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- Nelson Mandela statue to be unveiled at UN headquarters.

A statue of Nelson Mandela was unveiled at the UN headquarters to honour the South African President's 100th birth anniversary. A high-level meeting, the Mandala Peace Summit, was scheduled at the UN for world leaders to renew their commitment to global peace, conflict prevention, peacebuilding, promotion and protection of human rights and long-term development initiatives.

- Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won presidential election in Maldives.

Opposition leader Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won the Maldives' presidential election, a surprise defeat for President Abdulla Yameen. Results released by the Elections Commission showed Solih had secured 58.3% of the popular vote.

- Germany launches first hydrogen enabled Train.

European railway manufacturer Alstom has launched world's first hydrogen fuel cell train. French company said that the Coradiai Lint used fuel cells that turn hydrogen and oxygen into electricity. In terms of speed, the new train can travel up to 140 kilometres per hour.

- India ranks 130 in UN's human development index.

India climbed one spot to 130 among 189 countries in the latest human development index released by the United Nations Development Programme. Within South Asia, India's human development index (HDI) value is above the average of 0.638 for the region, with Bangladesh and Pakistan, countries with similar population size, being ranked 136 and 150 respectively.

- Arif Alvi elected Pakistan's new President.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi was elected as the 13th President of Pakistan, the result data from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) confirmed. The elections were held simultaneously at the Parliament House and the four provincial assemblies, with 27 of the total votes cast being annulled.

- India and US hold 2 + 2 dialogue

Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj and Minister of Defence Nirmala Sitharaman welcomed Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and Secretary of Defence James N. Mattis to India for the inaugural India-U.S. Ministerial 2+2 Dialogue.

- India along with 23 other Nations participates in Tsunami Mock Drill.

India along with 23 other nations participated in a major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock drill which will involve evacuation of thousands of people from coastal areas in over half a dozen coastal states. The exercise, known as 'IOWave18', is being organised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.

- Finland topped in 'Human Capital' score, India ranked 158th.

India ranks 158th in the world for its investments in education and health care, according to the first-ever scientific study ranking countries for their levels of human capital. The nation is placed behind Sudan (ranked 157th) and ahead of Namibia (ranked 159th) in the list.

- Aadhaar linking must for PAN & filing income tax returns.

The Supreme Court said that linking Aadhaar with bank accounts and mobile phone numbers is not mandatory, but a must for Permanent Account Number (PAN). It pronounced a landmark verdict on Aadhaar Card and said that Aadhaar identification is unparalleled and it empowers the marginalised sections of the society.

- Hyderabad Metro becomes India's 2nd largest metro rail network.

After Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Governor ESL Narasimhan flagged off the 16-km stretch of Hyderabad Metro between Ameerpet and L B Nagar, Hyderabad Metro became the second biggest rail network in India with a total of 46 km service, next only to Delhi.

- UP scored 1st place in Implementation of PMAY.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that the state has scored the first position in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) by providing houses to 11 lakh poor families.

- Commerce Ministers of India & Bangladesh Bilateral meeting.

A bilateral meeting was held in Dhaka between Commerce Minister of Bangladesh, Tofail Ahmed, MP and Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation Minister of India, Suresh Prabhu. Both Ministers noted the significant progress made in the bilateral relationship under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- 23rd Meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj led the Indian delegation at the 23rd meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC) to discuss the expansion of Russia-India relationship across all sectors. The meeting was chaired by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov.

- G-20 Labour & Employment Ministers' meeting.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, led a delegation to Mendoza, Argentina for the G-20 Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting.

- G-20 Education Ministers' and Joint Ministerial Meeting.

The Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Dr. Satya Pal Singh lead a high-level delegation to the G-20 Education Ministers' Meeting as well as Joint Ministerial Meeting held at Mendoza, Argentina. It was the first ever meeting of Education Ministers in the history of G-20.

- International Aviation Summit.

International Aviation Summit was held in New Delhi. The seminar has been jointly organised by the Airports Authority of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation and International Air Transport Association (IATA). There was an overwhelming response to the summit which was attended by more than 700 delegates and leaders from global aviation fraternity.

- 6th East Asia summit & 15th India-ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting.

6th East Asia Summit – Economic Ministers meeting (EAS-EMM) & 15th India-ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) was held in Singapore. Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu participated in both the events representing India.

- PV Sindhu only sportsperson in Forbes India's Maiden List of 22

Badminton player and Olympian PV Sindhu is the only sportsperson featuring in the Forbes India's maiden 'tycoons of tomorrow' list of 22 young achievers in the fields of business, acting and sports.

