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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Bhitarkanika National Park (Odisha)** has become the **largest habitat** of the endangered estuarine crocodiles in the country with a record number of their nesting sites spotted in it. Altogether **101 nesting sites** of estuarine **crocodiles** were found this time by enumerators.
- The **Odisha government** signed an **MoU** with the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (**RIMES**) for enhancing early warning system for effective management of all kinds of disaster in the state, including flood, drought, heat wave, lightning, and road accidents.
- **Jharkhand** Chief Minister **Raghubar Das** announced that the **first 'Khadi Mall'** of the country will be **opened** in Jharkhand. The land in the Heavy Engineering Corporation (**HEC**) campus will be made available to the **Khadi Board** to develop **the country's first Khadi mall**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- With the persistent decline in poverty, **India** is no **longer** a **nation** having **the largest number** of **poor people in the world**, according to a study published by the **US-based think tank, Brookings**.
 - According to the study, **Nigeria** has already overtaken India as the country with the **largest number of extreme poor in early 2018**, and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** could soon take over the number 2 spot.

- The study, titled '**The start of a new poverty narrative**' and **published in the Brookings' blog**, is authored by **Homi Kharas, Kristofer Hamel and Martin Hofer**.
- The **ninth and final meeting** of Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on **Nepal-India Relations concluded in Kathmandu, Nepal**.
- **Abu Dhabi**, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has topped the list of "smart cities" in the **Middle East and Africa**, according to the **Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day Of Parliamentarism – June 30**
 - The 2018 International Day of **Parliamentarism** was observed across the **world on June 30, 2018**.
 - It aims to recognise the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies and in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at national and global levels.

SPORTS

- Former captains **Rahul Dravid** of **India**, **Ricky Ponting** of **Australia** and **retired England** Women wicketkeeper-batter **Claire Taylor** were inducted into the **ICC Cricket Hall of Fame 2018** during a glittering ceremony in **Dublin, Ireland**.
- In the summit clash of the **37th and final edition of the Hockey Champions Trophy** at **Breda, the Netherlands**, **India** lost to defending champions **Australia** via penalty shoot-off. The match went into the shoot-off after both the teams were locked at **1-1 in regulation time**.