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NATIONAL NEWS

- The world's first-ever facility to create thermal batteries will be inaugurated in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh. The Thermal batteries will be manufactured by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST).
 - These batteries are based on alternative sources of energy production, and their presence is expected to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels. Energy can be stored in it that can power telecommunications, commercial enterprises, electric vehicles as well as charging systems.
- NITI Aayog's International Conference on "Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling: Policy Prescriptions" was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi.
 - It is expected that the deliberations at the conference will provide inputs for the policy formulation on various aspects related to material recycling.
- The National Green Tribunal constituted a committee, to be headed by a former Allahabad High Court judge, for monitoring the rejuvenation project of Ganga from Haridwar to Unnao in Uttar Pradesh.
- The National Academy of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) celebrated its 64th Foundation Day and the event was inaugurated by Minister of State for Culture(I/c), Dr. Mahesh Sharma.
 - A book on eminent artist Ganesh Pyne—"A Painter of Eloquent Silence" written by Pranav Ranjan Ray was launched.
- The Union Ministry of Water Resources, the NABARD and the National Water
 Development Agency (NWDA) signed a revised Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for
 funding of central share of 99 prioritised irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi
 Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar and Tourism Minister Manohar Ajgaonkar flagged off the Goa Tourism Development Corporation's app-based taxi service called 'GOAMILES' in Panaji.
 - It would ensure that commuters are not cheated as there would be transparency in fares for the customers. It will also ensure the increase in earnings of taxi drivers by "two to three" times.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- The opening ceremony of Exercise Maitree, a joint military exercise between **Indian Army and Royal Thai Army**, was held in **Chachoengsao** province, **Thailand.** It will be conducted between **August 6-19th 2018.**
 - It is an annual reciprocal training event. Earlier it took place in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh in 2017.
- Google has released its latest version of Android Opera ting System Android 9 Pie, which harnesses the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to predict how users would like to experience their devices while offering a smoother navigation system and an easier way to track and limit usage of apps.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ISRO announced that it would launch the heaviest communication satellite GSAT -11 from French Guiana on November 30, 2018. This satellite weighs over 5.7 tonnes or 5700 kg. It will be launched from the European spaceport Arianespace.
 - This will help in increasing internet speed of the country of 14 gigabit per second data transfer speed.

SPORTS

- Indian men's hockey team has improved one rank and has reached the 5th spot in the latest FIH rankings chart released on 7th August 2018.
 - o Men's FIH rankings released on 7th August 2018
 - o Australia
 - o Argentina
 - o Belgium
 - o In the women's rankings, the Indian team improved one spot to and reached **9th position.** Netherlands remained in the top position of women's **FIH rankings.**