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- **Kirloskar Capital**, the non-banking financial company, **has received the Reserve Bank of India's licence for its lending business**. The move assumes significance at a time when the whole non-banking sector has been going through a crisis of confidence.
- Revenue collections under the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** crossed the **Rs 1 lakh crore mark in October**, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said in November.
- The **Financial Stability and Development Council, FSDC, held a meeting in New Delhi** in November which was presided over by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- **India-based banking group ICICI Bank announced in November the launch of its instant digital credit facility, PayLater**, which was created to enable customers small-ticket items immediately in a completely digital and paperless manner.
- **ICICI Bank** recently organised over 60 coin exchange 'melas' at its select branches across Goa.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that every GST registered **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise, MSME, will be given a rebate of 2 percent interest on the amount of a new loan or incremental loan up to one crore rupees**.
- In a move that could provide some liquidity to the cash-starved non-banking financial companies (NBFC), **the RBI in November allowed banks to raise credit to bonds issued by the systemically important NBFCs and housing finance companies (HFCs)**.
- **India and Japan in November signed a loan agreement of Rs 1,817 crore** for the construction of **the Turga Pumped Storage in West Bengal**.
- **India in November announced that it would extend a USD 310 million loan to Zimbabwe** to finance a rehabilitation project for a thermal power plant that would entail upgrading the station and extending its lifespan.
- The Reserve Bank of India has initiated the process **to set up a digital Public Credit Registry to capture all the details of borrowers**, including wilful defaulters and also the pending legal suits in order to check financial delinquencies.
- Banking major **HSBC** in November **announced India's first trade finance transaction through blockchain, with the bank executing one for an export from Reliance Industries (RIL)** to one of its American clients.
- **YES BANK**, India's fourth largest private sector bank launched a first-of-its-kind village adoption programme, one of the largest in India, by committing to adopt 2000 villages across the country. **The 1st YES DIGI Village was launched in Abhimayapur (erstwhile Amin) in Haryana**, empowering 100+ farmers through digital & financial literacy sessions and introduction of Sim Se Pay, India's first mobile banking solution for feature phone users & villagers with no internet connectivity.
- The **Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)** on November 5, 2018 approved the operationalisation strategy for **Operation Greens**.
- **India and Japan signed loan agreement worth Rs 1817 crore for construction of Turga Pumped Storage Hydel Project**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in November **relaxed external commercial borrowing (ECB) norms for infrastructure companies and tweaked certain hedging provisions**.
- In a fresh notification in November (November 5), **the Reserve Bank of India said that it has imposed a fine of \$136.9K (INR 1 Cr) on Fino Payments Bank Limited**.
- **Punjab Government** in November signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **QuarkCity India Private Limited** to create state-of-the-art industrial parks, industrial model towns and integrated townships in the second phase of the project, to be spread over 5,000 acres across the state.
- The United States on November 5, 2018 **temporarily exempted eight countries, including India from the US sanctions for buying Iranian oil**.

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs on November 5, 2018 **released Rs 113.36 crore to 6 Border States under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP)** to improve the condition of people living in these isolated locations.
- **Paytm**, one of the largest digital payments company has tied up with two **Karnataka** government departments for seamless payment experience.
- **Nokia** and **Infosys**, a global leader in consulting, technology and next-generation services, have established a strategic alliance to drive digital transformation in a wide array of enterprises and industries, addressing vertical markets including transportation, energy and manufacturing, media and entertainment and education.
- The **Centre** in November approved the signing of a pact with **Italy** for **facilitating customised training programmes on labour and employment**.
- The government in November approved a **mechanism for sale of enemy shares which at the current price estimated at around Rs 30 billion**.
- The Cabinet in November approved a proposal **to manage Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow and three other airports under public-private partnership (PPP)**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in November cancelled **the certificate of registrations of 31 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)**. The RBI cancelled the registration in the exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- **India plans to resume exporting raw sugar to China beginning 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.
- **Indian economy will expand 7.4 per cent in 2018, but the growth will slow down to 7.3 per cent in the next year** as domestic demand tapers on higher borrowing cost due to rising interest rates, **Moody's Investors Service said In November**.
- The Central Information Commission (CIC) has issued a show-cause notice to **RBI Governor Urjit Patel for "dishonouring" a Supreme Court judgment on disclosure of wilful defaulters' list**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 12, 2018 inaugurated an **Inland Multi-Modal Terminal Port on river Ganga at Ramnagar in Varanasi**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 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**.
- Public Sector lender, **Oriental Bank of Commerce, (OBC)** has tied up with **Fisdom**, operated by Finwizard Technology Pvt. Ltd., a fin-tech startup to assist in personal wealth management services through a technology platform.
- **The number of digital payment transactions in India touched 244.81 crore in August 2018**, more than three-fold rise from October 2016, underlining the massive adoption of digital payment modes over the last two years.
- The Indian unit of China's largest bank, the **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China has set up \$200 million fund for investing in the promising Indian micro, small and medium enterprises and ventures**.
- **Cipla** has entered into an agreement to acquire US-based specialty pharma company **Avenue Therapeutics Inc for \$215 mn or around Rs 15.6 bn**.
- The **Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL)** on November 12, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) in Abu Dhabi** to explore the possibility of storing ADNOC crude oil at **ISPRL's underground oil storage facility at Padur in Karnataka, which has a 2.5 million tonne capacity**.
- Flipkart co-founder **Binny Bansal** on November 13, 2018 announced his **resignation as the CEO of the group, effective immediately**.

