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NATIONAL NEWS

- The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Government of Goa, is hosting the **annual Start-up India Venture Capital Summit in Goa**.
 - The key objectives of the Summit will be to showcase the India opportunity, increase capital flow for Indian start-ups and further promote ease of doing business.
 - The **theme** of the Summit is **‘Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India.’**
- To transform rural Maharashtra, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has launched a unique initiative called **“SMART”**, which stands for State of Maharashtra’s Agribusiness and Rural Transformation.
 - The project will entail an investment of 300 million US dollars of which World Bank would contribute 210 million US dollars.
- **India is the fourth highest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world**, accounting for 7 per cent of global emissions in 2017, a study by the **Global Carbon Project** released recently.
 - The **top** four emitters in 2017, which covered 58 per cent of global emissions, were **China** (27 per cent), the US (15 per cent), the European Union (10 per cent) and India (7 per cent), according to the projection by the **Global Carbon Project**.
- **The Indian Coast Guard** has conducted the Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise titled **‘Clean Sea – 2018’ at sea off Port Blair**.
 - The preparedness of all agencies during the exercise was conducted under observation of Inspector **General Maneesh V Pathak**, Commander Coast Guard Region (Andaman and Nicobar Islands).
- To bring transparency to cash transactions, the **Pune district court** administration is starting an **e-payment facility** in the Shivajinager district and sessions court. This is the **first time in India that** practising lawyers and litigants in various cases will be able to make payments online.

- **The Delhi government** launched the ‘**Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana**’ which offers free travel packages on **five** religious circuits for senior citizens from the national capital. The scheme, approved by the Cabinet in July, was launched by Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** at the Delhi Secretariat.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **The UAE** now has the **world’s most powerful passport**, achieving the top ranking in an achievement hailed as a tribute to the legacy of the Founding Father, Sheikh Zayed, and the country’s diplomacy.
 - The number 1 spot in the **global Passport Index** was achieved just as the UAE celebrates its 47th National Day and its achievements since 1971.
- **India** has signed an agreement with **Peru for co-operation and mutual assistance in Customs Matters**. It provides a **legal framework for the sharing of information and intelligence** between the Customs authorities of the two countries.
 - It is also expected **to facilitate trade** and ensure efficient clearance of goods traded between the two sides.
- The Slovak company Kinazo has released the world’s first ever 3D printed bike, which was introduced at the conference “**The Current Evolution of 3D Printing**” in Volkswagen Slovakia, Stupava.

ECONOMY

- **Fitch Ratings** slashed **India’s GDP growth forecast to 7.2 per cent for current fiscal**, from 7.8 per cent projected in September, citing higher financing cost and reduced credit availability.
 - In its **Global Economic Outlook** released, Fitch estimated India’s GDP growth to be **7 per cent and 7.1 per cent** in financial years **2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively**.

AWARDS

- **Centenarian lexicographer G. Venkatasubbaiah** has been chosen for the **Sahitya Akademi's Bhasha Samman for South (2017)**. The award has been given in recognition of his contribution in the field of classical and medieval literature.
 - The akademi also announced an award for **Kannada writer K.G. Nagarajappa** for his work on literary criticism, **Anushreni-Yajamanike**, for 2018.

APPOINTMENTS

- Former senior Indian diplomat **Preeti Saran** has been elected to the **Asia Pacific** seat on the **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)** of the UN for **4** years. The appointment would be effective from **January 1, 2019** and she would replace 3 time elected former Indian diplomat, **Chandrashekhar Dasgupta**.
 - CESCR was set up in 1985 by the ECOSOC to monitor on its behalf the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which has been ratified by **169** countries.
- **The Government** announced that **Atul Sahai** will be appointed **as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance (NIA)** for a five year period.
 - The post has been vacant since July 2018 after former CMD G Srinivasan retired.

SPORTS

- **Kenya's marathon world record holder Eliud Kipchoge** and **Colombian jumper Caterine Ibarguen** were honoured as **IAAF athletes of the year** at athletics' annual awards ceremony in Monaco.

- Breaking an 82-year-old record, **Pakistan leg-spinner Yasir Shah** became the **fastest bowler in the world** to reach the milestone of scalping **200 Test wickets**.
 - Earlier, the record was held by former Australian leg-spinner Clarrie Grimmett who had scalped 200 wickets in 36 Tests. Shah, on the flip side, did the same **in just 33 Test matches**.


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