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NATIONAL

India's Longest-Serving CM

Sikkim chief minister **Pawan Chamling** created history by becoming the **longest-serving CM in India**. He surpassed **Jyoti Basu, 5-term Bengal CM** from June 21, 1977 to November 6, 2000. In 1993, Mr Chamling formed the **Sikkim Democratic Front Party** and first took office on December 12, 1994. He has led **SDF** to five successive electoral victories. With the slogan "**New Sikkim, Happy Sikkim**", he launched policies and programmes to transform the state.

LEPV- Sikkim ❖ Capital: **Gangtok** ❖ Governor: **Shriniwas Dadasaheb Patil**

Most Trusted Internet Brand In India

According to **TRA Brand Trust Report 2018 Google** has become the **first port of call for all things on the Internet**. **Facebook**, ranked second, Amazon-third, e-Bay fourth, Flipkart-sixth in the list

Ayushman Bharat Diwas

As part of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** is being celebrated across the country, **April 30**. The **Ayushman Bharat programme** seeks to provide easily available and affordable **medical facilities** in the remote parts of the country. The Scheme has the benefits cover of **5 lakh rupees per family per year**. The target beneficiaries under the scheme will be over **10 crores poor and vulnerable**, families.

ECONOMY

GDP Forecast by Deutsche Bank

According to **Deutsche Bank**, India's **GDP** is likely to grow to **7.5%** in this year. The current growth forecast for **2018-19 is 7.5%**, which will mark an improvement from the **6.7%** likely outturn in **2017-18**. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) expects India's economic growth rate to strengthen to **7.4%** in the current fiscal, from **6.6%** in 2017-18.

LEPV- Deutsche Bank ❖ Headquarters: **Frankfurt, Germany** ❖ CEO: **Christian Sewing**.

Banking & Finance ➤ **Interactive humanoid from HDFC Bank**.

HDFC Bank has announced the launch of **IRA 2.0**, its interactive humanoid. In its new avatar, IRA will enhance user experience for customers visiting the Koramangala branch in Bengaluru. IRA will interact with customers, answer bank-related queries, frequently asked questions, and guide them inside the branch with voice-based navigation. HDFC Bank also launched its virtual assistant '**EVA**' on **Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant**. HDFC Bank **first** launched a humanoid for customer service in January 2017 at the bank's Kamala Mills Branch in Mumbai.

LEPV- HDFC Bank ❖ Headquarters: **Mumbai** ❖ CEO: **Aditya Puri**



AWARDS & HONOURS

Saraswati Samman 2017

Eminent Gujarati poet Sitanshu Yashaschandra's poetry collection "Vakhar" has been chosen for the **Saraswati Samman for 2017**. His other poetry works include **Odysseusnu Halesu-n and Jatayu**. Yashaschandra has also been the recipient of **Sahitya Akademi Award, Kabir Samman and Padma Shri** among others. In 2017, the Saraswati Samman was given to **Konkani novelist Mahabaleshwar Sail**. The recipients of the award are given a cash prize of **Rs 15 lakhs, a citation and a plaque**.

MoUs & AGREEMENTS

Signed between Dalmia Bharat and the Archaeological Survey of India

The Ministry of Tourism signed an MoU with **Dalmia Bharat and the Archaeological Survey of India** to adopt the iconic **Red Fort monument in New Delhi and Gandikota Fort in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh** under the 'Adopt a Heritage' project. The 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme was launched by President Ram Nath Kovind on **World Tourism Day (September 27)** in 2018.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism'

Former Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh** has released a book, **'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism'** authored by former Planning Commission and Finance Commission member **C H Hanumantha Rao**. Mr Rao is presently one of the most creative thinkers, social activist, and distinguished economist in India.

SPORTS

Barcelona Title

Rafael Nadal defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas for **11th Barcelona Open title**. This was his **55th title on clay** and it was the **77th title overall**. Nadal has also won his **11th Monte-Carlo Masters title** last week. He is now the only man in ATP history to have won **400 matches on clay** and **400 matches on hard court**.

La Liga Title

Barcelona have clinched their **25th La Liga title** by defeating **Deportivo La Coruna**. Five-time Ballon d'Or winner **Lionel Messi** netted a hat-trick. **Barcelona** have got this for the **seventh time in 10 years**.

ABBREVIATIONS IN THE NEWS

SDF: Sikkim Democratic Front Party

GDP: Gross Domestic Product

IRA: Interactive Robotic Assistant

EVA: Electronic Virtual Assistant

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