

### **Motihari-Amlekhgunj oil pipeline further strengthens India-Nepal relations**

The landmark Motihari-Amlekhgunj oil pipeline has been completed by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC). This is the first transnational petroleum pipeline from India and first South Asian oil pipeline corridor. It is also the first oil pipeline in Nepal

### **Facebook slapped with 5 billion US Dollar fine**

US regulators formalized a record 5 billion US Dollar fine on Facebook for violating consumers' privacy and one of the largest penalties ever assessed by the US government for any violation.

### **US and China to restart trade talks on July 30 in Shanghai**

US and Chinese negotiators will restart trade negotiations in Shanghai July 30, "aimed at improving the trade relationship between the United States and China.

### **National Refreshment Day**

National Refreshment Day is observed annually on fourth Thursday in July which falls on 25 July in 2019. This day is basically to celebrate about the fun and refreshment during the hottest time of the year that is in summers.

### **London to become first 'National Park City' London will be officially confirmed as the world's first National Park City.**

Along with the Mayor of London, organizations and individuals will sign a London National Park City Charter demonstrating their support for making the city greener, healthier, and wilder. The National Park City Foundation (NPCF), in partnership with World Urban Parks and Salzburg Global Seminar, created the first International Charter for National Park Cities (NPC). While London is the first, NPCF is aiming to name at least 25 National Park Cities by 2025 and is already in discussion with other UK and world cities to help them gain NPC status.

### **RBI launches medium-term strategy framework Utkarsh 2022**

RBI governor Shaktikanta Das, launched 'Utkarsh 2022', the Reserve Bank of India's Medium-term Strategy Framework. It has launched the framework to achieve excellence in the performance of statutory and other functions, strengthening the trust of citizens and other institutions in the RBI, enhanced relevance and significance in national and global roles, best-in-class and environment-friendly digital as well as physical infrastructure, and innovative, dynamic and skilled human resources. In April 2015, a formal strategic management framework was launched. The framework contains the mission of the RBI, the central purpose, the values (public interest, integrity and independence, responsiveness and innovation, diversity and inclusiveness,

and introspection and pursuit of excellence) and the declarations of the vision and the bank's commitment to the nation.



### **After Losing Trust Vote, HD Kumaraswamy Submits Resignation to Karnataka Governor**

Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy submitted his resignation to Governor Vajubhai Vala shortly after losing the confidence motion in the Assembly. Till the time a new Chief Minister is not appointed, he will continue as caretaker CM of Karnataka. The confidence motion moved by Kumaraswamy was defeated with 99 voting in favour and 105 against it.

### **Keshav Dutt, Prasun Banerjee chosen for Mohun Bagan Ratna**

Two-time Olympic gold medallist Keshav Dutt and former India Football Captain Prasun Banerjee will be conferred the 'Mohun Bagan Ratna' during its annual day celebrations. Mohun Bagan will also felicitate pacer Mohammed Shami, India's hat-trick hero of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup, while Ashok Chatterjee will be given the Lifetime Achievement award. The Mariners will also give Life Memberships to Sourav Ganguly, Chuni Goswami, Dr Vece Paes, Prasenjit Chatterjee and Deb Shankar Halder. July 29 is celebrated as the 'Mohun Bagan Day' because on this day in 1911, the Mariners became the first club to defeat a British club, East Yorkshire Regiment.

### **PM releases the book "Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics"**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, released the book "Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics." The book has been written by Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha; and Shri Ravi Dutt Bajpai.

### **India climbs five places to 52 on Global Innovation Index**

India is now ranked 52nd on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2019, a jump of 5 places over last year, and 29 places in the last five years - up from 81 in 2015. The list continues to be topped by Switzerland while Israel finds its place in the top ten for the first time. The latest GII ranking also shows that the country has constantly been maintaining its leadership position as the most innovative country in Central and South Asia region every year since 2011.