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Important Days

Date	Important Days	Themes
November 1	World Vegan Day	
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day	
	National Ayurveda Day	Ayurveda for Public Health
November 7	National cancer awareness day	
November 8	World Radiography day	
November 9	Uttarakhand foundation day	
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Science, a Human Right
November 11	National Education Day	
	Armistice Day	
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	Stop Pneumonia: Invest in Child Health
	Public Service Broadcasting Day	
November 13	World Kindness Day	
November 14	National Children's day	
	World Diabetes Day	The Family and Diabetes
November 15	World Philosophy Day	
November 17	National Epilepsy Day	
November 18	First Naturopathy Day	
November 19	National Integration Day	
November 20	Universal Children's Day	Children are taking over and turning the world blue
November 21	World Television Day	
	World Fisheries day	
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	
November 26	Constitution Day or National Law Day	
November 29	International Day of Solidarity	

Important Banking News

RBI

RBI initiates steps to set up digital Public Credit Registry (PCR) to capture details of all borrowers

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated steps to set up wide-based digital Public Credit Registry (PCR) to capture loan information of individuals and corporate borrowers. In this regard, RBI has invited expression of interest (EOI) for developing PSC from companies with turnover of over Rs 100 crore in last three years. Setting up of PCR assumes significance amidst rising bad loans in financial system. The non-performing assets (NPAs) in Indian banking system is about Rs 10 lakh crore.

RBI plans to appoint Ombudsman for digital payments by March 2019

- The Reserve Bank of India is likely to establish an ombudsman for digital payments by March 2019 to take the load off the increasing number of complaints currently being handled by the banking ombudsman.

RBI launches survey on India's startup sector

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched a Survey on India's startup sector (SISS) with an endeavor to create a profile of the startup sector in India and provide dimensions relating to turnover, profitability and workforce. In a recent NASSCOM-Zinnov report titled "Indian Start-up Ecosystem 2018: Approaching Escape Velocity,"

SBI

6th Tranche of Electoral Bonds Sale of SBI Kicked Off



- The finance ministry has announced that the sixth tranche of electoral bonds sale has been started and will continue for 10 days. Electoral bonds are being pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding.

SBICAP Ventures (SVL) launched the funds for the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and affordable housing sectors

- SBICAP Ventures (SVL), an alternative asset manager and a wholly owned subsidiary of SBI Capital Markets, has launched two funds for the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and affordable housing sectors. The SME fund is expecting to raise a corpus of Rs 400 crore, while the affordable housing fund would look at raising Rs 350 crore. Before this, SBICAP Ventures had launched a fund named Neev Fund in 2015 with a focus on the low-income states for small infrastructure projects.

ADB

ADB to provide US \$13 million loan to EESL to promote efficient energy usage in India

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) it will provide US \$13 million loan to Energy Efficiency Services (EESL) to promote efficient energy usage in India. It will be provided by Global Environment Facility (GEF) as part of US \$200 million ADB-financed Demand-Side Energy Efficiency Sector Project.

OTHER BANKING NEWS

Kirloskar Capital has received a license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)

- Kirloskar Capital has received a licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC). Kirloskar Capital is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kirloskar Oil Engines (KOEL). It will be headed by Vimal Bhandari. Prior to joining Kirloskar Capital, Vimal Bhandari was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indostar Capital.

Banks take over MCA stadium in Pune over loan payment defaults

- A consortium of lenders led by Bank of Maharashtra has taken 'symbolic possession' of Pune's Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium over non-payment of loan by stadium authorities. The Maharashtra Cricket Association has failed to repay dues of Rs.69.53 crore to Bank of Maharashtra, Karnataka Bank, Bank of Baroda and Andhra Bank despite being served a 60-day notice on August 18.

ICICI Bank launched co-branded credit card with Amazon pay

- The co-branded card is available on the Visa platform. This move is expected to help significantly expand the credit card customer base for the bank. This will make online shopping more affordable and provide the best value to Amazon Pay customers.

Allahabad Bank will receive a capital infusion of RS.3054 crore from the government

- Allahabad Bank has said the government had infused Rs 3,054 crore into the state-run lender

BSE to cut ties with S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC; develop own in-house indices

- Asia's oldest bourse BSE has decided to snap ties with S&P Dow Jones, which manages and operates benchmark Sensex. Now it is planning to develop indices through its own in-house development team.

J&K bank has been brought under the purview of RTI, CVC and State Legislature

- The Jammu and Kashmir Bank has been brought under the purview of the Right to Information (RTI) act of 2009, the Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) guidelines and the State Legislature. The State Administrative Council (SAC) under the chairmanship of Governor Satya Pal Malik approved the proposal for treating the J&K Bank Limited as a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU).

Allahabad bank developed the PaiSA portal for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under DAY-NULM

- The government launched a centralised electronic platform for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), called 'Paisa'.



PAiSA, or 'Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access', is a web platform designed and developed by Allahabad Bank, which is the nodal bank.

Important Financial & Economy Affairs

NIIF Acquires IDFC Infrastructure Finance

- The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has acquired IDFC Infrastructure Finance (IDFC-IFL), an infrastructure debt fund. This acquisition is the first investment from NIIF's strategic fund. The acquisition is subject to approval from RBI.

Reliance Industries receives India's first LC payment via blockchain

- In a first for India, British bank HSBC Holdings Plc has executed a trade finance transaction using blockchain for a deal involving an export by Reliance Industries to an American client, Tricon Energy. Blockchain massively reduced the time taken for processing the documents.

Chola MS General Insurance and IndusInd Bank Ltd renewed their corporate agency arrangement

- Chola MS General Insurance and IndusInd Bank Ltd renewed their corporate agency arrangement for a period of five years. This is a part of a decade-long partnership has garnered around Rs 37 billion and serviced close to half a million customers during 2017-18.

India plans to resume exporting raw sugar to China from the beginning of 2019

- India plans to resume exporting raw sugar to China from the beginning of 2019, almost after a decade. The move is a part of a larger goal of shifting focus to the overseas markets to shed surplus stocks that have muted prices and created financial distress in the Indian sugar mills.

The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the certificate of registrations of as many as 31 Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs)

- The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the certificate of registrations of as many as 31 non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) for unspecified reasons. A majority 27 of the 31 companies which lost their licences are from Bengal. Bengal is followed by Uttar Pradesh, which has seen four NBFC license cancellations.

Paytm and LIC join hands to offer online insurance premium payments

- Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited) has partnered with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to offer online insurance premium payments on its platform. Softbank-backed Paytm will provide premium payment solutions from over 30 insurance companies including LIC, ICICI Prudential Life, Reliance Life, and Max Life Insurance among others.

Abhijit Bose has been appointed as the head of WhatsApp India

- Facebook Inc.-owned messaging service WhatsApp on it has appointed Abhijit Bose as head of WhatsApp India, the local entity that is expected to begin operations next year amid calls to check the spread of fake messages. Bose, who was the co-founder and chief executive officer of enterprise payments solutions firm Ezetap, will be based in Gurugram, and join the messaging app in 2019. The move marks the first step by WhatsApp towards meeting the union government's demand to curb the spread of fake news on the platform.

ORGANISATION	GDP RATE	
	2018	2019
Moody	7.4	7.3

Important Business News

L&T gets a contract of USD 200 bn solar power project in Saudi Arabia

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) plans to bid for an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract for a section of the \$200 billion solar projects in Saudi Arabia to be built with the backing of Japan's SoftBank. Earlier this year, Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund and SoftBank signed a MoU to invest in building the world's biggest solar power project in Saudi Arabia.

Ola launches operations in New Zealand after UK, Australia



- Bengaluru-based cab aggregator Ola has officially launched operations in New Zealand, offering ride services in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. It comes after Ola launched operations in Australia and the UK in January and August respectively.

Samsung unveiled its first-ever foldable smartphone prototype

- Samsung has unveiled its first-ever foldable smartphone prototype, which, when opened, transforms into a small pocket-sized tablet. Samsung calls its foldable phone technology the 'Infinity Flex Display'. The device looks like a standard smartphone when closed.

NBCC inks pact with Health Ministry to buy out HSCC

- State-owned NBCC (India) Limited (formerly National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited) has signed an agreement with the Health Ministry to acquire Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC).

Nokia and Infosys join hands to work in AI and machine learning driven solutions

- Finnish mobile telecom network maker Nokia and Indian IT services firm Infosys joined hands to work in AI and machine learning driven solutions.

Important State Wise National News

Assam

Capital – Dispur; CM – Sarbananda Sonowal; Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

Dr Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone of new Science Centre, the "Technology Facility Centre" (TFC) in Jorhat, Assam

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone of new Science Centre, the "Technology Facility Centre" (TFC) in Jorhat, Assam.

Andhra Pradesh

Capital – Hyderabad (Amravati); CM – Chandrababu Naidu; Governor - ESL Narasimhan

Andhra Pradesh is building a world-class and India's first 'Justice City' within its new capital Amaravati

- Andhra Pradesh is building a world-class and India's first 'Justice City' within its new capital Amaravati with the vision to provide a state-of-the-art ecosystem built on latest technology for supporting the judicial system in the state.

World Bank and Centre and Andhra govt signed an MOU to \$172 million loan to make farming viable in Andhra Pradesh

- Features of the project are: To work with 1000 Small-Scale Community-Based Irrigation (SSCBI) systems spread over an area of 90,000 hectares (ha), covering over 1000 villages across 12 most climate vulnerable districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Cabinet approves setting up of Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh

- Union Cabinet has approved setting up of Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh. It will be set up in Relli village of Vizianagaram District of Andhra Pradesh.

High Court for Andhra Pradesh will start functioning from January 1, 2019 in Amaravathi

- The Supreme Court has given nod for a separate High Court for Andhra Pradesh and it will start functioning from January 1 next year.

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- Researchers at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad, have developed a smartphone-based system to detect adulteration in milk. The detector system measures acidity in milk using an indicator paper that changes colour according to acidity. They have also developed algorithms that can be incorporated on to a smartphone to accurately detect the colour change.

Bihar

Capital – Patna; CM – Nitish Kumar; Governor - Lalji Tandon

Bihar has approved a proposal to pay Rs 25000 to every girl graduating in 2018 onwards

- The state cabinet of Bihar has approved a proposal to pay Rs 25000 to every girl graduating in 2018 and onwards. The one-time payment will be made to every girl who graduated from the colleges of the state on or after April 25, 2018.

Chhattisgarh

Capital – Raipur (Atal Nagar); CM – Raman Singh; Governor - Anandiben Patel

Election Commission sets up ‘Sangwari’ polling booths in various constituencies of Chhattisgarh to encourage women voters

- The Election Commission has set up ‘Sangwari’ polling booths in various constituencies of Chhattisgarh to encourage women voters to exercise their franchise in the Assembly elections. In Chhattisgarhi dialect, ‘Sangwari’ means friend.

Goa

Capital: Panaji; CM: Manohar Parrikar; Governor: Mridula Sinha

Goa has banned importing/bringing fish from outside.

