

CURRENT AFFAIRS SNIPPETS: NOVEMBER 2018**BUSINESS & TRADE****BSE to cut ties with S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC; develop own in-house indices**

Asia's oldest bourse BSE has decided to snap ties with S&P Dow Jones, which manages and operates benchmark Sensex. Now it is planning to develop indices through its own in-house development team.

Nexxt Credit Card: IndusInd Bank launches first interactive Credit Card in India with buttons

It will give customer multiple options on how to make a payment using his or her Credit Card. This Card has been created in partnership with Pittsburgh USA headquartered Dynamics Inc., which designs and manufactures intelligent, battery powered payment cards

Twitter launches #PowerOf18 campaign to boost youth engagement for 2019 polls

Twitter India has launched #PowerOf18 campaign aimed at encouraging youth to contribute in public debates and participate in civic engagement for the 2019 general elections. The initiative was launched by Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and Maya Hari, Vice-President and MD, Asia Pacific, Twitter during townhall chat with the students of IIT Delhi.

UN World Food Programme, Alibaba Group form strategic partnership to eliminate hunger

UN World Food Programme and Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group have formed strategic partnership to support efforts eliminate hunger globally by 2030. Under this agreement, Alibaba will lend its cutting-edge technology & resources to support digital transformation of WFP's operations. In particular, Alibaba Cloud, the cloud computing arm of Alibaba will work with WFP to develop digital "World Hunger Map". The map will help to monitor global hunger and operations to end scourge by 2030 which is one of UN's key Sustainable Development goals. It also aims to boost efficiency of interventions and shorten emergency response times.

Fortune magazine sold to Thai businessman for 1,090 crore

US publisher Meredith Corporation has agreed to sell Fortune magazine and its related businesses to Thai businessman Chatchaval Jiaravanon (an owner of the Charoen Pokphand Group conglomerate) for USD 150 million. In September, Meredith sold Time magazine to billionaire Marc Benioff and his wife, Lynne, for USD 190 million.

Paytm partners with LIC for insurance premium payments

Softbank-backed, digital payments service provider, Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited) partnered with the LIC to offer online insurance premium payments on its platform. A simpler and faster method of premium payments will be offered through the Paytm app with the freedom of paying premium through debit card, credit card, net banking and Paytm Wallet, besides availing the benefit of several deals and offers.

GOVERNMENT**eDrishti software launched to help Railways Minister keep track of punctuality of trains**

Indian Railways unveiled 'eDrishti' software that will help Union Railway Minister to keep track of punctuality of trains as well as freight and passenger earnings and much more from anywhere in the country. The software has been developed by Centre for Railway Information System to help Minister keep track of all information related to Indian Railways, one of the world's largest rail networks.

Himachal Pradesh becomes first state to launch single emergency number 112

Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to implement Emergency Response Support System. Under this system, all emergency numbers like for police, fire, ambulance and disaster response have been integrated into one number '112'. This emergency number has been introduced on basis of US emergency number 911. Gradually this emergency number will be started in other states of the country.

Government launches PAISA Portal under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission

Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched 'PAISA' – Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access during National Workshop on Municipal Finance and Urban Planning held in New Delhi. It aims to connect directly with beneficiaries and ensure there is greater efficiency in the delivery of services. It has been designed and developed by Allahabad Bank, the nodal bank under the scheme.

Foundation stone laid for Kartarpur Sahib corridor in Gurdaspur

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu laid foundation stone for construction of Kartarpur Sahib corridor on Indian side at Mann village in Gurdaspur district, Punjab. The corridor will provide visa free passage to Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit holy site of Gurudwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur in Pakistan.

Government launches chatbot loaded AirSewa digital platform for air passengers

Union Civil Aviation Ministry launched the upgraded version of AirSewa 2.0 web portal and mobile app in New Delhi. The major improvements in upgraded version of web portal include features such as secure sign-up and log-in with social media, chatbot for travellers support, improved grievance management including social media grievances.

Government to refund the seven weeks of maternity leave to employees: WCD Ministry...

Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has announced that government will pay employers salaries for first seven of 26 weeks of maternity leave for women earning more than Rs 15,000 month.

