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Northeast India's first small bank, North East Small Finance bank starts operation

- North East Small Finance bank (NESFB), Northeast India's first small bank has started its services on 17 June, 2018 in Assam.
- Ratan Tata launched the first branch of the bank in Guwahati, Assam.
- Tata, through his investment arm RNT Associates, has invested Rs 40 crore in the bank.
- Rupali Kalita is the MD & CEO of North East Small Finance bank (NESFB).
- Supported by infusion of funds from domestic and overseas investors, North East Small Finance Bank Ltd which has a net worth of Rs 300 Crore.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 31, 2017 granted the Small Finance Bank License to Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (North East) Microfinance Limited.

About North East Small Finance bank

- Headquarters - Guwahati, Assam
- MD & CEO - Rupali Kalita

Joint venture formed to set up India's first bio-refinery in Assam

- An agreement to set up India's first bio-refinery – Assam Bio-Refinery Pvt Ltd – as a joint venture (JV) between state-run Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) and two foreign partners has been signed, NRL announced on Tuesday.
- The JV, which would produce the eco-friendly bio-ethanol and other chemicals from bamboo biomass, has been created by NRL with equity participation of Chempolis Oy of Finland and Fortum 3 B.V. of Netherlands, NRL Managing Director S.K. Barua told reporters here.

"Whatsapp for Credit Score": Wishfin launches free credit score on Whatsapp

- Wishfin has launched a new product, "Whatsapp for Credit Score". Wishfin has integrated with Whatsapp to launch a free credit score on Whatsapp. This is a first of its kind, where Indian users will have access to their credit score on Whatsapp. This is also one of the early adaptations of Whatsapp for Credit monitoring globally.
- Nearly six months ago, Wishfin had partnered with Whatsapp on testing its enterprise business solution. Wishfin had launched loan and credit card application on Whatsapp which was a huge success. That has further confirmed Wishfin's belief that Whatsapp is a great engagement tool for financial products.

Country's first AUSC power plant to come up in NTPC's Chhattisgarh station

- India's first advanced ultra-supercritical thermal power plant would be set up in the Sipat station of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Chhattisgarh.
- The coal-fired project, one of the ambitious plans of the Centre, would have a capacity of 800 Mw. Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) has developed the technology, while power

equipment major BHEL will design and manufacture the boiler and other equipment that NTPC would use.

India to soon start producing first indigenous Lithium-Ion batteries

- The Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu under Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and RAASI Solar Power Pvt Ltd on June 10, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) for transfer of technology for India's first Lithium Ion (Li-ion) Battery project.
- The Agreement was signed by Dr Vijayamohan K Pillai, Director, CECRI and C Narasimhan, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of RAASI Group in the presence of Union minister for Science & Technology Dr Harsh Vardhan.

Gujarat to become 1st state with 100% piped gas network

- Gujarat will become the first Indian state to get completely covered under the piped gas distribution network after the ninth round of bidding, which will see a quarter of the country brought under the network.

Nissan inks MoU with Kerala govt for 1st global digital hub in India

- Japanese auto major Nissan Motor Co today signed an MoU with the Kerala government for its first global centre for digital operations in India and said it will hire around 500 people for the facility by the end of this fiscal.
- The Nissan Digital Hub, to be set up here, is the first of a number of software and information technology development centres planned in Asia, Europe and North America, the company said.

First ever in India

PM Inaugurates India's first Integrated Greenfield Smart City, Naya Raipur

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first integrated greenfield smart city project at Naya Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, today.
- Schneider Electric– the global leader in the digital transformation of energy management and automation, announced the implementation of the integrated Command and Control Centre (CCC) along with utility management system (Electrical and Water SCADA) and intelligent Building Management System (BMS) there.
- The integrated project has been executed by Schneider Electric along with consortium partner, IL&FS Technologies Limited. The contract was awarded to the consortium in 2017.
- Entire city being covered with GIS mapping alongwith 128 CCTV cameras, 40 speed detection cameras and 42 number plate recognition cameras, Naya Raipur now becomes one of the safest cities in the country.
- Supported by Schneider Electric, the Integrated Command Control System of Naya Raipur will deliver a world class experience of urban living in the city.

World's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics launched in Gujarat

- The world's first of its kind and state-of-the-art International Centre for 'Humanitarian Forensics' (ICHF) was launched at the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on June 20, 2018.
- The centre is a joint venture of the regional delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in India, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives and also Gujarat Forensic Science University.

India's first robotic telescope opens in Ladakh

- India's first robotic telescope launched in one of the world's highest astronomical observatories Hanle, Ladakh.
- The telescope located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle in Ladakh is the country's first robotic telescope and the first one designed to observe dynamic or transient events in the universe.
- Called GROWTH-India, the facility at Hanle is part of a multi-country collaborative initiative known as 'Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen' (GROWTH) to observe transient events in the universe.

India's first national police museum to come up in Delhi

- The Union Government has decided to establish India's first national police museum in Lutyens' Delhi.
- The unique museum, depicting the history, artefacts, uniforms and gear of central and state police forces, will come up as an underground facility in the premises of the national police memorial in Chanakyapuri area of the national capital.
- The museum is expected to be inaugurated on October 21, on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, by either Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

13 Indian beaches will become Asia's first 'Blue Flag' environment-friendly beaches

- A total of 13 Indian beaches will now have environment-friendly resources and will live up to international standards as they are now going to be awarded with the Blue Flag certification.
- Beaches from Maharashtra, Odisha and Goa are going to be developed into Blue Flag beaches to attract more tourists and create a hospitable and clean environment for all the visitors. They will be Asia's first beaches to be awarded with this certificate.

