

May-4 INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS DAY STATE

ANDHRA PRADESH

IOC to set up LNG plant in Amaravati

- The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has chalked out plans to set up an indoor liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant in Amaravati next year.

MAHARASHTRA

H-Energy brings India's first FSRU at Jaigarh port

- Hiranandani Group's energy arm H-Energy Gateway Private Ltd. launched India's first floating storage and re-gasification unit (FSRU)-based LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal at Jaigarh port in the State.

TAMILNADU

Christian Medical College (CMC) Centenary celebrations

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the centenary celebrations of the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore May 4, 2018.

Philips Carbon Black revives TN project

- The work on the Rs.600-crore project to set up 1.5 lakh tonnes of carbon black project at Ennore in Tamil Nadu would begin soon.
- The project was announced first in 2011.

KARNATAKA

Regional Conference on ‘Futuristic, Resilient and Digital Infrastructure’

- The 4th Regional Conference on ‘Futuristic, Resilient and Digital Infrastructure’ organized by the **Ministry of Finance, Government of India in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** concluded in Bengaluru 04.05.2018.

NATIONAL

Ministry of Railways announces Awards for beautification of Station premises

- Out of 62 entries, Balharshah and Chandrapur (Central Railway) bag First prize; Madhubani (East Central Railway) and Madurai (Southern Railway) adjudged second; Gandhidham (Western Railway) Kota (West Central Railway) share Third Prize with Secunderabad (South Central Railway)

Indian Railways marks 26 years of Ladies Special Suburban Trains

- The first ever Ladies Special train in the world ran between Churchgate and Borivali on 5th May, 1992 Mumbai.
- Talk-back System is a new security measure introduced by **Western Railway last year, on the occasion of International Women’s Day.**

Higher Education faculty through SWAYAM

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched a major and unique initiative of online professional development of 1.5 million higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM.
- HRD Ministry notifies 75 National Resource Centres (NRCs) for online refresher programmes for Higher Education faculty through SWAYAM.

Power Grid sets Capex Target of 25,000 Crore for 2018-19

- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has signed Memorandum of Understanding for the year 2018-19 with Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- Capex target for the year has been set as Rs. 25,000 crore.

Takniki Pathya Pustak Puraskar

- Minister of State for Human Resource Development awards distinguished writers of Hindi Books on Technical Subjects for their outstanding contribution in New Delhi.
- Dr. Satya Pal Singh also launches Hindi website of AICTE.

NITI Aayog to Collaborate with IBM to develop Precision Agriculture using Artificial Intelligence

- NITI Aayog and IBM signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) today to develop a crop yield prediction model using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to provide real time advisory to farmers in Aspirational Districts.

National Conference of 244 selected Districts under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) held in New Delhi

- Training of Women Sarpanches in every district can play significant role in achieving goals of BBBP.

- Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, the Union Minister for Women and Child Development inaugurated the event and interacted with **244 new districts** with low Child Sex Ratio(CSR), from 25 States/UTs.

NWIC setup as a single window source of updated data on water resources

- National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) has recently been created by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation at New Delhi.
- “Water Resources Information System” (WRIS) in public domain for awareness and involvement of all concerned for effective integrated water resources management.

GIS technology to strengthen Namami Gange Programme

- National Mission for Clean Ganga has brought on board Survey of India, the oldest scientific department in the country set up in 1767, to facilitate the Ganga rejuvenation task by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology.

Extensive exhibition on Indian Civilisation at National Museum

- Over 200 objects from British Museum, London and 20 museums and private collections from India will be on display at the Exhibition at the National Museum auditorium, New Delhi.

WORLD

India-born girl's heart disease project wins award in Singapore

- An 18-year-old Chennai-born girl has won this year's A*Star Talent Search award in Singapore for her study of genetic heart disease "hypertrophic cardiomyopathy".

Indian-American woman appointed interim civil court judge in NYC

- Indian-American Deepa Ambekar has been appointed as interim judge to the civil court of New York City, becoming the second Indian-American woman judge in the city.
- In 2015, Rajeswari was sworn in as a criminal court judge, becoming the first India-born woman to be appointed a judge in the city.

ECONOMY

27th GST council meeting

- 27th GST council meeting discusses change in GST rate for digital transactions and imposition of Sugar Cess.
- Imposition of Sugar Cess over and above 5% GST and reduction in GST rate on ethanol.

SCIENCE

New snake found in Western Ghats

- The snake, currently observed only in the forests of the Anaikatty hills in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore district, has been named *Uropeltis bhupathyi*, after the late herpetologist S. Bhupathy, for his contributions to the field.