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**NATIONAL**

- A **New weather forecasting system** that will give out real time **air quality index**, advance **forecasts and health advisories**, was unveiled by **Earth Sciences and Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan**.
- The **Agri-lender Nabard** has launched a **centre** for accelerating concerted action on climate change by various stakeholders including **government, private and financial sectors**.
- The **Fifteenth Finance Commission** led by the **Chairman N.K.Singh** is in **Gujarat** on a 4-day visit to the state with members Shaktikanta Das, Dr. Anoop Singh, Dr. Ashok Lahiri, Dr. Ramesh Chand and Secretary Arvind Mehta.
- India, Iran's top oil client after China, shipped in 5.67 million tonnes or about 457,000 barrels per day of oil from the country in the first three months of this fiscal year.
- The government has slashed the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts under the **Sukanya Samridhi Yojana** to **Rs 250** from Rs 1,000 - a move that will enable more number of people to take advantage of the girl child savings scheme.
- A **two high-level committees** have been constituted by the central government to suggest ways and legal framework to effectively deal with incidents of mob violence and lynching. It was announced by Home Ministry.
- The farmers in **Rajasthan** will soon have the ease to get their defunct transformers replaced within **six hours** of registering a complaint through a mobile app.
- The Women and Child Development Ministry has invited people to share images of the logo of **Childline 1098**.The Childline 1098 is the nationwide emergency helpline **for children in distress**.
- The environment ministry has decided to re-introduce a scheme for awarding Indian authors for their **original work in Hindi** on subjects related to **environment including pollution and climate change**.
- The Ministry of Urban Development has released the report of **Swachh Survekshan survey 2018** under Swachh Survekshan 2018.The ministry has declared **Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Chattisgarh** as the top three states in terms of cleanness and sanitation.

- The first meeting of the **India-Bangladesh Joint Committee on Border Haats** concluded in **Agartala, Tripura**.
- **The 2nd meeting** of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges **under POSHAN Abhiyaan was held in New Delhi**. The meeting was chaired by the **Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Rajiv Kumar**. It was organised by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- The Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik **has launched the 'Green Mahanadi Mission', a plantation drive under which 2 crore saplings will be planted** along the Mahanadi river, Tel and Ib rivers.'
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- **The West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi has inaugurated the 18th International Children's Film Festival in which 36 films from 17 countries would be screened.**
- **The NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission and MyGov platform jointly launched the '#InnovateIndia Platform', collaboration between both the platforms.** It was launched by **R Ramanan**, Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission and **Arvind Gupta**, CEO of MyGov. The #InnovateIndia platform is open to all Indian citizens.
- **The government has extended the deadline for filing income tax return for** assessment year 2018-19. The deadline of **July 31, 2018** has been extended by a month. It was announced by the **Ministry of Finance**.

- The **Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu** has launched the '**Project Gandiva**' and laid the foundation stone for '**Amaravati International Sports Complex**' at **Vidyadharapuram**.
- The Parliament has passed a bill that seeks to prevent big economic offenders like Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi from fleeing the country to evade the legal process.
- The **Insurance regulator IRDAI** has constituted a **16-member committee** to examine **motor third party insurance** pricing aspects and make recommendations on the premium rates for 2019-20.
- The **Government of India** has approved a new scheme namely **Mahila Shakti Kendra** for implementation during 2017-18 upto 2019-20 to **empower rural women through community participation**.
- The **Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee** on **data protection** in India has suggested amendments to various laws including the **Aadhaar Act** to provide for imposition of penalties on data fiduciaries and compensations to data principals for violations of the data protection law.
- The **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** has inaugurated the **Rs 300 crore Rukura Medium Irrigation Dam project** in Sundargarh district, Odisha.
- The **Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar** has chaired the National Conference of Vice-Chancellors and Directors in New Delhi. The theme of this conference is "**Research and innovation in Higher Education.**"
- **The Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, laid the foundation stone for permanent campus of National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) for **Women at Mohali, Punjab**. This is the first NSTI Institute for Punjab and only one of its kind in India which is exclusively for women.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched various projects worth 60,000 crore rupees at the ground-breaking ceremony in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow.
- **Shri J P Nadda** Launches National Viral Hepatitis Control Program which is strongly committed towards eliminating Viral Hepatitis by **2030** .