Mahila-E-Haat online portal to promote women farmers and entrepreneurs launched by WCD

The main aim is to unique organic products of the women farmers and entrepreneurs from across the country. It will serve as an e-platform to bring them together and promote the achievements of women farmers. It was launched during the 5th "Women of India National Organic Festival, 2018".

Gujarat tops in implementing Ayushman Bharat

Gujarat has emerged as the top performer of the Centre's ambitious health financing scheme - Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya

Yojana (AB-PMJAY), which was launched on 23 September, promises health coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family to over 10 crore poor families. Over 3.4 lakh beneficiaries have been treated under the scheme since its launch until 24 November, according to the National Health Agency. Tamil Nadu ranked second at 54,273 hospital and Chattisgarh third at 53,180

Sangai tourism festival held in Manipur

The annual Sangai Festival was celebrated in northeastern state of Manipur. It is grandest festival of state named after state animal, Sangai, the critically endangered brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur. The festival aims to promote Manipur as world class tourism destination.

Nongkrem dance festival celebrated in Meghalaya

Nongkrem dance festival, an annual event during which prayers are offered for good harvest, peace, and prosperity of the community was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm by the inhabitants of the Khasi Hills in Shillong, Meghalaya. The unique dance is performed by the members of Hima Khyrim, a sub-tribe of the indigenous Khasi tribe.

INDIA'S GLOBAL RANKINGS

Global Hunger Index 2018: Key Findings

India has been ranked at the 103rd position among 119 countries. India is among the 45 countries that have "serious levels of hunger.

India is ranked below many neighboring countries, including China (25th spot), Nepal (72), Myanmar (68), Sri Lanka (67) and Bangladesh (86).

India ranked 77th World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index

India ranked 77th among 190 countries in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) 2018 rankings. In the 2017 rankings, India ranked 100th and had jumped 30 places. In 2016, 2015 and 2014, India had not improved much and was placed at 130, 131 and 134, respectively, in ranking.

India slips 2 places on 'Global Talent Ranking'; Switzerland on top

India has slipped two places to rank 53rd on a global annual talent ranking released by IMD Business School Switzerland. While Switzerland has topped the global ranking for the fifth year in a

row, it is followed by Denmark, Norway, Austria and the Netherlands in the top-five

INTERNATIONAL

UNESCO adds Jamaican reggae, Georgian wrestling and Japanese rituals in coveted list of intangible heritage

UN cultural agency UNESCO has added six new elements viz. Jamaican reggae, Georgian wrestling and Japanese ritual into its coveted list of “intangible heritage”. They were added at UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Committee of the Intangible Cultural Heritage meeting held in Mauritius

Salom Zurichishvili elected as first female President of Georgia

Salom Zurichishvili was elected as the first female President of Georgia. She will take charge on December 16, 2018. In recently concluded presidential election, Salom Jurabishvili defeated her rival candidate Grigol Washadze. She received 59.5% of the votes, while Grigol Washadze received 40.5% of the votes.

Gender wage gap highest in India, women are paid 34% less than men: ILO

According to Global Wage Report 2018-19 published by International Labour Organization, women are paid most unequally in India, compared to men, when it comes to hourly wages for labour. On average, women are paid 34% less than men in India. Globally, on average, hourly wages of women are 16% less than those of men.

India and China sign protocol to Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement to prevent tax evasion

India and China have signed protocol to amend Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement for the avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income by allowing exchange of information. Under Section 90 of Income-tax Act, 1961, India can enter into agreement with foreign country or specified territory for the avoidance of double taxation of income, for exchange of information for the prevention of evasion.

UNICEF appoints Singer Nahid Afrin as first Youth Advocate of NE region to fight for child rights.

UNICEF has appointed popular singer Nahid Afrin of Assam as the first ‘Youth Advocate’ of the northeastern region to fight for child rights. UNICEF engages ‘Youth Advocates’ to harness their voice as agents of change in society. Nahid had made her playback debut in 2016 Bollywood film ‘Akira’ starring Sonakshi Sinha in the lead. She received best female playback singer award at the Assam state Film Award 2018.

Kim Jong-yang of South Korea elected as new President of Interpol

He was elected for two-year term by member countries at 87th General Assembly of Interpol, held for first time in Dubai. He secured at least two-thirds of votes cast at general assembly and defeated Russia’s Alexander Prokopchuk. He will serve until 2020, completing the four-year mandate of his predecessor, Meng Hongwei, who was detained in China over corruption charges.