- Goa has banned importing/bringing fish from outside. The announcement was made on November 10. The ban included import from Karnataka. The announcement has kicked off a controversy with fishermen from the State questioning the rationale behind the decision. The ban has come for a second time this year

Shripad Naik laid the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy at Dhargal, North Goa

- Union minister of state for Ayush Shripad Naik laid the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy at Dhargal, North Goa.

Gujarat

Capital: Gandhinagar; CM: Vijay Rupani; Governor: Om Prakash Kohli

Gujarat has launched an intensive project to conserve Gir lions

- Gujarat government has launched a Rs 351-crore project for the conservation of the Gir lions. The project is launched in the backdrop of the Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) outbreak that claimed 23 Asiatic lions lives in their only dwelling Gir National park in Saurashtra.

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Haryana

Capital – Chandigarh; CM - Manohar Lal Khattar; Governor - Satyadev Narayan Arya



India's first Sri Vishwakarma Skill Development University will come up in Haryana

- In Haryana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently laid foundation of India's first Sri Vishwakarma Skill Development University at village Dudhola in Palwal district via remote control.

International Gita Festival, 2018 to be held in Kurukshetra

- The International Gita Festival 2018 will be organised in Kurukshetra in Haryana from December 7 to 23, 2018. This year it is third year of this mega cultural event, where Mauritius is partner country and Gujarat is the partner state. Gita festival will also be organised in Mauritius next February.

Himachal Pradesh first state to launch single emergency number '112'

- Himachal Pradesh became the first state to launch a pan-India single emergency number '112' where all kinds of immediate help can be sought in urgent matters.

Himachal Pradesh

Capital – Shimla; CM - Jai Ram Thakur; Governor - Acharya Devvrat

Himachal Pradesh government in the cabinet meeting accorded its approval to implement Sashakt Mahila Yojna

- The Himachal Pradesh government in the cabinet meeting accorded its approval to implement Sashakt Mahila Yojna in the state with a vision to empower rural women by providing them an interface for organization and socio-economic development.

Jammu & Kashmir

Capital – Jammu (winter) Srinagar (summer); CM - Vacant; Governor - Satya Pal Malik

The 0.7 m GROWTH-India telescope located at Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh

- The 0.7 m GROWTH-India telescope located at Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh has made its first observation which is a follow-up study of a nova explosion.

Maharashtra

Capital – Mumbai; CM – Devendra Fadnavis; Governor – Vidyasagar Rao

Jagannath Dixit has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of anti-obesity campaign of Maharashtra government

- The Maharashtra government has appointed Dr Jagannath Dixit as the Brand Ambassador of its anti-obesity campaign. Dr Dixit has been appointed due to his experience and knowledge in the field.

Maharashtra approves 16% Maratha quota in jobs and educational institutes

- The Maharashtra assembly has unanimously approved 16% reservation for the Maratha community in jobs and educational institutes. Following this, the total reservation in the state for OBC, SC/ST groups, other minor social groups, and the Marathas will be 68%.

Manipur

Capital – Imphal; CM - Nongthombam Biren Singh; Governor – Najma Heptulla

North East's first 'water handloom hut' inaugurated in Manipur



- North East's first 'floating water handloom huts' were inaugurated at Loktak Lake in Bishnupur district of Manipur. The five handloom huts were inaugurated by Tripura's Forest and Tribal Welfare Minister, Mevar Kumar Jamatia in presence of other government officials.

Sangai tourism festival held in Manipur

- The annual Sangai Festival was celebrated in northeastern state of Manipur. It is grandest festival of state named after state animal, Sangai, the critically endangered brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.

Meghalaya

Capital – Shillong; CM - Conrad K Sangma; Governor – Tathagata Roy

Shillong is set to host the second edition of the India International Cherry Blossom Festival

- Shillong is set to host the second edition of the India International Cherry Blossom Festival between November 14 and 17. This is the world's only autumn cherry blossom festival. This festival attracted more than one lakh visitors last year, boosting the local economy by 300 per cent.

Nagaland

Capital – Nagaland; CM - Neiphiu Rio; Governor – Padmanabha Acharya

Nagaland records highest school dropouts in India

- As per survey conducted by the World Bank, the student dropout rate in Nagaland's upper primary (VI-VIII) and the secondary (IX-X) class stood at 17.7 per cent and 35.1 per cent respectively.

Nagaland launched GPS mapping of government schools and personnel location system in the state

- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launched GPS Mapping of Government Schools and Personnel Location System in Kohima. This would help in computerization and digitization of records of all the government schools.

New Delhi

Capital – New Delhi; CM - Arvind Kejriwal; Governor – Anil Bajjal

19th meeting of FSDC held in New Delhi

- The 19th meeting of Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. The meeting was attended by RBI Governor Dr. Urjit R. Patel, SEBI chairman, IRDAI Chairman along with heads and other senior officers of Government and financial sector regulators.

NDMC launches QR-enabled fridge magnets for digital payment of bills

- New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) has launched quick response (QR)-enabled fridge magnets for digital payment of bills. The magnets are personalised and each customer will have unique QR Code mapped to their consumer account number. It is powered by SignCatch – an IT and services company,.

India's first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge "Signature Bridge" has recently inaugurated in New Delhi

- India's first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge "Signature Bridge" has recently inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal across the Yamuna River.

Tourism Minister inaugurated Tourist Facilitation Counter at IGI airport

- Tourism Minister K J Alphons has inaugurated the Tourist Facilitation and Information Counter at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi. The facilitation counter is located at the terminal-3 arrival gates of the IGI Airport.

Orissa

Capital – Bhubaneswar; CM – Naveen Patnaik; Governor – Prof Ganeshi Lal

'Soura Jananidhi' Scheme Launched In Odisha

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Soura Jananidhi scheme that aims to increase use of solar energy for helping farmers in irrigating their land. 'Soura Jananidhi', is a dug well based solar pump irrigation system in convergence mode.

Jharsuguda Airport Is Now 'Veer Surendra Sai Airport'



- Fulfilling the long-standing demand of the Odisha government, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today approved the renaming of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as “Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda”.

Odisha Government launches Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Policy 2018

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Mo bus service launched in Odisha

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the technology-driven and citizen-friendly ‘Mo bus’ service in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The bus has some facilities such as free wi-fi, CCTV surveillance, public information display system and on-board announcements.

India’s largest container port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) is planning to host an edible oil refinery

- India’s largest container port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) is planning to host an edible oil refinery to maximise revenue and ensure captive cargo.

Bhubaneswar Me Wi-Fi’ launched

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the 'Bhubaneswar Me Wi-Fi' by Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited to make the city accessible across its major happening places.

Punjab

Capital – Chandigarh; CM – Amarinder Singh; Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

Punjab becomes 3rd state to ban hookah bars or lounges

- Punjab becomes third state in the country after Maharashtra and Gujarat to ban hookah bars or lounges. The ban was announced through law after President Ram Nath Kovind gave assent to Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2018.

National Institute of Inter-Faith Studies to be set up in Punjab to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Government

- A National Institute of Inter-Faith Studies to be set up in Punjab to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Government. The Yearlong Celebration starting November 23rd this year will include a number of commemorative as well as construction activities will be taken up during the commemoration period.

Kartarpur corridor, which was recently approved by Union Cabinet, is located in Gurdaspur of Punjab

- To mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in November 2019, the Union Cabinet has recently approved the building and development of the Kartarpur Corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district of Punjab to the international border with Pakistan.

Rajasthan

Capital – Jaipur; CM – Vasundhara Raje; Governor - Kalyan Singh

Regional meeting of the World Customs Organisation has started in Jaipur, Rajasthan

- The regional meeting of the World Customs Organisation has started in Jaipur, Rajasthan with representatives of 33 member countries of Asia attending it.

Sikkim

Capital – Gangtok; CM – Pawan Kumar Chamling; Governor – Ganga Prasath.



Sikkim increases forest cover by over 4 per cent since 1993: CM

- A plethora of initiatives for preserving biodiversity in Sikkim such as spreading mass awareness and adopting an eco-friendly policy has led to an increase of its forest cover by over four percent since 1993, as per the state's Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling.

Tamilnadu

Capital – Chennai; CM – Edapadi Palanisamy; Governor – Banwarilal Purohit.

IIT-Madras have designed and booting up India's first indigenously developed microprocessor

- The researchers at IIT-Madras have designed and booting up India's first indigenously developed microprocessor that can be used in mobile computing devices, embedded low power wireless systems and networking systems besides reducing reliance on imported microprocessors in communications and defence sectors. The 'Shakti' family of processors was fabricated at Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL) of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Chandigarh.

IIT-Madras has developed portable solar-powered cold storage device for storing vegetables and fruits

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has developed portable solar-powered cold storage device with 500 kg capacity for storing vegetables and fruits, among other items.
- The first unit of device was deployed at farm in Madurantakam in Kancheepuram district in Tamil Nadu.

SEBI gave nod to Tamil Nadu for launching its State Shelter Fund for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) gave nod to Tamil Nadu for launching its State Shelter Fund for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment. The fund's name is Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund.

The Indian subsidiary of Denmark-based Grundfos is to set up its third pump production unit by 2020 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- The Indian subsidiary of Denmark-based Grundfos is to set up its third pump production unit by 2020 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It plans to set it up in a State which would offer approvals on fast track. Despite the invitations from several States to the Grundfos, it said that it has 'natural tendency' to establish the unit in Tamil Nadu as it possessed 15 acres of land near Chennai.

Telangana

Capital – Hyderabad; CM – Chandrasekhar Rao; Governor – ESL Narashiman.

The first transgender Chandramukhi Muvvala to Contest Assembly Election from Telangana

- Chandramukhi Muvvala contesting in the upcoming Assembly Elections. Chandramukhi Muvvala, who filed her nomination against former minister and senior Congress leader Mukesh Goud and controversial BJP leader T Raja Singh in Goshamahal constituency for Bahujana Left Front (BLF) ticket.

Electric cars set to replace diesel, petrol vehicles in Telangana State offices

- The Telangana government offices are soon to make way for electric cars as the State aims at promoting non-polluting vehicles. The government has brought in the Electric Mobility Policy 2018-2023 to encourage the use of carbon-free cars.

Tripura

Capital – Agartala; CM – Biplab Kumar Deb; Governor – Kaptan Singh Solanki.

Tripura government to acquire 26% shares of Palatana thermal project from IL and FS.

- Tripura government to acquire 26% shares of Palatana thermal project from IL and FS. Palatana gas thermal power project is a 726.6 MW gas-based power project. It is run by ONGC Tripura Power Company (OTPC).

Tripura has dropped the May Day from the list of holidays in the state

- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has dropped the May Day from the list of holidays in the State. He said that the government employees do not need a holiday on International Labour Rights Day.

