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The Most Important Current Affairs JUNE 2018

Repo Rate Increased By 25 Bps | Second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy

Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India has increased the policy **Repo Rate** under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by **25 basis points to 6.25%** in the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement (2018-19).

- Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to **6.0%**, & the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate & the Bank Rate to **6.50%**.
- MPC revised CPI inflation for **2018-19 to 4.8-4.9%** in the first half & **4.7%** in the second half.
- The MPC stated that the GDP growth rate for 2018-19 is retained at **7.4%**.

Notes:

- **The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** is a committee of the RBI headed by its Governor.
- The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled on July 31 & August 1, 2018.
- **Urjit Patel** is Present Governor of RBI.

And the IIFA goes to: IIFA Awards 2018

- At the **Indian International Film Awards (IIFA)**, late star **Sridevi** won **Best Actress (posthumously)** for **MOM** while **Irrfan Khan** was given the **Best Actor Award for Hindi Medium**. The award ceremony was held in Bangkok. Vidya Balan's *Tumhari Sulu* was awarded the Best Film trophy.
- **Karan Johar & Riteish Deshmukh** hosted the show.

The Complete list of winners

	Category	Winners
1.	Best Film	<i>Tumhari Sulu</i>
2.	Best Actor in a leading role (Female)	Sridevi (MOM)
3.	Best Actor in a leading role (Male)	Irrfan Khan (Hindi Medium)
4.	Best Actor In Supporting Role (Female)	Meher Vij (Secret Superstar)
5.	Best Actor In Supporting Role (Male)	Nawazzuddin Siddiqui (MOM)
6.	Best Director	Saket Chaudhary (Hindi Medium)
7.	Best Debut Director	Konkona Sensharma (A Death in the Gunj)
8.	Outstanding Achievement by an Actor in Indian Cinema	Anupam Kher
9.	Best Story	Amit V Masurkar (Newton)

10.	Best Music Direction	Amaal Mallik, Tanishk Bagchi, Akhil Sachdeva (Badrinath Ki Dulhania)
11.	Best Background Score	Pritam (Jagga Jasoos)
12.	Best Screenplay	Nitesh Tiwari, Shreyas Jain (Bareilly Ki Barfi)
13.	Best Playback Singer Female	Meghna Mishra (Main Kaun Hoon - Secret Superstar)
14.	Best Playback Singer Male	Arijit Singh (Hawayein - Jab Harry Met Sejal)
15.	Best Lyrics	Nusrat Fateh Ali, A1 Melody Fana & Manoj Muntashir (Mere Rashke Qamar - Baadshaho)
16.	Best Choreography	Vijay Ganguly & Ruel Dausan Varindani (Galti Se Mistake - Jagga Jasoos)
17.	Best Style Icon of the Year	Kriti Sanon



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Know how the Trump-Kim Summit took place

The historical **Trump-Kim summit** meeting was the **first of its kind between a sitting American president Donald Trump & a leader of North Korea Kim Jong-un**. It's been a rather long journey of mistrust, war & skirmishes that finally culminated in the **historic summit in Singapore**. Let us take a brief look at the recent events that finally lead to the signing of the agreement.

After an unusually provocative 2017 during which North Korea tested a thermonuclear warhead & three intercontinental ballistic missiles, Kim Jong Un initiates diplomacy in his annual New Year address. He **called for**

improved relations & engagement with South Korea but added **he has a nuclear button on his desk**. Trump responded that he has a bigger & more powerful nuclear button adding **"And my Button works"**. North & South Korean officials meet at a border village & agree on **North Korea sending athletes & delegates to the Winter Olympics** in the South.

In March 2018, **South Korean envoys meet Trump in Washington & delivered an invitation from Kim to meet**. Trump accepted the invitation. Trump confirmed that **Mike Pompeo, then the CIA chief**, had met Kim secretly in North Korea & said "a good relationship was formed" heading into the anticipated summit. **North Korea suspended nuclear & Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) tests** & planned to close its nuclear test site as part of a shift in its national focus to developing its economy. Pompeo, US Secretary of State, made another visit to Pyongyang to prepare for the Trump-Kim summit. North Korea released three Americans who had been imprisoned.

In May 2018, **Trump announced he will meet with Kim in Singapore on June 12**. After few days, North Korea abruptly cancelled a high-level meeting with the South & threatened to cancel the Summit with Trump too **in protest over U.S.-South Korean military exercises & U.S. commented that the North should follow the "Libya model" of denuclearization** by eliminating everything upfront.

North Korean envoy **Kim Yong Chol**, the most senior North Korean official visited the United States. He arrived in New York for pre-summit negotiations with Pompeo. **After meeting Kim Yong Chol at the White House, Trump announced that his meeting with Kim Jong Un is back on for June 12**. White House Press Secretary **Sarah Huckabee Sanders** tweeted that the **Trump-Kim meeting will be held at Singapore's Capella Hotel**. Trump & Kim arrive in Singapore for the first meeting between a sitting US president & a North Korean leader on 12th of June.

The Outcome of Kim-Trump Summit-
US president Donald Trump & North Korean leader Kim Jong Unsigned a document pledging to work toward **complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula** in return for US providing **security guarantees to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)**.

PM Modi 3-Nation Visit | Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore| Complete Highlights

PM Narendra Modi returned to New Delhi after concluding his significant & successful **three-nation visit to Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore**. Here we have covered the complete highlights of the event (Country Wise).

1. First Leg Visit to Indonesia:

On the first leg of 3-Nation visit, PM Modi has visited Indonesia. India & Indonesia **signed 15 MoUs** in the fields of defence, scientific & technological cooperation, railways & health, among others.

2. Second Leg Visit to Malaysia:

PM Modi had arrived in Singapore after a brief halt in Malaysia where he met his 92-year-old Malaysian counterpart Mahathir Mohamad to personally congratulate him on his stunning election victory & the two leaders had "productive discussions" on bolstering the bilateral strategic ties.

3. Third Leg Visit to Singapore:

PM Narendra Modi launched three Indian digital payment systems - **RuPay, BHIM app & UPI by SBI** at the **'Business, Innovation & Community Event' in Singapore**. With the launch, India's RuPay digital payments system was linked up with Singapore's 33-year old **Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS)**.

PM Modi held wide-ranging talks with his Singaporean counterpart **Lee Hsien Loong** & delivered a keynote address at the **Shangri-La Dialogue - Asia's premier defence & strategic affairs conference**. **He is the first Indian PM to address the Shangri-La Dialogue**.

PM Modi on his last day of three-day Singapore visit also went to the Changi Naval Base, the prime naval base for the Republic of Singapore Navy. There the PM visited the **Indian Naval Ship INS Satpura**.

In a special gesture, **an orchid was named after PM Narendra Modi** on the occasion of his visit to **National Orchid Garden in Singapore**. PM Narendra Modi & Singapore's former PM Goh Chok Tong jointly unveiled a plaque to pay tribute at the immersion site of **Mahatma Gandhi's ashes** at the waterfront Clifford pier. **8 agreements were signed between the two sides** which covered areas as wide as military cooperation & connectivity.

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French Open 2018: Complete List Of Winners

The 2018 French Open (also known as Roland Garros) was a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts.

- It was the 122nd edition of the French Open & the second Grand Slam event of 2018. It took place at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.
- Rafael Nadal was the defending champion in the Men's Singles & won his 11th French Open title.
- Simona Halep won her first Grand Slam title.

Complete List of Winners in Different Category (with their Respective Countries)

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Mixed Doubles	Latisha Chan (Taiwan) & Ivan Dodig (Croatia)	Gaby Dabrowski (Canada) & Mate Pavic (Croatia)

Virat Kohli Emerged as International Cricketer Of Year: CEAT Ratings

- Indian skipper Virat Kohli has emerged as the International Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Ratings awards, which were presented in Mumbai. Batsman Rohit Sharma collected the award on behalf of Kohli.
- The Other CEAT Cricket Ratings awards which were presented:
- International Batsman of the Year Award: Shikhar Dhawan (India).

Highlights of the 222nd meeting of the Central Board of Trustees, EPF

The 222nd meeting of the Central Board of Trustees, EPF (Employees' Provident Fund) was held under the chairmanship of Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge) Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar at New Delhi.

The Central Board approved the proposal for insertion of Paragraph 68HH in EPF Scheme, 1952 provisioning Advance

- International Bowler of the Year Award: Trent Boult (New Zealand).
- T20 Bowler of the Year Award: Rashid Khan (Afghanistan).
- Outstanding Innings of the Year Award: Harmanpreet Kaur (India).
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Farokh Engineer (India).
- T20 Batsman of the Year Award: Colin Munro (New Zealand).
- Domestic Player of the Year Award: Mayank Agarwal (India).
- U19 Player of the Year award: Shubman Gill (India).
- Popular Choice Award: Chris Gayle (West Indies).

Seychelles President Danny Faure first bilateral visit to India.

Seychelles President Danny Faure is on his first bilateral visit to India. He held the talks with PM Narendra Modi & reviewed the wide-ranging cooperation between the two countries, including in the fields of defence & security. The list of MoUs signed between the 2 countries:

1. MOU between India & Seychelles regarding Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Small Development Projects through Local Bodies, Educational & Vocational Institutions,
2. Twinning Agreement on the Establishment of Friendship & Cooperation between the Corporation of the City of Panaji (Municipal Corporation) & the City of Victoria of the Republic of Seychelles,
3. MOU between the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, India & the Department of Information Communications Technology of Seychelles on Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security,
4. Cultural Exchange Programme between India & Seychelles for the years 2018-2022,
5. Technical Agreement on Sharing White Shipping Information between the Indian Navy & the National Information Sharing & Coordination Center of Seychelles,
6. MOU between the Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs of India & the Department of Foreign Affairs of Seychelles.

from the fund to a member who ceases to be in employment for a continuous period not less than one month.

