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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, J P Nadda** inaugurated **‘2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products: Achieving the SDGs 2030’** in **New Delhi**.
 - At the function, Shri J P Nadda released the Position Paper and launched the Information Sharing Platform Gateway for South-East Asia Regulatory Network (**SEARN**) developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, which will promote regulatory and health collaboration among the countries of the **South-East Asia Region**.
- On the occasion of **86th anniversary**, the **Indian Air Force** has launched an innovative mobile health App named **‘MedWatch’** in keeping with the Prime Minister’s vision of **‘Digital India, Ayushman Bharat and Mission Indradhanush’**.
 - ‘MedWatch’ is the **first mobile health app** in the three Armed Services and was launched by Air Chief Marshal **BS Dhanoa**.
- Union Minister for Shipping, Road Transport & Highways and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation **Shri Nitin Gadkari** laid foundation stone for various development projects at **Basti in Uttar Pradesh**. This project undertakes development work of **354 km stretch of Ghagra river** under the **Sagarmala Programme of Ministry of Shipping**.
 - In 2016, the waterway from **Manjhighat at Ganga-Gaghra** river confluence to **Faizabad/Ayodhya** along **Gaghra** River was declared as **NW-40**.
- The **Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Auditorium** built with Indian grant assistance of **Rs. 300 million** at the **University of Ruhuna, Matara** in the **Southern Province**, was dedicated to the people of **Sri Lanka**.
 - The auditorium named after **Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore** is a symbol of cultural links with India.
- This year **Goa International Film Festival** from **20th to 28th of November** will have Jharkhand as a partner state. It was also decided to organize **Jharkhand Film Festival**, under Indian Panorama, in two towns of Jharkhand in the **first month of next year**.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** launched **‘India for Humanity’** initiative in **New Delhi**. It is a part of **150th Birth Anniversary** celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi

being held over the next one year.

- For this, MEA had collaborated with charitable organization **Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, BMVSS.**
- To tackle air pollution in the **National Capital Region**, Centre reconstituted **20-member Environment Pollution** (Prevention and Control) Authority or the **EPCA.**
 - The authority is headed by Former secretary **Bhure Lal.** The EPCA is mandated to enforce Graded Response Action Plan (**GRAP**) in the city as per the pollution levels. The tenure of the last EPCA expired on **October 3.**
- To create awareness and use technology in the right way to protect children's rights **UNICEF and NASSCOM** Foundation signed **an MOU** to strengthen child rights through meaningful business interventions.
 - According to the MOU, they will focus on **2 areas: National sensitisation on 'child online protection'** and Encouraging innovations for child rights.
- Governor of Odisha Prof Ganeshi Lal laid the foundation stone on country's **first 58-acre Second Generation (2G) Ethanol Bio-Refinery** plant at **Baulsingha** village in **Bargarh district of Odisha.**
 - This was announced in the presence of Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas **Dharmendra Pradhan.**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Japan's** passport has been named the most powerful in the world, overtaking Singapore, according to the **Henley Passport Index 2018.**
 - The Indian passport has secured the 81st rank with visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 60 destinations.
- To secure air sovereignty and promote peace and security, Ukraine along with United States and other NATO countries launched "**Clear Sky 2018**" war games, which will run until **October 19, in western Ukraine.**
 - 700 troops are participating with **NATO** countries such as the United States, Britain, the Netherlands, Poland and Romania. US will be represented by **F-15C Eagle fighter planes and C-130J Super Hercules.**

- US Ambassador to the United Nations **Nikki Haley** resigned directly to President Donald Trump. She served as US Ambassador to the **United Nations since 2017**.
 - At United Nations, she has been a vocal critic of **Russia** and a supporter of US sanctions. She will continue as the US Ambassador to the United Nations till the end of the year.

ECONOMY

- As per the IMF's latest report, India is projected to grow at **7.3% in 2018 and 7.4% in 2019**. The report predicted India to regain the tag of the **world's fastest**-growing major economy this year, crossing China with more than **0.7 percentage** points
 - In **China**, growth is projected to moderate from 6.9 per cent in **2017 to 6.6% in 2018 and 6.2 % in 2019**.

AWARDS

- World Number one **Simona Halep** and **Japan's Naomi Osaka** are among the players nominated for the Women's Tennis Association (**WTA**) Player of the Year award.
 - Other nominees for the prize are Angelique **Kerber, Petra Kvitova and Caroline Wozniacki**. The winners of the awards will be declared on **19 October**.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the '**Ramineni Awards 2018**' in Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh. The Ramineni Foundation's outstanding person award was presented to badminton coach Pullela Gopichand.
 - He also presented special awards to: Telugu literary legend **Garikapati Narasimha Rao**, film director Nag Ashwin Reddy and writer **C Venkata Ramana**.

SPORTS

- **India** bagged **three** more **gold** with two coming from athletics in a rich haul of **11 medals** to maintain its eighth spot on the third day of competitions at **the Para Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia**.
 - **Ekta Bhyan and Narayan Thakur** clinched a gold each in women's club throw event and men's dash respectively while para-shooter **Manish Narwal** bagged the

yellow metal in the men's SH1 10m air pistol event.

- The International Olympic Committee (**IOC**) had announced that the fourth edition of the Youth Olympic Games will be held in Dakar, Senegal. The **Dakar 2022 Youth Games will be the first-ever Olympic event in Africa.**
- **India** won their **first gold medal** at the **2018** Youth Olympic Games in **Buenos Aires, Argentina** with **Jeremy Lalrinnunga lifting 150kg in Men's 62kg** weightlifting on his last attempt for a combined 274kg. This is India's first-ever gold medal at the Youth Olympics.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 10th October 2018, **World Mental Health Day** was observed all over the world. This day creates awareness on mental health issues and support needed for mental health. In 1992, World Federation for **Mental Health** declared **October 10** as the **World Mental Health Day**.
 - **Theme: for World Mental Health Day 2018 is "Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World".**
- The national program of **Wild Life Week** concluded at the **National Zoological Park** in **New Delhi**. Wildlife Week is observed every year from **October 2 to 8**. **Wildlife Week is celebrated since 1952.**