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NATIONAL NEWS

- NITI Aayog released model guidelines for Public – Private partnership (PPP) in Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). According to the guidelines, the private partner will invest in upgrading, building and deploying human resources and hold the responsibility for operational management and service delivery.
 - State governments will offer necessary physical space. Tariff structure for services offered under NCD care facility could be linked to the existing state and Central Government Health Insurance scheme. All service under NCD care facility will be offered by a single entity: a trust, company or consortium under the PPP arrangement.
- **The government** launched a national campaign **‘Swasth Bharat Yatra’ on the World Food Day** under which a pan-India cycle rally is being organised to sensitise people about eating safe food and be healthy.
 - The ‘Swasth Bharat Yatra’ was launched simultaneously at Leh (in Jammu & Kashmir), Panaji (Goa), Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Puducherry, Ranchi (Jharkhand) and Agarthala (Tripura).
- **A big Indian tricolour** measuring 20×30 feet and 350 feet above the ground was **unfurled at the majestic Haj House in Mumbai** by Union Minister for Minority Affairs **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**.
 - **Naqvi** also inaugurated a special **‘viewers gallery’** atop the Haj House that offers a panoramic view of south Mumbai with several renowned monuments like CSMT, the BMC Buildings, the Gateway of India, the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco district which secured a UNESCO world heritage tag last July.
- **India** has been ranked as the **58th** most competitive economy on the World **Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness Index for 2018**, which was **topped by the US**. India’s rank rose by five places from 2017, the largest gain among G20 economies.
 - On the list of 140 economies, the US is followed by Singapore and Germany at the second and the third positions respectively
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** will be on a three-day visit to Belgium later this week to attend the **12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit**, the first

multilateral dialogue that he will attend after taking office. Naidu will lead an Indian delegation to the summit, scheduled to be held on October 18-19 in Brussels.

- According to a **World Health Organization report, India** is the **world's most depressed country**, closely followed by China and the US. According to the 2015-16 **National Mental Health Survey (NMHS)**, every sixth person in India needs mental health help of some sort. **The United Kingdom** remains the most breached country in the region.
 - The Aadhaar custodian **UIDAI had denied any breach of data** but it had also filed police complaint against the journalist Rachna Khaira and people to whom she reached out as part of her investigation.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Canada** has become the **second** country after Uruguay to **legalise** possession and use of recreational **cannabis**. Canadian provinces and municipalities have been preparing for months for the end of cannabis prohibition. They are responsible for setting out where cannabis can be bought and consumed. This has created a patchwork of more or less restrictive legislation across the country.
- **Sri Lanka** has set up a **committee** to formulate a strategy to help **Sri Lankan businesses** invest more into the Indian market. The '**Break Into India Strategy Committee**' appointed **by the Ministry of Development strategies and International trade**.
 - Both countries recently held 11th round of talks on **Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement (ETCA)** meant to expand free trade agreement beyond goods, to cover services, investment, etc.

APPOINTMENTS

- **HMD Global**, which designs and sells phones under the **Nokia** brand has appointed Bollywood actress **Alia Bhatt** as the '**face of Nokia phones**' in India.

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As part of the partnership, a print campaign with Bhatt has been initiated already to mark the festive season.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Chinese scientists have developed a new **nanogenerator** that can apply **energy from human motions** to continuously **power wearable electronic devices**. Scientists of Zhengzhou University have developed a washable and wearable nanogenerator based on hydrophobic nanofiber.
 - It has a woven structure. It can be attached to clothes to convert mechanical energy generated by human activities into electrical energy. This research was published in the Journal of Materials Chemistry A.

SPORTS

- **Suraj Panwar** won **India's first medal in athletics** at the **Youth Olympic Games 2018** after claiming the silver medal in the **men's 5000m race walk** event. The 17-year-old's silver was India's third overall medal in athletics in the history of the Youth Olympic Games.

AWARDS

- Social Entrepreneur **Suheil F. Tandon** has won the **International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant Award** for his contribution to sports for development. The award ceremony was held during the Olympism in Action forum **at Buenos Aires**.

BOOKS

- **Stephen Hawking's** final work, which tackles issues from the existence of God to the potential for time travel, was launched by his children, who helped complete the book after the British astrophysics giant's death.
 - Hawking was forever being asked the same things and started work on "**Brief Answers to the Big Questions**" last year.


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