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- **India-China to join Indian Ocean exercise**
 - Indian Navy would join the People's Liberation Army Navy in a maiden maritime search and rescue exercise at the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium in November.
 - The IONS is a regional forum of Indian Ocean littoral states, represented by their Navy chiefs, launched by India in February 2008.
 - The exercise will be held in November 2017 in the Bay of Bengal under the chairmanship of Bangladesh.
- **Commonwealth Bank boss to retire**
 - Chief executive of Commonwealth bank will retire amid pressure from regulators over alleged breaches of laws on laundering and terrorism financing.
 - He had faced calls to step down after AUSTRAC launched a civil action against the bank alleging "serious & systemic non-compliance" with the laws more than 53,000 times.
 - Narev would leave the bank by the end of the 2018 financial year.
- **Lalit Modi resigns**





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- Lalit Modi has resigned as the president of the Nagaur District Association, severing his ties with the Rajasthan Cricket Association.
- Former IPL chairman & commissioner, expunged by BCCI, had earlier refused to quit, prompting the cricket board to suspend the state association.
- Modi has been living in London while facing an Enforcement Directorate inquiry for alleged financial violations.
- **DNA sensor for quick pathogen detection**
 - Ultrasensitive DNA sensor that can detect *S. pyogenes*, a bacterium which causes a wide range of diseases in about 30 min has been developed.
 - Conventional method of identification takes 18-24 hrs & basic culture test does not specifically help distinguish *S. pyogenes*.
 - Sensor is developed by scientists from CSIR-Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology & National Centre for Disease Control.
- **Namo Yuva Rojgar Kendra**
 - Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched Namu Yuva Rojgar Kendra.
 - It aims to provide job opportunities to unemployed youth in Mumbai.
 - Under this initiative, there are various schemes like farmers weekly market, farmers mobile market & mother's tiffin which will enable Mumbaikars to get fresh and healthy food as well as farm produce procured directly from farmers.
- **Organ Donation Day**
 - India observes 13th of August as Organ Donation Day every year with an aim to raise & increase awareness and encourage people to pledge to donate organs after death.
 - Every year 200,000 people in India need a new kidney & 100,000 need a new liver, but only 2 to 3% of the demand for new organs is met.
 - 1st organ donation took place in 1954 when a living donor gave a kidney to his identical twin
- **Svitolina wins Rogers Cup title**





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- Ukraine's Elina Svitolina came out with a stupendous performance as she defeated Caroline Wozniacki in straight sets to clinch women's singles title of Rogers Cup.
- This was Svitolina's 5th title of WTA Tour season. She has now become the first player to ever win 3 Premier 5 titles in a single season, i.e. Dubai, Rome & Toronto.
- With the win she improves to number 4 in the world rankings.
- **SpaceX to launch super-computer to space**
 - SpaceX is set to launch an unmanned cargo ship towards International Space Station, including a super-computer that could direct astronauts on deep-space missions.
 - Liftoff of Falcon 9 rocket carrying Dragon cargo ship will take place from Florida.
 - This is 12th official trip for SpaceX, which has \$1.6bn contract with NASA to supply astronauts living in orbit over 20 such back & forth journeys
- **SBI cuts staff strength**
 - SBI has reduced its staff headcount by 6,622 in 1st quarter of FY18 to 2.73 from 2.80 lakh due to retirements & voluntary retirement scheme.
 - Bank plans to redeploy over 10,000 employees following merger of its associate banks & due to digitisation.
 - A large part of job restructuring is taking place due to merger as bank juggles its branch network to avoid having several outlets on same street
- **Online course on Infusion Therapy**
 - Infusion Nurses Society - A global authority in infusion therapy launched India's first online course on Infusion Therapy for nurses.
 - It aims to train over 3,000 nurses in the vital medical procedure.
 - Utilising the reach and ease of the digital platform, the course will enable members to access the various infusion therapy modules and presentations through its website.
- **Maratha Yoddhas win Super Boxing League**
 - Maratha Yoddhas edged out Haryana Warriors 10-9 in finals to win the inaugural edition of Super Boxing League at Siri Fort Squash & Badminton Stadium.