- **IndusInd Bank has announced the launch of IndusInd Bank Nexxt Credit Card**, which empowers customers with a choice of payment options such as EMI, Reward Points or Credit at the push of a button, on the card, at the point of sale (POS). **It is India's first credit card with buttons.**
- The **Arunachal Pradesh government** In November signed MoUs with **17 private investors for projects worth Rs 1,200 crore during the fifth edition of North East Connectivity Scheme at Tawang**, an official release said.
- **UAE** will participate in the '**Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit**', as a partner country for the second consecutive year.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh on November 14, 2018 launched the '**Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme**' of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- Two members of the board of directors at **YES Bank have resigned with immediate effect — Ashok Chawla, its non-executive chairman, and Vasant Gujarati.**
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the Government of India in November **signed an agreement for a \$169 million loan as the First Tranche of a \$500 million multi-tranche financing** to develop climate-resilient water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure in at least 10 cities in **the Tamil Nadu.**
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the Government of India in November signed a **\$105 million loan to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in Himachal Pradesh** for increased supply of hydropower to the state and the national grid.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the Centre have signed a **\$300-million loan agreement to support lending by India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL).**
- The South Asian Regional Conference on "**Urban Infrastructure: New Approaches to Public and Private Partnerships and Municipal Finance Innovations**" began on November 15, 2018 in New Delhi.
- **NITI Aayog** on November 15, 2018 constituted the '**Himalayan State Regional Council**' to ensure sustainable development of the Indian Himalayan region.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 19, 2018 inaugurated **the Kundli-Manesar section of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) western peripheral expressway.** Along with this, he also inaugurated the 3.2 km-long Ballabgarh-Mujesar Metro rail link, which would facilitate travel for people of Delhi and Faridabad, and laid the foundation stone of the Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, which will come up at Dudhola in Palwal district.
- **Kerala's startup eco-system** got a major fillip as the state government signed an MoU with **Airbus BizLab**, a global aerospace accelerator which is part of the **Airbus group**, to set up an **Aerospace Innovation Centre.**
- Digital payments provider **PayPal** on November 18, 2018 announced the **third edition of 'Recharge'** aimed at **servicing women who plan to take up job opportunities after a career break.**
- The **Baba Kalyani led committee constituted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry** to study the existing SEZ policy of India submitted its report to Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu, in New Delhi on November 19, 2018.
- The RBI board on November 19, 2018 decided to **set up a high-powered committee to examine issues related to surplus capital of Rs 9.69 lakh crore with the central bank** and advised it to consider a scheme for restructuring stressed assets in the MSME sector.
- The **Centre has approved projects worth Rs 740 billion towards ensuring an improved water supply, sewerage and drainage**, Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri said In November.
- **India and Russia** In November **signed a \$500 million deal for construction of two warships in Goa for the Indian Navy** under the technology transfer model, officials said.
- Leveraging its parcel business network, **India Post has announced the soft launch of its e-commerce portal.**
- The Government on November 19, 2018 approved the additional assistance of over **Rs 546 crore from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Karnataka.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 19, 2018 launched the **Ease of Doing Business grand challenge on resolving seven identified ease of doing business problems with the use of cutting-edge technologies.**
- The Union Commerce Minister, Suresh Prabhu on November 19, 2018 released a **report on Industrial Park Rating System. The report was prepared by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP)** under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- The insurance regulator has given its in-principle approval for UK-based Legal and General Group to sell its stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company to private equity firm Warburg Pincus LLC, two sources confirmed.
- India's trade dispute with America has reached to a next level in the World Trade Organization (WTO), as India asked the WTO to form a panel against the USA for imposing high import duties on aluminium and certain steel products.
- Nearly 50 per cent Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) may be shut down by March 2019 due to unviability of operations, hitting hard both urban and rural population, the Confederation of ATM Industry (CATMI) warned in November.
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- India and Australia on November 22, 2018 signed five agreements to boost investments and enhance cooperation in areas including services to the disabled, bilateral investment, scientific collaboration and agricultural research and education.
- India and Vietnam released a Joint Statement on November 21, 2018 after extensive talks between Vietnam President Nguyen Phu Trong and Indian President Ram Nath Kovind, during the latter's state visit to Vietnam from November 18-20, 2018. Following the talks between President Kovind and Vietnamese President Nguyen Phu Trong, four MoU's were signed between the two nations.
- In the landmark decision, Union Cabinet has approved building and development of Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district to International Border.
- Jindal Stainless has joined hands with the Railways for modernizing rail infrastructure, particularly in the bridge segment.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval to expand the scope of mandatory packaging norms under the Jute Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987.
- The Embassy of India in Nepal and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) are organising an exhibition of construction equipment and technology-ConMac 2018 in Bhaktapur near Kathmandu from November 22, 2018.
- Gujarat Government has announced new measures for water scarcity hit farmers in the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 22, 2018 laid the foundation stone of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects in 65 Geographical Areas (GAs) in 129 districts under the 9th CGD bidding round, remotely from Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank in November launched its Open Banking platform.
- The government has transferred over Rs 16 billion to eligible mothers under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana through direct benefit transfer till In November, Centre for Digital Financial Inclusion (CDFI) that uses technology for financial inclusion said.
- The government on November 23, 2018 has decided to set up domestic Gold council in India to promote the growth of the sector and boost exports of jewellery. Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu said this while inaugurating the 2nd Edition of India Gold and Jewellery Summit in New Delhi.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) In November relaxed norms for external commercial borrowings (ECBs) by reducing the mandatory hedging provision to 70 per cent from the current 100 per cent.
- The Union Government on November 26, 2017 appointed Akhilesh Ranjan as Convenor of the Task Force that was constituted in November 2017 for drafting a New Direct Tax Legislation.
- The first-ever India Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue was held at St. Petersburg in Russia on November 25, 2018.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Union Government on November 26, 2018 signed a USD 200 million loan agreement to finance widening and upgrading of about 230 kilometers state highways in Bihar to all-weather standards with road safety features.
- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on November 26, 2018 launched the 'PAISA' - Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access(developed by Allahabad Bank), a centralised electronic

platform for quicker processing of loans under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**.

