



## National

### 10th DefExpo India Begins in Tamil Nadu

The tenth edition of a biennial exhibition of weapons and military hardware - DefExpo India-2018 will begin at Tiruvidanthai, Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu. The four-day long defence expo will be formally inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



- DefExpo 2018 will help brand India as an exporter of defence systems and components.
- Indigenously developed military helicopters, aircraft, missiles and rockets, capabilities to manufacture submarines, frigates and corvettes would be showcased at the event.

## **J&K Bank launches special financing scheme for industrial units**

Jammu and Kashmir Bank has launched a special financing scheme to help the state industry cope with the delay in reimbursement of GST under special tax relief.

The '**Add on Working Capital GST**' scheme was launched by J&K Finance Minister Syed Altaf Bukhari.

This scheme shall considerably strengthen the business enterprises that are facing stressed liquidity position due to Goods and Services Tax regime.

- The scheme will be revolving credit facility at most competitive pricing of 9 per cent without the hassle of much documentation
- The bank has also launched another scheme customised for the Trade and Services sector, which will get enhanced working capital for GST component under the scheme.

## **Government to install water ATMs in Haryana**

The Haryana government has prepared Water ATM Policy to provide clean drinking water to people at public places in cities. A proposal to this effect has been approved by the chief minister, Manohar Lal Khattar.

Under this policy, public places such as bus-stands, railway stations, parks, bus stops, parking areas and markets would be identified. Functioning of water ATMs would be ensured in three ways. The municipality would install water ATM and ensure that it functions; the municipality would install and hand it over to an agency for functioning; the option of Corporate Social Responsibility would also be available to ensure functioning.

There would be a distance of 400 meters between two water ATMs which could be adjusted according to the convenience of people.

## April 11: National Safe Motherhood Day.

**National Safe Motherhood Day** is observed on April 11 every year to create awareness on proper healthcare and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women.



- India was the first country in the world to officially declare a National Safe Motherhood Day.
- National Safe Motherhood Day on April 11th which is Kasturba Gandhi's birth anniversary, is celebrated every year, first was in 2003.
- **National Safe Motherhood Day** is an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI),
- . It also seeks to create awareness about the institutional delivery, reducing anemia among women and better pre and post natal health care are necessary for mothers.
- The theme of 2018 NSMD was '**Respectful Maternity Care**'.
- Every year WRAI members select a nationwide advocacy theme for Safe Motherhood Day

## India signs MoU with Republic of Korea

**The agreement will open up employment opportunities for Indian seafarers on Korean ships Shri Nitin Gadkari holds bilateral meeting with his Korean counterpart, attends India - Korea Maritime Cooperation Forum**

India signed a MoU with the Republic of Korea on Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Competency of Seafarers. This paves the way for the two governments to mutually recognize the certificates of maritime education and training, competency, endorsements and medical fitness of seafarers issued by each other.

The agreement was signed by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and his Korean counterpart Kim Young-Choon

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Shri Gadkari's visit is aimed at strengthening the bilateral cooperation between the two countries in shipping, ports, inland waterways, highways, river interlinking and infrastructure sectors.

## India donates \$1 million for Swaziland's National Disaster Management Agency.

India today donated USD 1 million to support Swaziland's national disaster management agency and expressed commitment to developmental partnership to create local capacities in the country and across Africa.

The commitment came as President Ram Nath Kovind addressed Swaziland's parliament. "To support the Swaziland National Disaster Management Agency, we have decided to donate USD 1 million as well as food grains... We invite Swaziland to join the International Solar Alliance as a partner country," the president said.

India and Swaziland signed two agreements — on health cooperation; and on visa waivers for those travelling on official and diplomatic passports.

### Swaziland

- Swaziland is a small, **landlocked** kingdom in the southern Africa.
- It is the smallest country in the Southern hemisphere.
- It is a predominantly rural country surrounded by South Africa and Mozambique.
- Hlane Royal National Park and Mkhaya Game Reserve are the wildlife attractions in the country.
- Mkhaya is one of the best places on the continent to see both **black and white rhino** and Hlane is home to big cat – the lion.

## Technology

### ISRO launched navigation satellite IRNSS-1I

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) early on Thursday(Today morning) launched the IRNSS-1I navigation satellite, the eighth such satellite to be a part of a constellation, from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

The PSLV-C41/IRNSS-1I mission blasted off at 4:04 am IST from the first launchpad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre and it was a normal lift-off. IRNSS-1I is expected to replace IRNSS-1A, **the first of the seven navigation satellites, that was rendered ineffective after its three rubidium atomic clocks failed.**

The launch is ISRO's second attempt at sending a replacement satellite. The previous mission of a PSLV carrying IRNSS-1H in August last year failed after the heat shield covering the satellite failed to separate.



### What is IRNSS?

IRNSS stands for Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System. It is a set of satellites which together can provide India a regional positioning system similar to the GPS. The system is designed to give position accuracy better than 20 metres to users in its primary coverage area. It can also service regions extending up to 1500 km around India's boundary.

- **Application:** These satellites help not just in land navigation but also in marine and aerial navigation.

The IRNSS-1I mission takes place two weeks after the space agency launched GSAT-6A on board GSLV Mk-II. Though the rocket placed GSAT-6A in orbit, the ISRO lost communication with the satellite within two days. The IRNSS-1I is the eighth navigation satellite to join the IRNSS space segment.

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### Champan Satyagraha Centenary Celebrations

Addressed to the National Conference of Clean Ganga in Motihari on April 10 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This conference was organized in Champan under the centenary celebrations of Satyagrah, led by Mahatma Gandhi.



# Champaran Satyagraha Centenary Celebrations

## Champaran satyagraha

- Champaran Satyagraha (1917) was a non-violent movement against the Tinkarathi method used by plantation owners, who reinforced the faith of Gandhi on the truth and non-violence in India. This movement emerged as an era promoter.
- This slave based on truth was India's first non-violent movement. Instead of condemning the opponents, their wrong policies and exploitation behaved rationally.
- In this, women and other local people, as well as those considered to be weak, also took part in the movement.
- The special point of this movement was that the tough method of ending without any harsh action was finished. Even after the end of the Tinkarathi system, the relations between the planters and the farmers were not bad.
- Since this movement, the importance of Gandhiji and his non-violent methods have increased in India and they emerged as a global leader.



## 1200-year-old Buddha cliff carvings found in Tibet

A newly discovered cliff carvings of Buddha in eastern Tibet may offer a glimpse into the Buddhist art and local history from 1,200 years ago.



The discoveries, dating back to the Tibetan Tubo Kingdom era, were found in Acur township in Chagyab County of the Qamdo City.

The era of Tubo Kingdom is said to be the most powerful period in Tibet's history which has made contributions to the Tibetan culture and the Tibetan Buddhism.

The discoveries will not only contribute to the study of art and culture, but also ancient transportation, the report said, adding that construction on the section has been stopped and the relics are under the protection of authorities.

There are over 5,000 statues in cliff carvings, in various styles and from different periods, of Buddha and Bodhisattvas or the protector of Buddhist Dharma have been found in Tibet. The most famous one being in the Chakpori mountain. The earliest statue dates back to the 7th century.

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