

NATIONAL

Andhra Pradesh

Centre plans to build port in Andhra Pradesh

- Union Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that Centre plans to build a port at Vadarevu in Andhra Pradesh's Prakasam district.

Assam

Assam to get its first transgender judge on July 14

- Assam's first transgender judge Swati Bidhan Roy will begin work at the Lok Adalat, making the northeastern state the third one in the country, after West Bengal and Maharashtra.

Karnataka

1MW solar power plant at Hubballi Carriage Repair Workshop

- Hubballi Carriage Repair workshop has become the first location on Indian Railways where 1 MW power solar rooftop module has been commissioned at a single location other than station.

'Train captains' to ensure seamless on-board services

- The South Western Railway has introduced an integrated approach for delivery of services to passengers on long distance express and mail trains.

Maharashtra

Bombay High Court declines to relax ban on thermocol for Ganesh festival

- Bombay High Court declined to relax the ban on the sale of decoration items made of thermocol for use in the forthcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Maharashtra.

INTERNATIONAL

Portugal parliament approves new gender change law

- The Portuguese parliament approved a law that will allow citizens to change their gender and name from the age of 16 without a medical report showing “identity disruption”.
- Portugal joins Denmark, Malta, Sweden, Ireland and Norway to become “the sixth European country to grant the right to self-determination of transgender identity

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

RBI makes it compulsory to incorporate purchaser’s name on the face of payment instrumentalities

- The Reserve Bank has now made it compulsory to incorporate the purchaser’s name on the face of demand draft, pay order, banker’s cheques and other instruments to address the concerns arising out of the anonymity and to prevent money laundering.

L&T to build ‘tallest’ govt. office building

- Engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has bagged an engineering, procurement and construction project to build Head of Department (HoD) office buildings at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals

- The Ministry of Mines organized the 4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals on 13th July 2018 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

SCHEMES

Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018

- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation launches the Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 (SSG 2018) in the New Delhi. A nationwide survey of rural India to rank the cleanest and dirtiest States and districts on the basis of qualitative and quantitative evaluation.

Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao: MP govt to appoint girls as district Brand Ambassador

- In Madhya Pradesh, in a first of its kind initiative, the state govt will appoint girls as a district Brand Ambassador who have recorded significant achievements in any field under the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao scheme.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Airbus units partner with Indian start-ups

- European aircraft-maker Airbus said its subsidiaries Navblue and Aerial have signed contracts with three Indian start-ups that were accelerated at Airbus Bizlab India.

DEFENCE

Shwet Ashwa Drass Expedition

- Shwet Ashwa, the elite motorcycle display team of the Corps of Military Police, commenced a motor cycle expedition from Bengaluru to Drass on 2nd July 2018 as a tribute to the soldiers who laid down their lives during the Kargil war.

Tall Ship Races – 2018

- INS Tarangini arrived at her seventh port, Sunderland in the UK, during her #Lokayan-18 voyage and also to participate in the prestigious ‘tall ship races - 2018’.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Booklets of NALCO and HCL on ‘Aluminium –the future metal’ and ‘from waste to secondary resources’** - The Minister of Mines, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

APP & WEBPORTAL**NALCO – NAMASYA**

- An app of NALCO – NAMASYA was launched by the Minister of Mines, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

SPORTS**Iniyan gets his final GM norm**

- Fifteen-year-old P.Iniyan secured his third and final Grandmaster norm in the 41 Open International Barbera del Valles chess tournament.