

- The Centre has prepared a **draft policy** proposing **compulsory genetic screening of all pregnant women** to **prevent inherited disorders** such as thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia.
- **The State can stop government doctors from taking voluntary retirement in public interest**, the Supreme Court has ruled. The **fundamental right to retire is not above the right to save lives in a country**.
- **The None of The Above (NOTA)** option will **not be available for elected MPs and MLAs voting in the Rajya Sabha** polls anymore, with the Supreme Court quashing an Election Commission notification
- **The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)** has emerged as the **second fastest growing airport in the world** in the first half of 2018 in terms of actual growth in number of passengers.
- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**, a subsidiary of Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd., has announced the **nationwide rollout of overdraft (OD) facility for micro and small enterprise (MSE) customers**.
- **India has sought re-negotiation of the natural gas price** it is to source through a proposed \$10 billion **Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline** due to slump in global energy markets.
- Tathagata Roy – **Meghalaya Governor**
- Lalji Tandon – **Bihar Governor**
- Ganga Prasad – **Sikkim Governor**
- Kaptan Singh Solanki – **Tripura Governor**
- Satyadev Narayan Arya – **Haryana Governor**
- Baby Rani Maurya – **Uttarakhand Governor**
- **The West Bengal government has signed pacts with BSE and NSE to raise awareness among the State's MSMEs** to tap the capital market as an alternate funding source.
- **Mangalore University's Centre for Advanced Research in Environmental Radioactivity (CARER)** recently **signed a MoU** with

**National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Japan**, for research collaboration on various aspects of radiation protection and radio-ecology.

- **David Beckham** (Former England Football captain) - **Uefa President's Award** [for his contribution to football and promoting the sport in "every corner of the planet"]

### **Asian Games 2018**

- **Naorem Roshibini Devi, Santosh Kumar, Surya Bhanu Partap Singh and Narender Grewal** won **bronze** medals in **wushu**.
- **Rahi Sarnobat** became the **first Indian woman shooter** to win **gold** at the **Asian Games** in **25m air pistol** event.
- **Indian men's hockey** team recorded its **biggest ever win** in international hockey by annihilating **Hong Kong China 26-0** in Asian Games.
- **India won the third test against England** by 203 runs. India trail England **1-2** in the five match series.

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