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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Union Cabinet** approved a new telecom policy, **National Digital Communications Policy 2018**, designed to provide ‘**broadband to all**’, Union Communications Minister **Manoj Sinha** announced. The policy, aimed at providing universal availability of 50 megabits per second (Mbps) and attracting investments worth \$100 billion.
 - Further, the policy aims at providing 1 Gbps (gigabits per second) connectivity to all ‘Gram Panchayats’ by 2020 and 10 Gbps by 2022.
- To encourage practice of ayurveda, **India** has set up an **Ayush Information Cell** at its embassy premises **in Romania** to create awareness about the traditional Indian system of medicine. The cell would organise lectures, consultations, conduct seminars and training courses among the public in Romania.
- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** unveiled the **theme** of **Odisha Conclave 2018**. The flagship biennial business event of the Government of Odisha will be themed on ‘**I am Odisha**’. The event celebrates the success of the state and the people in creating a vibrant ecosystem for business.
- **Astra**, the indigenously developed **Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)**, was successfully test-fired by the Indian Air Force from **Su-30 aircraft** from **Air Force Station, Kalaikunda**.
 - **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** played a role in modifying the aircraft for weapon integration. More than 50 public and private industries have contributed in building the ‘Astra’ weapon system.
- For Financial Inclusion, Finance Ministry launched mobile application “**Jan Dhan Darshak**”. It will act as a locator app guiding common people to find financial service touch point at a given location in the country.
 - The mobile app has been developed by: **Department of Financial Services(DFS), Ministry of Finance** and **National Informatics Centre(NIC)**.
- Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurated the **7th National Conference on Excellence in Workplace Safety and Occupational Health** in **New Delhi**. He also conferred FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) safety systems excellence awards for the industry to various units, like power generation, manufacturing, construction, Mining etc.
- **A five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice Dipak Misra** scrapped the pre-Independence provision of adultery in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which treats a married woman as a commodity owned by her husband. **Section 497 (adultery)** gives a husband the exclusive right to prosecute his wife's lover. If found guilty, the adulterer faces five years behind bars.

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- Supreme Court declared Centre's **Aadhaar scheme as constitutionally valid**. The five-judge constitution bench was headed by **Chief Justice Dipak Misra**. The bench stated that Aadhaar would remain **mandatory** for filing **IT returns** and allotment of **Permanent Account Number (PAN)**.
 - But, it will **not be mandatory** to **link Aadhaar to bank accounts**. Telecom service providers cannot look for linking it with mobile connections. **Section 57** of Aadhaar Act that permits private entities to avail Aadhaar data has been struck down.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The famous **Indra Jatra festival** commenced in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. It is an eight day long annual festival is observed to worship Indra, the lord of rain and good harvest. It also marks end of monsoon and beginning of harvest season and festivity.
- **India** has become the **first and only SAARC country** to have a **quit-line number on tobacco products**. The Union Health Ministry has already made **85%** pictorial health warning mandatory on both sides of packets containing cigarettes, bidis, and chewing tobacco. The quit-line number will be printed on all tobacco products manufactured after September 1, 2018.
 - India is the **fourth** country in Asia after Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore to have this government helpline for those looking at quitting tobacco.
- **ZSL's (Zoological Society of London) Institute of Zoology** conferred the title of 'world's largest bird' to **Vorombe titan**. Vorombe titan (meaning 'big bird' in Malagasy and Greek) is believed to have weighed up to **800 kg** and was **three metres** tall.
 - Elephant birds (belonging to the family Aepyornithidae) are an extinct group of colossal flightless birds that roamed **Madagascar**.

ECONOMY

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** announced that it will maintain its growth forecast for this year in Asia at **6 percent** but warned of the fallout of the ongoing trade tensions between China and the US for the region.
 - **For 2019**, the ADB has cut its growth prospects slightly to **5.8 percent**, according to the latest update of the bank's annual **Asian Development Outlook**.
- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** approved procurement of **1,000** engines for fitment in **T-72** tanks of the Army. . The engines are of **1,000 BHP** (brake horse power)

and have been built under 'Buy and Make' category by **Ordnance Factories Board (OFB)**.

AWARDS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has been awarded with the UN's **highest environmental honour**, also given to five other individuals and organisations, for his leadership of the International Solar Alliance and pledge to eliminate **single use plastic by 2022**.
 - **French President Emmanuel Macron** and Mr. Modi have been jointly recognised in the Policy Leadership category for their pioneering work in championing the **International Solar Alliance** and promoting new areas of levels of cooperation on environmental action.
 - **Cochin International** Airport was given the award for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy.
- **Badminton** player and Olympian **PV Sindhu** is the only sportsperson to feature in the Forbes **India's first** 'tycoons of tomorrow' list of **22 young achievers** in the **fields** of business, acting and sports. '**Tycoons of tomorrow**' is not a ranking. It is a qualitative selection prepared by Forbes India team and a six-member jury.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- To create public awareness on nuclear disarmament matters, educate people on the potential threat by nuclear weapons and the need for their total elimination, **26th September 2018, International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons was observed throughout the world**.
 - In 2013, United Nations General Assembly declared 26 September as International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. It has been observed every year since 2014.
- **World Tourism Day** is observed every year globally on **27th September**. It is a unique opportunity to raise awareness on the potential contribution of digital technologies to sustainable tourism development.
 - "**Tourism and the Digital Transformation**" is the theme of this year's World Tourism Day (WTD). Hungary is the host country for this year's **WTD**.