- Indian Origin teen wins Social Progress ‘Oscar’.

Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards also known as Oscar for Social Progress was given to three individuals. Campaign Award: Amika George Changemaker Award: Nadia Murad Progress Award: Dymus Kisilu.

- Modi was awarded Champions of the Earth award

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been awarded the United Nation’s highest environmental honour ‘Champions of the Earth’ for his leadership of the band pledge to eliminate single-use plastic by 2022.

- Croatia’s Luka Modric wins FIFA’s best player of the year award

Luka Modrić, who led Croatia to their first-ever FIFA World Cup final, won this year’s The Best FIFA Men’s Player award, finishing ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo and Mo Salah. On the other hand, Brazilian captain Marta won the award for FIFA Best Women’s Player of the Year.

- Lucknow Metro first from India to get this International award

The Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) has become the first ever metro rail corporation from India to bag the International ‘Royal Society For The Prevention Of Accidents’ (RoSPA) Award. LMRC has been given the Silver Award for its Phase 1A (North-South Corridor) in the Project/Infrastructure category for the year 2018.

- Delhi airport gets top honour at ASQ Awards 2017

Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has bagged the title of Best Airport to handle over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA) by the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2017. According to the statement, the Delhi airport is now the seventh busiest airports in Asia and among the top 20 busiest airports across the world.

- MS Dhoni overtakes Dravid to become India’s 2nd most capped cricketer

Mahendra Singh become the second most capped player for India in international cricket as he played his 505th match for India in the Super Four of Asia Cup 2018 against Pakistan. Before Dhoni, Rahul Dravid was the second most capped player for India with 504 caps in international cricket.

- India to host the women's boxing world C'ships

The Women's Boxing World Championships, to be hosted by India after more than a decade, will be held from November 2018, in New Delhi. The teams will have to be in the national capital by November 13, with the competition starting two days later. The marquee tournament was last held in India in 2006 and remains the best for the country in terms of performance. India had topped the medal tally with four gold, three silver and one bronze medal.

- Indian economy to grow at 8%: Jaitley

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the new insolvency law, indirect tax regime and demonetization will help drive India's growth rate and sustain it at 8 per cent. He said the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), Goods and Services Tax (GST), demonetization and digital payments had enabled better assessment of financial capacity and risks.

- India committed to become \$5 tn economy by 2025

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu said that India is committed to be a five trillion dollar economy by 2025 while addressing at the India-Malta Business Forum in Floriana, Malta.

- MOM completed 4 years of its journey

ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM), India's maiden interplanetary mission, has completed four years orbiting around the red planet. MOM was launched on November 2013, and it placed itself into the Martian orbit on September 2014. The designed mission life of MOM was six months. But it has been sending scientific data for four years.

- India successfully test fires Prithvi Defence vehicle

India successfully conducted an interceptor missile test off the Odisha coast, achieving a major milestone in developing a two-layer Ballistic Missile Defence system. According to Defence sources, the interceptor was launched from Abdul Kalam Island of the Integrated Test Range (ITR).

- Dr V R Lalithambika is heading India's First Human Space Mission

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has chosen veteran scientist Dr V R Lalithambika to head its Gaganyaan mission to put an Indian in space by 2022. The 56-year-old scientist has 30 years of experience in space missions with ISRO. She was also a key member of the team responsible for launching 104 satellites in one go in February 2017.

- ISRO launched two U.K. satellites

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- NASA launches satellite to track Earth's melting ice

In a bid to understand Earth's ice sheets, glaciers, sea ice, snow cover and permafrost, NASA successfully launched its Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2, or ICESat-2. The satellite with a three-year mission was launched with liftoff aboard a Delta II rocket from Space Launch Complex-2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

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- Chandrayaan-2 to be launched in Jan 2019

Chandrayaan-2, ISRO's "most complex mission", is scheduled to be launched in January next year after experts suggested changes to avert failure, its chief K Sivan said. He said the project was reviewed by eminent experts who suggested some changes in entering the orbit and in landing the rover.

- Rajni Kant Misra appointed DG of BSF

The Central Government appointed Rajni Mishra as the director general of Border Security Force (BSF). Rajni Kant Misra is a 1984 batch Indian Police Service Officer of Uttar Pradesh State.

- Vikram Misri appointed India's next ambassador to China

Ambassador of India to Myanmar, Vikram Misri has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to China, according to the Ministry of External Affairs. Mr Misri, a 1989 batch IFS officer, is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

- Additional charge for NDRF chief Sanjay Kumar

National Disaster Response Force chief Sanjay Kumar was given additional charge of the post of Director General of Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards.