- **A two-day Unified Commanders' Conference** will begin in **New Delhi** to review external security challenges as well as the country's preparedness.
- Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare **Shri Radha Mohan Singh** participated in the launching of Meghalaya Milk Mission in **Shillong** .
- **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh**, along with National Award-winning actress **Kangana Ranaut**, launched a smartphone distribution scheme, 'Mobile Tihar', under the Sanchar Kranti Yojna (SKY).
- The **Rajasthan** government on signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a private trust in this regard, during Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje's visit to Bikaner.
- Invest **India and the UAE** Minister for Artificial Intelligence (AI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for India - UAE Artificial Intelligence Bridge today in New Delhi.
- **The first Nepal-India Think Tank Summit** started in **Kathmandu** on to foster greater collaboration and knowledge-sharing among the think tanks of the two countries.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- PM Narendra Modi along with his **Sri Lankan counterpart Ranil Wickremesinghe** launched the island-wide expansion of the **1990 Suwasariya Emergency Ambulance Service in Jaffna**. As per the scheme, **209 ambulances will be launched in Sri Lanka** with a fund of **\$15.02 million contributed by India**.
- India and Rwanda signed eight agreements following delegation-level talks between **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rwandan President Paul Kagame in Kigali**. The two countries signed agreements in the fields of Defence, Trade, Agriculture, Leather and allied products and Dairy.
- India has extended **\$200 million line of credit to Rwanda** for its economic development.
- India and Uganda signed four MoUs in the areas of defence cooperation, visa exemption for official and diplomatic passport holders, cultural exchange programme and material testing laboratory.

- The NITI Aayog has signed an agreement with the **Lupin Foundation** to collaborate in the government's ambitious aspirational districts programme. It aims to quickly and effectively transform some of the most underdeveloped districts of the country.
- The **Global Disability Summit** was held in **London** at the **Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park**. Union Minister for **Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot** represented India in this summit.
- The **Invest India and Business France** have signed an MoU to promote **investment facilitation and cooperation** between **startups of the two countries**. Business France is a French Government agency.
- The SpaceX has successfully launched communications satellite **Telstar 19 VANTAGE** to a **geostationary transfer orbit (GTO)**. It has set a record as the satellite launch is marked by the **heaviest payload that a Falcon 9 has ever carried to a GTO**. The satellite weighs over **7000 kg**.
- **India and the United Kingdom** will enhance their partnership in the **area of research and innovation**. It was attended by Science and Technology and Environment Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** and his UK counterpart **Sam Gyimah**. The objective is to address challenges, such as water pollution, life-threatening diseases and climate change.
- The **world's first-ever Warner Bros. branded indoor theme park** has been inaugurated in **Abu Dhabi**. The official inauguration ceremony took place in the Warner Bros Plaza at Warner Bros World Abu Dhabi.
- The **Leaders of the BRICS economies -- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa** -- are in South Africa this week for their annual three-day summit. The event was held at the **Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg**.
- **India and China** held the **18th round of talks** between the Special Representatives on the Boundary Question in which both sides agreed to take "**necessary steps to maintain peace & tranquillity in border areas.**"
- **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** has been bestowed with INFRA Icon Award in the '**Global Energy**' category at the mid-day 'INFRA Icons'.

