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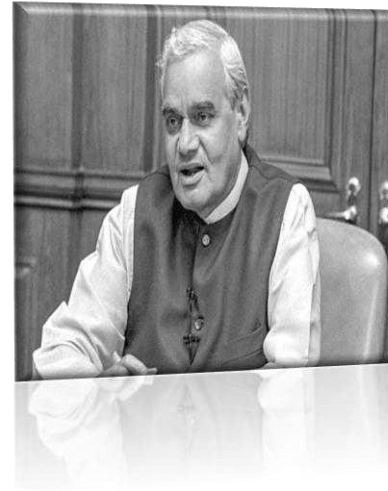
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **India** for the first time announced a railway station named, **the Keylong station**, to be built inside a tunnel at a height of **3,000 metres** in **Himachal Pradesh**. This will be built along the **Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line** close to the **Sino-India border**. The station will be at a height of around **3,000 metres** and will be inside a **27-km-long tunnel**.
 - Keylong is the administrative centre of Lahaul and Spiti district, 26 km north of Manali and 120 km from the Indo-Tibetan border.
- The **Prime Minister's Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC)** announced its order to make it mandatory for medium and large enterprises in key sectors to set aside funds for **research and development**. The high-level panel wants the private sector to have a share of at least **1% of GDP by 2022**.
 - **An Advanced Mission Mode Innovation and Research (ADMIRE)** is proposed to be launched by line ministries to provide direct R&D grants to industry on a 50-50 model through competitive bidding.
- **Kuligod in Karnataka's Belagavi district** is the **country's best developed village**, but more than a third of the gram panchayats ranked in the top 10 are in Andhra Pradesh, according to the findings of an ongoing **Rural Development Ministry survey**.
 - There are 97 panchayats in the top 10 ranks. Of these, 37 panchayats are in Andhra Pradesh while 24 are in Tamil Nadu. The **Rural Development Ministry** has done a gap analysis of more than 3.5 lakh villages, in more than 1.6 lakh panchayats under the Mission **Antyodaya convergence scheme**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has made the **man-animal conflict** a '**State Declared Disaster**' bringing such incidents under the ambit of **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** to ensure better coordination and relief during such mishaps in the state.
 - Taking the historical decision to this effect, the state government has issued orders which will enable faster monetary relief to the victims of attack of wild animals.

- The **National Commission for Women (NCW)** launched a dedicated e-mail address to report instances of sexual harassment at workplace. The email address is: **ncw.metoo@gmail.com**. It was done after receiving formal written complaints from various women about instances of sexual harassment at their workplace.
- **India** will host the **fourth** edition of **Global Partners' Forum** on 12th and 13th December 2018 **in New Delhi**. **The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH)** will unite over 100 countries' representatives to discuss issues, strategies and solutions to women's, children's and adolescents' health. It will be co-hosted by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** and **PMNCH**.
- **A parliamentary panel** will examine the functioning of retirement fund body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (**EPFO**), its coverage and recovery of arrears. The parliamentary standing committee on labour has also decided to review the implementation of labour laws, social security and welfare scheme for workers.
 - The panel will be **headed by BJP MP Kirit Somaiya** and has selected a wide range of subjects related to labourers.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The world's longest sea bridge **Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge** between China-Hong Kong will be opened for traffic on October 24, 2018. The bridge is **55 kilometers** long. It is situated in the Lingdingyang waters of the Pearl River Estuary.
 - The construction of this bridge started in December 2009. It will reduce travel time between Hong Kong and Zhuhai, in China, from 3 hours to 30 minutes. It will also integrate the cities in the Pearl River Delta.
- **Singapore Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen** at a gathering of **ASEAN defence ministers in Singapore** announced commencement of **first** joint maritime exercises of **China and ASEAN countries** on last week of October.
 - The navies of China and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will hold ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise in the South China Sea near the city of **Zhanjiang**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **China's** home-grown amphibious aircraft **AG600**, claimed by Beijing as the **world's largest**, carried out its first take-off and landing on waters.
 - Developed and built by the state-owned aircraft giant **Aviation Industry Corporation of China**, the seaplane took off from the Zhanghe Reservoir in Jingmen, Hubei's province.
- The **European Space Agency and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency** as successfully lifted a spacecraft through **Ariane 5 rocket** carrying two probes into orbit for a joint mission to **Mercury, the closest planet to the sun**. The unmanned **BepiColombo spacecraft** successfully separated and was sent into orbit from French Guiana as planned to begin a seven-year journey to Mercury.
 - When it arrives, BepiColombo will release two probes — **Bepi and Mio** — that will independently investigate the surface and magnetic field of Mercury.

SPORTS

- **Force India** has announced a one-year extension for 2019 for Formula One Mexican driver Sergio Perez. **Sergio Perez** has been with Force India since 2014. He is in 7th position in the 2018 championship standings. He has held the 7th position since 2016.

AWARDS

- Union Minister for Railways, Coal and Corporate Affairs **Piyush Goyal** will receive the prestigious **Carnot prize** for his contribution towards sustainable energy solutions.
 - The award in the energy sector is named after French physicist **Nicolas Sadi Carnot** who recognised that the power of the steam engine would “produce a great revolution” in human development.

BOOKS

- The **biography** of UP Chief Minister '**Yogi Adityanath: The Rise of a Saffron Socialist**' is now amongst best seller books. The book written **by Pravin Kumar**. The life of Yogi Adityanath ji is full of changes. The book traces his fascinating journey and also the history of the Gorakhnath Temple and the Nath sect.


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