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- ❖ A three-day annual cultural festival named 'Fete de Puducherry' organised by the government of India begins in Puducherry. The festival is held in association with the South Zone Cultural Centre (Tamil Nadu) every year to bring to focus the multi-faceted cultural features of various states. The Puducherry government has been holding the festival since 1985 as part of celebrating Independence Day and also Liberation Day of Puducherry (August 16).

David Rasquinha appointed MD of Exim Bank

- ❖ David Rasquinha was appointed as Managing Director of Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment to the post for three years. Rasquinha is at present Deputy Managing Director of the Exim Bank. Export-Import Bank of India is the premier export finance institution in India, established in 1982 under Export-Import Bank of India Act 1981.

World Athletics Championships; Usain Bolt and Mo Farah bid farewell

- ❖ In World Athletics Championships, sprint superstar Usain Bolt could not finish the last race of his illustrious career in London. Bolt, was on tracks in the 4x100 meters Final, anchoring one last time for his country Jamaica. The event was won by hosts Great Britain, who clocked 37.47 seconds. Another shocking farewell was that of Mo Farah the greatest distance runner, as he finished 2nd place in the 5000 meters event.

Organ Donation Day: 13 August 2017

- ❖ Organ Donation Day in India is celebrated on 13th of August every year by the people, government organizations and other related professions in order to motivate normal human beings to donate the organs as well as to understand the value of organ donation in the life of an individual. The organ donor can be anyone of which the organ can be transplanted to the patient urgently requires. The organ donated by the normal human being is saved properly to transplant into the patient whenever he or she require. One can get the new life through the organ transplantation donated by someone.

PM Narendra Modi Launches Website To Honour Gallantry Award Winners Since Independence

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a website to honour all the gallantry award winners since Independence. The portal will preserve and tell the stories of our bravest men and women, civilians as well as armed forces personnel. In remembrance of our heroes who have been awarded gallantry awards since Independence, launched the site <http://gallantryawards.gov.in>

Marconi Lifetime Award for Pune-born Stanford Prof

- ❖ The US-based Marconi Society has announced its Lifetime Achievement Award to Indian-born Stanford University professor Thomas Kailath, for his outstanding contributions to modern communications. Kailath is the sixth scientist to be honoured with our Lifetime Achievement Award for his research contributions, which advanced modern communications technologies over the last six decades. The society named after Nobel Laureate Guglielmo Marconi (1874-1937), who invented the radio, was set up in 1975 by his daughter Gioia Marconi Braga through an endowment. It annually awards individuals whose scope of work and influence emulate the principle of "creativity in service to humanity" that inspired Marconi.

Odisha Government and Facebook Launches 'SheMeansBusiness' Program

- ❖ Chief minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'She Means Business' program of Facebook for women entrepreneurs in Odisha. Under the scheme 25, 000 women entrepreneurs and self-help group (SHG) members will be given training on digital marketing skills within next one year. Facebook will also make a database of entrepreneurs in the state and will monitor their growth, turnover and profit after one year.

Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati given additional charge of Rajya Sabha TV

- ❖ Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati has been given the additional charge of Rajya Sabha TV CEO after Gurdeep Singh Sappal resigned from his post. Rajya Sabha TV is owned and operated by the upper house of Parliament. Vempati, formerly a part-time member of the Prasar Bharati Board, was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the public broadcaster in the month of June.

First South Asian Youth Summit to be held in India

- ❖ The first South Asian Youth Summit-2017 is all set to be organised in the Bhubaneswar City of Indian state of Odisha from September 17. The four-day Summit would focus on a wide range of problems being faced by youths of South Asia and discuss their solutions. Ministers of all eight SAARC member countries would participate in the Summit to discuss culture, tourism, peace and infrastructure development in South Asia as well as sustainable development goal adopted by the United Nations.

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