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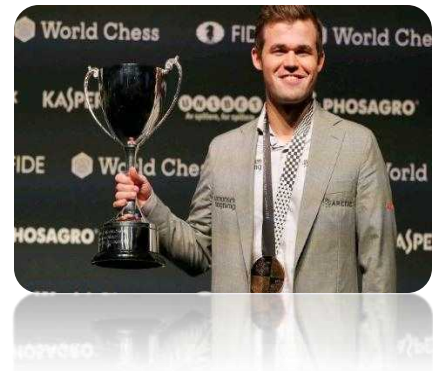
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **The International Gita Festival, 2018**, will be organised in **Kurukshetra in Haryana** from December 7-23, in which Mauritius will be the partner country and Gujarat the partner state.
 - The Gita festival will also be organised in Mauritius next February. About 200 famous painters from across the country would reach Kurukshetra to draw paintings on the walls of Kurukshetra on the **theme of the Mahabharata** under the **'paint-the-wall'** competition.
- **Himachal Pradesh** became **the first Indian state to launch a single emergency number "112"** which will connect to police, fire, health and other helplines through an **Emergency Response Centre (ERC) in Shimla** along with **12 District Command Centers (DCCs)** covering entire State.
 - The service is part of the **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)** which includes a **'112 India'** mobile app integrated with panic button of smartphones and ERSS state website for ease of citizen in availing immediate assistance.
- **Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS)**, functioning under **Ministry of Culture** will be organising a 3 day **'South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference'** in partnership with **UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (UNESCO-MGIEP)** and Standing Together to Enable Peace from November 28-30.
 - The conference will be held **at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, Delhi**. The conference is being organized to mark the beginning of celebration of **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** launched a **public bicycle sharing project and a mobile app 'Mo Cycle'** to reduce traffic congestion, enhance space efficiency, and improve air quality in the city. About 2000 MO CYCLES will be operated by three leading vendors, Hero-Hexi, Yaana, and Yulu, at about 400 plus Mo Cycle stations around the city.
- **India and United Kingdom** Exercise **KONKAN-18 held at Goa, which is scheduled till december 2,2018**. Naval cooperation between **India and the United Kingdom** is based on the long term strategic relationship between both countries. Both Navies have, over the years, **undertaken bilateral activities such as training exchanges and technical cooperation**.
 - The **Bilateral KONKAN** exercise provides a platform for the two Navies to periodically exercise at sea and in harbour, so as to build interoperability and share

best practices.

- The exercise is aimed at deriving mutual benefit from each others' **experiences and is indicative of the continuing cooperation between the two countries.**
- A unique initiative called **Bhasha Sangam** launched by government to introduce **school students to 22 Indian languages.** The initiative, under **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**, was launched on 22nd of this month and will continue till the 21st of December.
 - Bhasha Sangam is a programme for schools and educational institutions to **provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages.**
- The **National Green Tribunal** (NGT) has formed a committee to prepare a policy for dealing with the scrapping of banned petrol and diesel vehicles. The committee will consist of secretary, Ministry of Road Transport, central government with representatives from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Environment Ministry and the Delhi government.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The two day Second edition of **India-UAE** Strategic Conclave organized by **Economic Times, India** was held in the Capital of United Arab Emirates (UAE), **Abu Dhabi.** Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Mr. **Navdeep Suri** inaugurated the conclave where Key Business leaders and senior government officials lay down the blueprint to improve Economic cooperation between the two countries and explore the opportunities to enhance trade.
- UN Environment released the 3rd edition of **'Inclusive Wealth Report 2018'** and an **Inclusive Wealth Index** on margins of UN Environment Finance Initiative Global Roundtable **in Paris, France.**
 - According to the preliminary finding, the **Republic of Korea, Singapore and Malta** topped the chart of biennial survey of growth in the wealth of nations.
- According to the latest edition of **Global Water Monitor & Forecast Watch List (November 2018)**, released by **IScience** (US based limited liability Corporation), Water deficits will increase and intensify in India in **2019.**

AWARDS

- **Donbass'** directed by **Sergei Loznitsa** has won the coveted **Golden Peacock Award** at the **49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, which concluded in **Goa** . Donbass tells the story of a **hybrid war** taking place in a region of **Eastern Ukraine, involving an** open armed conflict alongside killings and robberies perpetrated on a mass scale by separatist gangs.
- At the **2-week long 38th India International Trade Fair**, which was held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from November **14 to 27**, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu conferred awards first and second awards to the states of **Uttarakhand** and **Himachal Pradesh**. The states were awarded due to their pavilions showcasing potential to boost tourism and promotion of local products.

APPOINTMENTS

- The President has appointed **Shri Arvind Saxena** as **UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) Chairman** .Prior to joining UPSC as Member, Shri Saxena was working as **Director of the Aviation Research Centre (ARC)**
 - Shri Arvind Saxena joined UPSC as a Member on May 8, 2015, and has been performing duties of the post of Chairman, UPSC since June 20, 2018.Saxena will be serving in the office till **August 7, 2020**, when he attains the age of 65 years.
- **Shri A.M. Naik** has been appointed as **Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation** (NSDC) by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
 - Shri Naik was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's 3rd highest civilian award in 2009 for his outstanding contribution to the economic growth of the country.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **The University Grants Commission (UGC)** announced that it will set up a **Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics (CARE)** which will compile a list of **“credible quality journals”** and ultimately replace UGC's own list of journals. CARE will be headed by the UGC Vice Chairman Dr. **Bhushan Patwardhan**.
 - The commission admitted that the percentage of research articles published in poor quality journals is reported to be high in India which has adversely affected its image. The body will be tasked to prepare a **“CARE Reference List of Quality Journals”**.

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- **Casio India** has announced the launch of the world's **first GST calculator** with two new innovations **MJ-120 GST and MJ-12GST** dedicated to the Indian market. It will make manual invoicing easy and hassle-free.
- **He Jiankui**, a Chinese scientist announced creation of the world's first genetically edited babies at **Hong kong, China**. The announcement was made at the Second International Summit on Human Genome Editing in Hong Kong, China.

SPORTS

- Norway's **Magnus Carlsen** retained his title as World Chess Champion beating US opponent **Fabiano Caruana** in a tie-breaker event. Magnus Carlsen has won the Chess Championship thrice earlier. He had two match lead and he needs only a draw in the third tie-breaker to seal his victory.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **India Rivers Week 2018**
 - The India Rivers Week (IRW) 2018, a unique meeting on rivers in India was held at the **World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF)**, New Delhi, from November 24 to 26, 2018. The focus of this year's three-day meet was **'Can India Rejuvenate Ganga?'**
 - This year's event was dedicated to **Dr G D Agrawal** also known as **Swami Gyanswarup Sanand**, who passed away on November 11 this year after a prolonged fast, which he undertook after the government's lack of response to his demands.