Under this proposal, a member can avail 75% of the total fund (including employee as well as employer share) standing to the member's credit with interest thereon.

The Central Board approved the proposal to continue SBI Mutual Fund & UTI Mutual Fund as ETF manufacturer for investment in ETF by EPFO for the tenure of one year.

Highlights of the President's Visit to Greece, Suriname & Cuba

President Ram Nath Kovind reached Suriname capital Paramaribo on the second leg of his three-nation tour to Greece, Suriname & Cuba. He was received at the Paramaribo airport by Suriname President Desire Delano Bouterse. Mr Kovind was given a Guard of Honour. An MoU was signed, in the field of elections, diplomatic academies partnership, employment for the spouse of diplomats of the two countries & archives.

President Ram Nath Kovind observed the Yoga day in Suriname along with his counterpart Desire Delano Bouterse. This will be the first time that heads of two countries will together participate in the International Yoga day.

An MoU was signed in this regard, along with four others in the field of elections, diplomatic academies partnership, employment for the spouse of diplomats of the two countries & archives. The President also addressed the National Assembly of Suriname, thereby becoming the first foreign Head of State to address the Assembly.

Static/Current Takeaways Important for SBI PO/Clerk Exam 2018-

Suriname Capital- Paramaribo, Currency- Surinamese dollar, President- Desire Delano Bouterse.

Four MoUs have been signed under 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme

Four MoUs have been signed under 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme & six more are at an advanced stage, according to Mr Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture. It includes:

1. Mount Stok Kangri Trek Route, Ladakh: Between Ministry of Tourism, Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) & the state government of Jammu & Kashmir.
2. Gangotri Temple Area & Trail to Gaumukh, Uttarakhand: Between Ministry of Tourism, ATOAI & Uttarakhand Government.
3. Red Fort, Delhi: Between Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, ASI & Dalmia Bharat Limited.
4. Gandikota Fort, Andhra Pradesh: Between Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, ASI & Dalmia Bharat Limited.

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44th G7 Summit Was Held in Canada

- ✓ The 44th G7 summit was held on June 8-9, 2018, in Quebec, Canada. This was the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings. The 44th G7 summit was the first summit for Italian PM Giuseppe Conte.
- ✓ Canadian PM Justin Trudeau has hosted this summit.
- ✓ The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in France.



Ten new iconic sites taken up under Phase III of Swachh Iconic Places of Swachh Bharat Mission.

- ✓ **Ten new iconic sites have been taken up under Phase III of the flagship project Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of the Swachh Bharat Mission.** These new sites have joined the 20 iconic places under Phase I & II. The 10 New Iconic Sites are as follows:
 1. Raghavendra Swamy Temple (Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh);
 2. Hazarduari Palace (Murshidabad, West Bengal);
 3. Brahma Sarovar Temple (Kurukshetra, Haryana);
 4. VidurKuti (Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh);
 5. Mana village (Chamoli, Uttarakhand);
 6. Pangong Lake (Leh-Ladakh, J&K);
 7. Nagvasuki Temple (Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh);
 8. ImaKeithal/market (Imphal, Manipur);
 9. Sabarimala Temple (Kerala); &
 10. Kanvashram (Uttarakhand).

Banking Current Affairs

- ✓ **Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** approved a proposal allowing **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** to acquire a majority stake in the IDBI bank. Under the proposal, LIC can raise its stake in the public sector bank to 51%, injecting Rs10,000-13,000 crore in the debt-ridden lender.
- ✓ **RBL Bank** has raised its stake in **Swadhaar Finserve Pvt. Ltd to 100% from 60.48%**. Swadhaar FinServe started operations as a non-banking finance company in 2008.
- ✓ **Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)** has extended **\$10 million worth of line of credit (LOC) to Seychelles**. This is for healthcare & procurement of goods & projects. It is the first tranche of the \$50 million sanctioned by the Exim Bank to the country.
- ✓ **SEBI approved amendments** to buyback & takeover regulations & changed the time for announcing the price band of initial public offering (IPO) from 5 to 2 days, as per the chairman of SEBI, Ajay Tyagi. SEBI had proposed that entities would not be required to file draft papers for rights issue worth up to Rs 10 crore.
- ✓ **RBI revised the upwards housing loan limits under Priority Sector Lending (PSL)**. Housing loans of up to Rs 35 lakh for residences costing less than Rs 45 lakh will now be treated as Priority Sector Lending (PSL) to give a boost to the low-cost segment. The housing loan limits for eligibility under priority sector lending will be revised to Rs 35 lakh in metropolitan centres & to Rs 25 lakh in other centres.
- ✓ At 17.2%, **Axis Bank commands the largest value share of mobile banking transactions but it's Paytm that tops volumes with 22%**.
- ✓ **RBI released the draft guidelines to modify the loan system for delivery of bank credit, making the rules stricter to regulate larger borrowers enjoying working capital facility from the banking system.** It specifies a minimum level of loan component in fund

based working capital finance & a mandatory Credit Conversion Factor (CCF) for the undrawn portion of cash credit availed of by large borrowers.

- ✓ **Union Cabinet approved the proposal for grant of permission to HDFC Bank to raise additional share capital of up to a maximum of 24,000 crore rupees.** The composite foreign shareholding in the Bank will not exceed 74% of the enhanced paid-up equity share capital of the bank.
- ✓ **Fitch announced that ICICI Bank & Axis Bank have inequalities in their risk control mechanisms & has revised down its outlook** on the latter to negative on sour assets worries.
- ✓ **RBI eased investment norms for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in debt**, especially into individual large corporates, a move that can help attract more overseas flows & thereby help arrest the recent fall in the rupee. RBI increased the FPIs cap on investment in **government security to 30% of the outstanding stock** of that security, from 20%.
- ✓ Concerned over funds sent abroad under the 'maintenance of close relative' category of **the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)**, RBI has **narrowed the definition of relatives to check the flow of funds**. Hence, funds under the 'maintenance of close relative' category can **be sent only to immediate relatives such as parents, spouses, children & their spouses**.
- ✓ RBI made changes in **Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS)** to make it more attractive. The short-term deposits should be treated as **bank's on-balance sheet liability**. These deposits will be made with the designated banks **for a short period of 1-3 years (with a facility of rollover)**. Deposits can also be allowed for broken periods (e.g. 1 year 3 months; 2 years 4 months 5 days; etc.).
- ✓ RBI stated that interest **subsidy scheme on short-term crop loans of up to three lakh rupees** will be implemented through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode from the current financial year. The Centre has earmarked 15,000 crore rupees for 2018-19 towards interest subvention for short-term crop loans.
- ✓ In a bid to check loan defaults, RBI stated **that a Public Credit Registry (PCR) will be set up containing information on all borrowers to ensure financial stability**. It will set up following a report by Yeshwant M Deosthalee who headed High-Level Task Force.
- ✓ **MPC revised CPI inflation for 2018-19 to 4.8-4.9%** in the first half & 4.7% in the second half. The MPC stated that the GDP growth rate for 2018-19 is retained at 7.4%.
- ✓ **World Bank predicts global growth will decelerate slightly from a solid 3.1% this year to 3% next year & 2.9% in 2020.**

Economy Current Affairs

- ✓ **Conference on Implementation of National Pension System (NPS)** by the Central Autonomous Bodies

(CABs) was organized by Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) in Delhi.

- ✓ **Fitch Ratings raised India growth forecast for 2018-19 to 7.4% from 7.3%.** For 2019-20, it estimated the country to grow at 7.5%. The economy grew at 6.7% in 2017-18 & 7.7% in January-March quarter.
- ✓ **Indian economy grew 7.7% in the fourth quarter of 2017-18.** The GDP had expanded 5.6%, 6.3% & 7%, in the first three quarters of 2017-18, as per **Central Statistics Office**.

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Business Current Affairs

- ✓ **HCL Technologies** acquired **German IT & engineering services provider H&D International Group**.
- ✓ **Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation (Rosatom)** announced that its **subsidiary Nikiret** signed an agreement with **Indian engineering services firm Core Energy Systems Pvt Ltd** for the promotion of its technical security equipment in India.
- ✓ **Microsoft** acquired **Flipgrid**, an **education start-up** with an app that lets students record & share videos on specific topics with their classmates.
- ✓ **Piyush Goyal** inaugurated **Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL)**'s **three 100 MW Solar Power Projects** for commercial operation & dedicated these projects to the Nation in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ **Flipkart-owned PhonePe** partnered **Ola** that will **allow riders to book rides** using the former's payment platform.
- ✓ **Marg ERP limited**, a leading Inventory & Accounting software solution company **partnered with ICICI Bank** to **offer an integrated payments platform to MSME** customers, using MARG's accounting software.
- ✓ **Muthoot Fincorp Limited** announced its partnership **with National Skill Development Corporation** to train over 10,000 youth over the next three years & make them job ready. It claims **to have become the first major private sector player to partner with NSDC** to

launch the **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY.2)** programme.

- ✓ **The 220 MW Unit-1 of Karnataka's Kaiga Generating Systems (KGS-1)** set a **new record of the continuous operation of 766 days**, surpassing the earlier record of 765 days set by the Unit-5 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station in 2014.
- ✓ **Facebook partnered with the National Commission for Women (NCW)** to launch a Digital Literacy Programme (DLP). It will be launched in collaboration with the Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF).
- ✓ **Tata Motors** (India's largest automobile company by revenues) signed a **MoU with the State Government of Maharashtra** for deployment of 1000 Electric Vehicles (EV) in the State.

Schemes/ Portals/ Missions/ Apps/ Missions Launched by the Union & State Govt.

