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- Indira Gandhi's 100th Birth Anniversary
 - o Today is Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her 100th birth anniversary.
 - A commemorative programme to mark the anniversary of Gandhi held at Shakti Sthal, New Delhi.
 - o Indira Gandhi was the only female Prime Minister of the country.
 - She served as Prime Minister from 1966 to 1977 and from 1980 until her assassination in 1984.
- Manmohan Singh to get Indira Peace Prize







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- Former prime minister Manmohan Singh will receive the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development this year for his leadership of the country between 2004 and 2014 and for enhancing India's stature globally.
- o The award, comprising a cash prize of Rs.25 lakh and a citation.
- o It was instituted by the Indira Gandhi Memorial trust in 1986.

Sandeep banned for failing dope test

- Wrestler Sandeep Tulsi has been handed a four-year ban by the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel of the NADA. He is from Sonepat.
- o He has tested positive for methandienone, an anabolic steroid.
- Sandeep Yadav's sparring partner and roommate Narsingh Yadav was also ousted from the Olympics in 2016 and given a four-year ban for failing a dope test after Court of Arbitration for Sports.

62nd National Wrestling championship

- 2-time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar won a gold medal in men's 74 kg freestyle competition.
- Geeta Phogat won a gold medal in the 59 kg category of women's wrestling
 & her husband Pawan Kumar also finished on top in 86 kg category.
- India's only woman Olympic medal winner Sakshi Malik won gold medal in the
 62 kg category.
- o For the first time Indore has hosted National Wrestling Championship.

India to host Asia Cup of Road Racing

- On 18 and 19 November 2017, Round 3 of FIM Asia Cup of Road Racing (ACRR) will be held at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida, India.
- o Top bikers will participate in round three of the FIM ACRR.
- o India will be represented by Sai Rahil Pillarisetty and Israel Vanlalhruaizela, who are fourth in the standings after the first two rounds in Thailand and Taiwan.

• Baiwar becomes SEBI's executive director

- Markets regulator SEBI said Anand Rajeshwar Baiwar has taken charge as an executive director.
- An Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the 1990 batch, Baiwar assumed office on November 16.









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- Baiwar will look after the investigation department and division of foreign portfolio investors and custodians.
- Prior to this assignment, he was working as an income tax commissioner in Kolkata.

• Karnataka ans Intel's Mobileye tie up

- The Karnataka government has partnered with Intel company Mobileye to launch a project for automotive safety called "Automotive Safety Innovation".
- o It will create a repository of road and traffic information.
- As part of this project, multiple vehicles fitted with cameras and other sensors would be covering several areas around Karnataka to build the repository over the next 9 months.

• RGI, YES Bank inks bancassurance pact

- Reliance General Insurance has signed a comprehensive bancassurancecorporate agency agreement with YES Bank.
- YES Bank will enable RGI to reach a large base of retail and MSME clients.
- This is the first partnership signed by YES Bank since the open-architecture norms under the corporate agency regulations were introduced by the IRDAI in April 2016.
- Rana Kapoor is the MD of YES Bank.

PNB, ACE tie-up for farm machinery

- Punjab National Bank and Action Construction Equipment Ltd have tied up for augmenting tractors/agricultural implements financing to the farmers across India.
- o This tie-up will enable PNB to facilitate the availability of quality farm machinery equipment to its farmer base at an interest rate of 9.2% per annum.
- o It will enable ACE to tap into PNB's branch network and customer base.

• Moody's upgrades ratings of 9 PSUs

- o Moody's Investors Service upgraded ratings of nine Indian public sector firms.
- Ratings of BPCL, HPCL, IOC and Petronet LNG Ltd was upgraded to Baa2 from Baa3. This was on account of India's sovereign rating upgrade.









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ONGC's rating, which was already higher than the sovereign rating, has also been upgraded to Baa1 from Baa2.

RBL opens all women branch in Chennai

- Private sector RBL Bank inaugurated an all women branch in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The all-women branch in Chennai will be managed by eight women and will offer all products and services across liability and assets.
- This initiative is RBL Bank's efforts in encouraging gender equality.
- It was founded in 1943 and is headquartered in Mumbai. It's current CEO is Vishwavir Ahuja.

Karnataka passes SC/ST promotions bill

- Karnataka passed 'Karnataka Extension of Consequential Seniority to Government Servants Promoted on the Basis of Reservation Bill 2017'.
- Prior to introduction of this bill, SC had struck down Karnataka Govt.'s provision for providing reservation in promotion for SC/ST employees.
- Karnataka had formed a committee led by Additional Chief Secretary Ratnaprabha to study the above issues.

Int. Conf on Petroleum held in Jaipur

- The 12th Biennial International Conference & Exposition of Society of Petroleum Geophysicists India was held at Jaipur.
- The three days International Conference & Exposition of SPG India will remain open till 19th November 2017.
- Theme of the conference was "Energy trough Synergy".
- Mr. Pradhan also released a special issue of SPG's half yearly journal, 'GEOHORIZON'.

SARTTAC Steering Committee meeting held

- An interim meeting of the Steering Committee of the IMF's South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center was held in New Delhi.
- The SARTTAC Steering Committee meeting was held to assess the Center's activities and to review the Fiscal Year 2018 Work Plan.









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 Officials from all 6 member countries attended, together with the Development Partner representatives and IMF staff.

• Daily Drug Regimen for treatment of TB

- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has recently announced the launch of daily regimen for TB patients across the country under the Revised National TB Control Programme.
- The daily FDC anti-TB drugs will be made available to private pharmacy or at private practitioners.
- It will be provided free of cost. Ministry will take this forward to all major hospitals.

• Delhi to form 'Mahila Suraksha Dals'

- Deputy CM of Delhi Manish Sisodia said that, the Delhi would form "Mahila
 Suraksha Dals" to curb crimes against women in the national capital.
- The government would constitute these teams in coordination with the Delhi Commission for Women.
- These MSDs will comprise representatives of the local community, both men and women, besides civil defence volunteers & will work at the grassroot-level.

Punjab to compensate acid attack victims

- Punjab State Cabinet approved 'Punjab Victim or Their Dependents Compensation Scheme.
- o It will provide minimum compensation of Rs three lakh to an acid attack victim.
- Every year, Punjab State Government's department of home affairs and justice,
 will allocate a separate budget to the department of legal and legislative affairs to
 provide compensation under this scheme.

Manushi Chhillar crowned Miss World 2017

- India's Manushi Chhillar on Saturday won the coveted Miss World 2017 crown at a grand event in China.
- It brought to an end the country's dry spell of 17 years at the top pageant contest.
- The 20-year-old from Haryana is a medical student.
- She was crowned by Stephanie Del Valle, the last year's Miss World winner from Puerto Rico.







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President's visit to 3 NE States

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, will visit three Northeastern States – Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur - from November 19 to 22, 2017.
- This is his first visit to these states as the President of India.
- On November 19, 2017, the President will grace the valedictory function of the completion of 40 years of the Vivekananda Kendra in Itanagar.

World Toilet Day

- World Toilet Day is celebrated every year on 19 November. It is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis.
- Today, 4.5 billion people live without a household toilet.
- The SDGs, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone has access to a safely-managed household toilet by 2030.
- In 2013, the UN General Assembly officially designated November 19 as World **Toilet Day**

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