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### National Sports Awards 2018 Announced: Complete List Of Winners

- **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** is given for the spectacular & most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four year, **Arjuna Award** is given for consistency outstanding performance for four years, **Dronacharya Award** for coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events, **Dhyan Chand Award** for life time contribution to sports development & **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar** is given to the corporate entities (both in private & public sector) & individuals who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion & development.
- Overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments is given Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy.

#### Complete List of Winners of National Sports Awards 2018:

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2018		
	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Ms. S. Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting
2.	Shri Virat Kohli	Cricket
Dronacharya Awards 2018		
	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa	Boxing
2.	Shri Vijay Sharma	Weightlifting
3.	Shri A. Srinivasa Rao	Table Tennis
4.	Shri Sukhdev Singh Pannu	Athletics
5.	Shri Clarence Lobo	Hockey (Life Time)
6.	Shri Tarak Sinha	Cricket (Life Time)
7.	Shri Jiwan Kumar Sharma	Judo (Life Time)
8.	Shri V.R. Beedu	Athletics (Life Time)
Arjuna Awards 2018		
	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
2.	Naib Subedar Jinson Johnson	Athletics
3.	Ms. Hima Das	Athletics
4.	Ms. Nelakurthi Sikki Reddy	Badminton
5.	Subedar Satish Kumar	Boxing
6.	Ms. Smriti Mandhana	Cricket
7.	Shri Shubhankar Sharma	Golf

8.	Shri Manpreet Singh	Hockey
9.	Ms. Savita	Hockey
10.	Col. Ravi Rathore	Polo
11.	Ms. Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting
12.	Shri Ankur Mittal	Shooting
13.	Ms. Shreyasi Singh	Shooting
14.	Ms. Manika Batra	Table Tennis
15.	Shri G. Sathiyam	Table Tennis
16.	Shri Rohan Bopanna	Tennis
17.	Shri Sumit	Wrestling
18.	Ms. Pooja Kadian	Wushu
19.	Shri Ankur Dhama	Para-Athletics
20.	Shri Manoj Sarkar	Para-Badminton

#### Dhyan Chand Award 2018

	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Satyadev Prasad	Archery
2.	Shri Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
3.	Ms. Bobby Aloysius	Athletics
4.	Shri Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling

#### Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2018

	Category	Name of the entity
1.	Identification & Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	JSW Sports
3.	Sports for Development	Isha Outreach

#### Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2017-18

1.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
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## Centre Proposes To Merge Bank Of Baroda, Vijaya Bank & Dena Bank

- The government has proposed **amalgamation of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, & Dena Bank** to create **India's 3rd largest globally competitive Bank**.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced that the amalgamation will increase the banking operations & no employee will face any service condition adverse to present conditions.
- Government had announced in the budget that consolidation of banks was also in the agenda of the government. Earlier, the government had merged five subsidiaries of SBI into State Bank of India.

## Internal Ombudsman Scheme 2018 introduced for SCBs

- The Reserve Bank of India had, in May 2015, advised all public-sector & selected private & foreign banks to appoint **Internal Ombudsman (IO)** as an independent authority to review complaints that were partially or wholly rejected by the respective banks.
- The IO mechanism was set up with a view to strengthen the internal grievance redressal system of banks & to ensure that the complaints of the customers are redressed at the level of the bank itself by an authority placed at the highest level of bank's grievance redressal mechanism so as to minimize the need for the customers to approach other fora for redressal.
- As a part of this customer-centric approach, to enhance the independence of the IO while simultaneously strengthening the monitoring system over the functioning of the IO mechanism, RBI has reviewed the arrangement & issued revised directions **under Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949** in the form of '**Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018**'. The Scheme covers, inter-alia, appointment/tenure, roles & responsibilities, procedural guidelines & oversight mechanism for the IO.
- All Scheduled Commercial Banks in India having more than ten banking outlets (excluding Regional Rural Banks)**, are required to appoint IO in their banks.

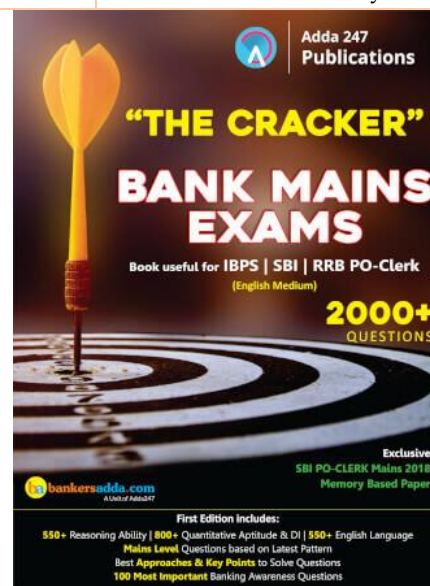
## And the 2018 Emmy Awards goes to

The 70th annual primetime Emmy honors handed out at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. Michael Che & Colin Hanks hosted the show.

### Complete list of Winners of EMMY AWARDS 2018

Category	Winner
Best Comedy	The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel
Best Drama	Game of Thrones
Best Actress,	Rachel Brosnahan, "The

Comedy	Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
Best Actor, Comedy	Bill Hader, "Barry"
Best Actress, Drama	Claire Foy, "The Crown"
Best Actor, Drama	Matthew Rhys, "The Americans"
Directing for a Comedy Series	Amy Sherman-Palladino, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" ("Pilot")
Directing for a Drama Series	Stephen Daldry, "The Crown" ("Paterfamilias")
Directing for a Limited Series	Ryan Murphy, "The Assassination Of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story"



## IPPB, India's Largest Payments Bank Launched: All You Need To Know

- PM Narendra Modi launched the **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** at **Talkatora Stadium** in New Delhi. IPPB is the **largest payments bank in the country** by network size. The launch of India Post Payments Bank marks another significant milestone in the government's endeavour to take the benefits of a rapidly developing India to the remotest corners of the country.
- Now, **IPPB has 650 Branches & 3250 Access Points** spread across the country. All the 1.55 lakh post offices in the country have been linked to the IPPB system by December 31, 2018.
- Ten Things You Must Know About India Post Payments Bank:**
  1. IPPB has been set up under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, with 100% equity owned by Government of India.

2. It started operations on 30 January 2017, by opening two pilot branches, **one at Raipur & the other at Ranchi**.
3. IPPB will offer **4% interest rate** on savings accounts.
4. Payments banks **can accept deposits of up to Rs 1 lakh per account** from individuals & small businesses, but do not have the mandate to extend loans.
5. But IPPB will, in alliance with other financial service providers, offer third-party products. For example, in case of loans, IPPB will work as an agent of PNB.
6. IPPB will offer a range of products such as savings & current accounts, money transfer, direct benefit transfers, bill & utility payments, & enterprise & merchant payments.
7. These products & services will be offered across multiple channels (counter services, micro-ATM, mobile banking app, SMS & IVR), using the IPPB's technology platform.
8. IPPB has been **allowed to link around 17 crore postal savings bank (PSB) accounts** with its accounts.
9. IPPB will leverage the vast network of the Department of Posts, which covers every corner of the country with more than 300,000 postmen & Grameen Dak Sewaks.
10. The Cabinet has approved an 80% increase in spending for IPPB to Rs 1,435 crore.

