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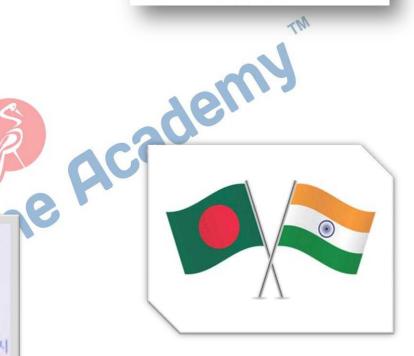
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NATIONAL NEWS

- To reduce the use of imported fossil fuels & improve energy security, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has also approved electrification of remaining un-electrified broad gauge routes of **Indian Railways**.
- The National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) released the report HIV Estimations 2017. The HIV Estimations 2017 is the 14th round in the series of HIV Estimations under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP).
 - NACO undertakes HIV estimations biennially in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS).
- The Global Climate Action Summit 2018 was held at San Francisco, California, United States. Over 4000 businesses, cities, states and civil society delegates attended the summit and showed their commitments to achieve the goals set by the Paris Agreement.
 - o The co-chairs of the Summit, Governor of California Edmund G. Brown Jr. and UN's Special Envoy for Climate Action Michael R Bloomberg, unveiled a new report demonstrating how cities, states, and businesses can help the US in achieving its 2025 emissions reduction target.
- Union minister K J Alphons, the Minister of State for Tourism, inaugurated the country's first tribal circuit project connecting 13 tourism sites in Chhattisgarh. This project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in February 2016 for Rs. 99.21 Crores.
 - The project was implemented under the Tourism Ministry's Swadesh Darshan scheme launched in 2014-15 for development of thematic circuits in the country in a planned and prioritized manner.
- Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi launched the country's first "National Scholarship Portal Mobile App" (NSP Mobile App) in New Delhi. This "National Scholarship Portal Mobile App" will ensure a smooth, accessible and hassle-free scholarship system for students from poor and weaker sections.
- The 34th annual convention of one of India's biggest inbound travel trade associations, the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), started with a grand opening in Visakhapatnam. Arriving on time for the inauguration, K J Alphons, Minister of State (IC) for Tourism, Govt of India, graced the event that saw an overwhelming attendance from IATO members pan India.
- The **Tamil Nadu** government formally launched its investment promotion campaign for **'Global Investors Meet 2019'** to be held in January next year.

- The roadshow organised here to woo investors ahead of the state government's second edition of the two-day meet in Chennai on 23-24 January was led by Tamil Nadu Industries Minister Thiru M C Sampath.
- To strengthen bilateral trade with the neighbouring country, Chief Minister of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the Indo-Bhutan Border Centre at Darranga in Assam's Baksa district.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj led the Indian delegation at the 23rd meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC) to discuss the expansion of Russia-India relationship across all sectors. The meeting was chaired by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov.
- Asserting that climate change is pushing the world towards "the edge of the abyss", **UN chief Antonio Guteress** has said that he will convene a meeting in September 2019 to bring climate action to the top of the international agenda.
 - The UN Secretary General also announced the appointment of Luis Alfonso de Alba, a former Mexican diplomat, as his Special Envoy to lead the preparations of the summit.

ECONOMY

- Govt decided to contain fiscal deficit at 3.3 pc of GDP for the fiscal year ending March 2019 to avoid a twin deficit problem. Excise duty cut on petrol and diesel has been ruled out.
 - Further, cutting expenditure, though might bring down the fiscal deficit, would result in a stunted economic growth in the long run. Hence, the share of non-oil tax to GDP has to be hiked.
- To strengthen the 'Make in India' initiative, **BEML Limited** launched country's first **205T Electric Drive Rear Dump Truck** (Model BH205-E).
- According to the data released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), Index of Industrial production (IIP) grew at 6.6% in July on the back of good performance by the manufacturing sector and higher offtake of capital goods and consumer durables.

AWARDS

 Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (National Health Mission),
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has been conferred the UN Interagency Task
Force (UNIATF) Award for his contribution towards prevention and control of non communicable diseases (NCDs) and associated Sustainable Development Goals.

APPOINTMENTS

• L K Advani, senior BJP leader, has been renominated as the chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

SPORTS

- India's oldest female athlete Man Kaur has won a gold medal at the World Masters Athletics Championships in Malaga, Spain.
- Sixteen-year-old Udhayveer Singh has won an individual Gold Medal in Junior Men's 25 metre pistol event in the World Shooting Championships in South Korea. He also spearheaded India to the team Gold. Singh shot a score of 587 in the individual competition to grab the Gold ahead American Henry Leverett and Korean Lee Jaekyoon.

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