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NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Minister of Civil Aviation **Suresh Prabhu** and Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the **Kannur international airport making Kerala the only state in the country to have four international airports.**
 - The other three international airports are Cochin International Airport, Trivandrum International Airport and Calicut International Airport.
- **The 18th All India Annual Conference of the Heads of Science Centre's and Museums** began at **Itanagar**. Environment and Forest Minister **Nabam Rebia** inaugurated the **“Innovation Hub and Space Education Centre”** situated at **Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre, Itanagar.**
- The 10th Edition of the bilateral exercise between Indian Navy and Russian Federation Navy (RuFN) started at **Vishakhapatnam**. The Maritime exercise will conclude on December 16.
 - The Primary aim of the exercise is to increase interoperability amongst the two navies, develop common understanding and procedures for maritime security operations.
- **Indian Navy** agreed to gift **INS Cuddalore**, a decommissioned Pondicherry-class vessel, to the **Union territory of Puducherry** for the creation of country's first underwater museum.
 - It would also help in enhanced marine biodiversity and boosting fishing industry.
- **Surat**, renowned as a diamond processing and trading hub in Gujarat, **would be the world's fastest growing city in the 2019-35 period**, averaging more than 9 per cent, according to a **global economic research report**. The report prepared by **Oxford Economics**
 - Besides Surat, the other nine cities are Agra, Bengaluru Hyderabad, Nagpur, Tiruppur, Rajkot, Tiruchirappalli, Chennai and Vijayawada.
- **Lieutenant governors (LGs)** and **administrators of Union territories** have been empowered by the central government to designate civil courts as special courts to adjudicate contracts relating to infrastructure projects.

- This comes under **Section 20B of the Specific Relief Act, 1963 (47 of 1963)**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- A conference on the theme **‘Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of India – New Paradigm for Stressed Assets’** was held at the Indian Consulate in New York.
 - The Finance Minister, **Shri Arun Jaitley** was addressing through Video Conferencing.
- Two day **175th Meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Companies (OPEC)** Conference & one day **5th OPEC and Non OPEC Ministerial Meeting** concluded in **Vienna, Austria**.
 - **Qatar** withdrew its OPEC membership with effect from January 1, 2019.

ECONOMY

- India’s **Current Account Deficit (CAD)** widened **to 2.9 per cent of the GDP** in the second quarter of the fiscal compared to 1.1 per cent in the year-ago period, mainly due **to a large trade deficit, the RBI said**.

AWARDS

- **Vanessa Ponce de Leon of Mexico** was crowned as **Miss World 2018** by outgoing queen Manushi Chhillar in the coastal city of **Sanya, China**.
 - She is the **first Mexican queen** to have won the title. Nicolene Limsnukan of Thailand was named first runner-up.
- **Goa’s Prathamesh Maulingkar** has become the **first Indian to win the title of Mister Supranational**. The 27-year-old defeated over 30 other contestants from all over the world in the final round to win the 2018 title at the third edition of the gala **in Krynica-Zdroj, Poland**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- China launched its **Chang'e-4 moon mission** aboard the Long March 3B launch vehicle to reach the far side of the moon for the first time, from **the Xichang Satellite Launch** Center in Sichuan Province in southwestern China.
 - Chang'e is the goddess of the moon in Chinese mythology.

SPORTS

- Indian spinner **Ravichandran Ashwin** made **Shaun Marsh break a 130-year-old Australian batting record** after dismissing him for 2 runs on the second day of the first Test.
 - Marsh became **the first Australian since 1888** to register single-digit scores in six consecutive Test innings. Marsh had **last hit a Test century in January 2018**.

BOOKS & AUTHOR

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** has released a compilation of selected speeches of **President Ram Nath Kovind** titled, **“The Republican Ethic”** in English and **“Loktantra ke Swar”** in Hindi at a function in **New Delhi**.