

World Bank allocates \$8 billion to China

- The World Bank has allocated about \$8 billion for the infrastructure projects of the Chinese initiative - Silk Road Economic Belt.
- The round table meeting at Beijing, held on September 12 was in the "6 + 1" format with the heads of international financial and economic organizations. The heads were Chinese Premier of the State Council Li Keqiang, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Christine Lagarde, Director General of the World Trade Organization Roberto Azevedo, Director General of the International Labor Organization Guy Ryder Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Angel Gurría
- The initiative to create the Silk Road Economic Belt ("One belt - One road") was proposed by the Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013.
- This project is aimed at creating a transport, energy and trade corridor between the countries of Central, Eastern, South Asia and Europe .
- The Silk Road Economic Belt comprises 6 corridors which connect five central Asian countries, Iran and the Persian Gulf region, Transcaucasia, Turkey and the Saudi Arabian peninsula.

Sachin Tendulkar launched Mission-24 programme in Mumbai

- Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar launched Mission-24 programme in Mumbai
- The project was launched by NGOs Apnalaya and Mumbai First in partnership with the BMC-Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.
- Aims to improve the quality of life in a poor ward of Mumbai through collaborative efforts in the next 24 months.
- To provide basic amenities to residents of M-East ward that includes slums of Shivaji Nagar, Deonar and Mankhurd.
- The selected area ranks the lowest in human development index (HDI) among all the 24 administrative wards of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC).
- The M-East ward has no hospitals, no maternity homes and it survives on one dispensary and 4 health posts at present.
- This programme aims to provide amenities like secondary schools and colleges, aanganwadis, maternity homes, health posts and dispensaries in the ward.

Kerala to open Clinics for Transgender Community

- For the first time in the country, exclusive clinics for the transgender community will start functioning in government medical colleges across the state and will offer sex-change surgeries.
- The move has been undertaken by the state's Health and Social Justice departments as a part of the state's Transgender Policy unveiled in 2015.
- This will be executed in collaboration with Legal Services Society with an aim to make the state's health sector transgender-friendly.
- The clinics will also help with various health issues unique to transgenders and offer counselling.
- The first clinic will be set up at the government medical college of Kottayam within the next two months and will be one of the first clinics to provide the sex-change surgery.
- The present government has issued identity cards for the members of the community and has set aside a budget of Rs. 10 crore for their welfare.
- The government has also planned on opening post-surgery shelter homes in Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam where the community members can stay for a short while following the surgery.

Mindtree Launched first International Hub

- Mindtree inaugurated its first international Digital Pumpkin innovation hub located at its office at Warren Township, New Jersey.
- The facility is the outcome of the demand from Mindtree clients in the U.S. for an interactive space.
- This hub is expected to bring together multi-disciplinary team of experts from Mindtree and start-ups This move is to better serve their U.S. clients after the success of the company's Bangalore-based Digital Pumpkin.
- The Digital Pumpkin portfolio includes solutions around Internet of Things, artificial Intelligence, cognitive solutions, virtual and augmented reality, machine learning, conversational, cloud and big data.

About Mindtree

- Based at: Bengaluru
- CEO of Mindtree :Rostow Ravanan.
- Nature :Technology services and digital transformation company

President launches LILA Mobile App

- On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, on September 14, 2017 President Ram Nath Kovind has launched a new 'LILA Mobile App'.
- The app can be downloaded from Google play store and this is developed to understand Hindi easily.
- The app was launched in the ceremony , during which the President presented Rajbasha awards.
- September 14 is celebrated as Hindi Day because Hindi language was first adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India as the official language of the Republic of India on September 14, 1949.
- The decision of using Hindi language as an official language of India was legalized by the Constitution of India on January 26, 1950.