Uttar Pradesh

Capital – Lucknow; CM – Yogi Adityanath; Governor – Ram Naik



S Korea's First Lady to attend Uttar Pradesh's Deepotsav

- South Korean first lady Kim Jung-sook will be the Chief Guest at the Deepotsav event being organised by the Uttar Pradesh government on November 6. Accepting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation, she will be leading a high-level delegation that is scheduled to visit India from November 4 to 7 this year.

UP government join hands with Japan to develop food value chain

- The Uttar Pradesh government in assistance from Japanese government will develop 'Food Value Chain' in the state. The UP Cabinet presided over by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Tuesday cleared a proposal in this regard.

UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath renamed Faizabad as Ayodhya

- During the celebrations on the eve of Diwali, the Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath made three major announcements:
 1. Faizabad district will be renamed as Ayodhya,
 2. A new airport will be named after Lord Rama,
 3. A new medical college will be named after King Dasharatha.

Uttar Pradesh Ayodhya Deepotsav 2018 enters Guinness Book of World Records: Over 3 lakh diyas lit

- A Guinness certificate was issued to UP government's tourism department and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Avadh University, Faizabad, for over 3,01,152 earthen lamps illuminated on the bank of River Sarayu on Chhoti Diwali as part of Deepotsava.

NMCG and HCL foundation to engage in Afforestation and Public outreach activities through Bal Ganga Mela

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) partnered up with HCL Foundation and German development agency GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) to organize "Bal Ganga Mela" at HCL's Noida campus.

Lucknow stadium renamed after Atal Bihari Vajpayee ahead of India-West Indies T20I match

- The newly-built Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow was renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The stadium will now be known as 'Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium'.

PM Modi inaugurates projects worth over rs 2,400 crore in Varanasi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation several projects including two National Highways and an Inland Waterways Terminal on River Ganga at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. The total cost of these projects is 2413 crore rupees. The Prime Minister also received the country's first container cargo transported on inland waterways from Kolkata.

PM inaugurates country's first multi-modal terminal constructed on river Ganga in Varanasi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first Inland Multi-Modal Terminal Port on river Ganga at Ramnagar in Varanasi and received first container cargo belonging to PepsiCo.

India's first specialised hospital for elephants was inaugurated by Agra Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district.

- India's first specialised hospital for elephants was inaugurated by Agra Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district - Churmura village.

Uttar Pradesh government has recently launched Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan

- In Uttar Pradesh, Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan (or Women Empowerment campaign) has been launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow.

UP Government launches Women Empowerment Resolution Campaign November 23, 2018

- Uttar Pradesh Government recently launched Women Empowerment Resolution Campaign to develop leadership capacities in women and make them vocal for their rights.

10 projects were approved by the National Mission for Clean Ganga to address Yamuna's pollution issues in Agra

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) approved 10 sewerage projects worth Rs 1573.28 crore to address Yamuna's pollution issues in Agra.

Noida and Greater Noida to participate in UN Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative



- The United Nations has officially selected Uttar Pradesh's Noida and Greater Noida to participate in its Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative. The twin-cities in Gautam Buddha Nagar district have been selected in the 'University City' category ahead of Mumbai and Bengaluru as the only invitee from India.

Kerala

Capital – Thiruvananthapuram; CM – Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor – P.Sadasivam

Kerala Tourism Department launched a 'SMiLE Virtual Tour Guide' site for the region in north Kerala

- To boost the Malabar tourism, the Kerala Tourism Department launched a 'SMiLE Virtual Tour Guide' site for the region in north Kerala. SMiLE is the acronym for: 'Small and Medium Industries Leveraging Experiential' Tourism. It was conceived by and executed by Bekal Resorts Development Corporation (BRDC) that focuses on eco-friendly and experiential tourism. For the concept and execution, the government provided Rs 50 lakhs to BRDC.

Vilnius and Kochi signs MoU with the cooperation of urban planning, corporate planning, transport, solid water management and water management

- New York's iconic Empire State Building was lit in orange for the first time to celebrate Diwali. It was organised by the Federation of Indian Associations in cooperation with the Empire State Realty Trust. Miss America 2014 Nina Davuluri and singer Jay Sean flipped the switch to turn on the lights on top of the building.

Researchers at IIT, Roorkee, have developed fluorescent carbon nano dots for simultaneous detection and destruction of cancer cells.

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee, have developed fluorescent carbon nanodots for simultaneous detection and destruction of cancer cells. The nanosized (10-9 metre) carbon materials would serve as therapeutic and diagnostic agents for cancer.

Mahindra Electric Mobility has opened a new electric technology manufacturing hub in Bengaluru

- Mahindra Electric Mobility has opened a new electric technology manufacturing hub which is of worth Rs.100 crore in Bengaluru.

Karnataka

Capital – Bengaluru; CM – Kumarasamy; Governor - Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala

Entrepreneurship scheme Samruddhi launched in Karnataka

- Entrepreneurship scheme Samruddhi launched in Karnataka. The main objective is to impart skill development and benefit aspiring, young citizens from rural and tier II cities.

Cabinet approves filling of Padur Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) in Karnataka

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the filling of Padur Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) in Karnataka by overseas National Oil Companies (NOCs).

Bangalore tops the index for the most congested city

- Bangalore tops the index for the most congested city, and Mumbai in the second position, while Pune follows in the seventh place, according to a recent research published under the US-based organization, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

Centre approved additional assistance of Rs 546.21 crore from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Karnataka

- Centre approved additional assistance of Rs 546.21 crore from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Karnataka. This decision was taken during a High-Level Committee meeting, chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi, to consider the additional Central Assistance to Karnataka affected by floods in 2018.

The Karnataka government has launched an initiative 'DataCity'

- The Karnataka government has launched an initiative 'DataCity' in partnership with France-based utility company Suez and a start-up accelerator Numa to foster innovation and solve global challenges. DataCity will be an international open innovation programme to bring city authorities, corporates and start-ups to address cities' challenges and develop solutions using data and technology.

Government inks \$75 million loan with ADB to improve Urban Services in 4 Karnataka Towns

- Union Government has inked \$75 million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Karnataka Integrated Urban Water Management Investment Program. Under it 24 x7 water supply will be provided in



Karnataka's four coastal towns of Kundapura, Mangalore Puttur and Udupi and improve sanitation infrastructure for Mangalore town. It will be tranche 2 loan agreement of this program.

West Bengal

Capital – Kolkata; CM – Mamta Benerjee; Governor - Keshari Nath Tripath

India and Japan signed a loan pact of Rs 18.17 crore for the construction of the Turga Pumped Storage in West Bengal

- India and Japan recently a Loan Agreement worth Rs 1817 crore for the 'Project for the Construction of Turga Pumped Storage (I)' in West Bengal.

West Bengal decided to set up development boards for the Matua and Namasudra communities

- West Bengal cabinet, headed by CM Mamata Banerjee, decided to set up development boards for the Matua and Namasudra communities.

West Bengal Assembly passes Bill to give land rights to enclave dwellers in north Bengal

- West Bengal Assembly unanimously passed West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2018 to give land rights to enclave dwellers in north Bengal. The process will result in creation of 13 'mouzas' (administrative district), while rest of area will be amalgamated with existing 31 'mouzas'.

Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) signed a memorandum of understanding with the IIM Calcutta Innovation Park to help facilitate incubation of start-ups primarily in the Eastern and North Eastern states

- The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) signed a memorandum of understanding with the IIM Calcutta Innovation Park to help facilitate incubation of start-ups primarily in the Eastern and North Eastern states. It will primarily be focusing on developing start-up ecosystems that make a socio-economic impact in the eastern and north eastern states. This will help start-up entrepreneurs access ICC's member network.

West Bengal Green University renamed as Rani Rashmoni Green University

- The West Bengal Assembly passed the West Bengal Green University (Amendment) Bill 2018 to rename the West Bengal Green University as Rani Rashmoni Green University. The decision to rename the university was taken to commemorate the 225th birth anniversary of Lokmata Rani Rashmoni.

NGT imposed Rs.5 crore fine on West Bengal government

- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a fine of Rs.5 crore on the West Bengal government as it failed to take steps to improve the air quality of Kolkata and Howrah. Subhas Datta, the petitioner, said that the cost has been imposed for failing to comply with an earlier order of the NGT in August 2016.

Other National News

CSIR developed Less Polluting Firecrackers named – SWAS, SAFAL and STAR

- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) scientists has developed less polluting green firecrackers named SWAS, SAFAL, STAR. Green crackers are so named because they do not contain harmful chemicals that would cause air pollution.

India among nations that face grave danger to soil biodiversity: WWF

- According to recently released Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas prepared by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), India among nations that face grave danger to soil biodiversity. The atlas was released as part of WWF's bi-annual Living Planet Report (LPR) 2018.

PM Modi launches support, outreach programme for MSME

- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, launched the Government's Support and Outreach Initiative for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.



AYUSH Ministry organizes National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda

- The National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda was held in New Delhi. It was organised by Ministry of AYUSH in association with NITI Aayog with aim of encouraging entrepreneurs and Ayurveda stakeholders towards businesses opportunities in the sector.

Vision Document 2030 is long-term vision for the Forest Department

- Many environmentalists and groups oppose the decision to outsource the process to map a long-term vision for the Forest Department of the government. Because of the opposition, the long-term vision is facing trouble. The department is undertaking a Vision Document 2030 which would set a governance strategy for the management of forests and wildlife in the State for the next 20 years in a sustainable manner.

IAMAI forms AR/VR Committee to promote Technologies

- The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) formed a new industry expert committee to develop and promote an augmented reality/virtual reality (AR/VR) ecosystem in India. The committee is chaired by Namrita Mahindra, Senior General Manager, digital transformation, Mahindra Group and co-chaired by Satyajet Singh, Head -Strategic Product Partnership, India and South Asia, Facebook.

Nuclear submarine INS Arihant completes first deterrence patrol

- India's first indigenous nuclear submarine INS Arihant has successfully completed its first deterrence patrol. The development signifies that underwater warship has completed its maiden long-range mission with live nuclear-tipped missiles.

Joint Secretary (Films), Ministry of I&B Shri Ashok Kumar Parmar inaugurated the India Pavilion at Videocitta, 2018 in Rome Film Festival

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Government approves operationalisation strategy for Operation Greens

- Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) approved operationalisation strategy for Operation Greens. Operation Greens was announced by Union Government in Budget 2018-19 to stabilise supply of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops.

Home Ministry releases Rs. 113 crore to six border states under Border Area Development Programme

- Union Home Ministry has released more than Rs. 113 crore to six border states under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) as part of its plan to ameliorate the problems of people living in isolated locations.

Union Cabinet approves opening up of International Solar Alliance membership to all UN countries

- The decision was taken to put solar energy on the global agenda with the universal appeal for developing and deploying solar energy. International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an alliance dedicated to the promotion of solar energy among its member countries and is headquartered at Gurugram, India.

India re-elected as member of ITU council till 2022

- India elected as a member of the International Telecommunications Union-ITU Council for another four-year term from 2019 to 2022. The elections to the Council were held during the ongoing ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 at Dubai.

