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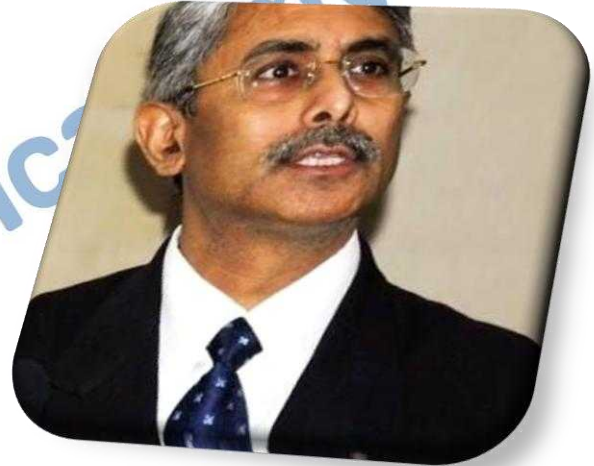
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Gujarat Government has partnered with a **top India-centric American advocacy group** for the **9th edition of 'Vibrant Gujarat'**, the annual industry summit, which will be held from **18th to 20th January 2019 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
 - John Chambers, chairman of **US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)**, will lead a high-level **CEO** delegation to **Vibrant Gujarat 2019**.
- The bi-annual talks between **Indian and Bangladeshi** border forces have begun in **New Delhi**. Director General of Border Security Force (**BSF**) **KK Sharma** represented the **Indian side while Director General** of Border Guard Bangladesh (**BGB**) Major General **Md Shafeenul Islam** led the Bangladeshi side in the talks.
 - This is the **47th DG-level** conference between the two sides since it began in **1975**.
- Punjab Chief Minister **Amarinder Singh** launched **PUDA 360**, an **e-properties module** to facilitate online property transactions. It is aimed at bringing greater efficiency and transparency in the functioning of Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (**PUDA**).
 - The online process would also make **e-auction** more convenient and give a **common platform to the promoters**, builders, individuals for advertising their projects.
- Observing the **National Nutrition Week, West Bengal** chief minister **Mamata Banerjee** said that the state government has adopted a multi-sectoral strategy to reduce **under-nutrition and anaemia** among **women and children** in a targeted manner by **2020**.
 - The **National Nutrition Week** was started by the **Central government in 1982** to curb malnutrition and is observed every year from **September 1-7**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **4th BIMSTEC** summit successfully concluded with **Nepal** prime minister **KP Sharma Oli** handing over the **chairmanship** of the grouping to **Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena**. Sri Lanka has become the **new chair of the BIMSTEC**. The Nepalese Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli handed over the chairmanship of BIMSTEC to the President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena.
- According to a report by the UN World Tourism Organisation (**UNWTO**), international tourism hits a record **high of 1,323 million international tourist arrivals** across the **globe in 2017**. India leads the chart of growth in the **South Asian region** with a total of **15.54 million in 2017**.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Justice Tahira Safdar** was sworn in as the **first woman** chief justice in **Pakistan's Balochistan High Court**. She is the **first woman ever to take the position** of a chief justice in a Pakistan high court.
- **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** is set to take over as the **new Chief Justice of India on October 3, 2018**. His name has been **recommended** for the post by Chief Justice of **India Dipak Misra** to the government. As per convention, the senior most **judge of the Supreme Court** is appointed the Chief Justice of India and **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** by virtue of his seniority should be next in line. He is expected to take oath on **October 3**.

SPORTS

- On **2nd September 2018, Asian Games 2018** concluded. **India** achieved its **highest ever medal tally at the Asian Games**. India won a total of 69 medals which comprises: **15 gold, 24 silver and 30 bronze** medals, and **ranked 8th** in the medals tally. China finished on top of the medal tally with **289 medals**.

BOOKS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** released the book **“Moving On, Moving Forward – A Year in Office”** written by Vice President **Venkaiah Naidu**. Narendra Modi presented the **first copy of the book** to **Venkaiah Naidu**. The book was written by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu to mark his one year in office.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **2nd September 2018, World coconut day** was celebrated all over the world. World Coconut Day is celebrated every year on 2nd September. It was established in **2009 to commemorate the formation day** of Asian Pacific Coconut Community (**APCC**). Coconut Development Board celebrated the World Coconut Day 2018 along with the Department of Horticulture, Government of Chhattisgarh with the theme **‘Coconut for Good Health, Wealth & Wellness’**.