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### Interest Rates On PPF, NSC, Other Small Savings Schemes Raised

- The government has raised interest rates on Small Savings Schemes (SSS), including National Savings Certificate (NSC) & Public Provident Fund (PPF) by up to 0.4% for the October-December quarter, in line with rising deposit rates in the banks. Interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis.
- Interest rate for the different deposits & schemes are as follows:

Instrument	Rate of interest (01.07.2018 to	Rate of interest (01.10.2018 to 31.12.2018)	Compounding frequency
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	30.09.2018)		
Savings Deposit	4.0	4.0	Annually
1 Year Time Deposit	6.6	6.9	Quarterly
2 Year Time Deposit	6.7	7.0	Quarterly
3 Year Time Deposit	6.9	7.2	Quarterly
5 Year Time Deposit	7.4	7.8	Quarterly
5 Year Recurring Deposit	6.9	7.3	Quarterly
5 Year Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	8.3	8.7	Quarterly & paid
5 Year Monthly Income Account	7.3	7.7	Monthly & paid
5 Year National Savings Certificate	7.6	8.0	Annually
Public Provident Fund Scheme	7.6	8.0	Annually
Kisan Vikas Patra	7.3 (will mature in 118 months)	7.7 (will mature in 112 months)	Annually
Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme	8.1	8.5	Annually

### Asian Games 2018 Concludes | Complete List Of Medals | Important Highlights

India's final tally at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta & Palembang, Indonesia read 69 medals – 15 gold, 24 silver & 30 bronze to surpass the medal count from 2010 Games in Guangzhou, China & match the gold medal tally from the first-ever Asian Games in 1951. The games saw India create new national records. The Games got underway with Neeraj Chopra as the flag bearer at the opening ceremony. Rani Rampal was the flag bearer at the closing ceremony.

**List of GOLD MEDALS Won by India:**

ATHLETICS		
Sl.No.	Event	Winners
1.	Men's Shot put	Tajinderpal Singh Toor
2.	Men's Javelin Throw	Neeraj Chopra
3.	Men's 800m	Manjit Singh
4.	Men's Triple Jump	Arpinder Singh
5.	Women's Heptathlon	Swapna Barman
6.	Men's 1500m	Jinson Johnson
7.	Women's 4x400m Relay	M. R. Poovamma, Saritaben Gaikwad, Hima Das, V.K. Vismaya
BOXING		
8.	Men's Light Fly (49kg)	Amit Panghal
BRIDGE		
9.	Men's Pair	Pranab Bardhan, Shibhnath Sarkar
ROWING		
10.	Men's Quadruple Sculls	Sawarn Singh, Dattu Baban Bhokanal, Om Prakash, Sukhmeet Singh
SHOOTING		
11.	Men's 10-metre air pistol	Saurabh Chaudhary
12.	Women's 25-metre pistol	Rahi Sarnobat
TENNIS		
13.	Men's Doubles	Rohan Bopanna, Divij Sharan
WRESTLING		
14.	Men's freestyle 65 kg	Bajrang Punia
15.	Women's freestyle 50 kg	Vinesh Phogat

**1st In Asian Games:**

- 1st medal in Sepak Takraw,
- Rahi Sarnobat became 1st Indian woman to win Asian Games gold in shooting,
- Vinesh Phogat became 1st Indian woman to win gold in wrestling
- It was the 1st time that Indian Kabaddi Team could not win Gold.
- Swapna Barman became 1st Indian to win an Asiad gold in the women's heptathlon event.

- Neeraj Chopra became 1st Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold.
- Dutee Chand Won India's first medal in 20 years in a women's 100 event.
- Bajrang Punia (Wrestling) won 1st Gold Medal for India in Asian Games 2018.

**List of Silver MEDALS Won by India:**

ARCHERY		
Sl. No.	Event	Winners
1.	Women's Team Compound	Muskan Kirar, Madhumita Kumari, Jyothi Surekha Vennam
2.	Men's Team Compound	Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan, Aman Saini
ATHLETICS		
3.	Men's 800m	Jinson Johnson
4.	Women's 400m	Hima Das
5.	Men's 400m	Muhammad Anas
6.	Women's 100m	Dutee Chand
7.	Women's 200m	Dutee Chand
8.	Men's 400m Hurdles	Dharun Ayyasamy
9.	Women's 3000m Steeplechase	Sudha Singh
10.	Women's Long jump	Neena Varakil
11.	Mixed 4 x 400 metres relay	Rajiv Arokia, Muhammed Anas, Hima Das, M. R. Poovamma
12.	Men's 4x400m Relay	Dharun Ayyasamy, Kunhu Mohammed, Rajiv Arokia, Muhammed Anas



BADMINTON		
13.	Women's Singles	PV Sindhu
EQUESTRIAN		
14.	Individual Eventing	Fouaad Mirza
15.	Team Eventing	Fouaad Mirza, Rakesh Kumar, Ashish Malik, Jitender Singh
HOCKEY		
16.	Women's Tournament	Indian Women's Team
KABADDI		
17.	Women's Tournament	Indian Women's Team
KURASH		
18.	Women's 52 kg	Pincky Balhara
SAILING		
19.	49er FX women	Shweta Shervegar, Varsha Gautham
SHOOTING		
20.	Men's 10-metre air rifle	Deepak Kumar
21.	Men's trap	Lakshay Sheoran
22.	Men's 50-metre rifle three positions	Sanjeev Rajput
23.	Men's double trap	Shardul Vihan
SQUASH		
24.	Women's Team	Dipika Pallikal Karthik, Joshna Chinappa, Tanvi Khanna, Sunayna Kuruvilla

		Rajeshwar Tewari, Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani
6.	Mixed Team	Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal, Gopinath Manna, Himani Khandelwal, Hema Deora, Kiran Nadar
HOCKEY		
7.	Men's Tournament	Indian Men's Team
KABADDI		
8.	Men's Tournament	Indian Men's Team
KURASH		
9.	Women's 52kg	Malaprabha Jadhav
ROWING		
10.	Men's Lightweight single sculls	Dushyant Chauhan
11.	Men's Lightweight double sculls	Rohit Kumar, Bhagwan Singh
SAILING		
12.	49er Men	Varun Thakkar, Ganapathy Chengappa
13.	Mixed Open Laser 4.7	Harshita Tomar
SEPAK TAKRAW		
14.	Men's Team Regu	Indian Men's Team
SHOOTING		
15.	10-metre air rifle mixed team	Ravi Kumar, Apurvi Chandela
16.	Men's 10-metre air pistol	Abhishek Verma
17.	Women's 10-metre air pistol	Heena Sidhu
SQUASH		
18.	Men's singles	Saurav Ghosal
19.	Women's singles	Joshna Chinappa
20.	Women's singles	Dipika Pallikal Karthik
21.	Men's Team	Saurav Ghosal, Harinder Pal Sandhu, Ramit Tandon, Mahesh Mangaonkar
TABLE TENNIS		
22.	Men's Team	Sathiyan Gnanasekaran, Achanta Sharath Kamal, Anthony Amalraj, Harmeet Desai, Manav Thakkar

### List of BRONZE MEDALS Won by India:

Sl. No.	Event	Winners
ATHLETICS		
1.	Women's 1500 m	PU Chitra
2.	Women's Discus Throw	Seema Punia
BADMINTON		
3.	Women's Singles	Saina Nehwal
BOXING		
4.	Men's Middle (75kg)	Vikas Krishan Yadav
BRIDGE		
5.	Men's Team	Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder, Jaggy Shivdasani,

23.	Mixed doubles	Achanta Sharath Kamal, Manika Batra
<b>TENNIS</b>		
24.	Women's Singles	Ankita Raina -
25.	Men's Singles	Prajnesh Gunneswaran
<b>WRESTLING</b>		
26.	Women's freestyle 68 kg	Divya Kakran
<b>WUSHU</b>		
27.	Women's Sanda 60 kg (Bronze)	Roshibina Naorem
28.	Men's Sanda 56 kg	Santhosh Kumar
29.	Men's Sanda 60 kg	Surya Bhanu Pratap Singh
30.	Men's Sanda 65 kg	Narender Grewal

**Top 3 Countries in the MEDAL TALLY along with India are as follows:**

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	132	92	65	289
2	Japan	75	56	74	205
3	Republic of Korea	49	58	70	177
8	India	15	24	30	69

### 4th BIMSTEC Summit concluded in Kathmandu

4th BIMSTEC Summit has been successfully concluded in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli presented draft Kathmandu declaration which was unanimously adopted by the all member states.