Cabinet approves leasing out six airports through Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC)

- Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved leasing out six airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for operation, management and development under Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the first phase. This will be done through Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC).

CCEA has approved strategic disinvestment of 100% Government of India's shares in DCIL

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved strategic disinvestment of 100% Government of India's shares in Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) to consortium of four ports. Presently, Central Government holds 73.44% shares in DCIL.

Supreme Court has upheld presumption that couple who live together as husband and wife are legally married

- Supreme Court has upheld presumption that couple who live together as husband and wife are legally married and woman can claim maintenance under Section 125 of Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). The apex court held that



law presumes in favour of marriage and against concubinage when man and woman have cohabited continuously for a number of years.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley terms GST 'monumental reform'

- A day after former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Raghuram Rajan criticised the Goods and Service Tax (GST), Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley came out in defence of the indirect taxation reform terming it as "monumental".

India's unemployment rate jumps to 2-year high of 6.9% in October

- Unemployment rate in the country rose to 6.9% in October, the highest in two years, according to a report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). The estimated number of people employed during October 2018 was 397 million.

Arunima Sinha gets honorary doctorate in the UK

- Arunima Sinha, the Indian mountaineer who became the world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest in 2013, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by a prestigious UK university for her inspirational achievements.

The Asian countries of RCEP have offered India to open up its markets

- Several Asian member countries of the proposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) have offered India a concession on the extent to which it needs to open up its markets. India can now open up 83% of its market against the earlier 92%.

India and China are partnering on new digital economy measures.

- In tune with its rise as an internet giant, China is roping in India as a niche digital partner, as part of Beijing's drive to cyber-connect with Eurasia, its new frontier for trade and investments. One such measure is standardizing 2D barcodes (QR codes)

Modi to issue unique Rs 75 coin in memory of Subhash Chandra Bose

- With an aim to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Tricolour hoisting for the first time by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Port Blair, the central government has announced a release of Rs 75 coin.

Satyarup Siddhanta became the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe

- Indian mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta became the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe, the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea.

Toxic named 'Word of the Year 2018' by Oxford Dictionaries

- Oxford Dictionaries said it chose the word "toxic" after seeing a 45 per cent rise in the number of times it had been looked up on its website, adding that it was selected for capturing the ethos, mood and preoccupations of 2018.

Government launches chatbot loaded AirSewa digital platform for air passengers

- Union Civil Aviation Ministry launched the upgraded version of AirSewa 2.0 web portal and mobile app in New Delhi. The major improvements in upgraded version of web portal include features such as secure sign-up and log-in with social media, chatbot for travellers support, improved grievance management including social media grievances.

Prime Minister launches Ease of Doing Business Grand Challenge

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Ease of Doing Business Grand Challenge on resolving seven identified Ease of Doing Business problems with use of cutting edge technologies. It was launched during programme organized by PM for interaction with select CEOs from Indian & foreign companies.

Sulabh International introduces India's first sewer cleaning machine to end unsafe manual scavenging

- Sulabh International has introduced India's first sewer cleaning machine to reduce sewer deaths and put end to unsafe practice of manual scavenging. The machine was unveiled on occasion of World Toilet Day 2018 (observed on 19 November) by mayors of all three Municipal Corporations of Delhi (MCD) in the presence founder of Sulabh International Bindeshwar Pathak.

AAI inks agreement with US Trade and Development Agency to prepare modernisation roadmap

- State-run Airports Authority of India (AAI) has inked agreement with US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to develop a roadmap for modernisation of its air traffic services. Air traffic services (ATS) comprises air traffic management (ATM) and communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS).

IIT-Hyderabad researchers develop smartphone-based system to detect adulteration in milk



- Researchers from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad are working to develop smartphone-based sensor to detect adulteration in milk. They have developed detector system which can measure level of acidity in milk using indicator paper.

Patients save around Rs 15,000 cr under govt's initiative of ensuring 'Affordable, Quality Medicines for All'

- Patients across the country have saved around Rs 15,000 crore under government's initiative of ensuring 'Affordable, Quality Medicines for All'.
- The Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry has taken the step of fixation of ceiling prices and Maximum Retail Prices of essential and lifesaving drugs. This has resulted in patients saving over Rs 5,000 crore since then.

ICMR releases Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidelines to ensure judicious use of antibiotics in hospitals

- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidelines to advise hospitals in setting up Antimicrobial Stewardship Programmes (AMSP) to ensure judicious use of antibiotics in healthcare facilities.

IIT Kanpur students done a project to induce artificial rain via cloud seeding to clear smog in Delhi.

- The Union Ministry of Environment has recently approved a project led by scientists at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to induce artificial rain via cloud seeding to clear smog in Delhi. The Cloud seeding project will have an aircraft fly into the clouds and inject silver iodide, which will lead to the formation of ice crystals that will make the clouds denser, cause them to condense into rain and settle atmospheric dust enough to clear the sky.

IIT Kharagpur have devised a Decision Support System (DSS) to help maximise the number of LPG connections for BPL households

- The researchers at IIT Kharagpur have devised a Decision Support System (DSS) to help maximise the number of LPG connections in Below Poverty Level (BPL) households in the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)'. A DSS is a computer programme that helps in making sound rational decisions using mathematical programming and operation research techniques.

HRD Minister has launched 'Institution's Innovation Council' programme

- The Union HRD Minister, Prakash Javadekar launched the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) programme under Innovation cell of the Ministry of Human Resource Development through video conferencing in New Delhi on November 21, 2018.

PM sets up National Implementation Committee to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi constituted National Implementation Committee (NIC) under Chairmanship of Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak in the country and abroad.

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has announced that he is changing the name of "BFR" rocket to "Starship."

- SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has announced that he is changing the name of "BFR" rocket to "Starship." This rocket aims to carry people to the Moon and also to the Mars one day. BFR was referred as the "Big Falcon Rocket." The rocket is 387-foot tall. It has a first stage with engines and fuel systems, which will be called the "Super Heavy." Passengers will ride in the second stage of "Starship". The estimated cost of the rocket system is USD 5 billion.

Morocco launched the second earth observation satellite "Mohammed VI-B" recently

- Arianespace launches Morocco's second earth observation satellite named Mohammed VI-B, developed by Thales Alenia Space and Airbus from French Guiana. Morocco's first satellite named Mohammed VI-A was launched on 8th November 2017 by Vega rocket from Kourou space center. Mohammed VI-B is the second satellite of Morocco's ambitious space program- the first in Africa. The satellite is named after Mohammed VI, King of Morocco who launched this ambitious space program in 2013. The satellite will be used for mapping, Agricultural monitoring, land surveying, monitoring changes in the environment and desertification as well as border and coastal surveillance.

12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine 2018 has started in Kathmandu

- The 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine 2018 has started in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal on November 21. The theme of 4 day congress is "Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas". The biennial event mainly focuses on science and research aspects of high altitude medicine. It will also include practical workshops related to trekking, expedition medicine and clinical education.



IFFI has nominated 12 movies for this year's International Council for Film

- The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has nominated 12 movies for this year's International Council for Film, Television and Audio-visual Communication (ICFT) UNESCO Gandhi Medal. Of these 12 films, two are from India and the rest are foreign movies. The two Indian movies competing for the honour are Tamil film Baaram and Ladakhi movie Walking with the Wind.

Electric cars set to replace diesel, petrol vehicles in Telangana State offices

- The Telangana government offices are soon to make way for electric cars as the State aims at promoting non-polluting vehicles. The government has brought in the Electric Mobility Policy 2018-2023 to encourage the use of carbon-free cars. It has followed it up by signing with the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).

Government launches Logo and Brochure of Logix India

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu launched logo and brochure of Logix India 2019 in New Delhi. Logix India 2019 is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from 31st January to 2nd February 2019. It is being organized by Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).

National Projects Construction Corporation Limited NPCC conferred with the status of Miniratna

- The Government of India conferred the National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) with the status of Miniratna: Category –I. This status will empower the company to take speedy decisions. One of the premier construction companies, NPCC has also been awarded the ISO 9001:2015 Certification.

AAI asked SpiceJet to pay Rs.20 crore by 30th November

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) served a notice to SpiceJet asking it to pay Rs.20 crore by 30th November to partially clear its dues. AAI claimed that the airline's dues have crossed the 80% threshold of its security deposit. As per the AAI norms, all the carriers are supposed to keep their dues within 80% of their security deposit with the State-run aerodrome operator.

Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman launched Mission Raksha

- The main aim is to provide a boost to the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) culture in indigenous defence industry. The event showcased the successful outcomes of adopting and utilizing the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) applications which enhanced inventions and innovations among Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs).

Miko 2 IIT-Bombay graduates launch India's first advanced personal robot for kids

- Graduates of Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay (IIT-B) who are Co-founders of a start-up called Emotix have launched India's first advanced personal robot Miko 2 for Kids. IIT Bombay graduates Sneha Rajkumar Vaswani along with his batchmates Prashant Iyengar and Chintan Raikar have founded the Tech start-up Emotix. Miko 2 is India's first advanced robot that can see, hear, sense, express, talk, recognize faces, remember names, identify moods and initiate a conversation.

NCLT appointed board of IL&FS to monetise green assets

- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)-appointed board of the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. (IL&FS), acting on behalf of its relevant subsidiaries has initiated the process of exploring the sale of the controlling stake held by the IL&FS Group in renewable energy assets and businesses.

Important International News



Seychelles launches world's first sovereign Blue Bond

- The Blue Bond is a part of an initiative that combines public and private investment to mobilise resources for empowering local communities and businesses. Proceeds from the bond will be utilised for the expansion of marine protected areas, improved governance of priority fisheries and the development of the Seychelles' blue economy.

Japan joins International Solar Alliance

- In a boost to Prime Minister Narendra Modi-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA), Japan announced joining the group submitting the instrument of ratification. Japan will be the 71st country to sign and 48th country to ratify the ISA Framework.

Indonesia's Medan city inaugurates 'Little India Gate'

- Nearly 7,000 people gathered in northern Indonesia to witness the inauguration of 'Little India Gate', the first-of-its-kind structure in the country which recognises the contribution of Indian community in the development of Medan city.

China will build the country's first permanent airport in the South Pole

- China will build the country's first permanent airport in the South Pole which will provide logistical support to scientists and enhance airspace management in the resource-rich Antarctic.

'China-France Oceanography Satellite' (CFOSAT) is the first satellite jointly built by China and France

- China has launched an 'Oceanography Satellite' on 29th October 2018. The 'China-France Oceanography Satellite' (CFOSAT) is the first satellite jointly built by China and France.

Japan to lend Rs 1,817 cr for hydel power project in West Bengal

- India and Japan signed a Rs 1,817 crore loan agreement for the construction of the Turga pumped storage hydel power project at Purulia in West Bengal.

Vietnam will host the F1 race in 2020

- Vietnam will host a Formula One race in April 2020. Vietnam will be only the third Southeast Asian country to host a Formula One race, after Malaysia and Singapore.

