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## NATIONAL NEWS

- In commemoration of the **International Day of Non-violence**, marked on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, the **UN postal agency** issued a **new collection of stamps** featuring artistic interpretation of 'The Knotted Gun', an iconic global sculpture giving the message of peace and non-violence.
  - The stamps in the collection feature artistic interpretation of '**The Knotted Gun,**' and have been issued by the **UNPA** in celebration of the International Day of Non-violence to spread the message of non-violence and the universal desire of a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding.
- A month-long **National Khadi Festival 2018** to promote Khadi products has been inaugurated on the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti 2018**, by Union Minister for Micro Small & Medium Enterprises, Shri **Giriraj Singh**.
  - The fest is being organised **by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**.
- **The Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the establishment of **National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) in Sehore district** instead of earlier approved Bhopal location.
  - The **NIMHR** will be now established in the **Sehore** district on the Bhopal-Sehore highway in **Madhya Pradesh**. **NIMHR** will be the first of its kind in the country in the area of **mental health rehabilitation**.
- The **Union Cabinet** approved **two Metro rail projects** in poll-bound **Madhya Pradesh in Indore and Bhopal**. The **Indore project** will run along the **Ring Line** (Bengali Square – Vijay Nagar – Bhawarsala – Airport – Patasia – Bengali Square). The total number of stations on the line are **30**. The **Bhopal project** comprises **two** corridors of total length 27.87 Km Karond Circle to AIIMS and Bhadbhada Square to Ratnagiri Tiraha.
  - A special purpose vehicle, **Madhya Pradesh Metro Rail Co Ltd. (MPMRCL)**, has been constituted to implement both these projects.
- **IIT-Kharagpur** has been named the national coordinating institute of the **Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)** of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
  - The programme seeks to improve the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions by promoting academic and research collaboration between Indian institutions and best-in-class faculty and renowned research groups in foreign institutions.
- **India's Vice President Venkaiah Naidu** has inaugurated the **world's largest dome and**

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**Peace Center at the Maharashtra Institute of Technology, Vishwarajbaug**, in Pune, India.

○ The imposing monumental dome, clad in the finest marble, is the vision of Dr. Vishwanath Karad, founder-president and director general of the World Peace Center.

- **India Chem 2018**, the **10th Biennial International Exhibition & Conference** began in Mumbai. The largest event of Chemicals and Petrochemical Industry in India is a two-day event. Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the conference.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- In the **2018 Government E-Payments Adoption Ranking (GEAR)**, compiled by **The Economist Intelligence Unit** commissioned by payments company **Visa** ranked India as **28th** country to progress in the digital transformation journey.
  - The survey is a **73-country** ranking survey with Norway leading the pack followed by France and Denmark. India moved up to **28th in 2018**, from **36th in 2011**.

## ECONOMY

- **India and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed **\$100 million** loan agreement to strengthen capacity of **Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** for resilient urban services.
  - The **\$100 million** loan is the third and final tranche under the **\$400 million Kolkata Environmental Improvement Investment Program** and is aimed at expanding sewerage and drainage coverage and providing sewage treatment in Kolkata.
- **Gross direct tax collection** in the first six months of the financial year grew **16.7 percent** to Rs 5.47 lakh crore.
  - Refunds amounting to Rs 1.03 lakh crore have been issued during April 2018 to September 2018, which is 30.4 percent higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Madan Bhimarao Lokur** took charge as the Executive **Chairman** of the **National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA)**. Madan Bhimarao Lokur was appointed to

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the post by President Ram Nath Kovind. He replaces Justice Ranjan Gogoi.

- **World Federation of Exchanges (WFE)**, has appointed NSE's Managing Director and CEO **Vikram Limaye** as the **chairman** of its working group committee. His name was announced at the **58th General Assembly and Annual Meeting** in Athens, Greece.

## AWARDS

- **Ministry of Railways** was named the **best department** for its contribution to "Swachhta Pakhwada" under the "**Swachhta Hi Seva**" category of awards. This was declared in an inter-ministry initiative organised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation to encourage cleanliness in government offices and health facilities.
  - The award was presented to the Railway Ministry on the 4th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (October 2). 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign was launched in 2017 to promote the public to involve in building toilets and cleaning public places.
- **Evan Atar Adaha**, a surgeon who runs a remote hospital in South Sudan, received the prestigious **2018 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award**. He was chosen for his 20-year commitment to providing medical services to people forced to flee conflict and persecution in Sudan and South Sudan.

## SPORTS

- Rio Paralympic gold medal list **Thangavelu Mariyappan** was named as **flag-bearer** of the Indian contingent for the **3rd Para Asian Games** to be held in **Jakarta** from October 6-13.
  - India will field its biggest ever contingent of 302 members including athletes, coaches, support staff, escorts and officials.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Teachers' Day: 5 October**
  - World Teachers' Day is celebrated globally on 5th October. The WTD 2018 will mark the **70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)** that recognizes education as a key fundamental right and establishes an entitlement to free compulsory education, ensuring inclusive and equitable access for all children.

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- The theme for this year's WTD is “**The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher,**” has been chosen to remind the global community that the right to education cannot be achieved without the right to trained and qualified teachers.
- **World Animal Day – October 4**
  - **World Animal Day** is a social movement charged with the Mission of raising the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.
  - World Animal Day was originated by **Heinrich Zimmermann**. He organized the first World Animal Day on 24 March 1925 at the Sports Palace in Berlin, Germany.

  
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