Key points of the Kathmandu Declaration:

1. The Kathmandu Declaration has underlined the importance of multidimensional connectivity as a key enabler to economic integration for the shared prosperity of the region.
2. The declaration also highlighted the importance of trade & investment as one of the major contributing factors for fostering economic & social development in the region.
3. The BIMSTEC leaders strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms & manifestations & stressed that there can be no justification whatsoever for any act of terrorism.
4. An MoU was also signed during concluding session of 4th BIMSTEC summit on the establishment of BIMSTEC Grid Interconnection to enhance energy cooperation among the member states.
5. Sri Lanka has become the new chair of the BIMSTEC.

### India & the US held the first edition of the two-plus-two talks

- India & the US held the first edition of the two-plus-two talks in New Delhi. It aimed at further strengthening bilateral defence & security collaboration as well as boosting their global strategic partnership, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj & Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman held talks with **US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo & Defence Secretary James Mattis.**
- As per US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo, both sides should continue to ensure freedom of the seas & work towards peaceful resolutions of territorial & maritime disputes, seen as an oblique reference to China's expansionist behaviour in the South China Sea.
- Nuclear Deal: A raft of other important issues like US sanctions on import of Iranian crude oil & India's plan to buy a batch of S-400 air defence missile systems from Russia were discussed.

### Vice President 3-Nation Visit To Serbia, Malta & Romania: Complete Highlights

Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu was on an official Visit to Serbia, Malta & Romania & returned after a successful official visit. The visit was characterised by extremely cordial discussions with Heads of Governments, PMs & other senior political leaders. The visit helped in deepening bilateral ties with each of these three countries. The key outcomes:

1. Support for India's aspiration to be on UNSC & for taking forward UN reforms.
2. Endorsement of India's stand on terror & support for early adoption of United Nation's Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.
3. Strong support for resuming EU-India trade agreement after Romania assumes Presidency of EU.
4. Business Forums generated a good deal of enthusiasm among the industrialists & businessmen in every country as they got to listen to the Vice President about India's transformative initiatives. The growth story & the reports from World Bank, IMF quoted by Vice President enhanced awareness.
5. The leaders in all the countries expressed unequivocal admiration for India's economic growth & were eager to engage & partner with India politically, economically & culturally. In Romania, there was a special interest in Space & Aerospace. Malta expressed its desire to join the International Solar Alliance.
6. There was a clear demand for Parliamentary friendship groups & frequent visits by Parliamentarians.

7. The visit gave an opportunity for the members of India Diaspora to listen to the Vice President about the transformative agenda of the government & encouraged them to think of various ways in which they can contribute to the country's development. The vice President underscored the growing importance of India on the world stage & drew attention to four key features that need to be recognised. He called them 4Ds - Democracy, Demographic dividend, Demand & Diaspora.
8. The visit evoked a lot of interest among the top political leadership & there was an air of bonhomie in all the meetings. The banquets hosted by the President of Serbia & Malta as well as by the President of Senate of Romania provided an opportunity for sharing views on bilateral & multilateral issues with rare candour.
9. The address to the Serbian Parliament was very well received & the admiration for India as the largest democracy & a vibrant, well functioning polity was more than evident in the standing ovation the Vice President received at the end of his address.
10. MOUs entered into related to plant protection, tourism, air services, oil research, diplomatic training & maritime cooperation.
11. In all the three countries, there was considerable interest in Yoga & Ayurveda & in Romania, the Vice President launched two books on Ayurveda & inaugurated an Ayurveda Information Centre.

2. Expressed satisfaction at the increase in bilateral trade that has crossed the one billion dollar mark.
3. Mr Modi reiterated India's support to an Afghan-led, Afghan-owned & Afghan-controlled peace & reconciliation process.
4. Mr Modi also raised concern over abducted Indian nationals in Afghanistan with Mr Ghani during their meeting.
5. The Afghan President has assured that efforts are being made to ensure the safe release of the Indian nationals.

### Government Appoints New MD & CEOs at 10 PSBs

- Government of India cleared the appointment of Chief Executive Officers & Managing Directors (CEOs & MDs) at 10 Public Sector Banks (PSBs).
- They are part of the 15 names recommended by the Bank Boards Bureau for elevation.
- Of those named, five are currently the deputy managing directors of State Bank of India (SBI) while the other five are executive directors (EDs) at different government-owned banks.
- The list of people appointed as MD & CEO at various PSBs:
  1. Padmaja Chundru - Indian Bank.
  2. Mrutyunjay Mahapatra - Syndicate Bank.
  3. Pallav Mohapatra - Central Bank of India.
  4. Packirisamy - Andhra Bank.
  5. Karnam Sekar - Dena Bank. Note: **\*All of the above people are currently deputy MDs at SBI.**
  6. SS Mallikarajuna Rao - Allahabad Bank - He is currently the ED of Syndicate Bank.
  7. AS Rajeev - Bank of Maharashtra - He is currently the ED of Indian Bank.
  8. Atul Kumar Goel - UCO Bank - He is currently the ED at Union Bank of India.
  9. S Harisankar - Punjab & Sind Bank. He is currently the Executive Director of Allahabad Bank.
  10. Ashok Kumar Pradhan - United Bank of India - He is currently the ED of United Bank of India.

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### Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani Visits India: Important Highlights

Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani was recently in India for visit. During a day-long visit, he reviewed & positively assessed the progress of the multi-faceted bilateral strategic partnership.

1. Both leaders (Narendra Modi & Ashraf Ghani) expressed determination to strengthen connectivity, including through Chabahar port & Air-Freight Corridor.

### Banking Current Affairs

- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 5 crore on Karur Vysya Bank for non-compliance of its directives.
- RBI barred Bandhan Bank from opening new branches & also ordered freezing of the bank's CEO salary over failure to stick to shareholding rules.
- RBI allowed banks to dip further into statutory cash reserves in a bid to ease a liquidity squeeze afflicting the nation's money markets. As per the RBI, banks could 'carve out' up to 15% of holdings under the statutory liquidity reserves to meet their liquidity

coverage ratio (LCR) requirements as compared to 13% now.

- BRICS' New Development Bank has approved a \$525-million loan for infrastructure projects in India. The loan will be used by the Indian government for on-lending to the Madhya Pradesh government for rehabilitating major district roads with a total length of about 2,000 km.
- Yes Bank has paid Rs 38 crore in fines to the GST department for alleged violations in domestic remittances.
- Insurance regulator IRDAI has raised the minimum insurance cover for owner-driver to Rs. 15 lakh for a premium of Rs. 750 per annum, a move to provide some succour to road accident victims.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) & Private Life Insurer Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co Ltd (BALIC) entered into a strategic partnership to provide life insurance solutions, especially at the doorstep of every household in the country.
- Markets regulator SEBI approved a slew of proposals, including a revised framework for the settlement of cases & new KYC norms for foreign portfolio investors. It approved a proposal to allow foreign investors to trade in commodity derivatives market, except for sensitive commodities, as well as common application form for the registration of FPIs in the domestic market.
- PayU India has received Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to operate its own non-banking financial company (NBFC).
- Federal Bank, which is in the process of formation of a wholly owned subsidiary company, has executed MOU with Infopark Kakkanad for leasing space in their campus.
- State-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) bagged the "Rajbhasha Kirti" award for outstanding performance in implementing the Official Language Policy during 2017-18.
- State Bank of India announced that Prashant Kumar has taken charge as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Bank.
- The government has proposed amalgamation of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, & Dena Bank to create India's 3rd largest globally competitive Bank.
- In a move aimed at creating a payments acceptance network for unorganized retail including small merchants & kirana stores where consumers can make payments, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Financial Software & Systems (FSS).
- RBI released new guidelines for all notes which were introduced post note ban, or notes which were introduced as part of the Mahatma Gandhi New Series. As per the new RBI (Note Refund) Amendment Rules, 2018, "the undivided area of the single largest piece of the note" for a damaged Rs 2000 note must be 88 square

cm for a full refund, & 44 square cm for half refund. The Rs 2000 note is 109.56 square cm in dimension. For a damaged Rs 200 note, the criteria is 78 square cm for a full refund, & 39 square cm for half refund.

