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NATIONAL NEWS

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh announced that **Chhattisgarh is the first among the 28 other states in the country to provide Right to Skills' Development to the youth.**
 - The Chief Minister along with Union Minister of State for Skill Development Anant Kumar Hegde flagged off fifteen Skill Chariots to launch the government's project of 'Skills on Wheels' in the state.
- To develop the culture of documenting adverse effects, monitoring and surveillance of misleading advertisements of the drugs, **Ministry of AYUSH** introduced new Central Sector scheme for promoting **pharmacovigilance of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Drugs.**
- The **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh** has said the rollout of the Smart City projects will help New Delhi emerge as a world class city. The **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)** has set an example before other aspiring Smart Cities in the country to follow.
 - He also launched **MTNL's hi-speed Broadband on Optical Fiber & Hi-Speed Wi-Fi** in Connaught Place.
- The **Union minister Jitendra Singh** has announced that **Jammu and Tripura** will get the country's **first full-fledged Space Technology Research Centre.** While the first centre in north India will function under the aegis of **Jammu-based Central University, the Tripura** centre will work under the aegis of Agartala-based **National Institute of Technology (NIT).**
- **NITI Aayog has launched "Pitch to MOVE"** - a mobility pitch competition that aims to provide budding entrepreneurs of India a unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished jury. Startups working in the various fields of mobility can pitch their ideas to industry leaders and Venture Capitalists for raising investments.

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- “Pitch to MOVE” is organised by NITI Aayog in collaboration with Invest India and **Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)** as a part of a series of engaging featured events in the run up to the main event.
- **Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Nitin Gadkari** launched three short films for generating public awareness towards road safety.
 - Film actor **Shri Akshay Kumar** has featured in these films, which are directed by Shri R.Balki. Mr Gadkari announced the appointment of **Shri Akshay Kumar as Road Safety Brand Ambassador.**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Vienna for the first time topped the Economist Intelligence Unit’s Global Liveability Index as ‘world’s most pleasant city to live in’.**
 - Earlier the 1st spot was owned by Melbourne, Australia seven times which now ranked at 2nd spot. Osaka, Calgary and Sydney ranked 3rd, 4th and 5th. Among Indian Cities, **New Delhi** tops the Index by attaining **112th** Position, **Mumbai** Ranks next at **117th** Position.
- **Iran** has successfully test fired and unveiled the latest generation of its Fateh ballistic missile named **Fateh Mobin or Bright Conqueror**. It is a short-range ballistic missile. It has a range between 300-500 kilometers.

ECONOMY

- **India’s largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** is considered to be the most **patriotic brand**, according to a survey. SBI is followed by **Tata Motors, Patanjali, Reliance Jio and BSNL**. The survey conducted by UK-based online market research and data analytics firm **YouGov**.
 - In terms of sectors, the **financial sector** topped the chart of the most patriotic brands with two leading names -SBI and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) – followed by **auto, consumer goods, food and telecom sectors.**

APPOINTMENTS

- **Ashish Kumar Bhutani** was appointed the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)**.
- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY): Launched in – 2016**
 - Launched by – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
 - Administered by – Ministry of Agriculture
 - It is in line with one nation one scheme theme

- It provides a comprehensive insurance cover against failure of the crop and helps to stabilise the income of the farmers.
- 40-year-old former India spinner **Ramesh Powar** has been appointed as head coach of the **women's national cricket team** till the ICC World T20, scheduled to be held in November, by BCCI.

SPORTS

- **Indian golfer Viraj Madappa** won his maiden title on the **Asian Tour** at Take Solutions Masters **in Bengaluru**. Now, he became the youngest Indian to win on the Asian Tour.
- **Madurai Panthers** won the **Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL 2018) title**. They defeated **Dindigul Dragons** by seven wickets.


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