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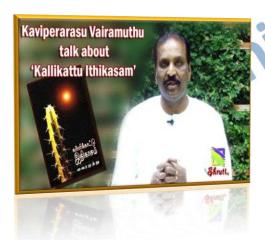
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NATIONAL NEWS

- A Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel was launched at L&T Shipyard in Kattupalli in Chennai. It is the third of series of the seven offshore patrol vessels under construction by L&T Shipbuilding Ltd.
- India's first Indian human mission will be launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) by 2022. The programme will make India the fourth nation in the world to launch a Human Spaceflight Mission.
 - So far, only the USA, Russia and China have launched human spaceflight missions. . PM Modi had earlier announced `Gaganyaan — India's maiden human spaceflight programme'
- An MoU was signed between the National Skill Development Corporation
 (NSDC) and National Health Agency (NHA), to provide capacity building for
 Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) to ensure effective rollout and
 continued quality implementation.
- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Edappadi K. Palaniswami laid the foundation stone for the GMR Krishnagiri Special Investment Region. The ₹2,420 crore project, spread across 2,100 acres, is a joint venture between the Tamil Nadu Industrial Corporation Ltd. (TIDCO) and GMR Group.
- Madhya Pradesh forest department has written to the National Tiger Conservation
 Authority to revive the plan to reintroduce cheetahs in the State's Nauradehi
 sanctuary. It was estimated that an amount of Rs 25 crore to Rs 30 crore would
 be needed to build an enclosure in an area of 150 sq km for the cheetahs in
 Nauradehi.
- To promote rich culture and art of Jharkhand and international art and give recognition to local artists, Jharkhand government held the International water colour festival at the Audrey House in capital city of Ranchi.
- The Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Suresh Prabhu announced the Drone Regulations 1.0. These regulations will enable the safe, commercial usage of drones starting December 1, 2018.
 - Introduction of the Digital Sky Platform, the first-of-its-kind national unmanned traffic management (UTM) platform that implements "no permission, no takeoff" (NPNT). Users will be required to do a one-time registration of their drones, pilots and owners.
- Chief minister Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Mu Hero...Mu Odisha'

Campaign in Cuttack that aims to recognise exemplary works by Odia boys and girls towards social transformation.

Under the campaign, part of the Biju Yuva Vahini programme, six specially-decorated canters will ply in a defined route plan and cover all 314 blocks and 113 urban local bodies over a period of four months.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Indian government and the European Union (EU) partnered for Rs. 240 crore research programme to develop a Next Generation Influenza Vaccine to protect people throughout the world.
 - EU and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, have committed EUR 15 million each to fund for this cause through "Horizon 2020" programme.

ECONOMY

- Prasar Bharati and Mizzima Media Group of Myanmar signed an MoU for cooperation and collaboration in broadcasting and content sharing in New Delhi.
- According to Department of Financial Services report, Punjab National Bank (PNB) has been rated it as number one state-owned bank in terms of digital transactions. It is also rated as the sixth overall amongst all banks in India for digital performance.

APPOINTMENTS

• Satya S Tripathi, an Indian development economist, has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

SPORTS

- India's 28-year-old sprinter Manjit Singh won the gold medal in the men's 800m event at the 2018 Asian Games, securing the ninth gold for the country.
 - Another Indian sprinter Jinson Johnson, who is ranked first in Asia, won the silver at the event. Meanwhile, Dutee Chand secured herself a place in the women's 200m finals, while Hima Das was disqualified.

• World number three PV Sindhu lost to world number one Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan) in the women's singles final to bag India's first-ever silver medal in badminton at Asian Games. Saina Nehwal had won bronze medal in the event.