- The **Asian Development Bank** will provide a **75 million dollar loan** for a water supply project in four coastal towns of **Karnataka**.
- The National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) was conferred with the status of **Miniratna : Category –I by the Union Government**.
- **India and China** signed protocol to amend **Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)** for the avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion.
- With an aim to create a profile of India's startup sector, the **Reserve Bank has launched a survey to gauge their scope with respect to turnover, profitability and workforce**.
- The government in November gave its nod for divesting its 100 per cent stake in Air India's profitable ground handling arm — **Air India Air Transport Services (AIATSL)**.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu on November 27, 2018 launched **the logo and brochure of 'Logix India 2019'**.
- **India's biggest private sector lender (according to market value) HDFC Bank** In November launched its next-gen mobile banking application that provides enhanced security features like fingerprint and facial recognition based log-in.
- To help further ease liquidity condition for non-bank lenders, **the Reserve Bank of India has made changes to the holding period for securitised loan portfolios**.
- Japanese electronics company '**CASIO**' launched **world's first Goods and Services Tax (GST) calculator in India** for simplifying the GST calculations for tax payers.
- **India and China** on November 28, 2018 signed a **protocol on hygiene and inspection requirements for the exports in New Delhi** during the visit of Hu Wei, the Vice Minister of China's General Administration of Customs.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has decided to make **Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) code mandatory for all market participants regulated by the central bank**. The LEI is a **20-character unique identity code** assigned to entities who are parties to a financial transaction.
- **India's economy grew at 7.1 per cent for the second quarter of 2018-19** according to data released by Central Statistics Office in November.

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- India's first indigenous microprocessor '**Shakti**', designed, developed and booted by Indian Institute of Technology Madras, and with a microchip fabricated in the Semi-Conductor Laboratory of Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) at Chandigarh, will reduce dependency on imported microchips and the risk of cyber attacks making it ideal for communication and defence sectors.
- **Armies of India and Japan began their first-ever joint military exercise on November 1** at a jungle warfare school in Mizoram's Vairengte with a focus on strengthening counter-terror cooperation, officials said.
- **India and Botswana** in November strongly condemned against terrorism and agreed to take determined and credible steps to eradicate the global menace.
- **Railway passengers can now book unreserved general tickets online from in November** (November 1).
- **The Minister of State for Tourism, KJ Alphons along with a delegation of senior officials attended the 109th session of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council in Manama, Bahrain.**
- The Supreme Court on October 31, 2018 **ruled that a live-in partner can seek maintenance under the Domestic Violence Act, 2005.**
- **Satyajit Ray's epic masterpiece film 'Pather Panchali' has been included in BBC's 100 best foreign language films list.**
- **The Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country for the 25th DST - CII Technology Summit.**

- The **Andhra Pradesh** government in November decided to **launch an awareness drive about the precautionary measures to prevent spread of swine flu** in the backdrop of likelihood of higher occurrence of the seasonal influenza due to onset of winter.
- The Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between **India and South Korea**.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November, was informed about two memoranda signed with Russia last month.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed senior IPS officer **S S Deswal as Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**.
- **Lieutenant General P.S. Rajeshwar in November took over as the 12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff.**
- **The World Cities Day was observed across the world on October 31, 2018.**
- A **'Clean Air Week'** campaign would be organised during November 1-5, 2018 in collaboration with the Government of Delhi and the four major NCR cities to control the air pollution.
- The **Delhi government** signed a memorandum of understanding with the **railways** in November to cater to pilgrims availing the **Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana**, an official statement stated.
- **The Kerala government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Health Agency** on November 1 for the implementation of the Centre's flagship health insurance scheme -- Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Abhiyan (AB-PMJAY) -- in the state.
- The **Jharkhand** sector of the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has launched an ingeniously designed bike ambulance** in order to provide health facilities to people in the interior areas of Latehar district.
- The Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogi established an in house **'think tank'** to strengthen the knowledge infrastructure of Supreme Court of India.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) **approved a Safe City project for Lucknow at a total cost of Rs. 194.44 crore under the Nirbhaya Fund Scheme.**
- A ten day long **Clean Air Campaign from November 1- 10, 2018 was launched in Delhi** by Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan.
- **Exercise Dharma Guardian - 2018**, a joint military exercise between **Indian and Japanese Armies**, commenced at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengete, Mizoram, India on November 1, 2018.
- The Union Cabinet approved renaming of **Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as "Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda"**
- **Atul Kumar Goel In November assumed charge as Managing Director and CEO of UCO Bank.**
- **Lt Gen P S Rajeshwar took over as the 12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman, COSC.**
- **Justices Hemant Gupta, R Subhash Reddy, M R Shah and Ajay Rastogi were on November 2, 2018 sworn-in as the Judges of the Supreme Court.** Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi administered oath of office to the four judges.
- China successfully launched a high orbit satellite **BeiDou-3** to boost BeiDou global satellite navigation system being built to rival United States Global Position System (GPS).
- Japan's Cabinet approved a draft bill to bring more **blue-collar foreign workers into the country to address chronic labour shortages.**
- **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** is observed on 2 November 2018.
- Famous yoga exponent and author, Mansi Gulati launched her book, "**Yoga and Mindfulness**" yesterday.
- **India and Japan in November decided to cooperate for the first time in the areas of Indian traditional medicinal systems such as Yoga and Ayurveda** to provide holistic healthcare and wellness in both the countries.
- **Japan in November backed India's membership bid to join the elite Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)**, which is opposed by China.
- **The Central Railways will press into service the first Utkrisht rake of Pragati Express**, running between Pune and Mumbai with upgraded features, from November 4, 2018.
- Players of national and international level geared up for **the first-ever Northeast Olympic Games in Manipur's host city Imphal.**
- Globally, **India ranks 12th when it comes to the dangers associated with surfing the web**, according to a new report from Russia-based global cybersecurity firm **Kaspersky Lab.**

