

NATIONAL**Western Railway announces launch of two new express trains**

- The Western Railway (WR) announced the launch of two new express trains, one from Mumbai's suburb of Bandra to Bhusaval in North Maharashtra and the other linking Madhya Pradesh's commercial hub of Indore to the temple town of Khajuraho.

Maharashtra**PM inaugurates several development projects in Maharashtra**

- Prime Minister inaugurated various development projects in Pandharkawda in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra. Speaking on the Pradhan Mantri Kissan Samman Nidhi which was announced in this year's Union Budget, the Prime Minister said that as many as 1.5 crore farmers will be benefitted with the scheme in Maharashtra
- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Eklavya Model Residential School of Nanded for tribal students. He also handed over the keys of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) to the beneficiaries
- The Prime Minister then flagged-off 'Humsafar Express' connecting Ajni (Nagpur)-Pune Train service through video link. He also distributed certificates and cheques under the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission to women Self-Help Groups.

Bihar**PM Modi to lay foundation stone of sewerage infrastructure in Bihar**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of sewerage infrastructure in four towns of Bihar as part of Nirmal Ganga Programme. These include Karmalichak (Patna), Barh, Sultanganj and Nauguchia.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Chandramouli Ramanathan** - UN Controller, Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance in the management strategy, policy and compliance department
- Professor Faizel Ismail - **Director of the University of Cape Town's (UCT) Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance**

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

Sushma Swaraj leaves on 4-day visit to Bulgaria, Morocco and Spain

- Mrs.Swaraj will visit to Bulgaria on the first leg of the tour, she will meet with the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the country.

GS1 signs MoU with Government eMarketplace

- GS1 India, a standards organisation set up by the commerce and industry ministry on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government eMarketplace (GeM).
- The ministry of commerce and industry said in a statement that the MoU will enable GeM's buyers and vendors to access accurate and standardised information on attributes of thousands of products across categories, empowering them to make more informed decisions.

DEFENCE

Indian Air Force to display firepower in Pokharan, Rajasthan

- Indian Air Force is set to demonstrate its full combat and fire capabilities during 'Exercise Vayu Shakti-2019' in the Pokharan firing range close to Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan. Akash missile firing, gun firing from Advanced Light Helicopter and MiG 29's air-to-ground role will be demonstrated in the exercise.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to attend the event.

- Ability to detect targets, multi-spectrum capability, swift identification and neutralising targets with precision will also be displayed.

SPORTS

Senior Badminton Nationals

PV Sindhu to clash with Saina Nehwal in Women's Singles Final of Senior National Badminton Championship

- PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal will face each other in the Women's Singles summit clash of Senior National Badminton Championship, Saina Nehwal won her fourth title at the Yonex-Sunrise 83rd Senior Nationals, defeating P.V.Sindhu convincingly 21-18, 21-15 in Guwahati.

Sourabh Verma wins men's singles crown

- Sourabh Verma completed a hat-trick of titles, claiming the men's singles crown after defeating young Lakshya Sen in straight games of 21-18, 21-13.
- Earlier, the pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and Chirag Shetty outclassed top seed duo Arjun M.R and Shlok Ramachandran in straight games of 21-13, 22-20 to clinch the Men's Doubles title.

Simona Halep to face Belgian Elise Mertens in finals of Qatar Total Open at Doha

- Top seed and world number three Simona Halep will face Belgian Elise Mertens in the finals of the Qatar Total Open at Doha
- Halep is bidding to become the fourth two-time champion in Doha following Anastasia Myskina, Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka. The Romanian would secure her 200th career main draw win by lifting the title.

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