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NATIONAL NEWS

- India's first **'smart fence'** pilot project was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh along the Indo-Pak border at the Border Security Force (BSF) frontier headquarters in Ploura, Jammu. The pilot project has been launched as a part of the **Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS)** programme of BSF.
 - The Smart fencing uses various devices for surveillance, communication and data storage. It will provide 24×7 surveillance on the border irrespective of the weather condition.
- A website and a helpline number of the **Ayushman Bharat — National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM)** was launched to check the enrolment of the beneficiaries. The website is: **mera.pmjay.gov.in** & the helpline is : **(14555)**. This was launched by the **National Health Agency (NHA)**, the apex body implementing the scheme.
 - Additionally, **'Ayushman Mitras'** would assist patients and hospitals to verify the eligibility and enrolment to the scheme.
- India climbed **one spot to 130 among 189 countries** in the latest human development index released by the **United Nations Development Programme**. Within South Asia, India's **human development index (HDI)** value is above the average of **0.638** for the region, with Bangladesh and Pakistan, countries with similar population size, being ranked 136 and 150 respectively.
 - **Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Ireland and Germany** led the ranking, while Niger, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Chad and Burundi have the lowest scores in the HDI's measurement of national achievements in health, education and income.
- **The Union Minister for Railways and Coal, Piyush Goyal** inaugurated the **'first ever' India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018)** in the presence of **Union Tourism Minister, K J Alphons** and the **Tourism Minister of Morocco, Mr. Mohamed Sajid, in New Delhi.**
- A bilateral meeting on **Tourism Cooperation between India and Morocco** led by the Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Handicraft and Social Economy, Kingdom of Morocco, **Mohamed Sajid** and the Minister of State for Tourism (IC), Government of India, **K. J. Alphons**, held in New Delhi.
 - This meeting was followed by **signing of an agreement of cooperation between the India Tourism Development Corporation and La Societe Marocaine D'Ingenierie Touristique**, also known as Moroccan Agency for Tourism

development (SMIT).

- **The Delhi government** signed an MoU with the **Seoul Metropolitan Government** to work closely in the fields of environment, tourism, wastewater and solid waste management, infrastructure and public health.
 - The MoU on the '**Friendship and Cooperation Agreement**' was signed by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Seoul mayor Park Won-Soon in Seoul.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- With a special focus on combating terror, the **second** edition of **Nepal-China** joint military exercise '**Mt Everest Friendship Exercise**' (**Sagarmatha Friendship-2018**) began in southwestern **Sichuan province** of **China**. It is the second time that the Nepal Army is participating in a joint military drill with People's Liberation Army.

ECONOMICS

- **The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) announced that no withholding tax will apply on interest payments made by an Indian company** or a business trust to a non-resident in respect of offshore rupee-denominated bonds issued between September 17, 2018 and March 31, 2019.
- Moving ahead with consolidation of public sector banks, Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** announced the **merger of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank**. The merged entity or amalgamated bank would be India's **third** largest. There will be no adverse impact on employees of merged entity, the Finance Minister added.

AWARDS

- **All-women crew of INSV Tarini** has bagged the **prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award** for beating the odds in water with their enduring skills and sailing across the world for eight long months.
 - The award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air. The crew was also bestowed with Nav Sena Medal on the occasion of 72nd Independence Day.
- **Kerala Tourism** has won two prestigious gold awards of the **Pacific Asia Travel**

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Association (PATA) for its innovative marketing campaigns. The awards were presented at a glittering function in **Langkawi, Malaysia** during **PATA Travel Mart 2018**.

- Kerala Tourism got the **first gold for its 'Yalla Kerala' travel advertisement print media campaign** in the Gulf countries.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Dr. K Sivan**, Secretary, DOS/Chairman, ISRO inaugurated an **S-band Polarimetry Doppler Weather Radar** at SDSC/ISRO, Sriharikota. This is the **7th** Radar manufactured in the country under **"Make in India"** Concept. It was indigenously developed by **Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore** under Technology Transfer from ISRO.
- To monitor sea traffic management, **India and France** inked pact for maritime surveillance through a constellation of **8-10** satellites on the **Indian Ocean** region. **India and France** inked pact for maritime surveillance through a constellation of **8-10** satellites on the **Indian Ocean** region.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** successfully tested a low-weight indigenously developed **man-portable anti-tank guided missile (MPATGM)** at its **Ahmednagar** range. It was the second MPATGM test as the DRDO tested the first one on September 15 in **Maharashtra**.

SPORTS

- **32nd Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament** was held in **Istanbul, Turkey**. Indian women boxers won a total of **7 medals**: 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze. Indian women's team finished **second** in the tournament.
 - India's **Bhagyabati Kachari** received the **most scientific boxer of the tournament** award.

BOOKS

- **Kashi: Secret of the Black Temple**, the final **book** of **Vineet Bajpai's** Harappa trilogy, was launched in New Delhi.
 - The **three** books in the series combine mythology, history, fantasy, crime and the modern-day thriller element. The first two books are **Harappa: Curse of the**

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Blood River and Pralay: The Great Deluge.

- The three books have been brought out by Bajpai's publishing platform **Tree Shade Books.**


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