- **Signature Bridge**, connecting Wazirabad across the Yamuna to the inner city, was inaugurated on November 4, 2018, by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.
- **India and Malawi** have signed three MoUs on Extradition Treaty, cooperation in the field of Atomic Energy for peaceful purposes and VISA Waiver for Diplomatic and Official Passports.
- **Ministry of Tourism** in November signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Ministry of Tourism of South Korea** for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism in New Delhi.
- **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**, India's apex food safety regulator, and **Japan's Food Safety Commission**, its Consumer Affairs Agency and its Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **to further cooperation between the agencies of the two nations in the area of food safety during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Japan.**
- The indigenous **INS Arihant India's first nuclear-powered submarine successfully completed its first deterrence patrol.** The ship submersible ballistic, nuclear (SSBN) submarine is part of Indian Navy's India's Eastern Naval Command.
- **Odisha** Government launched **Saura Jalnidhi scheme** to encourage use of solar energy in irrigation by farmers.
- **Maharashtra** State Cabinet approved conversion of Indian Navy's longest-serving aircraft **carrier INS Viraat** into India's first-ever maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre.
- **Mizoram Speaker Hiphei** resigned from his post from the House as well as the Congress.
- Senior diplomat **Gaddam Dharmendra** has been **appointed India's Ambassador to Iran**, the Ministry of External Affairs announced In November.
- **The Ayurveda Day was observed across India on November 5, 2018** on the occasion of the Dhanawantari Jayanti or Dhanteras with an aim to further promote Ayurveda as the mainstream system of medicine. The theme of the 3rd Ayurveda Day was **"Ayurveda for Public health"**.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India** and the **Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Korea** on sports cooperation in November.
- A new UK India Business Council report, **'Beyond the Top 200'**, sets out how India's new higher education policy could accelerate India's rise to superpower status by enabling young Indians to receive the world's best higher education in India through greater availability of the top courses provided globally.
- BJP candidate and Former Minister, **Devisingh Patel** died of a heart attack.
- UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath in November **rechristened Faizabad as Ayodhya**, in a move that experts said could potentially give the ruling BJP to give its Hindutva agenda a further push ahead of Lok Sabha elections due next year. He also announced that the airport in Ayodhya would be named after Lord Ram.
- **Manipur Government In November signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IL&FS Township and Urban Assets Limited and Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt. Ltd.** as a project management consultant for implementation of smart city project in Imphal at Chief Minister's Secretariat.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 5, 2018 announced that **India's first indigenous nuclear submarine INS Arihant has successfully completed its "first deterrence patrol"**.
- Tourism Minister **K J Alphons** on November 5, 2018 inaugurated the **Tourist Facilitation and Information Counter at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.**
- State-run aerospace major **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)** will roll out more **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas from its new production facility at Nashik in Maharashtra.**
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on November 5, 2018 launched the **'BhubaneswarMe Wi-Fi'** by Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited to make the city accessible across its major happening places.
- The newly-built **Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow** was on November 5, 2018 renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The stadium will now be known as **'Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium'**.
- The Collegium headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi has recommended **Supreme Court Secretary General Ravindra Maithani's name for elevation as a judge of the Uttarakhand High Court.**
- **The world's largest airport was unveiled by Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan outside Istanbul.**

- State-owned **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)** has launched an alternate digital KYC process for issuing new connections across various circles, a top official has said.
- **India** has been elected as a **Member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council** for another 4-year term (2019-2022), Union Communications Minister Manoj said in November.
- The **Meghalaya** government has appointed **R Chandranathan as the Director General of Police (DGP)**, three months after S B Singh retired from office.
- **Tesla has appointed Robyn Denholm as its new chairman**, replacing Elon Musk who is a founder of the company, he had to resign from the position following SEC charges for fraud. But he will remain as Tesla's CEO.
- The cigar-shaped interstellar object -- originating from a star system not our own -- discovered last year and nicknamed **Oumuamua** may actually be an alien probe, states a new study by Harvard scientists.
- The **UN Postal System has issued two stamps** with diyas in celebration of **Diwali** as "**the quest for the triumph of good over evil**".
- **West Bengal government** decided to observe '**Rosogolla Day**' on **November 14**, to commemorate the first anniversary of the state's famous sweet getting Geographical Indication (GI) tag as '**Bengal's Rosogolla**', an official said In November.
- Cab aggregator **Uber** and the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced a **world first partnership to support the first ever standalone ICC Women's World T20 in the West Indies**.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on November 9, 2018 inducted **three major artillery gun systems, including the globally combat proven M777 A2 Ultra Light Howitzers, K-9 Vajra-Tracked Self Propelled Guns and 6x6 Field Artillery Tractors** into the Army.
- The state cabinet of **Bihar** on November 8, 2018 approved a proposal to pay **Rs 25000 to every girl graduating in 2018 and onwards**.
- The Union Cabinet has **approved setting up of a Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh**.
- **India's Angad Vir Singh Bajwa won the gold medal** with a world record score in the men's skeet final at 8th **Asian Shotgun Championship in Kuwait**.
- The 25th edition of **SIMBEX, "Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise"** is scheduled to be held from November 10- 21, 2018 in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu In November **inaugurated the first India-bulit war memorial in northern France** to pay tribute to thousands of Indian soldiers who fought selflessly and made supreme sacrifices during the World War I.
- **The Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP)** in November signed an agreement with US-based **Research Institute for Fragrant Materials (RIFM)** for improving the quality of fragrant oils, a spokesman of the institute said.
- **Bengaluru is the country's most congested and second slowest city**.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in November announced the appointment of **Abhay Kumar as the next Ambassador of India to Madagascar in November**.
- Former IAS officer **Ashok Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)**, according to an official communication.
- **World's first AI news anchor unveiled in China's state news agency Xinhua**.
- **Palau is the first country to ban "reef-toxic" sunscreens**. It passed a law this week banning sunscreens that contain any one of ten chemicals, including oxybenzone and octinoxate, which are the same chemicals targeted in Hawaii's chemical sunscreen ban earlier this year.
- Indian journalist **Swati Chaturvedi** has won the **Reporters Without Borders (RSF) Press Freedom Award for Courage**. Chaturvedi, a freelance journalist and contributor to The Wire, is the author of the book I Am a Troll on the Bharatiya Janata Party's IT cell.
- **Jawahar Lal Sarin**, president of the governing body of Alliance Franaise , **will be conferred with France's highest civilian honour** by French Ambassador to India Alexandre Ziegler at an event in November.
- World Science Day for Peace and Development 2018 was observed on 10 November, 2018. The 2018 Theme was "**Science, a Human Right**".
- **World Tsunami Day 2018** was observed on 5 November, 2018.

