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1. The **National Highways Authority of India (NHA)** is considering a **new policy to revamp** the entire toll system to improve commuter experience.
2. The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** has decided to restrict use of **toluene, titanium acetylacetonate and phthalates** in printing of packaging materials used for food products.
3. The Tax department put up in public domain **draft GST returns forms -- Sahaj and Sugam** -- for seeking comments from stakeholders.
4. The Prime Minister laid the foundation of India's **first Mobile Open Exchange Zone (MOX)** at **World Trade Centre, Noida**.
5. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Radha Mohan Singh launched the **Rs. 215 crore Meghalaya Milk Mission** in Shillong through **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**.
6. **Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF)** has been taken away from the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** and brought under the domain of the **Finance Ministry**.
7. **Prabhat Koli** became the first Asian to swim the choppy water **from Jersey** (an Island in the UK) **to France** in cold weather.
8. **Swelect Energy Systems Ltd.** Has partnered with **U.S.-based Zero Mass Water** to unveil 'Source,' a **hydro (solar) panel** to provide pure drinking water using sunlight and air.
9. The Lok Sabha passed the **Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018**, to provide the death sentence for rape of girls **aged under 12** and enhance the **minimum punishment for rape** of a woman from **seven years to 10**.
10. The Supreme Court is seeking to scrap **None Of The Above (NOTA)** from Rajya Sabha Elections.
11. The **Defence Ministry** approved key guidelines for implementation of **Strategic Partnership Policy** under which select private firms will be roped in to build military platforms like submarines and fighter jets in India in partnership with foreign entities.
12. **Eight women farmers** have been selected to visit the **International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)** in the **Philippines** to learn about new **rice farming techniques**, as part of an initiative by the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)**, a **Science Ministry body**, to raise the profile of women farmers.

13. **Brindavan Gardens** - The Brindavan Gardens is a garden located in the **Mandya District** of the state of **Karnataka**, India.
14. The **Telugu Desam Party (TDP)** raised the issue of reservation for the **Kapu community** in **Andhra Pradesh**.
15. With the water level in the **Idukki reservoir touching 2,395 feet**, just nine feet short of the full level, an **orange alert** was issued by the **Kerala State Disaster Management Authority**.
16. The **Goa government** is lobbying with Centre to accord special status to Goa on lines of **Mizoram, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh** under **Article 371** or any other provision of the Constitution of India.
17. The **pink bollworm** has again attacked cotton plants in **Maharashtra** this year, causing concern among farmers and the government.
18. The **3rd BRICS Film Festival** was held in **Durban, South Africa**, along with the International Durban Film Festival (DIFF).
19. **Japanese scientists** announced that the **first human trial** to treat **Parkinson's disease** by injecting stem cells into brain.
20. In a major boost to **India**, the **U.S.** eased **export controls** on **high-technology product** sales to it by designating it as a **Strategic Trade Authorisation-1 country**.
21. Moody's Investor Service estimates revenue loss from the most recent tax cuts to be about **0.04 per cent-0.08 per cent of GDP annually**.
22. **Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC)** announced that, **Surendra Rosha** has been appointed as **Chief Executive Officer** for HSBC India.
23. **Seema Nanda** became the **first Indian-American woman** appointed as the **CEO of the Democratic National Committee** in recent history.
24. The **2018 Russian Open**, was a badminton tournament which took place at **Sport Hall Olympic** in Vladivostok, Russia from **24 to 29 July 2018**
25. **World No.1 Dustin Johnson** won **Canadian Open** title.