- ✓ Government notified **the Electoral Bond Scheme 2018**. As per provisions, Electoral Bonds may be purchased by **a person, who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India**. A person being an individual can buy Electoral Bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals. Only the **Political Parties registered under Section 29A of Representation of People Act, 1951 & which secured not less than 1% of the votes polled in last General Election or the Legislative Assembly of the State**, shall be eligible to receive Electoral Bonds.
- ✓ With an aim to integrate information technology for better roll out of its social sector schemes, Ministry of Woman & Child Development organized Seminar on **Technology Partnerships for Steering POSHAN Abhiyaan** called 'TECH-THON'.
- ✓ Union Minister of Commerce & Industry & Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched a **mobile application called 'ReUnite'** which helps to track & trace missing & abandoned children in India.
- ✓ **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** launched **the new Passport Seva App**. Now, people can apply for a passport from any part of the country through the App. EAM Sushma Swaraj has launched Mobile Passport Application on the occasion of Passport Seva Divas (26 June) in New Delhi.
- ✓ **Gujarat government** launched a **solar power scheme for farmers- Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY)** enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid & earn an extra buck. As per the scheme, farmers having existing electricity connection will be given solar panels as per their load requirements. The State & Central governments will give 60% subsidy on the cost of the project. The farmer is required to take 5% cost, while 35% will be provided to him as an affordable loan with interest rates of 4.5-6%.
- ✓ The government **approved a 33% increase in carpet area of houses eligible for interest subsidy under its affordable housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)** to attract more beneficiaries.

It has been enhanced to 160 sq m from 120 sq m for Middle Income Group-I (MIG-I), while it has been increased to 200 sq m from 150 sq m in case of MIG-II.

- ✓ President **Kovind will launch Solar Charkha Mission which will entail a subsidy of 550 crore rupees in the initial two years for 50 clusters.** The scheme is aimed at linking five crore women & self-help groups to the initiative.
- ✓ The **Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS)** developed a mobile-based application '**utsonmobile**'. It enables **booking & cancellation of unreserved tickets, issue & renewal of season & platform tickets**, & other features.
- ✓ **Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar** launched the **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**. The library will become a single window platform for all educational needs.
- ✓ **Telangana police** launched a mobile-based messenger application named '**Cop Connect**' dedicated to provide real-time information to over 60,000 police officers across the State.
- ✓ **Punjab Government** launched a mobile application named '**i-Hariyali**' aimed at increasing the state's green cover. The mobile application would enable the users to order free plant saplings.
- ✓ **Income Tax Department** issued a new reward scheme titled "**Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018**" to seek people's participation in the Income Tax Department's efforts to unearth black money & to reduce tax evasion.
- ✓ Union Ministry of Culture **introduced a new scheme called 'Seva Bhoj Yojna'** to reimburse the central share of CGST & IGST on items for food/prasad/langar/bhandara offered free of cost by charitable religious institutions. It is launched for financial years 2018-19 & 2019-20 with a total outlay of Rs. 325.00 crores.
- ✓ Ministry of Railways launched **two mobile applications to ease the traveling experience named 'Rail MADAD' & 'Menu on Rails'**. Rail MADAD will enable travelers to lodge complaints & Menu on Rails will facilitate seamless ordering of food.
- ✓ **Northern Railways will now monitor the cleanliness of its trains using WhatsApp groups** supervised by senior officials.
- ✓ **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** will use **flash flood guidance system for the first time in the country to forecast floods**. Currently, the Central Water Commission issues flood warnings.
- ✓ Election Commission launched **its online RTI Portal**. The portal- **rti.eci.nic.in** will facilitate applicants seeking information under the Right to Information Act.
- ✓ President Kovind **distributed LPG connections to 20 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana** in Agartala, Tripura. During his visit to Tripura, he **inaugurated 73 km long National Highway connecting Udaipur town in Gomati district & Sabroom in South Tripura**. He also laid the foundation

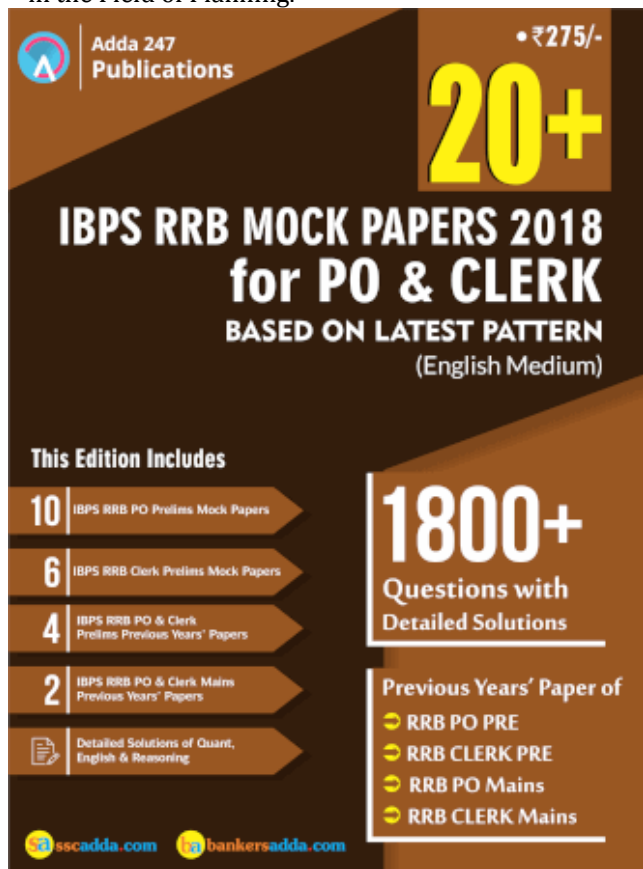
stone for the re-development of Matabari Temple Complex at Tripura Sundari temple.

- ✓ The government announced the launch of '**Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan**' under which farmers in select villages will be given assistance & advice on ways to improve farming techniques & raise their income.
- ✓ Union government **announced a package of more than Rs 8,000 crore aimed to provide relief to sugarcane farmers & to clear their dues**. The package includes three elements. A buffer stock of 30 LMT (lakh metric tonnes) of sugar will be created with Rs 1,200 crore. This money will be directly transferred to accounts of sugarcane farmers. The government has also decided to ensure a minimum sale price of Rs 29/kg for sugar.

National Current Affairs

- ✓ India pledged **USD 5 million in assistance to the UN agency working for the welfare of Palestinian refugees** to help bolster its "severe funding crisis" following US' cut in its annual aid to United Nations Relief & Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).
- ✓ Govt. decided to **set up two more underground crude oil storages in Odisha & Karnataka** to increase emergency stockpile cover by 12 days to 22 days. The Cabinet approved setting up of 4 million tonne (MT) storage at Chandikhole in Odisha & 2.5 MT storage at Padur in Karnataka.
- ✓ Centre released **340 crore rupees for flood relief work in Assam**. 101 crore rupees released by the **Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)**, while remaining 239 crore rupees was given by Home Ministry under State Disaster Relief Fund.
- ✓ **India & Cuba** signed two MoUs in the field of **biotechnology, traditional medicine & homoeopathy**. This was signed after delegation-level talks between **President Kovind & his Cuban counterpart Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel in Havana**. Cuba also reiterated its support to India's candidature for a permanent seat in UN Security Council.
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Paperless Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi.
- ✓ Union Government announced to establish India's first national police museum in Lutyens' Delhi.
- ✓ India extended a **financial aid of Rs 99 million to Nepal for the construction of 2,700 shallow tube well irrigation systems** in 12 districts of the country's southern Terai region to boost agricultural productivity.
- ✓ **Union Health Minister JP Nadda** launched the **National Health Resource Repository (NHRR)**- the country's first-ever national healthcare registry of authentic, standardised & updated geo-spatial data of all public & private healthcare establishments.
- ✓ PM Modi launched **three Indian digital payment systems - RuPay, BHIM app & UPI by SBI** at the 'Business, Innovation & Community Event' in Singapore. With the launch, India's RuPay digital payments system was linked up with Singapore's 33-year old Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS).

- ✓ President Kovind given his assent to an ordinance to set up the country's first national sports university in Manipur.
- ✓ Union Minister for Women & Child Development Maneka Gandhi laid the foundation stone of India's first advanced DNA forensic laboratory in Chandigarh as part efforts to reduce the backlog of cases needing advanced forensic analysis.
- ✓ Talks between PMs Narendra Modi & his counterpart Lee Hsien Loong led to the signing of 8 agreements between the two sides which covered areas as wide as military cooperation & connectivity. The 8 key fields under which the agreements were exchanged are: Naval cooperation, Economic co-operation, Fintech, Cybersecurity, Nursing, Combating Narcotics smuggling & Human Trafficking, Personnel Management & Public Administration, MoU between the NITI Aayog & Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) on Cooperation in the Field of Planning.



States Current Affairs

- ✓ Decks have been cleared for setting up a consulate of United Arab Emirates with Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao giving his nod for it after discussions with UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- ✓ Mumbai's Victorian & Art Deco Ensembles inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ Odisha government decided to raise the health cover from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) for women.
- ✓ PM Modi unveiled a bouquet of development projects in MP on his visit. He in Rajgarh, dedicated the Mohanpura Dam Project to the nation. In Indore, he attended the Madhya Pradesh Shehari Vikas Mahotsav.
- ✓ Gujarat government announced wind-solar hybrid power policy - 2018, aiming to make optimum utilisation of the land & grid. The policy provides 50% concession for cross-subsidy surcharge & additional surcharge when the generated energy is sold to a third party.
- ✓ The world's first of its kind & state-of-the-art International Centre for 'Humanitarian Forensics' (ICHF) was launched at the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ Union Minister of Steel, Chaudhary Birender Singh dedicated the rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 'Parvati' of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) to the Nation. Parvati is the first Blast Furnace of SAIL that was dedicated to the nation on 3rd February 1959 by the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
- ✓ The Integrated Command & Control Centre of the Naya Raipur Smart City was inaugurated by PM Modi. Integrated Command & Control Centre of Naya Raipur becomes the 10th Smart City Centre to be operational in the country.
- ✓ J P Nadda exchanged the MoU with the State Health Ministers of 20 States marking their commitment towards the launch of the Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM).
- ✓ PM Modi visited Chhattisgarh where he dedicated the modernised & expanded Bhilai steel plant to the nation. He also took part in programmes in Naya Raipur - the upcoming capital city of the state. He inaugurated Integrated Command & Control Centre at Naya Raipur. He inaugurated Raipur-Jagdalpur air service, laid the foundation stone for the new building of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhilai.
- ✓ Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya has been selected as 100th Smart City. With the selection of Shillong, the total proposed investment in the finally selected 100 cities under the Smart Cities Mission would be Rs.2,05,018 crores.
- ✓ Neem & black buck have been declared as the state tree & animal respectively of Andhra Pradesh. The rose-ringed parakeet will be the state bird while jasmine will be the state flower.
- ✓ President Kovind has declared Tripura's queen variety pineapple as state fruit & its export was a major step in connecting the state with world trade.
- ✓ Maharashtra government will provide the financial grant of 1,000 rupees per quintal to those farmers whose tur & gram could not be purchased by the administration before the May 31 deadline.
- ✓ In Uttarakhand, Polythene will be completely prohibited from 31st July in the state. All the polythene

vendors have been asked to finish the polyethylene stock before 31st July.

