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- New species of wild banana discovered
 - A new species of wild banana named 'Musa paramjitiana' has been discovered in Andaman and Nicobar islands.
 - The new species of wild banana has been named after Paramjit Singh, director of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI).
 - This discovery has been published in the Nordic Journal of Botany. Its conservation status has been declared as 'Critically Endangered'.
- · Ravinder Singh elected mayor of US city
 - Ravinder Singh Bhalla has become the first ever Sikh mayor of New Jersey's Hoboken city.
 - He is the first Sikh to hold elected office in New Jersey.











 Bhalla, who is better known as Ravi Bhalla, graduated from UC Berkley and did his master's degree from London School of Economics and received a law degree from Tulane University.

· NBD bank begins operations in India

- United Arab Emirates (UAE's) second largest bank, Emirates NBD has started operations in India by opening a branch in Mumbai.
- The Mumbai branch is Emirates NBD's fifth international branch outside of its UAE.
- Emirates NBD's Mumbai branch will offer a range of services to corporate, institutional clients and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

• Linking Aadhaar with insurance policy

- is now a mandatory requirement under Prevention of Money-laundering
 Second Amendment Rules, 2017.
- o This norm of linking Aadhaar number to insurance policies will apply to new customers as well as existing policyholders.
- Besides, it will apply not only to life insurance policies but also to general insurance policies.

SBI releases report on oil price hike

- The Economic Research Department of State Bank of India has released a report on oil price hike and how unlikely it is to impact the Current account deficit (CAD) and how inflation could stretch fiscal.
- The report is authored by Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser of SBI.
- The report depicts oil price hike and its impact on the Current account deficit (CAD) and inflation.







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IEA Ministerial meeting held in Paris

- International Energy Agency (IEA) Ministerial meeting was held in Paris,
 France.
- Energy security, clean energy technology and government-industry dialogue on investment and digitalization were the key focus areas for this meeting.
- Indian delegation to IEA Ministerial Meeting, Paris was led by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Raj Kumar Singh.

• Bengaluru outranks San Francisco

- Bengaluru has been adjudged as the best city among 45 cities for the
 confidence of its businesses in their ability to go digital.
- San Francisco is ranked, followed by other two Indian cities, Mumbai and New Delhi.
- The survey was conducted by Economist Intelligence Unit(EIU).
- EIU conducted this survey in partnership with telecommunications firm Telstra Corp.

• EU Launches Election Observation Mission

- The European Union Election Observation Mission was officially launched to monitor the general and provincial polls in Nepal which are scheduled for November 26 and December 7.
- Around 100 election observers from member countries of the EU have been deployed to oversee the polls in the Himalayan nation.
- The EU has allocated 3.5 million euro for the entire election observation process.

• Prannoy emerges as New National Champion

 HS Prannoy defeated Kidambi Srikanth in the finale to claim the men's singles title at the 82nd Senior National Championship.



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- He achieved his career-best ranking of World No. 11 recently, saw off top seed Srikanth in a 49-minute clash to return the favour after his semi-final loss to his compatriot at the French Open Super Series last month.
- o The tournament was held in Nagpur.

• Charles arrives in India

- Prince of Wales, Charles Philip Arthur George arrived in New Delhi on a 2day visit to India.
- This visit is a part of their 10 day tour to Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and India.
- o This visit will be the 9th visit of the Prince of Wales to India.
- The visit is aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between the two
 nations.

IDFC Bank Partners with MobiKwik

- o IDFC Bank has entered into a "strategic alliance" with mobile wallet major MobiKwik to launch a co-branded virtual Visa prepaid card for customers of MobiKwik.
- One need not be a customer of IDFC Bank to use the co-branded pre-paid card.
- The novelty here is that a user need not go through the five-step process to generate a card.

PayPal launches domestic ops in India

- American digital payments company PayPal launched domestic operations in India.
- At launch, Indian consumers will be able to make transactions at select online merchants.
- Merchants offering PayPal will be able to process both local and global payments through the platform, getting access to PayPal's more than 200 million customers around the world and in India through a single integration.







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HDFC Bank Launched SmartUp Zone in Kochi

- HDFC Bank has announced the launch of its SmartUp Zone in Kochi, an exclusive area inside the branch dedicated to start-ups.
- SmartUp Zones will be launched in over 65 branches in 30 cities across
 India, including tier 2 and 3 cities that are emerging as start-up hubs.
- The objective is to harness the potential of the startup and fintech ecosystem using a multi-pronged approach.

• The top tourist destinations in 2017

- Hong Kong remains the world's most visited city by international travellers in spite of strained relations with neighbouring China.
- In a report on the top 100 city destinations that highlights the growth in
 Asian tourism, market research firm Euromonitor International said 25.7
 million arrivals are expected in Hong Kong in 2017.
- Other countries followed by Hong Kong are Bangkok and London.

Odd-Even Scheme again in Delhi

- o The Delhi government announced that the odd-even scheme will be reintroduced in the national capital from November 13 to November 17.
- This comes after the Indian Medical Association (IMA) declared a state of public health emergency in Delhi.
- The Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority had declared that the pollution has reached 'Severe Plus' level or emergency condition.

• India again member of UNESCO's Board

- India has been re-elected as the member of the UNESCO's executive board, its top decision-making body.
- The election was held at the 39th session of the General Conference of the UNESCO in Paris, France.







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 In the General Conference, each country has one vote, irrespective of its size or the extent of its contribution to the budget.

· Delhi signs agreement with Seoul

- Delhi Government signed a twin city agreement with the Seoul (South Korea) Metropolitan Government.
- Its objective is to strengthen cooperation between two cities in the fields of the smart city, e-governance, climate change and transportation.
- The twin city agreement between Delhi and Seoul will come into effect after being approved by Union Government.

PM Modi flagged off Bandhan Express

- 'Bandhan Express' a passenger train between Kolkata and Bangladesh's southwestern industrial city of Khulna was inaugurated on November 9, 2017.
- It is a fully air-conditioned passenger train and will run every Thursday from both Kolkata and Khulna.
- o It is the second Indo-Bangla train service after the Maitree Express, which runs between Dhaka and Kolkata.

• Nordic-Baltic youth film festival

- The Nordic-Baltic embassies are set to host the first ever youth film festival of the European nations at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi from 13 – 18 November 2017.
- The film festival is organized by Nordic-Baltic embassies in collaboration with the India Habitat Centre.
- The Nordic-Baltic countries are Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden.

Three-day Organic World Congress

 A 3-day Organic World Congress, 2017 is being organized at India Expo Centre in Greater Noida.











- It will see the participation of 1,400 representatives from 110 countries, and 2000 delegates from India.
- The OWC is organized once every 3 years in a different country. Last edition took place in Istanbul, Turkey in 2014.

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