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Railways launches Project Saksham

- Railways will launch the country's largest time-bound "upskilling" exercise for government employees to upgrade the skill sets of its 13 lakh-strong workforce with a single drive spanning 9 months.
- Project Saksham will start in January 2018 and go on until September.
- The launch date of the project has been tentatively scheduled to coincide with the 155th birth anniversary of Vivekananda.
- 10th South Asia Economic Summit
  - The 10th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES) has begun in Kathmandu, Nepal.













- The theme of the 3-day summit is "Deepening Economic Integration for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in South Asia".
- The summit is being organised by National Planning Commission and Ministry of Commerce of Nepal and South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics, and Environment, Nepal.
- 37th India International Trade Fair
  - 37th India International Trade Fair (IITF) has begun at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
  - The 14-day annual event has been organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO). This year the theme of the fair is "Startup India Standup India".
  - Vietnam is the Partner Country, while Kyrgyzstan is the FocusCountry. Jharkhand is participating as a Partner State in the event.
- India, Philippines Inks Four Agreements
  - Four agreements were signed by India and Philippines during Modi's visit to Philippines.
  - The areas include Defence Cooperation and Logistics, agriculture, Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises-MSME and forging closer relations between the Indian Council of World Affairs and the Philippines Foreign Service Institute.
  - Narendra Modi's visit to the Philippines comes after 36 years.
- Rafael Nadal gets ATP World No 1 award
  - Tennis player Rafael Nadal was presented the ATP World Number 1 award on court, at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena, in London.
  - Rafael Nadal replaced Andy Murray of Britain at Number 1 position on 21 August 2017.
  - He has guaranteed the year-end Number 1 ranking for a fourth time following 2008, 2010 and 2013.
- Pankaj Advani wins 17th world title













- Indian cueist Pankaj Advani has won his 17th world title at the IBSF World Billiards Championship 2017 in Doha, Qatar.
- Pankaj beat Mike Russell of England by 6-2 (0-155, 150-128, 92-151, 151-0, 151-6, 151-0, 150-58, 150-21) and won his 17th world title at the IBSF
  World Billiards Championship 2017.
- He is the winner of the maximum number of world titles in any sport by an Indian.
- Organic material generates electricity
  - A flexible new material has been developed by researchers from Empa, the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science & Technology, which generates electricity when stressed.
  - This works using Piezo-electric effect.
  - This could be used in pressure sensors, pacemakers, medical devices, clothing, control buttons, or even wearable monitors that generate electricity from the wearer's movement
- Govt launches Bharat Net phase 2 project
  - Central Government launched phase 2 of Bharat Net project to connect 1.5 lakh gram panchayats with high-speed broadband by March 2019.
  - Bharat Net Project, formerly known as National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) was launched by Central Government in October 2011 with an aim to deploy high-speed optical fiber cables across rural areas of India.
  - $_{\circ}$   $\,$  The project is being implemented by BBNL.
- Bangladesh CJ Surendra Sinha resigns
  - Bangladesh's first Hindu Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha has resigned after facing financial irregularities and money laundering allegations.











- Surendra Kumar Sinha led the Supreme Court to a landmark verdict which scrapped Parliament's power to remove judges on grounds of misconduct and incapacity, in August 2017.
- $_{\odot}$   $\,$  His term was scheduled to expire in January 2018.
- India to be 3rd largest aviation market
  - As per a report by global consultancy and research firm, Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation, India will be world's third largest aviation market for departures by 2019.
  - Currently, India is the fourth largest aviation market in the world with 131 million passengers per annum (for the year 2016).
  - India is the largest aviation market with 815 million passengers, followed
    by China and Japan.
- Asian Bankers Association summit
  - For the first time, Mumbai is to host the 34th annual conference of the Asian Bankers Association on 16th and 17th November 2017.
  - Summit will be hosted by State Bank. The theme for this year's summit is 'Asia's turn to transform'.
  - The summit will discuss the impact of the ongoing global downturn on the outlook of the Asian economies, economic consequences of the Brexit in March 2019 on Asia.
- Sainik welfare boards for Andhra Pradesh
  - Sainik Sankshema Sabha will be organised in all districts in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
  - The announcement was made at a rally and a grievance redressal programme organised in Hyderabad.
  - This is done as a measure taken by the Indian Army to reach exservicemen and widows of those who had served in the forces.
- Airport-like amenities at Rail stations













- Rail Land Development Authority has signed a MoU with NBCC to redevelop 10 railway stations across India with airport-like amenities by the year 2020.
- 10 railway stations which would be redeveloped are Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Lucknow, Gomti Nagar, Kota, Tirupati, Nellore, Ernakulam, Puducherry, Madgaon, and Thane.
- The redevelopment will be carried out at an estimated cost of Rs 5000 crore.

#### India Youth Development Index and report

- Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Col. Rajyavardhan
  Rathore released the India Youth Development Index and Report.
- The objective of constructing YDI 2017 is to track the trends in Youth Development across the States.
- The Index enables recognizing the high and low performing states, identifies the weak domains and informs the priority areas of intervention for youth development.

#### Army Organises Youth Fest at Kishtwar

- Army organised a mega event Youth Fest : 2017 on 13 Nov 2017 at the historic Chowgan ground of Kishtwar.
- The Fest was an amalgamation of varied programmes highlighting the rich culture of different regions of India and stalls of food and games for people of all the age groups to rejoice & cherish.
- The event also encompassed display of various ethnic specialties from across the country.

#### • Northeast to get 'Air Dispensary'

 Northeast is all set to get India's first-ever "Air Dispensary" based in a helicopter.

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- The Union Ministry of Development of Northeast has already contributedRs. 25 crore funding for this initiative.
- Nearly 1/3rd of India's population did not have access to proper hospital bed care, as a result of which, poor patients living in remote areas remained deprived of crucial medical care.

#### • PM visits IRRI, Mahaveer Foundation

- Modi visited the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines.
- IRRI is a premier research organization dedicated to reducing poverty and hunger through rice science. He unveiled a plaque to mark the inauguration of the Shri Narendra Modi Rice Field Lab.
- He also visited the Mahaveer Philippine Foundation in Manila, a
  humanitarian cooperation programme, between India & Philippines.
- **Founding Ceremony of ISA in Bonn** 
  - A Curtain Raiser Event for the Founding Ceremony of the International Solar Alliance was held in Bonn, Germany.
  - The ISA was jointly launched in 2015 by Modi & then-President of France during UNFCCC Conference.
  - The ISA is a treaty-based alliance of 121 prospective solar-rich Member Nations situated fully or partially between the Tropics & aims at the development of solar energy globally.

#### • Children's Day - 14 November

- Children's Day is celebrated on the 14th of November in India as a tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru, who was born on November 14, 1889.
- Jawaharlal Nehru, who was fondly called Chacha Nehru or simply Chachaji, was known for his love for children.
- Prior to 1964, India celebrated Children's Day on 20 November, which was observed as the Universal Children's Day by the United Nations.
- World Diabetes Day 2017













- World Diabetes Day is the world's largest diabetes awareness campaign. it is celebrated every year on 14 November.
- The theme of World Diabetes Day 2017 is Women and diabetes our right to a healthy future.
- The campaign will promote the importance of affordable and equitable access for all women at risk for or living with diabetes to the essential diabetes medicines and technologies.

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