- 2011 World Cup winning bowler **Munaf Patel** announced his retirement from all forms of the game in **November**. The 35-year old pacer, who made his international debut in March 2006 against England in Mohali, has played 13 Tests, 70 ODIs and 3 T20Is for India bagging 125 international wickets.
- The **Goa government** on November 10, 2018 announced **a ban on import of fish into the state for six months**.
- Army Chief **Gen. Bipin Rawat** said on November 12, 2018 that **the Indian Army has dedicated the Year 2018 to the welfare of Disabled Soldiers who have been disabled in the line of duty**, while serving the Nation.
- **India and Morocco** on November 12, 2018 signed an **Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters in Delhi**.
- The three-day event of **Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities- 2018** concluded in New Delhi in November.
- **The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit began on November 11, 2018 at Suntec Singapore Convention Centre, Singapore**. The opening ceremony of the summit will take place on November 13, 2018. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore, is the Chairman of this year's Summit.
- **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and Alibaba Group (Alibaba)**, the world's largest e-commerce company by transaction value, have entered into a strategic partnership to support efforts to achieve the **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 a world with zero hunger**.
- **World's largest 'human brain' supercomputer 'Spiking Neural Network Architecture' or 'SpiNNaker' with 1 million processors switched on**.
- The **Global Cooling Innovation Summit** was inaugurated by Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan on November 12, 2018 in New Delhi.
- The **LAMO Centre of Ladakh won the 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation** on November 9, 2018. This aristocratic house was restored from a state of partial ruin.
- The **Public Service Broadcasting Day was observed across India on November 12, 2018**.
- Online matrimony service provider **Bharat Matrimony in November said it has roped in cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador**.
- Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, **Ananth Kumar passed away** on November 12, 2018 at a private hospital in Bengaluru.
- **T N Srinivasan**, or TN as he was popularly called, provided an intellectual framework along with Jagdish Bhagwati and Padma Desai for economic reforms that India undertook in 1991 when the balance of payments crisis hit it hard.
- Veteran sports journalist **Roshan Lal Sethi** passed away on November 11, 2018 after a prolonged illness.
- The **38th India International Trade Fair (IITF)** held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. This year the theme of the fair is - **Rural Enterprises in India**. **Afghanistan** is the Partner Country, while **Nepal** will be the Focus Country. **Jharkhand** is participating as a Partner State in the event.
- Minister of State for Human Resource Development Satya Pal Singh launched the Leadership for Academicians Programme, **LEAP and Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching, ARPIT in New Delhi in November**.
- **The Union Government has set up a state of -the- art National Data Repository**. The information was shared by Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan while speaking at the DG Carbons Roadshow programme in Abu Dhabi.
- The government In November decided to release a **Rs 75 commemorative coin on the occasion of 75th anniversary of the hoisting of Tricolour for the first time by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Port Blair**.
- The inaugural edition of Indian Navy -Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise '**Samudra Shakti**' began on November 12, 2018 at Surabaya, Indonesia. The exercise will conclude on November 18, 2018.
- The Union Government on November 12, 2018 approved **the process of constitution of new boards of Governors for 20 IIMs as per the IIM Act 2017**.
- The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Union Ministry of Science and Technology and the Wellcome Trust (WT) of the United Kingdom on November 12, 2018 celebrated 10 years of their joint partnership at an event in New Delhi.

- Amnesty International on November 12, 2018 **stripped Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi of its highest honour, the 'Ambassador of Conscience' award**, over her indifference to atrocities committed by the Myanmar military against and increasing intolerance of freedom of expression.
- **Facebook-owned WhatsApp selected 20 research teams worldwide including experts from India and those of Indian origin** who will work towards how misinformation spreads and what additional steps it could take to curb fake news.
- **The 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting** was held in Singapore as part of the 33rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summit Meetings.
- Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** recently touched a new high in his career by achieving the number one rank in the world in the 65kg category.
- **Stan Lee**, person behind Spider-Man, Iron Man, the Hulk and a convoy of other Marvel Comics superheroes that became mythic figures in pop culture, died on November 12, 2018.
- **India and Morocco** on November 13, 2018 signed an agreement to further mutual legal assistance in **Civil and Commercial Courts**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** on November 14, 2018 launched the communication satellite **GSAT-29 aboard ISRO's heavy-lift rocket GSLV Mark-III**.
- **NITI Aayog and UNICEF** on November 14, 2018 launched the **UNICEF- Atal Tinkering LabHackthon to encourage children towards making new innovations**.
- The joint military exercise between India and Russia, **'INDRA 2018'** aimed at combating insurgency under the aegis of United Nations (UN) began on November 18, 2018 in India.
- The **Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**, in consultation with **National Institute of Wind Energy Chennai**, has prepared a draft of a new scheme called **Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS)**, which incorporates various guidelines of the Turbine Certification Scheme.
- The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** on November 13, 2018 formed a committee to stop activities that lead to degradation of the environment, taking note of pollution and traffic congestion during functions at banquet halls, farmhouses and hotels in Delhi.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology Madras or IIT Madras** has said that it was going to establish a joint research cell in collaboration with two **Japanese** manufacturing firms.
- Union Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation **D V Sadananda Gowda** was on November 14, 2018 given the additional charge of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizer.
- **Union Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar** was on November 14, 2018 **given the charge of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs**.
- Delhi Police launched e-learning portal **'NIPUN'** to impart training and provide up to date information to police officers.
- The **Department of Biotechnology (DBT) of India** and **Cancer Research UK** on November 14, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the **India-UK India-UK Cancer Research Initiative**.
- Top officials of India and China held the ninth **Annual Defence and Security Dialogue** after a one-year gap due to the Doklam standoff, as both countries agreed to enhance military exchanges and interactions.
- The State Transport Department proposed to decentralise the lone auto-rickshaw testing unit in Delhi.
- The **United Nations Children's Fund-India (UNICEF)** on November 14, 2018 appointed **Asian Games gold-medalist sprinter Hima Das** as **India's first ever Youth Ambassador**.
- Justice **S K Seth** took oath as **Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court** on November 14, 2018.
- The Election Commission appointed **Ashish Kundra** as the **New Chief Electoral Officer of Mizoram**, replacing the present incumbent SB Shashank.
- Four-day regional meeting of **World Customs Organisation (WCO)** was held in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will inaugurate **National Press Day celebrations in New Delhi on November 16, 2018**.
- **World Diabetes Day** was observed across the world on **November 14, 2018** with the theme **'The Family and Diabetes'**.

