

# National News

## **Chandranna Bima Yojana launched in Andhra Pradesh**

- Insurance scheme – Chandranna Bima Yojana for the working class people on May Day
  - Investment: **Rs. 132 Crore for the implementation**
  - **5 Crore workers would be covered under the scheme**
  - **5 Lakh for Permanent disability and Rs. 3 Lakh for Partial disability**
  - **5 Lakh would be paid if the Insurer worker met with an accidental fatal**
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## **Swachh Bharat Mission funds released in Punjab to achieve clean India Mission**

- Funds Sanctioned: **16 Crore 79 Lakh Rupees**
  - Union Government has allocated **221 Crore Rupees to achieve the mission till October, 2019**
  - Number of Municipal Corporation City: **9 except Ludhiana Corporation**
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## **Odisha Skill Development Authority becomes operational**

- Program will be headed by **IT entrepreneur Subroto Bagchi.**
  - New initiative will guide, **implement, coordinate and oversee all skill development Programs also to ensure quality skill training standards and sustained employability of trained youths.**
  - Program head will be **accorded the rank of a Cabinet Minister in the state and draw a salary of only Re 1 a year for his service.**
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## **Reservation in promotions in the State as unconstitutional**

- Court observed that giving **priority to reserved categories over general classes in promotions is not justice.**
  - Order affects above **30,000 employees and officers with possible repercussions in other states.**
  - **16% posts for scheduled castes and 20% for scheduled tribes in elevations saying they violated Supreme Court guidelines.**
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## **MoU signed for setting up of IIT in Jammu**

- State government is committed for setting up **IIT Jammu with highest standards in a par with other IITs in the country.**
  - **625 acres of land has been sanctioned at Jagti in Nagrota for the purpose of setting up an IIT Jammu.**
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## **Govt launches MICE initiative for upgradation of tourism sector**

- initiative named MICE which is **based on meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions for the upgradation of tourism sector in India**
  - Tourism Ministry allocated **funds to the States and Union Territories' administrations to develop tourism-related infrastructure.**
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### **Army utilizing solar energy for disposing ammunition**

- Method uses **steam generated by concentrated solar technology (CST)**. Steam is **used to melt explosive material inside shells of munitions with calibers ranging from 40 mm to 130 mm.**
  - **Mirrors are used to concentrate solar energy to convert water to steam** which is directed on the shells.
  - Medium and high calibre ammunition is filled with Tri-Nitro-Toulene (TNT), which has a melting point of 80 degree Celsius which can be melted with steam.
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### **LPG scheme for poor women**

- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, which aims to provide **five crore LPG connections to women in Below Poverty Line (BPL) households over the next three financial years**
  - **Cost of the scheme is 8000 crores.**
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### **UJALA Scheme - National LED program**

- Scheme is being implemented **by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Union Ministry of Power.**
  - **Flagship project of the Govt. of India** where it wants every home in India to use LED bulbs so that the **net power or energy consumption rate comes down and the carbon emission rates can also be checked.**
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### **Real Estate Act comes into force**

- Act has set into motion the **process of making necessary operational rules and creation of the institutional infrastructure to make the Act effective on ground.**
  - Law aims to **protect homebuyers from real estate developers who fail to deliver on time, and regulate India's murky real estate sector in the country.**
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## **International**

### **Wipro, partners set up Saudi Arabia's first all-women biz park**

- Move intended to create **21,000 jobs by 2025** and give **women a critical role to play in a way that serves the objectives of the nation**
  - **World's largest oil major Saudi Aramco as the strategic advisor** and anchor of this initiative.
  - Move also **facilities and infrastructure at the park set in Riyadh, as well as training and employing up to 21,000 Saudi women.**
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## Business and Economy

### Paytm ties up with Wipro for payments bank

- Paytm has joined hands with Bengaluru based IT major Wipro Ltd **to create the requisite technology infrastructure for its payment bank which is said to start its operations soon.**
  - Tie up is to **implement the core banking solution for Paytm** and also **program managing the integration of other key systems like the anti-money laundering solution**
  - IT major Wipro will service to Paytm in **interface its existing systems with the core banking solution.**
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### Zone Startups to launch accelerator for women entrepreneurs

