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-Kiren Rijju, the Union Minister of State for Home, has launched BSF Half Marathon online registration portal “www.marathon.bsf.gov.in” at a function in New Delhi on September 7, 2017. The marathon will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi on October 22 and will be dedicated to martyrs and BSF will facilitate their family members on the occasion.

-The Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) will undertake major research works on agriculture this year (in 2017) with the World Bank (WB) fund of Rs 1100 crore. It is announced by the Deputy Director General of the national apex agricultural research body Narendra Singh Rathore in the convocation function at the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in Chennai yesterday. The funds will be allocated to ten each of the premier agricultural and veterinary universities in the country. It must be noted that though India ranks first in milk production in the world, the milk yield per animal is very low as compared to international standards. The headquarters of ICAR is located in New Delhi.

-The International Literacy Day (ILD) is observed every year on September 8 to emphasize the importance of literacy to individuals, society and communities. The 2017 theme is ‘Literacy in a Digital World’. The special 2-day event will be organized at UNESCO’s Headquarters in Paris today, with an overall aim to look at what kind of literacy skills people need to navigate increasingly in the digitally-mediated societies. The 2017 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes awards ceremony will also take place to recognize and reward excellent literacy practices from around the world in connection with 2017 theme.

-Harendra Singh, the hockey coach and Dronacharya Awardee, has been appointed as High Performance Specialist Coach for Indian Senior Women Hockey Team (ISWHT). The decision was recently taken jointly by SAI and Hockey India on the basis of his recent and past performance. Under his coaching, the junior men team won the Junior Men World Cup in 2016 at Lucknow. He was also the Chief Coach of the Senior Men Hockey team from 2008 to 2009 and National coach from 2009 to 2010. He is a Level III certified Coach. Harendra Singh will take over the new responsibility shortly. It has also been decided that the present Chief Coach of India senior women Hockey Team, Mr. Waltherus Norbertus Maria Marijne will take over as Chief Coach of Indian Senior Men Hockey Team on his return from the on-going Europe tour. Marijne has accepted the offer of Chief Coach of the senior Indian Men Hockey Team.

-India has refused to be a part of Bali Declaration adopted at conclusion of World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development held in Bali, Indonesia to show of solidarity with Myanmar.

It was not adopted because it carried “inappropriate” reference to violence in Rakhine State from where 1,25,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh and was not in line with agreed global principles of Sustainable Development Goals

-The Indian Army has finalised plan to induct women in military police. The plan is seen as major step towards breaking gender barriers in force.

Under this plan 800 women will be inducted initially with yearly intake of 52. The decision to induct women in Corps of Military Police will help in investigating allegations of gender specific crimes. Currently, women are allowed in select areas such as medical, educational, legal, signals and engineering wings of Indian Army

-The Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises has extended the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles ((FAME)-India scheme by six months to promote electric and hybrid vehicles.

The Phase 1 of the scheme was effective from April 2015, to March 2017, had received six-month extension till end-September 2017. Now it has been extended by another six months up to March 31, 2018.

-Bharati Airtel Launches 'GST Advantage' for SMEs

-The Union Government plans to provide Wi-Fi to gram panchayats at the cost of 3700 crores

-Nagaland implemented Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) beginning from the current financial year

-Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna (PMGKY) scheme Four Thousand crores were disclosed by 21 thousand people

-American e-commerce company Amazon opened its largest fulfillment center (FC) in the country at the GMR-led Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad.

-DIGISOL Systems Ltd a leading provider of Active and Passive Networking products, announced that it has been awarded "Best Make In India Wi-Fi Company" at "My India Wi-Fi India Summit & Awards 2017". It was organised by leading digital media organisation DigiAnalysys in New Delhi with the active support and cooperation from leading players in the telecom industry. DIGISOL is the only vendor who manufactures IT networking products in India and is very proud of it. When local manufacturing was a difficult option, its Chairman, Mr. K.R. Naik started manufacturing in India.

-Assam government will upgrade employment exchanges to Modern Career Centres. A pilot project of two district employment exchanges in Guwahati and Jorhat will be upgraded as modern career centres. All modern facilities including counselling will be provided at the proposed career centres.