Sri Lankan PM leaves Presidents Party, joins newly-formed Sri Lanka People’s Party

Newly appointed Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa ended his five-decade-long association with Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and joined newly-formed Sri Lanka People’s Party (SLPP). SLFP was founded by his father Don Alwin Rajapaksa in 1951. Rajapaksa’s joining SLPP signals that he will contest snap polls, under his own party banner and not that of President Maithripala Sirisena’s Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP). SLPP was formed in 2017 by Rajapaksa’s supporters as platform for his re-entry into politics.

World's first AI news anchor unveiled in China

Chinese press agency Xinhua unveiled AI-based anchor that can read the news in English and Chinese, as naturally as a professional news anchor. The system, developed with Beijing-based search engine operator Sogou, produces realistic-looking speech, lip movements and facial expressions.

China builds an 'Artificial Sun' 6 times hotter than Sun's core

Scientists at a Chinese institute announced that their nuclear fusion reactor dubbed 'artificial sun' reached 100 million°C, the temperature required to carry out fusion on Earth. The record-high temperature is six times the temperature of Sun's core of 15 million°C.

The reactor is designed to mimic processes occurring at the Sun to turn hydrogen into cost-effective clean energy.

'Toxic' named 'Word of the Year 2018' by Oxford Dictionaries

Oxford Dictionaries said it chose the word "toxic" after seeing a 45 per cent rise in the number of times it had been looked up on its website, adding that it was selected for capturing the ethos, mood and preoccupations of 2018. With the #MeToo movement putting a cross-industry spotlight on toxic masculinity, and watershed political events like the Brett Kavanaugh Senate judiciary committee hearing sparking international debate, the term toxic masculinity has well and truly taken root in the public consciousness and got people talking in 2018.

China unveils the world's first underground hotel

Shanghai unveiled the world's first underground hotel, the InterContinental Shanghai Wonderland, buried 90 metres deep in an old quarry. Built in the Sheshan Mountain Range, on the hem of Shangai, the ritzy hotel costs \$287.9 million. The property was built by British firm Atkins, also behind the Burj Al Arab in Dubai and skyscraper Landmark 81 in Ho Chi Minh City.

G20 Summit 2018 held in Argentina

The 2018 G20 Summit held in November 28, 2018 in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is the 13th meeting of G20 and the first G20 summit to be hosted in South America. PM Narendra Modi will be representing India at the Summit and is scheduled to meet US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Argentina President Mauricio Macri, Chilean President Sebastian Pinera and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, on the sidelines of the summit. Member Countries: The members of the G20 consist of 19 individual countries plus the European Union (EU).

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY, AEROSPACE & DEFENCE

NASA InSight lands on Mars 7 months after launch

NASA InSight spacecraft landed on Mars after nearly 7 months, 458-million-kilometer journey, and a 6.5-minute parachuted descent through the Red Planet's atmosphere. The 360-kg lander also shared its first photo from Mars, showing an area called Elysium Planitia, where it will dig five meters below the surface.

ISRO successfully launches earth observation satellite HysIS, 30 foreign satellites into orbit

ISRO has successfully launched country's first advance earth observation satellite Hyper Spectral Imaging Satellite (HysIS) along with 30 other satellites from eight countries. These satellites were launched on board of ISRO's workhorse PSLV-C43 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

ISRO successfully launches communication satellite GSAT-29

Communication satellite GSAT-29 was launched successfully by the second developmental flight of Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV MKIII-D2) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota. The satellite's Ku-band and Ka-band payloads will cater to the communication needs of people residing in remote parts of the country especially those from Jammu & Kashmir and North-Eastern regions.

Konkan 18: India & UK naval exercise held in Goa

The naval exercise Konkan 18 between India and the UK was conducted from November 28 - December 6, 2018 in Goa with units participating from both navies. The exercise is aimed at deriving mutual benefit from each other's' experiences and is indicative of continuing cooperation between two countries. The inter-operability achieved over years

as result of such exercises has proved to be operationally beneficial to both navies.

India-Indonesia naval exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ begins in Indonesia

The inaugural edition India, Indonesia Bilateral Naval Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ was held at the port of Surabaya, Indonesia. The aim of the exercise is to strengthen bilateral relations, expand maritime co-operation, enhance interoperability and exchange best practices.

