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NATIONAL NEWS

- **NITI Aayog** has organized the **fourth edition of NITI Lecture Series** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 4th edition of NITI Lecture series in which the keynote address was delivered **by Jensen Huang, President and Co-Founder, NVIDIA Corporation.**
 - The theme for this year is **“AI for ALL: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Inclusive Growth”.**
- On **Police Commemoration Day**, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, dedicated the **National Police Memorial** to the nation. He also announced an annual award in the name of **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**, to honour the police and paramilitary personnel, involved in disaster response operations.
 - PM Modi also commemorated the **75th anniversary** of Netaji’s declaration of the formation of India’s first independent government- the **Azad Hind Government on October 21, 1943.**
- **4** Himalayan peaks near Gangotri have been named after former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. This was done during an expedition conducted by **Nehru Institute of Mountaineering** and the **tourism department.**
 - They climbed the peaks located at 6,557, 6,566, 6,160 and 6,100 metres on the right flank of Gangotri glacier, and named them **Atal-1, 2, 3 and 4**, while hoisting the national flag. The peaks are located near Sudarshan and Saifi peaks in **Raktvan valley.**
- **India’s longest river bridge to be built on Brahmaputra river in Assam.** It was announced that India’s **longest river bridge** will be built across the **Brahmaputra**, connecting **Dhubri in Assam to Phulbari in Meghalaya, by 2026-27.** It will be a **19.3 km, four-lane** bridge that will cut road travel by **203 km .**
 - Currently, the longest river bridge in India, at **9.15 km**, is the **Dhola-Sadiya Bridge** which was opened in 2017.
- A **parliamentary panel** will examine the functioning of retirement fund body **Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**, its coverage and recovery of arrears. The panel will be headed by BJP MP **Kirit Somaiya.**
 - Earlier, the panel had suggested that the EPFO should **act as the sole regulator** for all categories of provident funds, particularly **private PF trusts.**
- **Angria, India’s first luxury cruise ship**, has been inaugurated at **Mumbai.** Union minister for shipping Nitin Gadkari and Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis flagged-off the cruise which will operate between **Mumbai and Goa.**
 - Named after the first Maratha Navy **Admiral Kanhoji Angre** and the Angria bank coral reef near Vijaydurg, the luxury ship has 104 rooms, divided into eight different categories.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **A UN-backed fund** has approved more **than 1 billion dollars for 19 new projects** to help developing countries tackle climate change. Officials overseeing the **South Korea-based Green Climate Fund** stated the funding approved at the meeting in Manama includes projects linked to geothermal energy in Indonesia, greener cities in Europe and West Asia, and protection for coastal communities in India.
- The **seventh** meeting of education ministers of member states of **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** was held **in Astana, capital city of Kazakhstan**. Participants in the meeting included education ministers from India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India was represented by Minister of State (MoS) Human Resource Development **Satyapal Singh**.
- **India, Japan and the U.S.** are set to elevate the bilateral **'Cope India' air exercise** to a trilateral format. The three countries already conduct naval war games under the expanded Malabar naval exercise. The U.S. had proposed a trilateral air exercise between India, Japan and the U.S. For this, the Cope India exercise will be elevated to a trilateral level in phases.
 - The next edition is scheduled to be held in December 2018 for which the Final Planning Conference to finalise the modalities of the exercise is scheduled **in Kalaikunda, West Bengal**.

SPORTS

- **Mumbai** has defeated **Delhi** by four wickets to win their third **Vijay Hazare Trophy** title at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru. Mumbai last won the trophy way back in 2006-07 when they defeated Rajasthan. **Aditya Tare** struck a fluent half-century. He was rewarded with Player of the match award.
- **Spain's Marc Marquez** won MotoGP world champion for the fifth time in six years in the Japanese MotoGP. Honda factory rider becomes the youngest rider to win five premier class titles.
 - Marquez's Repsol Honda teammate Cal Crutchlow of Britain finished second.

AWARDS

- Grammy-winning Hindustani classical music instrumentalist **Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt** will be honoured with the annual **Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award**.

- The two-day **Indian classical music festival** scheduled to be held on October 21-22, this year, will be dedicated to saint-musician-composer Pandit Kunwar Shyam, and celebrate the rich ‘Guru-Shishya’ tradition. It will be Organised by the **Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana**.
- **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced an **annual award in the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** for police and paramilitary forces for commendable contributions in disaster relief operations. He announced this while dedicating the **National Police Memorial to the nation in New Delhi** on the occasion of **Police Commemoration Day (21st October)**.

BOOKS

- Veteran commentator and cricket statistician **Vijayan Bala** launched his new book **“Indian Sports: Conversations and Reflections”**. It is a compilation of interviews of eminent sportspersons he has conducted since **1971**.
 - Earlier, he had published a book on Statistics called **‘Indian Test Cricket back in 1974’**. In 2016, he authored a second book **“The Complete Indian Sports Quiz”** inaugurated by sports minister Rathore.

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