- PM Modi launched a payments bank of the Department of Posts that will take banking to the doorstep of every citizen through an unmatched network of post offices & almost 3 lakh postmen & 'Grameen Dak Sewaks'. It will carry out most banking operations like accepting deposits but won't advance loans or issue credit cards. It will accept deposits of up to Rs 1 lakh, offer remittance services, mobile payments/transfers/purchases & other banking services like ATM/debit cards, net banking & third-party fund transfers. It would be available through 650 branches & 3,250 access points.
- SBI increased its benchmark lending rate or MCLR by 0.2%, a development followed by other lenders. SBI increased the lending rate by 20 basis points across all tenors up to three years.
- RBI asked all scheduled commercial banks with more than 10 branches to appoint an Internal Ombudsman (IO). The apex bank has, however, excluded regional rural banks (RRBs) from appointing IOs. To further enhance the independence of the IO & also to strengthen the monitoring system over the functioning of the IO mechanism, RBI stated that it has reviewed the arrangement in the form of 'Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018'.
- HDFC ERGO, India's third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, announced the launch of 'E@Secure', a Cyber Insurance Policy for individuals. This policy aims at providing comprehensive protection to individuals & their families against any cyber-attacks, cyber frauds or digital threats that could lead to a financial loss & or reputational loss.

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- National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned an amount of Rs 335 crore under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to West Bengal. The fund, allotted in August,



would be used for 158 minor irrigation projects & 23 flood protection projects.

- GOI doubled the monetary limit to 20 lakh rupees for filing loan recovery application in the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT) by banks & financial institutions. As per the Finance Ministry, the move is aimed at helping reduce pendency of cases in DRTs. There are 39 DRTs in the country.

### Economy Current Affairs

- As per **Association of Mutual Funds of India's (AMFI)** statistics, **Maharashtra tops the chart** for state with the maximum penetration & Assets Under Management (AUM).
- As per the RBI, India's external debt declined 2.8% to USD 514.4 billion at June-end over the previous quarter on account of a decrease in commercial borrowings, short-term debt & non-resident Indian (NRI) deposits.
- Economic Affairs Secretary SC Garg announced a reduction in gross borrowing estimate for the current fiscal by 70,000 crore rupees & maintained that the government will contain fiscal deficit target at 3.3%.
- Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance & National Informatics Centre (NIC) jointly developed a mobile app called **Jan Dhan Darshak** as a part of financial inclusion (FI) initiative. This app will act as a guide for the common people in locating a financial service touch point at a given location in the country.
- FDI in the telecom sector has jumped nearly five times in the last three years - from USD 1.3 Billion in 2015-16 to USD 6.2 Billion in 2017-18.
- Global research agency Fitch has raised India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.8 per cent from the earlier 7.4 per cent.
- Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has approved a new scheme- **Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna** for Insured Persons covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) announced that no withholding tax will apply on interest payments made by an Indian company or a business trust to a non-resident in respect of offshore rupee-denominated bonds issued between September 17, 2018 & March 31, 2019.
- Government has announced an array of steps to check the rising Current Account Deficit (CAD), & the fall in rupee. It decided on a number of steps to contain CAD, which widened to 2.4% of the GDP in the first quarter of 2018-19.
- India's overall exports (Merchandise & Services combined) in April-August 2018-19 (as per the RBI Press Release) are estimated to be USD 221.83 Billion,

exhibiting a positive growth of 20.70% over the same period last year.

- Indian economy grew by 8.2% in the first quarter (April-June) of the current fiscal, the highest in over two years. Manufacturing sector grew by 13.5% which signals very good turnaround in the sector.
- Union Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) approved a proposal by the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to increase the wages of artisans by over 36%. With this, the wages will be increased from Rs 5.50 per hank previously to Rs 7.50 per hank.

### Business Current Affairs

- State-run telecom firm **BSNL** has inked a pact with **Japan's Softbank & NTT Communications** to roll out 5G & internet of things (IoT) technology in India.
- Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Limited, India's largest telecom operator, approved the merger of the Vodafone Idea Limited with the Aditya Birla Telecom Limited (ABTL), the parent company of Idea Cellular.
- Cisco, a U.S.-based firm, that makes networking telecommunications equipment, has signed two agreements with the **NITI Aayog & Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** to speed up its Country Digital Acceleration programme in India.
- Salesforce.com Inc. founder Marc Benioff & his wife Lynne agreed to acquire Time magazine from Meredith Corp. for \$190 million in cash, joining Jeff Bezos among tech billionaires buying venerable print publications.
- Infosys has acquired Finnish company Fluidio, a top consulting partner of Salesforce, for 65 million euros (about Rs 545 crore).
- After launching the world's largest mobile phone-manufacturing factory in Noida in July 2018, Samsung has now opened its biggest **experience centre** in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

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- Jack Ma, the charismatic co-founder of China's largest e-commerce firm Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, will step down as chairman in exactly one year on Sept 10, 2019.

Current Alibaba Chief Executive Daniel Zhang will replace him as chairman.

- India's current account deficit (CAD) widened to a four-quarter-high at 2.4% of gross domestic product (GDP) in April-June period on the back of rising crude oil prices, from 1.9% of GDP in the January-March quarter of 2017-18, as per the RBI data.

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

- Assam Government has become the first Indian state to offer a Wage Compensation Scheme for pregnant women working in the tea gardens of the state. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs 12,000 will be given to the pregnant women so that they can take care of themselves & the unborn baby.
- Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship launched an innovative initiative titled **SATAT (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation)**. It would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers & entrepreneurs.
- Ministry of AYUSH has set up an AYUSH Information Cell at the premises of the Indian Embassy in Romania to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH system of medicine & encourage Ayurveda practice in Romania.
- Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched the **'Rail Heritage Digitisation Project'** of Indian Railways in collaboration with **Google Arts & Culture Association**. It aims to showcase India's rail heritage to the national & international audience in an online story-telling platform.
- Union Minister for Tourism (IC), Mr. K.J. Alphons launched the 'Incredible India Mobile App' & the "Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification" programme. He also announced that India will be the host country for official World Tourism Day celebrations for the **UNWTO, in 2019**.
- National Mission on **Government e Marketplace (GeM)** launched by the Minister of Commerce & Industry, Suresh Prabhu. This was followed by the launch of the Mission in 19 States & Union Territories. GeM has recorded till date more than 8 lakh transactions worth over Rs. 12,239 crores.
- Union Minister for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences & Environment, Forest & Climate change, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated air pollution control device **WAYU (Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit)** for traffic junctions at ITO intersection & Mukarba Chowk in Delhi.
- PM Narendra Modi has launched Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana from Ranchi, Jharkhand. Under this scheme, over 10 crore families

will be provided health assurance worth five lakh rupees each, every year. This is the world's largest government-funded healthcare program targeting more than 50 crore beneficiaries. The scheme will provide cashless & paperless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service.

- Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba launched an online **'e-Sahaj'** portal for grant of Security Clearance. It will facilitate an applicant to submit application online & also to view the status of his application from time to time.
- Government incorporated provision of penalties for States & Insurance Companies for the delay in settlement of insurance claims under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). As per the new guidelines, the farmers will be paid 12% interest by insurance companies for the delay in settlement claims beyond two months of prescribed cut-off date.
- In an attempt to combat human trafficking, the West Bengal government has rolled out a scheme, Swayangsiddha, in different districts of the State. Swayangsiddha, which means self-reliance, will be executed by the West Bengal Police. It aims to empower young boys & girls to make informed choices so that they are less vulnerable to trafficking & child marriage.
- India's first 'smart fence' pilot project was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh along the Indo-Pak border at the BSF Headquarters in Ploura, Jammu.
- PM Modi, launched the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Movement, to boost nationwide public participation in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, & catalyse the fulfilment of Bapu's dream of a Clean India.
- The Union Cabinet approved new Umbrella Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan, PM-AASHA. The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce.
- The Union cabinet approved a proposal for the complete electrification of Indian Railways by 2021-22, reducing dependence on imported fossil fuel & saving revenue for the national carrier.
- Govt. of **Andhra Pradesh** launched a mobile platform, e-Rythu (e-farmer in Telugu) which will enable small-scale farmers to market their produce at reasonable prices. The platform has been developed by Mastercard Labs for Financial Inclusion in Nairobi, Kenya, & has been customized for India use by the Labs team based at Pune.
- Minister of Railways & Coal, Piyush Goyal launched a web portal 'www.railsahyog.in'. It will provide a platform for the Corporates & PSUs to contribute to the creation of amenities at/near Railway Stations through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.
- Union Government announced that the treatment of childhood cancer will be covered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana.

- Govt. decided to make the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) an open-ended scheme & added more incentives to encourage people to open bank accounts. FM Jaitley stated that the overdraft facility has been doubled from **Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000** under the Yojana. The age limit for availing overdraft facility under it has also been revised to **18 to 65** years from the earlier 18 to 60 years. The accidental insurance cover for new RuPay Cardholders has been raised from **Rs. one lakh to Rs. two lakh.**
- Minister for Commerce & Industry & Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched **India Coffee Connect - India coffee field force app & Coffee KrishiTharanga** - digital mobile extension services for coffee stakeholders at a function in New Delhi.
- Ayushman Bharat call centre was formally inaugurated in Bengaluru by CEO of Ayushman Bharat Dr. Indu Bhushan. The call centre functioning 24x7 in collaboration with Medi assistant is sharing info in English & Hindi initially & 9 more regional languages to be added later.

### National Current Affairs

- National Informatics Centre (NIC) & National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI) jointly set up a Centre of Excellence for data analytics to support Government departments to unlock the hidden potential of the data that they are generating as part of the governance processes & use it to improve the overall governance.
- India & UN signed the Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) for 2018-2022. It outlines the work of UN agencies in India, to support the achievement of key development outcomes.
- Meeting between Ravi Shankar Prasad & the Minister for Development of IT & Communications, Uzbekistan Mr Shuhrat Sadikov held in New Delhi for strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries in ICT sector. 2 MoUs signed.
- India & Morocco signed an MoU for deepening cooperation between MSME sectors of the two countries in Rabat, Morocco.
- PM Modi has been awarded with the UN's highest environmental honour, also given to five other individuals & organisations, for his leadership of the International Solar Alliance & pledge to eliminate single use plastic by 2022. Cochin International Airport was given the award for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy.
- Cabinet approved the new telecom policy, now named National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP) 2018, which aims to attract USD 100 billion investment & create 4 million jobs in the sector by 2022. According to

the draft of the policy, NDPC is focused on increasing high-speed broadband penetration, with use of modern technologies like 5G & optical fibres across the country at affordable rates.

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a new airport at Jharsuguda, which will attract investors to the mineral-rich area.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pakyong Airport in Sikkim on September 24, nine years after the foundation stone was laid. The airport is the hilly state's first & only airport.
- World Bank Board has endorsed an ambitious five-year Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for India, which aligns with New Delhi's objectives of high, sustainable & inclusive growth. It is expected to bring between 25 & 30 billion US Dollars in financial support to India.
- India & Sri Lanka signed an MoU for construction of a 5000-metric ton temperature controlled warehouse in Dambulla, Sri Lanka.
- India & Serbia signed agreements on cooperation in plant protection & plant quarantine & on-air services, following the talks between Vice President Venkaiah Naidu & Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic.
- India, Iran & Afghanistan held their first tripartite meeting in Kabul, Afghanistan during which implementation of the Chabahar port project & a host of other issues including ways to deepen counter-terror cooperation were discussed.
- India & France have signed implementation agreement on 'Mobilise Your City' (MYC) in the presence of Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Hardeep Singh Puri & Alexander Ziegler, Ambassador of France in India.
- India & Nepal signed an MoU on Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey on Broad Gauge Rail Line between Raxaul (Bihar) & Kathmandu.
- The bi-annual talks between Indian & Bangladeshi border forces held in New Delhi. Director General of Border Security Force (BSF) KK Sharma represented the Indian side while Director General of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Major General Md Shafeenul Islam led the Bangladeshi side.
- India & US signed the Communications Compatibility & Security Agreement (COMCASA) that will facilitate India to obtain critical defence technologies from the US, & access critical communication network to ensure interoperability among the US & the Indian armed forces.

### States Current Affairs

- PM was in Anand to inaugurate a state-of-the-art Amul chocolate plant set up with an investment of about Rs. 190 crore. He also inaugurated a take-home ration plant with production capacity of 600 tonnes per day & a



ready-to use therapeutic food plant with monthly capacity of 600 tonnes along with the incubation center cum center of excellence in food processing for promoting entrepreneurs & start-ups.

- PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of India International Convention & Expo Centre (IICC) in Dwarka, New Delhi.

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- A Loan Agreement for IBRD Credit of US\$74 million equivalent for the Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP) was signed between India & the World Bank.
- External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj, along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the website for the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019, [www.pbdindia.gov.in](http://www.pbdindia.gov.in). PM of Mauritius Pravind Kumar Jugnauth will be the Chief Guest.
- For the first time in India, dog owners will have a dedicated dog park to visit. Set up in Hyderabad, the park is spread across an area of 1.3 acres.
- Delhi government signed an MoU with the Seoul Metropolitan Government to work closely in the fields of environment, tourism, wastewater & solid waste management, infrastructure & public health.
- The festival of Nuakhai is being celebrated in Odisha.
- Haryana government signed an MoU with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to set up an ethanol plant in Panipat with an outlay of over Rs 900 crore.
- For the first time, bus services between Bihar & Nepal have started. It was flagged off from Patna by CM Nitish Kumar. Four buses will ply from Bodhgaya to Kathmandu. Similarly, four buses will ply from Patna to Janakpur.
- In a bid to boost PM Modi's flagship 'Digital India' campaign, Rajasthan government will soon distribute mobile phones to women under the Bhamashah Yojana. Focused on women who fall under the Below Poverty Line (BPL), the scheme aims to transfer financial & non-financial benefits of government schemes in a transparent manner.
- Telangana Cabinet passed a resolution calling for the dissolution of the Telangana Legislative Assembly. The

state's CM had convened the meeting of his Council of Ministers to dissolve the Legislative Assembly & seek fresh elections six months ahead of schedule.

