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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Texfair 2019 opens in Coimbatore

- The 12th edition of TexFair, a four-day expo on textile machinery, accessories, spares and services, will open on August 9 at the Codissia Trade Fair Complex.
- Around 250 exhibitors have registered to display their products/ services in 320 stalls at the biennial expo, organised by the Southern India Mills Association (SIMA).

#### AP Home Minister flags off riot control vehicle 'Vajra'

- Arunachal Pradesh State Home Minister Bamang Felix flagged off Five Anti-Riot police vehicle, also known as Vajra, from Police Headquarter in Itanagar. This is the first set of anti-riot vehicles introduced in the state police department.
- These vehicles come with special features for quick response, automatic multi-barrel launchers for tear gas, with a capacity of 12 persons and a battery backup for long hours stuck in the rioting crowd.

### FACTS

Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh-Pema Khandu

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh-B.D. Mishra

#### Udaipur set to host India's largest education Brainstorm

- The third edition of India's largest education brainstorming event, the ScooNews Global Educators Fest (SGEF) will be held on August 09 and 10 in Udaipur- the City of Lakes.
- It will bring together over 500 educators to discuss the way towards establishing India as the next global education powerhouse.
- The theme for this year's fest is '**Education for Sustainability: Moving on from conformity to creativity**'

#### 2nd All India annual conference of IIS officers held in New Delhi



- 2nd All India Annual Conference of IIS Officers was held in New Delhi on Monday. Over 150 senior IIS officers from across the country attended the conference.
- The conference discussed about integrated communication approaches, regional expansion of social media, and impact assessment of Govt communication.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Australian Super, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan to invest \$2 billion through NIIF

- Australian Super, Australia's largest superannuation fund, and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (Ontario Teachers'), Canada's largest single-profession pension plan, have each signed agreement for investments of up to \$1 billion with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India's Master Fund.
- The agreements include commitments of \$250 million each in the Master Fund and co-investment rights of up to \$750 million each in future opportunities alongside the Fund.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### NASA satellite uncovers 'first nearby super-Earth'

- Scientists have characterised the first potentially habitable world outside our own solar system located about 31 light-years away.
- The super-Earth planet — named GJ 357 d — was discovered in early 2019 owing to NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS), a mission designed to comb the heavens for exoplanets, according to the research published in the Astrophysical Journal Letters.

### Artificial Intelligence used to detect fast radio bursts

- Scientists have developed an automated system that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to detect and capture fast radio bursts (FRBs) in real-time.
- FRBs are mysterious and powerful flashes of radio waves from space, thought to originate billions of light years from the Earth, said researchers from Swinburne University of Technology in Australia.

## RESIGN

### Dale Steyn retires from Test cricket after 439 wickets from 93 matches

- **South Africa pacer Dale Steyn** has announced his decision to retire from Test cricket. Steyn, 36, played 93 Tests from 2004 to 2019 and picked 439 wickets.
- Steyn, who played his first Test against England at Port Elizabeth in December 2004, also played his last Test at the same venue (against Sri Lanka on February 2019).

## SPORTS

### Vinesh Phogat wins 3rd successive gold in 53kg in Poland Open

- Star India grappler **Vinesh Phogat** has bagged her third consecutive gold in women's 53kg category after winning the Poland Open wrestling tournament in Warsaw.
- Vinesh had earlier beaten Sofia Mattson of Sweden, the Rio Olympics bronze medallist, in the quarterfinals of this international tournament.
- The top Indian woman wrestler had stood atop the podium at Grand Prix of Spain and at the Yasar

Dogu International at Istanbul, Turkey last month.

### **Aamir Khan launches Mission Shakti sports initiative**

- Aamir Khan attended the launch function of Mission Shakti, an initiative by Maharashtra minister Sudhir Mungantiwar to train athletes from Chandrapur and Gadchiroli for international events like the Olympics.

### **FACTS**

CM of Maharashtra-Devendra Fadnavis

Governor of Maharashtra- CH Vidyasagar Rao.

### **R Ashwin named PCA Player of the Month for consistent county performances**

- India off-spinner R Ashwin has been named as Professional Cricketers Association's (PCA) Player for the month of July 2019 for his consistent performances in the county championships.
- R Ashwin represented Nottinghamshire and played 3 matches for them before heading to Tamil Nadu Premier League T20 competition.



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