Russia has quietly invited a group of senior Afghan politicians to talk with the Taliban in Moscow.

- Russia has quietly invited a group of senior Afghan politicians to talk with the Taliban in Moscow. This talk has bypassed President Ashraf Ghani's government and has angered officials in Kabul who say it could muddle the U.S.-backed peace process.

China launches new high-orbit satellite to boost its BeiDou global satellite navigation system.

- China launches new high-orbit satellite to boost its BeiDou global satellite navigation system. This is the first BeiDou-3 satellite in high orbit, nearly 36,000 km above the Earth. It will follow the Earth's rotation, in a geostationary orbit, and will view the same point on Earth continuously.

UK unveiled sculpture to honour Indian soldiers

- A sculpture in honour of Indian soldiers who fought during World War I was unveiled in the town of Smethwick in the West Midlands region of England.

US exempts India, China from its sanctions for buying Iranian oil

- The United States has temporarily exempted eight countries, including India from the US sanctions for buying Iranian oil. The other nations include China, Japan, Italy, Greece, South Korea, Taiwan and Turkey.

The plan to create the world's largest marine sanctuary in Antarctica

- The plan to create the world's largest marine sanctuary in Antarctica waters was shot down as the environmentalists denounced a lack of scientific foresight and hence the key conservation summit failed to reach a consensus.

Twitter removes thousands of automated accounts in US

- In the United States, Twitter has removed thousands of automated accounts that were posting tweets encouraging voters to sit out of the nation's crucial midterm elections.

Chinese press agency Xinhua unveiled AI-based anchor that can read the news in English and Chinese

- Chinese press agency Xinhua unveiled AI-based anchor that can read the news in English and Chinese, as naturally as a professional news anchor.



Vice President inaugurates Indian war memorial in France

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu is on a three-day visit to France. He inaugurated Indian War Memorial at Villers Guislain. Earlier the Vice President attended the Indian community reception in Paris.

World leaders mark 100 years since end of First World War

- World leaders gathered in Paris on November 11, 2018 to lead the global commemorations to mark 100 years since the end of the first World War.

UAV CH7: China unveils most advanced stealth drone

- China unveils most advanced stealth drone UAV CH7. It was unveiled at the Air Show China 2018 in Zhuhai, China.

Sri Lankan PM Mahinda Rajapaksa leaves Presidents Party, joins newly-formed Sri Lanka People's Party

- Newly appointed Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa ended his five-decade-long association with Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and joined newly-formed Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP).

SpiNNaker: Largest brain-mimicking supercomputer switched on

- The world's largest supercomputer Spiking Neural Network Architecture (SpiNNaker) machine designed to work in same way as human brain was switched on for the first time. It designed and built at University of Manchester in UK.

Denmark signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CGIAR to establish an international research centre

- Denmark signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CGIAR to establish an international research center. The MoU was signed by Danish Health Minister Ellen Trane Norby Denmark in Seattle, in the United States, with the international network of research centres CGIAR.

Amir Yaron as the next governor of the Bank of Israel for 5 years

- Israel's Cabinet approved Amir Yaron as the next governor of the Bank of Israel for 5 years. He replaced Karnit Flug, who became the first woman to hold the post when she took over in 2013. Prior to this, he was the a finance professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Saudi, UAE announce USD 500 million in aid to war-torn Yemen

- Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which lead a military coalition against the Huthi rebels in Yemen, on November 20, 2018 announced USD 500 million in aid to the country on the brink of famine.

Australia refused to sign UN pact on migration

- The Australian Government announced on November 21, 2018 that it would not sign the UN Global Compact for Migration saying that the agreement would undermine its existing immigration policies. According to the nation, its immigration policy already promotes safe, orderly and regular migration.

The world's first underground hotel "the InterContinental Shanghai Wonderland" has opened in Shanghai

- In China, the world's first underground hotel "the InterContinental Shanghai Wonderland" has opened in Shanghai, which is buried almost 90 metres deep in an old quarry.

France plays host to the International prototype of kilogram

- The International prototype of kilogram (IPK), which serves as the international standard of kilogram, is kept at the BIPM in Paris, France. It is made of 90 per cent platinum and 10 per cent iridium and is a cylinder of 39 mm diameter and 39 mm height.

US suspends USD 1.66 bn security assistance to Pakistan

- The United States has suspended its 1.66 billion dollar security assistance to Pakistan. The decision has been taken on the directions of President Donald Trump.

Mohammed VI-B: Morocco launches its second earth observation satellite

- Morocco successfully launched its second earth observation satellite named Mohammed VI-B on board of Arianespace Vega rocket from launch pad at Guiana Space Center in Kourou, French Guiana in South America.

Nepal government has launched a Social Security Scheme for formal sector workers of the country.



- Nepal government has launched a Social Security Scheme for formal sector workers of the country. PM of Nepal KP Sharma Oli stated that it was very necessary to strengthen the system in which the government is accountable to its people.

The European Union has set its goal to be 'carbon neutral' by 2050

- The European Union on November 28, 2018 urged government, businesses, citizens and regions to join it in an ambitious plan to cut emissions and make the bloc carbon neutral by 2050. The EU's strategic long-term vision relies on its member states to take action.

A section of stairs from the Eiffel Tower in Paris was sold for almost 170,000 euros

- A section of stairs from the Eiffel Tower in Paris was sold for almost 170,000 euros, around three times the pre-sale estimate. The auctioneers announced that more than two dozen wrought-iron steps from the original spiral structure, from between the second and third floors of the Paris landmark, were sold to a Middle East collector. The stairs, which stand 4.3 m high and were part of a private Canadian collection.

Brazil lost forests equal to 1 mn football pitches due to deforestation

- In Brazil, the deforestation has reached its height that an area equivalent to one million football pitches was lost in just one year. According to the governmental institution of special investigations said that between August 2017 and July 2018, deforestation increased by almost 14%, with an area of 7, 900 sq km, it's more or less one million football fields, of forest cleared.

National Appointments

Sl.No	Person	Designation
1	Narendra Modi	Afghanistan's Amir Abdulla Khan Award
2	Aishwarya Sharma	Brand ambassador of Mahindra Singh Foundation Inc
3	SS Deswal	Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police
4	P S Rajeshwar	12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC)
5	Atul Kumar Goel	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (UCO) of UCO Bank
6	Snehlata Shrivastava	Lok Sabha General Secretary
7	John Dugan	New chairman of Citigroup
8	Robyn Denholm	Electric carmaker Tesla's Chairman
9	Ashok Kumar Gupta	Chairperson of Competition Commission of India
10	Gaddam Dharmendra	The Ambassador of India to Iran
11	S. S. Deswal	Director General of Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
12	Adarsh Nair	Bharti Airtel Chief Product Officer
13	MS Dhoni	Brand ambassador of Bharatmatrimony
14	Sadananda Gowda	Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
15	Narendra Singh Tomar	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.



16	Jayesh Sanghrajka	Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Infosys
17	Sanjay Kumar Mishra	Director of Enforcement Directorate
18	Jalaj Srivastava	Chairman of Inland Waterways Authority of India
19	Voreqe Bainimarama	The Prime Minister of Fiji
20	Millie Bobby Brown	UNICEF the star of hit Netflix series "Stranger Things", as its youngest ever goodwill ambassador.
21	Joyce Msuya	Acting Executive Director of UNEP
22	Nahid Afrin	First 'Youth Advocate' of the north eastern region by UNICEF
23	Arvind Saxena	Chairman of UPSC
24	Nageshwara Rao Guntur	Chairperson of AERB
25	IAS Ranbir Singh	Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi

International Appointments

Sl.No	Person	Designation
1	Dinkar Asthana	Next Ambassador of India to Lao Peoples Democratic Republic
2	Gafur Rakhimov	President of AIBA
3	Gaddam Dharmendra	India's Ambassador to Iran
4	Abhay Kumar	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Madagascar
5	Upma Chowdhry	The Secretary of Department of Youth Affairs
6	Kim Jong Yang	The new President of Interpol

Resignation

Sl.No	Person	Designation
1	Anupam Kher	FTII chairman
2	G.N.Bajpai	Stepped down from the board of IL and FS
3	Binny Bansal	Resigned as CEO of Flipkart Group
4	O.P. Bhatt	Resigned from the search and selection committee of Yes Bank
5	Erik Solheim	Resigned from the head of United Nations Environment Programme

Awards and Honors

Sl.No	Awards	Winners
1	Harvard award for activism	Malala Yousafzai
2	Afghanistan's Amir Abdulla Khan Award	Narendra Modi
3	Kerala government's highest literary award 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram'	M Mukundan
4	Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has award for "good practices" under the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS)	Assam Police



5	'Distinguished Fellow Award' in Boston	Anupam Kher
6	IPI-India Award for excellence in journalism 2018	Namrata Ahuja
7	Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award by Press Council of India (PCI)	N Ram
8	2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for Cultural Heritage conservation	Ladakh restoration project
9	France's highest civilian honour Chevalier de la Lgion d'Honneur	Jawahar Lal Sarin
10	Maharashtra government's Natvarya Prabhakar Panshikar Lifetime Achievement award	Jayant Sawarkar
11	First Indian woman who was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Strathclyde of United Kingdom in Glasgow, Scotland	Arunima Sinha
12	'Global Education Award'	Anand Kumar
13	2018 London Press Freedom award	Swati Chaturvedi
14	2018 Sumitra Charat Ram Award	Ustad Amjad Ali Khan
15	"Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award" on Rajasthan	UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group)
16	Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2018	Delhi-based environment think-tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
17	Mexican Order of Aztec Eagle	S.P. Ganguly
18	Shubhankar Sharma	First Indian golfer to win European Tour 'Rookie of the Year' Award
19	Manipal Academy of Higher Education	Silver in the International Green Apple Award for Environmental best practice 2018
20	Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)	Asia Environment Enforcement Awards for combating trans-boundary environmental crime
21	International James Dyson award 2018	Nicolas Orellana, Yaseen Noorani for designing a 'Urban wind turbine' called O-Wind Turbine
22	Knight of the Legion of Honour or Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur from Ambassador of France	Azim Premji
23	Best State Award in cadaveric organ donation from the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation	Tamil Nadu
24	Anupam Roy	FICA Emerging Artist Award 2018
25	2018 prestigious Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Lifetime Achievement (LTA) Award for Classical Music	Keshav Ginde
26	Golden Peacock award at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at Panaji, Goa	Donbass, a Ukrainian film directed by Sergei Loznitsa
27	Prestigious Swarnajayanti Fellowship	Punyasloke Bhaduri
28	At the 'Asian of The Year' awards at Singapore on 28th November	Vijay Varma and P. Rajkumar

