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NATIONAL

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has finally declared the **city's Victorian and Art Deco Ensembles**, straddling two heritage precincts of Fort and Marine Drive, a World Heritage Site. The feat makes Mumbai the second city in India after Ahmedabad to be inscribed on the World Heritage List.
- Telangana Chief Minister **K Chandrasekhar Rao** had laid foundation stone for **Gattu irrigation project in Jogulamba Gadwal district**. The Chief Minister announced that **₹554 crore** will be spent to complete the project
- Four students from department of aerospace engineering in Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science near Chennai have designed **world's lightest satellite which weighs only 33.39 grams** which will be put into space in August from **Colorado Space Centre in the US**. The main aim of the satellite is to check **the working of nylon in microgravity**.
- The first '**Khadi Mall**' of India will be opened in Jharkhand. It was announced by **Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das**.
- **The International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST)**, the global voice of food science and technology in association with **Indian National Science Academy (INSA)** as adhering body, announced the 19th edition of its prestigious global event to be held in Navi Mumbai, India from October 23-27, 2018.
- The Income Tax Department has launched an '**instant**' **Aadhaar-based PAN** allotment service for individuals seeking the unique identity for the first time.
- **The Bhitarkanika national park in Odisha** has become the largest habitat of the endangered estuarine crocodiles in India with a record number of their nesting sites spotted in it.
- **Tata Power's arm Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd (TPREL)** commissioned 100 MW (50 MW x 2) solar capacity at Anthapuramu Solar Park, Andhra Pradesh.
- **In Madhya Pradesh, the Ayushman Bharat Yojana** under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission will be implemented in the state from August 15 this year.
- The Government think tank **Niti Aayog** will hold on September 7-8 here the **India's first 'Global Mobility Summit'**. It will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The **Behdienkhlam Festival** of the Raji Tuber, one of the most colourful and the biggest festivals in the Jaintia Hills region concluded. The celebration was held at the sacred place called the '**Bear**' situated in the heart of Tuber village which is about 25 kilometers from Jowai.

- The **Election Commission of India** has launched a mobile app **cVIGIL**, which citizens can use to confidentially report violation of election code of conduct.
- The **Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam** has become the **first oil public sector undertaking (PSU)** to adopt an **online legal compliance system by introducing 'Legatrix'**.
- The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has launched its **first in-house single umbrella e-marketing system** that can be accessed from anywhere in India for sale and purchase of its products. It is named as Khadi Institution Management and Information System (KIMIS).
- The **Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal** launched the "**Happiness Curriculum**" for students of nursery to Class 8 in government schools. The curriculum was launched in the presence of the **Dalai Lama**.
- The **IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd** (IndiaFirst) has entered into a tie-up with **Oxigen Services India Pvt Ltd** to establish distribution of its **insurance products at Oxigen retail outlets**.
- **Mumbai** is **fifth-least punctual airport** in the world in terms of **on-time performance**; Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad rank 262, 255 and 246 out of 513 airports. **Indigo** is the highest ranked airline from India at **14** and **Air India** was the **second-poorest performer**.
- The Centre has announced a **state-of-the-art e-waste recycling unit for Bengaluru**, India's technology capital which produces an estimated **one lakh tonne of electronic waste** a year. The Chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry is setting up the facility.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the government has launched an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidised power scheme '**Sambal**' for **labourers and poor families**.
- The Sunil Mehta committee which was formed with a view to tackle **Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and creating credit capacity** submitted its report with recommendations to Finance Minister Piyush Goyal.
- The **first 'pad abort'** test critical for a future human space mission was conducted successfully. The test was conducted at the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota**.
- The **Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** has launched '**Poshan Abhiyan**'--a statewide mission **to eradicate malnutrition** among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres.
- **The Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy** has presented his first budget. He announced a farm loan waiver of **Rs 34,000 crore**.

- Tripura Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** has said that **Agartala Airport will be named after Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishor Manikya Bahadur.**
- The **National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** has given its nod to include four diverse species — **Northern River Terrapin (riverine turtle), Red Panda, Clouded Leopard and Arabian Sea Humpback Whale** — in the recovery programme for critically endangered species.
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** has announced **ban on plastic bags, cups and glasses** across the state from July 15 onwards.
- The **National Security Guard** will be the first central paramilitary force to opt for **e-ticketing** instead of the railway warrant under an agreement signed with the **IRCTC**. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation and the NSG.
- Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, **Piyush Goyal** has launched the **Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari'**.
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** will be setting up a '**Design University for Gaming**' in **Visakhapatnam, andhra Pradesh.**
- The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has developed a mobile app '**GST Verify**' to protect interest of consumers.

