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### NATIONAL NEWS

- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (**MoPNG**), Oil & Gas **CPSEs** and its offices celebrated **Swachhta Pakhwada** from **1st to 15th July, 2018**.
  - The theme of MoPNG initiatives in this Pakhwada were “**Innovation**” and “**Sustainability**”.
  - About **Swachata Pakhwada**:
  - Launched in **April 2016**.
  - It started with the objective of bringing a fortnight of intense focus on the issues and practices of **Swachhata by engaging GOI Ministries/Departments in their jurisdictions**.
- To promote exploration in the deep ocean to meet energy requirements of **India**, the **Union Ministry of Earth Science unveiled a blueprint** of Deep Ocean Mission (**DOM**) to explore Deep Ocean.
- The **IT ministry** launched a **desktop software e-Aksharayan in a conference** for Indian Languages Technology Industry ‘**Bhashantara**’, in **New Delhi**. The objective is to enable editing and printing of text in scanned documents. The **software e-Aksharayan was launched in 7 Indian languages**.
- National Health Agency (**NHA**) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the apex body for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission (**AB-NHPM**), and Common Service Centres (**CSC**) scheme under the **Digital India Programme, have signed an MoU** to provide information and eligibility validation services to beneficiaries, especially in remote areas.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The US has **elevated India's status** in the export control regime and designated it as a **Strategic Trade Authorization-1 (STA-1)** country.
  - Currently there are **36** countries on **STA-1** list.
  - **India is the only South Asian country** to be on the list.
  - Other **Asian** countries designated as **STA-1** are **Japan and South Korea**.
- **India has jumped 22 places to 96th rank to break into the top 100 of the United Nation's E-Government Development Index (EGDI) 2018. Denmark, with an index value of 0.9150, topped the 2018 E-Government Development Survey.** The E-Government survey is released by the United Nations in every two years. The 2018 edition was titled as '**Gearing E-Government to Support Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies**'.
- Defence acquisitions council (**DAC**), chaired by **India's Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**, approved the acquisition of the **National Advanced Surface to Air Missile System-II (NASAMS-II)** worth around \$1 billion.

## ECONOMY

- According to **Nomura**, **GDP** growth to **peak to 7.8%** in **April-June** quarter and then moderate to **7.2 per cent** in the **second half of 2018**. The GDP growth was at **7.7 per cent** in **January-March** quarter 2018.

## AWARDS

- **Gopalkrishna Gandhi** has been chosen for the **24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award** for his contribution in promoting communal harmony, peace and goodwill.
  - **Gopalkrishna Gandhi** is a former governor of **West Bengal**. He will be presented with this award at an event on **20th August 2018 at Jawahar Bhawan in Delhi**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **China** successfully launched **Gaofen-11 satellite**, an optical remote sensing satellite, as part of its high-resolution **Earth observation project**.
  - The **Gaofen-11 satellite** was launched on a **Long March 4B rocket** from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center** in **northern Shanxi Province, China**.

## SPORTS

- **Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** won a gold medal in the **Savo Games in Lapinlahti, Finland**. Neeraj Chopra made a throw of **85.69 meters and won the gold medal**.
- **Dustin Johnson** won the **2018 RBC Canadian Open at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville in Canada**. Dustin Johnson shot a 6-under par 66 and won his **first RBC Canadian Open at 23-under par**. He is currently in world number one position.

  
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