

IMPORTANT DAYS

July 18 - Nelson Mandela International Day

- Nelson Mandela International Day 2018 marks 100 years since the birth of Nelson Mandela (18 July 1918). The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010.

NATIONAL

Andhra Pradesh

Prehistoric rock art found in Madanapalle

- A rare rock art pertaining to the prehistoric period has been found on a boulder in the Noorukuppalakonda reserve forest of Madanapalle revenue division, which opens new vistas for research in the western belt of Chittoor district.

Karnataka

Incubation centre opened at KLE Technological University

- Minister for IT, BT, Science and Technology K.J. George inaugurated the ESDN/VLSI Incubation Centre at KLE Technological University.

Belagavi gets K-TECH Innovation Hub

- Minister for IT/BT and ST, Large and Medium Scale Industries, including Sugar, K.J. George inaugurated K-Tech Innovation Hub (K-TI Hubs) at Hanuman Nagar.

New Delhi

Seven new members take oath in Rajya Sabha

- Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh ideologue Rakesh Sinha, classical dancer Sonal Mansingh and sculptor Raghunath Mohapatra were among the seven new members of Rajya Sabha who took oath of office.

WCD ministry set to move cabinet to make child marriages invalid

- The Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry is set to move the cabinet to make all child marriages invalid. According to a study based on Census 2011, there are 2.3 crore child brides in the country.

Tamilnadu**ASI to upgrade seven monuments in Tamil Nadu**

- The Archaeological Survey of India will upgrade the infrastructural and tourist-friendly facilities at seven sites in Tamil Nadu and work is already on at the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram.
- The Adarsh Monuments proposed to be upgraded by the Ministry of Culture include the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram, Vellore Fort, Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, Kailasanathar Temple in Kancheepuram, Sittannavasal Caves, Gingee Fort and Moovar Koil in Kodumbalur.

INTERNATIONAL**Theresa May narrowly wins key Brexit vote**

- British Prime Minister Theresa May narrowly survived another crunch Brexit vote in Parliament, as she struggles to unify her divided party around her strategy for leaving the European Union.

Mattis, Pompeo to travel to India in September for 2+2

- The first 2+2 dialogue between Defence and Foreign Ministers of India and the U.S. will take place in September first week in New Delhi.

SCIENCE**ISRO's li-ion cell tech has many takers**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) move to transfer indigenous technology for manufacture of lithium-ion battery has received an overwhelming response from industry, according to the space agency.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Google hit with record € 4.34 bn EU fine over ‘illegal’ Android strategy

- The EU had slapped a record € 4.34-billion (\$5.04 billion) antitrust fine on Google for illegally using its Android operating system to strengthen the dominance of its search engine.

RANKINGS & INDEXES

ICC Batsmen ODI rankings

- 1) **Virat Kohli - India**
- 2) **Joe Root - England**
- 3) **Babar Azam - Pakistan**

APPOINTMENTS

- **Additional Director General of Police (CID) Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao** - Vijayawada City Police Commissioner.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Memorandum of Understanding amongst BRICS Nations

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) amongst BRICS Nations on the Regional Aviation Partnership Cooperation viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

MoU between India and Cuba

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Cuba on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.

Special remission for prisoners approved by the Union cabinet

- The Union Cabinet approved the Women and transgender convicts above 55 & male convicts over 60 who have completed half of their prison sentences will be released under an amnesty scheme during the year-long celebrations

to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, beginning October 2.

Cabinet relaxes NELP, pre-NELP pact rules

- The Union Cabinet approved the policy framework to streamline production sharing contracts signed in the pre-New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and NELP periods.

APP & WEBPORTAL

‘Public Library’

- A mobile app, ‘Public Library: Finding community libraries, was launched as a part of the first regional public library conference at the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF).

SPORTS

Neeraj bags javelin gold at French meet

- With a best throw of 85.17m, India’s javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra claimed gold at the Sotteville Athletics meet in France.

Junior Asian wrestling championships

- Viresh Kundo won bronze in the 97kg category at the junior Asian wrestling championships.