

NATIONAL

Andhra Pradesh

Two frog species discovered in Eastern and Western Ghats

- Two species of frogs have been recorded in the Indian peninsular Fejervarya kalinaga from the Eastern Ghats and Fejervarya krishnan from the Western Ghats.

Maharashtra

TCS to set up center for advanced computing in Pune

- Tata Consultancy Services announced that it is setting up a center in Pune along with Intel for advanced computing to develop solutions in the areas of high-performance computing, data analytics, and artificial intelligence.

INTERNATIONAL

First home made anti-HIV drug

- China has approved the first domestically developed, long-acting injectable HIV drug Albuvirtide which could be a boon to tens of thousands of HIV/AIDS patients in the country.

Commemoration 125th year of Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha in South Africa

- The screening of the biopic Making of a Mahatma marked the opening of a three-day series of events to commemorate the historic incident 125 years ago when Mahatma Gandhi was evicted from a train at Pietermaritzburg which led him to develop his Satyagraha principles of peaceful resistance and mobilise people in South Africa and India against the discriminatory rules of the British.

SCIENCE

Gene mapping of 3,000 bacteria to help fight deadly superbugs

- Scientists seeking new ways to fight drug-resistant superbugs have mapped the genomes of more than 3,000 bacteria, including samples of a bug taken from Alexander Fleming's nose and a dysentery-causing strain from a First World War soldier.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

HCC bags contract at nuclear power project in Bangladesh

- Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. (HCC), in a joint venture with Bangladesh construction firm MAX Group has been awarded a \$110 million (Rs.737 crore) contract by Russia's State Nuclear Company, JSC Atomstroyexport, for civil works of Turbine Island for Unit 1 of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Cabinet approves the joint issue of postage stamp between India and Russia

- Release of Joint Stamps between Department of Posts, India and Russia Post (Joint-Stock Company "MARKA" of Russian Federation) to establish postal cooperation and strive towards mutually beneficial operational excellence in the field of issuance of stamps.

Cabinet approves the extension of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Netherlands

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Netherlands on technical cooperation in the field of Spatial Planning, Water Management and Mobility Management in April, 2018.

Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Denmark

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Denmark on technical cooperation in the field of Sustainable and Smart Urban Development in April, 2018.

Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and United Kingdom

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Cabinet approves Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III Continuation Programme – Phase 6

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Continuation Programme (Phase 6) and funding of thirty PSLV operational flights under the Programme.

Cabinet approves Continuation Programme for Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved funding for the for Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III (GSLV Mk-III) continuation programme (Phase-I) consisting of ten (10) GSLV (Mk-III) flights.

Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and Oman

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India represented by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Oman represented by the Ministry of Transport and Communications on Cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, in February, 2018 at Muscat.

Cabinet approves Agreement between India and France

- Agreement signed between India and France in the field of Sustainable Urban Development in March, 2018. The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years.

Cabinet approves Revision in the wage structure and allowances of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS)

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the revision in the wage structure and allowances of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) of the Department of Posts.

Cabinet approves Revised guidelines on time bound closure of sick/ loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the revised guidelines of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on time bound closure of sick/ loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and disposal of movable and immovable assets.

Cabinet approves Continuation of Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications Programme - Phase III

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Modi has given its approval for implementation of Phase-III of Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV (Photo Voltaic) Application Programme to achieve additional 118 MWp(Mega Watt peak) off-grid solar PV capacity by 2020.

Promulgation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018

- The President gave assent to promulgate the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.

DEFENCE

NIMAS expedition team to Mt Everest

- Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman flagged-in the expedition team to Mt. Everest conducted successfully by National Institute for Mountaineering & Allied Sports (NIMAS), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.

IND-INDO CORPAT

- Closing ceremony of the 31st edition of the India – Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) from 06 to 09 Jun 18.

SCHEMES

Atal Bhujal Yojana

- The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6000 crore Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- The scheme aims to improve ground water management in priority areas in the country through community participation.

RANKINGS & INDEXES

‘World’s Highest-Paid Athletes 2018’

- **83rd - India cricket captain Virat Kohli, the only sportsperson from India to be featured in the list.**
- **1-American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather; 2-Argentine footballer Lionel Messi ; 3-Soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo.**

APPOINTMENTS

- **Maria Fernanda Espinosa [Ecuador] – President of UN General Assembly**

Fourth woman elected to head the UN body

APP & WEBPORTAL

Online RTI Portal by ECI

- **Election Commission Of India Launches its online RTI Portal**

SPORTS

Asian junior meet

- **18th Asian junior athletics championships at Gifu, Japan.**