

NATIONAL

Kerala

Sampushta Keralam, will be launched on October 15, World Food Day

- Kerala will launch a national nutrition mission with the specific aims of improving nutrition, preventing obesity, and promoting breastfeeding in the State.

Karnataka

Five research centres coming up at AIISH

- Five exclusive research centres coming up on the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) Mysuru campus to boost research in the areas of communication and its disorders.

Rajasthan

Rajasthan government approves setting up of 55 POCSO courts

- Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje approved a proposal to set up 55 courts under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in the state.

Tamilnadu

‘Red Fort’ at Madras Medical College to reopen as museum

- The 121-year-old heritage building, which is currently being restored to its old glory, will soon turn into a museum.

INTERNATIONAL

Zimbabwe election result

- Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party has won the majority seats in parliament.

UAE launches amnesty scheme for overstayers

- The UAE launched a landmark three-month visa amnesty programme that will benefit hundreds of illegal foreign workers, including Indians, who are overstaying their permits.

RANKINGS & INDEXES

‘State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index’

- **Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, and Rajasthan** - ‘Front Runner’ states

APPOINTMENTS

- **Kumar Mangalam Birla, Y.C. Deveshwar** - Non-official directors in Air India

SCHEMES

Seva Bhoj Yojna’

- The Ministry of Culture, Government of India has launched the new scheme namely Seva Bhoj Yojna.
- Scheme seeks to reimburse Central Share of CGST and IGST on Food/Prasad/Langar/Bhandara offered by Religious/ Charitable Institutions’

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Extension of Concessional Financing Scheme (CFS) to support Indian Entities

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the first extension of Concessional Financing Scheme(CFS) to support Indian Entities bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad.

Re-structuring of the Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB)

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for restructuring of Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB).

Policy Framework for exploration and exploitation of Unconventional Hydrocarbons

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the policy to permit exploration and exploitation of unconventional hydrocarbons such as Shale oil/gas, Coal Bed Methane (CBM) etc.

Issue of fresh equity to the extent of 15% of the paid up equity capital by Hindustan Copper Limited

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for issue of fresh equity shares to the extent of 15% of paid up equity capital efface value of Rs. 5/- each by Hindustan Copper Limited(HCL) through the Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) route as per SEBI and other applicable guidelines.

Interest Free Loan equivalent to interest during construction component to fertilizer revival projects

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of Department of Fertilizers to grant Interest Free Loan (IFL) equivalent to the interest during construction (IDC) component of Rs.422.28 crore, 415.77 crore and 419.77 crore for Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni projects respectively to Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL) fertilizer projects.

AWARDS

- **K. Anvar Sadath, vice chairman and executive director of the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE)** - International Contributions Award given by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), USA.

Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2013-2017

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, presented the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2013-2017 in New Delhi.

- **Smt Najma Heptulla, Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Shri Dinesh Trivedi and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.**

APP & WEBPORTAL**IWAI launches Dedicated Portal for Cargo Owners and Shippers**

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) launched a dedicated portal to connect cargo owners and shippers with real time data on availability of vessels.

GI logo, tagline launched

- Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu launched a logo and tagline for Geographical Indications (GI) to increase awareness about intellectual property rights (IPRs) in the country.

SPORTS**Cricket**

- West Indies beat Bangladesh by 7 wickets in 1st T20

Football

- Manchester United beat Real Madrid 2-1