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#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

- India jumped 23 positions in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index 2019 and is now ranked 77 out of 190 countries in 2018, a development that could help the country attract more foreign investments. It was ranked 100 in 2017. India has become the topranked country in South Asia for the first time and third among the BRICS.
  - According to the Doing Business Report (DBR, 2019), New Zealand topped the list, followed by Singapore, Denmark, and Hong Kong.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the renaming of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as "Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda".
   Veer Surendra Sai is a well-known freedom fighter of Odisha.
  - Renaming of the Jharsuguda airport in his name will fulfill the long-pending demand of the Odisha Government, which reflects the sentiments of the local public of the respective area.
- India Mobile Congress is one of the biggest marquee Mobile, Internet, and Technology event for South-East Asia organized by COAI and DoT. IMC 2018 was held in Aerocity, New Delhi. The congress was held under the theme of NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS.
  - The congress aims at building ideas, forging lasting Industry relationships, showcasing cutting-edge mobile technology & product trends, providing sectoral insights, industrial solutions, case studies & workshops.
- To review the current global and domestic economic situation and financial sector
  performance, the 19th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council
  (FSDC) was held under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Finance and
  Corporate Affairs, Shri ArunJaitley in New Delhi.
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences,
   Environment, Forest and Climate Change announced that the Kingdom of Netherlands
   will be the Partner Country 25th DST CII Technology Summit to be organized in 2019.
   This was announced at the Silver Jubilee edition of Technology Summit 2019.
  - The 25th Technology Summit -2019 will be made a global event and the visit of their Prime Minister to India in May 2018 has marked the 10th anniversary of Science, Technology & Innovation collaboration between the two countries.
- India and Russia inked a \$950 -million deal for inducting two new warships equipped with Brahmos missiles in the India Navy. The two frigates of the Project 11356 class will be bought directly from Russia and 2 more will be built in an Indian Shipyard.
  - o The gas turbines will be built at a local yard and the state-owned Goa Shipyard has been

nominated for building the 2 more frigates.

• PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's memorial on the leader's 143rd birth anniversary in Gujarat's Narmada district. Called the Statue of Unity, the bronze sculpture is the world's tallest statue measuring 600 feet (182m) and overshadows China's Spring Temple Buddha (153m) and USA's Statue of Liberty (93m). The memorial was constructed in 33 months at Rs2,989 crore.

#### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

- In the latest ranking of the **Global Passport Index**, he Indian passport was ranked **66th** in the world. in the latest ranking of the **Global Passport Index**, he Indian passport was ranked 66th in the world. Other than India, **Kyrgyzstan and Zimbabwe** share the 66th rank.
  - Singapore and Germany have the world's "most powerful" passport with access to 165 countries.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed his Italian counterpart Giuseppe Conte, who is on a day-long visit to India. During his visit, PM Conte will hold talks with PM Modi to boost cooperation in key areas such as trade and investment, besides participating in the India-Italy Technology Summit.

### **ECONOMY**

- The State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, was authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds with effect from October 1 to 10. These could be done at 29 of the bank's authorised branches.
  - According to the provisions of the Electoral Bond scheme notified in January this year, these bonds could be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or an entity incorporated or established in India.

#### **AWARDS**

- Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai will be conferred the 2018 Gleitsman Award on 6th December 2018. This announcement was made by Harvard's Kennedy School. Malala Yousafzai will be honoured by Harvard University for her work in promoting girls' education.
  - Malala Yousafzai became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. She was awarded for her global work in supporting schooling for all children.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

• Justice Vijai Kumar Bist was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court. Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad administered Justice Vijai Kumar Bist the oath of office at Ashirwad Hall, Raj Bhavan. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist replaces Justice Satish Kumar Agnihotri, who superannuated on June 31, 2018.

#### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- India's indigenously developed nuclear-capable Agni-1 ballistic missile had a successful 2nd time night time test, conducted from Dr Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. The test was undertaken as a part of periodic training activity by the Strategic Forces Command (SFC).
  - It was developed by advanced systems laboratory of the DRDO with Defence Research
     Development Laboratory and Research Centre Imaratand integrated by Bharat
     Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad.

SPORTS

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• Nineteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani has won the second leg of the Asian Snooker Tour in Jinan, China. Advani delivered a power-packed performance to outclass China's Ju Reti 6-1 in the final and become the first Indian to win an Asian Snooker Tour event.