- ✓ **Madhya Pradesh government** has announced an **outstanding power bill waiver scheme for laborers & poor families**. The State Cabinet approved the **Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018 (Power Bill Waiver Scheme)** which is expected to benefit about 77 lakh people of the state.
- ✓ In a major step to give a big push towards the ease of doing business in **Punjab**, the **state government has launched a "Business First Portal"**. It was unveiled by Industry Minister Sunder Sham Arora in Jalandhar.
- ✓ **HP government** has decided to do away with **semester system in undergraduate (UG) courses** & revert to annual examination system.
- ✓ **Minister of State for Defence, Dr. Subhash Bhamre** dedicated a **highway tunnel at Theng near Chungthang in north Sikkim** to the nation. The tunnel will benefit the tourism & rapidly propel the growth of the state.
- ✓ **West Bengal Government** has decided to invest **107 crore rupees to check erosion at vulnerable areas** along the banks of the Ganga & the Padma. A stretch of 15 kilometres will be concretised, to prevent erosion.
- ✓ **Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu** stated that the state was now **Open Defecation Free (ODF)** as it had achieved its goal of constructing 2.77 lakh individual toilets. Naidu who was traveling through Chittoor district unveiled a plaque in Tirupati to honour the achievement.

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New Appointments (National & International)

- ✓ SBI managing director B Sriram has **resigned from the country's largest lender** after his appointment as chief executive of IDBI Bank.
- ✓ **Pakistan's National Security Advisor** Nasser Khan Janjua resigned from his post.
- ✓ Senior bureaucrat **S Ramesh** appointed as **chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs**

(CBIC), the apex policy-making body for indirect taxes. He succeeded Vanaja N Sarna.

- ✓ **Turkey's long-standing leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan** won a new five-year term after securing outright victory in the first round of a presidential poll.
- ✓ Govt. appointed **Arjit Basu as Managing Director of the country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)**. He will fill the position that fell vacant following the elevation of Rajnish Kumar as the chairman. Now, after this, the SBI will have four managing directors. As per the SBI Act, the bank can have four managing directors.
- ✓ State Bank of India's (SBI) Managing Director **B Sriram was appointed as the IDBI Bank's CEO & Managing Director** for a temporary period of three months.
- ✓ **Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) of India, Arvind Subramanian had resigned from the post** & will return to the US because of "pressing family commitments".
- ✓ Arvind Saxena has been appointed to serve as the acting **Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- ✓ **Dr. Inderjit Singh** assumed charge as **Secretary, Ministry of Coal** at Shastri Bhawan office, New Delhi.
- ✓ **An Indian-American woman, Dhivya Suryadevara** named the **Chief Finance Officer of the US' largest automaker, General Motors**. He will succeed **Chuck Stevens**.
- ✓ Former **World Bank Economist Omar al-Razzaz** was **sworn in as Jordan's PM** after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government. He succeeded Hani al-Mulki.
- ✓ **Giorgi Kvirikashvili, PM of Georgia**, has announced his **resignation** amid a disagreement with Bidzina Ivanishvili, the leader of the ruling party.
- ✓ **Colombia has chosen Ivan Duque** to be its next president after a long & divisive campaign. He will be Colombia's youngest ever President. He will replace Juan Manuel Santos.
- ✓ **Jammu & Kashmir's CM Mehbooba Mufti** submitted her **resignation to the Governor** after BJP announced to pull out of an alliance with Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). BJP's General Secretary Ram Madhav also called for Governor's rule in Jammu & Kashmir.
- ✓ **ICICI Bank board** has appointed **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi as whole-time director & chief operating officer (COO)**, creating a new top position at India's second largest private bank.
- ✓ **N.S. Kannan** has been appointed as **CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** for five years.
- ✓ An IAS officer **Amit Khare** assumed charge as **Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** on superannuation of Narendra Kumar Sinha.
- ✓ **Giuseppe Conte** sworn in as **PM of Italy's** new populist government.
- ✓ Former **NIA chief Sharad Kumar** has appointed **vigilance commissioner** in the probity watchdog CVC.

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind gave **West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi additional charge of Tripura Governor**, during the absence on leave of Tathagata Roy.
- ✓ **Spanish Socialist Pedro Sanchez has been sworn in as the country's new PM** by King Felipe. He has replaced Mariano Rajoy.
- ✓ In Egypt, **President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi was sworn in for a second four-year term in office** as the country faces major economic & security challenges. Sisi won 97% of valid votes in the March presidential election.
- ✓ The Centre has **appointed MK Jain, Managing Director, & CEO of IDBI Bank, as the RBI's Deputy Governor**. Jain will fill a position that had been lying vacant since August 2017 after the retirement of SS Mundra.

Sports Current Affairs

- ✓ **India sprinter Dutee Chand set a new national record in the women's 100-metre race** when she clocked 11.29 seconds at the 58th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships being held in Guwahati, Assam.
- ✓ **Forward Rani Rampal named as the captain of India's 18-member squad for the women's hockey World Cup** to be played in London in July 2018.
- ✓ **16-year-old Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary set a new world record by winning a gold medal in the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany**. He won the medal in the 10m air pistol event.
- ✓ **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) reclaimed the world championship lead with a dominant victory in the French Grand Prix**.
- ✓ **Archer Deepika Kumari won her first individual gold medal in six years at the Salt Lake World Cup, in the USA**. She defeated Germany's Michelle Kroppen in the recurve final.
- ✓ **Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal put up an impressive performance to clinch the gold medal in men's 50m breaststroke event at the Singapore National Swimming Championships** in Singapore.
- ✓ **India's R Praggnanandhaa become the country's youngest & the world's second youngest Grand Master** at the age of 12 years, 10 months & 13 days after reaching the final round of the ongoing Grendine Open in Italy.
- ✓ American fighter **Ronda Rousey will become the first female MMA fighter to be inducted into the Ultimate Fighting Championship Hall of Fame**, the UFC announced.
- ✓ **Indian captain Virat Kohli received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Trophy (Cricketer of the Year) award for two consecutive seasons (2016-17 & 2017-18)** at the BCCI Annual Awards function. Anshuman Gaekwad & Sudha Shah received the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award.
- ✓ **Indian boxers bagged one Gold & two Silver medals at the Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in the Russian city of Kaspiysk**. Saweety Boora won the Gold

- in the Women's 75 kg category. In the Men's section, Brijesh Yadav in the 81 kg division & Virender Kumar in 91 kgs lost their Final bouts to settle for Silver medals.
- ✓ **Rafael Nadal won his 11th French Open title. Simona Halep won her first Grand Slam title**.
- ✓ **United States, Mexico & Canada won the right to host the 2026 World Cup** after easily beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations in Moscow.
- ✓ **India Women's Cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana will become the first Indian player to appear in Kia Super League - the women's cricket super league in England**. She was signed by Western Storm.
- ✓ **American golfer Brooks Koepka made history & finished strong as he became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back US Open titles at Shinnecock Hills in New York**.
- ✓ **Roger Federer claimed his 98th ATP title** after the win over Milos Raonic in the **Stuttgart Cup final**.
- ✓ ICC included **Nepal, Netherlands, Scotland & the UAE** in their ODI rankings list apart from the 12 existing countries.
- ✓ **Chief Minister** even as compatriot Vaishnavi Yadav won the 'Girls Grit Award' on the fourth & final day of Basketball Without Borders Asia 2018.
- ✓ **Kagiso Rabada, the world's number one Test bowler, was named South Africa's Cricketer of the Year**.
- ✓ **Indian cricketer Mithali Raj has become the first batter from the country to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket**. Mithali is the seventh woman batter to score 2,000 runs in T20Is, a list which is topped by Charlotte Edwards (2,605).
- ✓ **India captain Virat Kohli's phenomenal batting form has fetched him the BCCI's best cricketer award for two seasons, while World Cup stars Harmanpreet Kaur & Smriti Mandhana were chosen for the women's equivalent of the honour, the Board announced**. Team India captain Virat Kohli will be presented with the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award for the best international cricketer (2016-17 & 2017-18).
- ✓ **India has lifted the Intercontinental Cup football title**. In the summit clash in Mumbai, they defeated Kenya 2-nil. Both the goals were netted by skipper Sunil Chhetri. Sunil Chhetri has become the joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi with his 64th strike.
- ✓ **World number one Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title** with a gutsy comeback victory over American 10th seed Sloane Stephens in the French Open final.

International Current Affairs

- ✓ **On his visit to Israel, Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani met Israel's Agriculture & Rural Development Minister Uri Ariel & announced a joint working group (JWG) between Gujarat & Israel in the fields of agriculture, horticulture & allied sectors**.