- The Empowered Committee of Officers under **Nirbhaya Fund**, under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Women and Child Development Ministry on November 16, 2018 approved the following three major proposals.
- **India's first specialized hospital for elephants was in November formally opened by Agra Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar at Farah block's Churmura village.**
- **Integral Coach Factory** in November **despatched a set of 'Made in India' Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMU)** – used for short and medium distance travel in non-electrified sections – to **Sri Lanka**.
- The Union Women and Child Development Ministry announced on November 15, 2018 that the government **will refund the employers the salaries for the first seven of the 26 weeks of maternity leave for women earning more than Rs 15,000 a month.**
- The rural **Jharkhand** was **declared Open Defecation Free (ODF)** on November 15, 2018 during a regional review meeting of the eastern states held in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The first joint military exercise of Indian and Japanese armies **"Dharma Shakti"** concluded in Mizoram on November 14, 2018.
- The **International Day for Tolerance** was observed globally on November 16, 2018.
- **2018 World Philosophy Day** was observed on 15 November, 2018.
- **National Press Day** was observed across India on November 16. The theme of National Press Day for this year is **"Journalistic Ethics and Challenges in Digital Era"**.
- The **World Tolerance Summit (WTS) 2018 was inaugurated on November 16, 2018 in Dubai, UAE.** The theme of the summit was 'Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration'.
- UN Security Council has condemned **the killing of at least 20 soldiers during operations against insurgents in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.**
- Double Olympic medallist wrestler **Sushil Kumar** and India's first Asian Games gold medallist heptathlete **Swapna Barman** were on November 15, 2018 dropped from the latest **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) that was revised keeping in mind the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.**
- **SpaceX** is all set to launch 70 satellites from 16 countries into space on November 20 and it will also be the beginning of a new chapter for India and its space history as the satellites will include **India's first ever private satellite as well.**
- Union Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu and Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Jayant Sinha on November 19, 2018 launched the upgraded version of AirSewa 2.0 web portal and mobile app in New Delhi.
- Commercial satellite network '**Planet**' on November 17, 2018 revealed that **India's Statue of Unity**, the world's tallest statue, **is visible from the space.** The network Planet photographed the statue from the space on November 15.
- **An Organothon**, to support and pledge for organ donation, was flagged off at Connaught place in New Delhi on November 18, 2018 by Minister of State for Health Ashwini Kumar Choubey.
- The **Delhi Government** has formed a committee to revise auto fares, in an attempt to woo autorickshaw drivers ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.
- **Lucideus Technologies**, an IT Risk Assessment and Digital Security Services provider is setting up a **"cyber war room"** at Bannari Amman Institute of Technology in Erode district, for grooming students to combat increasing cyber crime.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on November 17, 2018 appointed **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the new revenue secretary.** He will succeed current Finance and Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia, who is retiring on November 30.
- **Alexander Zverev** on November 18, 2018 upset world number one **Novak Djokovic** in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 to claim the season-ending ATP Finals and ended the year with the biggest victory of his career.
- Padma Shri awardee and revered saint **Narayan Das Maharaj of Triveni dham near Jaipur passed away on November 17, 2018.**
- **Brigadier Kuldip Singh Chandpuri** (retd), who is known as the hero of the historic 1971 battle of Longewala, died on November 17, 2018 in a private hospital in Mohali in Punjab. He was 78.
- Tech giant **Google** will roll out its '**Neighbourly**' app, which aims to help people source local information from their neighbours, across India starting in November.

- The **West Bengal Tourism Department** has decided to launch an interactive mobile app next month, listing all the good restaurants in Kolkata and other places across the State.
- The Union Government has asked the social media platform, **Twitter to ensure 24x7 mechanism for prompt removal of objectionable content from their platform as per requirement of law enforcement agencies.**
- The **Maldives cabinet** has approved the proposal to rejoin the **Commonwealth**, two years after withdrawing from the 53-nation grouping.
- **Nissan Chairman Carlos Ghosn** has been arrested in Tokyo over claims of financial misconduct.
- The **World Toilet Day** was observed across the world on November 19, 2018. The 2018 theme of the International Day is **'toilets and nature'**.
- **Universal Children's Day** was observed on 20 November, 2018. Theme of 2018 Universal Children's Day was **Children are taking over and turning the world blue.**
- The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was observed on 18 November, 2018 with the slogan **"Roads have stories"**.
- Africa Industrialization Day was observed on 20 November, 2018. 2018 Africa Industrialization Day Theme was **"Promoting Regional Value Chains in Africa: A pathway for accelerating Africa's structural transformation, industrialization and pharmaceutical production"**.
- **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.
- Gujarat government on November 20, 2018 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.**
- To end an era of undecided future for the people residing **West Bengal (WB) enclaves**, the WB Assembly unanimously passed a bill to provide land rights to enclave dwellers in north Bengal.
- Messenger app **Whatsapp** announced the appointment of **Abhijit Bose as Head of WhatsApp India.**
- Aviation industry veteran and ex-IndiGo Chief Commercial officer **Sanjay Kumar** has been appointed as AirAsia India's new Chief Operating Officer, effective from December 3.
- **SoftBank appoints Norwest's Sumer Juneja to head its India operations.**
- **Shriram City Union Finance** said In November it has appointed Subramanian Jambunathan as the Managing Director & CEO of its housing finance subsidiary, Shriram Housing Finance Limited.
- The 26th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) was held from November 13-16, 2018 at **Palais des Congr s, Versailles, France.** The CGPM is the highest international body of the world for accurate and precise measurements.
- 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.**
- **UN Environment Chief Erik Solheim** resigned from his post on November 20, 2018 **following an audit report questioning his huge travel expenses.**
- **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.
- **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.
- Indian gymnasts won two bronze medals in the men's and women's group events of the **FIG Acrobatic World Cup in Baku.**
- 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.**
- **World Television Day** 2018 was observed on 21 November, 2018. The theme of World Television Day 2018 was **"Lights, Camera, Action on the SDGs: The power of storytelling to create change"**
- **Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (Jio)** in November announced the launch of **India's first ever VoLTE-based inbound international roaming between India and Japan.**

