

National News

Higher Minimum Support Price and bonus for pulses, oilseed, sesamum

- To enhance the production of Pulses and Oil seeds and decline the country's dependency on Imports
- **Bonus on the three main Varieties of Pulses:** Tur, Arhar, Moong.
- **Bonus:** Rs. 425 per quintal for pulses, Rs. 100 per quintal for oilseed, Rs. 200 per quintal for sesamum.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of India (DGCA) and the French Civil Aviation Authority.

- for technical Cooperation in establishing International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards and Practices.
- **Purpose:** To Implement **Technical Co-Operation programme** and establishing standards and trainings of the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

Country's first National Disaster Management Plan released

- to make nation disaster resilient and considerably reduce the loss of lives and assets.

MoU between US and India to enhance cooperation in wildlife conservation

- Memorandum of Understanding between United States of America and India to enhance cooperation in the field of wildlife conservation and combating wildlife trafficking.
- India will benefit from the expertise of **the US Institutions** in the field of wildlife conservation and management of wildlife areas and in combating illegal trade of wildlife and their derivatives.
- **The MoU seeks cooperation in the following areas:**
 - ♦ Wildlife Forensics and Conservation Genetics.
 - ♦ Natural World Heritage Conservation.
 - ♦ Nature Interpretation and Conservation Awareness.

Detailed project report of Varanasi Metro Rail approved

- The 29.23 km Metro will come with **26 stations, 20 underground** and six elevated in the two corridors.
- The estimated cost of the project is **13133 crore rupees**. Out of the total length, **23.467 km** will be elevated, **while 5.768 km** will be underground.

International

China To Launch First Hack Proof Quantum Communication Satellite

- **Key Aspect:** First quantum communication through a satellite in the world.
- Chinese Academy of Sciences would launch its **first experimental quantum communication satellite** in July 2016 whose communications cannot be intercepted.

China launches three satellites

- China has successfully launched a new **civilian high-resolution mapping** satellite along with two other foreign satellites from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre**
 - Satellite which was on board the rocket were two new **satellites from Uruguay**. It was the 228th flight mission by a Long March carrier rocket.
 - Ziyuan Satellite will be used in land **resource surveys, natural disaster prevention**, agricultural development, water resources management and **urban planning**.
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world's longest tunnel opens in Switzerland

- Almost Seventeen years after construction work which intended to ease transit.
 - **57km** twin-bore Gotthard base tunnel will **deliver a high-speed rail link** under the Swiss Alps between northern and **southern Europe**.
 - Gotthard Base **Tunnel** has overtaken Japan's 53.9km Seikan rail tunnel as the longest in the world.
 - the project cost more than \$12bn
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Business and Economy

India, World Bank sign agreement for efficient bus service

- a **9.2 million US dollar** grant agreement under the World Bank-Global **Environment Facility Programme**.
 - **programme is** for the **Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service Project** that intended in improving the efficiency and attractiveness of bus services in select Indian cities
 - total cost of the **project is \$113 million** of which \$9.2 million will come as a grant from the World Bank and \$103.07 million will be funded by the Centre, state and city governments for the funding of buses and **ancillary infrastructure**.
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People in News

Asia's largest tech trade show COMPUTEX kicks off in Taipei

- The Show will end on Jun 4.
 - mega trade show has been organized by Taiwan External Trade Development Council and TCA (Taipei Computer Association) with **1,602 exhibitors**, from more than 1,600 companies from 30 countries.
 - Computex is highly reflecting the **latest technology development** and also highlights on the International exchanges and cooperation **among exhibitors**.
 - **show has 4 main themes that focuses on: IoT applications, innovations and startups, business solutions, and gaming**.
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Scientists Discovered Rare 'Einstein Ring'

- **Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias and the University Scientists** have discovered one of the most symmetrical Einstein rings created by a galaxy located **10,000 million light years**

- These rings is a rare astronomical **phenomena that was** predicted by Einstein's theory of General Relativity.
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Japanese scientists develop new tool to predict spread of Zika virus

- new tool that can predict the **risk of Zika virus importation** and local transmission across the world.
 - Subtropical and tropical nations with a history of dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases have the **greatest risk of the virus** spreading.
 - nations include in South and Central America, as well as the Caribbean, face the highest risk of infection and should take measures to **prevent mosquito bites**.
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Actor Razak Khan passes away

- **Razak Khan** has passed away **after suffering a cardiac arrest** in Mumbai. He was 62-year-old.
 - Khan was well known for acting in big budget films like **Hello Brother, Hungama and Hera Pheri**.
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Former Eden Gardens curator Prabir Mukherjee passes away

- **Prabir Mukherjee** has passed away after a prolonged illness at Kolkata. He was 86.
 - was well known for his no-nonsense steadfast approach who was involved with the Eden Gardens pitch for more than two decades.
 - His preparation which includes preparing the wicket for the **1987 World Cup final**.
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Sports

Nuwan Kulasekara Retires From Tests, to Focus on ODIs, T20s For Sri Lanka

- Sri Lankan pace bowler **Nuwan Kulasekara** has announced retirement from Test cricket after being a part of 21 Test matches.
 - made this decision in order to focus his attention on the sport's shorter formats.
 - he will play in shorter formats for his side and he had claimed **186 wickets from 173 ODI matches**.
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Sonia Lather won silver in Women's World Boxing Championships

- Indian boxer Sonia Lather won the silver medal at **the AIBA Women's World Championships**
 - she lost the women's **57 kg category in the Title clash** in Astana.
 - Kazakhstan finished on top of the table with 4 golds and 2 bronze medals, China was the runners-up with two medals of each rank.
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Rahul Johri takes charge as first ever BCCI CEO

- Prior to his new appointment he had served as Discovery Networks Asia Pacific's executive vice-president and general manager for South Asia
 - New CEO will be responsible **for smooth functioning of operations**, stakeholder management and building robust strategies **for promoting cricket**.
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Surajit Kar Purkayastha Appointed Director General Of West Bengal Police

- Kolkata Police Commissioner **Surajit Kar Purkayastha** was appointed as the new Director General of Police in West Bengal.
 - He had also worked with the Intelligence Branch for many years
 - Surajit is a **1985 batch** Indian Police Service officer who is graduated in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur.
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