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NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Agriculture Minister **Radha Mohan Singh** inaugurated **Global Agriculture and Food Summit 2018 in Ranchi, Jharkhand**. Seven countries, including China, Israel and Malaysia are participating in the two-day Summit. The aim of the Summit is to promote Jharkhand as a key player to attract investment in the agriculture sector.
 - The summit will focus on organic farming in horticulture, dairy, poultry and fisheries, and food processing.
- **The Indian Navy** will conduct a large-scale coastal defence exercise next month to test the robustness of the entire coastal security apparatus. The **‘Exercise sea vigil’** will involve all stake holders across mainland and Island territories, and will see the participation of all operational ships, submarines and aircraft as well as units of Indian coast guards, Indian Army and the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy Chief **Admiral Sunil Lanba** said.
 - Theatre level operational readiness exercise **‘Tropex’** will begin from January and culminate in March, next year.
- **The Uttar Pradesh and Nepal governments** will soon sign a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to declare **Ayodhya and Janakpur as twin cities**. Adityanath also agreed to visit the Himalayan nation on December 12 to participate in the festivities of **Lord Ram and Sita** that are held every year.
 - **Janakpur is the birth place of Goddess Sita**. He also informed the Nepalese delegation that work on the four-landing of the **Ram-Janki road** has begun.
- **The Delhi government** launched a **common mobility card** with a tagline of **‘One Delhi One Ride’** which would enable city commuters to access Metro and bus services with a single card at a 10 per cent discount.
- Bouldering sensation **Tuhin Satarkar** pushed his limits as he scaled three routes in the treacherous **Sahayadri mountain range** in 12 days, from November 16 to 28, to become the **first Indian** to ever achieve the feat. **The Sahayadri range** has one of the most daunting mountains **in Maharashtra**.

- The President of India, Shri **Ram Nath Kovind**, presented **Standards to 118 Helicopter Unit** and Colours to Air Defence College in **Guwahati, Assam**. India is seen as an eminent power, expected **to play a prominent role in shaping the global paradigm** with regards to international security, trade and commerce, and environmental protection.
- Bureau of Police Research and Development will organize the **2nd National Conference of Heads of Investigating Agencies** in **New Delhi**. The two-day Conference will deliberate on various legal aspects, procedures and use of technology in investigation **to improve its quality and secure effective prosecution**.
 - The theme of the conference is **“Capacity Building of Police Investigators in the Era of New Age Crimes”**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Based on the results of a popular vote, **Cambridge Dictionary** has named **“nomophobia”** – the “fear or worry at the idea of being without your mobile phone or unable to use it” as word of the year.
- The **Asia Pacific Summit 2018-Nepal**, organised by the controversial South Korea-based Universal Peace Federation and supported by the **Government of Nepal, kicks off in Kathmandu**.
 - It would help promote tourism and support **‘Visit Nepal Year 2020’** initiative, highlight the successfully concluded peace process and promulgation of new constitution and explore new diplomatic and business opportunities for Nepal.
- **Qatar’s Energy Minister Saad Sherida al-Kaabi** announced that **Qatar will withdraw** from the **Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** in January 2019.
 - Qatar joined the organisation consisting of 15 oil producing countries in 1962. The decision was taken as Qatar’s wants to focus its efforts to increase its natural gas production.

ECONOMY

- **Moody's Investors Service's annual Banking System Outlook on India** estimated the country's real gross domestic product (**GDP**) for the current financial year and next fiscal to grow at **7.2 per cent and 7.4 per cent**, respectively.
 - The global rating agency stated that the growth will be driven by investment growth and strong consumption. It also stated that the operating environment will be stable, supported by robust economic growth.
- **The Odisha government** signed a loan agreement of **\$85 million with Asian Development Bank (ADB)** to train 1.5 lakh youths in the state. With this assistance, youths in the age group of 15-34 years will be given skill development training to make them competent to get better work and higher paying jobs.



AWARDS

- Based on the swachhta related activities carried out by all the organizations of MoCA, Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Civil Aviation, declared and awarded **Pawan Hans Ltd (PHL)**, Airports **Authority of India (AAI)** and **Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA)** as the 3 best performing organizations under MoCA during this Swachhta Pakhwada.

APPOINTMENTS

- State-owned **Bank of Maharashtra** announced that **A S Rajeev** has joined the lender as its **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer**. Prior to this, he was Executive Director of Indian Bank.
 - Rajeev is having about three decades of professional experience in three Banks – Syndicate Bank, Vijaya Bank and Indian Bank.
- Expenditure Secretary **Ajay Narayan Jha** was appointed the new **Finance Secretary**. Jha, a 1982-batch IAS officer of Manipur Tripura cadre, succeeds

Hasmukh Adhia who retired on November 30. The seniormost secretary in the Finance Ministry is normally designated as the Finance Secretary.

- His appointment was cleared by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.**

SPORTS

- **Commonwealth Senior Fencing Championships**, was held in **Canberra, Australia**. India won a total of 3 medals: 2 gold and 1 bronze, in the championship. The medal tally was topped by England with 6 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals.
 - **Bhavani Devi** won gold medal in the Senior Women's Sabre event. She has become the **first Indian** to win a **gold** medal in the **Commonwealth Championship**.
- **Ullas Narayan** became the **first Indian individual medal winner** in an **international ultra running** event by winning bronze in the 2018 International Association of Ultra Running (IAU) 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships in Taipei, Taiwan.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The **Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi** released a book authored by father-son duo **Vinay Thakur and Amogh Thakur** named **“Architecture of Justice: A pictorial walk-through of the supreme court and High courts of India”** in New Delhi.
 - The book is a one of its kind, never before seen photographic rendition of the Supreme Court of India, the 24 High Courts and its 12 benches.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day Of Persons With Disabilities: 3 December**
 - **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** celebrated on December

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3rd every year, is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It has been observed with varying degrees of success around the planet.

- Theme: **“Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”**.

