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BANKING & ECONOMY

1. Largest private sector lender, **ICICI Bank** will be selling personal loans of up to Rs 15 lakh through its ATMs that can be availed by selected salaried customers even if they haven't previously applied for one.
2. **ADB projects 7.4 per cent** growth for India in 2017.
3. Markets regulator, **SEBI** has entered into a pact with the **European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)** for exchange of information **Concerning Central Counterparties (CCPs)**.
4. The govt has launched a **GST training programme** to skill **around two lakh** youths in six months to handle tax compliance issues like invoice making.
5. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley launched **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)**, a pension scheme exclusively for senior citizens with **8%** fixed rate of interest on their savings. Under this scheme, there will be an assured return of 8 per cent over tenure of 10 years.
6. **Bank of Baroda** has entered into an agreement with **Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D)** for extending various banking services to **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)**.
7. **Patanjali Ayurveda** has been featured among the **Top 10** most influential brands in India.
8. **State Bank of India**, the country's largest commercial bank, has launched '**SBI Realty**' - a one-stop integrated website **www.sbirealty.in** for home buyers.
9. **India** has ranked **4th** among world's fastest growing economies. According to the recently released World Bank's Global Economic Prospects, India's economy is expected to advance 7.2% for the year 2017.
10. **Google** has launched a recruiting app, '**Hire**' for small-and medium-sized businesses.
11. **UIDAI**, which issues Aadhaar numbers, has launched **mAadhaar** app for mobile users that will allow users to carry unique identification profile on mobile.

NATIONAL NEWS

1. **Matunga** railway station in Mumbai becomes **India's first railway station** to be operated fully by **women**.
2. **The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** in association with the **West Bengal govt** will be hosting **Horasis Asia Meeting**, a global business meet in the city in November.
3. Sports Minister, Vijay Goel and Road Transport & Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari flagged off **10th Slum Yuva Daud at Khichripur in New Delhi**.
4. **India's first-ever food Truck Park** opens in **Mumbai**.
5. The Union Ministry of Rural Development launched **Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)**, a sub-scheme under **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)**. It aims to provide an alternative source of livelihood to members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) by facilitating them to operate public transport services in backward rural areas.
6. India will host **Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS) 2017**, the world's largest conference on cyber space and related issues in New Delhi in November 2017.
7. The Union Environment Ministry approved three projects for the adaptation of climate change in three states viz. **Rajasthan, Gujarat and Sikkim** for funding under the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC).

8. Additional Charge of Ministry: **Narendra Singh Tomar** gets **Urban Development ministry** and **Smriti Irani** gets **Information & broadcasting**
- **Union Minister of Textiles and Information & Broadcasting – Smriti Irani**
Constituency – Gujarat, Rajya Sabha
 - **Union Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking water and sanitation, Urban development – Narendra Singh Tomar**
Constituency – Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)

STATE NEWS

1. The spectacular **Dal Lake** hosted first ever '**Culture of Cruise**', a weekly cultural programme organized by the **Jammu and Kashmir govt** aimed to bring artists from various fields at one stage.
2. The **Telangana govt** launched a special portal called "**Janahitha**" to receive complaints from the public.
3. Minister of State for Home Affairs, **Kiren Rijju** inaugurated **the Research Institution of World Ancient, Traditional, Culture & Heritage (RIWATCH) Museum** at Roing in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
4. India's first **Eco-bridges** for the movement of tigers in **Telangana**.
5. President **Pranab Mukherjee** inaugurated the **Bicentenary celebration of Paika Rebellion of Odisha** organised by the Union Ministry of Culture in **New Delhi**.
6. **Madhya Pradesh govt** is setting up '**astro-OPDs**' in **Bhopal** where astrologers and soothsayers will provide consultation to patients facing diverse problems.
7. Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** dedicated the **state's longest bridge** to the nation. It has been named after **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**. The **2.88 km** bridge over the **river Kathajodi** will connect the state capital of **Bhubaneswar with Cuttack**.
8. **Rajasthan's** first "**child-friendly**" police station will come up shortly in **Dholpur**, with the provision for spreading awareness about laws against child labour, child marriage and sexual offences and establishment of a colourful and attractive child cell.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. **Australia** became the **35th country** to join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.
2. The **United States** announced that the govt will ban citizens from traveling to **North Korea** due to "**the serious risk of arrest**".
3. **Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi**, the **UAE Minister of State for Tolerance** has topped a poll of the most powerful Arab women in govt for 2017, according to **Forbes Middle East**.
4. The **Bank of England** unveiled a new polymer **£10** note featuring 19th century novelist **Jane Austen**.
5. **FIFA** have lifted their ban on the **Sudan Football Association**.
6. The **U.K. govt** appointed **Baroness Brenda Marjorie Hale**, as the first woman president of the Supreme Court, the senior-most judge in the country.

