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NATIONAL NEWS

- After **Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh** Government is all set to ban the use of **plastic and thermocol cutlery** in the state.
- The Global Innovation Index (GII) has ranked India as the **57th most innovative nation in the world.**
 - The country has improved its ranking from **60th position last year.**
 - India has been improving steadily since it was ranked **81st in 2015.**
 - **Switzerland** ranked for 8th straight year.
- **Microsoft India** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Rajasthan** government to **improve the integration of technology in teaching and skilling of students and educators in government colleges.**
- Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (**DIPP**), **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, released the final rankings of States in **Ease of Doing Business in New Delhi.**
 - The top rankers are **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Haryana.**
 - **Jharkhand and Gujarat** stood fourth and fifth respectively.
 - **Tamil Nadu has 15th position** for ease of doing business.
- **Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Ananthkumar inaugurated the CIPET:** Centre for Skilling & Technical Support (CSTS) at ITI Building and laid the foundation stone of new Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (**CIPET**) Building at Doiwala, Dehradun.

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- CIPET: CSTS, Dehradun is the 32nd CIPET centre in the country.
- **India** has become the **world's sixth-biggest economy**, pushing **France** into **seventh place**, according to updated **World Bank figures for 2017**.
- India's gross domestic product (GDP) amounted to **\$2.597 trillion** at the end of **2017**, against **\$2.582 trillion for France**.
 - The world's top 3 economies are:
 - **The United States**,
 - **China**,
 - **Japan**.
- The **India-Korea Technology Exchange Centre** was inaugurated by the Minister of State (I/C) **MSME Giriraj Singh** and Minister of SMEs and Start-ups of Republic of Korea, **Hong Jong- hak** in **New Delhi**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Scientists** have discovered the **world's oldest colours**. **1.1 billion-year-old bright pink** pigments, extracted from rocks deep beneath the **Sahara desert in Africa**, have finally been traced.

IMPOTANT DAYS

- **World Population Day: 11 July**
 - World Population Day was established by the then-governing Council of the **United Nations Development Programme** in **1989**. The theme of **WPD 2018** is '**Family Planning is a Human Right**'. This day seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues.

BOOKS

- The Vice President of India, **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** has said that there is a need to revive **Theatre and make it a prominent form of education and entertainment**.
 - He was addressing the gathering after releasing the book '**Two Classical**

Plays from India', an English translation of Hindi plays written by well-known playwright Shri D.P. Sinha.


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