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1. The central government announced that PM Modi will launch **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** on **August 21** with a focus on rural areas.
2. Indian-origin U.S. astronaut **Sunita Williams** is among the 9 astronauts selected by **NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)** to fly the first missions into space on commercial spacecraft, starting in 2019.
3. **India** has made a final plea for continuation of the **Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)** benefits currently under review before the **US Trade Representative (USTR)**, arguing that the cheaper imports of intermediary products from India enable availability of cost-effective and price-competitive inputs to the US downstream industries and helps the US firms remain domestically and internationally competitive.
4. In the list of **top 500 educational institutes** in the world compiled by the **UK-based agency Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**, many more universities from China find a place compared with those from India.
5. While the government's decision to impose a safeguard duty on the import of solar cells from **China and Malaysia** could benefit domestic manufacturers, it will do a **lot of damage to existing solar projects** that have already factored in the cheaper imports into their pricing.
6. An additional **180 days** could be provided for resolution of **34 stressed power projects** with a view to avoiding potential value erosion of operating plants.
7. In possibly the **first-of-its-kind move**, the **Uttar Pradesh government** has given its in-principle approval to bring man-animal conflict under listed disasters in the **State Disaster Response Fund**.
8. The launch of India's second mission to the moon, **Chandrayaan-2**, may be delayed till January 2019.
9. Steady water flow in the **Cauvery** has caused extensive damage to the **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary**, near Srirangapatna in **Mandya district**.
10. According to **Bloomberg's** data **Japan** is now the world's **second-largest** stock market.
11. **Chinese scientists** have developed **skin-like electronic tattoos**, that can be used to monitor health parameters such as blood pressure and body temperature in real time.

12. Scientists have unveiled details about the people who built the **Stonehenge in the U.K.**, by analysing the human remains found at the site.
13. The **U.K. government** announced new plans to change the **law for organ and tissue donation** to address the urgent need for organs within **Indian-origin community** in the country.
14. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has allowed non-fund-based **Umbrella organisations (UO)** at State levels to revive India's co-operative banking sector.
15. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has proposed that banks meet their priority sector lending targets through **co-origination of loans** with **Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs)**.
16. The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's)** Industrial Outlook Survey for the manufacturing sector indicates that the **Business Expectations Index, or BEI**, for the quarter ahead fell from **115.8 for the March 2018** quarter to **114.1 for the June 2018** quarter.
17. Indian cricket captain **Virat Kohli** reached **number 1 position** in the **ICC Player Rankings for Test Batsmen**, as per the latest ICC ranking released on 5th August 2018.
18. **Bryce Carlson** from Cincinnati, Ohio, has rowed solo across the Atlantic Ocean, setting a record for a west-to-east crossing.
19. **Ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu** finished second best winning silver medal at **World Championships 2018 of Badminton** in women's singles category held at **Nanjing, China**.