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- Maratha Yoddhas won the first two bouts through Sandeep Singh & Andy Chuaua in their respective categories to give their team a 6-0 lead.
- The last bout became the title decider & Sandeep Chhikara won by a TKO to win the league for Yoddhas.
- **Zverev stuns Federer**
 - Alexander Zverev shocked second seed Roger Federer in straight sets in the Montreal Masters final to win his fifth title of the season.
 - Zverev blasted 6 aces and won 80% of first serve points to dominate the 19-time Grand Slam winner.
 - He used his booming serve to overpower Federer 6-3, 6-4 in finals to clinch the title.
 - He is now tied with Federer for the most titles this season at five.
- **Sankalp Se Siddhi Program in Coimbatore**
 - To take forward the initiative PM Modi for a New India movement from 2017 – 2022, a Sankalp Se Siddhi programme was held in Coimbatore.
 - Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), Dr. Mahesh Sharma graced the occasion.
 - The New India Movement 2017-2022 envisages an India free of Poverty, Corruption, Terrorism, Communalism, Casteism and Un-cleanliness.
- **FM issues norms for Central offices**
 - Finance Ministry has issued guidelines for mandatory installation of energy efficient appliances in all Central Govt buildings across India.
 - Usage of LED based lightings & energy efficient cooling equipment will lead to savings in long run through reduction in energy consumption
 - EESL intends to bring in investment of around Rs. 1000 cr covering more than 10,000 govt/private buildings by 2020
- **1st woman to raise Indian flag at IFFM**
 - Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has become the first female actor ever to hoist the Indian National Flag at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne.
 - Indian Film Festival of Melbourne is an annual Indian film festival based in Melbourne, presented by Film Victoria & the State Government of Victoria.





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- She was also bestowed with 'Excellence in Global Cinema' award at the film festival.
- **UN declares Somalia free of polio**
 - World Health Organisation has declared Somalia polio free as it has not recorded any case of polio disease in Somalia in the last 3 years.
 - According to WHO Somalia recorded last case of polio in 2014 in the central part of the country but has since then remained free of the paralyzing disease.
 - Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan are the remaining countries where polio is still being recorded.
- **Jharkhand passes Religious Freedom Bill**
 - Jharkhand Assembly has passed Religious Freedom Bill 2017 that aims to stop forced conversions in the state.
 - Bill has provision for imprisonment of 3 years & fine of Rs 50,000 or both, and 4 year- imprisonment & Rs 1 lakh fine, or both, if the person converted is a minor, woman or a member of SC or ST.
 - Person converting willingly will have to inform Deputy Commissioner.
- **Pakistan celebrates Independence Day**
 - Pakistan hoisted largest flag in its history at Attari—Wagah border near Lahore to mark country's 70th Independence Day.
 - The flag is reported to be the highest one in South Asia and the 8th highest in the world.
 - Pak came into existence as a result of Pakistan Movement which aimed for creation of a separate Muslim state by partition of north-western & north-eastern regions of undivided India.
- **India's first aviation university**
 - India's 1st aviation university, Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University will be inaugurated on Aug 18 in UP's Rae Bareli district
 - University has been planned as an autonomous body under administrative control of ministry of civil aviation
 - It aims to facilitate & promote aviation studies, teaching, training & research
 - Air Vice Marshal Nalin Tandon has been appointed as the vice-chancellor





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- **Mairaj Khan-Rashmi Rathore bags gold**
 - Indian pair of Mairaj Khan and Rashmi Rathore won gold in the mixed skeet team event at 7th Asian Shotgun Championship in Kazakhstan.
 - The Indian duo eked out a narrow 28-27 win over the Chinese pair of Liu Jiangchi and Gao Jianmei in the gold-medal match.
 - India finished the championship with 8 medals, with Ankur Mittal winning an individual gold and a team gold in men's double trap event.

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