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- **Suu Kyi stripped of Oxford Award**
  - Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been stripped of the Freedom of Oxford award.
  - It is done due to her "inaction" in handling the raging Rohingya refugee crisis and turning a "blind eye to violence" in the country that forced over 600,000 people to flee to Bangladesh.
  - Oxford City Council in London voted unanimously to permanently remove the honour given to her in 1997.
- **Thodupuzha Vasanthi passes away**





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- Popular Malayalam stage, movie and television actor Thodupuzha Vasanthi passed away at a private hospital in Thodupuzha, Kerala.
- Thodupuzha Vasanthi was 65 years old. She was battling cancer for some time now.
- Her film career began in 1975. She had acted in over 450 films.
- She had won the state government award for theatre acting.
- **Sathiyani wins gold in 2017 ITTF**
  - Indian paddler G Sathiyani defeated Japan's Kazuhiro Yoshimura 4-2 to clinch the men's singles gold medal at the 2017 ITTF Challenge Spanish Open in Almeria, Spain.
  - Sathiyani beats Kazuhiro Yoshimura 11-7, 3-11, 11-6, 6-11, 13-11, 11-7 in the men singles final.
  - This was Sathiyani's second major title after the single gold he had won two years ago in the ITTF World Tour Belgium Open.
- **India's first rooftop solar carport**
  - Tata Power Solar Systems has commissioned India's first rooftop solar carport at 70000 sq. meter Unity One Mall, in Rohini, Delhi.
  - Tata Power Solar Systems is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Company.
  - Solar carports are overhead canopies (mounted with solar panel) built to cover parking areas.
  - This solar carport will make the mall self-sufficient in terms of energy requirement.
- **NK Singh appointed as Chairman**
  - The Central government has appointed NK Singh as chairman of 15th Finance Commission.
  - The commission will make recommendations after reviewing several important aspects of federal fiscal finance including the deficit, cash



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balances, debt levels, and fiscal discipline efforts of the Union and the states.

- It will make recommendations, by October 2019, for five years commencing April 1, 2020.

- **Das appointed as India's G20 Sherpa**

- Union Ministry of Finance has appointed Shaktikanta Das, former secretary of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), as India's G20 (Group of Twenty) Sherpa till December 31, 2018 for the Development Track.
- Role of a Sherpa is to coordinate on the agenda for the upcoming G20 summit.
- Position of India's G20 Sherpa fell vacant in August 2017, when Mr. Panagariya left NITI Aayog.

- **Pradeep appointed as Air India CMD**

- Senior IAS officer Pradeep Singh Kharola was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India.
- Pradeep, a Karnataka cadre IAS officer, would replace Rajiv Bansal, who has been serving as the interim CMD for a little over three months.
- Currently, Pradeep Singh Kharola is the Managing Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.

- **Water Resources pavilion bags Gold Medal**

- The pavilion of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation bagged gold medal in the Ministries/ Departments category.
- It won the prize for excellence in display in the IITF 2017, in New Delhi.
- Akhil Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, received the Gold Medal award from Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry CR Chaudhary.



- **5 Russians banned for Doping**
  - 5 more Russian competitors from the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics have been banned for life over anti-doping rule violations by IOC.
  - Dmitrii Trunenkov and Aleksei Negodailo, both in the gold-medal winning four-man bobsleigh team, plus biathlon relay silver medalists Yana Romanova and Olga Vilukhina, who also won silver in the 7.5 km event.
  - Sergei Chudinov was also disqualified for doping.
- **Air India Express gets CAT-III-B**
  - Air India Express (AIE), the wholly-owned subsidiary of Air India, has secured the Category III-B certification.
  - By gaining this certification, Air India Express flights can now land and takeoff in low visibility conditions even up to an RVR (runway visual range) as low as up to 50 meters.
  - This certification is mandatory to operate during fog season which sets in Northern India.
- **Amazon India launches “Startup C-Cube”**
  - Amazon India collaborated with hardware accelerator “HAX” and crowd-funding community “Kickstarter” to announce “Startup C-Cube” – a multi-level challenge for the startups in Bengaluru.
  - This move is expected to bring companies together to work towards building the product startup ecosystem.
  - The announcement was made at the first anniversary of Amazon’s flagship programme “Launchpad”.
- **IndiaFirst Life launches Insurance Khata**
  - IndiaFirst Life Insurance has launched India’s first-ever micro-insurance plan ‘insurance khata’ for those in the informal sector and agricultural laborers with seasonal incomes.
  - Insurance Khata provides individuals with the flexibility to pay a premium in parts depending on the periodicity of his/her income.



- The entry level minimum premium for 'Insurance Khata' is Rs. 500/-.
- **DBS Bank lowers India's FY18 GDP growth**
  - Singapore's DBS Bank has lowered India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for current fiscal (FY 2017-18) to 6.6 percent from the previous 6.8 percent.
  - Growth forecast has been lowered as DBS Bank believes that Indian businesses are still adjusting to the new Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.
  - For FY 2018-19, DBS expects Indian economy to grow at 7.2 percent.
- **India to assist Kabul in Renovation**
  - India will provide USD 2.87 million to Afghanistan for refurbishment (renovation) of 350 buses that will help in strengthening the public transport system of Kabul.
  - The Indian Embassy in Kabul said that an MoU in this regard was signed by Manpreet Vohra, Indian ambassador to Afghanistan, and Afghan Transport Minister Hameed Tahmasi.
  - The buses are expected to be operational by end of 2018.
- **National Crisis Management Centre**
  - India and Russia have entered into an agreement under which, EMERCOM of Russia would cooperate with India in the establishment of the National Crisis Management Centre in India.
  - It's objective is to handle disaster and other emergency situations.
  - This cooperation was agreed during a meeting between Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Russian Minister, Vladimir Puchkov in Moscow, Russia.
- **India, Greece sign agreement**
  - India and Greece signed an air services agreement in New Delhi.



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- The agreement was signed between Union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias.
- This air services agreement will allow Indian airlines to operate to Athens, Thessaloniki and Heraklion and accordingly Greek airlines will be able to start services to major Indian cities.
- **INSPIRE 2017 kicked off in Jaipur**
  - First edition of the International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017) begun in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
  - It brings together various stakeholders to showcase best practices in the sector.
  - It provides a platform to discuss energy efficiency policies, market transformation strategies, emerging technologies, delivery and business-model driven transformations.
- **Media interaction programme in Manipur**
  - Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh inaugurated a two-day India-Myanmar media interaction programme in Imphal.
  - Eleven journalists from Myanmar are taking part in this interaction programme.
  - This event was sponsored by the Manipur tourism department in collaboration with Information and Public Relations department and the state level committee of the Act East Policy.
- **PM Modi inaugurates Hyderabad Metro Rail**
  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 30 km-long, first phase of Hyderabad Metro Rail between Miyapur and Nagole, at Miyapur station.
  - PM Modi took a ride along with Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao in its maiden run.
  - Minimum fare for a ride in Hyderabad Metro Rail is Rs 10 for two km and the maximum fare is Rs 60 for the entire stretch.



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- **Skill India partners with Airbnb**

- On 28th November 2017, a tripartite MoU was signed between National Skill Development Corporation and THSC with Airbnb.
- The MoU will provide hospitality skills training to hospitality micro-entrepreneurs in India.
- This MoU aims to empower more citizens, including those in rural and underserved areas and pursue new livelihood opportunities by sharing their homes.

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