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#### **NATIONAL**

#### **Andhra Pradesh**

### Tirupati set to emerge as a health hub

• Stone laid for Sri Venkateswara Institute of Cancer Care and Advanced Research (SVICCAR), a joint venture of Tata Trusts, TTD in Tirupati.

## **Inauguration of Apollo Knowledge City**

 Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the first phase of the Apollo Knowledge City on the premises of the Apollo Medical College in Chittoor.

#### Kerala

## Air Traffic Services established in Kannur airport

• The Airports Authority of India (AAI) established Air Traffic Services at the Kannur international airport to help calibrate the latest generation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) procured from Norway to guide aircraft to precision landing.

#### Jammu & Kashmir

## India invites Pakistan experts to hydroelectric project sites in J&K

• India has invited Pakistan to visit sites of the Pakal Dul and Lower Kalnal hydroelectric projects on the Chenab.

#### Odisha

# **Inauguration of National Skill Training Institute**

• First-ever National Skill Training Institute(NSTI)'s Mancheswar Campus, Bhubaneswar was inaugurated by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of

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Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

#### **SCIENCE**

### Researchers feed seaweed to dairy cows to reduce emissions

• University of California researchers are feeding seaweed to dairy cows in an attempt to reduce methane emissions & make cattle more climate-friendly.

#### **BUSINESS & ECONOMY**

## **Telecom panel okays National Trust Centre**

• The Telecom Commission said a National Trust Centre would be created for certifying devices and applications for machine-to-machine communication, a new-age technology that is at the heart of concepts like smart homes.

## Indian economy records 8.2% growth in first quarter of 2018-19

• The growth cemented India's position as the fastest growing major economy, clocking higher expansion rate than China's 6.7 in the same quarter.

#### Census 2021 to collect data on OBCs

• Census 2021 will for the first time collect data on Other Backward Classes (OBC).

#### **SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**

## 7th Meeting of National Medicinal Plants Board

• The Seventh meeting of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) of Ministry of AYUSH was held under the chairpersonship of Minister of State for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik at New Delhi.

## India Pavilion at the Food and Drink Technology Africa 2018 trade show

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• Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) is setting up India Pavilion at the Food and Drink Technology Africa 2018 trade show being organized at Johannesburg, South Africa to promote India's trade related to food and beverages industry globally and with special focus on Africa.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

• Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan - CEO Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vedanta Resources Plc. (Vedanta)

#### **AWARDS**

• Ramon Magsaysay award [Asia's Nobel Prize] - Two Indian nationals, Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk

#### **SPORTS**

## Asian Games 2018

- India clinched three medals in sailing with Varsha Gautham and Sweta Shervegar won silver in the women's event; Harshita Tomar won bronze and Varun Thakkar and K.C. Ganapathy won bronze.
- Sourav Ghosal won bronze in the men's squash.
- Vikas Krishan won bronze in the boxing.
- India women won silver in hockey



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