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## NATIONAL NEWS

- The **25th** edition of **SIMBEX**, an acronym for “**Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise**” started off of **Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal**. The 2018 edition marks the Silver Jubilee of SIMBEX and will continue till **November 21, 2018**. The sea phase of this year’s edition is being conducted under the Command of Rear Admiral **Dinesh K Tripathi**, NM, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet.
  - Sea Phase from 12 to 16 November in the Andaman Sea. The second harbour phase from 16 to 19 November will be held at **Visakhapatnam – ‘the City of Destiny’**.
- State-owned **NBCC** (formerly National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited) signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to **acquire Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC)**.
  - HSCC functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It offers consultancy services in healthcare and other social sectors in India and other countries.
- **Nagaland** Chief Minister **Neiphiu Rio** launched GPS Mapping of **Government Schools and Personnel Location System** in **Kohima**. This would help in computerization and digitization of records of all the government schools.
  - This is a first in the country initiative and was under taken by the School Education Department of the state.
- **West Bengal** cabinet, headed by CM **Mamata Banerjee**, decided to set up development boards for the **Matua and Namasudra** communities. The names of the two boards will be: West Bengal Namasudra Welfare Board and West Bengal Matua Welfare Board.
  - The boards will also ensure better implementation of the government’s developmental projects.
- According to a recent research by **National bureau of economic research (NBER)**, analysis of the current status of mobility in urban India, using Google maps was conducted. The name of the research paper is: **‘Mobility & Congestion in Urban India’**.

- Election Commission has set up **‘Sangwari’ polling booths** in various constituencies of **Chhattisgarh** to encourage women voters to vote in the Assembly elections. ‘Sangwari’ means friend, in Chhattisgarhi dialect. These women friendly booths will be manned by all-female staff like presiding officers, supervisors and security personnel.
  - Chief Electoral Officer of Chhattisgarh, Subrat Sahoo announced that, 5 Sangwari Polling Centres have been set up for women in every assembly segments.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- China has involved India as a digital partner, as part of Beijing’s drive to cyber-connect with Eurasia, its new frontier for trade and investments. At a conference on defining common international standards for two-dimensional (2D) barcodes, Chinese officials announced that India is already on board in this global exercise.
- The **5th World Internet Conference (WIC)**, also known as the **Wuzhen Summit**, was held in **Wuzhen, China**. The conference aimed to bring out exchanges, mutual learning, cooperation and sharing in the digital fields and stressed on peace and development of the global cyberspace.
  - Two reports were released on Internet development in China and the world. More than 20 themed forums and discussions were conducted.
- **Palau** became the first country in the world to impose a ban on **sunscreens** toxic to coral reefs. The laws passed by the Western Pacific nation will go into effect in 2020. This is part of a larger push to reduce the impact of tourism on the archipelago.
  - Additionally, **Thailand** also announced in October that it would have to close **Maya Bay** indefinitely.

## APPOINTMENT

- Former IAS officer **Ashok Kumar Gupta** was appointed the **chairperson** of the

**Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. This was done by the **Corporate Affairs Ministry**. He replaced acting chairperson Mr. **Sudhir Mittal**.

- **Abhay Kumar** was appointed the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of **Madagascar**. He is an Indian Foreign Service Officer (IFS) of the 2003 batch. At present he is Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the Indian Embassy of Brasilia.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee**, have developed fluorescent carbon nanodots for **simultaneous detection and destruction of cancer cells**. The nanosized (10-9 metre) carbon materials would serve as therapeutic and diagnostic agents for cancer. They have been extracted from the leaves of the rosy periwinkle plant.
  - The research team is led by P Gopinath. The research is supported by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Union Ministry of Science and Technology.
- **Xinhua, China's** state-run press agency, unveiled the **world's first artificial intelligence (AI) anchor** that can read news in English and Chinese. Two AI news anchors were unveiled. One reads news in English and the other in Chinese.
  - The virtual newsreaders combine the images and voices of human anchors with AI technology. They have minimal facial expressions and lip movements.

## ECONOMY

- According to a report by research firm **Canalys, India** overtook **US** as the **2nd** largest smartphone market after **China**. China saw a shipment of **100.6 million** smartphones in the 3rd quarter followed by India which saw **40.4 million** units during the same period.
  - Worldwide smartphone shipments fell by 7.2 per cent year-on-year to 348.9 million units during July-September 2018, a fourth consecutive quarter of decline.

- The **Reserve Bank of India** cancelled the certificate of registrations of as many as 31 non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) for unspecified reasons. This can be seen from the fact that it also cancelled the certificate of registrations of **17** NBFCs following a request by them for the same.

## AWARDS

- **Jawahar Lal Sarin** was conferred with France's highest civilian honour '**Knight of the Legion of Honour**'. It was given by French Ambassador to India **Alexandre Ziegler**.
  - He received the honor due to his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and **promoting the French language**.

## SPORTS

- **Saurabh Netravalkar**, a former Mumbai medium pacer and India U-19 cricketer, has been appointed **captain** of the **United States national cricket team**. He was India's highest wicket-taker in the 2010 U-19 World Cup. He also played Ranji Trophy for a season.