ATP world tour awards 2018

Sl. No.	Award	Winner
1.	ATP World Tour No 1	Novak Djokovic
2.	Comeback Player of the Year	Novak Djokovic
3.	ATP World Tour No. 1 Doubles Team	Oliver Marach & Mate Pavic
4.	Most Improved Player of the Year	Stefanos Tsitsipas
5.	Newcomer of the Year	Alex de Minaur
6.	Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award	Rafael Nadal



7.	Arthur Ashe Humanitarian of the Year	Tommy Robredo
8.	ATP Coach of the Year	Marian Vajda (Novak Djokovic)
9.	ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favourite presented (Singles)	Roger Federer
10.	ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favourite presented (Doubles)	Mike Bryan & Jack Sock
11.	Ron Bookman Media Excellence Award	Sue Barker (BBC)
12.	ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Tournament of the Year	BNP Paribas Open (Indian Wells)
13.	ATP World Tour 500 Tournament of the Year	Fever-Tree Championships (Queen's Club)
14.	ATP World Tour 250 Tournament of the Year	Intrum Stockholm Open (Stockholm)
15	Azim Premji	Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018
16	Amitabh Bachchan	The third Sayaji Ratna Award

UNESCO Announced Asia-Pacific Awards 2018 for Cultural Heritage Conservation

Award	Winner
Award of Distinction	1. The LAMO Center, Ladakh, India.
Award of Merit	1. 5 Martin Place, Sydney, Australia. 2. Aijing Zhuang, Fujian, China. 3. Commercial Bank of Honjo Warehouse, Saitama, Japan.
Honorable Mention	1. Ruttonsee Muljee Jetha Fountain, Mumbai, India. 2. Rajabai Clock Tower & University of Mumbai Library Building, Mumbai, India. 3. Hengdaohezi Town, Heilongjiang, China.
New Design in Heritage Contexts:	1. Kaomai Estate 1955, Chiang Mai, Thailand. 2. The Harts Mill, Port Adelaide, Australia.
Award of Excellence	1. Shijo-cho Ofune-hoko Float Machiya, Tokyo, Japan

NASI SCOPUS Young Scientist Awards-2018 presented to winners in New Delhi

- National Academy of Sciences India (NASI) SCOPUS Young Scientist Awards 2018 were presented to winners in New Delhi. This year five multi-disciplinary categories in awards were introduced.

Sl.No	Fields	Winner
1	Agriculture, Plant Sciences and Rural Development	Jitender Giri, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi
2	Biomedical Research and Healthcare	Maddika Subba Reddy, Group Leader and Staff Scientist- V, CDFD, Hyderabad
3	Environmentally Sound Sustainable Development	Vimal Chandra Srivastava, Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee, Roorkee
4	Innovation in Engineering and Physical Sciences	Ajay S. Karakoti, Associate Professor, Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad
5	Women in Science	Zhumur Ghosh, Bose Institute, Kolkata

Twelve children's books of Lauren Myracle have been shortlisted for The Hindu Young World-Goodbooks Awards



- Twelve children's books have been shortlisted for The Hindu Young World-Goodbooks Awards. This awards will recognize the children's books published in India. The books were categorized into 4 categories (i) Best Picture Book (Story), (ii) Best Picture Book (Illustration), (iii) Best Book (Fiction) (iv) Best Book (Non-Fiction). Under every category, three books have been shortlisted. The awards are being given for the fourth consecutive year. The winners will be announced at The Hindu Lit for Life in January 2019.

Important Committees

Committee	Heads
A panel of governors constituted by President Ram Nath Kovind submitted its report 'Approach to Agriculture: A Holistic Overview' on approach to agriculture for doubling farmer's income.	Ram Naik

Important MOU's

UP and Uttarakhand sign agreement to strengthen bus services

- The Uttar Pradesh government on October 19, 2018 signed an agreement with its neighbouring state Uttarakhand to strengthen inter-state bus services. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said his government is committed to provide better transport facilities to the people of the state.

The Union Cabinet of India constitute a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Fintech with Singapore

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Singapore in June 2018 on the constitution of a Joint Working Group (JWG) on FinTech. As per the pact, both countries will improve their regulatory connect to exchange best practices by sharing experience on policies and regulations related to fintech.

India and Qatar on October 29, 2018 established a joint commission to review all bilateral matters

- India and Qatar on October 29, 2018 established a joint commission to review all bilateral matters, as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest. A joint declaration was issued to this effect. The decision was taken following a meeting between Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Qatari Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, during former's visit to Qatar.

India-Morocco agreement on legal assistance in criminal matters approved by Centre

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Thursday approved the agreement between India and Morocco on Mutual Legal Assistance in criminal matters.

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Korea in the field of tourism

- The main objectives of the MoU are to expand bilateral cooperation in tourism, including cooperation in data related to tourism, between tourism stakeholders, including hotels and tour operators, to establish exchange programmes for cooperation in human resource development and encourage investment in the tourism and hospitality sectors.

India Signs \$950 Million Contract with Russia to Buy Two Stealth Frigates

- India has signed a \$950 million contract with Russia for two upgraded Krivak III-class stealth frigates. A government-to-government contract was signed between India and United Shipbuilding Corporation of Russia last week for the supply of two stealth frigates.

India, South Korea sign MoU for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism and sports cooperation

- India and South Korea have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism and sports cooperation. The MoU was signed between Union Ministry of Tourism and South Korea's Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in New Delhi.

India, Malawi sign MoUs on extradition treaty, atomic energy and visa waiver

- India and Malawi has signed three MoUs on Extradition Treaty, cooperation in the field of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and visa waiver for diplomatic and official passports.

MoU signed between OMCs and CSC SPV for collaboration in LPG Services

- An MoU for collaboration in LPG services was signed between Oil Marketing Companies (IOCL, HPCL & BPCL) and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited in presence of Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.



CIMAP signs agreement with US-based RIFM for improving the quality of fragrant oils

- Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) has signed MoU with US-based Research Institute for Fragrant Materials (RIFM) for improving the quality of fragrant oils. It was signed at conclusion of two-day annual conference of International Fragrance Association (IFA) in Paris, capital city of France.

Government to set up first National Institute of Inter-Faith Studies in Punjab

- Union Government will set up first-of-its-kind institute of Inter-Faith Studies in Punjab to promote brotherhood and diversity. It is being established as part of year-long activities to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of first Sikh Guru and founder of Sikh religion Guru Nanak.

AAI has signed a pact with USTDA to develop a roadmap for modernization of its air traffic services.

- State-run Airports Authority of India (AAI) has inked an agreement with the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to develop a roadmap for modernization of its air traffic services. Air traffic services (ATS) comprises air traffic management (ATM) and communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS). The collaboration is aimed at developing a CNS/ATM roadmap for the AAI for modernization of the national airspace system (NAS).

IIM Calcutta Innovation Park, ICC sign MoU for energising start-up ecosystem in East and Northeast India

- IIM Calcutta Innovation Park and Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for energising start-up ecosystem in East and Northeast India. The MoU will bring incubator and industry together in more formal way. IIM Innovation Park is currently incubating 40 start-ups with almost half from West Bengal.

India and Russia has signed USD 500 million deal for construction of two missile frigates in Goa for the Indian Navy

- India and Russia signed a USD 500 million deal for construction of two missile frigates in Goa for the Indian Navy on 20 November 2018. The agreement for manufacturing of the two Talvar-class warships was signed between Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) and Russia's state-run defence major Rosoboronexport.

IIT Kharagpur has recently signed an MoU with Auckland University to foster academic exchange and research collaboration

- IIT Kharagpur has recently signed an MoU with Auckland University to foster academic exchange and research collaboration, faculty exchange and student mobility. The institutes will typically explore opportunities for research in healthcare technologies, new materials, cyber security and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Important Summit & Conference

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- India invited Italy to participate in the defence sector under the "Make in India" scheme. The invitation also included an agreement to counter terrorist financing and state sponsors of terrorism.

Netherland to Be Partner Country for 25th DST-CII Technology Summit 2019

- The Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country 25th DST – CII Technology Summit to be organized in 2019, announced Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

First India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property held in New Delhi

- The first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property (IP) was launched in New Delhi to deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy. It was launched by US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) and Industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in partnership with US-India Business Council (USIBC). It will be convened annually, alternating between New Delhi and Washington, DC.

4th NITI Aayog- DRC Dialogue Held in Mumbai



- The Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayog – Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council, Peoples' Republic of China was held in Mumbai. The Chinese delegation was led by Mr. Li Wei, President of DRC and the Indian delegation was led by Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.

K J Alphons presides over the Program and Budget Committee meeting of UNWTO

- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, K. J. Alphons attended the 109th session of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council in Manama, Bahrain from 30th October to 1st November 2018. India will be the chair of Programme and Budget Committee of UNWTO Executive Council till 2021.

Emerging Trends in Aviation Engineering and Logistics AVIAMAT 2018 held in New Delhi

- A two-day seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Aviation Engineering and Logistics' (AVIAMAT-2018) concluded at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, in New Delhi. It was organized by the Indian Air Force and Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa delivered the keynote address.

1st 'Annual Senior Care Conclave - Igniting Industry for India's Ageing Sector' was held in New Delhi

- 1st 'Annual Senior Care Conclave - Igniting Industry for India's Ageing Sector' was held in New Delhi on 1 November 2018. It was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). A report titled, 'Igniting Potential in Senior Care Services' was released at the event. Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare delivered the keynote address at the event.

AYUSH Ministry organizes National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda

- The National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda was held in New Delhi. It was organised by Ministry of AYUSH in association with NITI Aayog with aim of encouraging entrepreneurs and Ayurveda stakeholders towards businesses opportunities in the sector.

China has host the fifth World Buddhist Forum

- China has host the fifth World Buddhist Forum held from 28th to 30th October 2018. It was held in the Chinese city of Putian. More than 1,000 participants from 55 countries and regions participated.

The first WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health was held in Geneva

- The first Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health was held at World Health Organisation (WHO) Headquarters in Geneva on October 30, 2018.

18th Indian Ocean Rim Association Council of Ministers Meeting Held in Durban

- 18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting in Durban, South Africa. This meeting is taking place during the on-going celebrations of the 150th year of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the 100th birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela.

The 24th edition of the India-Italy Technology Summit was held in New Delhi

- The 24th edition of the India-Italy Technology Summit was held in New Delhi. It was co-hosted by India and Italy. The Summit was organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities, 2018 was inaugurated in New Delhi

- The Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities, 2018 was inaugurated on November 9, 2018 in New Delhi by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Krishan Pal Gurjar.

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- The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit has begun in Singapore. Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong is the Chairman of the Summit, which will continue till 15th November along with other related summits like East Asia Summit (EAS), Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) and ASEAN plus summits.

18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of (Foreign) Ministers Meetings (COM) in Durban

- South Africa hosted the 18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of (Foreign) Ministers Meetings (COM) in Durban under the theme of "IORA - Uniting the Peoples of Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Middle East through Enhanced Co-operation for Peace, Stability and Sustainable Development".

INSPIRE 2018 organized in New Delhi by EESL and World Bank

- The second edition of was International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2018) launched in New Delhi. It was jointly organised by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and World Bank.

