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- **Motorbike ambulance service launched**

- Maharashtra govt has launched a motorbike ambulance service to provide swift medical

assistance to patients.

- Ambulance will be available through 108 helpline, have teams of paramedics providing treatment, especially in places inaccessible to larger ambulances, to patients during the golden hour.
- Royal Enfield motorbikes have been converted into ambulances with emergency medical equipment

- **US Army stops use of Chinese-made drones**

- US Army has ordered its members to stop using drones made by Chinese manufacturer SZ DJI Technology because of “cyber vulnerabilities” in the products.
- Army was ordered to “cease all use, uninstall all DJI applications, remove all batteries/storage media from devices.
- DJI is estimated to have secured around 70 percent of the global and consumer market for drones.

- **Indian Railways signs first EPC**

- Indian Railways signed its first Engineering, Procurement & Construction contract with L&T for large electrification projects.
- Contract valuing Rs 1,050 cr for electrification of 781 RKM was awarded by Central Organisation for Railway Electrification & Konkan Railways.
- Contracts were awarded to speed up electrification of railway lines under ‘Mission Electrification’ plan.

- **2nd fastest Indian to reach 150 wickets**

- Ravindra Jadeja has become the 2nd fastest Indian to reach 150 Test wickets, behind teammate Ravichandran Ashwin.
- He achieved the feat while bowling in Sri Lanka’s first innings on day 3 of the 2nd Test.
- Ashwin had reached the milestone in 29 Tests while Jadeja managed it in 32 games.
- He also became the fastest Indian left-arm spinner to reach 150 wickets, ahead of Vinoo Mankad (40 Tests).

- **Govt nod to rename Mughalsarai station**

- Centre has approved a proposal to rename Mughalsarai railway station in Uttar Pradesh after RSS ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.

- The proposal was given by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh in a bid to revive the legacy of Upadhyaya, who died in 1968 at the junction itself.
- The junction, the fourth busiest railway station in the country, is located on the main Howrah-Delhi Grand Chord line.

- **Pak cabinet gets first Hindu minister**

- For the first time in 20 years, a Hindu has been inducted in Pakistan Cabinet.
- Darshan Lal, who is a practising doctor has been named as Interprovincial Coordination Minister. He would be responsible for heading the coordination between four Pakistani provinces.
- He was elected to the national assembly for the second time on PML-N ticket on a reserved seat for minorities in 2013.

- **Canara Bank hits overseas bond market**

- Canara Bank has hit the international bond market with a USD 400-million issue as part of its USD 2-billion medium term note programme.
- The lender is likely to raise USD 400 million through bond sale issue, which will be drawn through its London branch and will be listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.
- Foreign rating agency Moody's has assigned a Baa3 rating to the issue.

- **IndusInd crosses 1 trillion market cap**

- IndusInd Bank has become the 6th listed Indian bank to join club of lenders that have seen their market capitalisation soar past Rs1 trillion mark.
- In June quarter, bank reported 26.5% increase in its net profit to Rs836.55 cr while Net interest income rose 30.8% to Rs1,774.06 crore.
- HDFC, ICICI, SBI, Kotak and Axis are other bank that have market capitalisation over 1 trillion mark.

- **Navy to induct INS Kalvari**

- Indian Navy is reportedly all set to commission one of world's deadliest fighting tools, the INS Kalvari into its fleet.
- The INS Kalvari, a Scorpene class attack submarine and named after a deep-sea tiger shark, is expected to significantly boost the Navy's underwater prowess.
- This is the first of six such submarines the Navy has ordered. Currently, it has just 15

submarines in its fleet

- **Rouhani sworn in for second term**

- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has been officially sworn in for 2nd term.
- He won a convincing victory over his opponent Ebrahim Raisi in May, vowing to continue his efforts to rebuild ties with West.
- Under Rouhani, Iran emerged from international isolation in 2015 when it struck a deal with 6 world powers to curb its nuclear program in exchange for lifting of financial & economic sanctions.