- ✓ **Pakistan has been placed on the grey list by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** for failing to curb anti-terror financing despite its diplomatic efforts to avert the decision.
- ✓ **Britain's Queen Elizabeth granted royal assent to PM Theresa May's flagship Brexit legislation**, ending months of debate over the legislation that will formally end the country's European Union membership.
- ✓ **Nepali PM Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli is on his first visit to China** after assuming the charge as PM. China will build a railway connecting the western region of Tibet with Nepal, this was signed during Oli's visit to Beijing. The link will connect the Tibetan city of Xigaze with Nepal's capital Kathmandu.
- ✓ **Mongolia broke ground for the construction of country's first oil refinery with the help of a USD 1 billion loan** from India. Rajnath Singh attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the refinery at 'Stantsiin Hooloi' & described it as an important milestone in the bilateral ties.
- ✓ **The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) launches the findings of SIPRI Yearbook 2018**, which assesses the current state of armaments, disarmament & international security. Key findings include the following:
 1. All the nuclear weapon-possessing states are developing new nuclear weapon systems & modernizing their existing systems;
 2. The number of personnel deployed with peace operations worldwide continues to fall while the demand is increasing.
 3. At the start of 2018 nine states—the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel & the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) - possessed approximately 14,465 nuclear weapons.
- ✓ **World Bank approved \$700 million to help Bangladesh achieve its education for all vision** by improving the primary education sector. The Quality Learning for All Program (QLEAP) will cover more than 18 million children studying in pre-primary level to grade 5.
- ✓ **Nikki Haley, the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations** announced the **withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)**, accusing the council of bias against US ally Israel. This marks the first time that a member has voluntarily left the UNHRC.
- ✓ **World Bank predicts that US growth will register 2.7% in 2018, aided by tax cuts**, before slowing to 2.5% next year & 2% in 2020. China's growth is projected at 6.5% this year, 6.3% in 2019 & 6.2% in 2020.
- ✓ **India & Tajikistan** reaffirmed their commitment to promote bilateral relations & agreed to enhance economic cooperation, particularly in sustainable water development.
- ✓ **United States** decided to **provide security guarantees to North Korea**, in exchange of Pyongyang's firm &

unwavering commitment to complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

Defence Current Affairs

- ✓ The navies of India & Indonesia participated in **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)**. Indian Naval ships INS Shakti & INS Kamorta under the command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, undertook Passage Exercise with Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Madidihang (855) on leaving the Port of Makassar, Indonesia.
- ✓ **World's largest multilateral naval exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) begun off Hawaii** in the Western Pacific Ocean. It is likely to be attended by navies of 26 countries including India. Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri has already reached the Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to participate in the 26th edition of RIMPAC exercise.
- ✓ **India & Bangladesh agreed to institute Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) as an annual exercise** between navies of two neighbouring countries. The first edition of CORPAT between two navies was inaugurated by Sunil Lanba during his visit to Bangladesh.
- ✓ India will **host first military exercise of the BIMSTEC Countries in September 2018 in Pune, Maharashtra**. The theme of the exercise includes counter-terrorism in semi-urban terrain & cordon & search.
- ✓ Raksha Mantri, Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the **first Representative Office of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat**



Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam.

- ✓ **The indigenously upgraded artillery gun Dhanush** successfully completed final user trials & is ready for induction into the Army. Dhanush is an upgraded

version of the Swedish Bofors gun procured by India in the mid-1980s.

- ✓ **First biannual Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference** inaugurated by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Air Headquarters in New Delhi. The Exercise 'Gagan Shakti' was mentioned as the landmark exercise for IAF.
- ✓ **The United States has renamed its oldest & largest military command, US Pacific Command, or PACOM, to Indo-Pacific Command**, according to the US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis.
- ✓ Making a breakthrough in missile technology, India successfully carried out the flight test of Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) propulsion based missile, according to the Defence Ministry.
- ✓ In a swift operation, the Indian Navy has rescued 38 Indians from Socotra island in Yemen where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic storm hit the area. The Navy had diverted its ship INS Sunayna from the Gulf of Aden to Socotra as part of the operation 'NISTAR' to rescue the Indians.
- ✓ India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable Long Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-5 from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. It has a strike range of 5,000 kilometres & can carry a nuclear warhead of more than one tonne.
- ✓ Eminent scientist S Christopher has completed his term as the chief of the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), & Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra was given additional charge of the post.

Ranks/ Indexes Released

- ✓ NITI Aayog launched the **first Delta ranking, incremental progress, for the Aspirational Districts in the country**. It is based on self-reported data of districts between March 31 to May 31, 2018, across five developmental areas of Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development & Basic Infrastructure. It was launched by NITI Aayog, CEO Amitabh Kant. As per the ranking, **Dahod district of Gujarat improved 19.8 points to rank first**. West Sikkim district in Sikkim stood second with 18.9 points.
- ✓ **US State Department categorised North Korea as one of the "worst human trafficking nations"** for the 16th straight year. As per the annual '2018 Trafficking in Persons Report', North Korea has been included in the Tier 3 category, which is the lowest ranking, along with China, Russia & Iran.
- ✓ **As per Cost of Living Survey published by global personnel consultants Mercer**, Mumbai continues to be the most expensive city in India to live in for expatriates, ahead of global peers Washington & Melbourne. **Hong Kong is ranked as the world's costliest city** to live in for expatriates.
- ✓ **India is the world's most dangerous country for women due to the high risk of sexual violence & being forced into slave labour**, according to a poll of

global experts. War-torn Afghanistan & Syria ranked second & third in the Thomson Reuters Foundation survey of about 550 experts on women's issues, followed by Somalia & Saudi Arabia.

- ✓ **Ministry of Women & Child Development come up with its report titled 'Women in Prisons'** which aims to build an understanding of the various entitlements of women in prisons, the various issues faced by them & possible methods for resolution of the same.
- ✓ India stands **177th at the bottom of the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings**. In 2016, the country had ranked 141 out of 180 countries. The Top 3 countries on the list are: 1. Switzerland, 2. France, & 3. Denmark.
- ✓ **Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari released Niti Aayog's composite water management index report** in New Delhi. Gujarat topped the list while Jharkhand was adjudged as the worst performer. In the northeastern & Himalayan states, **Tripura adjudged as the top state in 2016-17** followed by Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim & Assam.
- ✓ **Housing finance major HDFC has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally** in the 'consumer financial services category' on a list compiled by Forbes magazine. **American Express has topped this category**, while Indiabulls Housing Finance is the only other Indian company (at 13th place) on the list. In the overall list, **topped by China's banking behemoth ICBC**, HDFC took 321st place. There was a **total of 58 Indian companies** on the overall list of 2,000 firms from across the world.
- ✓ **Ashwini Kumar Choubey**, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare released the **11th Common Review Mission (CRM) report of the National Health Mission**. As per the Report, India **has registered a record 22% reduction in MMR since 2013**, which is the highest percentage decline so far when compared to all the previous reductions in MMR. Maternal Mortality Ratio in India has declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016.
- ✓ **U.S. has surpassed India to become the top destination for greenfield foreign direct investment in 2017**, as per the FDI Report 2018, compiled by FDI Intelligence, a division of The Financial Times Ltd.
- ✓ As per the **Save the Children's "End of Childhood Index 2018"**, **India ranks 113 among 175 countries** with regards to where childhood is threatened as a result of poor health, malnutrition, exclusion from education, child labour, & child marriage. Singapore & Slovenia are placed at the top sharing the first place in the index & Niger figures in end of the list.
- ✓ **India has registered a significant decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) recording a 22% reduction** in such deaths since 2013. As per Sample Registration System bulletin, the MMR has declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016.
- ✓ **Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, & Indian**

Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) are in the **top 200 in QS World University Rankings 2019**. The number of Indian universities in the top 1,000 increased from 20 to 24. IIT-Bombay is now the top institute in the country rising 17 positions from 2018 to 162, displacing IIT-Delhi which has remained at 172. The 15th edition of the QS World University Rankings.

- ✓ **Foreign Direct Investment to India decreased to 40 billion dollars last year** from 44 billion dollars in 2016 while outflows from India, the main source of investment in South Asia, more than doubled, as per the new trade report by the UN. As per the World Investment Report, 2018 by the UN Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) global foreign direct investment flows fell by 23% in 2017.
- ✓ **With 1,86,000 Indian students currently studying in the United States, India is the second highest sender of foreign students** to the US, next only to China. US is the top destination for foreign students worldwide & the number of Indian students in the US has more than doubled in the last 10 years.
- ✓ **WHO has commended India's progress in reducing the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by 77%**, from 556 per one lac live births in 1990 to 130 per one lac live births in 2016. This progress puts the country on track towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal target of an MMR below 70 by 2030. India's present MMR is below the Millennium Development Goal target.
- ✓ **India cricket captain Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a Forbes' compilation** topped by American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather. Kohli, the only sportsperson from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million. 'World's Highest-Paid Athletes 2018' list is topped by 41-year-old Mayweather, with USD 285 million earnings.

Important Days

- ✓ **National Statistics Day** is observed across **India on June 29** with an aim to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning & policy formulation. The theme selected for the 2018 Statistics Day is 'Quality Assurance in Official Statistics'. On the occasion, Vice President of India released a commemorative coin of Rs 125 & circulation coin of Rs 5 denomination as a mark of respect/homage to Prof. Mahalanobis.
- ✓ UN decided to **observe 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking**. The theme for 2018 was: "Listen First - Listening to children & youth is the first step to help them grow healthy & safe."
- ✓ **International Widows' Day** is a global awareness day that takes place annually on **23rd June**.
- ✓ **4th International Yoga Day is being celebrated across the globe on 21st of June**. The theme for Yoga Day 2018 is "Yoga for Peace".

