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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Central Government** has decided to replace the apex higher education regulator body University Grants Commission (UGC) with Higher Education Commission of India (**HECI**) to provide “**more autonomy**” to higher education institutes to promote excellence and facilitate holistic growth of the education system.
 - To repeal **UGC Act 1953** and provides for setting up of **Higher Education Commission of India**.
- Ministry of **Women and Child Development, Government** of India organized a day-long Seminar on Technology Partnerships for Steering **POSHAN Abhiyaan** called ‘**TECH-THON**’ for **POSHAN Abhiyaan – PM’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment** on **June 28, 2018** at **Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi**.
- **India** has opposed the use of **chemical weapons anywhere by anybody at any time** and **believes** that those who indulge in such immoral act should be held accountable.
 - **India** voted against the use of **Chemical Weapons at the Special session of the Conference** of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention in **Hague**.
- The **government** has decided to set up two more underground crude **oil storages in Odisha and Karnataka** to increase emergency stockpile cover by **12 days to 22 days**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- According to a report from organization European Transport Safety Council (ETSC), **Norway** observes **the lowest rate of traffic accidents in the world**, leaving behind other European countries.
- The **global anti-terror financing watchdog**, Financial Action Task Force (FATF), has placed **Pakistan** on the **'grey list'** for failing to curb anti-terror financing and money laundering on its **soil**.

AWARDS

- The **'Sagarmala'**, flagship programme of the **Ministry of Shipping** for port-led-prosperity has received the **'Gold Award'** in infrastructure sector at **52nd Skoch Summit 2018 in New Delhi**.
 - The **Sagarmala** Programme also received the **'Order of Merit'** at the Summit.
- **Lawrence Haddad, who is a British economist and food policy researcher, and Dr. David Nabarro, who has worked with the World Health Organization and United Nations on health and hunger issues,** were named the **2018 World Food Prize** recipients at the **U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington**.

SPORTS NEWS

- **India's** middle-distance runner **Jinson Johnson** created history as he broke **42 year old record** set in Indian athletics to win the **gold medal** in the **men's 800m event at the 58th National Inter State Championships** at the **Indira Gandhi Stadium in Guwahati**.