Food and Agro Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) was held in Jeddah



- Food and Agro Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) was held in Jeddah. It was inaugurated by Md. Noor Rahman Sheikh, Consul General of India in Jeddah and Hassan Ibrahim Dahlan, Secretary General of Jeddah Chamber.

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The third "Quadrilateral" or Quad meeting held in Singapore

- Officials from 4 countries (Quad) - Australia, India, Japan and the United States will hold the third "Quadrilateral" or Quad meeting in Singapore on November 14th.

Indian Army and China organize a high-level meeting to maintain peace along Line of Actual Control in Bumla, Arunachal Pradesh

- Indian Army officials and Chinese PLA troops organized a high-level meeting at Bumla, near Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held in Singapore

- The 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held in Singapore as part of the 33rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summit Meetings.

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26th edition of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) Conference was organized in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh

- The 26th edition of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) Conference was organized by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in collaboration with Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Global Digital Content Market (GDCM) 2018 has started in New Delhi

- Global Digital Content Market (GDCM) 2018 has started in New Delhi with focus on 'Asia Pacific region'. The 2-day conference will feature sessions on music, film, broadcasting and publishing, as well as collective management, emerging models and the implications for the market and policy makers.

Indo-Japan Business Council's Business Festival recently held in Pune

- Indo-Japan Business Council's Business Festival recently held in Pune. The Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC), hosted KONNACHI WA PUNE - a first of its kind business festival in Pune. The festival was aimed to boost investment, promote businesses and cultural exchange between India and Japan.

Ram Nath Kovind addresses Vietnam India business forum and Indian Community at Hanoi in Vietnam

- President Ram Nath Kovind addresses Vietnam India business forum and Indian Community at Hanoi in Vietnam on Monday. The President urged Vietnamese and Indian businesses to partner each other for trade and investment, and technology collaboration.

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27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change held in New Delhi



- 27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change held in New Delhi has urged advanced countries to enhance their support to developing nations in effectively implementing Paris Agreement to combat climate change.

4th edition of Intex South Asia was inaugurated by Indian high commissioner to Sri Lanka Taranjit Singh Sandhu, in Colombo, Sri Lanka

- The 4th edition of Intex South Asia was inaugurated by Indian high commissioner to Sri Lanka Taranjit Singh Sandhu, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine started in Kathmandu, Nepal

- The 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine started in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The theme of the 4-day congress is "Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas".

The second edition of the India-UAE Strategic Conclave will be held in Abu Dhabi

- The second edition of the India-UAE Strategic Conclave will be held in the capital city of Abu Dhabi on 27th of November. The day-long conclave will initiate a dialogue to widen the scope of bilateral investments. Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Navdeep Suri will inaugurate the conclave. It is being organized by the Economic Times, India.

India will host 2019 Union World Conference on Lung Health

- The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) released the agenda to host the 4-day 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health in Hyderabad on 30 October - 2 November 2019.

India and Nepal decided to set up a hotline to ensure effective coordination to combat smuggling

- India and Nepal decided to set up a hotline to ensure effective coordination to combat smuggling, improve border management and facilitate trade. It was decided at the 2-day-19th annual Indo-Nepal Director General-level talks in Kathmandu which held on November 19-20, 2018.

The first-ever Sustainable Blue Economy Conference 2018 was held in Nairobi, Kenya

- In Kenya, the first-ever Sustainable Blue Economy Conference 2018 was held in Nairobi from November 26 to 28 with theme 'The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'. The global conference was organized by Kenya, with Canada and Japan as co-hosts. Over 4,000 participants from around the world participated in it.

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- The first Sustainable Blue Economy Conference was held in Nairobi, capital of Kenya. It was organized by Kenya and cohosted by Japan and Canada. The theme of this conference was 'The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.'

Logix India 2019 will be held in New Delhi

- 'Logix India 2019', which will be held from January 31 to February 2, 2019, in New Delhi. The event is aimed at improving logistics cost effectiveness and operational efficiencies for India's Global Trade. Ranked 44 in the World Bank Logistics Performance Index 2018, logistics costs in India are 13-15 per cent of the product cost, while the global average is six per cent.

G20 Summit 2018 begins in Argentina

- The 2018 G20 Summit began on November 28, 2018 in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Important Mobile App and Web Portal

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National women's emergency helpline facility is to be launched in India

- National women's emergency helpline facility is to be launched in India. Women in distress can call helpline 181. Women can get assistance for any situations such as police, medical, legal, psycho-social or rescue shelter emergency. In Tamil Nadu, the 1091 helpline is functioning in providing assistance for women.

The world's largest neuromorphic supercomputer which was switched on for the first time is SpiNNaker

- The world's largest neuromorphic supercomputer SpiNNaker ('Spiking Neural Network Architecture' machine), which was designed and built to work like a human brain, has been switched on for the first time. Made up of one million processors, SpiNNaker can complete over 200 million-million actions per second.

Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched Mahila-E-Haat online portal to promote women farmers and entrepreneurs

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National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has launched 'NSE goBID' and web-based platform for retail investors to buy government securities (G-Secs).

- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) launched a mobile application and web-based platform for retail investors to buy government securities (G-Secs). The new app - 'NSE goBID', was launched by SEBI chairman Ajay Tyagi.

Google's Next Billion Users (NBU) team announced the national roll-out of its Neighbourly app in Delhi and Bangalore.

- Google's Next Billion Users (NBU) team announced the national roll-out of its Neighbourly app in Delhi and Bangalore. It will help people by sourcing local information from their neighbors about their neighbourhood in an easier way.

Important Defence News

Japanese rocket lifted off the United Arab Emirates first locally made satellite H2A

- A Japanese rocket lifted off the United Arab Emirates first locally made satellite, the KhalifaSat Earth observation satellite, into orbit. The launch was done by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries from the Tanegashima Space Center.

Defence Ministry signs contract with GRSE for supply of four survey vessels for Indian Navy

- Union Defence Ministry has signed contract worth Rs 2,435.15 crore with public sector Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata for manufacturing of four survey vessels aimed at boosting to capabilities of Indian Navy. The project completion time is 54 months from date of signing contract. The first ship will be delivered within 36 months and remaining within interval of six months for each vessel.

NASA Retires Its Planet Hunter, the Kepler Space Telescope

- The Kepler space telescope has run out of fuel and will be retired after a 9.5 year mission in which it detected thousands of planets beyond our solar system and boosted the search for worlds that might harbour alien life.

India successfully conducted night trial of Agni-I ballistic missile

- India has successfully carried out night user trial of Agni-I short-range nuclear-capable ballistic missile. The test flight was conducted by Indian Army's Strategic Forces Command off Abdul Kalam Island in Bay of Bengal, off the coast of the Indian state of Odisha.

Dharma Guardian-2018: First India-Japan military exercise begins in Vairengte, Mizoram

- The first joint military exercise named "Dharma Guardian" between India and Japan has begun at Indian Army's Counter-Insurgency Warfare School at Vairengte (Mizoram).

Decommissioned carrier INS Virat to become a floating museum



- The Maharashtra state cabinet on cleared the decks for the Navy's longest-serving aircraft carrier, INS Viraat, now retired, to be converted into India's first-ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre.

Indian Coast Guard launches new Offshore patrol vessel ICGS Varaha

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launches new offshore patrol vessel (OPV) **ICGS Varaha** at L&T Kattupalli shipyard near Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Air Marshal MSG Menon VSM has taken charge as Director General (Wks & Cer) of Indian Air Force (IAF)

- Air Marshal MSG Menon VSM has taken charge as Director General (Wks & Cer) of Indian Air Force (IAF). Previously, he was the Assistance Chief of Air Staff (AF Wks) at Air Headquarters. He is a Cat 'AYE' Air Traffic Controller.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) bot ClaRAN has been taught by researchers to identify galaxies in deep space

- Researchers have taught an Artificial Intelligence (AI) bot named "ClaRAN" to identify galaxies in deep space. The AI bot named "ClaRAN" used to recognise faces on Facebook. It has been trained to scan images taken by radio telescopes.

NASA's "supersonic parachute" that will have a major role in landing its Mars 2020 rover

- NASA's "supersonic parachute" that will have a major role in landing its Mars 2020 rover has created a world record by deploying in just four-tenths of a second and surviving 37,000 kg load.

Nuclear submarine INS Arihant completes first deterrence patrol

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GSAT-11 satellite is used for faster Internet connectivity

- GSAT-11, the heaviest Indian communication satellite built to date is back at the Guiana Space Centre for an early December launch. The satellite is for faster Internet connectivity. It returns to the South American port for the second time in six months after it was taken back to Bengaluru in April for inspections.

Hubble Space telescope has spotted a formation of galaxies that look like a smiling face in the sky.

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Hubble Space telescope has spotted a formation of galaxies that look like a smiling face in the sky. The image of galaxies looking like a smiling face was captured with Hubble telescope's Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3).

Indian Army inducted new K9 Vajra and M777 howitzers

- Indian Army inducted new artillery guns and equipment, including K9 Vajra and M777 howitzers, at Deolali artillery centre in Nashik, Maharashtra.

India and Singapore have conducted the 25th edition of SIMBEX in Andaman Sea

- India and Singapore have started the 25th edition of SIMBEX (Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise) off Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

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- NASA's Ralph, a space instrument, will travel with the Lucy mission to Jupiter's Trojan asteroids, in 2021. The Lucy spacecraft carries a near-twin of Ralph named L'Ralph. L'Ralph will investigate Jupiter's Trojan asteroids.

The Defence Ministry has enhanced financial powers of vice chiefs of the three services from Rs 100 crore to Rs 500 crore

- The Defence ministry has enhanced the financial powers of the three vice chiefs from Rs 100 crore to Rs 500 crore, thus effecting a five-time increase for augmenting procurement of arms and ammunition and upgrade of defence preparedness.



Indian Navy - Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' began at Surabaya, Indonesia

- The inaugural edition of Indian Navy - Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' began at Surabaya, Indonesia. The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Rana of the Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command arrived at the port of Surabaya to participate in the exercise.

Barnard's Star b (GJ 699 b)- 2nd closest star system to our sun - appears to be a cold super-Earth

- The planet for Barnard's star - 2nd closest star system to our sun - appears to be a cold super-Earth. The planet has been labeled Barnard's Star b (GJ 699 b). It orbits its red star every 233 days near the snow-line, a distance where water freezes. Barnard's star is six light-years away from earth.

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Vajra Prahar: India-USA joint military exercise commences in Jaipur

- India, US Joint Special Forces Exercise 2018 named Vajra Prahar commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR), Bikaner in Rajasthan. The exercise was called between Special Forces of both countries to deal with operations for counter-terrorism and is being done at unit as well as sub-unit levels.

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International Space Station of Russian space agency Roscosmos has completed 20 years

- The International Space Station (ISS) turned 20 years old on November 20, 2018. The project was kicked by Russian space agency Roscosmos when it launched its Zarya module from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on November 20, 1998.

