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NATIONAL NEWS

- To mark the beginning of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi and Swachh Bharat Mission, the President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention in New Delhi**. It was organised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- The **Assam government** will launch the **Universal Pension scheme** in the state on the 2nd October, the birth anniversary of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. The State Cabinet also decided to exempt small tea growers from the levy of cess amounting to 10 paise per kilogram.
 - Under the scheme, the pension will be given to citizens over **60 years** of age. The Cabinet also sanctioned an amount of **50 lakh** rupees to filmmaker **Rima Das** whose movie **Village Rockstar** has been nominated for Oscars.
- **The Assam government** will provide **electricity connection** to all households by **December 31st** this year under **SOUVAGYA scheme**. Over 13 lakh families remaining will get connection by this year and 40 thousand solar connection would be given at difficult areas.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence** in New Delhi in which the Vice-Chancellors, Directors from more than 350 universities participated.
 - The theme of the conference is to deliberate on challenges facing the Indian education system and to work out a plan for a paradigm shift both in terms of achieving academic outcomes and also in the regulation of education.
- **In Madhya Pradesh**, the first corn festival of the country is being held in Chhindwara. The festival is one of a kind international event. **Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest corn producing states** in India, with Chhindwara being the highest corn producing district.
- **The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission, has partnered with **Google** to launch the **Loo Review campaign** to encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.
 - Google is a committed partner in achieving the Government's vision of a Swachh Bharat. **'Public toilets near me'** is a feature that is supported across Google Maps, Search and the Assistant.
- NITI Aayog on behalf of government of India signed the **'Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) for 2018-2022'**. It was

signed between: CEO NITI Aayog, **Amitabh Kant** and United Nations Resident Coordinator in India, **Yuri Afanasiev**.

- It comprises of **seven priority areas** that outline the work that UN agencies will undertake jointly or individually, fully aligned with the priorities of the GoI. NITI Aayog is the national counterpart for the UN in India for the operationalization of the UNSDF.
- India and Japan sign Loan Agreement for Construction of **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (I)** and **Kolkata East West Metro Project (III)** with **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**, in **New Delhi**.
 - Objective of the individual projects: Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (I) will construct high speed rail between **Mumbai and Ahmedabad** with Japanese technology for mass transportation. Kolkata East West Metro Project (III) will reduce traffic demand in Kolkata metropolitan area.
- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** will kick off an innovative initiative **in New Delhi on 1st October, 2018. Titled SATAT**, the initiative is aimed at providing a **Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT)** as a developmental effort that would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs.
 - It will be initiated with **PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs ,i.e. IOC, BPCL and HPCL)** inviting **Expression of Interest (EoI)** from potential entrepreneurs to set up Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) production plants and make available CBG in the market for use in automotive fuels.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Typhoon Trami hit Japan's** southern island of **Okinawa** with a maximum speed of 216 kilometres per hour. Some 600 people have been evacuated to shelters and at least 386 flights have been cancelled mainly in western Japan.
- **China** will hold the **fifth World Internet Conference (WIC)** in its **river town of Wuzhen in November**. This year's WIC will be held in China's Zhejiang province under the theme of **"creating a digital world for mutual trust and collective governance — towards a community with a shared future in cyberspace"**.

ECONOMY

- **Fitch Ratings** placed Bank of Baroda's (**BoB**) **viability rating** on '**rating watch negative**' following the government announcement to merge it with Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank. VRs represent Fitch's view as to the intrinsic creditworthiness of an issuer. BoB's VR stands at '**bb**' – which denotes moderate prospects for ongoing viability.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Senior diplomat Vikram Misri** has been appointed as **India's next ambassador to China**. He will replace **Gautam Bambawale**. Misri, a 1989-batch India Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is presently serving as Indian envoy in Myanmar.
 - He has served in various Indian Missions in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. Misri had taken charge as India's Ambassador to Myanmar on August 31, 2016.

AWARDS

- Tourism Minister **K J Alphons** presented **National Tourism Awards 2016-17** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The awards were given in various segments of the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Industry. **Qutub Minar** bagged an award for being the **best monument for differently-abled**, while **Ahmedabad** and **Mandu** were jointly declared the '**Best Heritage City**' in the country.
 - **Andhra Pradesh** bagged the **first** prize in state category for **comprehensive development of tourism**. It got the prize for promoting Andhra Pradesh Tourism as a global tourism brand whereas **Kerala** bagged the **second** prize for comprehensive development of tourism and **Rajasthan & Goa** jointly shared the **third** prize
 - '**INTACH Heritage Walks Delhi**' along with '**Indore Heritage Walk**' were together announced winners in the category of '**Best Heritage Walk**'.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Heart Day** is celebrated every year on **September 29**, Organised by the World Heart Federation.
 - '**Your heart, my heart**' is the 'World Heart Day **Theme**: this year.
- **World Maritime Day 2018**
 - Every year the International Maritime Organization (IMO) celebrates **World**

Maritime Day on 27 September.

- The year 2018 marks **70** years of the IMO, and the **theme** for the Day is '**IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future**'.

