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NATIONAL NEWS

 Madhya Pradesh, the government has launched an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidized power scheme 'Sambal' for labourers and poor families.

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- o Under the scheme, the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity at a cost of 200 rupees per month.
- Union Minister of State for Culture(I/c), Dr. Mahesh Shrama, inaugurated exhibition titled "Arth art for earth" at IGNCA, New Delhi.
 - 'ARTH ART FOR EARTH' by Manav Gupta consists of
 "Excavations in Hymns of Clay"-a suite of environmental art
 installations by Manav Gupta weaving all of them with a storyline and
 poetry.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (**CBIC**) has developed and launched a **mobile app** named '**GST Verify**' to protect interest of consumers.
 - The application is to verify if the person collecting GST from the consumer is eligible to collect it or not.
 - It also provides the details of the person / company collecting GST.
- The **Sunil Mehta** committee which was formed with a view to tackle Non-Performing Assets (**NPAs**) and creating credit capacity submitted its report with recommendations to **Finance Minister Piyush Goyal.**
 - The Sunil Mehta panel presented project 'Sashakt' and has recommended a five-pronged strategy to deal with stressed assets.

- The first 'pad abort' test critical for a future human space mission was conducted successfully.
 - o The test was conducted at the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre**, Sriharikota.
 - o The Crew Escape System is an emergency escape measure to quickly pull the crew module, the astronaut cabin — along with astronauts out to a safe distance from the launch vehicle in the event of a launch abort.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- India will be participating in the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 03-06 July 2018.
 - o The theme of the meet is 'Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development'.

APPOINTMENTS

- The Cabinet has approved the appointment of Former Chief Justice of Patna High Court, Justice L. Narasimha Reddy as the Chairman of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed a veteran Uruguayan Army official José Eladio Alcain as head of the United Nations mission tasked with monitoring the ceasefire line between **India** and Pakistan.