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NATIONAL

Mobile App m-Awas launched

Hardeep Puri, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (I/C) launched a **Mobile App (m-Awas)** for allotment of Government accommodations in General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) in Delhi under the control of the Directorate of Estates. The application has been developed by **NIC**.

LEPV- Secretary, Housing and Urban Affairs ❖ **Durga Shanker Mishra**

Mega vaccination campaign against Measles-Rubella

The State-wide Vaccination Campaign against **Measles-Rubella** is all set to be initiated in **Punjab** from 1st May onwards as a part of a **National strategy to eliminate Measles and control Rubella** in the country. During the State-Wide Campaign against Measle-Rubella, around **75 lakh children** aged between 9 months to 15 years will be vaccinated.

LEPV- **Punjab** ❖ Capital: **Chandigarh** ❖ Governor: **P. Singh Badnore** ❖ Chief Minister: **Captain Amarinder Singh**

First Smart City to run on 100 per cent renewable energy

Diu Smart City has become the **first city in India** to run on renewable energy during daytime, setting a new benchmark for other cities to become clean and green. The city is offering its residents a subsidy of **Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000** for installing **1.5KW** roof top solar panels and its savings amount to **13,000 tonnes of carbon emissions** every year. Diu had been

importing **73 per cent** of its power from **Gujarat** until last year.

29th Road Safety Week

Union Road Transport Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated the **29th Road Safety Week** at Vigyan Bhawan in **New Delhi**. Besides administering Road Safety oath, Gadkari also released a book named **"Have a Safe Journey"**.

INTERNATIONAL

Summits & Conferences ➤ Meeting of women foreign ministers

Canada and the **European Union** will host the **world's first 2-Day female foreign ministers' meeting** in **September 2018 in Canada**. The announcement was made by the **Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland**.

Summits & Conferences ➤ Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit

Foreign Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** are in **Beijing** to attend the **foreign and defence ministers' meet** organised by the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** or **SCO**. Member countries in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation include **China, India, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Pakistan**.

LEPV- **Canada**. Currency : **Canadian dollar** ❖ Capital: **Ottawa**

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MoUs & AGREEMENTS

India signs loan agreement with World Bank for US\$ 125 million

A Loan Agreement for **IBRD** credit of **US\$ 125** (equivalent) for the “**Innovate in India for Inclusiveness Project**” was signed with the **World Bank** on **24th April, 2018** in New Delhi. The Objectives of the project is to nurture indigenous innovation, foster local product development and accelerate commercialization process by bridging critical skill and infrastructure gaps to promote affordable and innovative healthcare products generation for inclusive development and increasing competitiveness in India.

Between Government of India and World Bank

The **Government of India**, the **Government of Madhya Pradesh** and the **World Bank** signed a **\$210 million** loan agreement for the **Madhya Pradesh Rural Connectivity Project**. The Project will cover **10,510 km stretch** of rural roads in Madhya Pradesh that fall under the Chief Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana (CMGSY) program.

LEPV- Madhya Pradesh ❖ Capital: **Bhopal** ❖ Chief Minister: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** ❖ Governor: **Anandiben Patel**

ECONOMY

Banking & Finance > Paytm Payments Bank registers 100M KYC wallets

Paytm Payments Bank announced that it now has over **100 million KYC wallets**, against the constant campaigning done by bank about the benefits of the **Know Your Customer (KYC)** system.

First ecommerce think tank meeting

Suresh Prabhu, the commerce and industry minister, will be holding the **first ecommerce think tank meeting**. The minister will chair the meeting which will aim at framing a **national policy on ecommerce**.

AWARDS & HONOURS

UNESCO Press Freedom Prize

The United Nations' cultural agency has ignored warnings from Egypt and awarded the **World Press**

Freedom prize to an **imprisoned Egyptian photographer**. A jury awarded the honor to **Mahmoud Abu Zeid**, known as **Shawkan**, who has been in jail since he was arrested in Cairo in August 2013 for covering a demonstration at Rabaa Al-Adawiya Square.

Ramsar Convention recognition

The **Sunderban Reserve Forest**, spread of 4,260 sq. km. with over 2,000 sq. km. of mangrove forests and creeks, is likely to be **declared a Ramsar Site**.

SPORTS

8th South Asian Judo Championship

India have **clinched** the title of team champion in the **8th series of South Asian Judo Championship**. In the men's team category, India defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 3-2 in the finals to claim the title. Under the women's team category, India thrashed hosts Nepal 5-0 to seal the title.

India ended their campaign in the tournament with a total of **12 Gold medals** and three Bronze medals.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Panchayati Raj Day

National Panchayati Raj Day (National Local Self-Government day) is the national day of India celebrated by **Ministry of Panchayati Raj on 24 April**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan** on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day at **Mandla** in **Madhya Pradesh**.

ABBREVIATIONS IN THE NEWS

NIC: National Informatics Centre

SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

IBRD: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

NeSL: National E-Governance Services

IBC: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

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