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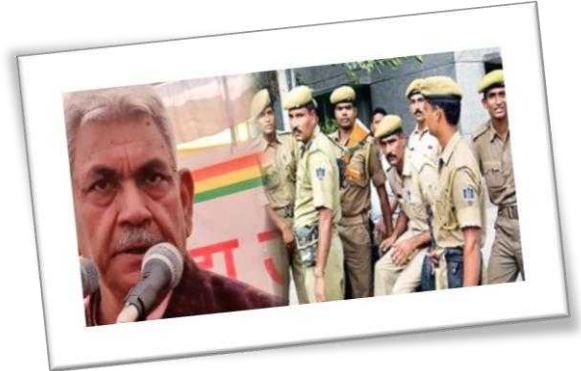
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- The United Nations has selected **Uttar Pradesh's Noida and Greater Noida** to participate in its **Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative**. According to UN, the twin-cities in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, adjoining the national capital, have been selected in the **“University City”** category ahead of Mumbai and Bengaluru as the only invitee from India.
- **Lupin** announced the launch of a **chat bot** named **‘ANYA’** specially designed to provide medically verified information for health-related queries. ANYA is the first bot of its kind to be launched in India for disease awareness.
  - Launched at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes, **ANYA is an intelligent and patient-friendly chat bot trained to help patients with health-related concerns.**
- **India** has achieved a new spot on the **Guinness World Records** as 2,353 people, led by Bollywood actress and fitness enthusiast **Shilpa Shetty Kundra, in Pune** held the **abdominal plank position for 60 seconds** simultaneously. The initiative was organised by **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company** at the Armed Forces Medical College ground in Pune.
  - India set the new record breaking the earlier record created by China where 1,779 people held a plank for 60 seconds at the Central Park in Lu'an, Anhui, China on March 18 in 2017.
- **Romania's Minister of Foreign Affairs Teodor Melescanu** arrived in **New Delhi** on a four-day official visit to the country. His visit coincides with India and Romania completing **70 years** of diplomatic relations. On November 26, Melescanu will be meeting External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj at Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan**.
  - During the visit, the Romanian Foreign Minister is slated to deliver a lecture on ‘Going global vs. staying local: Romania's agenda as a connector between Europe and Asia’ at the Observer Research Foundation, according to the MEA.
- **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** notified the insertion of the item **‘Quadricycle’** as a **‘non transport’** vehicle under the **Motor Vehicles Act 1988**. Earlier, these were only allowed for transport usage under the Act.
- **Delhi** Government launched a dedicated **Open Transit Data portal** in the website [www.otd.delhi.gov.in](http://www.otd.delhi.gov.in) – to spot locations of cluster buses at intervals of **10** seconds. This portal was designed and developed **by IIT-Delhi**. Thus, Delhi became the **first city in the country** to open up transit data of city buses.

- It will also enable the government to install real-time Passenger Information Systems (PIS) or display boards at bus stops and terminals also providing the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) at any bus stop.
- A three-day-long annual '**Jangalmahal**' festival began in the adjoining forested areas of **West Midnapore, Bankura and Purulia** districts of **West Bengal**. Initiated and organized by the '**Jangal Mahal Udyog**', the festival aims to revive and popularise the culture and heritage of Jangal Mahal.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The 2-day 21st round of **India-China Special Representatives border talks** concluded at **Dujiangyan** near southwest China's **Chengdu city**. This was held between: National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval** from the Indian side and Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councillor **Wang Yi** from the Chinese side.

## ECONOMY

- **India's economic growth will slow down** somewhat but remain robust, at close to **7.50% in 2019 and 2020**, the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** has said in its **2018 Economic Outlook**. India's gross domestic product (GDP) grew 6.7% in 2017-18.
  - **OECD** projects GDP at market prices to grow **7.3% in 2019 and 7.4% in 2020 from 7.5% in 2018**.
- According to the **2017-18 annual report of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)**, NBFC sanctioned Mudra loans under PMMY, grew faster than banks in **FY 2018**. This is **the first time** that the bad loan data has been released by **Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency (Mudra)**.
  - MUDRA in its last annual report stated that it has begun the process of tracking bad loans in the portfolio of Mudra loans.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Russia's state space corporation, **Roscosmos** planned to venture into the **Internet of Things (IoT)** with the launch of a new satellite system named '**Marathon**'. The satellite system will be a part of Russia's Sphere satellite constellation, which will be fully

established by **2026**. The Sphere constellation project, will involve the construction and deployment of 640 satellites.

## AWARDS

- State-run **Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)** won the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-Exim Bank Business Excellence Award** and the jury's commendation for being a role-model organisation. The award is the highest recognition in the CII-Exim Bank Award for Business Excellence, instituted by the CII and the Export-Import Bank of India to enhance the competitiveness of India Inc.
  - BEL Chairman and Managing Director **M.V. Gowtama** received the award at the **Quality Summit**, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) **in Bengaluru**.

## SPORTS

- India's **C.A. Bhavani Devi** won the **gold** medal in the **Sabre event** in the **Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2018 held in Canberra, Australia**. Bhavani Devi is the **first Indian to win a gold** medal in the Commonwealth Championship. She defeated England's Emily Ruaux 15-12 in the final.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – 25th November**
  - **The United Nations General Assembly** has designated **November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**. The premise of the day is to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence.
  - The **Orange-themed event** was organised by the **United Nations Women**, along with the **UN in India**, as part of the **UN Secretary General's UNiTE campaign** that is set to continue till the International Day of Human Rights on December 10.
  - The event, which was organised under the **theme 'Orange The World: #HearMeToo'**, focused on women and girls who continue to experience violence and abuse, which is often overlooked, normalized, justified and made invisible.