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Rajat Sharma Elected President of News Broadcasters Association

- Rajat Sharma was unanimously elected as the President of the News Broadcasters Association (NBA)
- He is the Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV.
- He had served as the President of the NBA from 2014 to 2016.

About NBA

- The News Broadcasters Association is a private association of different current affairs and news television broadcasters in India.
- It was established by leading Indian news broadcasters, including India TV, in October 2008.
- The association was set up to deal with ethical, operational, regulatory, technical and legal issues affecting news and current-affairs channels.

Jitendra Singh to Inaugurate First 'Pension Adalat'

- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the first 'Pension Adalat'
- He will also award the Pensioners for their outstanding contribution towards 'Anubhav' – a platform for retiring employees for sharing their experience of working with Government.
- A Mobile App has been created to avail the services of Pensioners' Portal which will also be launched by Dr Jitendra Singh.
- The objective of this workshop is to create awareness about the post-retirement entitlements as well as an advance planning for life after retirement.
- There will be four interactive sessions which will cover inter-alia, the road map to retirement, medical facilities for pensioners, re-engagement of retired people for voluntary social activities under 'Sankalp'.

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- The Pension Department will launch the first of a series of Pension Adalats which is being convened with the objective of bringing on a common table the aggrieved pensioner, the concerned department, the bank or CGHS representative, wherever relevant, so that such cases can be settled across the table within the framework of extant rules.
- The Mobile App will be extending all the services meant for the pensioner, which are currently available on the Pensioners' Portal of the department, to the mobile handset.
- With this App, a superannuating Central Government official will be able to monitor the progress of his pension settlement, and retired officials will be able to self-assess their pension through the pension calculator and will also be able to register their grievances, if any, and get updates on orders issued by the Department.
- The Anubhav Awards 2017 will be presented to 17 pensioners for their contribution towards creating institutional memory for the departments.
- Anubhav scheme had been instituted on the call of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to encourage retiring/retired employees to submit their experiences while working in the government with the objective to create an institutional wealth for the government for future governance as well as to enthuse and inspire the future generations of government officials in their respective assignments.

Tata Steel, TERI launch 'Green School Project' in Odisha

- Tata Steel has in association with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) has launched "Green School Project" in Odisha's Jajpur district.
- It is an initiative to create awareness about environment issues in school campuses
- First series of workshops for the students at their Sukinda Chromite Mine (SCM) in Jajpur under the "Green School Project" was organised. The workshop will run till September 23 in all identified schools across raw material locations of Tata Steel.

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- The overall objective is to create awareness among the students on climate change and how sustainable lifestyle can help mitigate the adverse impact of climate change, he added.
- "Be Ecomatic - Eco-friendly intuitively" is a week-long workshop aimed at raising awareness among the students on environment in general and conservation of resources in particular.
- The "Green School Project" was launched in April this year in schools across the operational sites of Tata Steel in Odisha and Jharkhand.

MS Dhoni Nominated for Padma Bhushan Award

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been nominated for the country's third highest civilian award -- the Padma Bhushan -- for his contribution to the game by ICC
- Board has only sent one name for the Padma awards this year and it was a unanimous decision to nominate India's most successful captain.
- Dhoni is the only Indian captain with two World titles 2011 50-over World Cup and 2007 World T20
- He has 16 international hundreds along with 100 international half-centuries.
- As a wicketkeeper, Dhoni has held 584 catches across formats.

Padma Bhushan Award

- It is the third-highest civilian award in the Republic of India, preceded by the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Vibhushan and followed by the Padma Shri.
- It was instituted on 2 January 1954

India to host first BIMSTEC Exercise in October

- Indian will host its first 'BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise- 2017'

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- It will be conducted by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) as the lead agency from October 10-13.
- The exercise will be a platform for sharing Best Practices on all aspects of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), strengthening regional response and coordination for Disaster Management among the BIMSTEC member countries.
- Delegates from all seven nations of the 'Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation' (BIMSTEC), the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and senior officers from the Nodal Ministries are participating in the event.
- The main focus of BIMSTEC DMEx-2017 will be on tending the region's preparedness and resilience towards effective activation of inter-Governmental interaction a agreements for immediate deployment of regional resources for disaster response.
- It will help create synergy and synchronise the efforts to institutionalise regional cooperation among the member countries.
- The exercise will help strengthen the effective utilisation of the Search & Rescue Teams for Disaster Relief and Emergency Response, including Emergency Rapid Assessment Teams and Management of mass casualties, especially in situations involving breakdown of infrastructure and communication.

