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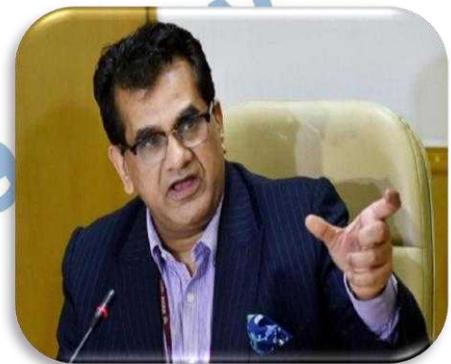
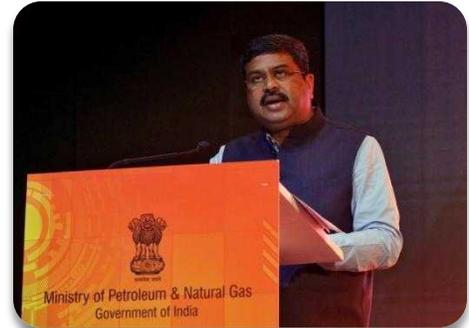
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** launched a **Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System (FFEWS)** for Kolkata City. It is also India's first comprehensive city-level FFEWS. It will reduce economic loss and impacts on livelihood and improve flood awareness and safety at the community level.
 - The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** funded the design and implementation of the FFEWS through a **\$1 million technical assistance to KMC** from its Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund under the Urban Financing Partnership Facility.
- The Government constituted a **seven-member ministerial panel headed by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi to examine modalities for revenue mobilisation in case of natural calamities and disasters.**
 - The panel would look into five issues flagged by the Council, including whether the new tax should be levied only in the state concerned or should it be an all-India levy, and that should it be on specified luxury or sin goods only.
- In pursuance of its **objective of ensuring that Legislation is in sync** with the needs of strong economic fundamentals, the Government has constituted a Competition Law Review Committee to review the **Competition Act. The Committee will be headed by Injeti Srinivas**, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The **Madhya Pradesh** government announced the creation of a new district '**Niwari**'. The new district would include three tehsils of the present Tikamgarh district – Niwari, Orchha and Prithvipur. The government's decision will come into effect from October 1.
- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**, under the aegis of **Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM – U)** partnered with **Google** to launch the **Loo Review campaign**. This would encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.
 - 500+ cities in India with more than 30,000 toilets with the name of "**SBM Toilet**" are currently live on Google Maps.
- **Shri Jual Oram, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs** inaugurated the "**Conference on Empowerment of Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) & Organic Farmers Co-operatives from Dantewada, Bastar Region**" in New Delhi. This was aimed to give market opportunities team members of Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) & Organic Farmers Co-operatives from **Dantewada, Bastar Region** to showcase their products in urban areas.

- The Ministry also launched **“Punch Tantra Collection”** which included Punchtantra tribal artefacts including handlooms and handicrafts.
- To help city officials and citizens act decisively to minimize damage before and during disasters, **Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** launched a **flood forecasting and early warning system (FFEWS)** for Kolkata City. It is also **India’s first** comprehensive city-level FFEWS.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Ministry of AYUSH** has set up an **AYUSH Information Cell at the premises of the Indian Embassy in Romania** to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH system of medicine and encourage Ayurveda practice in Romania.
 - The AYUSH Information Cell, Romania will help to organise lectures, consultation, conduct seminars, training courses and facilitate associations of AYUSH stakeholders for networking conducting meetings, develop awareness of AYUSH system among public in Romania.
- **J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare** addressed at the **‘High Level Meeting on Tuberculosis at 73rd session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at New York’**.
 - He stated that India has shown personal commitment to tackle TB head-on as India plans to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the SDG target of 2030, by launching the **TB Free India Campaign**.

ECONOMY

- The boards of state-run **Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Vijaya Bank** gave their assent for their amalgamation with **Dena Bank** to form the **second-largest entity** in the PSU banking space. The amalgamation of the three banks would be through share swap which will be the part of the scheme of merger.
- The **World Bank (WB) – Asian Development Bank (ADB)** team jointly conducted **Rapid Damage Assessment and Need Analysis (RDNA)**. This would help in: Repairing and reconstruction of roads under Public Works Department, local self government institutions, water supply, flood control and irrigation systems, coastal area protection,

rehabilitation of people in coastal stretches, etc.

- **As per the RBI, India's external debt declined 2.8% to USD 514.4 billion at June-end** over the previous quarter on account of a decrease in commercial borrowings, short-term debt and non-resident Indian (NRI) deposits.

APPOINTMENTS

- **N. Ravi**, Publisher and former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu, has been unanimously elected **Chairman of the Press Trust of India (PTI)**. Also, **Vijay Kumar Chopra**, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers, was elected **Vice-Chairman**.

SPORTS

- **Yuvraj Wadhvani** has won the **25th Asian junior individual squash championship title**. He defeated **Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan** by 13-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10 in the final in **Chennai**. Yuvraj has become the **second Indian** to win the Under-13 title after Veer Chotrani, who had won the title in 2014 in Iran.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30 September on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators. The celebrations have been promoted by International Federation of Translators (FIT) ever since it was set up in 1953.
 - The theme of International Translation Day 2018 is **“Translation: Promoting Cultural Heritage in Changing Times”**.
- The United Nations has designated the **first Monday of October** of every year as **World Habitat Day**. The theme for World Habitat Day 1 October 2018 is **Municipal Solid Waste Management**.
 - World Habitat Day was established in 1985 by the **United Nations General Assembly** through Resolution 40/202 and was first celebrated in **1986**.

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