- The six-week Program and will be a first-of-its-kind. It is an **international footprint of the Ryerson University and the BSE Institute of BSE**
  - **Various bootcamps, workshops, demo days will be hosted**
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### Apollo Hospitals signs MoU with Osler Health for research in chronic disease

- Aims to positively **impact the health and wellness of the patients they serve.**
  - The two organizations will begin **by identifying areas of cooperation, collaboration and innovation, particularly around the range of diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and cancer.**
  - Pilot project to enhance the **continuity of care for patients with complex needs travelling between India and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in Canada for extended periods of time.**
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## People in News

### Housing.Com appoints DilipTuli as Senior VP

- Prior to his new appointment he was **a director with the deal advisory division at KPMG consultancy.**
  - Will assist Locon with **company's strategy and oversee new business initiatives such as transaction facilitation and fulfillment services.**
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### Rohit Sharma Signs as Brand Ambassador for Hublot Watches

- He will promote the **Hublot's signature Classic Fusion Aerofusion Chronograph edition** in the upcoming days.
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### Former Jan Sangh president Balraj Madhok passes away

- Became a **full-time member of the RSS in 1942 and politically active in Jammu and Kashmir.**
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### **No Time to Pause – book by Pavithra Ramesh**

- Story about a girl who, for want of privacy and independence goes to college in a different city.
  - Book chronicles the life of a typical college student who chooses to reside miles away from her family to get value education.
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## **Science and Technology**

### **ePaisa spins its digital wallets business into a new mobile application**

- Mobile POS solutions company ePaisa launched its **digital wallets business into a new mobile application Master-Wallets.**
  - **New app enables merchants to accept payments from any digital wallet without having to go through the hassle of opening an account with each and every wallet company.**
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### **China developed world's first graphene electronic paper**

- OED Technologies of China has developed the **world's first graphene electronic paper**
  - **Graphene e-paper is more pliable and has more intensity and its high-light transmittance means optical displays will be much brighter.**
  - Graphene is derived from carbon, meaning **production costs will be much lower than for traditional e-papers, which use the rare expensive metal indium.**
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### **Online app Adi Praman for tribal caste validity certificate in Maharashtra**

- Application would make the **entire process of securing caste validity certificate transparent, fast, and easy and would effectively curb the menace of bogus certificates.**
  - Application would **help the government achieve the goal of inclusion as envisioned under the Digital India Program.**
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### **Mobile App namely "Indian Customs- Guide to Travellers" launched**

- App has been developed by Bengaluru Customs **to inform international travelers who may, inter-alia, be traders/exporters/importers about Customs Baggage rules.**
  - User friendly and **serves as a useful tool for quick and effective dissemination of information about to clarify doubts and concern of passengers.**
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## Environment & Ecology

### Amazon surprises with new reef system

- Study observed that a **massive coral reef that stretches for some 600 miles.**
  - Reef system extends over **3,600-square miles along the ocean floor, stretching from French Guiana to Brazil's Maranhao.**
  - The Amazon is the **largest river by discharge of water in the world, also second longest in length.**
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## Awards

### Three eminent Indian Born scientists become Royal Society Fellows

- Physicist Sriram Ramaswamy, Director of TIFR Centre for Interdisciplinary Sciences, Hyderabad
  - Biochemist Ramanujan Hegde, MRC Laboratory of Microbiology, U.K.
  - Applied mathematician Lakshminarayanan Mahadevan, Harvard University
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## Sports

### Indian Shooters Bag 3 gold, 1 Bronze at ISSF Junior World Cup

- **A Gold in the men's 25m standard pistol team event** – Rituraj Singh (569 points), Shivam Shukla (550 points) and Arjun Das (542 points)
  - **Gold in team events of Women's 50m Rifle** – Gaayathri Nithyanadam (618.4 points), Sonika (616.9 points) and Ayushi Podder (611.3 points)
  - **Gold in Men's 25m Standard Pistol by Rituraj Singh**
  - **Bronze in the women's 50m rifle prone by Gaayathri Nithyanadam**
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### Nico Rosberg wins F1 Russian GP

- **Fourth consecutive victory in a row this season.**
  - **Hamilton now lags behind by 43 points in second, with Raikkonen a further 14 points adrift in third spot.**
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