- **Prem Nazir Award for actor Sharada**

- Veteran actor and national award winner Sharada has been selected for this year's Prem Nazir Award.
- Also known as Urvashi Sharada, she made her acting debut with the Telugu film Kanyasulkam in 1955 in a minor role.
- Apart from the National Awards, she has been bestowed with several prestigious awards such as the Kerala State Film Awards, Filmfare Awards South, and Nandi Award.

- **IndianOil to buy 50% in GSPL-Adani LNG**

- Board of Indian Oil Corporation has given its in-principle approval for acquiring up to 50% equity in GSPL LNG terminal in Gujarat for an estimated Rs 750 cr.
- GSPL LNG is a joint venture of Gujarat State Petroleum Corp & Adani Enterprises. Adani & GSPC are equal partners in GSPL LNG.
- GSPL LNG is setting up a 5 million tonne per annum liquefied natural gas terminal at Mundra Port in Gujarat.

- **First meeting of JICF**

- The first meeting of Japan-India Coordination Forum for Development of North-Eastern Region was held in New Delhi.
- Secretary, Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region Naveen Verma led Indian side while Japanese delegation was led by Japanese Ambassador to India, Kenji Hiramatsu.
- Road Network Development, Disaster Management; Organic Farming and Tourism were discussed in the meeting.

- **Delhi Police ties up with Uber**

- Uber is collaborating with Delhi Police to allow quick access to Himmat, a women safety mobile app, through the rider app.
- This is Delhi Police's first partnership with a technology company to intensify its focus on safety of women in the city.
- Uber aims to act as a force multiplier and expand its access to all of Uber's women riders.
- Himmat app currently has over 31,000 registered users.

- **New Air Officer-in-charge Administration**

- Air Marshal Hemant Bhagwat has taken over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration of Indian Air Force.
- He served for 7 years as Air Traffic control Officer in 3 operational bases of IAF & is a qualified Parachute Jump Instructor & served in instructional capacity for 15 years
- He is senior most active parachute jump instructor of IAF & was commissioned in Administrative branch of IAF in 1981.

- **India signs loan pact with AIIB**

- India has signed a loan agreement with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for financing of \$329 million for Gujarat Rural Roads Project.
- It aims to improve rural road connectivity & accessibility to more than thousand villages in all 33 districts of the state benefiting about 80 lakh people.
- It will also benefit service providers such as public transport operators, local markets & traders.

- **Centre proposes to set up 14 new AIIMS**

- Govt proposes to establish additional 14 new AIIMS under various phases of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in different parts of country.
- AIIMS in Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur & Raipur have been almost operational & are receiving patients not only from states but also from neighbouring regions.
- Govt is also working on enhancing capacity of Delhi's medical institutes by adding 1,563 new beds.

- **Bank of Baroda cuts interest on savings**

- Bank of Baroda has followed SBI by slashing interest rate on savings bank account to 3.5 per cent on deposits of up to Rs 50 lakh.
- However, for balance above of Rs 50 lakh, the bank has retained the rate at 4 per cent.
- Interest rates on savings accounts had remained stagnant at 4 percent for many years, despite the Reserve Bank of India having deregulated them in October 2010.

- **World's highest earning author**

- Harry Potter creator JK Rowling has been named the world's most highly-paid author by Forbes with earnings of \$95m this year.
- She defeated Dan Brown, Stephen King and John Grisham to top Forbes' list of the 10 highest earners in the global industry for the first time in almost 10 years.
- Last year she made her screenwriting debut with a prequel movie, *Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them*.

- **India's first helicopter-taxi service**

- Kempegowda International Airport will become the 1st airport in the country to have a helicopter-taxi.
- Operated by Thumbay Aviation HeliTaxi service will initially fly 2 helicopters, Initially services will be operated between KIA & Electronics City where a heliport is expected to come up.
- It will ensure quick, seamless transfers to & from the airport, at a cost similar to a luxury taxi fare.



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