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- **Study finds that 3 moons orbit the Earth**
 - A team of astronomers and physicists has confirmed that the dust clouds orbit the Earth.
 - These dust clouds move with the Earth and Moon at a stable 4,00,000 kilometres from the Earth.
 - The dust clouds is also known as 'Kordylewski' clouds.
 - The first glimpse of the clouds was seen only in 1961 by Polish astronomer Kazimierz Kordylewski.
- **Novel bionic mushrooms can produce electricity**
 - US researchers have successfully produced electricity from a mushroom covered in bacteria.
 - The scientists used 3D printing to attach clusters of energy-producing bugs to the cap of a button mushroom.





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- The fungus provided the ideal environment to allow the cyanobacteria to generate a small amount of power.
- **European defence coalition launched in Paris**
 - Defence ministers from European countries met in Paris on 7 November 2018 and launched a joint military force known as the 'European Intervention Initiative' or EI2.
 - The military force could rapidly be deployed in response to a conflict or natural disaster.
 - Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Portugal, Britain and Finland are part of this initiative.
- **India loses row over safeguard duty at WTO**
 - India lost a major trade dispute at the World Trade Organization (WTO) on 6 November 2018.
 - A dispute settlement panel upheld Japan's complaint that India's imposition of safeguard duty on imports of hot-rolled steel flat products during September 2015 and March 2018 violated core global trade rules.
 - Japan launched the dispute settlement proceedings against India in 2017.
- **ASEAN member countries offer concession**
 - Several Asian member countries of the proposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) have offered India a concession on the extent to which it needs to open up its markets.
 - India can now open up 83% of its market against the earlier 92%.
 - The RCEP is a proposed trade agreement between the ASEAN countries and the six free trade agreement partners.
- **LS Secretary General got one-year extension**
 - The tenure of Snehlata Shrivastava has been extended by Speaker Sumitra Mahajan for one year.
 - She was scheduled to retire on 30 November 2018 but after the extension, she will retire in 30 November 2019.



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- She is the first woman Secretary General of the Lok Sabha.
- She has served as Secretary in the Ministry of Law and Justice and as Special/Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance.
- **Proposed Ganga bill bans ports, jetties**
 - According to a proposed 'Ganga Act', the government has banned the construction of jetties, ports or 'permanent hydraulic structures' in the Ganga river.
 - The Bill lays down a host of restrictions to ensure the 'uninterrupted, ecological flow' of the river.
 - The proposed act is formally called the National River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Conservation and Management) Bill, 2018.
- **New record created in Ayodhya**
 - A new world record was set in Ayodhya on 7 November 2018 with over three lakh 'diya' lit up simultaneously.
 - A total of 3,01,152 diyas were lit up simultaneously for five minutes.
 - The record was created at the Deepotsav event on the banks of the Sarayu river.
 - The target was to illuminate a total of 3.35 lakh diya on both sides of the ghats at Ram Ki Paidi.
- **Tesla names new chair to replace Elon Musk**
 - Electric carmaker Tesla has appointed Robyn Denholm as the Chairman of the company's board of directors, replacing Elon Musk.
 - She will also be leaving her role as CFO and Head of Strategy at Telstra, Australia's largest telecommunications company.
 - She has been on the Tesla board as an independent director since 2014.
 - Elon Musk will remain the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tesla.
- **India's economic growth to slow down in 2019**





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- A report titled 'Global Macro Outlook 2019-20' was released by Moody's Investors Service on 8 November 2018.
- The report said that the Indian economy will expand 7.4% in 2018, but the growth will slow down to 7.3% in 2019.
- It also said that the economy grew 7.9% in the first half (January-June) of 2018.
- Moody's said global economic growth will slow in 2019 and 2020 to a little under 2.9%.
- **DEPwD to organise Global IT Challenge**
 - 'Global IT Challenge (GITC) for Youth with Disabilities 2018' will be organised by the from 9 November 2018.
 - It is organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 - India is hosting the event in collaboration with the Government of Korea and Rehabilitation International.
- **JNPT planning to host edible oil refinery**
 - Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) is planning to host an edible oil refinery to maximise revenue and ensure captive cargo.
 - The raw material for the refinery will be imported from abroad and a considerable part of the finished products will be sent out through the sea.
 - The port already has a liquid cargo terminal in addition to the 4 container terminals.
 - The port is situated in Maharashtra
- **'Bhubaneswar Me Wi-Fi' launched**
 - Odisha Government launched the 'Bhubaneswar Me Wi-Fi' project in Bhubaneswar on 5 November 2018.
 - The project is implemented by Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited (BSCL).
 - It will initially have 100 hotspots enabled locations with 275 access points.



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- One wi-fi hotspot would be able to handle 150 users at a given point of time
- BSCL is a Special Purpose Vehicle incorporated by Odisha Government.
- **Samay won the 'Breakthrough Junior Challenge'**
 - Samay Godika won the 2018 'Breakthrough Junior Challenge' for his video submitted in the life sciences category on circadian rhythms.
 - He will receive a \$250,000 college scholarship.
 - 'Breakthrough Junior Challenge' is a global science video competition designed to inspire creative thinking about fundamental concepts in the life sciences, physics, and mathematics.
- **'Mo bus' service launched in Odisha**
 - Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Mo bus' service in Bhubaneswar on 6 November 2018.
 - The newly-launched buses feature free Wi-Fi, CCTV surveillance, public information display system and on board announcements.
 - The bus service will come up with 'Mo Bus' mobile app through which citizens can book their tickets and also get to know the locations of the vehicle.
- **Chabahar port work exempted from sanctions**
 - The United States has exempted India from the imposition of certain sanctions for the development of Chabahar port project in Iran.
 - India has committed \$500 million to the project and \$2 billion to build a railway line from Chabahar to Hajigaj in Afghanistan.
 - India signed an agreement with Iran and Afghanistan in May 2016 for the port's development.
- **West Bengal to observe 'Rosogolla Day'**
 - The West Bengal government will observe 'Rosogolla Day' on November 14.





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- The day will be observed to commemorate the first anniversary of the State's famous sweet getting Geographical Indication (GI) tag as 'Bengal's Rosogolla'.
- On 14 November 2017, West Bengal got the GI tag for 'Bengal's Rosogolla'.
- The GI tag is a sign that identifies a product as originating from a particular place.
- **EC issues order on poll expenses**
 - According to the Election Commission, the costs incurred on publicising information about the criminal cases against a candidate will be counted as part of poll expenditure.
 - The expenses will be borne by the candidate and the political parties.
 - The Election Commission said that the FIR cases against a candidate have to be given publicity.
- **R Chandranathan appointed new Meghalaya DGP**
 - The Meghalaya government has appointed R Chandranathan as the Director General of Police (DGP).
 - Chandranathan, an IPS officer of 1986 batch Assam-Meghalaya cadre, was serving as the Special Director General (Railways in Assam).
 - Chandranathan succeeded former DGP Swaraj Bir Singh who retired on 31 July 2018
- **ECB norms for infra firms eased**
 - The Reserve Bank of India has liberalised the norms governing external commercial borrowings (ECBs) for infrastructure creation.
 - The minimum average maturity requirement for ECB in the infrastructure sector has been reduced to three years from earlier five years.
 - Additionally, the average maturity requirement for mandatory hedging has been reduced to five years from earlier ten years.

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