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#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

- The government of Andhra Pradesh launched a mobile platform, e-Rythu (e-farmer in Telugu) which will enable small-scale farmers to market their produce at reasonable prices. The platform has been developed by global payments and technology company Mastercard and aims to digitize agriculture marketplaces, payments, workflows, and provide farmers an easy and secure way to buy, sell and receive payments for agricultural products via their feature phones.
- The Union Cabinet approved new Umbrella Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan, PM-AASHA. The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce as announced in the Union Budget for 2018 the announcement was made by the Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh in New Delhi.
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi announced increase in remuneration for **ASHA** and **Anganwadi workers**. This would be effective from October 2018.
  - Providing free insurance cover under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Prime Minister Suraksha Bima Yojana.
- Election Commission announced the withdrawal of the provision of None Of The
  Above (NOTA) option from ballet papers for elections to Rajya Sabha and legislative
  council in states. It would only be available in Lok Sabha and state assembly
  elections.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu dedicated Arunachal Pradesh's first
   Sainik School at Niglok in East Siang district to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Malta** for strengthening cooperation **in the field of tourism.**
- The Lucknow Municipal Corporation launched an anti-open defectaion campaign, titled "Khule me shauch ki ghanti bajao siti bajao" (whistleblowing campaign against open defection), in line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision to make the capital city Open Defection Free (ODF) by October 2.
- The Tamil Nadu government said it had signed an MoU with the Central government

to implement **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** in association with state-run Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS).

 In a statement here the state said that its insurance scheme for the poor will be dovetailed into the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (National Health Protection Scheme) under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

#### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

- To deepen counter-terror cooperation and trade, India, Iran and Afghanistan held their first tripartite meeting chaired by Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Hekmat Khalil Karzai in Kabul.
- Asean World Economic Forum commenced in Hanoi, Vietnam. The 2018 World Economic Forum on ASEAN is in the context of the 4.0 era themed: "ASEAN 4.0: Entrepreneurship and the Fourth Industrial Revolution."
  - The ASEAN nations participating in the event are: Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand.

### **ECONOMY**

- State-owned **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** inked partnership with **Unlimit**, the only end-to-end IoT service provider in India for **Internet of Things (IoT) solutions**.
- Rajasthan has announced a 4% reduction in value-added tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel and Andhra Pradesh has announced Rs 2 reduction in VAT on petrol and diesel.

#### **SPORTS**

- Justice Mukul Mudgal, who headed the Supreme Court-appointed probe into the 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal, has been named chairman of the 11-member selection committee to pick this year's Dronacharya and Dhyanchand awardees.
  - The panel **headed by Mudgal**, the retired Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, has been picked by the Sports Ministry.

#### **BOOKS**

- Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar released the Telugu version of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's book, "Exam Warriors". This book has been translated into 14 languages.
- Author Ruskin Bond has been penning his life experiences in both fiction and nonfiction for well over six decades now and is back with a fresh memoir, "The Beauty of All My Days". The book has 10 chapters and numerous photographs of the writer's private life, or as Bond describes it, writerly life.

