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NATIONAL NEWS

- The Prime Minister, Shri **Narendra Modi**, laid the Foundation Stone of the **Poorvanchal Expressway in Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh**.
 - The Prime Minister said that the **340 kilometer** long Poorvanchal Expressway would transform the **towns and cities that it passes through**.
- The President of India, Shri **Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **platinum jubilee** celebrations of the **Institute of Cost Accountants of India** in **New Delhi** on **July 14, 2018**.
- The Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated the **Bansagar Canal Project** to the **Nation in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh**. This project will provide a **big boost to irrigation in the region**, and will be greatly **beneficial for the farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh**.
- The **first of world's cheapest drinking water project** was launched in **Darbhanga district, Bihar**. This was launched by **Sulabh International, an organisation** that introduced the concept of '**Sulabh Sauchalya**' in the country.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Militaries of India and Pakistan** will be part of a **mega anti-terror drill** in **Russia** named "**Peace Mission**" in **August 2018** which is being organised by the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** with an aim to expand cooperation among the member countries to **deal with terrorism and extremism**.
 - The exercise will be joined by all SCO member countries including **Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan**.

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- **Two women, Jayshree Ullal and Neerja Sethi**, who belong to an Indian background, have secured a place on **Forbes list of Americas 60 richest self-made women**, ranking on the **18th and 21st spot**, respectively.
 - Ullal, the **CEO of Arista Network** was ranked on the 18th position and **Sethi**, the **Vice President of a tech company called Syntel**, secured 21st position on the **60 richest self- made women list**.

SPORTS

- **Olympic silver medalist PV Sindhu's** title drought this year continued as she suffered a straight-game defeat against **Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in the summit clash of Thailand Open badminton tournament**.
- **France overwhelmed Croatia 4-2 in the World Cup final at Moscow's Luzhniki stadium** to lift the trophy for the second time in **20 years**.
 - The **2018 FIFA World Cup was the 21st FIFA World Cup**.
 - It took place in **Russia** from **14 June to 15 July 2018**.
 - Golden Boot: **Henry Kane**
 - Best player: **Luka Modric**
 - Best goalkeeper: **Thibaut Courtois**
 - Fairplay Award: **Spain**