

### **Saudi Arabia is going to host G20 summit in Riyadh in November 2020**

Saudi Arabia will host G20 summit in November 2020 in Riyadh. This will be the first G20 meeting in the Arab world and the 15th meeting of the G20 (Group of Twenty). For the very **1st time, the G20 summit was held in 2008 in Washington, D.C.** The participants of the summit will be leaders from 19 countries and the European Union (EU)

### **Norway topped and India ranked 140th in World Press Freedom Index 2019**

Recently, Reporters Without Borders released World Press Freedom Index 2019 in which Norway topped the index in third consecutive year and **India** drops down by two positions (138th rank in 2018) to be ranked **140th out of 180 countries** in 2019. **Turkmenistan on the bottom.**

### **IESA appoints Jitendra Chaddah as its Chairman for the year 2019-20**

The premier Industry body India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) committed to the development of a vibrant Indian Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem

### **Nepal carried out its first satellite “NepaliSat-1” into space**

Nepal has launched its first satellite “NepaliSat-1” into space. The satellite was launched in the early morning (2:31 am) of Baishak 5, 2076 on 18th April, 2019.

### **Sri Lanka’s 1st satellite ‘Raavana-1’ launched into space**

On April 18, 2019 Sri Lanka launched its first satellite ‘Raavana-1’ weighing 1.05 kg into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia’s East Shore. Raavana 1 bordered to the Antares rocket carrying Cygnus cargo spacecraft and has reached ISS (International Space Station) today.

### **Researchers improve Lithium-ion battery performance to charge them faster, by substituting cobalt oxide with vanadium disulfide (VS<sub>2</sub>)**

A new method to build better performing Lithium-ion batteries that can be charged faster has been discovered. This would be very useful for consumer electronics, solar grid storage and electric vehicles.

### **International Hockey Federation imposes fine of 1,70,000 Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) for disrespecting Pro League commitments**

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a fine of 170,000 Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) for not honouring the Pro League commitments and has given PHF time-limit till 20th June, on failure of which PHF would have to pay double the penalty.

### **World Heritage Day observed on 18th April**

World Heritage Day, which is also known as International Day for Monuments and Sites is an annual event celebrated on 18th April every year. This year, the theme of the World Heritage Day is “Rural Landscapes”.

### **ETMONEY becomes India’s first comprehensive financial services app to integrate with Unified Payment Interface (UPI)**

India's largest app for financial services, ETMONEY announced that it has integrated unified payment interface (UPI) as a payment method on its platform as it looks to double its monthly user base by the end of the year.



**About UPI-**Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is an instant real-time payment system developed by National Payments Corporation of India facilitating inter-bank transactions. The interface is regulated by the Reserve Bank of India and works by instantly transferring funds between two bank accounts on a mobile platform.

### Titan 4th fastest growing global luxury firm: Report

Watches and jewellery maker Titan Company is the fourth fastest growing luxury company in the world with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 19.7 per cent during the financial years 2015-2017. Titan is a joint venture between the Tata Group and state-run Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO).

### Important National park Of India

State	National Parks
Assam	Rajiv Gandhi Orange National Park Dibru-Saikhowa National Park Kaziranga National Park Manas National Park Nameri National Park