### New Appointments (National & International)

- Ambassador of India to Myanmar, Vikram Misri has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to China.
- Technology giant Google has appointed its privacy lawyer, Keith Enright, as Chief Privacy Officer.
- Opposition leader Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won the Maldives' presidential election, a surprise defeat for President Abdulla Yameen.
- Renowned scientist Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas has been appointed the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy & chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.
- Tajinder Mukherjee has taken over as the Chairman & Managing Director of National Insurance Company Limited (NICL).
- Actors Varun Dhawan & Anushka Sharma have been signed on to promote & endorse the Skill India Mission, chaired by PM Narendra Modi.
- Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become Sudan's new PM.
- President of India has appointed Justice Ranjan Gogoi as the next (46th) Chief Justice of India. He will assume the office of Chief Justice on 3rd October, 2018 after the retirement of the current Chief Justice, Justice Dipak Misra.
- HDFC Life appointed Vibha Padalkar as its new managing director & CEO for a period of three years.
- Binoy Kumar has taken over as Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India.
- WPP Plc, the world's largest communication services group, announced the appointment of Mark Read as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Executive Director (ED) to the company's board with immediate effect. He replaced Martin Sorrell.
- India retained the top WHO position in South-East Asia Region with Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh unanimously re-elected as Regional Director for another five-year term beginning February 2019.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) roped in Indian boxer MC Mary Kom as its brand ambassador for two years.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed Anshula Kant as Managing Director of the Bank. She has been appointed to the post for 2 years. With this appointment, SBI now has four MDs - PK Gupta, DK Khara & Arijit Basu.
- Axis Bank announced that Amitabh Chaudhry has been appointed as its managing director & CEO from January 1, 2019, for a period of three years. Mr. Chaudhry, the MD & CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company at present.



## Sports Current Affairs

- Yuvraj Wadhvani has won the 25th Asian junior individual squash championship title. He defeated Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan.
- India has defeated Bangladesh to win the Unimoni Asia Cup Title 2018. This was India's seventh Asia Cup triumph. Liton Das was the Player of the Match & Shikhar Dhawan was declared as the Player of the Series.
- 8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship organised by Asian Yoga Federation held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Luka Modric broke a decade of award dominance by Cristiano Ronaldo & Lionel Messi after being crowned world footballer of the year by FIFA.
- In Badminton, Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting beat Japan's Kento Momota to take the Men's singles China Open title in Changzhou. Spain's Carolina Marin beat China's Chen Yufei to take the women's singles title.
- The Women's Boxing World Championships, to be hosted by India after more than a decade, will be held from November 15-24, 2018, in New Delhi.
- India won 3 Gold, 3 Silver & a Bronze on the opening day of the 5th Track Asia Cup Cycling in New Delhi. Mayuri Lute won the country's first Gold in the Women's Junior 500 metres race.
- India settled for the silver medal after losing to Pakistan 2-3 in the final of the Asian Team Snooker Championship. Pankaj Advani & Malkeet Singh represented India.
- Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) confirmed that Hangzhou in China will host the fourth edition of Asian Para Games in 2022.
- Lewis Hamilton won the Singapore Grand Prix at Marina Bay Street Circuit, in Singapore.
- Indian five-time world boxing champion M C Mary Kom clinched her third gold medal of the year in 48 kg category, while Jyoti Gulia picked up the country's lone gold in 51 kg of the youth category of the Silesian Open boxing Tournament for women in Gliwice, Poland.
- Maldives have lifted the 2018 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup.
- Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in Berlin (Germany), smashing the previous best as he clocked 2 hours 1 minute 39 second.
- Simranjit Kaur (64kg), Monika (48kg) & Bhagyabati Kachari (81kg) claimed gold medals at the Ahmet Comert Tournament in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Sardar Singh has announced his retirement from international hockey.
- Sixteen-year-old Udhayveer Singh has won an individual Gold Medal in Junior Men's 25 metre pistol event in the World Shooting Championships in South Korea.
- India's ace sprinter Hima Das was appointed as Sports Ambassador of Assam to inspire budding players of northeastern state to aim big & young generation to take up sports seriously.
- India Blue thrashed defending champion India Red by an innings & 187 runs in the final to win the 57th Duleep Trophy at NPR College ground, in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu. Himachal Pradesh batsman Nikhil Gangta was named the man of the match for his superb knock of 130.
- Triple jumper Arpinder Singh created history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the IAAF Continental Cup. At Ostrava in the Czech Republic, he clinched a bronze.
- Japanese swimmer Ikee Rikako has been named as the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the recently-concluded 18th edition of the Asian Games. The 18-year-old, who bagged six gold & two silver medals in the tournament, became the first female athlete to win the MVP title.
- The 18th Asian Games came to a close, with India achieving its best-ever medal haul of 69 & equaling its best gold medal haul of 15 after 67 years. Boxer Amit Panghal stunned the Olympic Champion Hasanboy Dusmatov in the men's 49 Kilogram category to win India's only boxing gold. Indian men's bridge team won bridge gold for India.
- England's highest Test run-scorer Alastair Cook announced his retirement from International cricket after final Test against India. He has scored 12,254 runs & made 32 centuries in 160 Tests all England records.
- Anjum Moudgil & Apurvi Chandela have become the first set of Indian shooters to secure quota places for the 2020 Olympics. Anjum finished second on the podium & won a silver in the women's 10m air rifle event of the International Shooting Sports Federation's (ISSF) World Championship in Changwon, South Korea.
- Indian Pacer RP Singh announced his retirement from International Cricket, exactly 13 years after making his international debut.
- India's Saurabh Chaudhary continued his brilliant run of form as he clinched the 10 metres Air Pistol Junior gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shooting World Championship in Changwon, South Korea.
- Indian shooter Hriday Hazarika notched up a gold medal in the 10 m air rifle junior men's event of the ISSF World Championships in South Korea. The women's 10m air rifle team of Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal & Manini Kaushik then produced a sensational performance to total 1880.7 for a gold with a world record to boot.
- Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric has been named UEFA Men's Player of the Year for 2017/18.

- Ankur Mittal claimed the men's double trap gold medal in the ISSF World Championship for his career's biggest triumph, as the Indian shooting team continued its dominance in the premier tournament in Changwon, South Korea.
- Naomi Osaka became the first Japanese woman to win a Grand Slam title after she registered an emphatic win over Serena Williams in the finals of the U.S Open.

### International Current Affairs

- Canada agreed to sign a trade deal with the United States & Mexico, revamping the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The new deal has been named the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).
- Argentina has received \$57.1 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the biggest loan package ever from the global body aimed at boosting the country's struggling economy.
- Nepal is set to become the first country in the world to double its tiger population as part of the World Wildlife Foundation's (WWF) 'Tx2' programme which aims to double the number of tigers all over the world.
- India has contributed one million US dollars for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the imposing UN building at the world body's headquarters in New York.
- PM Narendra Modi & his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina jointly launched the construction of India-Bangladesh Friendship Product Pipeline Project through video conferencing. The 130-kilometre pipeline will connect Siliguri in West Bengal in India & Parbatipur in Dinajpur district of Bangladesh.
- Germany has rolled out the world's first hydrogen-powered train.
- Bangladesh's Cabinet has approved a draft agreement with India to enable New Delhi to use the Chittagong & Mongla ports for the movement of goods to & from northeast India.
- Jaipur Literature Festival began in Houston at the Asia Society of Texas.
- Justice Om Prakash Mishra has been sworn in as new Chief Justice of Nepal.
- PM Modi, his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina, & CMs of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee & Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb jointly inaugurated three projects in Bangladesh via video conferencing. These include: 500 MW additional power supply from India to Bangladesh, Akhaura - Agartala Rail Link, & Rehabilitation of the Kulara-Shahbazpur section of Bangladesh Railways. Note: Akhaura-Agartala rail project is about 12 km long of which 5.5 km would be laid in India while 6.5 km would be in Bangladesh.

- Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi was elected as the 13th President of Pakistan, the result data from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) confirmed.
- India is the Partner Country in the 87th Izmir International tradeshow which begins in Turkey. In this tradeshow India will also be launching a mega business pavilion 'Source India' hosting 75 Indian companies with the aim of tie-ups in order to increase India's exports to Turkey & other neighboring countries.
- The three-day World Hindu Congress has begun in Chicago, the USA. The theme is 'think collectively, achieve valiantly'.

