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NATIONAL NEWS

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Manipur government** and **IL&FS Township and Urban Assets Limited** and **Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt. Ltd.** for implementation of Smart City Project in Imphal.
 - According to the MoU, the companies will design, develop, manage and implement Smart City Projects under the Smart City Mission in Imphal. The project will be finished within 3 years.
- The Kerala government has commenced a scheme to offer free education and vocational training to the children of fishermen who died or went missing in the **2017 Ockhi cyclonic storm**. **Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** announced that government would allocate Rs 13.92 crore from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund.
 - It expects that 194 students, which includes children at all levels, from lower primary to professional colleges, have been identified as beneficiaries. This Project will continue till **2037**.
- The Union cabinet has approved setting up of '**Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh**'. The proposed university will come up after necessary amendment in the Central Universities Act.
 - The 'Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh' will be set up in Relli village of Vizianagaram District as provided under the Thirteenth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** embarked on a three-day visit to France. He will be representing India at the **Paris Peace Forum being held to commemorate the centenary of the end to the First World War**.
 - The aim of Paris Peace Forum is to establish a global platform to reaffirm the importance of multilateralism, international cooperation and reform of global governance institutions.
- The Union Cabinet has approved strategic sale of government stake in **Dredging Corporation of India to consortium of four ports**. The government currently holds 73.44 per cent in Dredging Corporation of India Ltd(DCIL).

- Dredging Corporation of India Limited, or DCI, is a **Miniratna Indian public sector unit engaged in the business of dredging**. DCI does dredging for Indian seaports exclusively.
- **The Reserve Bank of India** is likely to establish **an ombudsman for digital payments by March 2019** to take the load off the increasing number of complaints currently being handled by the banking ombudsman.
 - Given the rapid adoption of digital payments across the country, RBI in its Annual Report for 2017-18 had announced that it was considering a plan to establish a separate ombudsman to handle consumer complaints related to digital transactions

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- US President **Donald Trump** said Attorney General **Jeff Sessions'** chief of staff, Matthew Whitaker, will be acting attorney general. It marked the first cabinet member exit from the Trump administration after the midterm elections.

ECONOMY

- **India** pledged contributions of **\$13.36 million for the various UN agencies and development activities**. India's pledged contributions include \$4.5 million to the UN Development Programme, \$5 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Near East, \$1.92 million to the World Food Programme.
 - About 19 countries pledged a total of \$425.69 million at the Pledging Conference, reflecting an increase from the 2017 amount of \$398.98 million.
- The **Indian economy** will expand **7.4 per cent in 2018**, but the growth will slow down to **7.3 per cent in the next year** as domestic demand tapers on higher borrowing cost due to rising interest rates, **Moody's Investors Service** said.
 - In its report titled '**Global Macro Outlook 2019-20**', Moody's said the economy grew 7.9 per cent in the first half (January-June) of 2018, which reflects post demonetisation base effect.

AWARDS

- **Arunima Sinha**, the Indian mountaineer who became the **world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest in 2013**, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by a prestigious UK university for her inspirational achievements.
 - Ms Sinha, 30, was conferred with the honorary doctorate by the University of Strathclyde at a graduation ceremony in Glasgow. She was honoured in the Barony Hall for her inspirational achievements in mountaineering.

SPORTS

- **Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia** touched a new high in his career by achieving the **number one rank in the world in the 65kg category**. The 24-year-old Bajrang, who has won five medals this season, including **CWG and Asian Games gold and a silver at the World Championship**, was placed atop the ranking table **with 96 points in the UWW list**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is celebrated every year on **10 November**. The theme for 2018 is **“Science, a Human Right”**. The day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The day was **proclaimed by UNESCO in 2001**.