SIMBEX: Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise to be held off Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal

India and Singapore will hold 25th joint naval exercise SIMBEX, acronym for Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise from November 10 to 21 in India off Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. SIMBEX 2018 will mark silver jubilee of exercise and will be largest edition since 1994 in terms of scale and complexity.

Vajra Prahar: India-USA joint military exercise commences in Jaipur

India, US Joint Special Forces Exercise 2018 named Vajra Prahar commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR), Bikaner in Rajasthan. The exercise was called between Special Forces of both countries to deal with operations for counter-terrorism and is being done at unit as well as sub-unit levels.

Indra 2018: India, Russia joint military exercise held in Jhansi, UP

The joint military exercise between Indian and Russia exercise 'INDRA 2018' was conducted at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Babina Military Station Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. It was tenth exercise in the series of 'Exercise INDRA' aimed at increasing interoperability between Indian and Russian Armies.

Dharma Guardian-2018: First India-Japan military exercise begins in Vairengte, Mizoram

The first joint military exercise named “Dharma Guardian” between India and Japan has begun at Indian Army’s Counter-Insurgency Warfare School at Vairengte (Mizoram). The exercise is aimed at developing mutual understanding and respect between militaries of both countries, as also facilitate in tracking worldwide phenomenon of terrorism.

Definition of kilogram changed after 130 years

The world's standard definition of the kilogram, the ampere, the kelvin and the mole has been changed, after representatives from 60 countries voted to redefine the International System of Units (SI) for weight, current, temperature and amount of chemical substance. The new definition of Kilogram will be replaced by the Planck constant. It will adopted on May 20, which is World Metrology Day. The new definition of kg involves accurate weighing machines called 'Kibble balance'.

SpiNNaker: largest brain-mimicking supercomputer switched on

The world’s largest supercomputer Spiking Neural Network Architecture (SpiNNaker) machine designed to work in same way as human brain was switched on for the first time. It is capable of completing more than 200 million million actions per second, with each of its chips having 100 million transistors

IIT-Hyderabad researchers develop smartphone-based system to detect adulteration in milk

They have developed detector system which can measure level of acidity in milk using indicator paper. They have also developed algorithms that can be incorporated in smartphone to accurately detect change in acidity. The sensor-chip based method measures pH, which is indicator of the acidity and colour of paper indicates different pH levels.

IIT-Madras develops portable cold storage device

IIT Madras has developed portable solar-powered cold storage device with 500 kg capacity for storing vegetables and fruits, among other items. The

device will help farmers store their produce for sufficient time so that it does not get spoilt before it is sold, thereby preventing wastage of agricultural produce. The first unit of device was deployed at farm in Madurantakam in Kancheepuram district in Tamil Nadu.

SPORTS

Mary Kom wins record sixth gold medal at World Boxing Championships

India's boxing legend Mary Kom won gold medal at World Women's Boxing Championships held in New Delhi. It was her sixth medal in World Boxing Championships. In the final, she defeated 22-year-old Ukrainian boxer Hana Okhaya of Ukraine. Mary Kom won this medal at age of 35 years. With winning this medal, Mary Kom has become the most successful boxer in world boxing history with 6 gold medals.

Lakshya Sen wins bronze medal in men's singles at World Junior Badminton Championship

India's top junior shuttler Lakshya Sen won bronze medal at Li Ning BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2018 held at Markham, Canada. In singles semi-final match, he lost to top seed and world junior number one Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand by 22-20, 16-21, 13-21 score. This was Sen's first medal from this prestigious tournament in three attempts

Harmanpreet Kaur becomes first Indian women to hit century in T20I cricket

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur became the first ever Indian woman to smash a hundred in T20I cricket, achieving the feat against New Zealand in the Women's World T20 2018. The 29-year-old scored 103 runs off 51 balls, which included eight sixes and seven fours. Further, Harmanpreet is only the third cricketer to smash a century in Women's World T20.

Lewis Hamilton won Brazilian Grand Prix

Lewis defeated Red Bull's Max Verstappen in a collision with backmarker Esteban Ocon (Force India). The incident dropped the Dutchman back to second place and although he came back at Hamilton, he could not quite catch him.

