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## **NATIONAL NEWS**

- Minister of State for Railways **Manoj Sinha** inaugurated Regional Rail Training Institute (**RRTI**) in **Ghazipur**, **Uttar Pradesh**.
  - The Rail Training Institute (**RRTI**) was inaugurated with an aim to **strengthen the expertise and capabilities of the employees** of **North-Eastern Railways.**
- The first meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Committee on Border Haats was held in Agartala, Tripura. The meeting reveal about the positive impact of Border Hatts on the livelihoods of the people living in areas around the Haats.
- A senior official said that, a special unit of the **Odisha Police** has launched a **drive to curb an international syndicate that smuggles endangered pangolin**, which is one of the world's most illegally traded **mammals**.
- **Farmers in Rajasthan** will soon have the ease to get their defunct transformers replaced within **six hours** of registering a complaint through a **mobile app.** 
  - Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje said the process of replacing transformers used to consume a lot of time, therefore, the government decided to introduce mobile app 'Bijli Mitra' so that farmers can register their complaint.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched a contest, #Childline1098, inviting people to share images of the Childline 1098 logo that they spot at unique locations and send it with a tagline, to mark World Day against Trafficking in Persons on July 30.
  - CHILDLINE is India's first 24-hour, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. At present, it is operational at 450 locations.
- A Scheme named 'Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse

Cultural Traditions of India' is implemented by the Ministry of Culture.

Objective of the scheme: reinvigorating and revitalizing several institutions. groups, individuals, identified non-MoC institutions, non-government organisations, researchers and scholars in order to help them involve in activities or projects for strengthening, protecting, preserving and promoting the rich intangible cultural heritage of India.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Indian Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **United Kingdom** to obtain help in enhancing overall public transport system in India.
  - o The MoU was signed by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, India, and Transport for London (TFL) to develop public transport in India.

### **AWARDS**

- India Heritage Walk Festival, a collaboration of Sahapedia and YES Arts & Culture, has been awarded the PATA Gold Award 2018.
  - o The award has been announced by the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) in Bangkok under the 'Heritage-Culture' category.
- Canadian author Michael Ondaatje has again made the Man Booker Prize list with his latest novel "Warlight".
  - o "Warlight" tells the story of two orphans in London in the immediate aftermath of World War II.
- 2017 AIFF Award winners:
  - o 2017 AIFF Emerging Woman Footballer of the Year: E Panthoi.
  - o 2017 AIFF Emerging Player of the Year: Anirudh Thapa.
  - o 2017 AIFF Woman Footballer of the Year: Kamala Devi.
  - o 2017 AIFF Player of the Year: Sunil Chhetri.

### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has created an online tool named **TreadWill**, to help people overcome issues related to mental health.
  - TreadWill has been developed by a team with support from the **Computer** Science and Engineering and Humanities and Social Sciences, HSS (Psychology) departments.