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India, Vietnam release first-ever Commemorative Stamps

India and Vietnam released first ever set of commemorative postage stamps to mark the long-term friendly bilateral relationships between the two countries. The stamp was released by AN Nanda, Secretary, Department of Posts. The two set of stamps released carry picture of Sanchi Stupa and Thien Mu Pagoda.

Indian-origin boy Mehul Garg sets new Mensa record

Indian-origin boy Mehul Garg (10) in United Kingdom became youngest applicant in decade to achieve highest score in Mensa IQ test, beating geniuses like Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking. He scored maximum score of 162 to become a member of Mensa. His score is two points higher than Einstein and Hawking. Mehul Garg is from Reading Boys Grammar School in Reading Boys Grammar School in Reading, southern England. He can solve Rubik's Cube in 100 seconds. He has been shortlisted for 'Child Genius 2018' show on Channel 4.

Himachal CM launches 'Shakti' app for women's safety

The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Jai Ram Thakur has launched the 'Shakti' app for women's safety in the state. The app, which comes with a panic button, was developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) of the Himachal Pradesh government. It would be available in both Hindi and English languages and would not require internet connectivity.

India beat Japan in Four Nations Invitational Tournament

India beat Japan 4-2 in the second leg of the Four Nations Invitational Tournament in New Zealand on Saturday. India, coming on the back of a 5-4 win over Belgium secured a place in the final of the second leg of the tournament. India had thrashed Japan 6-0 in their pool match in the first leg of the tournament.

Hungarian-French pair Babos and Mladenovic won Australian Open women's doubles

In Tennis, Hungarian-French pairing and fifth seeds Timea Babos and Kristina Mladenovic won the Australian Open women's doubles title in Melbourne. They were crowned Grand Slam champions for the first time. The duo battled past second-seeded Russians Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina 6-4, 6-3 in the finals. Overall, they own three other doubles titles as a team, all in 2015 - at Dubai, Marrakech and Rome. India's Rohan Bopanna inched closer towards his second Grand Slam title by reaching the mixed doubles final of the Australian Open along with Hungarian partner Timea Babos.

Mazumdar-Shaw, Rajiv Lall joins USIBC

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairman and managing director of Biocon Ltd, IDFC Bank founder Rajiv Lall have been appointed to the board of US India Business Council for 2018. The board is comprised of industry leaders from the US and India. The US India Business Council will work to advance the US-India strategic and economic relationship by advocating for policy changes.

Doomsday Clock set to 2 mins to midnight closest since 1953

The Doomsday Clock close the planet is to an apocalypse was set at 2 minutes to midnight, the closest since 1953 during the Cold War. The Clock was moved 30 seconds forward compared to 2017, citing growing nuclear risks and climate dangers. The Clock is maintained since 1947 by scientists worldwide including 15 Nobel Laureates.

First India-designed vaccine 'Rotovac' passes WHO test

For the first time, a vaccine conceived and developed from scratch in India has been "pre-qualified" by the World Health Organisation. The Rotovac vaccine, developed by the Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech Limited last year, was included in India's national immunisation programme. To be "pre-qualified" means that the vaccine can be sold internationally to several countries in Africa and South America. While several vaccines from India have been pre-qualified, this is the first that was entirely developed locally and, according to experts, is a sign that

there is a credible industrial, scientific and regulatory process in place to develop vaccines in India.