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NATIONAL

Death Penalty To Rapists Of Girls Below 12 Years

President Ram Nath Kovind has promulgated an Ordinance to pave way for providing stringent punishment. The Union Cabinet had approved the Ordinance to allow courts to award **death penalty** for those convicted of **raping girls under 12 years**. The minimum punishment in the case of rape of women has been increased from rigorous imprisonment of **seven years** to **10 years**. In the case of rape of a girl under **16 years**, the minimum punishment has been increased from **10 years** to **20 years**.

Schemes ➤ Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan Scheme

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a restructured **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)** aimed at building infrastructure and stepping up initiatives for e-governance. The total outlay for the scheme during April 1 this year to March 31, 2022, is **7,255.50 crore**, of which the Centre's share would be **4,500 crore**. The scheme will focus on training, building infrastructure, stepping up initiatives for e-governance under the **e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP)**.

Project Monitoring Unit For E-Vidhan Project launched

Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Statistics and Programme Implementation, **Shri**

Vijay Goel inaugurated the new office of **Central Project Monitoring Unit** for the **e-Vidhan** project of the Government. **e-Vidhan** is a mission mode project to **digitize and make the functioning of State Legislatures in India paperless**. The **Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs** is the Nodal Ministry for the project.

MoUs & AGREEMENTS

Signed between SJVN and Power Ministry

The SJVN Limited is a operator of one of the largest Hydro Power Plants in the country i.e. **1500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station, Himachal Pradesh**. As per the targets set in the MOU, SJVN shall strive to achieve **9200 Million Units** generation during the year under 'Excellent' category. SJVN will have **Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) target of Rs. 900 crore and Turnover target of Rs. 2175 crore** under Excellent category along with other targets related to operational efficiency and Project monitoring.

INDICIES & REPORTS

Global Findex Report 2017

The World Bank has released the **Global Findex Report 2017** indicating that **55 percent of new bank accounts** opened globally are **from India** itself. **China tops** the list of unbanked population with 225 million adults who do not have a bank account, followed by **India** at 2nd (190 million), **Pakistan** at 3rd (100 million) and **Indonesia** at 4th (95 million).

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ECONOMY

SPORTS

Banking & Finance ➤ KYC Guidelines revised

Till now, an Officially Valid Document for address proof together with **Permanent Account Number** issued by the Income Tax department and a recent passport size photograph were the key KYC documents. But in the amended Customer Due Diligence procedure, the **Aadhaar number**, the **PAN** or **Form No. 60** need to be obtained from an individual who is eligible for applying for the biometric ID.

Taipei World Trade Centre In Delhi

Taipei World Trade Centre (TWTC) launched its office in Delhi. It has been established with an aim to strengthen trade ties with India. Bilateral trade between India and Taiwan has increased to **\$6.3 billion in December 2017**.

LEPV-TWTC ❖ Chairman: **James C.F Huang**;

Taiwan ❖ Capital: **Taipei** ❖ Currency: **New Taiwan dollar**

TCS, 1st Indian Company With 100 Billion Dollar Market Value

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), the country's largest IT outsourcing company created history by becoming the **first Indian company** to reach the **\$100 billion** market capitalisation (m-cap) mark. The market capitalisation is the value of a company that is traded on the stock market, calculated by multiplying the total number of shares by the present share price. The market value of the company stood at **Rs 6,79,332.81 crore**. TCS joined the ranks of the world's 100 most valued organizations and now ranks **97th**. The last Indian name to cross that threshold in 2007 was Reliance Industries Ltd.

LEPV-TCS ❖ Chairman: **Natarajan Chandrasekaran**

South Asian Judo Championship

India has bagged a total of 10 gold medals in the eighth edition of **South Asian Judo Championship** which was held at **Kathmandu, Nepal**. India, in total, claimed over **13 medals** with 10 gold and three bronze.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Earth Day

The Earth Day is observed every year on **April 22**. The aim is to encourage people to do things that will benefit the Earth, such as recycling more, using solar power or plant trees. The theme of 2018 is earth day 2018 theme is **'End Plastic Pollution'**.

World Book Day

World Book Day is celebrated every year on **April 23** to provide the people with many ideas and plans to make them aware about the situation and condition in the World. The theme of 2018 is **'Reading, it's my right!'**.

OBITUARY

Bhimsain Khurana

Indian animation pioneer and multiple National Award winner **Bhimsain Khurana** has passed away. In 1970, he made his debut with his first animation short **"The Climb"**, which earned him the Silver Hugo Award in the Chicago Film Festival. He also won National Award for **Ek Anek Ekta**.

ABBREVIATIONS IN THE NEWS

CCEA: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

TWTC: Taipei World Trade Centre

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