

### **Around 2.22 crore villagers given Digital Education under PMGDISHA**

Electronics and Information Technology Minister Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad has said that around 2.22 crore villagers are given Digital Education under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA).

After the training, 1.34 crore have been duly certified by authorized 3rd party certifying agencies

### **RBI issues norms for setting up FBAs for fixing efficient benchmarks for financial instruments**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines for setting up of financial benchmark administrator (FBA) for administering "significant benchmarks" in the markets for financial instruments.

FBA will be a company incorporated in India and will maintain a minimum net worth of Rs 1 crore at all times.

### **India signs a Loan Agreement of US\$ 250 Million with the World Bank to develop 766 kms of Rajasthan's Roads and Highways as part of Rajasthan State Highways Development Project Phase-II**

The Government of India, Government of Rajasthan and the World Bank signed a US\$ 250 Million Loan Agreement for the Rajasthan State Highways Development Program II Project to build the State's capacity to better manage its highways and improve traffic flows on selected highways in State of Rajasthan

The loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a 25-year maturity including a 5-year grace period.

### **FIEO elects Sharad Kumar Saraf as President**

Exporters body Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has elected Sharad Kumar Saraf as its new President.

Saraf has replaced renowned exporter Ganesh Kumar Gupta, who will hand over the charge to the new President

### **Sarada Kumar Hota appointed National Housing Bank MD**

Canara Bank General Manager Sarada Kumar Hota has been appointed as the managing director of the National Housing Bank (NHB)

The appointment comes nine months after Sriram Kalyanaraman's forced resignation amid allegations of irregularities and misconduct against him.

### **PB Acharya sworn in as Manipur Governor**

Nagaland governor Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya was sworn in as the Governor of Manipur

Acharya was given the additional charge as governor of Manipur in absence of Dr Najma A Heptulla, who is on leave for a period of one month



### **Kalu in Rajasthan is India's best police station**

The Kalu police station in Bikaner district of Rajasthan has been ranked as number 1 police station of India in 2018, as per the internal survey conducted by the Union Home Ministry. The Campbell Bay in Nicobar district has been ranked second while Farakka police station in Murshidabad district of West Bengal is ranked third.

### **G-20 summit begins in Osaka, Japan**

The two days G-20 Summit is underway at Osaka in Japan. The theme of the summit is Human-centred future society. 19 countries, the European Union and several special invitees are participating at the Osaka Summit. The trilateral meeting between the US, Japan and India has commenced in Osaka, Japan, on the sidelines of G 20 Summit

### **Indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II test fired successfully**

India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II as part of a user trial by the Army from a test range off the Odisha coast. The trial of the surface-to-surface missile, which has a strike range of 350 km, was carried out from a mobile launcher from Launch Complex-III of the Integrated Test Range, ITR at Chandipur.

### **Chris Gayle to retire from international cricket**

West Indies batsman Chris Gayle has announced that he will retire from international cricket after the home Test series against India in August-September. He was the captain of the team in the past and has won 2 T20 World Cup titles with the Windies

### **Virat Kohli becomes fastest batsman to score 20,000 runs**

Virat Kohli became the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 international runs. The India captain reached the milestone when he reached the score of 37 against West Indies at Old Trafford. Kohli reached the milestone in only his 417th international innings while Tendulkar and Lara each took 453 innings. Kohli became the 12th batsman and third Indian after Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid to reach 20,000 international runs

### **International Day of the Tropics**

The International Day of Tropics is observed every year on 29 June across the world with an aim to raise awareness to specific challenges faced by tropical areas and the far-reaching implications of issues affecting world's tropical zone.

### China tests latest submarine-launched ballistic missile

China has successfully tested its latest submarine-launched ballistic missile, the JL-3. The SLBM might have a range of up to 14,000 kms and be equipped with 10 independent guided nuclear warheads

### Indian woman crowned Miss Universe Australia

India born Priya Serrao, whose family migrated to Australia from Middle East, has won the Miss Universe Australia title for 2019.

### World Youth Conference on kindness held in New Delhi

P Jindal Global University (JGU) and Delhi-based UNESCO MGIEP (Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development) will jointly organise the first World Youth Conference on kindness from August 20-23 to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. JGU will host 100 youth leaders from across the world for the three-day conference on its campus in Sonipat while a part of the conference will also be held in Delhi. The World Youth Congress 2019 is being organised on the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Gandhi for the Contemporary World: Celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.'

### Mumbai among top 20 most expensive cities in Asia for expatriates

Mumbai is India's most expensive city and among the top 20 costliest cities surveyed in Asia for expatriates, with residential housing prices among the highest in the world, according to a survey by global consulting leader Mercer.