Wasim Jaffer becomes first Indian to touch 11,000-run milestone in Ranji Trophy

Veteran first-class cricketer Wasim Jaffer became the first Indian batsman to touch the 11,000-run figure in the Ranji Trophy. The Vidharbha batsman achieved the milestone during the third-round match against Baroda here at the Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA). The cricketer, who had made his first-class debut in 1996-97, emerged as one of the legends of the Indian domestic cricket.

AWARDS & HONORS

Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018

Best CEO - MNC - *Sanjiv Mehta, Chairman & MD, HUL*

Entrepreneur for the year - *Vivek Chaand Sehgal, Chairman, Samvardhana Motherson Group*

Best CEO - Private Sector - *Rajeev Jain, MD, Bajaj Finance*

Lifetime Achievement - *Azim H Premji, Chairman, Wipro*

The 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in Panaji, capital of Goa

Best film (Golden Peacock) award: *Donbass* (Ukrainian movie)

Best director (Silver Peacock) award: *Lijo Jose Pellissery*

Best Actor (Male) Award: *Chemban Vinod* for his role in 'Ee.Ma.Yau' (Malayalam-India)

Best Actor (Female) Award: *Anastasiia Pustovit* for her role in 'When the Trees Fall' (Ukrainian)

The 2018 Ballon d'Or winner

Real Madrid Luka Modric won the 2018 Ballon d'Or award. He broke Cristiano Ronaldo's and Lionel Messi's decade-long hold on the prestigious award, becoming the first winner other than Ronaldo or Messi since Brazil's Kaká in 2007.

Athlete Hima Das appointed first Youth Ambassador of UNICEF India

India's ace sprinter and Asian Games gold-medallist sprinter Hima Das was appointed as first ever youth ambassador of UNICEF India. UNICEF India works with central government to ensure that each child born in country gets best start in life, thrives and develops to his or her full potential.

Kolkata tops 'Ease of Moving Index 2018' by Ola Mobility Institute

Kolkata tops in public transport index in terms of cleanliness and affordability of public transport. New Delhi was rated highly in terms of safety and ranked the best among the big cities in affording parking space to its residents. Patna and Bhubaneswar topped the list for growing and emerging cities.

Bangalore ranked Indias Most Congested City: NBER

Bangalore tops the index for the most congested city, and Mumbai in the second position, while Pune follows in the seventh place, according to a recent research published under the US-based organization, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

Singapore is Asia most sustainable city: Arcadis

As per the study, Singapore ranked first for the profit pillar that assesses the business environment and economic performance of cities. Singapore ranked 31st out of 100 cities, for the people pillar that tests social mobility and quality of opportunity and life. Singapore secured the 41st spot for the planet pillar that assesses the management of energy use, pollution, and emissions.

Swati Chaturvedi won the 2018 London Press Freedom award

Swati Chaturvedi has won the 2018 London Press Freedom Award for Courage. She is a freelance journalist who has been the target of online trolling and harassment for her investigative reports. Ms.Chaturvedi won the award for her work in exposing the "IT cell" within the Bharatiya Janata Party for keeping an army of angry trolls.

Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati conferred with Global Education Leaders Award 2018

He is the Director of Blue Bells Group of Schools. She was awarded in recognition of her remarkable contribution to 'K-12 education and promotion of Art and Culture'. The award was conferred by His Highness Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, member of the Cabinet and Minister of State for Tolerance, United Arab Emirates.

ATP World Tour Awards 2018 announced

Player of the Year - Novak Djokovic(Serbia)
Newcomer of the Year - Alex de Minaur(Australia)

Comeback Player of the Year - Novak Djokovic(Serbia)
Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award - Rafael Nadal(Spain)

Alexander Zverev beats world no. 1 Djokovic to win ATP Finals title

Alexander Zverev of Germany defeated world number one Novak Djokovic to win his maiden ATP World Tour Finals title. The 21-year-old won with a scoreline of 6-4, 6-3 and became the youngest player to win the ATP title since Djokovic himself in 2008. Further, Zverev became the first German to win the season-ending tournament since Boris Becker in 1995.

