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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **14th** edition of international children's theatre festival, **'JashneBachpan'**, was inaugurated **in New Delhi** with folk dance performances from Assam, Rajasthan, Punjab, Manipur among other states. The nine-day theatre festival will see performances from Switzerland, Sri Lanka and Indonesia along with their Indian counterparts. The festival will come to a close on November 25.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) in a report stated that India is the only country to have recorded a substantial decline in malaria cases in 2017 out of the 11 highest burden countries worldwide. India accounted for 4 percent of global malaria cases in 2017 and has made significant progress in bringing down its malaria burden since.
 - O As reflected in this year's **World malaria report**, the country registered a 24 percent reduction in cases over 2016, largely due to substantial declines of the disease in the highly malarious state of Odisha, home to approximately 40 percent of all malaria cases in the country.
- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Central Board decided to constitute a Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) of the Central bank to examine the framework for banks under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA).
 - The decision was taken after the RBI's Central Board meeting in Mumbai. The Board decided to constitute an expert committee to examine the ECF, the membership and terms of reference of which will be jointly determined by the Government of India and the RBI.
- The government has launched an **upgraded version of AirSewa digital platform. Chatbots** will now help air travellers in addressing their grievances. Besides, passengers can have access to real-time flight status and schedule for both domestic and international flights, according to the Civil Aviation Ministry.
 - AirSewa 2.0, the upgraded version of the web portal and mobile app, provides chatbot support for faster resolution and personalised traveller experience.
- India's first specialized hospital for elephants was opened by Agra Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar at Farah block's Churmura village, Mathura. The

facility, armed with facilities such as wireless digital X-Ray, thermal imaging, ultrasonography, tranquilization devices and quarantine facilities.

- The hospital, on the banks of the Yamuna River, is close to an elephant conservation and care centre run by Wildlife SOS that is home to 22 elephants.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched Bhu-Seva programme. Under the programme, each land in the state would be allotted a unique 11 digit identity number, which would be called 'Bhudhar'. All revenue land-related transactions, like mutation, registration etc, will be carried out through the Bhudhar card.
 - As a part of this project, all the integrated services of government departments related to lands will be available through Bhu Seva.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- India has slipped two places to rank 53rd Position in Global Annual talent ranking released by renowned IMD Business School, Switzerland on 20 November 2018. Switzerland retained the top Position for the fifth consecutive year. Denmark attained 2nd rank, while Norway attained 3rd Rank.
 - o Singapore also topped the Asia region with 13th Rank while China is ranked 39th. India ranked at 51st Position in 2017.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The world's standard definition of the kilogram, the ampere, the kelvin and the mole has been changed, after representatives from 60 countries voted to redefine the International System of Units (SI) for weight, current, temperature and amount of chemical substance.
 - The definition of the kilogram for more than 130 years, the International Prototype of the Kilogram (IPK), a cylinder of a platinum alloy stored at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) in France, will now be retired.
 - o It will be replaced by the **Planck constant**, the fundamental constant of

quantum physics. While the stability of the IPK could only be confirmed by comparisons with identical copies, a difficult and potentially inaccurate process, the Planck constant is ready for use everywhere and always.

APPOINTMENT

- Incumbent Fijian Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama was sworn in for a second term after his ruling Fiji First party won this year's general elections. Bainimarama was sworn in by President Jioji Konrote in the presence of representatives and high officials of the executive, legislative and judicial arms of the government.
- Jalaj Srivastava, a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, has been appointed the chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). The IWAI comes under the Union Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, currently headed by Nitin Gadkari.
 - Srivastava, presently working as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, is expected to take charge of his new responsibility.

AWARDS

- Indian-American Shantanu Narayen, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Adobe, has been named by Fortune in its 2018 Business Person of the Year list. The list ranks 20 business executives delivering on the bottom line and beyond. Fifty six year old Shantanu Narayen ranks 12th on the list.
 - The list is topped by Tricia Griffith, CEO of insurance company Progressive. Second and third ranks are occupied by software company VMware CEO Pat Gelsinger, and graphics chipmaker Nvidia CEO, Jensen Huang, respectively.
- Chandigarh based Young Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma became the first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the year in DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP held in Dubai.

- Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) was awarded this year's Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for its pioneering work in the field of environmental education and protection and also for keeping the issue of environmental sustainability at the forefront of national attention and public policy.
 - The award was announced by an international jury headed by ex-President Pranab Mukherjee.

SPORTS

- Indonesian men's doubles players **Marcus Fernaldi Gideon/Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo** won the final match of 2018 Hong Kong Open after trashed their Japanese rivals Takeshi Kamura/ Keigo Sonoda 21-13, 21-12.
 - o It was the **8th international badminton titles** for the Indonesian pair in the tournaments sanctioned by Badminton World Federation (BWF).

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Universal Children's Day- November 20
 - The United Nations' (UN) Universal Children's Day, which was established in 1954, is celebrated on November 20 each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide.
 UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, promotes and coordinates this special day, which also works towards improving children's welfare.
 - 'Children are taking over and turning the world blue' is the theme of Universal Children's Day, 2018 as announced by the United Nations.