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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Vice president M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated three days long **Smart City Expo India-2018 in Jaipur**. Near about **6000** delegates from MNC's of different countries , researchers , CEO's of different Smart cities , Mayors and corporates participated in the expo.
 - They had discussions related to: Benefits of new technology, town planning, capacity management, challenges before socio-economic development and development of networking in the Smart City sector.
- **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated a national literary and intellectual conference- "**Lok Manthan 2018**" at **Khel Gaon in Ranchi**. The event witnessed discussions on present social and cultural issues facing the country.
 - The four-day event was organised by **Department of Culture of Jharkhand Government** in association with a NGO.
- **The Hyderabad Metro Rail's (HMR) 46-km Corridor One** became India's **second-largest metro network** after **Delhi**. It is also the world's largest metro project under the public-private-partnership (PPP) worth over **Rs 20,000 crore**.
 - It is originally a 72 km of elevated metro line which is being built by L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad in the three dense traffic corridors of the city, of which 46 km is now operational.
- **Odisha** government has decided to adopt the '**No Work No Pay**' policy with regard to the strike by the block grant teachers and lecturers.
 - Teachers, lecturers and other employees of 4,000 block grant schools and 1500 colleges on September 24 resumed duty after a 42-days of strike.
- **The Modi government** constituted an **eight-member search committee**, to be headed by former Supreme Court judge **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai**, to recommend the chairperson and members of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal.
 - The decision to constitute the search committee comes four years after the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, which envisages establishment of anti-graft body Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayuktas in states to look into cases of corruption against certain categories of public servants, was passed in 2013.
- **The US and India** have formed an alliance comprising leading experts in public and private sectors to combat the menace of **tuberculosis**. **US Agency for International Development (USAID)** administrator Mark Green announced the formation of '**USAID-India End TB Alliance**' at an event in New York in presence of Union Health Minister J P Nadda.
- **Thiruvananthapuram** is all set to play host to the **8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship**, which will be held at the **Jimmy George indoor stadium** from September 27 to 30. The event will witness around 500 participants representing 14 Asian countries showcasing their yoga skills.
- **The Parakram Parv** will be celebrated from september 28-30 to showcase **the courage, valour and sacrifice of Indian Armed Forces**. The main event is planned at India Gate

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Lawns, Rajpath in New Delhi. This event is to mark the second anniversary of the surgical strikes against terror camps across the **Line of Control (LoC)**. The term Line of Control refers to the military control line between the **Indian and Pakistan**.

- Similarly, 53 locations in 51 cities across the country will be showcasing the events highlighting valour of Indian Armed Forces in general and Special Forces in particular.
- **The President Ram Nath Kovind** will inaugurate the **fourth “India International Science Festival (IISF)” on October 6**. IISF 2018 is being organized by **Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences** in association with **Vijnana Bharati or VIBHA**, an RSS-linked science organisation at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow.
 - The IISF-2018 with its focal theme of ‘Science for Transformation’ will have 23 special events.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- According to a study named **Economic Freedom in the World by Centre for Civil Society (CCS)** along with Canada’s Fraser Institute, India stands at 96th rank out of 162 countries in economic freedom.
 - The index measures 5 areas of economic freedom. They are: Size of Government, Legal System and Property Rights, Sound Money, Freedom to Trade Internationally and Regulation. India ranked 98th in the previous year.
- **India and Morocco** has signed an MoU for deepening cooperation between **MSME sectors of the two countries** in Rabat, Morocco. The MoU was signed by CMD, National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), **Ravindra Nath and Director General, Maroc PME, Mr. Rabri Barrazouka**.
 - Through this MOU, the NSIC and Maroc PME will work together to enhance cooperation opportunities for MSMEs of both countries. It will facilitate transfer of Indian technologies and products to Morocco.

ECONOMY

- India is expected to grow at a healthy **7.3% in fiscal year 2018**, helped by improved domestic demand and a steady revival in industrial growth, the **Asian Development Bank said in a new report**.
 - The ADB kept its growth forecasts unchanged at 7.3% for 2018 and 7.6% for 2019 as the temporary effects of the demonetisation of large bank notes and the introduction of GST abate as expected.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** will ease the **Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)** norms from October to induce liquidity into the financial system, amid concerns of a credit crunch.
 - The increase in **‘Facility to Avail Liquidity for Liquidity Coverage Ratio’**

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(FALLCR), will effect from October 1, 2018, from the existing 11 per cent to 13 per cent will take the carve out from SLR available to banks to 15 per cent of their **NDTL (Net Demand and Time Liabilities)**”.

AWARDS

- **Evan Atar Adaha, surgeon and medical director** at a hospital in **north-eastern South Sudan**, is the 2018 winner of **the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award**. The award is in recognition of Dr. Atar’s outstanding commitment and self-sacrifice in providing medical services to more than 200,000 people, including approximately 144,000 refugees from Sudan’s Blue Nile state.
- **The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** on its foundation day released the list of awardees for **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2018**. **Dr Thomas Pucadyil** from the **Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Pune** has been awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology by CSIR.
 - He was conferred with the honor for his research in the discipline of **Biological Sciences** on membrane **biochemistry and vesicular transport**.

APPOINTMENTS

- **S. Mubarak (IFS:2001)**. Presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guatemala.