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## NATIONAL

## STATES

### Programmes ➤ 'Study In India'

Government has launched 'Study In India' to attract foreign students. 'Study in India', with a sanctioned budget of **Rs.150 crore** for two years, will promote India as a top destination for higher education. With 'Study in India', the government hopes the country will start attracting **1.5 lakh to 2 lakh** international students **by the year 2022**.

### Indices & Reports ➤ Commonwealth Innovation Index

India ranked **10th on a new Commonwealth Innovation Index**. The list is topped by the **UK, Singapore and Canada**.

## INTERNATIONAL

### India – Nepal – China Economic Corridor

China has proposed construction of **India-Nepal-China economic corridor** with multi-dimensional connectivity through the **Himalayas**. China and Nepal have already signed an MoU on the China's multi-billion-dollar **One Belt and One Road Initiative**, which includes connectivity cooperation. China seeks to expand its authority over the new Nepalese government headed by **Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli**, which is regarded as pro-Beijing.

**LEPV- China** ❖ Capital: **Beijing** ❖ Currency: **Renminbi** ❖ President: **Xi Jinping**

### Schemes ➤ Assam ➤ 'Atal Amrit Abhiyan'

Assam government's cashless health scheme, '**Atal Amrit Abhiyan**' was launched. It offers free medical care of up to **Rs 2 lakh for every individual** from Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families. The cashless scheme, 'Atal Amrit Abhiyan', will cover **92 per cent** of the state's population with annual income below Rs 5 lakh. The state government has allocated **Rs 400 crore** for the scheme in the financial year 2018-19.

**LEPV- Assam** ❖ Capital: **Dispur** ❖ Chief Minister: **Sarbananda Sonowal** ❖ Governor: **Jagdish Mukhi**

### Schemes ➤ Rajasthan ➤ Loan-Waiver Scheme

The Rajasthan government has introduced a loan-waiver scheme for farmers under which **crop loan of up to Rs 50,000** will be waived as per the budget announcement of Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje.

**LEPV- Rajasthan** ❖ Capital: **Jaipur** ❖ Chief Minister: **Vasundhara Raje** ❖ Governor: **Kalyan Singh**

## ECONOMY

### Banking & Finance ➤ NABARD

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has extended total credit support of **Rs 14,690 crore** to **Rajasthan** for 2017-18.

**LEPV- NABARD** ❖ Headquarters: **Mumbai** ❖ Chairman: **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala**

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## India, World's 6th Largest Economy

India is now the world's **sixth largest** economy in the world **\$2.6 trillion, displacing France**, according to the database of the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook (WEO) for April 2018. The five economies ahead are the **United States, China, Japan, Germany and United Kingdom**.

**LEPV- IMF** ❖ Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States ❖ CEO: Christine Lagarde

## GDP Forecast for India by IMF

For 2018 – 7.4%

For 2019 – 7.8% (up from 6.7% in 2017)

## MoUs & AGREEMENTS

### UK-India Tech Alliance

The National Association of Software & Services Companies (**NASSCOM**) and **techUK** has launched the **UK-India Tech Alliance**. It is aimed at **increasing collaboration on skills and new technologies**, assisting policy development and encouraging innovation.

**LEPV- NASSCOM** ❖ President: Debjani Ghosh

## APPOINTMENTS

### FICCI Secretary General

Dilip Chenoy appointed as FICCI Secretary General. Chenoy will now succeed **Baru as the Secretary General** of the apex industry body.

**LEPV- FICCI** ❖ Headquarters: New Delhi ❖ President: Rashesh Shah

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 'Fifty greatest leaders' of 2018

Reliance Industries chairman **Mukesh Ambani** (24<sup>th</sup>), human rights lawyer **Indira Jaising** (20<sup>th</sup>) and architect **Balkrishna Doshi** (43<sup>rd</sup>) are among Fortune magazine's **'fifty greatest leaders' of 2018**. The first rank in this year's list has gone to **"The Students"** of Marjory Stoneman Douglas and other schools in the US that suffered from gun violence.

## TIME's 100 Most Influential People List

Ola co-founder **Bhavish Aggarwal**, Bollywood actress **Deepika Padukone**, Indian cricket captain **Virat Kohli** and Microsoft's Indian-born CEO **Satya Nadella** have been named in TIME magazine's 100 most influential people in the world this year.

## Most Film Friendly Award

**Madhya Pradesh** has bagged the **Most Film Friendly Award** given by the central government for its efforts to ease filming in the state by creating a well-structured website, film friendly infrastructure and more.

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

## SPORTS

### Asian Armwrestling C'ship

The differently-abled Indian arm wrestler **Shrimant Jha** clinched **bronze medal** at the Asian Armwrestling Championship, which is being held from April 16 to April 22 in **Kazakhstan**. He clinched the medal at **80kg category**.

## ABBREVIATIONS IN THE NEWS

**CHOGM:** Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

**GIF:** Global Innovation Fund

**CIF:** Commonwealth Innovation Fund

**BPL:** Below Poverty Line

**APL:** Above Poverty Line

**NABARD:** National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

**RIDF:** Rural Infrastructure Development Fund

**IMF:** International Monetary Fund

**WEO:** World Economic Outlook

**NASSCOM:** National Association of Software & Services Companies

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