

## **NATIONAL**

### **Gujarat**

#### **Remote sensing instrument- LiDAR at Gujarat Coast**

- National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), an autonomous institution under the Ministry has installed a remote sensing instrument- LiDAR for assessment of offshore wind resource at Gulf of Khambat, off the Gujarat Coast.

### **Karnataka**

#### **Inauguration of a new Manufacturing Facility for EVM Production**

- Election Commissioner Shri Sunil Arora Inaugurates a new Manufacturing Facility For EVM Production At Military communication Strategic Business Unit at Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore.
- Braille EPICards were also distributed for the First Time in Karnataka to Visually Impaired Voters.

### **Rajasthan**

#### **Rajasthan Cabinet clears loan guarantee to farmers**

- The Rajasthan Cabinet has decided to take a loan worth Rs.5,000 crore from the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for funding the State government's crop loan waiver scheme for farmers. The Cabinet has also relaxed the two-child norm for government employees.

### **Tamilnadu**

#### **Online bill passing system from October**

- The Commissionerate of Treasuries and Accounts, Government of Tamil Nadu, will be rolling out the Online Bill Passing System and e-SR (service record digitalisation) as a part of the Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System, this October.

**West Bengal****A world class exhibition on four eminent personalities of Bengal**

- A world class exhibition on four eminent personalities of Bengal, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Netaji Subha Chandra Bose, Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee would be organized very soon at National Library in Kolkata at permanent basis.

**New Delhi****National Resource Centres**

- The Government has proposed to set up National Resource Centres (NRCs) to prepare online training material.

**INTERNATIONAL****BRICS news portal soon**

- A decision to establish a BRICS Media Academy and a BRICS news portal were among those taken at the 2018 BRICS Media Forum at Cape Town in South Africa.

**Russia tests new nuclear weapons**

- Russia's military is testing an array of new nuclear and other weapons, from a high-powered laser weapon system to a nuclear-powered cruise missile with "unlimited" range.

**First women to join nuclear-powered fleet crew**

- France has become just the third country to bring women onboard its nuclear-powered subs, which operate much longer and isolated missions than traditional vessels, after the U.S. and Britain.

**SCIENCE****ISRO ropes in three partners to assemble 27 satellites**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has roped in three partners to help it assemble 27 satellites at a quick pace over the next three years.

### **Japanese start-up to deliver ‘meteor showers’ on demand**

- A Japanese start-up developing “shooting stars on demand” says it will be ready to deliver the world’s first artificial meteor shower in a spectacular show over Hiroshima in early 2020.

## **BUSINESS & ECONOMY**

### **RBI to issue new lavender colour smaller Rs.100 note**

- The Reserve Bank of India will issue new Rs.100 notes, which would be smaller in size than the present ones. "The new denomination has Motif of Rani ki Vav on the reverse, depicting the country’s cultural heritage".

### **Mahindra plans to unveil electric autorickshaw**

- Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) plans to unveil its e-autorickshaw by the fourth quarter of this financial year.

### **Canada’s biggest public pension fund to step up investment in India**

- Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) is looking for opportunities to invest in Indian infrastructure, power and real estate projects.

## **SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**

### **NITI Aayog’s Workshop on Empowering Women**

- NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform(WEP) and Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), Office of International Programmes (OIP) University of Delhi, jointly organised a Two-Day International conference on "Empowering Women: Fostering Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Sustainability", on July 16-17, 2018.

## **SCHEMES**

### **“Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan”**

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is running “Ganga VriksharopanAbhiyan” in five main stem Ganga basin states – Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. The drive was launched on the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month, and the week upto 15th July was observed as ‘ShubharambhSaptah’.

## **MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**

### **MoU signed between CSIR-NPL and HPCL**

- CSIR- National Physical laboratory (NPL) has signed a MoU with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for indigenous development of petroleum certified reference materials (CRMs) under trade name of Bhartiya Niredeshak Dravyas (BNDTM).

### **Fugitive offenders Bill passed**

- The Lok Sabha passed the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, which will now replace the Ordinance by the same name promulgated by the President in April.

## **DEFENCE**

### **Annual Aerospace Safety Council Meeting**

- Maintenance Command, Indian Air Force organized its Annual Aerospace Safety Council Meeting on 19 Jul 18 at 7 Base Repair Depot, Air Force Station Tughlakabad.

## **SPORTS**

### **Junior Asian wrestling championships**

- India wins one silver (Divya Kakran) and two bronze medals, (Karuna, Reena) at the junior Asian wrestling championships.