- Anil Khosla to be appointed as new Vice Chief of Air Force

Air Marshal Anil Khosla will be appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force. Air Marshal R Nambiar, who is currently serving as the Deputy Air Chief, is all set to be designated as the Commander-in-Chief of Eastern Air command which is headquartered at Shillong.

- Google appoints Keith Enright as its Chief Privacy Officer

Technology giant Google has appointed its privacy lawyer, Keith Enright, as Chief Privacy Officer as the company proposed policies for potential federal regulation of data. In his new role, Enright will be in charge of crafting Google's strategy on privacy issues

- Government appoints four members to local boards of RBI

Government appointed four members to the local boards of RBI (Reserve Bank of India). Rakesh Jain & Sachin Chaturvedi have been appointed as member in Southern local

board and Eastern local board of RBI. Revathy Iyer and Raghvendra Narayan Dubey have been appointed as member in Northern local board of RBI.

- Top Scientist KN Vyas appointed Atomic Energy Commission Chief

Renowned scientist Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas has been appointed the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr Vyas, who is at present Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), has been appointed in place of Shekhar Basu.

- Justice Ranjan Gogoi appointed next chief justice of India

President of India Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice Ranjan Gogoi as next Chief Justice of India as per Article 124 of the Constitution. He will assume office of Chief Justice after retirement of incumbent Chief Justice, Justice Dipak Misra.

- LK Advani renominated as Chairman of Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha

Senior BJP leader L K Advani was renominated as Chairman of Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha. He was renominated by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan. LK Advani represents Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency from Gujarat.

- Hima Das made first ever Sports Ambassador of Assam

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal confirmed that Indian Athlete Hima Das will be named as the first ambassador of the State. The announcement came after Hima Das recently become the first Indian woman to win gold in track event at IAAF World U-20 Athletics Championships in France. She won gold in 400 m event.

- SBI Mutual Fund appoints Ashwani Bhatia as CEO

SBI Mutual Fund said it has appointed Ashwani Bhatia as its managing director and chief executive officer. Bhatia takes over from Anuradha Rao, who now returns to State Bank of India (SBI) as deputy managing director. Before joining SBI Mutual Funds, he was in charge of revamping the entire credit structure and processes of SBI.

- India's first woman IAS officer Anna Malhotra dies

India's first woman IAS officer post-Independence, Anna Rajam Malhotra, died at her residence in suburban Andheri. She was 91. Malhotra joined the civil services in 1951 and opted for the Madras cadre. She married R N Malhotra, who served as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 1985 to 1990.

- Freedom fighter Goura Chandra Mohapatra passes away at 104

Freedom fighter Goura Chandra Mohapatra passed away following old age-related ailments, at a hospital in Bhadrak district, Odisha. Goura Chandra Mohapatra was 104 years old. He was son of nationalist poet Kanta Kabi Laxmikant Mohapatra.

- Defence Minister visited Governor Satya Pal Malik

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik and discussed the security situation in the State. They also discussed the issues of security along the Line of Control (LOC) and in the hinterland.

- PM releases book 'Moving on, Moving Forward – A Year in Office'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, released the book 'Moving On, Moving Forward – A Year in Office' to mark one year in office of Vice President Venkaiah Naidu. He also presented the first copy of the book to the Vice President of India. The book was written by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu to mark his one year in office.

- Govt constitutes Lokpal search committee

The Centre constituted an eight-member search committee, to be headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, to recommend the chairperson and members of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal. The search committee is a major step towards setting up of the Lokpal.

- NGT appointed three committees to monitor disposal of garbage

National Green Tribunal (NGT) has formed 3 committees: apex monitoring Committee, Regional Monitoring Committees and state level committees to look over implementation of directions given by NGT and other rules. NGT has mandated every state to follow Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

- 29 September: World Heart Day

World Heart Day takes place on 29th September every year and is the World Heart Federation and the world's biggest platform for raising awareness about cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke. It was launched in 2000 by the World Heart Federation as an annual event.

- 28 September: World Rabies Day

World Rabies Day is celebrated on 28 September. It is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease.

- 18 September: International day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on 16th September throughout the world. The theme for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2018 was 'Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol'.

- SBI appoints Anshula Kant as Managing Director

The State Bank of India (SBI) said that the government has appointed Anshula Kant as the Managing Director of the bank. She is at present the Deputy Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of India's leading lender SBI. Her name was recommended by the Bank Boards Bureau for the post.

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