

NATIONAL**Arunachal Pradesh****Gadkari lays foundation for several NH projects**

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari laid foundation stones for several national highway projects at Roing in Lower Dibang Valley District. He also inaugurated two bridges over the Lohit and Dibang River.

Maharashtra**Rs 150 cr relief to onion growers**

- The Maharashtra cabinet approved an ex-gratia payment of Rs.200 per quintal rate for onions sold between November 1 to December 15.
- Rs 150 crore compensation comes as a big relief to the onion producing farmers who had to sell their produce at low prices.

New Delhi**Fog Safety Devices**

- Fog PASS Device is a Global Positioning System (GPS) based hand held portable device which serves as an aid for the crew during foggy weather through audio visual alarm, whenever any landmark comes within the Geo-fence range.

INTERNATIONAL**UN Security Council to vote on sending observers to Yemen**

- The United Nations Security Council will vote to endorse the ceasefire agreed by the warring parties in Yemen's Hodeidah region and authorise an advance UN team to begin monitoring the deal.

U.S. plans to withdraw troops from Afghanistan

- President Donald Trump is planning to withdraw more than 5,000 of the 14,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

SCIENCE**3 astronauts return from International Space Station**

- Three astronauts returned to Earth after more than six months aboard the International Space Station. A Russian Soyuz capsule with NASA's Serena Aunon-Chancellor, Russian Sergey Prokopyev and German astronaut Alexander Gerst of the European Space Agency landed on the snow-covered steppes in Kazakhstan.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**Panel to look into tax issues faced by startups**

- The government has decided to set up an expert committee to look into all the taxation issues being faced by startups and angel investors.

RANKINGS & INDEXES**World Badminton Rankings**

- PV Sindhu has climbed 3 spots to Number 3 in the latest world badminton rankings.

SDG India Index - Baseline Report 2018

- NITI Aayog to release the Sustainable Development Goal, SDG India Index: Baseline Report 2018 in New Delhi. The SDGs, which came into being in September 2015, are in the Third year of global implementation.

APPOINTMENTS

- WV Raman - **India women's team coach**

SCHEMES

CNG Queue Management System (QMS) and Social CRM of IGL

- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched various Digital Customer initiatives of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL). These included CNG Queue Management System (QMS) and Social CRM. CNG operated buses will be launched on green corridors soon.

Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres

- Under National Health Mission (NHM) 1151 NRCs have been established all across the country to provide facility based care for children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and medical complications.

Kala Utsav

- Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Government to promote artistic talent among secondary school students from all over the country in the field of Dance, Music, Theater and Visual Arts & Crafts through competitions.

SPORTS

BCCI to expand ACU

- The BCCI is all set to expand its Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU).

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