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NATIONAL NEWS

- Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh were awarded the best performing states in terms of "Ease of Living Index" under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018, in New Delhi.
 - The MoHUA released the first ever 'Ease of Living Index' covering 111 Indian cities, which serves as a litmus test to help assess the progress made in cities through various initiatives.
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the centenary celebrations of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha in New Delhi. This emphasized India's diversity and multiculturalism.
 - Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha: It is an organization whose main goal is to improve Hindi literacy among the non-Hindi speaking people of South India.
 Headquarters: Chennai.
 - o Founder: M. K. Gandhi and Annie Besant.
 - o Founded: 1918.
- Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Water Resources, River
 Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated the twoday National Orientation workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA). This
 workshop was organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
 - o It is a part of the e-Vishan mission on 'One Nation One Application' and the project cost is: Rs.739 Crore (approx.).
- Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate change, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated air pollution control device WAYU(Wind Augmentation PurifYing Unit) for traffic junctions at ITO intersection and Mukarba Chowk in Delhi.
 - WAYU is developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) as a part of Technology Development Project being funded by Department of Science and Technology.
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh has chaired a meeting of the central Zonal Council in Lucknow. Chief minister Yogi Adityanath was vice chairman of the council and the host. The meeting comprised of the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand.
 - Under the State Reorganization Act, 1956, 5 Zonal Councils central, western, northern, southern and eastern have been established.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Sikkim and was received by Governor Ganga Prasad, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling. He inaugurated Sikkim's first airport and nation's 100th operational airport: Pakyong Airport in Sikkim.
 - The Pakyong airport is located around 60 km from the Indo-China border and about 30 km from the state capital of Gangtok.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- According to 'The Annual World Airport Traffic Report 2018' by Airport Council
 International (ACI), Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) is the 16th busiest in the
 world. It jumped 6 places from 22nd position in 2016.
 - The first place was held by Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson in the US handling 103.9 million passengers in 2017, followed by Beijing with 95.8 million passengers.
- The opposition leader **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih** won the Maldives' presidential election. He defeated the current President Abdulla Yameen. Mohamed Solih blongs to **Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP).** Solih had secured 58.3 percent of the popular vote.
- The Japanese space agency JAXA made history by successfully landing two unmanned rovers on an asteroid. The two rovers are in good condition and are transmitting images and data. The rovers are collectively known as MINERVA-II1. The space agency reported that MINERVA-II1 is the world's first mobile exploration robot to land on the surface of an asteroid.
 - The Hayabusa2(spacecraft) began its approach to Ryugu from an orbiting altitude of around 20 kilometers (12.4 miles). A third rover called MASCOT will be launched from Hayabusa2 in early October.

ECONOMY

- The New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries has approved a \$525-million loan to Madhya Pradesh for infrastructure projects. The Board of Directors of the NDB has approved a \$350-million loan for the Major District Roads Project II of Madhya Pradesh and \$175 million for building and upgrading 350 bridges.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will undertake an exhaustive study in Uttar Pradesh to add value to mango growing, guava, potato and pulse farming, and submit a report to the state government.
 - The Uttar Pradesh government had ensured distribution of two crore soil health cards, which was the highest in the country.
- **BSNL** has inked a pact with **Japan's Softbank** and **NTT Communications** to roll out **5G** and internet of things technology in India.

APPOINTMENTS

• B. S. Mubarak was appointed as next Ambassador of India to Republic of Guatemala. Presently he is the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. He would be replacing Mr. Rajeev Babu Kurup who has been the ambassador of India to Guatemala since 2015.

SPORTS

- Luka Modric broke a decade of award dominance by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi after being crowned world footballer of the year by FIFA. Modric beat out Liverpool's Egyptian forward Mohamed Salah and Ronaldo.
 - Modric was voted FIFA's best player in the 2017-18 season after winning the Champions League for a fourth time in five seasons with Real Madrid and leading Croatia to its first World Cup final where it lost to France.
- In Badminton, Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting beat Japan's Kento Momota to take the Men's singles China Open title in Changzhou. Spain's Carolina Marin beat China's Chen Yufei to take the women's singles title. The 3rd seed, Momota who took the Japan Open title on home ground last week, was beaten by world number 13th Ginting.

