

NATIONAL**New Delhi****Compulsory genetic screening of pregnant women to curb genetic disorders**

- 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, along with putting in place advanced facilities for comprehensive care of such patients.

‘State can stop voluntary retirement of doctors’

- 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.

NOTA can't be permitted in Rajya Sabha polls

- 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

Karnataka**Second fastest growing airport in world**

- 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.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**Ujjivan offers overdraft for micro, small firms**

- 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 seeks revision in price of gas via TAPI line

- 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.

APPOINTMENTS

- 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**

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Bengal inks pact with BSE, NSE to help SME's

- 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.

MU inks pact with Japanese institute

- Mangalore University's Centre for Advanced Research in Environmental Radioactivity (CARER) recently signed a memorandum of understanding with National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Japan, for research collaboration on various aspects of radiation protection and radio-ecology.

AWARDS

- 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"]

SPORTS**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 pull back to win third Test by 203 runs

- India won the third test against England by 203 runs. India trail England 1-2 in the five match series.

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