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## **NATIONAL NEWS**

**Cabinet approves India-Maldives MOU for passenger, cargo services**

- The Union Cabinet has approved the pact signed between India and Maldives to start passenger and cargo services via sea route. The MoU will pave way for ferry services between Maldives and India. The proposed ferry services between Maldives and India. The proposed ferry services would contribute in a big way to promote people to people contact and to boost bilateral trade.

**Tripura gets Rs 358 crore from GOI for road projects**

- The GoI has sanctioned an additional amount of Rs 358 crore for the construction of new roads in rural areas of Tripura.

**Hong Kong govt grants over \$ 9 million for cyclone -hit odisha**

- The Hong Kong government has approved over \$9 million for relief and rehabilitation work in cyclone hit Odisha. The grants will benefit around 45,100 victims of Fani cyclone and will be used to provide hygiene kits, kitchen kits, water, education, household items and shelter kits.

**Army Chief release Kargil Tribute song**

- Army Chief General Bipin Rawat has released a Kargil Tribute Song to honour, Salute and pay homage to the Kargil martyrs and war veterans. The song has been composed by eminent Hindi lyricist Sameer Anjaan and sung by Shatadru Kabir.

**CCMB and CDFD sign MoU to improve genetic disease diagnostics**

- An MoU has been between CSIR-Center for cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD).

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Iraq's Babylon listed as world Heritage Site by UNESCO**

- UNESCO world Heritage committee has listed Iraq's Babylon as a World Heritage Site. Babylon is developed as a

walled city of mud brick temples and towers, constituting the tower of Babel, and the Ishtar Gate. The city was the centre of the ancient Babylonian empire more than 4000 years ago.



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