

NATIONAL**Tamilnadu****T.N. to harness rooftops for solar energy**

- Tamil Nadu government is planning a massive solar energy programme through setting up of grid-connected rooftop solar panels in government buildings.

INTERNATIONAL**UAE formed an emergency committee to help Kerala flood victims**

- The United Arab Emirates has formed an emergency committee under the leadership of the Emirates Red Crescent to help victims of the floods in Kerala.

Saudi Arabia prepares for the annual Muslim hajj pilgrimage

- Saudi Arabia is preparing to host the annual hajj pilgrimage beginning, as over 1.6 million Muslim faithful from abroad have arrived in the ultraconservative kingdom.

Kofi Annan dies at 80

- Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of United Nation, dies at 80

Imran Khan seeks British PM May's help

- Imran Khan has sought UK's help to combat the menace of money laundering during a conversation with his British counterpart Theresa May.

SCIENCE**99-million-year-old beetle discovered**

- Scientists have discovered a beetle trapped in amber that dates back to 99 million years, a finding that may help better understand the relationship between ancient flowering plants and pollinators.

JNCASR developed a new, robust form of gold

- Researchers from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, have developed a new type of gold in the form of very small crystals, microcrystallites.

Helium turns 150 on August 18, 2018

- On August 18, in 1868, helium was discovered by astronomers studying the sun during a total solar eclipse. The site of this discovery was none other than the Andhra coast. It is the only element to have been seen in the sun before it was known to exist on earth.

Complex wheat genome decoded

- In a major scientific breakthrough, international team of scientists including 18 Indian scientists decodes complex wheat genome.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

PFRDA sets up panel on cyber safety

- Pension Fund and Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) has set up a standing committee to suggest steps to deal with cybersecurity challenges to protect the interest of subscribers.

Aditya Birla to unveil linen-based fabric brand

- Aditya Birla (AB) Group entity Jaya Shree Textiles is planning to unveil a range of linen-blended fabrics under a new brand name, Mazury, complementing its offering of linen-blended apparels under the Cavallo brand.

APPOINTMENTS

- Mr. S.S. Mundra [Former Deputy Governor of the RBI] - **Independent director of Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBHFL).**

DEFENCE

Exercise Pitch Black 2018

- Exercise Pitch Black a biennial multi-national large force employment warfare exercise was hosted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) from 24 Jul 18 to 18 Aug 18 in Darwin, Australia.

Anti-Tank Guided Missile ‘HELINA’ & SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon)

- Indigenously developed Helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile ‘HELINA’ and SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon) guided bombs were successfully flight tested.

India building new fighter jet

- The Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), India’s next indigenous fighter, is expected to make its first flight by 2032.

Indo – Thailand Joint Exercise Maitree 2018

- Exercise Maitree 2018, culminated on 19 August 2018 is an annual event designed to strengthen the partnership between Royal Thai Army and Indian Army and the exercise commenced on 06 August 2018 in Thailand.

SPORTS

Asian Games 2018

- The 18th Asian Games, the biggest multi-sport event after the Olympics, begins in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia.

- **Wrestler Bajrang** wins India's **first gold medal** in the 65kg freestyle wrestling competition at **Asian Games 2018**.

Bronze in rifle mixed team

- India opened its account in the 18th Asian Games with a bronze medal after Apurvi Chandela and Ravi Kumar cracked under pressure to finish third in the rifle mixed team shooting event.

Comfortable win for Raghul

- Raghul Rangasamy won the first race of the MRF F1600 class in the fourth round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Racing Championship at the MMRT.

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