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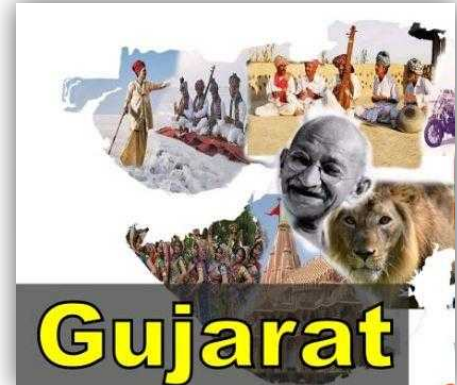
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- A centralized electronic platform for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** named **“PAiSA – Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access”**, was launched by Ministry of Housing.
  - **PAiSA** is yet another effort by the government to connect directly with the beneficiaries, ensuring that there is greater transparency and efficiency in delivery of services.
- **‘Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti’**, has been formally launched Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman in **New Delhi**. As part of the ongoing initiatives to enhance self-reliance in defence, the Department of Defence Production has instituted a new framework titled **‘Mission Raksha GyanShakti’** which aims to provide a boost to the IPR culture in indigenous defence industry.
- India’s premier National Research Laboratory **CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH)** announced a new partnership with Merck, a leading **German science and technology company**, to establish a **‘High End Skill Development Centre’** in CSIR-IMTECH, **Chandigarh**.
  - This ‘High End Skill Development Centre’ will enrich skills by conducting **workshops, trainings and seminar series on cutting edges life science processes, tools and techniques**. The centre will facilitate hands-on experience **to learning and real time sample analysis**.
- **NITI Aayog** in collaboration with the **Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) & Temasek Foundation (TF) International** organized the **2nd Phase of Urban Management Programme** on **‘Water Recycling and Reuse’** at India Habitat Centre in **New Delhi**.
  - **8** States/UTs were selected for the capacity building workshops through a Challenge Method. They were –**Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Puducherry and West Bengal**.
- State assembly of West Bengal passed **“West Bengal Green University (Amendment) Bill 2018”** to rename the West Bengal Green University as **Rani Rashmoni Green University** in the commemoration of Rani Rashmoni’s 225th Birth anniversary.
- The Central government announced **100% disinvestment** of Air India’s ground handling subsidiary- **Air India Air Transport Services Limited (AIATSL)** to partially pay off the accumulated **Rs 500 billion debt of Air India**.
  - The decision was taken by an inter-ministerial panel, **Air India Specific Alternate Mechanism**, headed by Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley**.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Nepal government** has launched a **Social Security Scheme in Kathmandu** for formal sector workers of the country. Unveiling the scheme Prime Minister **K.P.Sharma Oli** said a new era of social security has begun in Nepal.
  - The new social security scheme is contribution based and it will cover **health and medical facilities, safe motherhood, accident and physical incapacity security, security to dependent family members and security at old age.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Argentinian capital Buenos Aires to take part in the **13th G-20 2018 summit**. The **theme** of the summit is – **Building Consensus for a Fair and Sustainable Development**. The Prime Minister will be speaking on several welfare schemes including **Ayushman Bharat, soil health card, MUDRA Yojna** among other issues in **Putting People First session**.
  - Prime Minister will also attend a trilateral meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.
- To advance the global conversation on the sustainable development of the Blue Economy, the **1st 3-day Sustainable Blue Economy Conference** concluded at **Kenyatta International Convention Center, KICC, in Nairobi, Kenya**. It started from November 26, 2018.
  - It aims to work through the framework of the **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)**.

## ECONOMY

- The Government of India conferred the National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) with the status of **Miniratna: Category –I**. This status will empower the company to take speedy decisions. With the status of Miniratna the company will have greater autonomy as the board's power would get enhanced.
- To understand the problems faced by the startup sector, the **Reserve Bank** launched a **Survey on India's startup sector (SISS)** to create a profile of the startup sector in India consisting of dimensions relating to turnover, profitability and workforce.

## AWARDS

- **Azim Premji**, philanthropist and Chairman of Wipro Limited received the **highest French civilian distinction**, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) from Ambassador of France to India Alexandre Ziegler.
  - He received this award for his outstanding contribution to developing the

**information technology industry in India.** Indian recipients who have received this prestigious award include **Shah Rukh Khan as well as Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee.**

## APPOINTMENTS

- Renowned scientist **Nageshwara Rao** Guntur has been appointed as chairperson of the **Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)** by the Ministry of Personnel and Training for the period of three years.
  - **AERB** was established in November 1983 by President of India to carry out certain regulatory and safety functions in the fields of nuclear and radiation safety on a countrywide basis.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully launched **PSLV-C43**. This launch took place from the first launch pad of the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota**. Marking the **45th** mission that uses the polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV) rocket, ISRO launched its latest **Earth-mapping satellite, HysIS**, as part of the mission.
  - The **HysIS** satellite adds a mass of **360kg** to the payload, and launched beside 30 other satellites from six nations. Out of these, 23 are from the United States.
- Graduates of Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay (IIT-B) who are Co-founders of a start-up called **Emotix** have launched India's first advanced personal robot **Miko 2** for Kids. IIT Bombay graduates **Sneh Rajkumar Vaswani** along with his batchmates Prashant Iyengar and Chintan Raikar have founded the Tech start-up Emotix.
  - Miko 2 is India's first advanced robot that can see, hear, sense, express, talk, recognize faces, remember names, Identify moods and initiate a conversation.

## SPORTS

- The 14th edition of Hockey Men's World Cup kicked off with a grand opening ceremony at the Kalinga Stadium in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. Chief Minister of Odisha **Naveen Patnaik** declared the Hockey World Cup open. The event is being held from **28th November to 16th December 2018**.
  - **Turtle 'Olly'** is the official mascot for the Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup. It represents the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles that travel thousands of miles in the ocean and arrive in millions every year on Odisha's beaches for their annual nesting.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Indian Organ Donation Day: 27 November**
  - **'9th Indian Organ Donation Day'** was organized by the **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)** in **Delhi**. **Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare** stated that People's participation and people's awareness is the key to encouraging organ donation.
  - The **best performing State of Tamil Nadu** was also felicitated. The State of **Maharashtra** received an award for being the **best State for promoting awareness of organ donations**.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The President of India, Shri **Ram Nath Kovind**, received the first copy of the book **"Making of New India: Transformation under Modi Government"**, from Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
  - The book is edited by the nationalist think tank Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) and members of the Niti Aayog: Dr Bibek Debroy, Dr Anirban Ganguly and Shri Kishore Desai.