

- **The world population day celebrated on 11th July 2018** is a United Nations Initiative to raise the awareness of increasing population day to day. **The theme for 2018 is “Family Planning is Human Right”.**
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, will inaugurate **the new Headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), at Tilak Marg in New Delhi** on July 12, 2018.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, which was entrusted with the task, has now launched the **“Technology Challenge: Identifying solutions for cleaning of Sewerage Systems and Septic Tanks”.**
- The long-awaited **Anna Canteens offering subsidised food for the poor were launched in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across Andhra Pradesh.**
- **The Startup India Yatra van will travel to 10 cities of Madhya Pradesh, starting from the capital Bhopal,** to spread awareness about Startup India and Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy.
- **Jack Fest - 2018, the second edition of the International Jackfruit Festival,** organised jointly by the **Department of Agriculture and the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), began at the Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS)** at Ambalavayal in Wayanad district.
- **The Sri Lankan Cabinet** has unanimously approved a move to **bring back capital punishment for drug-related crimes.**
- The mycological laboratory of the Department of Botany, **Goa University reported the discovery of a new pigment from local wild mushrooms.**
- **Tata Motors said its much-awaited compact sports utility vehicle (SUV) will be called ‘Harrier’,** which is being developed in collaboration with its marque British arm Jaguar Land Rover. The commercial launch will take place in the first quarter of 2019.
- **Aurobindo Pharma** has received final **approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to manufacture Azithromycin tablets 250 mg and 500 mg.**
- One of the Hottest Biodiversity Hotspots and UNESCO World Heritage site, **the Western Ghats has come fourth in the list of the Lonely Planet’s Destination List.**
- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan led the **Indian Delegation and delivered a speech at the opening/plenary session of the 3rd Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) convened by the UNCTAD in Geneva.**
- **16th Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Asia (WGIA16) was inaugurated in New Delhi.**
- The Ministers of **UK and INDIA signed a MoU for enhancing bilateral cooperation in legal affairs which, inter alia, provides a framework for promoting greater co-operation between the judicial and legal professionals in both countries through**

exchange of expertise and training; exchanging information regarding current issues of international significance.

- **Ace Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar, who bagged the gold medal in the women's vault event at the Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup** in Mersin in Turkey on Sunday, is likely to become the brand ambassador of Tripura.
- **India bagged three silver medals and a bronze** to finish joint **third with Iran in the Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament Stage 3 in Taipei.**
- **Home Ministry has cleared for participation of Pakistani grapplers at the Asian Junior Championship** after Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) agreed to give an undertaking that the movement of the contingent from the neighbouring nation will be restricted to the competition venue.