What is BIMSTEC?

- BIMSTEC region is home to around 1.5 billion people, constituting around 22 per cent of the global population with a combined GDP of USD 2.7 trillion economy.
- Majority of the BIMSTEC countries are situated in the South Asian Region (SAR), prone to natural disasters such as floods, cyclones, earthquakes, avalanches and drought.

Khelo India Program Revamped by Union Government

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- The Union Cabinet has given its nod to revamp 'Khelo India-National Programmer for Development of Sports' scheme.

Highlights of the program

- The new plan will involve Sports for all and Sports for excellence.
- It aims at impacting the entire sporting ecosystem, with wide-ranging interventions
- It will focus on mainstreaming sport as a tool for individual development and community development.
- An annual scholarship of 5 lakh rupees for 8 consecutive years will be given to each athlete selected under the scheme shall receive
- It will cover about 200 million children in the age group of 10-18 under a massive national physical fitness drive.
- It will create an active population with a healthy lifestyle.

Ana Carrasco First Women to Win Championship Motorcycle Race

- Ana Carrasco has become the first woman to win a world championship motorcycle race in Portimao, Portugal.
- She claimed her victory by less than a tenth of a second in a race that is part of a lower-tier series created to provide opportunities for promising riders.
- She is just 20 years old and has been riding in international competition since 2013

HP Launched Secure POS System 'ElitePOS'

- HP Inc India has unveiled its innovative, all-in-one point-of-sale (POS) system HP ElitePOS
- It has secure and enhanced performance capabilities

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- It was launched in India Retail Forum 2017

Features of ElitePOS

- It supports several use cases except payment and checkout such as interactive signage, employee attendance and self-service applications like a customer check-in.
- It is equipped with Windows 10 OS, fast DDR4 memory and 7th-Gen Intel Core processors with 'vPro' technology.
- It comes with hardware and integrated software security features such as BIOS-level device security with 'HP Sure Start Gen3' and 'HP BIOSphere Gen3', fingerprint reader for secure login and an optional bolt-to-counter configuration.

What is Point of Sale?

- A point of sale (POS) is the place where sales are made.
- On a macro level, a POS may be a mall, a market or a city.
- On a micro level, retailers consider a POS to be the area where a customer completes a transaction, such as a checkout counter.
- It is also known as a point of purchase.

Indian-Born Sriram Krishnan Joins Twitter As Senior Director

- Micro-blogging website Twitter has hired Indian-born Sriram Krishnan as its Senior Director of Product.
- Sriran is a former top executive from Facebook and Snap
- Starting October 2, he will be responsible for core features inside the main app, including timeline, direct messaging and search.

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- He will be reporting to Keith Coleman, Twitter's Vice President of Product.
- He left Facebook in February 2016 to help lead advertising efforts at Snapchat's parent company Snap. He quit Snap in February.
- He led "Facebook Audience Network" to take on Google.

About Twitter

- Twitter is an online news and microblogging site and application where users post and interact with messages, "tweets", restricted to 140 characters.
- It is based in San Francisco, California, United States, and has more than 25 offices around the world
- It was created in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams and launched in July of that year.

Brazil's First Female Attorney General Takes Charge

- She has shown a willingness to go after politicians. In 2010, she oversaw an investigation that led to first arrest of a sitting governor in Brazilian history. Several allies of Temer were charged in the case.
- An attorney-general is the main legal advisor to the government, and in some jurisdictions they may also have executive responsibility for law enforcement, prosecutions or even responsibility for legal affairs generally.
- In practice, the extent to which the attorney-general personally provides legal advice to the government varies between jurisdictions, and even between individual office-holders within the same jurisdiction, often depending on the level and nature of the office-holder's prior legal experience.