- ✓ **The World Music Day is celebrated across the world on 21 June**.
- ✓ Every year on **June 12 the World Day Against Child Labor** is observed to raise awareness.
- ✓ Every year, on **14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day**. The theme of the World Blood Donors Day 2018 is 'Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life'.
- ✓ **World Refugee Day held on 20th June**. The theme was 'Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees'.
- ✓ On **June 8th each year, we celebrate the ocean, its importance in our lives, & how we can protect it**. **World Oceans Day** helps raise the profile of the ocean & inspire more involvement in helping to conserve this amazing resource we all depend on.
- ✓ PM Modi has addressed the **global celebrations of World Environment Day 2018 on 05th June in New Delhi**. PM also visited the exhibition set up on the occasion, themed 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. India was the global host nation for the 43rd edition of this event.
- ✓ **RBI chosen customer protection as a theme for the Financial Literacy Week which has begun on June 4**. This event ending on June 8, will focus on creating awareness among customers of banks about financial products & services, good financial practices & going digital.
- ✓ On **June 3, 2018, the first official World Bicycle Day** was celebrated. The day, which is celebrated for the first time this year, was approved on 12 April 2018 as an official United Nations day.

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- ✓ **NITI Aayog & Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC)** signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to work together towards implementing a Proof-of-Concept (PoC) application using Blockchain Technology for fertiliser subsidy management.
- ✓ **NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurs Platform signed 5 SoIs with financial institutions & social organisations** to provide assistance to women

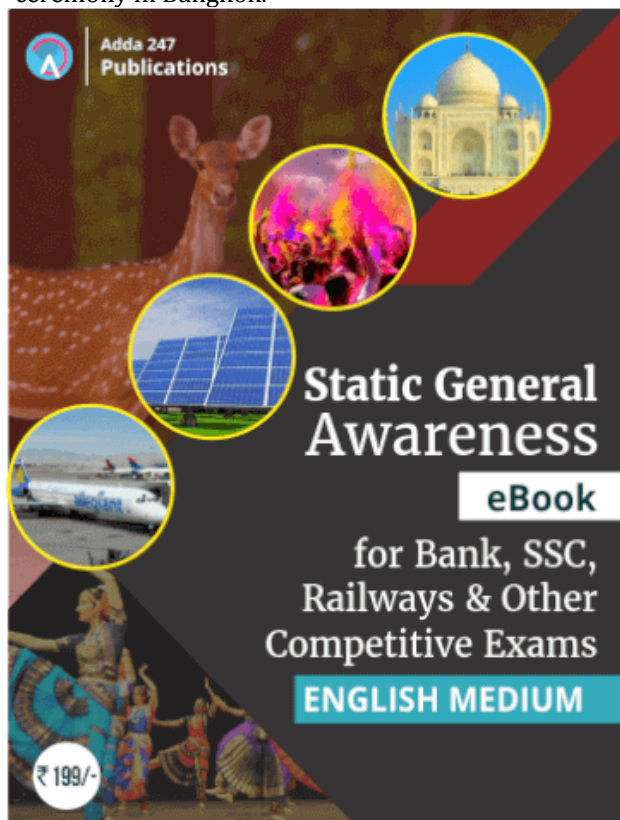
entrepreneurs & address the finance-related challenges faced by them.

- ✓ **BHEL inked a pact with South Korean firm NANO Co Ltd** for design & manufacture of emission controlling devices for coal-based power plants.
- ✓ **Power distribution company BYPL (BSES Yamuna Power Limited) signed an MoU with Business Finland**, a Finnish government agency, for collaborative activities in different areas, including energy efficiency & electric vehicles. The three year MoU on 'cooperation in the power distribution sector' was signed.
- ✓ **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, signed an MoU with IGNOU** to scale up the short term healthcare courses through its available robust platform.
- ✓ **Saudi Aramco & Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)** signed an MoU to jointly develop & build an integrated refinery & petrochemicals complex at Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. It was signed by Amin H. Nasser, Saudi Aramco President & CEO & Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, UAE Minister of State & ADNOC Group CEO.
- ✓ **Maharashtra government & Canada's Quebec province signed a pact to increase the economic cooperation**, especially in areas of information technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence & welfare of the tribal community.
- ✓ **India & the US agreed to hold comprehensive talks to address trade & economic issues.** The decision was taken during a series of meetings, Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu had with US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross & US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.
- ✓ **A 3-day National Yoga Olympiad inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) in CIET in New Delhi** by Mr. Eric Falt, Director & UNESCO Representative of the New Delhi Cluster Office for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives & Sri Lanka.
- ✓ **Central Water Commission (CWC)**, India's apex technical organisation in the field of Water Resources has signed a Collaboration Agreement with **Google for flood forecasting.**
- ✓ **India has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing with Singapore.** This is the first MRA being signed by India with any of our Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners.
- ✓ **India & China signed two bilateral agreements** following the meeting between PM Modi & Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the summit. The agreements include continuing to share Brahmaputra water data during flood season & exporting non-Basmati rice to China. The two countries have set a trade target of 100 billion dollars by 2020. Both countries agreed on several initiatives to take forward the spirit of Wuhan Informal Summit. Chinese President accepted PM Modi's invitation for a Wuhan type informal summit in India next year.

Awards & Recognition

- ✓ Kalki Koechlin was conferred with the French distinction of Knight of the Order of Arts & Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres), for her contribution in enhancing Indo-French ties in cinema.
- ✓ Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh approved the institution of "Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" for the police personnel of States & Union Territories, Central Police Organisations (CPOs), Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) & Security Organisations involved in Special Operations.
- ✓ The Ministry of Shipping's flagship programme for port-led-prosperity 'Sagarmala' received the 'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector in the recently concluded 52nd Skoch Summit 2018 in New Delhi.
- ✓ Lawrence Haddad, who is a British economist & food policy researcher, & Dr David Nabarro, who has worked with the World Health Organization & United Nations on health & hunger issues, were named the 2018 World Food Prize recipients in a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington.
- ✓ Pallavi Durua, who belongs to Odisha's Koraput district, was crowned as the first Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap.
- ✓ At the Indian International Film Awards (IIFA), late star Sridevi won Best Actress (posthumously) for MOM while Irrfan Khan was given the Best Actor Award for Hindi Medium. The award ceremony was held in Bangkok. Vidya Balan's Tumhari Sulu was awarded the Best Film trophy.
- ✓ CM Vasundhara Raje was conferred the 'CM of the Year' award for her remarkable work in e-governance. The award was given at the 52nd Skoch Summit held in New Delhi.
- ✓ SKOCH Group has conferred the 'Best performing Social Sector Ministry' award on the Ministry of Women & Child Development for the achievements in delivering the promises made & for its significant achievements & initiatives from the last 4 years.
- ✓ Vishwas Mandalik from Nasik & the Yoga Institute in Mumbai have been selected as recipients of the PM's award for outstanding contribution for promotion & development of yoga for the year 2018.
- ✓ Under 'India Smart Cities Award' 2018, Surat has been awarded for showcasing "great momentum" in the implementation of projects under the Smart Cities Mission, according to the Housing & Urban Affairs (HUA) Ministry. Bhopal & Ahmedabad were selected in the 'Innovative Idea' category for their "transformative approach towards sustainable integrated development".
- ✓ Noted social reformer & founder of Sulabh International, **Bindeshwar Pathak honoured with Japan's prestigious Nikkei Asia Prize.**
- ✓ **Anukreethy Vas, a 19-year-old Tamil Nadu college student, crowned Femina Miss India 2018** in a grand ceremony in Mumbai.

- ✓ Kendrick Lamar received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album "Damn." Lamar is the first rapper in history to be given the award.
- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 'Santokbaa Humanitarian Award' to Child rights activist & Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi & space scientist A S Kiran Kumar, Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Surat, Gujarat.
- ✓ Statistics & Programme Implementation Minister Vijay Goel conferred FICCI Smart Policing Awards 2018 to police officials of central armed police force & states police in New Delhi.
- ✓ PM Modi handed over the Padma Shri award, one of India's highest civilian awards, to former Singaporean diplomat Tommy Koh. Koh was among 10 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) recipients of the prestigious award this year.
- ✓ Veteran actor Anupam Kher will be given the prestigious Outstanding Achievement honour at the upcoming International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards ceremony in Bangkok.



Summits/Events Held

- ✓ President Kovind inaugurated the Udyam Sangam-2018 in New Delhi. It is a step forward towards consolidating the convergence & synergy of all the government initiatives relating to MSME Sector. He also launched the Solar Charkha Mission which will cover 50 clusters & every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans. A portal of the Ministry of MSME called "Sampark" was also unveiled by the President.

- ✓ 15th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) was held in Canberra, Australia. The meeting was jointly chaired by Minister of Commerce & Industry & Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu & Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment Steven Ciobo.
- ✓ PM Modi inaugurated 3rd annual meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) at Mumbai's National Centre for the Performing Arts. The theme was "Mobilising finance for infrastructure: innovation & collaboration".
- ✓ The three-day annual Sindhu Darshan Festival celebrations on the bank of Indus River started in Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir. It was organised by Sindhu Darshan Yatra Samiti & Ladakh Phandey Tsogspa, Leh.
- ✓ The 3rd Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has begun in Mumbai. In the past, AIIB annual meetings have been held in Beijing, China, in 2016 & in Jeju, South Korea, in 2017. The theme was "Mobilising Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation & Collaboration".
- ✓ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) along with several industry members & senior government officials & academia, recently participated in X International IT Forum at Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Mumbai. The theme for this year's meeting is "Mobilising Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation & Collaboration".
- ✓ **An International Conference on Information & Communication Technology (ICT) will be held in Kathmandu**, the capital of Nepal. The Theme was "Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society".
- ✓ **11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius in August 2018** with an aim to increase the popularity of Hindi globally. The main theme of the Conference is 'Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti'.
- ✓ **4th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog** held under the chairmanship of PM at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. It was **attended by 23 CMs & the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands**, apart from Union Ministers, who are ex-officio members & special invitees. States were called up **to fix growth targets for their economies** as the world looks towards India soon becoming a USD 5 trillion economy.
- ✓ **5th National Standards Conclave- Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization** held in **New Delhi**. It was organized by Department of Commerce & Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ✓ **15th annual Asia & Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping** was held in Colombo with representatives from 29 countries including India.
- ✓ 44th G7 summit was held on June 8-9, 2018, in Quebec, Canada. This was the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings. The 44th G7 summit was the first summit for Italian PM Giuseppe Conte. Canadian PM

Justin Trudeau has hosted this summit. The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in France.