**BANKING AND ECONOMY**

- The **Goods and Services Tax Council, at its 28th meeting** has reduced the rates on more than 50 products. GST on **sanitary pads** was cut from **12% to zero**, **rakhis** were exempted from the tax.
- The South-based private sector lender Federal Bank has received the regulatory nod to open offices in **Bahrain, Kuwait and Singapore**, but is awaiting local clearances before it starts operations.
- The **board of ONGC** has approved exiting **helicopter service provider Pawan Hans** by selling its entire **49 per cent stake**. It aims to cut debt and consolidate resources in core oil and gas business.
- **The Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** has launched development projects worth over **5,400 crore rupees in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Pinarayi Vijayan's ruled Kerala** stands as the best-governed state in the country followed by **Tamil Nadu**, according to the **Public Affairs Index 2018** released by the **think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC)**.
- The State-owned lender Bank of Baroda has set up a team of lawyers, called the **'War Room Team'**, to deal with bad loans whose recovery is now embroiled in legal complications. **Banks, Financial Institutions Sign Agreement To Speed Up Resolution of Bad Loans**.
- The Mobile tower arm of telecom major **Bharti Airtel, Infratel** has received clearance from stock exchanges for its merger with Indus Towers. It will now approach **National Company Law Tribunal** for its approval. NCLT is a quasi-judicial body in India that **adjudicates issues relating to Indian companies**.
- Nearly two dozen Banks and Financial Institutions, including SBI and LIC, have signed the **inter-creditor agreement (ICA)** framework to speed up the resolution of stressed assets which are under the **500-crore rupee bracket**.
- The **Oxigen and Fincare Small Finance Bank** has signed an agreement to roll out the Branchless Banking services, using Oxigen's flagship Point of Sale device called the **Oxigen Micro ATM Super PoS**.

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- The **Walmart Foundation** has granted **USD 2 million fund** to a **two-year agriculture project** that would help over 6,000 farmers in Andhra Pradesh in getting better market access.
- **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** surpassed India's biggest software services firm **Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS)** to become the country's most valued firm in terms of market capitalization—a first since April.
- **Pradip Choudhury**, who formed the central defensive pair with Subroto Bhattacharya when Mohun Bagan took on Pele's Cosmos team in 1977, was conferred the **Mohun Bagan Ratna 2018** at the annual day of the 129-year-old club
- **Paytm Payments Bank** CEO **Renu Satti** has resigned from the role and will now head Paytm's new retail initiative. Renu Satti will be leading the charge as COO of this new (retail) initiative.
- **The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC)** announced the appointment of **Surendra Roshia** as Chief Executive Officer for HSBC India, subject to regulatory approvals.

### APPOINTMENTS

NAME OF THE PERSON APPOINTED	APPOINTED AS
<b>Justice Tahira Safdar</b>	named as the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court by Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nisar.
Rishi Srivastava	as the new chief executive & managing director of The <b>Tata AIA Life</b>
Pakistan's cricket legend Imran Khan	next Pakistan Prime Minister



#### AWARDS AND HONOURS

AWARD RECEIVED BY	NAME OF THE AWARD	HELD AT
India Heritage Walk Festival, a collaboration of Sahapedia and YES Arts & Culture,	PATA Gold Award 2018 ( <b>Pacific Asia Travel Association</b> )	for its recently concluded pan-India event.
Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL)	'Champion of Earth Prize -2018',	the highest environmental honour instituted by the <b>United Nations (UN)</b> .
Two Indians, Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk	<b>Ramon Magsaysay Award,</b>	often referred to as the <b>Asian version of the Nobel Prize.</b>
India captain Virat Kohli	International Player of the Year award	for 2017-2018 by <b>England's Barmy Army.</b>
The Noted litterateur Ramakanta Rath	has received <b>Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman, Odisha's highest literary award,</b> for the year 2018	<b>Culture and Tourism Minister Ashok Chandra Panda</b> conferred the award on Rath.
Newton by Amit Masurkar,	Best Film	The 3rd BRICS Film Festival took place in <b>Durban, South Africa,</b>
Bhanita Das, Village Rockstars,	Best Actress:	
Village Rockstars by Rima Das.	Special Jury Award:	

#### RANKING

- India in 2018 has fallen out of the top 10 destinations for FDI in terms of its attractiveness, according to an AT Kearney report. India ranks **11** in the 2018 **AT Kearney FDI Confidence Index**, down from 8 in 2017 and 9 in 2016.

- A global survey by human rights group **Walk Free Foundation (WFF)** has announced that India is home to 8 million slaves among its **whopping population of 1.3 billion**.
- Four persons of India-origin, including three women, have been named by Fortune among 40 of the most influential and inspiring young people in business under the age of 40. The **Instagram Cofounder and CEO Kevin Systrom** and **Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg**, are tied for first place on the Fortune '40 Under 40' list.
- The Institute For Energy Economics and Financial Analysis has released a report in which it was revealed that Karnataka is the leading state for generating renewable energy.

### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

- The Renowned historian and author of several bestselling books, **Ramachandra Guha** has penned a new book on the father of the nation. His bestselling books includes the highly acclaimed "**India After Gandhi**" and "**Gandhi Before India**".

### **SPORTS**

- **The mascots of both the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 greeted the Japanese public for the first time.** The **Tokyo 2020 Paralympic mascot's** name was revealed as **Someity**, (pronounced soh-may-tee) which comes from **someiyoshino**, a popular cherry blossom variety, and additionally echoes the English phrase "so mighty".
- **Brazil goalkeeper Alisson Becker has** become the **world's most expensive goalkeeper** when he joined Liverpool from Roma with **a world record £56 million**.
- **Shubhankar Sharma** became the youngest Indian golfer to make the cut in any Major after he capped a wonderful back nine to achieve the feat at the **147th Open Championships** at Carnoustie, Scotland.
- **India** has won **8 medals in the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship** which concluded in **New Delhi**. The medals comprised 2 gold, 3 silver and as many bronze. **Sachin Rathi** won the gold after winning the bout in the 74 kilogram category.
- **Lakshya Sen** has become **only the third Indian shuttler** to secure a **gold medal** at the **Badminton Asia junior championships** after defeating **World junior champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand**.

- Punjab shot-putter **Dhanvir Singh** and Kerala 400m hurdler **Vishnu Priya** set new meet records to win gold medals in the 15th National Youth Athletics Championships in **Vadodara**.
- A total of **734 youngsters** were shortlisted for scholarship under the **Khelo India Talent Development Scheme**.
- **Lewis Hamilton** took a sensational victory in a thrilling, rain-hit **German Grand Prix** as Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel crashed out to gift the Mercedes driver a 17-point lead in their championship battle.
- An Olympic medallist is now entitled to a pension of **Rs 20,000 per month** with the Sports Ministry doubling the amount following a revision in its pension policy.
- The football team captain **Sunil Chhetri** as the '**AIFF Player of the Year**' during an executive committee meeting.
- The senior national badminton champions **Mannu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy** won the men's doubles title at Lagos International Badminton.
- The **star sprinter Muhammed Anas Yahiya** once again entered the record books. He broke his own national record to win the 400 metres race at the Cena Noveho Mesta nad Metuji meet in Czech Republic.
- **2017 AIFF Awards**

<b>AWARDED FOR</b>	<b>AWARD RECIEVED BY</b>
2017 AIFF Award for Best Grassroots Development Programme	Kerala FA
2017 AIFF Award for Best Assistant Referee	Sumanta Datta (Assam)
2017 AIFF Award for Best Referee	CR Srikrishna
2017 AIFF Emerging Woman Footballer of the Year	E Panthoi
2017 AIFF Emerging Player of the Year	Anirudh Thapa

In Wrestling, Bajrang Punia has won his second consecutive international gold while Sandeep Tomar had to be content with a silver medal at the Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul, Turkey. **The International Army Games 2018** at Patriot Park in **Moscow** region was declared open by Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

**Ace Indian shuttler Sourabh Verma** lifted the Russian Open Badminton trophy at **Vladivostok**.

**OBITUARY**

- **Ramchandra Singh Deo**, who had the distinction of being the first finance minister of Chhattisgarh, passed away. He belonged to the Indian National Congress.
- **Jonathan Gold**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles Times **restaurant critic** has passed away.
- The Veteran sports journalist **Swapan Sarkar** has passed away.
- Sahitya Academy awardee **Bengali** writer **Ramapada Chowdhury**, who authored famous novels like Kharij, Bari Badle Jay and Abhimanyu, passed away at a city hospital. He was 95.

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>IMPORTANT DAYS</b>	<b>THEME</b>
26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	_____
28	The World Hepatitis Day	Theme 2018: <b>Test Treat Hepatitis.</b>
29	Global Tiger Day	_____
30	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	'Responding to the trafficking of children and young people'