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- **The Government** has decided to set up a **domestic Gold Council in India**. Commerce and Industry Minister **Suresh Prabhu** said this while inaugurating the **2nd Edition of India Gold and Jewellery Summit in New Delhi**.
 - Mr Prabhu underlined the need for an integrated Gold policy to address all the issues in holistic way. He said that his ministry will make sure that gems and jewellery business does not suffer from financial issues.
- Odisha Finance and Excise minister **Sashi Bhusan Behera**, in the presence of three of his cabinet colleagues, inaugurated the **Baliyatra festival in Cuttak**. The festival, associated with the maritime glory of ancient Kalinga, is basically a trade and cultural fare that attracts revellers not only from state but from outside also.
 - The day also being auspicious Kartika Purnima, more than a lakh people visited both the fare grounds and were seen relishing their favourite food stuffs from the vendors and food stalls lined up for the occasion.
- Jammu and Kashmir Governor **Satya Pal Malik** inaugurated a week long **'Jhiri Mela' at village Jhiri in Jammu district**. The annual fair is commemorated in the memory of the martyrdom of 'Baba Jittoo', a farmer who gave up his life about 500 years ago in protest against the oppressive demands of a land lord. Governor welcomed the devotees who have thronged the shrine of Baba Jitto and his daughter 'Bua Kodi'.
 - A cultural programme comprising folk songs and a Dogridance was presented by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages on the occasion.
- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** linked the workplace sexual harassment complaint portal, **SHe-Box**, to all the Central Ministries, Departments and **653** districts across 33 States/Union Territories, for speedy disposal of cases. The cases would be directed to the concerned the central/ state authority having the jurisdiction to take the rightful action.
 - The Ministry also published a **Handbook and Training Module on the SH Act** to provide information about the provisions of the Act.
- The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** cancelled the **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) licence** of low-cost carrier **Air Odisha** for **seven** airports for poor and irregular services. The 7 airports are — **Jharsuguda, Raipur, Raigarh, Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur and Visakhapatnam**.

- The **European Investment Bank (EIB)** will increase its support for India's wind energy projects by expanding the **existing lending programmes with SBI**.
 - EIB and SBI have agreed to cooperate on financing renewable energy and providing new support for wind energy projects across India by expanding the ongoing financing initiative in the field of onshore wind projects.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The 'Oscars of sports', the Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 will be held in Monaco on February 18 next year. Sport's premier global awards ceremony will celebrate the best of 2018 across eight individual and team categories, with the winners collecting a prized Laureus Statuette.

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- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) launched two fast patrol vessels (FPV) ICGS Amrit Kaur and ICGS Kamla Devi, (named after freedom fighters) in the river Hooghly in Kolkata. The ships were launched by Veena Naravane, wife of Lt General Manoj Mukund Naravane, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, of the Army's Eastern Command.
- As per a study published in **ACS Biomaterials Science and Engineering Journal**, for the **first** time, scientists have developed enzymes using **radio frequency radiation** in Washington, USA. This was made by making a special complex consisting of enzymes and magnetic Nanoparticles.
 - Thus, by using the radiofrequency field, one can control the activity of enzymes in the body and adjust cell metabolism

AWARDS

- **Filmmaker Nandita Das** will be honoured with the **International Federation of Film Producers Associations(FIAPF)** Award at the **12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) in Brisbane** on 29 November.

- She will be presented the award in recognition of her achievement in film in the Asia Pacific region. This was announced by Michael Hawkins, chairman of the Asia Pacific Screen Awards and its academy in a statement in Brisbane.
- Senior artist **Mr. A. N. Patil** was announced to be the recipient of the **Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Award**, in the category of **Lifetime Achievement**, instituted by the **Chitrakala Shilpi D.V. Halbhavi National Memorial Trust** in **Dharwad, Karnataka**.

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- **Tanzania's Joyce Msuya** has been appointed to **head the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, following the resignation of its **executive director, Erik Solheim**.
 - Msuya was appointed to the global organisation as the deputy executive director, at the level of assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, in August this year.



- Legendary **boxer Mary Kom** scripted history, becoming **India's only six-time world boxing champion** after defeating Hanna Okhota of Ukraine.
 - Mary has also registered her name in history books as she has now **equalled** male pugilist **Felix Savon of Cuba**, becoming an all-time best boxer with six gold and one silver medal in World Championships.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** released **Men's Hockey World Cup anthem** composed by renowned music director and composer **A.R. Rahman** and penned by veteran lyricist **Gulzar**. The Chief Minister released the hockey sports anthem '**Jai Hind**' in the presence of Rahman **in Bhubaneswar**.
 - Rahman will be performing live during the inaugural ceremony of hockey world cup **at Kalinga Stadium** on November 27 and also at a concert **at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack** on November 28.