

## National News

### Arogya Fair begins in Goa

- Fair is launched as a cooperative effort by **AYUSH ministry and Confederation of Indian Industry**
  - To **popularize the Indian Medicinal system** and **update the industry** with recent developments in the sector
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### India to become 100% e-vehicle nation by 2030

- **Electricity operated cars at zero down payment** to make India as a **100% e-vehicle nation by 2030**
  - Increasing emissions across the world have forced all the nations to move towards renewable energies and adopt measures to bring down the pollution.
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### Fourth unit of NTPC-Bihar govt owned 195-Mw plant synchronized

- Plant is owned by **Kanti Bijlee Utpadan Nigam Ltd**
  - A joint venture between **NTPC and Bihar State Power Generation Company Ltd,**
  - The two Companies have **57% and 35.43% shares**, respectively.
  - Bihar will get **261 Mw (67%) of the total power** from the two units of 195Mw plants
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### MP to have get first ITBP center

- First **Indo Tibetan Border Police weapon training centre** at Batiagarh, Damoh.
  - Established at **1800 acres between Batiagarh and Fatehgarh** at a cost of **2100 crores**
  - Similar training centre is already operational in **Allahabad**
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### Election Commission clears PM's 'Mann Ki Baat' on Sunday

- Approval for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's radio broadcast "Mann Ki Baat", with a condition that his address to the public **should not violate the Model Code of Conduct**
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## International

### China, India leading investors in Renewable energy: UN report

- **India & China** have **overtaken the developed economies** in terms of **investment in Renewable energy**.
  - Increase in investment by the developing countries compared to the developed nations
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### India to appeal against WTO verdict in solar case

- Stipulation that **solar cells and solar modules** be **locally sourced** as part of the **National Solar Mission**
  - **US government** filed a case in WTO against India demanding equal market for domestic as well as foreign traders
  - Measure was taken by the **ministry of power** following the concerns raised by the **domestic traders to protect their interests**
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### Beijing allows remarried couples to have more children

- New family planning rule allowing **remarried couples to have more children**
  - **128 maternity leaves for mothers** (30 days longer than the previous allowance.) and **15-day holiday for fathers**.
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## Business and Economy

### Revised RBI rules for rehab of MSME's

- Biggest problem faced by the Indian banking sector in the recent days is the **piling up of bad loans**.
  - FICCI has commented on RBI's move calling it to be a **rehabilitation measure for MSME's**
  - Measures include formation of **special mention account** and **committee at the district level to manage stressed accounts**
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### RuPay to launch Credit Cards in September

- Initial focus to be on two variants – **regular and platinum**
  - **241 million RuPay cards** in circulation
  - Comprises **35% of the total card base in India** and accounting to **20% of all card-based transactions**.
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#### **Yokohama Rubber Co to buy Alliance Tire Group**

- **Alliance Tire Group** is a **Netherlands-based company** led by **Indian entrepreneur Yogesh Mahansaria**.
  - Cost of acquisition will be **\$1.2 billion** from private equity firm **KKR & Co. Ltd.**
  - Yokohama Group will acquire the **90% stake held by KKR and 10% of the Mahansaria family**.
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#### **ITC acquires TechnicoAgri Sciences Ltd**

- **Technico Agri Sciences Limited** was a wholly owned subsidiary of **Technico Pty Limited**
  - **Technico Pty Limited** is a wholly owned subsidiary of **ITC Limited**.
  - The acquisition cost was **Rs.121 crore**.
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## **Science and Technology**

#### **Malaysia to launch counter-messaging center to fight IS on the Internet**

- Malaysia will set up its **first counter-messaging center** in a bid to **curb the influence of the Islamic State in the internet**
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#### **China launches first cyber-security organization**

- Organization aimed at **better safeguarding national cyber security** and **guiding internet companies** in perform their duties.
  - **Cyber Security Organization** will focus on **promoting self-discipline** in the industry, **accelerating the establishment of industry standards** and **cyber security studies** and **participating in international cooperation**.
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#### **China discovers New Lightweight, low cost batteries**

- New **aluminum-graphite dual-ion battery (AGDIB)** has **low weight, volume and manufacturing cost**

- **Higher energy density** compared to the **Lithium ion batteries** used in smart phones
  - Will find **wide applications in portable electronic devices, electric vehicles, and renewable energy systems**
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### **Karnataka develops mobile app to monitor rural employment scheme**

- The App, titled '**MGNREGA M-platform**,' helps officials **monitor the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**
  - Allows the **beneficiaries to monitor progress at every stage.**
  - Has been devised to **increase transparency, reduce fund diversion and interference by middlemen.**
  - Used to **ensure automatic payment of wages to laborers by transferring data to the central server.**
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### **Highest point on Saturn's largest moon Titan identified**

- Titan's highest peak is **10,948 feet high.** It is found within a **trio of mountainous ridges called the Mithrim Montes.**
  - **Cassini-Huygens is an unmanned spacecraft** sent to the **planet Saturn.**
  - Cassini is the **fourth space probe** to visit Saturn and the **first to enter orbit.**
  - The spacecraft was **launched on October 15, 1997**
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## **Environment & Ecology**

### **Union Government notified E-Waste Management Rules, 2016**

- New rules focus on **phasing out of non-recyclable multi layered plastic and increasing reuse of plastic waste**
  - Minimum thickness of plastic carry bags increased **from 40 microns to 50 microns.**
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## **People in News**

### **Former Malaysian PM Badawi named new Petronas adviser**

- Will be **replacing country's longest serving prime minister Mahathir Mohamad** who has been **expelled from the post two weeks ago.**
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### **Tata Steel Europe CEO to quit**

- **Karl Koehler, chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director (MD) of Tata Steel Europe** is stepping down to take up a **senior leadership positions**
  - Hans Fischer, currently chief technical officer of Tata Steel Europe, will be appointed as the new CEO.
  - **Imports of cheap Chinese steel, overcapacity in the market and high energy costs** have put **huge pressure on steel businesses through Europe**
  - **Industries in the UK have been hit the hardest**
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### **Actor Peter brown dies**

- He had been **ailing from Parkinson's disease** for years.
  - He did starring roles in **two television westerns in the 1950s and 1960s**
  - His popular films include **"Darby's Rangers," "Merrill's Marauders," "Summer Magic," "Ride the Wild Surf" and "Foxy Brown."**
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### **Former BJP MP Lal Muni Chaubey dies**

- He has been selected as the MP from **Buxar district during 1996-2009 four times**
  - He had also been the **MLA from Kaimur constituency thrice**
  - Passed away at the age of **73 owing to prolonged illness.**
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