Mahendra Pratap Mall Appointed as CMD of IRCTC

- Mahendra Pratap Mall was appointed as the Chairman and Managing director of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) Ltd.
- He is at present director (finance) in the same organization.
- The appointments committee of the Union cabinet has approved his appointment to the post for a period of five years.
- Dr. A.K. Manocha was the previous CMD of IRCTC.
- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) is a Public Sector Enterprise under Ministry of Railways.
- Corporate Office of IRCTC is situated at New Delhi , which is headed by the Managing Director.
- Managing Director is being assisted by three Directors, Director(Catering Services), Director(Tourism & Marketing) and Director(Finance) and nine Group General Managers.

Lewis Hamilton wins Singapore Grand Prix

- Lewis Hamilton won a chaotic and rain-hi Singapore Grand Prix and grabbed Formula One world championship.
- His title rival Sebastian Vettel crashed out on the first lap.
- **About Lewis Hamilton**
- Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton MBE is a British racing driver who races in Formula One for the Mercedes AMG Petronas team.

- He is a three-time Formula One World Champion
- He won his first World Championship title with McLaren in 2008 before moving to Mercedes, where he won back-to-back titles in 2014 and 2015.

Venkaiah Naidu presents ANR National Award to SS Rajamouli

- Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the ANR National Award to top film-maker SS Rajamouli
- **SS Rajamouli**
- He is an Indian film director and screenwriter, known for his works primarily in Telugu cinema.
- His films are noted for their technical finesse and craft
- The first part of the Telugu film has received the National Film Award for Best Feature Film, and got nominated for Saturn Award for Best Fantasy Film by the American Academy of Science Fiction.
- He directed Baahubali: The Beginning, which became the second Global highest grossing Indian film of all time
- **About ANR National Award**
- The ANR National Award was instituted by the Akkineni International foundation in the honor of Akkineni Nageswara Rao.
- The award was given annually to recognize people for their lifetime achievements and contributions to the Indian film industry.
- ANR National Award was first awarded to veteran Bollywood actor Dev Anand in 2006.

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Shram Anna Sahayata Yojna Launched in Chattisgarh

- Chhattisgarh has launched 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shram Anna Sahayata Yojna' in the state.
- Under this scheme nutritious meal for Rs 5 will be provided to labourers in the state.
- **Highlights of the scheme**
- First Shram Anna Sahayata centre was inaugurated here in Telibandha are.
- In this centre 1,000 labourers will be served meal daily between 8 am to 10 am.
- The centre has been constructed at a cost of Rs 20 lakh.
- Workers can either have meal at the facility or get it packed in tiffins
- A skill development centre set up in the same premises was also dedicated by the chief minister on the occasion.

- Girls and women from the families engaged in rag picking will be given skill development training in varied disciplines including stitching, cooking and others there.

- **About Chhattisgarh**

- It is the 10th largest state in India
- The state was formed on 1 November 2000 by partitioning 16 Chhattisgarhi-speaking southeastern districts of Madhya Pradesh
- The capital city is Raipur.
- Chhattisgarh state consists of 27 districts and 5 divisions
- Governor of Chhattisgarh is Balram Das Tandon
- Chief Minister of the state is Dr. Raman Singh

Tunisia lifts ban on Muslim women marrying non-Muslims

- Tunisia has lifted a ban on Muslim women marrying non-Muslims on the recommendation of the president
- Muslim men were allowed to marry non-Muslim women but Muslim women were not allowed to marry non-Muslim men.

- **About Tunisia**

- Tunisia is a country in North Africa
- Tunisia is a unitary semi-presidential representative democratic republic. It is considered to be the only full democracy in the Arab World.
- President of Tunisia is Beji Caid Essebsi
- Head of Government is Youssef Chahed

69th Primetime Emmy Awards-Complete List

- The 69th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony was held in California
- The ceremony was hosted by Stephen Colbert
- **69th Primetime Emmy Awards-Complete List**
- Outstanding drama series: The Handmaid's Tale
- Outstanding comedy series: Veep
- Outstanding lead actor in a drama series: Sterling K. Brown, This Is Us
- Outstanding lead actress in a drama series: Elisabeth Moss, The Handmaid's Tale
- Outstanding supporting actor in a drama series: John Lithgow, The Crown
- Outstanding supporting actress in a drama series: Ann Dowd, The Handmaid's Tale
- Outstanding lead actor in a comedy series: Donald Glover, "Atlanta"