PSLV-C43 successfully injects Indian satellite HysIS, into sun-synchronous polar orbit

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) today launched India's best-ever high-resolution earth imaging satellite, HysIS, from Andhra Pradesh's Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

ISRO launched HysIS into orbit

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the Hyper Spectral Imaging Satellite (HysIS), being dubbed 'Sharp Eye', into space along with 30 other foreign satellites on board the workhorse PSLV rocket on 29th November. HysIS with a mission life of five years was placed in an orbit 636 km above the earth. It will travel over the poles and always face the sun. While 23 satellites were from the US, the rest were from Australia, Canada, Columbia, Finland, Malaysia, the Netherlands, and Spain.

Important Schemes and Programs

Malayalam Film Olu to Be Opening Film at 49th IFFI

- Malayalam film Olu will be the opening film at the 49th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2018. This was decided by the jury for the Indian Panorama. The IFFI will be held in Goa in November 2018.

Twitter launches #PowerOf18 campaign to boost youth engagement for 2019 polls

- Twitter India has launched #PowerOf18 campaign aimed at encouraging youth to contribute in public debates and participate in civic engagement for the 2019 general elections.

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Government launches Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Program

- Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Program of Ministry of Human Resource Development's (HRD) Innovation Cell was launched in New Delhi by Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar.

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- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched month-long Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan or Women Empowerment campaign in Lucknow. It is aimed to empower women in the state through various programmes including education, self-employment, health, cleanliness, nutrition.

Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti launched to boost IPR culture in indigenous defence industry

- Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched 'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti' in New Delhi to boost Intellectual Property Right (IPR) culture in indigenous defence industry.

Government launches new initiative to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages

- The Union Government has launched a unique initiative called Bhasha Sangam to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages. The initiative aims to enhance linguistic tolerance and respect and promote national integration.

Important Ranking and Indexes

Singapore has been ranked as number one Asian city in the Sustainability Index by engineering firm Arcadis

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- Kolkata tops in public transport index in terms of cleanliness and affordability of public transport. New Delhi was rated highly in terms of safety and ranked the best among the big cities in affording parking space to its residents.

Andhra Pradesh topped the list of states with the highest employability



- As per the 6th edition & 2019 version of India Skills Report, Andhra Pradesh topped the list of states with the highest employability followed by Rajasthan and Haryana. Andhra Pradesh is one of the preferred hiring destinations in India, with the highest employability in India.

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- In a recent NASSCOM-Zinnov report titled “Indian Start-up Ecosystem 2018: Approaching Escape Velocity”. India has emerged as the third largest startup hub in the world. According to the report, Bangalore, Delhi-NCR and Mumbai are the top cities which have seen a tremendous growth in startups, with Bangalore becoming one of the fastest growing technology startup hubs.

Index	Rank	Released By
Global Passport Index (Topped by Singapore)	66	Passports' visa-free score
The web-borne threats	12	Kaspersky Lab
largest smart phone market (Topped by China)	2	Research firm Canalys
IMD World Talent Ranking 2018(Topped by Switzerland)	53	IMD Business School
Expedia Vacation Deprivation Report 2018	5	Expedia

Important Books and Authors

Books	Authors
Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman	Krishna Trilok
Arivu (Based on Mouth Cancer)	Dr Murali Mohan Chuntharu
Yoga and Mindfulness	Mansi Gulati
'Radio Kashmir - In Times of Peace & War'	Rajesh Bhat
Book Making of New India	Edited by the nationalist think-tank Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) and members of the Niti Aayog: Dr. Bibek Debroy, Dr. Anirban Ganguly and Shri Kishore Desai.

Important Sports News

Cricket

Rahul Dravid inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

- Former India captain Rahul Dravid was officially inducted into International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame. He presented memento by the legendary opener Sunil Gavaskar at Greenfield International Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Saurabh Netravalkar has been appointed captain of the United States national cricket team

- Saurabh Netravalkar, a former Mumbai medium pacer and India U-19 cricketer, has been appointed captain of the United States national cricket team.

ICC rejects Pakistan compensation claim against India

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on November 20, 2018 dismissed a compensation claim by Pakistan over India's refusal to honour an agreement to play bilateral series.

Wasim Jaffer became the first Indian player to touch the 11,000 run figure in the Ranji Trophy

- Veteran first-class cricketer Wasim Jaffer became the first Indian player to touch the 11,000 run figure in the Ranji Trophy by scoring an impressive knock of 153 off 284 balls during the third round match against Baroda in Nagpur at Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA) Stadium.

BCCI announces two-year ban for age frauds



- From the 2018-19 season, any cricketer who is found guilty of tampering his/her date of birth will be disqualified and barred from participating in any BCCI tournament for a period of 2 years i.e. 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons. Earlier, a cricketer faced a ban of one year. In September, the BCCI had banned a Meghalaya-bound Delhi player, Jaskirat Singh Sachdeva, for producing a fake birth certificate to play in an Under-19 tournament.

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- Harmanpreet Kaur has been named captain of the ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI, which also featured opener Smriti Mandhana and leg-spinner Poonam Yadav.

Football

Bangladesh won the 5th SAFF U-15 Championship 2018 title in Nepal

- The 5th SAFF U-15 Championship 2018 was held at the ANFA Complex, Kathmandu, Nepal. Bangladesh beat Pakistan 3-2 on penalties in the final, and won its 2nd SAFF U-15 Championship title. Earlier, Bangladesh had won the title in 2016. Pakistan finished as the runner-up. India beat Nepal 1-0 and finish in the third position.

Others

Mary Kom Named as Brand Ambassador of Women's World Championship

- Five-time world champion Mary Kom has been named as the brand ambassador of the upcoming 10th edition of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Women World Championship.

Elina Svitolina won WTA Finals in Singapore

- Elina Svitolina won WTA Finals in Singapore. Ukraine's Elina Svitolina defeated Romania's Sloane Stephens 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 and won the season-ending WTA Finals. This is the biggest title in Elina Svitolina's career. She is the first player to go through the WTA Finals undefeated after Serena Williams in 2013.

Manipur get the overall champions of 1st edition of North East Olympic Games 2018

- The 1st edition of North East Olympic Games 2018 was held at Main Stadium Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, in Imphal, Manipur. Manipur was crowned as the overall champions.

Vishal Rajveer Shah won the gold medal in the 2018 Egypt Junior & Cadet Open table tennis tournament

- India's Vishal Rajveer Shah won gold and Raegan Albuquerque won silver in the 2018 Egypt Junior & Cadet Open table tennis tournament, held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

Lewis Hamilton won the Formula One drivers' world championship 2018

- Lewis Hamilton won the Formula One drivers' world championship 2018. This is his 5th driver's world championship and he equalled Juan Manuel Fangio's Formula One record.

Pankaj Advani Became First Indian to Win Asian Snooker Tour Title

- Nineteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani has won the second leg of the Asian Snooker Tour in Jinan, China.

Rohit Sharma sets record, becomes first cricketer in history to score 4 T20I hundreds

- He achieved the milestone in 58 balls during the second T20I against the Windies at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow. He also overtook Virat Kohli (2,102 runs) to become India's leading run-getter in T20Is, and ended up second on the list of the highest run-getters in the world, just behind New Zealand's Martin Guptill. He also became the first captain to score two T20I hundreds.

Qatar will host the 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games 2019

- Qatar will host the 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games 2019. The Games will provide an opportunity for corporations around the world to showcase their competitive prowess through sports.

Angad Vir Singh Bajwa wins gold in Men's Skeet at 8th Asian Shotgun Championship

- Angad Vir Singh Bajwa won gold medal by setting world record score in men's skeet final of the 8th Asian Shotgun Championship held in Kuwait

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- Simone Biles became the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals, by winning her 13th gold medal at the world gymnastics championships in Doha, Qatar.

India hosts Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities 2018 from 9th November



- "Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities, 2018" (GITC) is being organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment here during 9-11 November, 2018.

Subhankar Dey won SaarLorLux Open Badminton Tournament held at Saarbrucken in Germany

- In Badminton, Subhankar Dey has won the SaarLorLux Open at Saarbrucken in Germany. In the summit clash, the unseeded Indian defeated fifth-placed Rajiv Ouseph of Britain, in straight games, in what was the first encounter between the two shuttlers.

Decision Review System (DRS) technology will be used in ICC Women's T20 tournament for the first time

- The Decision Review System (DRS), using ball-tracking and edge detection technology, will be implemented from this year's International Cricket Council (ICC) women's World Twenty20 edition, which is slated to be held from November 9 to November 24 in the West Indies.

Bajrang Punia becomes number 1 wrestler in 65kg category

- Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia touched a new high in his career by achieving the number one rank in the world in the 65kg category.

Karen Khachanov has lifted the 2018 Men's Singles title at the Rolex Paris Masters

- In Tennis, Karen Khachanov has lifted the 2018 Men's Singles title at the Rolex Paris Masters with a stunning win over World No. 2 Novak Djokovic.

34th National Junior Athletics Championships 2018 held in Jharkhand

- From 2nd to 5th November 2018, 34th National Junior Athletics Championships 2018 was held at the Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) won the Brazilian Grand Prix

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) won the Brazilian Grand Prix after Red Bull's Max Verstappen lost the lead in a collision with backmarker Esteban Ocon (Force India).

Lakshya Sen wins bronze medal in men's singles at World Junior Badminton Championship

- India's top junior shuttler Lakshya Sen (17) won bronze medal at Li Ning BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2018 held at Markham, Canada.

Shubhankar Sharma became the first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the year

- Chandigarh based Young Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma became the first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the year in DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP held in Dubai.

Indian gymnasts win two bronze medals in Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup

- Indian gymnasts won two bronze medals in the men's and women's group events of the FIG Acrobatic World Cup in Baku. Prins Aris and Rejilesh Suribabu finished third after scoring 20.560 in the two-day event to bag the bronze medal at the National Gymnastics Arena.

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- The Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) clinched the 59th edition of the junior boys Subroto Cup International Football Tournament 2018. In the final, BKSP defeated Amini School of Afghanistan by a solitary goal at the Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi.

Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi won the women's doubles title of WTA Taipei Open Championship held in Taipei, Taiwan

- WTA Taipei Open Championship held in Taipei City in Taiwan. Total Prize money of the Event is USD125,000. Luksika Kumkhum from Thailand won women singles by defeating Sabine Lisicki of Germany. Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi, the unseeded Indian Tennis pair, teamed together to clinch the women double's trophy at the WTA Taipei Open.

Important Obituaries



Person	Field
Yashwant Dev	Senior composer and lyricist
V. Rathinam	The veteran freedom fighter and member of Indian National Army (INA)
M.P. Awati	Hero of 1971 India-Pakistan war
Ananth Kumar	Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and Chemicals and Fertilizers
Stan Lee	American comic-book writer
Lalan Sarang	Veteran Theatre and Marathi film actor
Chitta Jena	Odisha singer
Sandeep Michael	International hockey player