, announced the appointment of **Rajiv Bakshi** as its **Chief Marketing Officer (CMO)**.
- The board of directors of Kotak Mahindra Bank has redesignated **Uday Kotak** as **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** with effect from 1 May, 2018. Mr.Kotak was earlier executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director.

## SCIENCE

### *World's oldest known spider dies in Australia*

- The **world's oldest known spider** has died at the ripe old age of **43** after being monitored for years during a long-term population study in **Australia**.
- The trapdoor spider comfortably outlived the previous record holder, a 28-year-old tarantula found in Mexico.

### *BrahMos will breach mach 7 barrier in next decade*

- **BrahMos**, the **fastest missile in the world** co-developed by **India and Russia**, will be breaching the mach 7 barrier to be a 'hypersonic' system in the next decade.
- The missile currently travels at mach 2.8 or 2.8 times the speed of sound, will touch mach 3.5 soon and mach 5 in three years.

## SPORTS

### *World record for a Brazilian surfer*

- A monster wave off **Portugal** has produced a world record for a **Brazilian surfer** that overtook the previous record of 78 feet (23.77 meters) set by American Garrett McNamara in 2011.
- The World Surf League says **Rodrigo Koxa** has ridden the biggest wave ever surfed.
- At the group's Big Wave Awards in Santa Monica, California, on 28.04.2018, it said its judges determined that a wave Koxa surfed at Naraze, Portugal was **80 feet (24.38 meters) high**.

***Sharath helps India beat Poland in table tennis***

- Inspired by **A.Sharath Kamal's** performance, India put it across Poland 3-2 in the men's Group-D Championship Division match of the **World team table tennis championships** here on 30.04.2018