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### NATIONAL NEWS

- UIDAI announced a phased rollout of live face recognition feature with telecom service providers from **September 15**. This would be used as an additional mode of authentication by the telecom service providers. The **‘live face photo’** capture would be done to obtain eKYC for issuance of mobile SIMs.
  - The Authority had earlier planned to roll out face recognition feature from July 1, a target that was later pushed to August 1.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has decided to form a three-member **committee to look into the draft food labelling and display regulations**. The regulations have proposed making red colour-coded labels mandatory on packaged food products which are high in fat, sugar and salt contents.
  - The expert panel will be **led by B Sesikeran**, former director of National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), and comprise current NIN director Hemalatha and AIIMS’ Nikhil Tandon.
- The **Agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh** has proposed to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to declare the year **2019 as international year of millets**. This will promote cultivation by amending cropping patterns of areas which are especially susceptible to climate change.
  - **India is celebrating 2018 as the national year of millets.**

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **11th World Hindi Conference** begins in **Mauritius**. Prime Minister of Mauritius Praveen Kumar Jagannath will inaugurate the conference in **Port Louis**.
  - **“Hindi World and Indian Culture”** is the theme of conference.
  - World Hindi Conference was started in **1975** to make Hindi language a medium of service and knowledge and enable it to move forward with the time.

- Cricketer-turned-politician **Imran Khan** took oath as **Pakistan's new prime minister**. Khan, the chairman of **Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)**, secured **176 votes** while his only rival and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz chief Sharif got 96 votes, National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser announced.

## AWARDS

- **63** year old Chinese oscar-winning director **Ang Lee** will be one of the recipients of the annual **Directors Guild of America (DGA)**. The event will be held at the DGA Theatre in **New York City** on **October 18, 2018**.
- The **2018 Albany Medical Center Prize** was announced to be awarded to **3 US Scientists**. They are : **James Allison, Carl June and Steven Rosenberg**.
  - They were awarded in **Medicine and Biomedical Research** for their research in **immunology** that have led to innovative treatments **for cancer, HIV and other diseases**.
- Delhi government's additional director of health **S K Arora** has been awarded **the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award** for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control.
  - The National Health Policy 2017 of the Government of India has set targets of relative reduction in tobacco prevalence by 15 per cent by 2020 and 30 per cent by 2025.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ISRO's **Aditya-L1 mission**, India's first mission to study the solar corona, is planned to be launched in 2019-2020, by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
  - **Aditya – L1:** Aditya – L1 will be inserted in a **halo orbit** around the **Lagrangian point 1 (L1)** that is 1.5 million km from the Earth. Solar corona is the outer layers of the Sun.
  - Lagrangian point is a point where the attraction by the Sun and the Earth becomes equal. This point does not experience gravitational force.

## SPORTS

- The 2018 Asian Games began on August 18 with a grand opening ceremony at **Gelora Bung Karno Main Stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia**. The 18th Asian Games is to be held in the Indonesian cities of Jakarta and Palembang and this will be the **first time the Asian Games are co-hosted in two cities**.
  - Motto of the games is **“Energy of Asia”**.

- **Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra was India's flag-bearer at the glittering opening ceremony.**

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- India's 72nd Independence Day, **Rajasthan government** announced that it would observe **September** as '**month of nutrition**'.
  - The schemes introduced from the 'month of nutrition': The Rajasthan CM launched '**Annapurna Milk Scheme**'. Students of **Class 1 to 8** of government schools will be given milk **daily** instead of thrice a week.