- 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.
- President Ram Nath Kovind on November 22, 2018 **unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Parramatta in Sydney, Australia.**
- The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of **Medical College at Silvassa in the Union Territory (UT) of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.**
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved continuation of the nine sub-schemes of the umbrella scheme "**Atmosp & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS)**" during 2017-2020 at an estimated cost of Rs 1450 crore.
- Food delivery platform **Uber Eats** on November 22 announced **the appointment of Alia Bhatt as its brand ambassador in India**, making her the first-ever ambassador of the company globally.
- The **United States** and **South Korea** have scaled down an annual joint military exercise, **Foal Eagle**, scheduled for the spring of 2019.
- 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.
- **Filmmaker Nandita Das will be honoured with the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) Award** at the 12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) in Brisbane on November 29, 2018.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has linked the sexual harassment complaints portal '**She-Box**' with all the Central Ministries, Departments and 653 districts across 33 states and union territories.
- The second edition of the **India-UAE Strategic Conclave will be held in the capital city of Abu Dhabi on November 27, 2018.**
- The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has developed a new technology to assess the rise of water level in rivers and reservoirs by rain.
- The United Nations Environment has awarded **India's Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) with the Asia Environment Enforcement Award, 2018** for the excellent work done by the Bureau in combating transboundary environmental crime.
- Nepal's largest exhibition on construction equipment and technology "**ConMac 2018**" started in Bhaktapur near Kathmandu on November 22, 2018.
- The head of the UN's atomic watchdog, **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has called on North Korea to allow inspectors back into the country to monitor its nuclear program.**
- Britain and the European Union have agreed on a draft text setting out a close post-Brexit relationship.
- The population of China's capital, **Beijing, declined for the first time in two decades in 2017.**
- Popular Indian singer **Nahid Afrin of Assam** has been **appointed as the first 'Youth Advocate' of the north-eastern region by the UNICEF to fight for child rights.**
- **Justice Vineet Kothari** was sworn in as a **judge of the Madras High Court in Chennai** on November 23, 2018. He was administered the oath by the Chief Justice of Madras High Court VK Tahilramani.
- **Vijay Kumar Dev** has been **appointed as the chief secretary of Delhi** with effect from the date of joining till further orders.
- Indian classical music stalwart **Ustad Imrat Khan**, who dedicated his life to propagating the Sitar and the surbahar worldwide, passed in the United States on November 22, 2018 after a brief illness.
- **Andhra Pradesh has emerged on top in terms of employability among the states with the engineering graduates having the highest level of employability**, according to India Skills Report-2019.
- BJP government in **Uttar Pradesh** has cleared a **221-metre-tall statue of Lord Ram, to come up on the banks of the Saryu in the temple town.**
- The United Nations In November selected **Uttar Pradesh's Noida and Greater Noida** to participate in its **Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative**, officials said.
- **Uttar Pradesh Government** launched **the Women Empowerment Resolution Campaign** to develop abilities in women for leadership and rights on November 20, 2018.

- The **Uttarakhand cabinet** has ratified a proposal to rename **the Jolly Grant airport in the state capital after late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**
- **Delhi** bus commuters will now be able to **spot locations of cluster buses at intervals of 10 seconds with the help of open transit data (OTD)** which will be shared on a dedicated portal launched by the Delhi government In November.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has empanelled institutions and organisations to conduct awareness exercises on the provisions of the **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013**, in order to ensure security of women at all workplaces.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States is planning to send humans to space for the first time in eight years, in a **historic flight through SpaceX Crew Dragon.**
- **Mary Kom scripted history by clinching a record sixth World Championship Gold medal** in the light flyweight 48 kilogram category after outclassing Ukraine's Hanna Okhota by an unanimous 5:0 verdict.
- **India's M C Mary Kom**, who won a historic sixth world title, was adjudged **the best pugilist of the 10th World Women's Boxing Championships .**
- **Australia are women's World Twenty20 champions** again after they romped to an eight-wicket victory over England in the final in Antigua.
- **Australia will host ICC World T20 Men's and Women's in 2020.**
- The **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** was observed on November 25, 2018. The 2018 theme of the day is **Orange the World: #HearMeToo**
- Former Union railway minister **C K Jaffer Sharief passed away** at a hospital in Bengaluru, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president Dinesh Gundu Rao said.
- The Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on November 26, 2018 laid the foundation stone for the construction of **Dera Baba Nanak - Kartarpur Sahib Road Corridor at a function in Mann village in Gurdaspur district of Punjab.**
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled a **70-foot tall statue of Lord Buddha at Rajgir in Nalanda district on November 25, 2018.**
- The Airport Authority of India has **served a termination clause to Air Odisha for failing to operate 70 per cent of its scheduled flights over the last three months**, as per the Director of Biju Patnaik International Airport (Bhubaneswar) Suresh Chandra Hota in November.
- The **India Autism Centre (IAC)**, a world-class autism township is being planned to be built near **Kolkata**, w children and adults suffering from the developmental disorder would receive training, treatment and boarding facilities.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on November 29, 2018 will launch **a hyperspectral imaging satellite (HySIS)**, an earth observation satellite along with 30 foreign commercial satellites from Sriharikota launch centre in Andhra Pradesh.
- Kerala Water Resources Minister Mathew **T Thomas**, a nominee of the Janata Dal (Secular) in the CPI (M)-led LDF government, submitted his resignation to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on November 26, 2018.
- President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Sunil Arora as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), replacing OP Rawat. Arora will take charge on December 2.
- India's batting star **Harmanpreet Kaur** was on November 26, 2018 named the captain of the ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI, which also features Indian opener Smriti Mandhana and leg-spinner Poonam Yadav.
- 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.
- The **69th Constitution Day was observed across India on November 26, 2018** to mark the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly.
- **National Milk Day 2018 was observed across India on November 26, 2019.**
- Kannada actor and politician **Ambareesh** passed away on November 24, 2018 due to cardiac arrest, sources said.
- InterGlobe Aviation, which operates the country's largest airline IndiGo, In November said its Chairman **Devadas Mallya Mangalore** passed away in the morning.