-India's Sonam, 43 kilogram weight category wins Gold in Cadet World Wrestling Championship. Wrestler Neelam also bagged Bronze Medal in the 43-kilogram weight category. Meanwhile, Four other wrestlers Simran, Manisha, Minakshi, Karuna will also fight for Bronze Medal in different weight categories.

-The New York Department of Financial Services (DFS) announced a fine of USD 225 million on Pakistan's Habib Bank Limited (HBL) and its New York branch for failure to comply with New York laws and regulations designed illicit financial transactions. Earlier, the bank facing a possible \$630 million fine over compliance failures by its New York branch. The bank also announced that it would close its branch in New York after the United States financial regulator imposed a penalty of nearly USD 630 million.

-Johnson & Johnson India has announced that new and adoptive fathers would be entitled to eight weeks of paid leave during the first year of birth or adoption. For new mothers, the company has been offering up to 26 weeks of maternity leave for the past six years.

-First water ATM has been inaugurated by Telangana State Home Minister N Narasimha Reddy at Nalgonda X Roads on 7th of Sept. 2017. A total of 200 ATMs will be set up to reach a targeted 150,000 people. In the first phase 50 water ATMs will be operationalised by 2018. These water ATMs use a seven step treatment process to purify water that adheres to national norms. They are connected via cloud-

based technology for real-time monitoring and analyses operational parameters, thereby minimising downtime.

-Assam government has signed a MoU with Google India Pvt. Ltd. to increase digital literacy and take Internet connectivity to the remotest part of the north-eastern state. Under this MoU the government would work to provide Internet connections to 26,000 villages and 1,500 tea garden areas in Assam. The MoU will be used as a launch pad to achieve the state government's vision of women empowerment, skill development, and universal education.

-India's Ankur Mittal has won the silver medal in the men's double trap event at the ISSF Shotgun World Championships held in Moscow. Russia's Vitaly Fokeyev has won the gold medal at ISSF Shotgun World Championships. In the junior category, Ahvar Rizvi also won a silver medal in the same event.

-Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Ministry of Water Resources entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore for development of ground water flow models and preparation of aquifer management plans for Karnataka, in New Delhi. The MoA was signed by Dr. Dipankar Saha, Member, CGWB and Professor V. Rajarajan, Registrar, IISc, Bangalore. The model being developed is a part of the aquifer mapping and management programme.

-A Joint Parliamentary Committee has been formed to examine and present a report on the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017, in New Delhi. It consists of 20 members of Lok Sabha and 10 members of Rajya Sabha. The Committee will gather views and suggestions from stakeholders and public on the provisions of the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017. Persons interested can submit their views or suggestions as a written Memoranda to the Committee. The Memoranda will be maintained 'confidential' by the Committee.

-The government has allowed import of 3 lakh tonnes of raw sugar at a concessional duty of 25% import duty under Open General License (Tariff Rate Quota) has been allowed through millers/refiners on 7th of Sept. 2017. The import shall be open to millers/refiners who have their own capacity to convert raw sugar into refined /white.

The imports will be allowed through the ports namely Tuticorin, Karaikal, Chennai, Mangalore, Kakinada, Gangavaram and Vishakapatnam in the South. The scheme shall be operated by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) as per their rules and regulations.

-The Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has inaugurated India's first ever food safety institute set up by Nestle India in Manesar. It is inaugurated by the CEO of Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Pawan Kumar Agarwal. The institute aims to train and guide its students in food safety including nutrition check and keeping the ingredients in the food items within the limit among others.

-Maharashtra is on the top position among other states in the country when it comes to migration of existing traders and fresh registrations under the Goods and Service Tax (GST) network. Uttar Pradesh (5.93 lakh) has secured second position whereas Tamil Nadu (5.23 lakh) is on the third position in terms of migration of traders through GST network.

-Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that India will grant gratis visa to Myanmar citizens wanting to visit the country. Modi made the announcement during his joint press statement with State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi after the two leaders held wide-ranging talks. He also announced that India has decided to release 40 Myanmar citizens, currently lodged in various jails in India

-The Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced new rules for the formation of a national No – Fly list that bans unruly passengers from travelling in airplanes.

-Ujjivan Bank to replace loans with certificate deposits