

NATIONAL**Gujarat****Unique Ro-Pax ferry service launched**

- In Gujarat, an unique Ro-Pax ferry service between Ghogha and Dahej was launched by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

First Mega Food Park in Surat

- Union Minister Smt Harsimrat Badal inaugurates Gujarat's first Mega Food Park in Surat; says 2nd Park in Mehsana sanctioned.

New Delhi**Delhi records its worst air quality of this season**

- Delhi recorded its worst air quality of this season today as a thick haze engulfed the national capital which continued to grapple with deteriorating air quality.
- Overall Air Quality Index of the national capital was recorded at 381 which falls in the very poor category, the highest of this season and just points below severe pollution level.

West Bengal**First container movement on inland waterways**

- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) will transport container cargo belonging to the food and beverage giant PepsiCo (India) from Kolkata to Varanasi on river Ganga (National Waterway-1).
- This would be the country's first container movement on inland vessel post-independence.

INTERNATIONAL**Foreign workers in Qatar can now leave country without prior permission from employers**

- In Qatar, the long-awaited reform of controversial foreign workers exit visa system came into force.
- Under the new law, all but five per cent of a company's workforce, except those in most senior positions, can leave without prior permission from employers.

SCIENCE**Emission testing Facility**

- Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan said an Emission testing Facility has been established at CSIR-NEERI and extensive training is in progress for conventional and green crackers for monitoring the emissions and sound.

SWAS, SAFAL and STAR

- CSIR scientists have developed Less Polluting Firecrackers which are not only environment friendly but 15-20 % cheaper than the conventional ones.
- These crackers have been named as safe water releaser (SWAS), safe minimal aluminium (SAFAL) and safe thermite cracker (STAR).

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**Conference on Innovation in Cyberspace, Cyber Security Challenges & Innovations**

- Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO organised a day-long conference on “CCTNS--Good practices and Success Stories” organised by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) in New Delhi.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Jair Bolsonaro - Wins Brazil Presidential elections**
- **Michael D Higgins - Re-elected as Irish president for second term**
- **Justice A.S. Bopanna - New Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court**

SCHEMES**AMRUT scheme**

- The Assam government will provide drinking water facilities to urban households of the state using Brahmaputra river as the main source, under the AMRUT scheme.

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**India, Japan sign six agreements**

- India and Japan have signed six agreements and made two key announcements on defence and development projects, following the 13th Annual Bilateral Summit led by Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Shinzo Abe in Tokyo.

SPORTS**Asian Champions Trophy**

- India & Pakistan declared joint winners of Asian Champions Trophy in Oman after rain washes off summit clash.

India's new number one doubles player

- Divij Sharan became India's new number one doubles player, overtaking veteran Rohan Bopanna by moving to 38 in the latest ATP Tennis rankings.

Valencia race

- Kenyan distance runner Abraham Kiptum won the Valencia race, setting a new world best time of 58mins 18sec for the half-marathon.

Panasonic Open India Golf

- Indian golfer Khalin Joshi clinches Panasonic Open India title at Delhi Golf Club.

ITTF Challenge Belgium Open

- Indian table tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee has won a silver medal in the under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open.

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