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### NATIONAL NEWS

- The iconic **Mughalsarai Railway Junction** in **Uttar Pradesh** has been renamed as **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction** Railway station. **BJP National President Amit Shah** inaugurated the renamed station. A goods train with an all-woman crew was also **flagged off**.
- To address the issues, challenges and concerns of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSME**), **GST council** in its **29th** meeting decided to create a sub-committee headed by **MoS Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla** for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSME**) sector.
  - The issues related to law would be taken up by the law committee and issues related to rates would be taken up by the **fitment committee**.
- Government has approved **122 new** research projects of **112 crore rupees** under its Impacting Research Innovation and Technology '**IMPRINT-2**' scheme. The initiative aims to **advance research in energy**, security and healthcare domains in the high education institutions.
  - It would cover the fields of Energy, Security, Healthcare, Advanced Materials, **ICT and Security/Defence**.
  - **IMPRINT: IMPActing Research INnovation and Technology**.
- **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** launched the Defence India Startup Challenge in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The challenge was launched with a vision to build an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship in defence sector and make **India self-reliant for meeting defence requirements**.
  - **Raksha Mantri** also launched **SPARK** (support for prototype and research Kickstart) in defence, framework for **Idex partners**, and promotion of start ups under **Make II procedure**.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- According to Bloomberg's data Japan is now the **world's second-largest** stock market. It has overthrown China as its total equity is **\$6.17 trillion** and that of China's is **\$6.09**

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**trillion.**

- The **United States** is the **world's biggest market for stocks**, with total worth just over **\$31 trillion**.
- **Six Israeli** startups working on healthcare, agriculture and water management sectors have been selected under the “**Israel-India Bridge to Innovation**” program to interact with various Indian businesses.
- The **UK government** has announced new plans to change the law for organ and tissue donation to address the urgent need for organs within the **Indian-origin communities** in the **country**. The proposed new system of consent for organ and tissue donation is expected to come into effect in **England in 2020**, as part of a drive to help Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (**BAME**) people desperately waiting for a life-saving **transplant**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Indian-origin U.S.** astronaut **Sunita Williams** is among the **9** astronauts selected by **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) to fly the first missions into space on commercial spacecraft, starting in **2019**.
- Chinese scientists have created the **first single-chromosome yeast** without affecting the majority of its functions. It could also lead to the creation of new man-made species **in future**.

## SPORTS

- **Indian Golfer** Gaganjeet Bhullar grabbed his maiden European Tour title at the Fiji International in **Natadola Bay**. He won with a one-stroke win over a charging Anthony Quayle of Australia. It was **Bhullar's first win** on the **European Tour, ninth Asian Tour title and 10th crown overall**.
- In Women's **Hockey World Cup 2018**, the **Netherlands** has been crowned the world champions for a record eighth time. The defending champions recorded a **stunning 6-0 victory** over Ireland in the summit clash at **London, UK** to extend their unbeaten run in all competitions to **32 matches**.
  - **Spain** won the third-place match by beating Australia to claim their **first ever World Cup medal**. **India** finished the tournament at the **8th spot**.