- The Union Defence Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman on November 27, 2018 formally launched '**Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti**' in New Delhi.
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands are to **home to tenth of India's fauna species and hosts 1067 endemic faunal species found now else, as per the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** publication titled 'Faunal Diversity of Biogeographic Zones: Islands of India'.
- The Union Health Ministry launched the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) segment of **Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) in seven states.**
- **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Sashastra Seema Bal** have joined hands to provide security to Dudhwa forests and its rich wildlife.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the 7-day-long National Tribal Crafts Mela-2018 at Schedule Caste & Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) in Odisha's Bhubaneswar** on November 24.
- NASA's **InSight explorer** successfully touched down on Mars on November 26, 2018, after an almost seven-month journey through deep space.
- Nepal government launched a **Social Security Scheme for formal sector workers of the country.** Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli unveiled the scheme in Kathmandu.
- The Netherlands outclassed Australia 5-1 to win its seventh **Women's Hockey Champions Trophy at the Wujin Hockey Stadium in November.**
- **Croatia** won the final Davis Cup title of the old system in November. Marin Cilic, the world No 7, was far too good for his French opponents throughout, and overcame Lucas Pouille in straight sets to complete a 3-1 victory.
- **14th Formation Day of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** was observed on 27th November, 2018.
- **9th Indian Organ Donation Day** was organized by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) in Delhi recently.
- Chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat in November launched the "**country's first hi-tech**" **State Data Centre (SDC) stating online data repository of all departments** would help check leakages of funds besides speeding up delivery and generating employment for local youth.
- University Grants Commission, UGC has decided to set up a **Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics (CARE)** which will prepare a fresh list of credible quality journals in the non-science disciplines.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a two-day international conference **on Maternal, newborn and child health in New Delhi on December 12, 2018.**
- The Minister for Women and Child Development, Maneka Gandhi on November 28, 2018 inaugurated **a sports meet for children living in child-care institutions at JLN stadium in New Delhi.**
- The 2nd National Conference of Heads of Investigating Agencies will be organised by the **Bureau of Police Research and Development in New Delhi on November 29, 2018.**
- The Southern Railway has decided to introduce weekend premier train services between **Coonoor and Mettupalayam in Udhagamandalam (Ooty)**, which is a part of the world-renowned Nilagiri Mountain Railway that has been awarded the Heritage Railway Status by United Nations.
- Former PM Manmohan Singh launched "**Fables of Fractured Times**" by former union minister **Manish Tewari w former Jammu and Kashmir** chief minister Farooq Abdullah was also present.
- Indian business tycoon and philanthropist Azim Premji was bestowed with the highest French civilian distinction Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) in Bengaluru on November 28, 2018.
- Bureaucrat Ranbir Singh has been appointed as the new **Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi,**
- The President of India has appointed **Arvind Saxena as Chairman,** Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- **The 2018 G20 Summit began on November 28, 2018 in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina.** Nineteen leaders of the world's biggest economies and a representative of the European Union will be holding a meeting on November 30 as part of the G20 summit.

- The White House said in a statement on November 28, 2018 that **US President Donald Trump will hold a trilateral meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Premier Shinzo Abe** this week on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Argentina.
- 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 Board of Control for Cricket in India on November 27, 2018 announced that **a cricketer guilty of age fraud will be barred from all its recognised tournaments for a period of two years.**
- The government launched a unique initiative called **Bhasha Sangam** to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages.
- Union Government appointed **Anil Manibhai Naik** as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- 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 movie '**Donbass**' directed by Sergei Loznitsa won the coveted Golden Peacock Award at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), which concluded in Goa on November 28, 2018.
- **Himachal Pradesh** on November 28, 2018 **became the first Indian state to launch a single emergency number '112'** which will connect to police, fire, health and other helplines through an Emergency Response Centre (ERC) in the state.
- **India's first international indigenous film festival will take place in February next year in Odisha.**
- The air forces of the United States and India are scheduled to participate in a 12-day- long joint exercise '**Cope India 2019**' at two air force stations in West Bengal in December 2018.
- **Dr Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC)** and the **Jawaharlal Nehru University** on November 30, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate and enhance research activities and policy formulation aimed at socio-economic transformation and sustainable development.
- The Indian Government's policy think tank, NITI Aayog organised a conference on "**Health Systems for A New India: Building Blocks**" on **November 30, 2018.**
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das on November 29, 2018 announced that the government will provide **free mobile phones to 28 lakh farmers and a separate electric feeder for them for agriculture purpose by 2019/2021.**
- Four Indian-origin women have been named by Forbes among America's top 50 female technology moguls, a list that includes **tech heavyweights IBM CEO Ginni Rometty and Netflix executive Anne Aaron.**
- According to the **Global Nutrition Report 2018**, India is facing a major malnutrition crisis as it holds almost a third of world's burden for stunting.
- **Carbon Tracker said that two-fifths of the world's coal power stations, including in India, are running at a loss.** It has analysed 6,685 coal power plants worldwide to study its financial condition and to understand its profitability.
- **South Korean** auto major Hyundai Motor Company (HMC) In November announced **Seon Seob Kim as the new head of its Indian arm as part of leadership rejig of its global operations.**
- The **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** will launch a school-level project by March-April next year in association with the game's world governing body **FIFA.**
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED felicitated sixth time **Women's World Boxing Champion Mary Kom at the closing ceremony of Aadi Mahotsav" at Dilli Haat.**
- Chinese internet technology firm is planning **to launch a constellation of 272 satellites by 2026 with an aim to provide free WiFi service worldwide.**
- **The first ever Sustainable Blue Conference held in November in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.**
- The World Health Organization has said that **Congo's deadly Ebola outbreak** is now the second largest in history, behind the devastating West Africa outbreak that killed thousands a few years ago.