Fortune India's Most Powerful Women list 2018

The top five Fortune India's Most Powerful Women list 2018:

1. Zia Mody - Co-founder, AZB & Partners;
2. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw - Chairperson and MD, Biocon;
3. Suneeta Reddy - Managing director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise;
4. Alice G. Vaidyan - Chairman and managing director, General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re);
5. Mallika Srinivasan - Chairman and CEO, Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE).

PERSONALITIES

Government appoints AM Naik as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation

Union Government has appointed Anil Manibhai Naik as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). He is currently Group Chairman of engineering conglomerate Larsen and Toubro (L&T)

Sunil Arora appointed as new Chief Election Commissioner

President Ram Nath Kovind appointed senior IAS officer Sunil Arora as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). He will be the 23rd CEC and shall succeed OP Rawat who retires in December 2018. He will have nearly two-and-a-half-year tenure as CEC and General Election 2019 will be conducted under his stewardship. Prior to this

appointment, he was Election Commissioner since September 2017.

Ashok Kumar Gupta appointed as Chairperson of Competition Commission of India

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appointed former IAS officer Ashok Kumar Gupta as Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI). He replaces acting chairperson Sudhir Mital. He will be in office till October 25, 2022 i.e. till he attains age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.

Whatsapp appoints Abhijit Bose as India head

Facebook-owned Messaging Company WhatsApp appointed Abhijit Bose, co-founder, and CEO of Payment device maker Ezetap as the head of WhatsApp India. Abhijit Bose who has 17 years of experience in product management, product development and product marketing with expertise in software and mobile market will join WhatsApp in early 2019 and he is going to build WhatsApp biggest team outside the USA in Gurugram.

Apple appoints Nokia veteran Ashish Chowdhary as its India operation head

Ashish Chowdhary is Chief Customer Operations Officer at Nokia Networks. He will leave Nokia Networks at the end of 2018. He will take charge as Apple's India operation head in January 2019. He has 25 years of international experience in the enterprise and telecom sectors.

Anupam Kher resigns as Chairman of FTII

Veteran actor Anupam Kher has resigned as Chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India. He was appointed as Chairman of FTII in October 2017 and had replaced Gajendra Chauhan. With this, Kher became first chairperson of FTII to resign before completion of his full term. He had served as chairman of FTII for 11 months, which makes his tenure shortest since FTII's formation.

Flipkart Group CEO Binny Bansal resigns on 'misconduct allegation'

His decision follows an independent investigation done on behalf of Flipkart and Walmart into an allegation of serious personal misconduct. Kalyan Krishnamurthy will continue as the CEO of Flipkart, which will now include Myntra and Jabong. Ananth Narayanan will continue as the CEO of Myntra and Jabong and will report to Krishnamurthy.

Dasari announced his resignation as the CEO & MD of Ashok Leyland

Vinod K. Dasari announced his resignation as the CEO and MD of Ashok Leyland. The decision was formally announced and it will be released to the second quarter numbers of the company. The resignation would take effect on March 31, 2019.

Yes Bank chairman Ashok Chawla resigns over corruption charges

In July, the CBI named Ashok Chawla in a chargesheet relating to the Aircel-Maxis case. Mr. Chawla has also been the chairman of the Competition Commission of India, and continues to be the chairman of the National Stock Exchange and is also on the Jet Airways board. Yes Bank has also accepted the resignation of Vasant Gujrati, the chairman of Yes Bank's audit committee.

South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa to be 2019 Republic Day chief guest

Ramaphosa's acceptance comes after the fiasco over US President Donald Trump declining the Indian government's invitation to be the chief guest. Cyril Ramaphosa, a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, was invited because this year will mark Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. Ramaphosa, 65, became president this year, succeeding Jacob Zuma as South Africa's head of state. Ramaphosa will take part in Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations, which commemorate Gandhi's return to India from South Africa. In 2015, Barack Obama was India's Republic Day chief guest.

Padma Shri awardee ad filmmaker Alyque Padamsee passes away at 90

He is also known for portraying Muhammad Ali Jinnah in the 1982 film 'Gandhi'. A renowned theatre personality, Padamsee had also received a Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. He was Chairman of the London Institute of Corporate Training and also served as an adviser to Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu.

BOOKS & AUTHORS**Notes of a Dream The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman By Krishna Trilok Launched**

Oscar-winning musician A.R. Rahman, whose biography Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman launched in Mumbai the book journey for him and took him to those corners of his life which have remained candid for a long time.