### Defence Current Affairs

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Parakram Parv exhibition at the military station in Jodhpur to mark the second anniversary of the surgical strikes carried out by the Indian Army across the LoC.
- Indian Air Force successfully test fired the indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile Astra from a Su-30 aircraft.
- Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved procurement of 1,000 engines for fitment in T-72 tanks of the Army at an approximate cost of over 2,300 crore rupees.
- India successfully conducted an interceptor missile test off the Odisha coast, achieving a major milestone in developing a two-layer Ballistic Missile Defence system.
- DRDO successfully flight tested the indigenously developed surface-to-surface tactical missile 'Prahar', from Launch Complex-III, ITR, Balasore, Odisha.
- Indigenously developed weapon system Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM), was successfully flight tested for the second time from the Ahmednagar range, Maharashtra.
- Union Minister of Home Affairs Rajnath Singh inaugurated two Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) pilot projects along the India-Pakistan border in Jammu region.
- The second edition of Nepal-China joint military exercise (JME) named Mt Everest Friendship Exercise-2018 (Sagarmatha Friendship-2018) commenced in China's southwestern Sichuan province.
- Russia launched its biggest military exercise since the Cold War named "Vostok-2018", involving about 300,000 service personnel, in eastern Siberia. China is sending 3,200 troops to take part in "Vostok-2018".
- As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2018 is scheduled to be conducted in the foothills of Himalayas at Chaubattia in Uttarakhand. This will be the 14th edition of the joint military exercise.

- BIMSTEC Military Exercise (MILEX-18), the first edition of Military Field Training Exercise for the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) nations, held at Aundh in Pune.
- Indo-Mongolia joint exercise Nomadic Elephant-2018, commenced at Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia with a brief opening ceremony.
- The first ever mid-air refuelling of the indigenously developed light combat aircraft Tejas successfully carried out, placing India in an elite group of countries having air-to-air refuelling capacity for military planes.
- India along with 23 other nations participated in a major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock drill which will involve evacuation of thousands of people from coastal areas in over half a dozen coastal states. The exercise, known as 'IOWave18', is being organised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.
- NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer Amitabh Kant announced that India will shortly unveil a One Nation-One Card policy for public transport that will entail connectivity between various modes of transport. The objective is to plan for the citizens of India first, rather than focusing on vehicles alone, by providing sustainable mobility & accessibility.
- Ukraine launched annual joint military exercise named Rapid Trident with the United States & other NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) member countries. Its main goal is to practice countering armed aggression in conditions of the hybrid war.
- Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise 'KAZIND' will be conducted between the Indian & Kazakhstan Army in Otar region, Kazakhstan. This is the third joint military exercise between the two countries which have a history of extensive cooperation in the defence arena.
- Indian navy ships & aircraft have arrived in Sri Lanka to take part in the joint exercise SLINEX-2018 to be held with Sri Lankan navy at Trincomalee.

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## Ranks/ Indexes Released

- No Indian institution figures in the top 250 of the Times Higher Education's (THE) world university rankings 2019, though the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, has retained its position as the highest-ranked centre in the country. Oxford continues to hold the first place, Cambridge second, & Stanford third.
- India ranks 158th in the world for its investments in education & health care, according to the first-ever scientific study ranking countries for their levels of human capital. Finland topped the list.
- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani, chairman of India's second-most valued firm 'Reliance Industries', has topped the 'Barclays Hurun India Rich List 2018' for the seventh consecutive year, with the total net worth of INR 371,000 crore.
- Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts among States in terms of "Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA). It was followed by Odisha & Madhya Pradesh.
- India ranks third globally in terms of number of family-owned businesses with 111 companies having a total market capitalisation of \$839 billion, as per the 'Credit Suisse Family 1000 in 2018' study.
- As per a UN report on the 'state of food security & nutrition in the world', the number of undernourished globally increased to 821 million in 2017, which means that one in every nine people, does not have enough to eat. International tourist arrivals hit record high in 2017 with India leading the growth in South Asian region.
- As per the data from UN's tourism organisation, a total of 1,323 million international tourist arrivals recorded in destinations around the world. As per UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), positive results in South Asia were largely driven by the strong performance of India, the subregion's largest destination.

## Important Days

- 30 September celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators. Theme was, "Translation: promoting cultural heritage in changing times".
- United Nations has designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day. The theme for World Habitat Day 1 October 2018 was Municipal Solid Waste Management.
- International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1. Theme was "Celebrating Older Human Rights champions".
- World Heart Day takes place on 29th September every year.
- World Rabies Day is celebrated on 28 September.



- World Tourism Day is observed every year globally on 27th September. "Tourism & the Digital Transformation" is the theme of this year.
- UN Declared the period from 2019 to 2028 as the Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace.
- International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. Theme is "The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70".
- International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on 16th September. Theme was 'Keep Cool & Carry On: The Montreal Protocol'.
- Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya's birthday is celebrated on 15 September as Engineer's Day.
- The International Day of Democracy is observed globally on 15th September. Theme was 'Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World'.
- Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14 September because, on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.
- The National Nutrition Month (September) is being celebrated across the country to mark the fight against malnutrition.
- The International Day of Charity is observed globally on September 5.
- International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on 8 September. This year's theme is 'Literacy & skills development.'

### Agreement Signed

- Goa & Portugal inked MoU for Water & Sewage Management. It will help Goa manage its water resources better.
- NITI Aayog & Oracle signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) to pilot a real drug supply-chain using blockchain distributed ledger & Internet of Things (IoT) software.
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM - U), partnered with Google to launch the Loo Review campaign to encourage all local guides in India to rate & review public toilets on Google Maps.
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, exchanged the MoUs with the Tata Trusts & Dell to provide a technological platform for nation-wide prevention, control, screening & management program of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).
- India & Morocco signed the revised Air Services Agreement between the two countries enabling greater connectivity through a modernized agreement.
- India & Niger signed an MoU for the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC) in Niamey, Niger with the Indian government's grant assistance.
- India & Cyprus signed key agreements in various fields cementing bilateral ties after delegation-level talks

between President Ram Nath Kovind & his Cyprus counterpart Nicos Anastasiades in Nicosia. Both countries also agreed to expand cooperation in the fields of IT, tourism, shipping & renewable energy. MoU was signed for cooperation in the field of environment. Cyprus reaffirmed its support to India for its membership of the Nuclear Supplier's Group (NSG).

- India & Bulgaria sign four pacts on Investment, Tourism, Civil Nuclear Cooperation, science & technology cooperation & establishment of Hindi Chair at Sofia University, after delegation-level talks between President Ramnath Kovind & his counterpart Rumen Radev. The President also invited Bulgaria to become key partner in Defence & IT sectors under Make in India programme.

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### Awards & Recognition

- The Nobel Medicine or Physiology Prize has been awarded to James P Allison & Tasaku Honjo "for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation.". This is for the first time that no Literature Prize will be given in 70 years because of a #MeToo scandal.
- Tourism Minister K J Alphons presented National Tourism Awards 2016-17 in New Delhi. Andhra Pradesh bagged the first prize in state category for comprehensive development of tourism.
- Rima Das' National Award-winning feature Village Rockstars has been chosen to represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the 91st Academy Awards next year, the Film Federation of India (FFI) announced.
- Union Transport Minister felicitated Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma during the 34th anniversary of Priyadarshni Academy Global Award, in Mumbai. She received the Smita Patil award for best actor.
- Chairman & MD, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Dr Raghupati Singhania has been conferred with 'Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle', the highest honour accorded to non-nationals by the Government of Mexico.
- All-women crew of INSV Tarini has bagged the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award



for beating the odds in water with their enduring skills & sailing across the world for eight long months.

- Actress Aishwarya Rai was honoured with the Meryl Streep Award for Excellence at the Women in Film & Television (WIFT) India Award.
- Noted Odia poet Satrugna Pandav will be honoured with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for his poetry collection 'Misra Dhrupad'.

