

**INTERNATIONAL****Foundation stone laid for Temperature Controlled Cold Storage facility in Dambulla**

- In Sri Lanka, foundation stone for a new 5000 metric ton Temperature Controlled Cold Storage facility to be constructed with Indian grant, was laid in Dambulla. The initiative will benefit the farming community by reducing post harvest losses and wastage, particularly in peak season.

**Zuzana Caputova set to become 1st female President of Slovakia**

- In Slovakia, the government critic and anti-corruption activist Zuzana Caputova is set to become the first female President.

**UAE to issue equivalency to all Indian degrees**

- The UAE government will issue equivalency to all Indian degrees that match the set criteria, a move that comes as a huge relief for expats having difficulty in getting jobs in the Gulf country.

**SCIENCE****IIT Madras converts petroleum waste toluene into useful product**

- Using platinum nanocatalyst, a two-member team at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has successfully converted petroleum waste-product toluene into benzoic acid. Benzoic acid is used as a food preservative (E210) and medicine for fungal/bacterial infection.

**PSLV to launch military's monitor in the sky**

- PSLV mission carrying EMISAT, the country's first satellite for gathering electronic intelligence (ELINT) to locate hostile radars for the military, will also be the longest flight for the Indian polar launch vehicle.

- The April 1 mission is numbered C-45 and carries 28 small, foreign customer satellites from four countries. One satellite each from Spain, Switzerland and Lithuania are also part of the payload.

## **BUSINESS & ECONOMY**

### **GSP withdrawal by U.S. likely to affect India's plastics exports: Plexconcil**

- The move by the United States (U.S.) to terminate India's designation as beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) programme is likely to affect plastic exports from India said a trade body.

## **APP & WEBPORTAL**

### **'Thozhilidam App'**

- The residents of Manarcaud in Kottayam can now take care of their routine household services with the help of 'Thozhilidam App'. This real-time instant app is to supply labour and service on demand.

## **SPORTS**

### **India Open Badminton final**

- Kidambi Srikanth lost in straight games to Viktor Axelsen of Denmark in the men's singles summit clash at the Yonex-Sunrise India Open badminton tournament in New Delhi.

### **Azlan Shah Cup Hockey**

- India has lost to South Korea in the final of Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia. South Korea lifted the title, defeating India in a shoot out 4-2.

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