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Saudi Arabia hosting world chess tournament for first time after long ban

- ✓ Saudi Arabia is hosting a world chess tournament for the first time after the country's top cleric issued a religious edict against playing the board game.
- ✓ However, players from Israel and Qatar are missing the tournament due to regional tensions.



Bronze medal to Viswanathan Anand in the World Blitz Chess Championship

✓ Viswanathan Anand won a bronze in the World Blitz Chess Championship following his gold-winning performance in the Rapid section



Prime Minister inaugurated 85th annual Sivagiri pilgrimage celebrations

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 85th annual Sivagiri pilgrimage celebrations at Sivagiri Mutt in Kerala.
- ✓ The Sivagiri Mutt is a major spiritual-cum- pilgrim centre of the Ezhava community in Kerala and was established by Sri Narayana Guru, who propagated the message of " One Caste, One Religion and One God for Mankind".



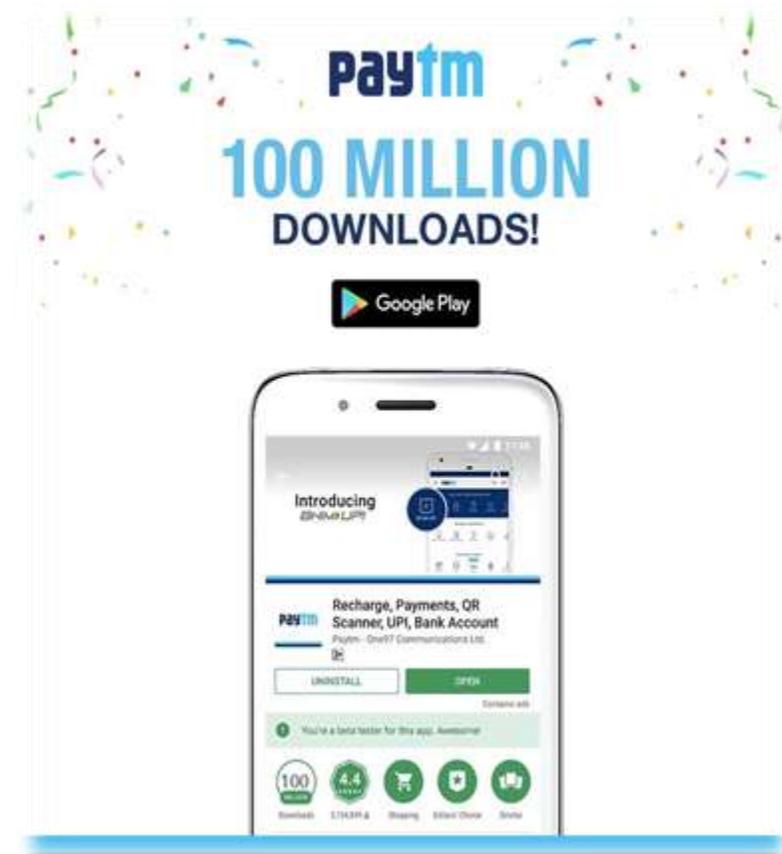
India Hosting 10 Asean Leaders on Republic Day(2018)

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Republic Day celebration in 2018 would be "remembered through the ages" because the government for the first time in India's history would host leaders of 10 Asean countries as chief guests on 26th January 2018.
- ✓ "The Republic Day will be celebrated with leaders of all 10 (Association of South East Asian Nations) Asean countries coming to India as chief guests.



Paytm becomes the first payment app from India to cross 100 million downloads

- ✓ India's largest mobile-first financial services platform, Paytm announced that its app has crossed the 100 million milestones on Google Play Store in the second week of December 2017.
- ✓ This makes Paytm the country's first payments app to cross the 100 million downloads mark.



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