

IMPORTANT DAYS

12 June - World Day Against Child Labour

- The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it.

NATIONAL

Andhra Pradesh

Farm lands in riverbed face threat of submersion

- Hundreds of acres of fertile land lying in the Penna riverbed in Kovur and Buchireddypalem areas is now facing the threat of submersion as the water storage is expected to rise once the new Nellore barrage is completed in a few months.

Rajasthan

GPS-based technology to help track power supply complaints

- The Rajasthan government on Tuesday launched an initiative through which citizens can monitor the status of their complaints regarding electricity supply. The GPS-based technology also allows citizens to track, on a real-time basis, the teams sent out to restore electricity supply. The technology has been launched in association with Intelenet Global Services.

Kerala

Kerala to introduce new entertainment tax

- Kerala government will soon introduce entertainment tax on films in other languages that are being screened in Kerala, said finance minister TM Thomas Isaac in the assembly.

TamilNadu

TamilNadu's own 'seeraga samba' in line for Geographical Indication tag

- The tiny, but immensely popular and pricey, seeraga samba may well become the first rice variety from Tamil Nadu to get the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The rice variety is named after seeragam, the Tamil name for cumin seeds, since the rice is as fine as the condiment.

Jammu & Kashmir

Rs. 14.30 crore sanctioned for Block level sports in Jammu & Kashmir

- Grants-in-aid amounting to Rs. 14.30 crore (Rupees Fourteen Crore & Thirty Lakh) has been sanctioned for Block level sports in the State of Jammu and Kashmir under the 'Khelo India' Scheme by the Union Sports Ministry, Government of India. An amount of Rs. 10 lakh per Block will be spent under the scheme in all the 143 Blocks of 22 Districts of J&K.

KVIC distributes 2330 Bee-Boxes in Kashmir beating its own record

- KVIC has created a world record of distributing maximum number of bee-boxes in one day. This was achieved by the KVIC in the Zangalee Army area at Kupwara in Kashmir beating its previous best of 1000 bee boxes distributed in Kaziranga forest area among the Mishing tribe on the occasion of World Honey Bee Day. Two thousand three hundred thirty(2330) bee-boxes were distributed among 233 beneficiaries in the Zangalee Army area.

Maharashtra

Capital of rulers who built Ajanta caves unearthed in Nagpur district

- A team of city-based archaeologists from Deccan College have confirmed that the Vakataka dynasty ruled from its capital Nandivardhan, or the present day Nagardhan, a large village discovered near Ramtek taluka in Nagpur district. The place has been of great significance to this dynasty, which ruled between 250 – 550 CE. It is the same dynasty that built the Ajanta caves in Aurangabad.

- Terracotta objects depicting images of gods, animals, humans along with amulets, scotches, wheels, skin rubbers, spindle whorls were discovered.

INTERNATIONAL

Vietnam passes cyber security law despite concerns

- vietnamese legislators have passed a contentious cybersecurity law, which critics say will hurt the economy and further restrict freedom of expression.
- The Communist Party-dominated Assembly passed the law by a majority on June 12. The law requires service providers such as Google and Facebook to store user data in Vietnam, open offices in the country and remove offending contents within 24 hours at the request of authorities.

Malaysia to reopen embassy in North Korea: PM Mahathir

- Malaysia will reopen its embassy in Pyongyang, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has said, suggesting an end to the diplomatic row over the assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's half-brother in Kuala Lumpur last year.

SCIENCE

Transfer of Lithium-ion Cell by ISRO to Indian Industries

- One of the major Centres of ISRO, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), is offering to transfer the in-house developed Li-ion cell technology to competent Indian Industries on non-exclusive basis to establish Li-ion cell production facilities in the country. This initiative is expected to enable Zero Emission Policy of India and accelerate the development of indigenous electric vehicle industry.

Gene editing tool may raise cancer risk in cells

- CRISPR-Cas9, a gene-editing technology that is being explored by scientists worldwide as a way of removing and replacing gene defects might inadvertently increase cancer risk in cells, scientists warned on June 11.

- CRISPR-Cas9 triggers a mechanism designed to protect cells from DNA damage, making gene editing more difficult

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

CSCs to soon offer bank services

- The government will work to enable all 2.9 lakh common service centres (CSCs) in the country to operate as business correspondents of banks, Finance Minister Piyush Goyal said on June 11.
- Business correspondents are retail agents engaged by banks for providing services at locations other than a bank branch or an ATM.

SEBI committee to examine direct overseas listing for Indian companies

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted an expert committee to examine allowing unlisted Indian companies to do a direct equity listing overseas while also allowing overseas companies to list directly on the Indian bourses.

MOU'S, AGREEMENTS&CABINET APPROVALS

Ascension, Unicorn India Ventures join hands to launch EIS fund

- Ascension Ventures, a London-based early-stage venture capital fund, has joined hands with Unicorn India Ventures, a Mumbai-based early stage VC fund, to introduce the first Indo-U.K. enterprise investment scheme (EIS) fund. The fund aims to raise up to £5 million per year, and is expected to announce its first close at £2 million by July-end of this year, according to a joint statement.

Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE) ink pact with U.K.

- Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE) has inked a pact with the U.K.-based Harper Adams University to develop advanced technological, agronomic and educational solutions for the delivery of sustainable food production around the world.

AWARDS

Lumiere Award

- Jane Fonda, an American activist, will be awarded the Lumiere Award for this year in Lyon, France. The Lumiere Festival is the largest international festival of classic cinema. It will be held from 13th October to 21st October 2018.

RANKINGS&INDEXES

Global environment performance index

- India stands today at the bottom of the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings. In 2016, the country had ranked 141 out of 180 countries. In 2018, according to the released State of India's Environment (SoE) 2018 in Figures, it has slipped to the 177th position.

The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey

- Indian firms are the seventh most optimistic employers globally with 17 % bullish about their hiring plans over the next three months, says a survey.
- The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey for July-September period this year that covered 5,110 employers in India, noted that payrolls are expected to remain stable as compared to the last quarter.

APP & WEBPORTAL

New software designed to assess road safety measures

- The Andhra State government developed a new software in association with iNative Solutions Private Limited to assess the reasons accurately and come out with solutions to prevent road accidents.
- APPRSP application will be useful for common people also to know the traffic jams, alerts from the departments and others. SHOs have to fill data relating to accidents in APPRSP by using smart phones

SPORTS**Class 7 Telangana chess whiz is now World No. 1**

- Telangana's Vuppala Praneeth is now World No. 1 in chess in the under-11 category.

Real Madrid name Spain's Julen Lopetegui as coach

- Spain coach Julen Lopetegui will take over as Real Madrid manager on a three-year contract after the World Cup, the European champions said on June 12.