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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister **K Palaniswami** laid the foundation stone for developing a Special Investment Region (SIR) in **Krishnagiri** district, **Tamil Nadu**. The Special Investment Region (SIR) is developed as part of Tamil Nadu's efforts to enhance economic growth in northern parts of the state.
 - The SIR will be developed by **GMR Infrastructures Ltd** and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (**TIDCO**).
- To understand the way people travel how it contributes to air pollution and energy consumption, the **New Delhi-based think tank**, Centre for Science and Environment (**CSE**) released its analysis – titled **The Urban Commute in Kolkata** on pollution in urban commute.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **E.Palanisamy** launched an app and a **website on plastic pollution free Tamil Nadu**. He inaugurated a campaign to highlight the impact of plastic pollution. He appointed actor **Vivek** as the **brand ambassador of the project**.
 - Tamil Nadu Government has announced **plastic ban with effect from 1st January 2019**.
- The **highest pollution** is due to transport in the national capital of **Delhi**. At the same time, **Madhya Pradesh's** capital **Bhopal** has the lowest level of pollution. The Center for Science and Environment (**CSE**) has released the report named **The Urban Commute** after studying **14 cities** in the **country**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **8th meeting** of **India-Kenya** Joint Trade Committee was held in **Nairobi, Kenya**. The meeting was co-chaired by Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, **Suresh Prabhu** and **Mr Peter Munya**, Cabinet Secretary (Minister) for **Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Government of Kenya**.
- In **Sri Lanka**, the **fourth** Asian electoral stakeholder's forum (**AESF-IV**) begins in Colombo to discuss the state of elections and democracy in the region. The **two-day forum** is being held for the **first time in South Asia** with support from the Election

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Commission of **Sri Lanka** and the Asian network for free elections (**ANFREL**).

- The theme is, '**Advancing Election Transparency and Integrity: Promoting and Defending Democracy Together**'. India is being represented by Chief Electoral Officer of **Maharashtra Ashwini Kumar** and an **NGO**.

ECONOMY

- A **central government report** has ranked Punjab National Bank (**PNB**) as the best **PSU bank in the overall digital transactions category in India**. According to a **PNB** statement on **Saturday**, the report card on the banking sector's performance in **digital transactions** was prepared by the **Ministry of Finance**.

AWARDS

- **Asia Society**, a global cultural organization announced that **PepsiCo's CEO Indra Nooyi** will be honoured with the **Game Changer of the Year** title of the **2018 Asia Game Changer Awards in October 2018**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Successfully sent twin **BeiDou navigation satellites** into the space on the **Long March-3B** carrier rocket from **Xichang Satellite Launch Center** in southwest **China's Sichuan Province**.
 - This was the **283rd mission of the Long March-3B carrier rocket**. They were developed by the Innovation Academy for Microsatellites of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

SPORTS

- **18-year-old Hima Das** won the **Silver medal in 400-meter race** in ongoing **Asian Games 2018, Indonesia**. **Hima** clocked **50.79 seconds** to complete her race. **Muhammed Anas** won **Silver medal in Men's 400m race**. **Dutee Chand** also bagged **silver medal** in women's **100 meter** race.
- **Japan** won its **first FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup** title at the **La Rabine Stadium** in **Vannes, France**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- "**Atal Ji Ne Kaha**" a book on former Indian Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.
 - **Atal Ji Ne Kaha** has been written, compiled and edited by **Brijendra Rehi**. The book has been published by **Darpan Publication**.