- ✓ The Eleventh edition of Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018 organized by GeoSpatial Media & Communication with Directorate General of Information System as Knowledge Partners & Military Survey as Co-organisers, took place in New Delhi. The theme was 'Geo-Spatial: A Force Multiplier for Defence & Industrial Security'.
- ✓ The two-day 49th Conference of Governors concluded in New Delhi. The President exhorted Governors to take the lead in adopting modern technology & methods.

Committees

- ✓ The government has set up a committee under former Delhi Metro chief E Sreedharan to lay down standardisation norms for components with an aim to cut costs in the construction & operation of metro rail systems in the country & bring them under the Make in India umbrella.
- ✓ Maharashtra government has set up a committee to study issues related to the development of a 1,000-MW floating solar power plant at Ujani dam in Solapur district. The committee will be headed by the Director (Commercial) of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL), Satish Chavan.
- ✓ **SEBI constituted an Expert Committee to frame rules for direct listing of Indian firms abroad.** It will examine the economic case for permitting direct listing of Indian companies overseas & listing of Indian companies on foreign bourses in India. The committee includes 9-members.
- ✓ **IRDAI has formed a panel to review the regulations pertaining to insurance marketing firms.** It is headed by **Suresh Mathur**, Executive Director (insurance marketing firms), IRDAI, with nine more members.
- ✓ The Centre has constituted a group of eminent persons headed by Bharat Forge's Baba Kalyani to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) policy of the country & suggest measures to make it more relevant for exporters & compatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) norms.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

Visits

- ✓ US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley visited India.
- ✓ President Kovind arrived in Cuba on the final leg of his three-nation tour to Greece, Suriname & Cuba. He was received in Santiago by Vice President of Cuba, Ms Beatriz Johnson. The President was escorted first to the Santa Ifigenia Cemetery where he witnessed Change of Guards ceremony. He then paid respects to Jose Marti Memorial.
- ✓ President Kovind will embark **on a three-nation tour to Greece, Suriname & Cuba.** On the first leg, he will leave for Athens. He will leave for Suriname on the 2nd leg &

then to Cuba of the final leg. Suriname is a founding member of the International Solar Alliance.

- ✓ **President Ram Nath Kovind left on a three-nation visit to Greece, Suriname & Cuba.** He will be at Athens, where he will meet Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos. He will leave for Suriname **on the 2nd leg where he will hold discussions with President Desire Delano Bouterse.** In the last leg, he will reach Cuba to hold discussions with his **Cuban counterpart Miguel Diaz – Canel Bermudez.**
- ✓ **Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis met World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva in Washington DC to seek assistance for a Multimodal Transport Corridor & the Rural Livelihood Project** which aims to provide sustainable livelihood enhancements in 10,000 villages in the state.
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi has arrived in Qingdao, China, to attend the two-day long 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. This will be India's first participation in the summit as a full-time member of the organization.
- ✓ Nepal's Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Rajendra Chhetri is on a six-day visit to India. He is visiting India at the invitation of COAS General Bipin Rawat. General Chhetri will attend the Officer Cadet's 'Passing Out Parade' as Chief Reviewing officer at Indian Military Academy in Dehradun.
- ✓ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj begins her five-day visit to South Africa where she will meet the top leadership of the country. Her visit will further strengthen the close & long-standing ties with South Africa. The Minister will participate in the BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting & chair the IBSA Foreign Ministers Meeting during her visit.
- ✓ Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa is on a four-day visit to Brazil. He is scheduled to visit various operational & training units as well as interact with senior officials of the Brazilian Air Force.

Science & Technology Current Affairs

- ✓ The four first-year engineering students from Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science near Chennai, Tamil Nadu have developed the world's lightest satellite which will be launched from a NASA facility in the US by August 2018. They built the 4cm 'cube' satellite 'Jaihind-1S' with a 3D printed outer casing from polylactic acid (PLA) nylon material, making it lighter than a medium sized egg, at just 33.39 grams.
- ✓ **NASA's record-breaking astronaut, Peggy Whitson, retired after a 22-year-long career.** She has spent more time off Earth than any other American, **totalling 665 days over three International Space Station missions.** The 58-year-old is **the oldest woman to go into space.**
- ✓ **US scientists unveiled the world's most powerful & smartest scientific supercomputer named 'Summit'** that can complete over 200,000 trillion calculations per second.

China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite 'the Gaofen-6' which will be mainly used in agricultural resources research & disaster monitoring.

Books & Authors

- ✓ **Nitin Gadkari** released a book **'Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops'** published by **NABARD**. It is based on a study of 10 important crops by a team under the leadership of leading agricultural economist **Dr. Ashok Gulati**.
- ✓ **VP Naidu** has received the book **"Vedvigyan Alok"** (**Maharishi Aitareya Mahidas Praneet - Aitareya Brahmina ki Vaigyanik Vyakhya**) authored by **Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik**.

Other Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- ✓ The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare restricted the manufacture of Oxytocin formulations for domestic use to public sector only from 1st July 2018. Oxytocin is a naturally-occurring hormone which causes uterine contractions during labour & helps new mothers lactate.
- ✓ The Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS), a well-funded start-up in skill development for maritime & shipbuilding sector, has announced setting up of 24 labs -6 in Mumbai & 18 in Vizag campus.
- ✓ **NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** has selected 3,000 additional schools for the establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), bringing the total number of ATL schools to 5,441. The schools to establish ATLs for nurturing innovation & entrepreneurial spirit among secondary school children across India.
- ✓ Government launched **5,000 Wi-Fi Choupals in villages** & delivery of rail tickets through Common Service Centres (CSCs).
- ✓ **The European Union Film Festival (EUFF)** will **premiere in New Delhi** at the Siri Fort Auditorium.
- ✓ Information & Broadcasting Minister **Col Rajyavardhan Rathore** inaugurated the **European Union Film Festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi**.
- ✓ Minister of State for External Affairs **V K Singh** has flagged off the 1st batch of three month-long **Kailash Mansarovar Yatra-2018** in New Delhi. The Yatra will continue till the 8th of September 2018.
- ✓ India received the first-ever cargo of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Russia as New Delhi diversifies import basket to meet its vast energy needs.
- ✓ Environment-friendly, clean & equipped with amenities of international standards for tourists, 13 Indian beaches will soon get the Blue Flag certification. These beaches of Odisha, Maharashtra & other coastal states will be the first in not just India, but in Asia, to get the Blue Flag certification.
- ✓ **NTPC Ltd** has adopted the iconic **Charminar** in Hyderabad under the **Swachh Iconic Places Projects** of India. This is part of a special drive under the Centre's **Swachh Bharat Mission**.

- ✓ **Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** created a **world record of distributing the maximum number of bee-boxes in one day**.
- ✓ Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) proposed a draft bill to repeal the University Grants Commission (UGC) & set up the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI). This move that aims to reform higher education in India. The Act entitled 'Higher Education Commission of India Act, 2018 (Repeal of University Grants Commission Act)' revamps UGC Act, 1951 & its parent legislation completely.

Obituaries

- ✓ Award-winning American poet & writer **Donald Hall** passed away at the age of 89.
- ✓ United States political commentator & Pulitzer Prize winner **Charles Krauthammer** passed away at the age of 68. The columnist died of cancer of the small intestine.
- ✓ Australian golfing legend **Peter Thomson** has passed away aged 88 following a battle with Parkinson's disease.
- ✓ **Senior journalist & writer Adiraju Venkateswara Rao** passed away. He was 79.
- ✓ **Noted mimicry artiste Nerella Venumadhav** passed away after a brief illness in Warangal city. He was 85.
- ✓ Odisha's most popular lyricist, **Narayan Prasad Singh** was popularly known as 'Rasraj' passed away at his residence in Bhubaneswar. Singh was 86.
- ✓ **Timothy Pereira**, former football international who represented Tata FC, died after a prolonged illness. Pereira was 75.

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Countries| Capital| Currencies

- ✓ Tajikistan Capital- Dushanbe, Currencies- Tajikistani somoni, Ruble.
- ✓ Russia Capital- Moscow, Currency- Russian ruble, President- Vladimir Putin.
- ✓ **Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli** is PM of Nepal. **Bidhya Devi Bhandari** is the current President of Nepal & commander

in chief of Nepalese Army. Nepalese Rupee is the currency of Nepal. Kathmandu is Capital of Nepal.

- ✓ China Capital- Beijing, Currency- Renminbi, President- Xi Jinping.
- ✓ Mongolia Capital- Ulaanbaatar, Currency- Mongolian togrog.
- ✓ Saudi Arabia Capital- Riyadh, Currency- Saudi riyal.
- ✓ Seychelles Capital: Victoria, Currency: Seychellois rupee.
- ✓ Bangladesh PM- Sheikh Hasina, Capital- Dhaka, Currency- Bangladeshi Taka.
- ✓ Turkey Capital- Ankara, Currency- Turkish lira.
- ✓ France Capital- Paris, Currencies- Euro, CFP franc, President- Emmanuel Macron.
- ✓ The UAE Capital- Abu Dhabi, Currency- UAE dirham.
- ✓ Israel Capital- Jerusalem, Currency- Israeli new shekel, PM- Benjamin Netanyahu.
- ✓ Indonesia Capital- Jakarta, Currency- Indonesian rupiah, President- Joko Widodo.
- ✓ North Korea Capital- Pyongyang, Currency- North Korean won, Supreme Leader- Kim Jong-un.
- ✓ South Korea Capital- Seoul, President- Moon Jae-in.
- ✓ Donald Trump is the 45th President of the USA. Washington DC is the capital city of USA.
- ✓ Australia Capital- Canberra, Currency- Australian dollar, PM- Malcolm Turnbull.
- ✓ **ILO** is a United Nations agency dealing with labour problems. Headquarters of ILO is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ Guy Ryder is current Director-General of the ILO.
- ✓ **BIMSTEC** stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation. Member countries: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka from South Asia & Myanmar, Thailand from South East Asia.

