

**NATIONAL****New Delhi****KVIC Launches Exclusive Western and Ethnic Designer Wear**

- Union Minister of State (I/C) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Giriraj Singh launched Western and Ethnic Designer Wear collections at Khadi Bhawan at Connaught Place, New Delhi.

**Telangana****Sixty Mee Seva centres to dispense cash**

- The Telangana Government is set to introduce the first-of-its-kind Aadhaar-enabled Payment System in Mee Seva centres.

**Kerala****Central fellowship for shadow puppetry artist**

- Puppeteer Rajeev Pulavar has bagged a fellowship from the Union Ministry of Culture to study the bond between the art form and the Bharathapuzha.

**New forensic tool to crack wildlife crime**

- The government is preparing to introduce a new forensic technology to help enforcement agencies crack wildlife crimes and detect food adulteration.

**First woman police battalion ready for service**

- The Kerala Police will soon have an all-woman battalion.

**Meghalaya****2nd Phase of Construction of North East Institute of Ayurveda & Homeopathy**

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Na

- ik laid the foundation stone of the 2nd Phase of Construction of North East Institute of Ayurveda & Homeopathy (NEIAH) at NEIAH Campus, Mawdiangdiang, Shillong.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Indo-Nepal Tourism Forum**

- Indo-Nepal Tourism Forum to be set up for mutual consultation and promotion of tourism.
- Ramayana and Buddhist circuits to be promoted through common branding by India and Nepal.

### **Zimbabwe set for landmark election**

- Voters in Zimbabwe are going to the polls in the country's first election without long-time leader Robert Mugabe's name on the ballot.

## **SCIENCE**

### **Rare bloodgroup 'P null' phenotype Identified**

- A team of doctors, led by Shamee Shastry from the Blood Bank of Kasturba Medical College (KMC) Mangaluru, has identified a rare blood group called "pp" or "P null" phenotype.

### **Mars will be at its closest point to Earth**

- On July 31, Mars will be at its closest point to Earth in 15 years. It will be at a distance of around 57.6 million km from Earth, which is the closest since 2003 when it came within 55.7 million km of Earth.

## **BUSINESS & ECONOMY**

### **Aurobindo Pharma gets USFDA nod for anticoagulant**

- Aurobindo Pharma said it had received final nod from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to manufacture and market Bivalirudin injection, 250 mg/vial.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC)**

- **Surendra Rosha** - Chief Executive Officer for HSBC India
- **Indian American Seema Nanda** - CEO of Democratic party

## **SCHEMES**

### **Swachh Bharat Internship**

- Government of India launched a “Swachh Bharat Summer Internship- 100 hours of Swachhta” programme for the students of Universities and Higher Education Institutions.
- The students are to devote approximately 100 hours conducting Swachhta-related activities in villages selected by them and approved by their parent institution.

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

### **LS passes Bill on rape of girls**

- The Lok Sabha passed the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018, that provides for the death sentence for raping a girl under 12 years and enhances the minimum punishment for rape of a woman from seven to 10 years.

## **DEFENCE**

### **Private sector participation in domestic defence manufacturing**

- In a major step towards boosting private sector participation in domestic defence manufacturing, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the implementation of Strategic Partnership guidelines.

## **AWARDS**

### **3rd BRICS Film Festival**

**Awards won by Indian films in the 3rd BRICS Film Festival, Durban, South Africa**

- **Best Actress:** Bhanita Das, Village Rockstars
- **Best Film:** Newton by Amit Masurkar
- **Special Jury Award:** Village Rockstars by Rima Das

## **SPORTS**

### **Johnson wins Canadian Open Golf**

- Johnson wins Canadian Open Golf & this was the 19th title of his career.

### **ICC congratulates England on their 1000th Test**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has congratulated the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) as their men's team prepares for the 1000th Test match beginning at Edgbaston against India.

### **Smriti equals fastest T20 half-century**

- India's star batswoman Smriti Mandhana equalled the record for the fastest half-century off 18 balls in women's T20 cricket during a Kia Super League.

### **Isner wins fifth Atlanta Tennis title**

- John Isner won the Atlanta Open Tennis beating Ryan Harrison for the fifth time.