



### **London to host 2018 table tennis team World Cup**

- ❖ The 2018 ITTF Team World Cup will be held in London from February 22 to 25 next year, the world table tennis governing body announced. The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) on Wednesday awarded the hosting rights for the event, its second most prestigious team tournament after the World Championships. The Team World Cup, last held in Dubai in 2015, comprises 12 men's and 12 women's teams which include the host team, Continental Champions, and the other top finishers at the 2016 World Team Table Tennis Championships.

### **OBC Creamy Layer Bar Raised To Rs 8 Lakh P.A.**

- ❖ The income limit defining 'creamy layer' for OBC reservation has been raised by Rs 2 lakh per annum even as the Union cabinet today approved setting up of a panel for sub-categorization within the other backward classes for even distribution of reservation benefits. The government also ruled out having a relook at the present reservation system. The ministry of social justice and empowerment had proposed that OBC families which earn more than Rs 8 lakh per year should be classified as 'creamy layer' — the ceiling which bars members of the other backward classes from availing reservations in employment. There had been three revisions of the creamy layer bar. It was fixed at Rs one lakh in 1993 and hiked to Rs 2.5 lakh in 2004 and Rs 4.5 lakh in 2008. The present ceiling of Rs six lakh came into being in 2013. Jaitley also announced the decision of the cabinet to set up a commission to work out sub-categorization within other backward classes for a "more equitable distribution of reservation benefits amongst the OBCs".

### **Google Expands Public Wi-Fi to Indonesia**

- ❖ After a successful run in India, Google has brought its public Wi-Fi programme 'Google Station' to Indonesia that will help improve access to Internet at railway stations and other locations. Google is partnering with CBN and Fiberstar to bring high-speed public Wi-Fi to hundreds of locations across Indonesia. Google, in collaboration with Railtel, has rolled out free Wi-Fi service at several railway stations in India, offering high-speed internet to millions of people. Google launched its first free WiFi services at Mumbai Central station in January 2016.

### **India's Oldest Cinematographer Ramananda Sengupta Died**

- ❖ Country's oldest cinematographer Ramananda Sengupta, who worked with legends like Jean Renoir, Ritwik Ghatak and Mrinal Sen, died in Kolkata. He was 101 year old. His first film as a full-time cinematographer was in 'Purbaraag' directed by Ardhendu Mukherjee in 1946. Mr. Sengupta was also a founding member of the Technicians' Studio in South Kolkata's Tollygunge.

### **PM greets people of Odisha on the occasion of Nuakhai Juhar**

- ❖ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has greeted the people of Odisha on the occasion of Nuakhai Juhar. Nuakhai or Nuankhai is an agricultural festival mainly observed by people of Western

Odisha in India.[6] Nuakhai is observed to welcome the new rice of the season. According to the calendar, it is observed on Panchami Tithi (the fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of the month of Bhadrapada or Bhadra (August–September), the day after the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. This is the most important social festival of Western Odisha and adjoining areas of Simdega in Jharkhand.

### **Taiwan Launches First Homegrown Satellite**

- ❖ Taiwan has launched Formosat-5, the first homegrown observation satellite, from an air base in the US, the island nation's National Space Organisation (NSO) announced. The octagonal satellite – 2 metres high and 1.2 metres in diameter – cost some 3 billion Taiwanese dollars (\$100 million) and made contact with a station in Norway. The satellite is equipped with Complementary Metal-oxide-semiconductor sensors to observe the Earth.

### **UIDAI Launches Door Step Aadhar Enrolment**

- ❖ UIDAI has joined hands with CSC India for launching door step enrolment facility in the national capital for the elderly, patients and others who cannot travel the Aadhar centres. CSC India is in charge of many operations of Aadhaar centres across India. They provide many services, especially in rural areas with about 2.5 lakh operational CSCs across the country. The doorstep enrollment will be done via a mobile van.

### **Drone startup DJI CEO named Asia's youngest tech billionaire**

- ❖ Drone-making startup DJI's Founder and CEO Frank Wang Tao has been listed as Asia's youngest technology billionaire in Forbes' 2017 'Richest People in Tech' list. Wang, aged 36, is also world's first drone billionaire with an estimated net worth of \$3.2 billion. The Chinese native founded DJI 11 years ago while studying at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

### **Barcelona sign Dembélé to make him 2nd most expensive player**

- ❖ Barcelona on Friday announced Ousmane Dembélé's signing from Borussia Dortmund for a fee of €105 million (Rs.800 crore), along with potential €42m in add-ons, making him the second most expensive player ever behind Neymar. Dembélé agreed a five-year contract with a buyout clause of €400 million (Rs.3,000 crore). The 20-year-old forward will wear the number 11 shirt, vacated by Neymar.

### **Australian Trade Minister leads at 'Business Week' in India**

- ❖ Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo will lead a major mission named to India – the second Australia Business Week in India (ABWI) – to India. The mission scheduled to be held from 28 August to 1 September 2017 will aim at deepening the collaboration between the two nations in different fields.

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