

One Liners

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1. The **government** is planning to bring in an **e-commerce law** and a sector regulator to effectively deal with all aspects of online trade.
2. The **Union cabinet** cleared a new legislation to be introduced in **Parliament**, restoring provisions of the law on **Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act or SC/ST Act** which had been knocked off by the **Supreme Court**.
3. **Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy** has reiterated the proposal to name **Belagavi** (earlier known as **Belgaum**) as the **second capital** of the state as a measure to rectify the regional imbalance between the northern and southern parts of the state.
4. The **National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA)** was formed to monitor whether manufacturers pass on the full benefit of GST rate cut to customers or retain some of it as their profit.
5. The government's plan to raise Rs17,000 crore for **Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA)** has hit a road block.
6. **The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** launched a dedicated portal named **FOCAL** to connect cargo owners and shippers with real time data on availability of vessels.
7. **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh** and actress Kangana Ranaut launched '**Mobile Tihar**', a smartphone distribution scheme under the **Sanchar Kranti Yojna (SKY)** in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
8. First '**Nepal-India Think Tank**' Summit held in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
9. **India** has ordered an immediate recall of rabies vaccines made by a scandal-hit **Chinese company**, complaining it only found out about possible problems through media reports.
10. The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** recommended the auction of spectrum for offering **5G services** for the **first time** in the country at a pan-India reserve price of about **Rs. 492 crore per MHz**.
11. Commerce and Industry Minister **Suresh Prabhu** launched a logo and **tagline** for **Geographical Indications (GI)** to increase awareness about **Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)** in the country.

12. The **Lok Sabha** passed the **Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2018**.
13. **Facebook and Instagram** are introducing time management tools which will be called **'Your time on Facebook' and 'Your activity on Instagram'**.
14. **"Golden Bridge"**, 150 m long bridge, is located in the densely forested **Ba Na Hills, Vietnam**.
15. The world is warming as the burning of fossil fuels builds heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, said the annual **State of the Climate for 2017 Report**, issued by the **American Meteorological Society** and the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**.
16. **Denmark's** ban on the **Islamic full-face veil in public spaces came into force**, with anyone wearing a garment that hides the face in public risking a fine.
17. The **UAE** launched a landmark **three-month visa amnesty programme** that will benefit hundreds of illegal foreign workers, **including Indians**, who are overstaying their permits.
18. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** may look into extending market timings for segments such as **currency futures and over-the-counter foreign exchange**.
19. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will soon release guidelines on **co-origination of loans** by **banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)** for the priority sector.
20. RBI has raised benchmark repo, or the short term rate at which it lends to other banks, by **0.25 per cent to 6.5 per cent**.
21. To provide financial assistance to commodity traders and farmers, **StarAgri Finance** signed MoU with private lender **Karur Vysya Bank**.
22. **Five students** from India proudly walked away with the **silver medal** in the **World Schools Debating Championships** held at **Croatia**, with **Dhananjay Ashok** adjudged **'Best Speaker'** in the world.
23. **Akshay Venkatesh**, a renowned **Indian-Australian mathematician**, is one of four winners of mathematics' prestigious Fields medal.
24. **Lewis Hamilton** of **Mercedes** won the Hungarian Grand Prix for the 6th time, at the Hungaroring circuit, in **Hungary**.
25. **World Junior Squash Championships 2018** was held in **Chennai, India**.

26. The **BCCI** will bear the entire cost of the cash-strapped **North Eastern states' Ranji Trophy debut**, which has been mandated by the Supreme Court-appointed **Lodha Committee**.
27. **American and Spanish scientists** have discovered a new 3D shape called “**scutoid**” during a study on how tissues are moulded to form the skin, cavity linings and the building blocks of organs.

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