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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister unveiled the **world's first-ever high energy storage device in Amaravati**, Andhra Pradesh.
 - The thermal battery, **first-of-its-kind** anywhere in the world, is a revolutionary and disruptive technology patented by **Dr. Patrick Glynn in 2016 in India**.
- **NITI Aayog's** International Conference on **“Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling: Policy Prescriptions”** was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Ganga Rejuvenation, **Nitin Gadkari at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi**.
- **Startup India** has launched the **Startup Academia Alliance** programme, which is a unique mentorship opportunity between academic scholars and startups working in similar domains, to fulfill the **Indian Government's mission** to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship in the country.
- To strengthen business ties between **ASEAN** countries and northeastern states. Also, to explore the potential of **Meghalaya** and its neighboring states, **5th Act East Business Show -2018** was held in **Shillong, Meghalaya**.
- **Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar** has launched an ambitious scheme which promises to provide **Rs 54,100** from the birth of a girl child till she graduates.
 - Kumar launched the **‘Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana’** and expressed his government's resolve for empowerment of **women**.
- **NITI Aayog** has identified **117 districts as ‘Aspirational Districts’**. These districts have been selected on the basis of composite index which includes published data of deprivation enumerated under **Socio-Economic Caste Census, Health & Nutrition, Education and Basic Infrastructure**.

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- During the **second** phase of the **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (**RUSA**), central assistance is provided for opening of new Model Degree Colleges(**MDCs**) in ‘**Aspirational Districts**’ identified by NITI Aayog and in unserved & underserved districts in North Eastern and the **Himalayan States**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Exercise '**Maitree**' is a joint military exercise between **Indian Army and Royal Thai Army** which is running on in **Thailand**. It is a platoon level exercise which comprises of infantry component.
- **Sri Lanka's Hambantota** port is gearing up to become a leading port in the **Indian Ocean region**. The location of the port had always been extremely advantageous as it was located just a little less than half a **nautical mile from the sea lanes**.
 - China Merchants Port Holdings (**CM Port**) entered into partnership with the **Sri Lanka Ports Authority in July** last year to develop and manage the port.
- **China** successfully tested “**Xingkong-2**” or “**Starry Sky-2**”, its **first waverider hypersonic aircraft** that could carry nuclear warheads and penetrate any current generation anti-missile defence systems.

ECONOMY

- To minimize the gap between scientific research and its industrial applications to enhance the impact of these technologies, Startup India launched the “**Startup Academia Alliance programme**”, which is a special mentorship **opportunity between academic scholars and startups working in similar domains**.

SPORTS

- Ace Indian shuttler **P V Sindhu** finished **second best** yet again in a major tournament final as she went down tamely to **Carolina Marin of Spain in the World Championships' women's singles** title clash at **Nanjing, China**.
- **India's Swastika Ghosh** won a bronze medal in the **junior girls' doubles** along with **Singapore's Jingyi Zhou** in the **2018 Hang Seng Hong Kong Junior and Cadet Open, in Hong Kong**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **73rd Hiroshima day**
 - **August 6, 2018**, marks the **73rd** anniversary of the bombing of **Hiroshima**. On this day in **1945**, the **US bomber Enola Gay** dropped **the first atomic bomb nicknamed 'Little Boy'** ever used in military combat on Hiroshima.
 - The Atomic Bomb Dome was located almost directly underneath the explosion was designated as a **World Heritage Site in 1996**.


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