

NATIONAL

Maharashtra

- President of India Inaugurates Sadhu Vaswani International School and Unveils Statue of Matoshree Ramabai Ambedkar in Pune; says education can promote values and help fight caste, gender and other forms of discrimination.

Jammu & Kashmir

Devika river rejuvenation project

- The Jammu and Kashmir government has submitted a detailed report of the Rs 189 crore Devika river rejuvenation project to the Centre for approval.

Andhra Pradesh

Chinese window opens to Central India

- The Container Corporation of India (Concor) and the Krishnapatnam port launched a direct container rail service to boost containerised exports and imports between Central India and China, Korea, Japan and South East Asia.

Tamilnadu

Elite unit for Forest Department

- The Tamil Nadu government is planning to set up an elite force in the Forest department and provide it with high-tech training to tackle situations like kidnappings, land encroachments, forest fires and man-animal conflicts.
- The Forest Department is also planning to implement a 'beehive' concept to prevent man-elephant conflicts in the Coimbatore region.

Restoration of Pallikaranai marsh to continue till 2023

- Restoration activities at the Pallikaranai marshland will continue till 2023 at a cost of Rs.165.68 crore under the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change.
- The government also plans to continue its Massive Tree Planting programme by planting 70 lakh seedlings at 7,000 acres of degraded forests with an outlay of Rs.22.46 crore.

Telangana

ICRISAT, KeyGene ink research partnership

- Netherlands-based agricultural biotech company KeyGene and not-for-profit scientific research organisation, International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) for research and co-development on legumes and cereals.

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Pune school founded by Bal Gangadhar Tilak 138 years ago, goes co-ed

- After 82 years, New English School in Pune has opened its doors to girls.
- Founded in 1880 by educationists and revolutionaries Vishnu Krushna Chiplunkar, Bal Gangadhar 'Lokmanya' Tilak and Gopal Ganesh Agarkar .

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Moody's trims GDP growth forecast for 2018 to 7.3%

- International agency Moody's Investor Services cut India's growth forecast to 7.3 per cent for calendar year 2018.
- However, it has maintained the estimate for 2019 at 7.5 per cent.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

'Mission Raftar'

- Ministry of Railways conducted a one day workshop “Mission Raftaar” aimed at raising the average speed of freight trains and coaching trains in New Delhi.

174th meeting of ESIC

- To strengthen medical services in all the districts of the country, the decision for opening of one ESIC Dispensary cum Branch Office (DCBO) in every district of the country was taken in the meeting.
- Nursing Internship Program in ESIC Hospitals to begin soon.

3rd Meeting of India– U.K. Home Affairs’ Dialogue

- The Third Home Affairs’ Dialogue between India and U.K. covered a wide range of issues including cyber security, women safety, organized crime, terror financing etc.

International Conference on the TRIPS CBD Linkage

- India has taken the lead in seeking to revive WTO discussions on issues related to preventing theft of traditional knowledge.
- Government of India, along with the Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and the South Centre (an inter-governmental organisation based in Geneva), are organising an International Conference on TRIPS- CBD Linkage in Geneva on 7-8 June 2018.

DEFENCE

India - Nepal joint battalion Level Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII

- The 13th edition of bilateral annual military Exercise SURYA KIRAN, between India and Nepal Army commenced today at Pithoragarh.
- The aim of exercise is joint training of troops in counter insurgency/ counter terrorism operations in both jungle & mountainous terrain and disaster management.

SCHEMES

“Annapurna Doodh Yojana”

- The students of the government primary and upper primary schools in Rajasthan will get milk in the midday meals thrice in a week under a new scheme “Annapurna Doodh Yojana” for improving nutritional status of children from July 2.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- ‘Straight Talk’ - Shri Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Member of Rajya Sabha

AWARDS**13th edition of the World Press Cartoon awards**

- Kerala cartoonist Thomas Antony- Best caricature category

APPOINTMENTS

- Deputy National Security Advisor - Pankaj Saran

APP & WEBPORTAL**Railway's Online Travel Portal**

- Railway's Online Travel Portal – www.irctc.co.in has now launched beta version of its new User Interface.
- By creating Next Generation e-Ticketing (NGeT) system the new online ticket booking system of Railways provides easy and fast way of booking rail tickets by automating the journey planning and purchase of tickets.

‘Auto Mitra’

- To ensure the convenience and safety of passengers who commute by autorickshaws within Shivamogga city, the police have launched a mobile application called ‘Auto Mitra’ in **Karnataka**.