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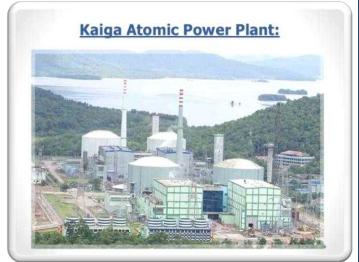
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Pune District court became the **first** court in India to allow **e-payments** of court fee, judicial deposits, fines and penalties, the facility which will be eventually available across all courtrooms in the country to bring transparency to cash transactions.
 - The Pune district court administration is starting the e-payment facility in the Shivajinager district and sessions court.
- Equipped with Bharat Heavy Electricals supplied Nuclear power equipment, the 220 MW Unit 1 at the indigenously developed Kaiga Atomic Power Station (KAPS) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL), has created a world record for continuous operation.
 - Recently, the unit has registered 941 days of continuous operation, surpassing the earlier world record of 940 days held by Heysham-Unit 2 of the United Kingdom.
- Geographical Indications Registry at Chennai has granted GI tag to Silao Khaja, the traditional delicacy of Nalanda district of Bihar. The application was filed by Silao Khaja Audyogik Swavalambi Sahakari Samiti Limited.
- Indian Navy is all set to establish the information fusion centre (IFC) for the Indian Ocean Region at the Navy's Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) in Gurugram.
 - The centre is aimed at collecting the data on commercial shipping or 'white shipping' in the Indian Ocean region. This will improve the Indian Navy's 'Maritime Domain Awareness'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Odisha on December 24 during which he will inaugurate a new campus of IIT-Bhubaneswar and launch a host of other projects.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• India and France have agreed on deepening their strategic partnership through

cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, civil nuclear, defence and security, space, trade and economic sectors.

- Paris and New Delhi are also working together on multiple international forums including Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- A new artificial archipelago of five islets was created in Markermeer to bring wildlife back, one of Europe's largest freshwater lakes under an ambitious project.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- World's oldest plant virus dating back 1,000 years has been discovered by scientist at a Native American archeological site. The previous oldest dating was found as 750 years.
 - This new plant virus has discovered when research team examined ancient plant material from Antelope House, an Ancestral Puebloan ruin located at Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Arizona.

APPOINTMENT

- Ashok Gehlot took oath as the Rajasthan Chief Minister whereas Sachin Pilot took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister after the successful lead in 2018 Rajasthan Legislative Assembly election.
- **Bhupesh Baghel Sworn** in as third Chief Minister of **Chhattisgarh**, at an indoor stadium Raipur, Capital of Chhattisgarh. The Swearing in Ceremony is administered by Governor **Anandiben Patel**.

AWARDS

Miss Universe 2018 was held at Muang Thong Thani, Pak Kret, Thailand. The 24-year-old Filipino-Australian beauty Catriona Elisa Gray from Philippines bagged Miss Universe 2018 title.

 o Tamaryn Green, a medical student from South Africa became first runner up and Sthefany Guterrez from Venezuela studying to be a lawyer became second runner-up.

SPORTS

- Joshna Chinappa and Mahesh Mangaonkar bagged the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the National Squash Championships in New Delhi. Both of these wins were memorable for the champions for different reasons.
- Jift is stadium, he and medal, while the stadium of Belgium pipped the Netherlands via a penalty shootout to lift their maiden title of the Men's Hockey World Cup 2018 at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

o With this victory, Belgium took the gold medal, while the Netherlands