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### NATIONAL NEWS

- The Delhi Police inducted an all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, consisting of **36 commandos** – the **first** ever by any police force in India – for anti-terrorist operations. Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** announced the team.
- On the **eve of Independence Day**, the **Rajasthan** government will organise a **human chain along the 650-km-long Pakistan border**. It will be conducted under a programme, **”Shahadat ko Salam.”**
- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** released the **‘Ease of Living Index 2018’** to assess the livability conditions in relation to **global and national benchmarks**.
  - Total **111** cities ranked under the index, **Pune** has been **ranked first** while **Navi Mumbai** has surfaced as the **second preferred spot in terms of ‘liveability’**.
  - Among other Metro cities, **Chennai** ranked **14th** and **Delhi** ranked **65th** .
- To enhance air connectivity through **amphibian planes**, the **Civil Aviation Ministry** has approved a proposal for setting up of water aerodromes in the country.
  - In the **first** phase the places chosen for the development of such facilities are: **Chilika Lake** in **Odisha**, **Sardar Sarovar Dam** and **Sabarmati River Front** in **Gujarat**.
- National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank (**NWGRB**) was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology’s (**CCMB**) Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species (**LaCONES**) facility in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
  - It is India’s first genetic resource bank where the genetic material will be stored for posterity which will further the cause of conservation of endangered and protected animals.

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- **Chhattisgarh** has become the **first state in India** to provide **Right to Skills' Development** to the youth. This was said by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister **Raman Singh** after he flagged off 15 Skill Chariots to launch the government's '**Skills on Wheels**' project in Chhattisgarh.
- The Union Minister of State (**Independent Charge**) for Development of North Eastern Region (**DoNER**), **MoS PMO, Personnel, Atomic Energy and Space**, **Dr Jitendra Singh** announced that **Jammu** will be the **first city in North India** to get a **full-fledged Space Technology Research Centre**.
- Railway minister **Piyush Goyal** announced that **Jodhpur in Rajasthan** topped in the cleanest railway station in the recent ranking of the '**Swach Rail**'. The survey was conducted by the Quality Council of India (**QCI**) on the **407 major railway stations (75 A1 category and 332 A category stations)**.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Justice Kalpesh Satyendra Jhaveri** has been appointed as the **30th new Chief Justice of Orissa High Court (HC)**. He will succeed Chief Justice **Vineet Saran**, who has been elevated to the **Supreme Court**. He has earlier been a **Gujarat HC Judge** and a **Rajasthan HC judge**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The Space Commission has approved **ISRO's** proposal of naming the **Chandrayaan-2 lander 'Vikram'** after **Vikram Sarabhai**, the father of Indian space programme. Apart from this, as part of the centenary celebrations of **Vikram Sarabhai** next year, It has planned a series of lectures at **the national and international level**.

## ECONOMY

- The **Industrial production in India** expanded at a **five-month high in June** with all **three major sectors —manufacturing, mining and electricity — contributing to the recovery**. The growth as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (**IIP**) stood at **7%** in June compared with **3.9%** in **May**, according to data released by the statistics office.

## SPORTS

- **Indian golfer Viraj Madappa** became the youngest Indian to win on the Asian Tour, as he won his **first title on the Asian Tour at Take Solutions Masters in Bengaluru.**
- **17-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal** clinched his fourth **Canadian Masters 1000 title** at the Rogers Cup in **Toronto.** He defeated **Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas.**

  
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