

**NATIONAL****Punjab****Government Job to all medal winners from Punjab in Khelo India Games**

- Punjab Government will give Government Job to all Medal winners from Punjab in Khelo India Youth Games.

**Tamil Nadu****TN Defence Industrial Corridor launched**

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a series of projects as a part of the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor in Tiruchirppalli.

**Uttarakhand****Air services from Dehradun to Amritsar**

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat flagged off the air services from Dehradun to Amritsar from Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun.

**INTERNATIONAL****China population growth continued to slow in 2018**

- China's population rose by 15.23 million people in 2018, marking a continued decrease in the growth rate of the world's most populous nation.
- India, the world's second most populous nation, has also been experiencing slower population growth with 1.362 billion.

**Nepal's central bank bans use of Indian currency notes**

- Nepal's central bank has banned the use of Indian currency notes of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations. Under the new regulation issued, Nepali citizens cannot carry these denominations to countries other than India.

**World Capital of Architecture for 2020**

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has announced that the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro will be the World Capital of Architecture for 2020.
- The city will host the World Congress of UIA, in July 2020, an event that occurs every three years.

**SCIENCE****US Spy satellite launched**

- A US spy satellite has been launched into orbit from California.
- A powerful Delta 4 Heavy rocket carrying the National Reconnaissance Office satellite blasted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base.

**RANKINGS & INDEXES****Global consultancy firm PwC report**

- India is likely to surpass the United Kingdom in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019, to become world's fifth largest economy, according to a report by global consultancy firm PwC.
- 1) US was the world's largest economy with a size of 19.39 trillion dollars 2) China at 12.23 trillion dollars at the second place in 2017

**SUMMITS & CONFERENCES****World Economic Forum annual meet**

- The World Economic Forum, WEF, annual meet will begin in Davos.
- Theme of the event would be 'Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution'

**APPOINTMENTS**

- Felix Tshisekedi – **Congo's President**

- Andry Rajoelina - **President of Madagascar**

## **SPORTS**

### **Australian Open**

- Serena Williams, seeded 16th, knocked World No.1 Simona Halep out of the Australian Open in the women's singles after winning the match 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 in Melbourne.
- Rafael Nadal reaches quarter-final.

### **Tata Steel Chess**

- Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand scored a crushing victory over Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the eighth round to share the lead with Norway's Magnus Carlsen in the Tata Steel Chess tournament in Netherlands.

### **Mumbai Marathon**

- Cosmas Lagat of Kenya and Worknesh Alemu of Ethiopia won the men's and women's crowns in the Tata Mumbai Marathon in Mumbai.

### **Khelo India Youth Games**

- The Khelo India Youth Games concluded in Pune with the hosts Maharashtra walking away with the overall trophy.
- Maharashtra finish top with 228 medals. Haryana second with 178 medals, and Delhi third with 136 medals.

### **International Tennis Federation's tournament**

- India's Ankita Raina has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.

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