

- The APSRTC introduced **eco-friendly buses** on the **Tirupati-Tirumala ghat** route which adhere to the **BS IV (Bharat Stage IV) emission norms**.
- **The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB)** has now developed the **hi-tech air quality monitoring station** on its premises in **Hebbal**.
- The **Ballari Zilla Panchayat** has taken up several programmes to ensure that the district is declared **open defecation-free by August 15**.
- Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated **Haj Bhavan in Agartala** to pilgrims taking part in the annual Haj pilgrimage in Tripura.
- The **Southern Railways** has transported the **Steam Loco EIR 21**, built in **England** in 1855 and which served the Indian Railways for over five decades, to **Puducherry** for a **maiden heritage** ride sometime next week.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** arrived in **Uganda's capital Kampala** as part of a two-day visit to the country - the first bilateral tour by an Indian prime minister since 1997.
- Using a radar instrument on an orbiting spacecraft, scientists have spotted salt-laden **lake under** ice on the southern polar **plain of Mars**, a body of water they called a **possible habitat for microbial life**.
- It is the first stable body of liquid water ever found on Mars.
- The **physical stability and bioavailability** of a **fixed-dose combination (FDC)** drug containing **four anti-TB medicines rifampicin, isoniazid, pyrazinamide and ethambutol** has been vastly improved from 3-4 days to over 30 days by turning to crystal engineering.
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has proposed **allowing investors to use the unified payments interface (UPI)** while bidding for shares in an initial public offer (IPO) to reduce the public issue timeline.

Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) Report

- **Top State in renewable energy – 1) Karnataka 2) Tamilnadu**
- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment attended the **Global Disability Summit held in London** on 24th July 2018.

- **Invest India** and **Business France** has signed a **MoU to promote investment facilitation and cooperation** between startups of India and France.
- **John Gregory [Chennaiyin FC head coach]** - **ISL Coach of the Year** award
- **Ajay Karthikeyan of Tamil Nadu** was **crowned the champion** in the final round of the **44th National sub-junior (under-15) open chess** at Kolkatta.
- **India's Sanjay Takale** is all set to make his **debut in the FIA World Rally Championship**, Neste Rally Finland.