

NATIONAL

Tripura

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the National Highway from Matabari to Sabroom in Udaipur, Tripura.
- “Queen Pineapple” declared as the state fruit of Tripura

Telangana

Final clearance to Kaleswaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP).

- The KCR government’s flagship scheme, Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), got a major boost with the technical advisory committee (TAC) of Union ministry for water resources granting the final clearance. With this, the project has got all the technical clearances.

Kerala

Smallest sea cucumber

- Vizhinjam Bay, a busy fishing ground noted for its biodiversity-rich marine ecosystem, is home to the smallest sea cucumber in India(which grows to a size of just 2 cm,) scientists have reported.

INTERNATIONAL

World first EPR nuclear reactor in China

- A third generation European Pressurised Reactor (EPR) reactor in Taishan, China carried out its first nuclear chain reaction, an initial start up which is a world first for the much-delayed European technology.

SCIENCE

US scientists, ship visiting Goa to boost Indian Ocean studies

- A team of 20 scientists, along with a key vessel of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), are arriving in Goa

marking their expanding cooperation with Indian scientists in the study of the Indian Ocean.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

MPC hikes repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25%

- The monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to hike the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent while maintaining a neutral stance.

Reduction in Maternal Mortality Ratio Since 2013

- India has registered a significant decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) recording a 22-per cent reduction in such deaths since 2013, according to the Sample Registration System (SRS).

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

India and Norway sign MoU to extend health cooperation

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Norway to extend the cooperation within health sector through the Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) for a period of three years starting from 2018 to 2020.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

Accelerate Tobacco-free India campaign

- Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Ashwini Kumar Choubey on Wednesday appealed to make a "Tobacco-free India" and to encourage people to give up tobacco consumption.

Awareness Campaign on Protection of Children in contact with Railways

- Railway Board launches 'Awareness Campaign on Protection of Children in contact with Railways' as a Joint Initiative with National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

UN India Business Forum

- The UN India Business Forum and the Women Entrepreneurial Platform of NITI Aayog formed a consortium to reduce gender disparities in start-up investments by providing mentorship and networking opportunities and accelerating financial and market linkages for women entrepreneurs.

DEFENCE

DAC approves Equipment Acquisition proposals

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, met and accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the Defence Forces valued at over Rs 5500 crore.

RANKINGS & INDEXES

Global Peace Index (GPI)

- 12th edition released by Australia-based Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
- India's rank – 136; Iceland – 1

Sound polluted cities list

- Hyderabad ranks number three in the list of sound polluted metropolitan cities.

AWARDS

International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) 2018 awards ceremony in Bangkok.

- **Lifetime Achievement Award: Anupam Kher**

BCCI awards

- **Polly Umrigar award: Virat Kohli;**
- **Best international cricketer (women): Harmanpreet Kaur**

- **Women's Safety XPRIZE - Indian-American philanthropists Anu and Naveen Jain.**
- A wearable smart device that women can use to send out emergency alerts if threatened or assaulted.

The highest medal given to police personnel by the Telangana State Government

- **Police constable P. Ramulu - Mukhyamantri Sarvonnatha police medal 2018**

SPORTS**Mithali breaches 2000 T20I-run mark**

- Star batswoman Mithali Raj has become the first Indian cricketer and seventh woman to amass 2000 runs in Twenty20 Internationals (T20I).