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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Global Communication Association (GCA)**, a not-for-profit body of media and communication professionals, is organizing its 14th international conference of communication experts and specialists, in India, on 11-12 October 2018, in the historic 'Pink City' of **Jaipur**.
 - **GCA Jaipur 2018** conference focusing on '**Digital Inbound: Internet Communications and Beyond**', has aroused keen interest amongst many participants from around the globe coming from different academic and industry backgrounds.
- In collaboration with the **Haryana government**, Indian IT industry's apex body **Nasscom** launched in **Haryana** its **Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (CoE – IoT)**.
 - The aim of Nasscom's Centre of Excellence is to act as a perfect collaboration for innovation and high-end technologies.
- To promote innovative cooperation between students of **India and Russia**, a Memorandum of Understanding was exchanged between **India's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** and the **Russian Federation's SIRIUS** Educational Foundation in the presence of the PM Narendra Modi and the President of Russia Vladimir Putin, in New Delhi.
 - The MoU hopes to remove cultural and language barriers between students of Russia and India.
- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched the "**Nirman Kusuma Yojana**" to provide financial assistance to children of construction workers for pursuing technical education.
 - An ITI student will be entitled to get financial assistance of **Rs 23,600**, while a diploma student to get **Rs 26,300** per annum. A total of 1878 students will get benefit from the programme.
- **2nd edition of India Skills 2018**, India's biggest skill competition, was conducted in **New Delhi**. India Skills 2018 was organized by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. It aimed to identify, promote and reward the best talents in different skills.
 - Persons with disabilities also participated. These winners will participate at the World level competition in Abilympics in China.

- **International Conference on Women's Health, Wellness and Empowerment** was held in **Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh**. The conference was organised by the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India and the Kanpur Obstetric and Gynaecological Society.
 - Theme of the conference was: **"Give her wings and let her soar."** President Ram Nath Kovind addressed the conference.
- **India** signed a deal worth **\$5.43-billion to buy five Russian S-400 Triumf missile shield systems** at the **19th India-Russia annual bilateral summit at the Hyderabad House**. Apart from the **S-400 missile deal, India and Russia** also signed an agreement on space cooperation and an Indian monitoring station will be built near the **Russian city of Novosibirsk in Siberia**.
 - The S-400 Triumf missiles are extremely efficient to track and hunt down combat aircraft, even stealth planes, at unprecedented ranges.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Nearly 21 countries in the **Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA**, adopted the Delhi Declaration on Renewable Energy in the Indian Ocean Region. It was held at the 2nd IORA Renewable Energy Ministerial Meeting, the **2nd Global Re-Invest India-ISA Partnership Renewable Energy Investor's Meet & Expo** in Greater Noida.
 - The declaration also calls for promotion of **technology development and transfer, strengthening of public private partnerships in renewable energy and collaboration** among IORA member states and the member nations of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). IORA member countries also resolved to collaborate with the **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**.

ECONOMY

- The Monetary Policy Committee of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the repo rate unchanged at **6.5 percent**. The MPC changed the stance from **'neutral' to 'calibrated tightening'**. Consequently, the **reverse repo rate** under the LAF remains at **6.25%**, and the **marginal standing facility (MSF) rate** and the **Bank Rate** at **6.75%**.
 - Reserve Bank also retained GDP growth estimate at **7.4 per cent** for the **current financial year**, adding that it is likely to go up to **7.6 per cent in FY20**.

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** proposed new norms for **foreign portfolio investors (FPIs)** to attract long-term and stable FPI investments into debt markets while allowing them operational flexibility. The central bank, in consultation with the government and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has proposed a special route called **Voluntary Retention Route (VRR)** to encourage FPIs willing to make long-term investments in debt.
 - A foreign portfolio investor will be required to invest a minimum of **67%** of the committed portfolio size (CPS) within the one-month period.

APPOINTMENTS

- Indian advertising veteran and RK Swamy Hansa Group chairman **Srinivasan Swamy** took over as **new chairman and world president of the International Advertising Association (IAA)**. He takes over the reins from legendary advertising professional Felix Tataru from Romania.
- The government has **redesignated RN Ravi as deputy national security advisor (internal affairs)** from his earlier assignment as the chief of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC).
 - Ravi will be third deputy to **NSA Ajit Doval** after former Research and Analysis Wing chief Rajinder Khanna and serving diplomat Pankaj Saran.

AWARDS


- Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** gave awards to top Ranked State, District and State with maximum citizen participation based on the **National Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018** commissioned **by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation**.
 - **Haryana** was ranked as the **best State** while **Satara District of Maharashtra** was ranked as the **best district** as per the ranking undertaken by Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018. **Uttar Pradesh** was rewarded for **maximum citizens' participation**.
 - **Top 3 States**- 1) Haryana, 2) Gujarat 3) Maharashtra
 - **Top 3 Districts** 1) Satara, Maharashtra 2) Rewari, Haryana 3) Pedapalli, Telangana

SPORTS

- The **36th National Games** will be held from March 30 to April 14, 2019 in Goa. This announcement was made by Sports Authority of **Goa** (SAG) Executive Director V M Prabhudesai in Panaji. The Opening and Closing ceremonies will be held at PJN Stadium, Fatorda.
 - Shooting and cycling events will be held in New Delhi since Goa does not have the facilities for these sports.


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