

## **NATIONAL**

### **Rajasthan**

- “The Walled City of Jaipur, Rajasthan, India” is the next proposed site for UNESCO World Heritage recognition.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **New Zealand to remove ‘sexist’ road signs**

- New Zealand’s transport authority said it would adopt gender-neutral signs.

## **SCIENCE**

### **NBRC researchers decipher how Zika virus causes microcephaly**

- National Brain Research Centre-led team of researchers has successfully identified the molecular and cellular mechanisms by which Zika virus causes microcephaly.

## **BUSINESS & ECONOMY**

### **Symantec opens Security Operations Centre**

- Cybersecurity firm Symantec Corporation has opened a Security Operations Center (SOC) in Chennai.

### **Centre imposes 25% safeguard duty on import of solar cells**

- The Centre issued a notification putting into effect a safeguard duty of 25% on import of solar cells from China and Malaysia between July 30, 2018, and July 29, 2019.

## **RANKINGS & INDEXES**

### **Most valued company status in m-cap**

- Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) regained its status as the country’s most valued firm by market capitalisation (m-cap), replacing Tata Group’s Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) from the top slot.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Vijay Thakur Singh** - Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (East)

## **SCHEMES**

### **“Awareness-Cum-Health Camp for Safai Karamcharis of NDMC”**

- National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) in collaboration with the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC), organised an Awareness-cum-Health Camp for Safai Karamcharis of NDMC in New Delhi.

## **Swachhta Pakhwada**

- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG), Oil & Gas CPSEs celebrated Swachhta Pakhwada fortnight with full zeal and enthusiasm from 01<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
- Main Theme - “Innovation” and “Sustainability”.

## **MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**

### **Health Ministry signs MoU with MeitY**

- Health Ministry signs MoU with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to facilitate access of Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) to the last mile.

## **DEFENCE**

### **STA-1 status to India from U.S.**

- India has welcomed the decision of the U.S. government to grant it the status of a trading partner equivalent to its closest allies in the NATO. This decision is likely to boost India’s defence trade with the U.S.

## **AWARDS**

- **Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi** - Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award for promoting communal harmony and peace.

## **APP & WEBPORTAL**

### **e-Aksharayan Software**

- The Indian government has launched e-Aksharayan, a desktop software for converting any scanned or printed Indian language documents into fully editable text.

## **SPORTS**

### **Two Indians in a World Golf Championships field for first time**

- Anirban Lahiri and Shubhankar Sharma's presence will make it the first time two Indians feature in the same WGC Championships.