

NATIONAL**New Delhi****Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates NDMC Smart City projects**

- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated a slew of Smart City projects undertaken by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) will help New Delhi emerge as a world class city.

Uttar Pradesh**Inaugurates 20 Ghats in Kanpur and Bithoor**

- Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 20 newly constructed/ restored Ghats on river Ganga in Kanpur and Bithoor.

Chhattisgarh**Right to Skills' Development to youth'**

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh said that his state is the first among the 28 other states in the country to provide Right to Skills' Development to the youth.

Karnataka**Fall Armyworm infestation spreading across Karnataka**

- The infestation of Fall Armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*), an invasive agricultural pest that was first noticed in Shivamogga district in May this year, is spreading at an alarming pace in Karnataka.

SCIENCE**Amazon droughts reducing forest's CO₂ absorption**

- A single season of drought in the Amazon rainforest can reduce its capacity to absorb carbon dioxide for years after the rains return, a NASA study has found.

RANKINGS & INDEXES**India's most patriotic brand Survey**

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Tata Motors
- 3) Patanjali
- 4) Reliance Jio

List of India's wealthiest women

- 1) **Smitha V. Crishna** - a third-generation heir of the Godrej family
- 2) **Roshni Nadar** - CEO and executive director at HCL
- 3) **Indu Jain** - The chairperson of the Times Group

Ease of Living Index - An initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

- 1) Pune
- 2) Navi Mumbai
- 3) Greater Mumbai
- 4) Tirupathi

Report on Station Cleanliness conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI)**A1 category stations (out of 75)**

- 1) Jodhpur/North-Western Railway
- 2) Jaipur/North-Western Railway
- 3) Tirupati/South-Central Railway

A category stations (out of a total of 332)

- 1) Marwar/North Western Railway
- 2) Phulera/North -Western Railway
- 3) Warangal/South-Central Railway

Zonal Railway rankings are:

- 1) North Western Railway
- 2) South Central Railway
- 3) East Coast Railway

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**INTACH to showcase heritage of Indian sari**

- The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) will organise a two-day exhibition on the heritage of Indian sari, Dhage ki Dharohar, as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Smt. Justice Manjula Chellur** - Chairperson of Appellate Tribunal for Electricity
- **Basavaraju, Lakshmi Aparna Sreekumar & Sandhya Rajan** - Three new members join the board of India Cements Ltd.

SCHEMES

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

- Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur will be inaugurating the project "Development of North East Circuit: Imphal & Khongjom" first project implemented under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

DEFENCE

DAC Approves Procurement of Six NGOPVs

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman met and accorded approval for the procurement of six indigenously designed and manufactured Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) for the Indian Navy at an approximate cost of Rs. 4941 crore.

INS Sahyadri visits Suva, Fiji

- To further strengthen our strong bilateral relations with Fiji, an Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri entered Port of Suva Republic of Fiji after participation in the RIMPAC 2018 at Hawaii.

AWARDS

- **Sunishka Kartik** - Community Award in the Junior NBA World Basketball Championship
- **Annie Zaidi for her play Untitled-1**- The Hindu Playwright Award 2018

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Nirmalya** - Chandrashekar Bhandari on the life of the former RSS worker, Na. Krishnappa

APP & WEBPORTAL

Swachh Manch

- The web-based platform will allow stakeholders to create/invite/participate in volunteering opportunities around neighborhoods to the cause of 'swachhata'.

SPORTS

India-A clinches series

- India-A clinched the two-match 'Test' series against South Africa-A 1-0

Vaishali is Woman Grandmaster

- Seventeen-year-old R. Vaishali, elder sister of R. Praggnanandhaa, became a Woman Grandmaster, completing her final norm in the Riga Technical University Open chess tournament in Riga, Latvia.

Lionel Messi won his 33rd title with Barcelona

- Barcelona beat Sevilla 2-1 in the Spanish Super Cup as Messi overtook Andres Iniesta, who had 32 titles.

Golf PGA Chamionship

- Brooks Koepka won the 100th PGA Championship beating Tiger Woods.