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## 1. NMCG organises Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan in five Ganga Basin states

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is running "Ganga VriksharopanAbhiyan" in five main stem Ganga basin states namely Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. The drive was launched on the 9th July and the week upto 15th July was observed as 'ShubharambhSaptah'. State Forest Departments of these states have been made the nodal agencies for the smooth and effective execution of the campaign. The participation from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Ganga VicharManch (GVM), NGOs and educational institutions are encouraging. The campaign has been initiated as part of the Forest Interventions in Ganga (FIG) component of Namami Gange Programme. About NMCG ◆ National Mission for Clean Ganga is the implementation wing of National Ganga Council which was set up in October 2016 under the River Ganga. ♦ The main aim is to clean the Ganga and its tributaries in a comprehensive manner.

# 2. <u>Andhra Pradesh CM launched e Pragati core platform</u>

Chief Minister N.Chandrababu Naidu launched e-Pragati core platform, a forward-looking digital initiative, at Undavalli, Amaravati. It is aimed at connecting the citizen to 34 departments, 336 autonomous organisations and 745-plus services. The Andhra Pradesh State government intends to realise the vision of 'Sunrise AP 2022'. The e-Pragati authority will achieve the goals of the project by supporting the seven development missions launched in the areas of e-Governance, Social Empowerment, Skill Development, Urban Development, Infrastructure, Industrial Development and the Services sector. This platform would create a coordination between citizens and the government to solve several issues.

## 3. Two Plus Two Dialogue Between India and USA to Be Held In New Delhi

US State Department announced that the inaugural 'two-plus-two dialogue' between India and the United States will be held in New Delhi in September 2018. Recently, the US had postponed the dialogue due to 'unavoidable reasons'. The Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defence Secretary James Mattis will travel to India for the dialogue with External Affairs

Minister Sushma Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

## 4. Repco Micro Finance Ltd received NABARD 2018 award

Repco Micro Finance Ltd got his Award for its service to self-help group (SHG) linkage in Tamil Nadu for the fiscal year 2017-18. As of now, this company has disbursed loans amounting to ₹2,500 crore to over 10 lakh beneficiaries through 50,000 SHGs.

# **5.** <u>United Kingdom selects Sutherland for its first spaceport</u>

United Kingdom chosen "Sutherland", on the A'Mhoine peninsula on the north coast of Scotland to send satellites vertically into orbit by the early 2020s. For development of this spaceport, UK Government will provide \$3.3 million funding to Local business development agency the Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In addition to the funding for the Sutherland launch site, U.K. Space Agency will offer 2 million pounds to support development of horizontal launch sites "subject to business case". One of those potential launch sites is Cornwall Airport Newquay in southwestern England.

#### 6. Udaipur ranked 3rd among World's 15 Best Cities

The heritage city of Udaipur has been ranked third among a list of 15 best cities in the world by Travel + Leisure. The first two cities on the list are San Miguel de Allende and Oaxaca, both in Mexico. Rajasthan's Udaipur city is also known as "City of Lakes" and the "Venice of the East".

#### 7. <u>Infosys Foundation and Bangalore Metro signed</u> <u>MoU For Constructing Station</u>

Infosys Foundation signed with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) for the construction of a station at Konappana Agrahara in Electronics City. The station is under the second phase of Bangalore Metro expansion plans and the Foundation has committed to maintaining it for the next 30 years. Infosys would contribute 200 crores to the Bengaluru Metro Rail for the construction of Konappana Agrahara Metro Station and railway track. About Infosys &Founder:N. R. Narayana

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8. <u>Israeli parliament passed bill defining the country as Jewish state</u>

This bill is assumed to be granting an advantageous status to Jewish-only communities and downgrading Arabic from an official language to one with a "special status." 62 lawmakers voted in favor of this bill and 55 opposed it. Currently, in Israel, 74.5% of the population are Jews. Arabs make up 20% of Israel's population. About Israel: ◆ Capital and largest city - Jerusalem. ◆ Currency - New shekel ◆ Official languages - Hebrew ◆ Second language - Arabic ◆ President - Reuven Rivlin ◆ Prime Minister - Benjamin Netanyahu ◆ Israeli parliament is called as - Knesset, (Hebrew: "Assembly").

### 9. Karnataka Bank launched DigiLocker facility

Karnataka Bank launched DigiLocker facility for its customers as part of its digital initiative. The facility is being given by integrating bank's MoneyClick internet banking channel.DigiLocker is a key initiative to store the digital documents, by National E-Governance Division under Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. Salient features of the facility are: ◆The customer can login to the bank's internet banking account and click on access ◆DigiLocker where they will be redirected to DigiLocker page where one can access their account. ◆Customers can access their digital documents anytime, anywhere and share it online. Digital Locker makes it easier to validate the authenticity of documents as they are issued directly by the registered issuer.

# 10. NTPC signs Rs. 1,500 crore loan agreement with HDFC Bank

The loan has a door-to-door tenure of 15 years and will be utilised to partly finance capital expenditure of NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited), which is India's biggest power producer. About NTPC Limited: ◆ NTPC is a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 and is promoted by the Government of India. ◆ Founded: 1975 ◆ Headquarters: New Delhi, India ◆ Owner: Government of India ◆ Purpose: Electricity generation and distribution

natural gas exploration, production, transportation and distribution

11. <u>IAF to take part in Australia's 'Exercise Pitch Black' for 1st time</u>

For the first time, Indian Air Force (IAF) will be participating in Exercise "Pitch Black", a three-week multinational warfare exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). 145 air-warriors including a Garud commando team, four Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter planes and a C-130 and a C-17 transport aircraft will participate in this exercise

12. India and Ghana signed two Memorandum of Understanding

India and Ghana signed two agreements in an effort to enhance the bilateral cooperation between the two countries. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Raveesh Kumar announced that two MOUs on Cultural Exchange Programme and on cooperation between Bureau of Indian Standards and Ghana Standards Authority. About Ghana & Captial: Accra & Currency: Ghanaian cedi.

13. Chattisgarh launches Abhar Aapki Sewa Ka app for pensioners

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh announced a Chhattisgarh Online Pension Management System (OPMS). It is an E-payment to e-procurement to provide internet to every village has been done. It is under e-governance, fulfilling the dream of Digital India plan of India and Digital Chhattisgarh. It has launched an app called "Abhar aapki sewa ka". This application, 80,000 pensioners of the state will now get all the information related to pension and payment online.

**14.** <u>India won a silver and two bronze in the Junior Asian Wrestling Championships</u>

India won a silver and two bronze medals in the Junior Asian Wrestling Championships 2018. Divya Kakran won silver in the women's 68 Kg. Reena in women's 55 Kg and Karuna in women's 76 kg won bronze medals. Divya Kakran, the only one in the competition who would also be on the flight to Jakarta for the

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Asian Games, lost 0-11 to Meerim Zhumanazarova of Kyrgyzstan in the final. Sangeeta Phogat lost 5-10 to China's Juanjuan Shi due to an injury.