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- Dodge had served on the Superior Council of the Public Prosecutor's Office and was coordinator of the Criminal Chamber of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

Tripura, First State To Set Up Family Welfare Committees

- Tripura has become the first state in India to set up family welfare district committees
These committees will examine the complaints of women against their husbands and in-laws and find an amicable solution
- Tripura High Court is the first high court among 24 high courts of India that has formed the family welfare district committees.
- The committees will also prevent the misuse of 498A which was inserted in the statute with the laudable object of punishing cruelty at the hands of husband or his relatives against a wife.
- The district family welfare committees would scrutinise the complaint, try to mitigate and mediate between the two sides to settle the dispute after a complaint is filed by a woman against her husband, in-laws and husband's relatives,
- After the district family welfare committees have submitted their report, the police officials would start appropriate legal action
- In July 2017, a case of Rajesh Sharma versus state of Uttar Pradesh highlighted the misuse of the section 498A.
- Supreme Court of India then issued a new set of directions to prevent the misuse of Section 498A of Indian Penal Code

Supreme Court issued the following directions;

i) (a) In every district one or more Family Welfare Committees be constituted by the District Legal Services Authorities preferably comprising of three members. The constitution and working of such committees may be reviewed from time to time and at least once in a year by the District and

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Sessions Judge of the district who is also the Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority.

(b) The Committees may be constituted out of para legal volunteers/social workers/retired persons/wives of working officers/other citizens who may be found suitable and willing.

(c) The Committee members will not be called as witnesses.

(d) Every complaint Under Section 498A received by the police or the Magistrate be referred to and looked into by such committee. Such committee may have interaction with the parties personally or by means of telephone or any other mode of communication including electronic communication.

(e) Report of such committee be given to the Authority by whom the complaint is referred to it latest within one month from the date of receipt of complaint.

(f) The committee may give its brief report about the factual aspects and its opinion in the matter.

(g) Till report of the committee is received, no arrest should normally be effected.

(h) The report may be then considered by the Investigating Officer or the Magistrate on its own merit.

(i) Members of the committee may be given such basic minimum training as may be considered necessary by the Legal Services Authority from time to time.

(j) The Members of the committee may be given such honorarium as may be considered viable.

(k) It will be open to the District and Sessions Judge to utilize the cost fund wherever considered necessary and proper.

ii) Complaints Under Section 498A and other connected offences may be investigated only by a designated Investigating Officer of the area. Such designations may be made within one month from today. Such designated officer may be required to undergo training for such duration (not less than one week) as may be considered appropriate. The training may be completed within four months from today;

iii) In cases where a settlement is reached, it will be open to the District and Sessions Judge or any other senior Judicial Officer nominated by him in the district to dispose of the proceedings including closing of the criminal case if dispute primarily relates to matrimonial discord;

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- iv) If a bail application is filed with at least one clear day's notice to the Public Prosecutor/complainant, the same may be decided as far as possible on the same day. Recovery of disputed dowry items may not by itself be a ground for denial of bail if maintenance or other rights of wife/minor children can otherwise be protected. Needless to say that in dealing with bail matters, individual roles, prima facie truth of the allegations, requirement of further arrest/custody and interest of justice must be carefully weighed;
- v) In respect of persons ordinarily residing out of India impounding of passports or issuance of Red Corner Notice should not be a routine;
- vi) It will be open to the District Judge or a designated senior judicial officer nominated by the District Judge to club all connected cases between the parties arising out of matrimonial disputes so that a holistic view is taken by the Court to whom all such cases are entrusted; and
- vii) Personal appearance of all family members and particularly outstation members may not be required and the trial court ought to grant exemption from personal appearance or permit appearance by video conferencing without adversely affecting progress of the trial.
- viii) These directions will not apply to the offences involving tangible physical injuries or death.