

**NATIONAL****Gujarat****Foundation stone of Railway Station at Kevadia**

- President Ramnath Kovind today laid the foundation stone of new ultra modern Railway Station at Kevadia in Narmada district of Gujarat. The station will connect the Statue of Unity project to the rest of India through broad gauge railway line.

**INTERNATIONAL****Mahinda Rajapaksa resigns as Sri Lankan PM**

- In Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned from the post of Prime minister.

**Trump names budget director as acting chief of staff**

- US President Donald Trump has named budget director Mick Mulvaney as the acting chief of staff.

**Nigerian military lifts ban on UNICEF operations**

- The Nigerian military has lifted a ban on UNICEF operations in the ravaged northeast.
- Earlier it had suspended the aid agency and accusing it of training spies supporting Boko Haram jihadists.
- The Nigerian army has accused UNICEF of 'aiding Boko Haram'

**BUSINESS & ECONOMY****Oil prices slip after China reports slower economic growth**

- Oil prices slipped after China reported slower economic growth, pointing to lower fuel demand in the world's biggest oil importer.

## **PSU Banks recover Rs 2.33 lakh cr worth of bad loans during 4 years**

- Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla informed Parliament that Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have recovered 2.33 lakh crore rupees worth of bad loans during the four years from financial year 2014-15 to fiscal 2017-18.

## **SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**

### **91st Annual General Meeting of FICCI**

- Electronics and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad today said India will become a trillion dollar digital economy in the next two to three years. Mr Prasad was addressing the 91st Annual General Meeting of FICCI.

### **India-China High Level Mechanism 1st meet**

- The first meeting of the newly constituted India-China High Level Mechanism on Cultural and People-to-People Exchanges will be held on 21st of this month.

### **First National Workshop on Explosives Detection**

- The first National Workshop on Explosives Detection was inaugurated at High Energy Materials Research Laboratory Pune.

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

### **India, France agree to fight terrorism jointly**

- India and France have agreed on deepening their strategic partnership through cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, civil nuclear, defence and security, space, trade and economic sectors.

## **AWARDS**

- English writer Amitav Ghosh has been honoured with this year's **Jnanpith Award**.

## 3rd edition of Women Transforming India awards 2018

- NITI Aayog is organising the third edition of the Women Transforming India Awards 2018 tomorrow. The event will also mark launching of the upgraded portal of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP).
- 2018 theme is “**Women and Entrepreneurship**”

## SPORTS

### Badminton World Tour Finals

- PV Sindhu has stormed into the summit clash of Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour Finals at Guangzhou in China.

### Hockey World Cup

- Belgium to take on England in the first semi-final of Men's Hockey World Cup.

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