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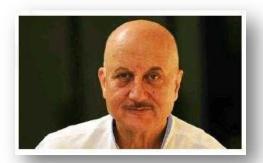
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated first multi-modal terminal constructed on river Ganga in his Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi. He reiterated that the foundation stones for various projects have been laid to make Ganga pollution-free.
 - The Prime Minister said with the completion of the multi-modal terminal,
 east Uttar Pradesh has now beenconnected to the Bay of Bengal.
- The 24th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) began at the Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal. It was jointly inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Dadasaheb Phalke awardee Soumitra Chatterjee and veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan.
- Deep Depression over Southeast and adjoining Central Bay of Bengal intensified into a Cyclonic storm 'Gaja'. The Met Department predicts that it is very likely to intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 24 hours.
 - The Met department advised fishermen not to venture into Andaman Sea during the next 12 hours.
- Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested a female over-ground worker (OGW) carrying ammunition including grenades and live rounds. The woman was arrested during a search operation at a check-point in Lawaypora area on the outskirts of Srinagar city. A case has been registered under relevant sections of law and a probe has been initiated in the matter.
- 2-day Global Cooling Innovation Summit was inaugurated by Union Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi. It is a first-of-its-kind solutions-focused event which aims to address the climate threat that comes from the growing demand from room air conditioners.
 - It also launched Global Cooling Prize— Mission Innovation challenge that will promote development of a residential cooling solution that has at least five times (5x) less climate impact than today's standard.
- Tripura's forest and tribal welfare minister, **Mevar Kumar Jamatia**, inaugurated first **ever "Water Handloom Hut"** in the North East region at **Loktak Lake** in

Imphal, Manipur. It is part of the **5** water handloom huts built on phumdis (floating biomass) at Loktak Lake in **Bishnupur** district.

 The huts will improve the socio-economic conditions of the weavers residing in the phumdis at Laktak Lake and build tourism.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit began in Singapore. Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong is the Chairman of the Summit, which will continue till 15th November along with other related summits like East Asia Summit (EAS), Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) and ASEAN plus summits.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the East Asia Summit and Associated meetings of ASEAN on 14th and 15th November in Singapore.
- India and Morocco signed an agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. This MOU will strengthen bilateral cooperation, provide a broad legal framework for prevention, investigation and prosecution of crimes. It will also help in tracing, restraint and confiscation of funds meant to finance terrorist acts.
 - This was a part of the minister's resolve to jointly counter the threats posed by organized crime and terrorism.
- The Third Edition Of The FinTech Festival Kicks Off In Singapore Alongside The ASEAN Summit. It Will Begin With The Three-Day Fintech Conference. Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, will address the audience on the third day of the FinTech Conference.

APPOINTMENT

• Former IAS officer Ashok Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the chairperson of the Competition Commission of India. It was approved by the Appointments

Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

 The appointment would be till October 25, 2022. Gupta would replace acting chairperson Sudhir Mital.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Spiking Neural Network Architecture (SpiNNaker) machine, the world's largest supercomputer designed to work like the human brain has been switched on for the first time. It has a million-processor-core. It can complete over 200 million actions per second. Each of its chips have 100 million transistors.
 - It follows the massively parallel communication architecture of the brain to send information simultaneously to thousands of destinations.
- Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) has developed a portable solar-powered cold storage device for storing vegetables, fruits, etc. It has storage facility with temperature in the range of 4 to 10 degree Celsius.
 - The project was funded by Department of Science and Technology (Ministry of Science and Technology) and IIT-M.

AWARDS

- Indian mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta became the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea. He summited an elevation of 4,367 metres which will be followed by Mt Wilhelm the highest mountain of Papua New Guinea.
- Young writer-critic **Dr Debabhuson Borah** was announced as the winner of the prestigious **Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018** in **Assam**. He was honoured for his contribution for his book on literary criticism titled 'Nirbochon'.
 - The award was announced by the Munin Barkotoki Memorial Trust which aims to encourage writers in Assamese.

SPORTS

• Five-time world champion **Lewis Hamilton** won **Brazilian Grand Prix** in Brazil. This is Lewis Hamilton's 10th victory of 2018 and 72nd victory of his career. **Mercedes** won the **constructors championship** for the 5th consecutive season.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The just-released **autobiography** of one of the most celebrated authors of our times, **Shashi Deshpande**, provides a deep and personal account that elaborates on the shaping of a writers sensibility.
 - Titled "Listen To Me", it is published by Context, an imprint of Westland publications, and is billed as "an examination of the life and times in which Shashi Deshpande wrote her finest works.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Army Chief General Bipin Rawat announced that Indian Army has dedicated the Year 2018 to the welfare of Disabled Soldiers who have been disabled in the line of duty, when serving for India.
 - This announcement was made at an event conducted by Indian Army to observe 2018 as the Year of the Disabled Soldier, at Mammon Cantt in Pathankot, Punjab.