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## NATIONAL NEWS

- IIT-Madras will collaborate with **Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)** to enhance data-driven governance. Through this engagement, the Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RBC DSAI ) at IIT-Madras has agreed to support the State government on various data science and ICT-related challenges.
    - The collaboration is expected to contribute towards various aspects of governance, including (but not limited to) education, healthcare, and agriculture, says a press release from **IIT-Madras**.
  - **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** will complete commissioning of its **second generation (2G) ethanol bio-refinery at Baulsingha village in Bargarh district of Odisha by 2020**.
    - The proposed plant will see an investment of Rs 1000 crore, the foundation stone of which was laid. This is the first biofuel plant in the country where **ethanol will be produced from rice straw**.
  - President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the **29th Accountants General Conference** at the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) building, at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, in New Delhi. This conference provides an opportunity to discuss on efforts needed to enhance accountability, transparency and good governance.
    - The theme of this year's conference is: "**Auditing and Accounting in a Digital Era**". Accountants General from all over India are taking part in the conference.
  - **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** issued a red alert for **Odisha and Andhra Pradesh** as a cyclonic storm called 'Titli' is advancing in the eastern coasts of the these states. The Cyclone has formed due to depression in the Bay of Bengal region which is intensifying and may have strong winds reaching 100 kmph along the Odisha coast.
  - **The 9-day 17th edition of Old World Theatre festival** was announced to commence from October 20, 2018. It will be organized by India Habitat Centre. It will showcase 15 plays on a pan-Indian constellation of original scripts from **Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Pune, Mumbai, and Kerala**.
    - It has been recognised by UNESCO as a "**Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity**".
  - **The External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** has formally launched 'India for
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Humanity' initiative to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The larger aim is to provide for the physical, economic and social rehabilitation of the differently-abled around the world.

- The MEA is collaborating with the renowned charitable organisation — **“Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti” (BMVSS)** for the implementation.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J P Nadda inaugurated **‘2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products: Achieving the SDGs 2030’ in New Delhi.**
  - The main objective of the 2nd World Conference 2018 is to take forward the recommendations from the 1st World Conference 2017 and build on the work done for access to medical products in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in line with General Programme of Work (GPW 13) of WHO.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- UK-based charity **‘Oxfam International’**’s report named **‘Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index** was released. India ranked 147th among 157 countries analysed and was labeled a “a very worrying situation” with respect to the rising inequality in the country.
  - Out of 157 countries measured, **Denmark topped** the list based on its high and progressive taxation, high social spending and good protection of workers.
- **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** has left for Paris on a three-day visit to France. Ms Sitharaman will hold wide-ranging talks with her French counterpart Florence Parly on ways to deepen strategic cooperation between the two countries and also deliberate on major regional and global issues of mutual interests.

## ECONOMY

- Tech major **IBM India and NITI Aayog** announced an **internship programme** for the top performing under-18 students selected by the ATAL Innovation Mission, a flagship programme of the government to promote entrepreneurship and innovation.
  - Over 40 high school students will go through a two-week paid internship at the IBM campus in Bangalore.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Advocate **Tushar Mehta** has been appointed as the new **Solicitor General of India**. He is currently serving as the Additional Solicitor General. The Solicitor General of India is the second-highest rank for a law officer of the government.
  - The post of the second highest ranking law officer of the government had fallen vacant after senior advocate Ranjit Kumar's resignation in December last year.
- The government appointed **58-year-old Pravin Srivastava**, as the chief statistician of India (CSI). His tenure will be till August 31, 2020. He will be succeeding previous incumbent Mr. TCA Anant.
  - He has also served secretary to the Indian Statistical Commission, popularly known as the Rangarajan Commission.

## AWARDS

- **Indus Towers**, world's largest telecom tower company (outside China), won the Deming Prize for 2018, being the first Indian company in the service sector and the fifth in the world to achieve this. The Deming Prize was bestowed on Indus Towers for distinctive performance improvements through the application of **Total Quality Management (TQM) practices**.
- **Veena Sendre from Chhattisgarh** has been chosen as **India's first 'Miss Trans Queen'**. Veena defeated Namita Ammu of Tamil Nadu to claim the title at the national-level beauty contest organised in Mumbai. Sendre, a former Miss Chhattisgarh, belongs to Mandir Hasaud village in Raipur.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- China successfully launched **two remote sensing satellites** belonging to the Yaogan-32 family by a Long March-2C rocket with an upper stage on its top, from the Jiuquan

Satellite Launch Center in China. The remote sensing satellites have been launched to conduct electromagnetic environmental probes.

- The satellites have entered the planned orbits. They will be involved in electromagnetic environment surveys and related technology tests.

## SPORTS

- International Olympic Committee (IOC) has made **Senegal the host of the 2022 Youth Olympic Games**, making it the first African host of any Olympics. Senegal will host the youth games in 3 places: Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly.

  
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