India's largest national data centre to come up in Bhopal

- The government will be setting up the country's largest national data centre in Bhopal, with capacity for 500,000 virtual servers.
- The country has four such centres for hosting government websites, services and apps. These are at Pune, Hyderabad, Delhi and Bhubaneswar.

Pallavi Durua crowned as India's first 'Tribal Queen'

- Pallavi Durua, who belongs to Odisha's Koraput district, was crowned as the first Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap here on Sunday.
- Panchami Majhi of Titlagarh and Rashmirekha Hansdah of Mayurbhanj were declared as the first and second runners-up of the beauty pageant respectively.
- The trio will now feature in a short movie on tribal culture, to be produced by a Mumbai-based producer.

Maneka Gandhi lays the foundation of India's first Advanced DNA Forensic Lab in Chandigarh

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi on Friday laid the foundation stone of an advanced DNA forensic laboratory here as part efforts to reduce the backlog of cases needing advanced forensic analysis.
- Built at a cost of Rs 99.76 crore from the Nirbhaya Fund, the state-of-the-art 'Sakhi Suraksha' lab, will come up at the Central Forensic Science Laboratory campus to assist in investigation and prosecution of crimes including those committed against women and children, an official release said.

Dhanush, India's first indigenous artillery gun clears final test

- Dhanush, India's first indigenous artillery gun has cleared the final test.
- The indigenously upgraded artillery gun Dhanush is now ready for induction into the Indian Army.
- Dhanush has been developed by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), Kolkata.
- Dhanush is the upgraded version of Swedish 155-mm Bofors howitzers.

First ever in Sports

Mithali Raj becomes first Indian to score 2,000 runs in T20 International

- Mithali Raj on June 7, 2018 became the first Indian cricketer to score 2,000 runs in T20 Internationals. She achieved the feat during India's seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the Women's Asia Cup T20 at Kaula Lumpur.
- Mithali now has 2,015 runs in 75 matches. Indian men's team captain Virat Kohli with 1,983 runs is the next on the list, followed by Rohit Sharma and Suresh Raina.
- Mithali became the seventh woman cricketer and the only Indian to achieve the T20I feat.
- Indian men's team captain Virat Kohli with 1,983 runs is the next Indian on the list, followed by Rohit Sharma (1,852) and Suresh Raina (1,499).

Uttarakhand to debut in Ranji Trophy this season

- For the first time Uttarakhand will be playing in Ranji Trophy.
- This was confirmed by Committee of Administrators member Vinod Rai.
- Till date, 29 teams played in Ranji Trophy making Uttarakhand the 30th team.

Afghanistan to play their maiden Test against India in Bengaluru

- Afghanistan will be playing their maiden Test against India in Bengaluru from June 14, 2018.
- The one-off Test match is a massive moment for Afghanistan cricket. The team earned their Test status in June 2017.

Shikhar Dhawan is first Indian to score century before lunch

- Indian opener Shikhar Dhawan on Thursday became the first Indian opener to have scored a century before lunch on the first day of the one-off test against Afghanistan in Bengaluru.
- The first batsman to do so was Australia's V.T. Trumper against England in 1902. The other four batsmen are Australia's C.G. Macartney, Don Bradman, David Warner and Pakistan's Majid Khan. Out of six batsmen, four are from Australia, one from Pakistan and one from India.

New Zealand's Amelia Kerr hits 232 to smash women's ODI record

- New Zealand's Amelia Kerr hit a world record 232 not out in the third one-day international against Ireland and then took five wickets to complete a remarkable day for the 17-year-old.
- Kerr batted through the innings and surpassed the 229 not out set by Australia's Belinda Clark against Denmark in 1997 with a four-four-six sequence from the final three deliveries as New Zealand posted 440 for three.

First ever in the World

US President Donald Trump orders US Military to form World's first 'Space Force'

- US President Donald Trump on June 18, 2018 ordered the US Defense Department and the Pentagon to create a "Space Force", an independent sixth branch of the armed forces.
- The Space Force military branch would be "separate but equal" to the Air Force. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, would oversee the creation of the force.

In a historic first, Saudi Arabia lifts ban on female drivers

- In a first, women across Saudi Arabia were legally allowed to drive for the first time since 1957 on June 24, 2018, thus, ending the world's last ban on female drivers which was seen as a symbol of women's repression in the deeply conservative Muslim kingdom.

First even in Appointments

Kanwaljeet Jawa becomes 1st Indian to be appointed as board member of Daikin

- Japanese air-conditioner maker Daikin Industries Ltd has appointed its India operations MD & CEO Kanwaljeet Jawa into the board of the parent company.
- As per a media release, Mr Jawa will be the first Indian on the Daikin Industries board and will be part of the ten member board council, that will steer the future of Daikin globally. This is as per Daikin's strategy to include leadership from emerging markets and promote ethnic and gender diversity on their boards.

First ever Days observed

International Day of Parliamentarism 2018 observed across the globe

- The 2018 International Day of Parliamentarism was observed across the globe on June 30, 2018 with an aim to recognise the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies and in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at national and global levels.
- The year 2018 marked the first celebration of the International Day of Parliamentarism.