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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched a **'Star Rating program'** for industries to support State Pollution Control Board's (SPCB) regulatory efforts to reduce pollution. This program is the first in India to use continuous monitored emissions data obtained in real time from major industrial plants.
- To mitigate cyber threats, the **Maharashtra** government announced the proposal of construction of new **Cyber University**. This is a part of the state's aim to set up Indian Computer Emergency Response Team.
  - According to Symantec's analysis in April, India is the 3rd most vulnerable country for risk of cyber-attack.
- The Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance making **triple talaq a punishable offence**. The Supreme Court had in a verdict in August last year declared it illegal and unconstitutional. It was cleared by the Lok Sabha but was stuck in the Rajya Sabha. Though the ordinance has been cleared, for now, it must be placed before the Parliament and the bill would still need to be passed.
  - The ordinance will have similar provisions as the Muslim Women Protection of **Rights in Marriage Act**.
- The government along with UN body **FAO** launched an agricultural project worth **USD 33.5 million** on conservation of biodiversity and forest landscapes. This project is being funded by **Global Environment Facility (GEF)**. The project, to be implemented in five landscape in **Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand**.
  - The project would involve: Biodiversity conservation, land degradation, climate change mitigation and sustainable forest management.
- **The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi** inaugurated and laid the Foundation Stone for several important development projects, at a public gathering **in Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi**. Among the projects inaugurated are the **Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)** for Puraani Kashi; and an **Atal Incubation Centre at BHU**.
- **Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani** was recently in India for visit. During a day-long visit, he reviewed and positively assessed the progress of the multi-faceted bilateral strategic partnership. Both leaders (**Narendra Modi and Ashraf Ghani**) expressed determination to strengthen connectivity, including through Chabahar port and Air-Freight Corridor.
- **The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** has approved a new scheme-

**Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna** for Insured Persons covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act. This scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their Bank Account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement.

- The ESIC also approved the proposal for increasing the funeral expenses **from existing 10 thousand rupees to 15 thousand rupees** being paid on the death of Insured Person.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and Morocco signed the revised Air Services Agreement** between the two countries enabling greater connectivity through a modernized agreement. The delegation of the two countries have met three times in the past years wherein they have worked towards liberalization of markets between the two countries and updating of the existing Air Services Agreement.
- **India and Romania** have agreed to intensify **cooperation at the United Nations and other multilateral fore in order to address global challenges**. It was issued in a statement after one to one talks **between Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and President of Romania, Mr. Klaus Werner Lohannis** in Bucharest.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina** inaugurated the **Dhaka-Tongi-Joydebpur Railway Project**. It will strengthen national and urban transport in Bangladesh

## ECONOMY

- State-owned **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** and **Private Life Insurer Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co Ltd (BALIC)** entered into a strategic partnership to provide life insurance solutions, especially at the doorstep of every household in the country.
- The **government has raised interest rates on Small Savings Schemes (SSS)**, including **National Savings Certificate (NSC) and Public Provident Fund (PPF)** by up to **0.4% for the October-December quarter**, in line with rising deposit rates in the banks. Interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Financial Commissioner of Delhi **Anindo Majumdar** was appointed Secretary, **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)**. Earlier, he was the chief secretary of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He is a 1985-batch IAS officer of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Mizoram Union Territories (AGMUT cadre).
- Director of Bhaba Atomic Research Centre (BARC) **Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas** has been appointed **Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy** and **Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission**.

## AWARDS

- All-women crew of **INSV Tarini** has bagged the prestigious **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award** for beating the odds in water with their enduring skills and sailing across the world for eight long months. The award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air. The INSV Tarini team was led by **Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi**.
  - The women Navy officers had spent as many as **194 days** at sea as part of a mission under the Navika Sagar Parikrama project. The crew was also bestowed with Nav Sena Medal on the occasion of 72nd Independence Day.