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NATIONAL NEWS

- **R Ramanan**, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission and **Arvind Gupta** CEO, MyGov launched the “**#InnovateIndia Platform**”, a collaboration between the **Atal Innovation Mission and MyGov**, a citizen-centric platform of the Government of **India**.
 - The **#InnovateIndia MyGov-AIM** portal creates the innovations platform for registering both grassroots and deep-tech innovators at a national level.
- An **international conference on India-Vietnam economic ties** was held in **New Delhi**.
 - **Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Ton Sinh Thanh** was present at the inauguration of the international conference.
- **Objective:**
 - To enhance the economic ties with **Vietnam** and enable government's **Act East Policy**
- The **National Green Tribunal** formed a monitoring committee for **Yamuna Rejuvenation Project**.
 - **B S Sajwan** and former **Delhi** chief secretary **Shailaja Chandra** has been appointed as **members of the committee**. The committee has been asked to submit the report by **December 31, 2018**.
 - This decision was taken by a bench headed by National Green Tribunal (NGT) Chairperson **A K Goel**.
- Chief Minister of **Odisha Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated the **Rs 300 crore Rukura Medium Irrigation Dam** project in **Sundargarh district**.
 - The **Rukura project**, built at a cost of **Rs 296 crore**, is constructed over the **Rukura nullah in Bonai Sub-Division of Sundargarh district**.

- **Karnataka** has become the leading State for renewable energy in India, surpassing **Tamil Nadu**, according to the report “**Karnataka’s Electricity Sector Transformation**” released by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA).
- Almost two years after the **West Bengal** assembly passed a resolution to **change the name of the State**, the state assembly today passed a bill to change the state’s name from West Bengal to ‘**Bangla**’ in all **three different languages**.
 - This development can be seen as a bid to raise its stature in the alphabetical sequence of state names.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment** attended the **Global Disability Summit** held in **London** on **24th July 2018**. The motto of the Conference was to firm up the commitments of the country leaders towards the cause of persons with disabilities.
- The **6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC)** meeting held in **New Delhi** discussed a range of issues on **S&T cooperation** between the **two countries**.
 - **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences & Environment, Forests and Climate Change, India and **Mr. Sam Gyimah**, Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, **UK** led the **Indian and UK delegations respectively**.

SPORTS

- **India captain Virat Kohli** was presented with the **International Player of the Year award for 2017-2018** by **England’s Barmy Army** as **India** concluded **Day 1** of the practice match against **Essex**. **Barmy Army** is a popular fan club of **English cricket** supporters who had last year shared a video of **Kohli**.

AWARDS

- **Two Indians Bharat Vaswani and Sonam Wangchuk** are among six individuals who were declared winners of this year's **Ramon Magsaysay Award**.
 - Established in **1957**, the **Ramon Magsaysay Award** is **Asia's highest honour**.
 - It celebrates the memory and leadership example of the **third Philippine president** after whom the award is named.