- Outstanding lead actress in a comedy series: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, *Veep*
- Outstanding supporting actor in a comedy series: Alec Baldwin, *Saturday Night Live*
- Outstanding supporting actress in a comedy series: Kate McKinnon, *"Saturday Night Live*
- Outstanding limited series: *Big Little Lies*
- Outstanding lead actor in a limited series: Riz Ahmed, *"The Night Of*
- Outstanding lead actress in a limited series: Nicole Kidman, *"Big Little Lies*
- Outstanding supporting actress in a limited series or movie: Laura Dern, *"Big Little Lies*
- Outstanding supporting actor in a limited series or movie: Alexander Skarsgard, *"Big Little Lies*
- Outstanding variety talk series: *"Last Week Tonight With John Oliver*
- Outstanding reality-competition program: *The Voice*
- Outstanding directing for a comedy series: Donald Glover, *"Atlanta*
- Outstanding writing for a drama series: Bruce Miller, *"The Handmaid's Tale*
- Outstanding writing for a comedy series: Aziz Ansari and Lena Waithe, *"Master of None*
- Outstanding directing for a drama series: Reed Morano, *"The Handmaid's Tale*

Google Tez UPI-Based Digital Payments App Launched in India

- Google has launched its mobile payment service, called Tez, in India.
 - Tez is a stand-alone application which is available for both Android and iOS.
- About Tez**
- The app allows users to transfer money via their bank accounts as well as Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ID, QR code and phone number.
 - Google has introduced a reward program under which users can make Rs 51 when referral makes their first payment.
 - A user can earn a maximum of Rs 9,000 per financial year, and user can only be paid once for inviting the same person once. The offer expires on April 1, 2018.
 - Along with all major Indian banks, Google has also teamed up with Dominos, RedBus and PVR as payment partners
 - There's also a 'Cash mode transactions' option in the app that allows users to send money instantly to another Tez user nearby without needing to share private details like your bank account or phone number.
 - UPI is a payment system launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and regulated by the Reserve Bank of India which facilitates the instant fund transfer between two bank accounts on the mobile platform.

YC Modi appointed as new NIA chief

- Y C Modi has been appointed as the new Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA). He will take over from Sharad Kumar.
- Sharad's term as the NIA chief ends in October 2017.
- **About YC Modi**
- He is 1984 batch IPS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre.
- He was a part of the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) that probed 2002 Gujarat riots cases.
- He has served as Additional Director General of Police in Shillong, and Additional Director in the CBI.
- **About NIA**
- The Agency came into existence with the enactment of the National Investigation Agency Act 2008 by the Parliament of India on 31 December 2008.
- The founding Director-General of NIA was Radha Vinod Raju, and he served till 31 January 2010.
- National Investigation Agency (NIA) is a central agency established by the Indian Government to combat terror in India. It acts as the Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency.

Punit Goenka Re-appointed as President of Indian Broadcasting Foundation

- Punit Goenka was re-appointed as President of The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) for a second consecutive year
- He is MD & CEO, Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL)
- Other elected members
- K. Madhavan (Asianet Communications), N. P. Singh (Sony Pictures Network), Rajat Sharma (India TV) and Sudhanshu Vats- Vice Presidents of the Foundation for the second consecutive term.
- Aroon Purie- Treasurer of the Foundation.
- CEO of Prasar Bharati, Mr Shashi S. Vempati- Director on the Board.
- **About IBF**
- Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) is an apex body for the broadcasting sector in India.
- IBF was set up in September 1999 to promote and represent the interests of the television broadcasters in India.
- IBF members manage 450 plus channels and above 90 per cent of television viewership and revenues.