SCIENCE & DEFENCE

1. The U.S. Navy recently tested the world's first-ever active laser weapons system.
2. **Australia** and **U.S.** jointly launched multimillion hypersonic missiles – **HIFiRE**.
3. The **Indian Army** has signed MoU with **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** to raise one regiment of the advanced **Medium Range Surface to Air Missiles (MRSAM)** defence system.
4. **Indian Navy's** second **LCU Mark IV L52 ship** was launched in Kolkata, **West Bengal**.

APPROVALS & MOUS

1. **Karnataka Bank** in association with its **PNB MetLife** launched Met Loan and Life Suraksha (MLLS), a single premium plan covering the loan liability of a customer.
2. Erode-based **Five P Venture India Private Ltd** and **Central Silk Board (CSB)** inked an agreement for the development and commercialization of handloom silk products.
3. **India** and **Sri Lanka** signed a MoU to develop a village in **Anuradhapura District** (in Sri Lanka) at a cost of 30 crores Sri Lankan rupees.
4. **India-Japan** signed an agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Appointments	Appointee
New Director General of ITBP	R K Pachnanda
India's 14th President	Ram Nath Kovind
New Chief Justice of Nepal	Justice Gopal Prasad Parajuli
Brand Ambassador of Tamil Thalaivas	Kamal Haasan
Chief Minister of Nagaland	TR Zeliang
Team India bowling coach	Bharat Arun
New Secretary of new President	Sanjay Kothari
Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs	Raveesh Kumar
Retirement of Italian football legend	Francesco Totti

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. Nobel Laureate Professor **Amartya Sen** released a book titled "**Future of Indian Universities: Comparative and International Perspectives**" at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

AWARDS

1. BJP leader **L.K. Advani** received the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his contributions in Lok Sabha.
2. The 18th edition of the International Indian Film Academy Awards (**IIFA**) was held in **New York**.
List of the IIFA 2017 winners:

- **Best Film- Neerja**
- **Best Director-AnirudhRoyChaudhary for Pink**
- **Best Actor (Male)- ShahidKapoor for Udta Punjab**
- **Best Actor (Female)- Alia Bhatt for Udta Punjab**
- **IIFA Woman Of The Year- Tapsee Pannu**

3. **San Miguel de Allende in Mexico** has been named the World's Best City in a survey by Travel and Leisure magazine. India's Udaipur has been ranked 14th in the list.

Top 5 in the List:

- San Miguel de Allende (Mexico)
- Charleston (US)
- Chiang Mai (Thailand)
- Kyoto (Japan)
- Florence (Italy)

SPORTS

1. **India's Karamjyoti Dalal** won bronze medal at the **World Para Athletics Championships 2017** in the discus-throw.
2. **Harinder Pal Sandhu** won **Victorian Open squash tournament** held at Melbourne, Australia.
3. **Roger Federer** won a record eighth **Wimbledon title**.
4. **Garbine Muguruza of Spain** won **Wimbledon 2017** by defeating seven-time Grand Slam Champion Venus Williams.
5. 131st edition of the **Wimbledon Championships tennis tournament** took place at All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom.

Category	Winner	Runners-up
Men's Singles	Roger Federer (Switzerland)	Marin Cilic (Croatia)
Women's Singles	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)	Venus Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Lukasz Kubot (Poland) & Marcelo Melo (Brazil)	Oliver Marach (Austria) & Mate Pavic (Croatia)
Women's Doubles	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) & Elena Vesnina (Russia)	Monica Niculescu (Romania) & Chan Hao-ching (Chinese)
Mixed Doubles	Jamie Murray (UK) & Martina Hingis (Switzerland)	Heather Watson (UK) & Henri Kontinen (Finland)



6. **Mumbai's Neel Joshi and Ananya Dabke** bagged the under-15 boys and girls titles respectively in the **Dutch Open Junior Squash Championship in Amsterdam, Netherlands.**
7. **Hockey player Amit Saroha** won **silver** medal at the **World Para Athletics Championships 2017.**

IMPORTANT DAY

Date	Day
18th July	Nelson Mandela International Day

OBITUARY

American rock band Linkin Park's lead vocalist	Chester Bennington
Former Sikkim CM	Nar Bahadur Bhandari
French singer	Barbara Weldens



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