

### **Nation pays homage to first PM Jawaharlal Nehru on his 55th death anniversary**

The nation pays homage to first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his 55th death anniversary today.

Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, former Vice President Mohammed Hamid Ansari and Congress President Rahul Gandhi paid tributes to Pandit Nehru at his memorial Shanti Van in the national capital.

An all-religion prayer meeting was organised at the memorial premises.

### **BJD wins 112 seats in Odisha, Patnaik set to be CM for 5th time in row**

BJD won 112 seats out of 146 in 2019 Odisha Assembly polls, with party President Naveen Patnaik set for a fifth consecutive term as CM.

Patnaik becomes only the third CM after Sikkim's Pawan Chamling and West Bengal's Jyoti Basu to achieve the feat. BJP won 23 seats, Congress 9, and CPI(M) and an independent candidate won one seat each.

### **Pacific Vanguard naval exercise began near Guam**

The United States, Japan, South Korea, and Australia have kicked off first-of-its-kind naval drills near Guam on May 23. The Pacific Vanguard exercise brings together more than 3,000 sailors from the four countries to sharpen skills and strengthen practical cooperation at sea. Aim: The drills will focus on live-fire exercises, defensive counter-air operations, anti-submarine warfare, and replenishment at sea. Participating Naval Ships:

### **National Statistical Office: Government mergers NSSO and CSO Committees**

Union Government has issued official order to merge National Sample Survey office (NSSO) with Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to create overarching body — National Statistical office (NSO). It was one of the last decisions taken by outgoing NDA government. The objective of this restructuring is to streamline and strengthen the present nodal functions of the ministry and to bring in more synergy by integrating its administrative functions within the ministry.

### **Starlink Internet: SpaceX launches 60 Satellites**

Elon Musk led Private rocket company SpaceX has launched first batch of 60 small satellites into low-Earth orbit (550km) as part of its new Starlink internet service project. The satellites were launched on board of reusable Falcon 9 deployment of SpaceX's Starlink constellation. To become operational, SpaceX's starline needs six more such launches and further six for significant coverage around most of Earth.

### **NewSpace India Limited: ISRO launches new commercial arm**

Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) new commercial arm –NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) was officially inaugurated in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Its main objective is to scale up industry participation in Indian space programmes.

### **About NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)**

New Space India Limited: ISRO launches new commercial arm It was incorporated on March 6 2019 by Department of Space (DoS) for commercially utilising research and development activities carried out by ISRO in the area of space. It is DoS's second commercial entity in ISRO after Antrix Corporation Limited, which was set up in September 1992 to market products and services of ISRO.

### **The second edition of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Mass Media Forum was held at Bishkek**

in Kyrgyzstan. This four-day forum was inaugurated by President of Kyrgyz Republic, S. Jeenbeko. India was represented by delegation from Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It saw participation of representative of state bodies supervising mass media of SCO countries (Member States, Observer Countries, Dialogue Partners), representatives of leading mass media of SCO countries and representatives of SCO Secretariat.

### **17th Lok Sabha elections: Highest number of women MPs**

In recently concluded 17th Lok Sabha elections, total 78 women Members of Parliament (MPs) were elected. It is highest number of women representatives ever elected to lower house of Parliament since independence. They will account for 14.39% of the entire strength of lower house, which was at 12.5% with a total 65 women MPs in the previous Lok Sabha.

#### **Key Facts**

**Party-wise breakup:** With 40 women MPs, Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) has sent largest number of elected women representatives to Lok Sabha, followed by Trinamool Congress (9), Congress (6), Biju Janta Dal (5) and Yeduguri Sandinti Rajasekhara Congress Party (4).

### **Chandrani Murmu: Youngest ever Lok Sabha MP**

Chandrani Murmu, a 25-year-old engineering graduate from Odisha has become the youngest Member of Parliament in the history of Lok Sabha. Aged 25 years and 11 months, she had won in recently concluded Lok Sabha elections from Keonjhar seat (reserved for Scheduled Tribes) on Biju Janata Dal (BJD) ticket. With this, she broke previous record of youngest MP in Lok Sabha held by Dushyant Chautala, founder of Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), who was elected at age of 26 years and 1 month from Hisar Lok Sabha constituency in Haryana in 16th Lok Sabha.

### **Akshay Kumar named TAFE's brand ambassador**

TAFE, India's second largest tractor manufacturer by volumes, has roped in Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador for the Massey Ferguson brand. TAFE Ltd has presence across 100 countries and a cumulative sale of about 2.5 million tractors to date.

### **Contemporary artist Nalini Malani becomes First Indian to win \$78K Joan Miro Prize**

Indian contemporary artist Nalini Malani has won the Joan Miro Prize for 2019, the Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro has announced. One of the most prestigious contemporary art awards in the world, The award carries a cash prize of of 70,000 (Rs 54.5 lakh approx), and the production cost of a monographic exhibition by the winning artist, to be held at the foundation in Spain.