Akshay Kumar Appointed Brand Ambassador for Swachh Bharat

- Uttarakhand has roped in Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as the brand ambassador of the Swachh Bharat Mission in the state.
- Akshay was also appointed as the brand ambassador for the cleanliness campaign in Uttar Pradesh last month
- **About Swachh Bharat Mission**
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a campaign by the Government of India to keep the streets, roads and infrastructure of the country's 4,041 statutory cities and towns and its rural areas clean.
- The campaign was launched on 2 October 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The objectives of Swachh Bharat are to reduce or eliminate open defecation through the construction of individual, cluster and community toilets.
- The Swachh Bharat mission will also make an initiative of establishing an accountable mechanism of monitoring latrine use.
- The government is aiming to achieve an Open-Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2 October 2019, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi

Rajni Kant Mishra Appointed SSB Chief

- Rajni Kant Mishra is appointed the new chief of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- The decision was taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- **About Mishra**
- Mishra is a 1984 batch Uttar Pradesh cadre IPS officer
- He will succeed Archana Ramasundaram, a 1980 batch Tamil Nadu cadre IPS officer, who is set to retire on September 30.
- Sundaram, who assumed charges as the SSB chief in 2016, earned the distinction of being the first woman to head a para-military force in the country.
- Mishra joined the Border Security Force (BSF) as Inspector General in 2012.
- He was appointed as Additional Director General of the BSF in November 2014. He was recently elevated to Special Director General rank in the BSF.
- **About SSB**
- Sashastra Seema Bal or SSB is one of India's Central Armed Police Forces.
- It was formed in 1963.
- It is currently under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India.
- Prior to 2001, the force was known as the Special Service Bureau (SSB).

First-ever Mission Mode to Address Under-Nutrition Conference

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development will hold the first ever National Conference in New Delhi on Mission Mode to address Under-Nutrition in the country.
- **Highlights of the conference**
- Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has collaborated with The Ministry of Women and Child Development, keeping in mind the goal of "Malnutrition Free India-2022"
- Ministry of Women and Child Development has identified 113 districts across the States/UTs based on the composite index of NITI Ayog and prevalence of stunting from NFHS-4 data.
- At least one district has been selected from each State/UTs so that the action taken in the selected district can be emulated in the other districts also
- The District Magistrates/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners will regularly monitor and review the schemes covering the aspects of nutrition across the line departments within their jurisdiction
- These three states will be awarded for showing good progress in the area of reduction in stunting as measured between NFHS-3 and NFHS-4. These States are Chattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat.
- WCD Ministry has developed a world class software 'ICDS-CAS' for real time monitoring of nutrition related parameters in 8 States. This system is one of its kind in the world and 60,000 Anganwadis have already been given tablets to report growth parameters on a daily basis with the help of this system

Rajbhasha Kirti Awards 2017

- Punjab National Bank has been awarded with Second Prize in Rajbhasha Kirti award for the outstanding performance in implementation of Official Language Policy in Bank
- The award is given under the category of Nationalized Banks and Financial Institutions in Region 'A'.
- **Other Awardees**
- HUDCO received the award under the CPSE category, for its contribution in promoting the use of Hindi as official language.
- Bhopal was awarded with the Rajbhasha Kirti award and the
- Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya won the award in the category of Boards and Autonomous Institutions.

- The State Bank of India had been conferred with the first prize under Government of India Rajbhasha Kirti Awards 2016-17. SBI bagged first prize under Government of India Rajbhasha Kirti Awards 2016-17 for its Quarterly Hindi house magazine PRAYAS.
- Vijaya Bank has bagged the first prize under the Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar (Region C) for the year 2016-17. It got the award for active implementation of Hindi in its day-to-day activities.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) was awarded the "Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar" for the year 2016-17 in the category of 'B' region for autonomous bodies and boards, for its excellent implementation of the Official Language.