- ✓ **Greece** Capital- Athens, Currency- Euro, President- Prokopis Pavlopoulos.
- ✓ **Suriname** Capital- Paramaribo, Currency- Surinamese dollar, President- Desire Delano Bouterse.
- ✓ **Cuba** Capital- Havana, Currency- Cuban Peso, President- Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez.
- ✓ **Mauritius** Capital- Port Louis, Currency- Mauritian rupee.
- ✓ **Vietnam** Capital- Hanoi, Currency- Vietnamese dong.
- ✓ **Jordan Capital**- Amman, Currency- Jordanian dinar.
- ✓ **Georgia Capitals**- Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Currency- Georgian lari President- Giorgi Margvelashvili.
- ✓ **Italy Capital**- Rome, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ **Luxembourg Capital**- Luxembourg City, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ **Belgium Capital**- City of Brussels, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ **Colombia Capital**- Bogota, Currency- Colombian peso.
- ✓ Singapore Currency- Singapore Dollar, President- Halimah Jacob.
- ✓ Spain Capital- Madrid, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ Egypt Capital- Cairo, Currency- Egyptian pound.

International Organizations/Companies in News from June Current Affairs

- ✓ **President of the World Bank**- Jim Yong Kim. Headquarters of World Bank- Washington, DC.
- ✓ **NASA**- National Aeronautics & Space Administration. NASA was founded in 1958.
- ✓ Jim Bridenstine is the 13th Administrator of NASA.
- ✓ **Google CEO**- Sundar Pichai, Parent organization- Alphabet Inc., Headquarters- The USA.
- ✓ António Guterres is the **Secretary-General of the United States**. UN Headquarters in New York, United States.
- ✓ **UNHRC is Based in Geneva, Switzerland**. It is a body of 47-member states within the United Nations, tasked with upholding human rights. It was created in 2006.
- ✓ Sir Craig Reedie is the **President of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**. It Headquarters in Montreal, Canada.
- ✓ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank President- Lijun Jin. AIIB Headquarters in Beijing, China.
- ✓ France's Audrey Azoulay- 11th DG of UNESCO, Headquarters- Paris, France.
- ✓ The FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing & other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.
- ✓ World Archery's headquarters are situated in Maison du Sports International in the Olympic Capital of Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ✓ United Nations is an international organization founded in 24th of October 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The Headquarters of UN: New York, USA. Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of United Nations.
- ✓ The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans to countries of the world for capital

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- ✓ **The EU**, which consists of 28 countries, has the world's largest economy & its third largest population, after China & India.
- ✓ **Forbes**- American Business Magazine, Founded in- 1917. Headquarters- New York City, USA.

projects. World Bank has 189-member countries. Jim Yong Kim is President of the World Bank.

- ✓ UNCTAD is the main United Nations body dealing with trade, investment, & development issues. Headquarters of UNCTAD is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ Group of Seven (G7) is a group consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, & the United States.
- ✓ Gujarat CM- Vijaybhairu R. Rupani, Governor- Om Prakash Kohli.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh CM- Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Governor- Anandiben Patel.
- ✓ Assam CM- Sarbanand Sonowal, Governor- Jagdish Mukhi.
- ✓ Professor Ganeshi Lal is the present Governor of Odisha.
- ✓ Maharashtra CM- Devendra Fadnis, Governor- CV Rao.
- ✓ Krishna Kant Paul is present Governor of Uttarakhand. Dehradun is the capital of Uttarakhand. Uttarakhand was formed on 09th November 2000 as the 27th State of India, when it was carved out of northern Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Captain Amarinder Singh is the CM of Punjab. Vijayendra Prasad Singh Badnore is the Governor of Punjab. Chandigarh is the capital of the northern Indian states of Punjab & Haryana.
- ✓ Shimla is the capital of Himachal Pradesh. Jai Ram Thakur is the current CM of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Acharya Dev Vrat is the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Pawan Kumar Chamling is CM of Sikkim. Gangtok is the capital of Sikkim. Shrinivas Patil is governor of Sikkim.
- ✓ Mamata Banerjee is the current CM of West Bengal. Keshari Nath Tripathi is present Governor of West Bengal. Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal.
- ✓ Biplab Kumar Deb is Present CM of Tripura. Agartala is the capital city of Tripura.
- ✓ Kalyan Singh is the present Governor of Rajasthan.

Other Static General Awareness from June 2018 Current Affairs

- ✓ Mr J P Nadda is the present Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare.
- ✓ Dharmendra Pradhan is the present Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- ✓ Smt. Maneka Gandhi is the present Minister of Ministry of Woman & Child Development.
- ✓ Hardeep Singh Puri is the Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- ✓ Mr Piyush Goyal is the present Railways Minister of India. John Mathai was the 1st Railways Minister of Independent India.
- ✓ Russia is the host country for FIFA World Cup 2018. Qatar will host the next FIFA World Cup in 2022.
- ✓ Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore is the Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- ✓ Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (formerly Ministry of Agriculture), a branch of the Government of India.

- ✓ World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health. WHO was established on 7th April 1948. HQ of WHO is in Geneva, Switzerland. Tedros Adhanom is Director general of the World Health Organisation.

States| CMs| Governors| Capital| Static General Awareness

- ✓ **Jammu & Kashmir Former CM-** Mehbooba Mufti, Governor- N N Vohra.
- ✓ **Chhattisgarh CM-** Dr. Raman Singh, Governor- Balramji Dass Tandon.
- ✓ **Telangana CM-** K Chandrasekhar Rao, Governor- E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan (Add. Charge).
- ✓ **Punjab CM-** Captain Amarinder Singh, Governor- V.P. Singh Badnore.
- ✓ Admiral Sunil Lanba is the present Chief of Naval Staff.
- ✓ General Bipin Rawat is the present Chief of Army Staff.
- ✓ DRDO Chairman- Sanjay Mitra, Headquarters- New Delhi.
- ✓ Vinai Kumar Saxena is the Chairman of KVIC.
- ✓ Indian Navy regularly conducts CORPATs with Indonesia, Thailand & Myanmar.
- ✓ SEBI- Securities & Exchange Board of India. SEBI Chairman- Ajay Tyagi, Headquarters- Mumbai.
- ✓ Urjit Patel- 24th Governor of RBI, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 1st April 1935, in Kolkata.
- ✓ Microsoft Corporation is an America Based technology company. CEO- Satya Nadella, Headquarters- Washington DC.
- ✓ Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest & oldest apex business organisation in India.
- ✓ Dilip Chenoy is the present Secretary-General of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- ✓ NITI- National Institution for Transforming India. NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman- Rajiv Kumar, CEO- Amitabh Kant.
- ✓ NASA- National Aeronautics & Space Administration. NASA was founded in 1958. Jim Bridenstine is the 13th Administrator of NASA.
- ✓ SBI Chairman- Rajnish Kumar, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 01st July 1955.
- ✓ Sameer Kochhar is the Chairman of Skoch Group.
- ✓ IRDAI stands for Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India. Headquarters of IRDAI is in Hyderabad. Subhash Chandra Khuntia is Chairman of IRDAI.
- ✓ IDBI Bank Headquarters in Mumbai.
- ✓ RBL Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, MD & CEO: Vishwavir Ahuja, Founded: August 1943.
- ✓ Exim Bank Headquarters in: Mumbai, Founded in: 1982, CEO- Shri Yaduvendra Mathur.
- ✓ POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched by the PM in March 2018 in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan.
- ✓ **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Housing for All (Urban)** will be implemented during 2015-2022 & will provide central assistance to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- ✓ **BCCI President-** C.K. Khanna, Headquarters- Mumbai.

- ✓ **HDFC Bank**- India's largest private bank by market capitalization | Chairman- Aditya Puri, Headquarters- Mumbai.
- ✓ **NLCIL is a 'Navratna' profit-making**, Government of India Enterprise engaged in mining of lignite & generation of power through lignite based thermal power plants. Established by GoI in 1956, following the discovery of lignite deposits in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ **Headquarter of Ola is in Bangalore, Karnataka.** CEO of Ola is Bhavish Aggarwal.
- ✓ **ICICI Bank** stands for Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India. Chanda Kochhar is the MD & CEO of ICICI Bank. Headquarters of ICICI Bank: Mumbai.
- ✓ **NABARD** stands for National Bank For Agriculture & Rural Development. Came into existence on 12 July 1982. Headquarters- Mumbai, Chairman- Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.
- ✓ **Axis Bank** CEO & MD- Shikha Sharma, Head Office- Mumbai.
- ✓ **Muthoot Fincorp Ltd. is the flagship company of Muthoot Pappachan Group** & is one of the largest NBFCs in India, registered with RBI. Thomas John Muthoot is the Group Chairman & MD of Muthoot Fincorp. HQ: Kochi, Kerala.
- ✓ **Reita Faria** was the first Miss World from India in 1966.
- ✓ **NCW** is a statutory body established under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990. It was established in January 1992 to review the constitutional & legal safeguards for women.
- ✓ **Blue Flag beach standards** were established by Copenhagen-based Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) in 1985.
- ✓ **RBI's Deputy Governor**- NS Vishwanathan, Viral V Acharya, BP Kanungo & newly appointed MK Jain.
- ✓ **Ashok Lavasa & Sunil Arora** are Election Commissioner of India. Om Prakash Rawat is present Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- ✓ **Kanduri Jayaram Ramesh** is Director General of IMD. The head office of IMD is in New Delhi.



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