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NATIONAL NEWS

- The state government of **Haryana** has made the use of **LED bulbs and tube lights mandatory** in all offices under the Haryana government.
 - The initiative aims to ensure **substantial energy savings and also cut down on greenhouse gas emissions.**
- The **Godikan** panchayat in **Haryana** has become **India's first panchayat** to pass '**No Toilet No Bride**' resolution.
 - The idea behind the resolution is to marry off **girls** only to **families** that have a **toilet in their house.**
- **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** launched a mobile **app "Passport Seva App"** on the occasion of "**Passport Seva Divas**" on **June 26**, during a conference in **New Delhi.**
 - The App will make the process for obtaining passports easier as one can apply for a passport from any part of the country.
- The **15th India-Australia** Joint Ministerial Commission (**JMC**) was held on **25th June 2018, in Canberra, Australia after a gap of 4 years.**
- The Government has proposed to set up **3000 Van Dhan Kendras** involving **30,000 SHGs** across the **country under the Van Dhan Scheme of the**

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Ministry of Tribal Affairs to provide skill up-gradation and capacity building training for value addition of forest produce.

- The **Van Dhan Scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED** was launched by Prime Minister on **14th April, 2018** during the celebrations of **Ambedkar Jayanti at Bijapur Chattisgarh**. Under the scheme, **10 self-help** groups with each having **30 tribal gatherers** were constituted.
- Based upon the report of a survey of **global** experts by the **Thomson Reuters Foundation, India has been ranked** as the most dangerous country for women in the world due to the **high risk of sexual violence** and being forced into **slave labour**.
- **War-torn Afghanistan and Syria** ranked **second and third** followed by **Somalia and Saudi Arabia**.

AWARDS

- **Pallavi Durua**, who belongs to **Odisha's Koraput district**, was crowned as the **first Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition** held at **Utkal Mandap in Bhubaneswar**.

DEFENCE

- The **Indian Navy and the Navy of Bangladesh** have agreed to institute a **Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** as an annual exercise between the two Navies.
 - The first edition of the CORPAT has been inaugurated by **Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba** during his visit to **Bangladesh from June 24 to 29**.
 - The Navy regularly conducts **CORPATs** with **Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand**.

SPORTS NEWS

- Commonwealth gold medal-winning weightlifter Sathish Kumar Sivalingam is the first Indian weightlifter to become brand ambassador for a product/service.
 - **Sivalingam** has been roped in by “**i steel TMT bars**” as he represents the core attributes of **i steel brand strength and flexibility**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- The **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** is observed annually on **26 June, since 1989**.
 - The theme for 2018 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is “**Listen First- Listening to Children and Youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe**”.



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