INTERNATIONAL

- Asia's first arbitration centre specialised in intellectual property is slated to open in **Tokyo** to resolve the growing number of disputes in the region.
- **The Premier stock exchange BSE** has entered into an agreement with the **Bombay Metal Exchange (BME)** for the growth and systematic development of commodity derivatives markets in the non-ferrous metals complex.
- The Tata Steel board gave the green flag to the joint venture with German steel giant Thyssenkrup.
- The **World Heritage Committee**, meeting in Manama was held under the chair of **Shaikha Haya Bint Rashed al-Khalifa of Bahrain**, inscribed two cultural sites in Germany and Turkey as well as two mixed (i.e. both cultural and natural) sites in Canada and Colombia.
- The **RBI** has issued **licence to Bank of China** to set up its first branch in India. It was a commitment made by the **Prime Minister Modi to the President of China.**
- **Yes Bank** has received approval from **capital markets regulator SEBI** to start **mutual fund business.**

- According to Prime Database Investment Bankers League table for FY 2017-18, **IIFL is India's top investment bank** for equity issuances by private sector companies.
- **NABARD** has sanctioned **Rs 735.53 crore** in the first quarter of the current fiscal under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for West Bengal** for facilitating the execution of 86 projects.
- The **Reliance Industries** has unveiled '**Jio GigaFiber**', the much-awaited fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband service.
- **The world's first digital art museum** has opened to the public in **Tokyo, Japan** allowing patrons to step all the way into the artworks.
- **Nepal and India** has decided to jointly promote historically and culturally important tourism circuits like the **Ramayana and Buddhist Circuit** and **adventure tourism**.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

- **Niti Aayog and fertiliser major Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC)** has entered into an agreement to undertake joint research and exchange and disseminate learnings **to use Blockchain Technology for fertiliser subsidy management**.
- **India** has moved up to **73rd place in terms of money** parked by its citizens and companies with **Swiss banks**, while the **UK remains on the top**. UK has about **CHF 403 billion (over 27 per cent)** of the total foreign money with Swiss banks.
- **Abu Dhabi**, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has topped the list of "**smart cities**" in the **Middle East and Africa**. The report was released by **McKinsey Global Institute** titled "Smart Cities: Digital Solutions for a More Livable Future".
- According to a study published by the **US-based think tank Brookings**, India is no longer home to **largest number of poor people** in the world as this unwanted position has been taken over by **Nigeria**.
- **The World Bank Group member IFC** has invested **\$100 million in Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (Mahindra Finance)**.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved the proposal to expand the scope of the **Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA)** to mobilise **₹1 lakh crore** for research and academic infrastructure for higher education institutions by 2022.
- Under **Sagarmala project**, Centre will provide **500 crore rupees** to Shipping Corporation of India to lease out cruises to promote cruise tourism. It was announced by **union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari**.
- **ICICI Bank** has announced that it has crossed the milestone of disbursing mortgage loans of over **Rs 1.5 trillion**.

- **China, UAE, Cyprus and significantly, Mauritius**, along with 21 other countries have been tagged as “**high-risk jurisdictions**” by global banks acting as **custodians for foreign funds** which comprise the largest group of investors in the **Indian stock market**.
- **The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom)**, India’s premier software lobby has opened a **Center of Excellence (CoE) for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence**.
- The UN member states approved a **USD 6.69 billion dollar** budget for **13 peacekeeping operations for the year 2018-19**
- **Facebook Inc. co-founder Mark Zuckerberg** has overtaken **Warren Buffett** as the **world’s third-richest person**.

APPOINTMENTS

NAME OF THE PERSON	APPOINTED	REPLACED BY
Girish Chandra Chaturvedi	Additional (Independent) Director and non-executive part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank	_____
Antonio Vitorino	Director General of International Organization for Migration (IOM)	William Lacy Swing of the United States
Janardan Singh Gehlot	president of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF)	_____
K B Vijay Srinivas	Director and General Manager of United India Insurance Company	_____
Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador	Mexico's President	_____
P K Shrivastava	new director general and chairman Ordnance Factory Board	_____
Shri Ravi Thapar	as the next Ambassador of India to Costa Rica	_____

Vishwas Patel	Payments Council of India Chairman	Naveen Surya , who has been elevated to the post of Chairman Emeritus.
T Latha	as MD and CEO, Dhanlaxmi Bank	G. Sreeram
Saraswati Prasad	additional charge as chairman and managing director of steel PSU SAIL	P K Singh
Rushabh Gandhi	as Deputy CEO Of IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd.	_____
Uttam Dhillon	Head Of Drug Enforcement Agency In US	Robert Patterson
José Eladio Alcain	Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)	_____
K B Vijay Srinivas	Director & GM of United India Insurance	_____
Justice L Narasimha Reddy	As the Chairman of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).	Dinesh Gupta
Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel	chairperson of National Green Tribunal.	

SPORTS

NAME	PRICE RECEIVED	HELD AT
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Australia	Wins Hockey Champions Trophy 2018	This is the 37th and final edition of the Hockey Champions Trophy at Breda, the Netherlands
Major General VD Dogra	to have completed a gruelling 'Ironman' competition held in Austria.	_____

AWARDS AND HONOURS

AWARDS RECEIVED BY	AWARDS	EVENT HELD
artist Anjolie Ela Menon	the National Kalidas Samman	Delhi for visual arts from the Madhya Pradesh government.
Rahul Dravid	5th Indian To Be Inducted Into ICC Hall Of Fame	
Red Bull's Max Verstappen	Austrian Grand Prix 2018	
Milan Shankar Tare	National Maritime Search and Rescue Award	instituted by the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board.
India	Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018	

IMPORTANT DAYS

JULY	IMPORTANT DAY	THEME
1	'GST Day'	_____
7	International Day of Cooperatives	The 2018 Theme: Sustainable societies through cooperation

OBITUARY

PERSON WHO PASSED AWAY	BELONGS TO
Tony Award Winner Liliane Montevecchi	The Paris-born dancer, actor, and singer