### Summits/Events Held

- 3-day Kalahandi Dialogue, a global conclave on development launched by CM Naveen Patnaik. It aimed to involve youth in development activities.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the first corn festival of the country is being held in Chhindwara.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence in New Delhi in which the Vice-Chancellors, Directors from more than 350 universities participated.
- J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare addressed at the 'High Level Meeting on Tuberculosis at 73rd session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at New York'.
- Vice president M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated Smart City Expo India-2018 in Jaipur.
- Bilateral meeting on Tourism Cooperation between India & Morocco held in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Railways & Coal, Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 'first ever' India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018) in the presence of Union Tourism Minister, K J Alphons & the Tourism Minister of Morocco, Mr. Mohamed Sajid, in New Delhi.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj led the Indian delegation at the 23rd meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC) to discuss the expansion of Russia-India relationship across all sectors.
- The Global Climate Action Summit 2018 was held at San Francisco, California, United States.
- Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu participated in G-20 trade & investment ministerial meeting at Mar del Plata in Argentina.
- Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DAR & PG), GoI in association with MP govt. is organizing a Regional Conference on Good Governance with Focus on Aspirational Districts, in Bhopal. The themes include: ICT Enabled Education, Agriculture, Public Service & Grievance Management & Good Governance initiatives.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing & Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the first regional workshop on RERA (Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act) in Pune.

- Note: RERA: Launched in 2016 is aimed at consumer protection, by creating an online system for information sharing in the real estate sector. It allows states to set up the Regulatory Authority & the Appellate.
- Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the Fourth International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC) at the Netherlands. It would focus on promotion & propagation of Ayurveda in the Netherlands & its neighbouring countries of Europe. A special Seminar is also organized by the Indian Embassy titled "India-Netherlands collaboration in Healthcare, including Ayurveda".
- PM Modi inaugurated India's first Global Mobility summit 'MOVE' in New Delhi. Comprehensive discussions along 5 themes took place ranging from electrification & alternative fuels & reinventing public transport. The summit deliberated on 5 themes, comprehensive: electrification & alternative fuels, reinventing public transport, goods transport & logistics & data analytics & mobility. The main focus of the summit is to make cities of India pollution free.
- Union Minister for HRD Prakash Javadekar Inaugurates 4th World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2018) at New Delhi. WOSA is a biennial Summit organised by NBA, which provides platform to stakeholders to share their knowledge & information on accreditation.
- Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu attended the 6th East Asia Summit- Economic Ministers' Meeting (EAS-EMM) & 15th India-ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting (AEM) in Singapore. Singapore is currently holding the Chair of ASEAN.
- The International Aviation Summit held in New Delhi, India. It is jointly organised by the Airports Authority of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation & International Air Transport Association (IATA). Union Minister for Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu announced that the Civil Aviation Ministry is coming up with Vision 2035 under which it plans to build 100 new airports across India in the next 10-15 years with an investment of USD 60 billion.
- A Conference on "E-Mobility in Indian Railways" organized by Ministry of Railways through Institution of Railways Electrical Engineers (IREE) in association with NITI Aayog concluded in New Delhi. It was a precursor to the "Move: Global Mobility Summit" to be organized by NITI Aayog.
- The International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018 is being held in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Vice President of Nepal Nanda Bahadur Pun inaugurated the summit. The theme was "Equality begins with Economic Empowerment".
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 3-day Defence & Homeland Security Expo & Conference - 2018, organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce &

Industry in association with Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) in New Delhi.

- Ministry of Railways & Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) organised a seminar on "Leveraging IT for Mobility" in New Delhi. Piyush Goyal launched a new app - "AAPOORTI" mobile App of 'Indian Railways e-procurement system' (IREPS). This App provides information & data related to e-tendering & e-auction related activities of Indian Railways.
- The next edition of Aero India will be held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Yelahanka Air Force station in Bengaluru has hosted all the 11 editions of Aero India so far & has emerged as a premier air show in Asia.

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### Committees

- In pursuance of its objective of ensuring that Legislation is in sync with the needs of strong economic fundamentals, govt. constituted a Competition Law Review Committee to review the Competition Act. It will be headed by Injeti Srinivas, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Government constituted a seven-member ministerial panel headed by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi to examine modalities for revenue mobilisation in case of natural calamities & disasters.
- Government has set up an eight-member Lokpal Search Committee under the Chairmanship of former Supreme Court Judge, Justice **Ranjana Prakash Desai**.
- Supreme Court** constituted a three-member committee headed by its former judge Justice Amitava Roy to look into the aspect of jail reforms across the country & suggest measures to deal with them.
- With concerns being raised on some proposals of the draft e-commerce policy, govt. set up a group of secretaries to look into the issues. It will be chaired by the secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP).
- The Union Government has appointed former Reserve Bank of India governor **Bimal Jalan** as the head of the panel that has been tasked with selecting India's next **chief economic advisor (CEA)**.

### Visits

- Sayyid Badr Saud Harib Al Busaidi, the Minister Responsible for Defence Affairs, Sultanate of Oman visited India. The three wings of the Armed Forces hold staff talks & advanced joint exercises with each other.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited Moscow, Russia. During this visit, she attended the meeting of 23rd India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Technical & Economic Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC).
- President Ram Nath Kovind embarked on an eight-day three-nation tour to Cyprus, Bulgaria & the Czech Republic. He was accompanied by first lady Savita Kovind. He will hold talks with the leaders of the three European countries to deepen ties, particularly in the economic sphere. He will also hold talks with that President of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades.
- President Ram Nath Kovind was in the Czech Republic on the last leg of 3-nation Europe tour. He met PM Andrej Babis of Czech Republic. India & the Czech Republic signed five agreements which are:
  - Cooperation between Council for Scientific & Industrial Research, India, & the Czech Academy of Sciences,
  - A visa waiver agreement for diplomatic passport holders,
  - A work plan to support Indo-Czech projects in diverse areas of science & technology, with the Department of Science & Technology taking the lead from the Indian side;
  - Cooperation in laser technology between ELI Beamlines & the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, &
  - Cooperation between the Haryana Agricultural University & the Czech University of Life Sciences.

### Science & Technology Current Affairs

- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) landed a pair of rovers on an asteroid, marking the world's first moving, robotic observation of an asteroid surface.
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated ISRO's first Space Technology Incubation Centre (STIC) at the National Institute of Technology Agartala via remote from Bengaluru.
- NASA launched its Ice, Cloud & Land Elevation Satellite-2, known as ICESat-2, which will use an extremely precise laser to collect measurement data to track the Earth's shrinking polar ice from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched PSLV C 42 with two British earth observation satellites NovaSAR & S1-4 in precision from the Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Apsara**, the first research reactor in **Asia** became **operational in Trombay** campus of **Bhabha Atomic**

**Research Centre in August 1956.** After providing more than five decades of dedicated service to the researchers, the reactor was shut down in 2009. Nearly sixty-two years after Apsara came into existence, a swimming pool type research reactor "Apsara-upgraded", of higher capacity was born at Trombay.

- The 6th edition of the biennial Bengaluru Space Expo was inaugurated by ISRO Chairman Dr.K Sivan in Bengaluru, Karnataka. ISRO Chairman Dr K Sivan addressed that the ISRO wants to offer manufacturing of PSLV & small satellite launch vehicles along with small satellites to private industries.

### Books & Authors

- Best-selling author Preeti Shenoy announced the launch of her new book, 'The Rule Breakers'.

### Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) launched a Flood Forecasting & Early Warning System (FFEWS) for Kolkata City. It is also India's first comprehensive city-level FFEWS.
- A five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice Dipak Misra scrapped the pre-Independence provision of adultery in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which treats a married woman as a commodity owned by her husband. Section 497 (adultery) gives a husband the exclusive right to prosecute his wife's lover. If found guilty, the adulterer faces five years behind bars.
- SC declared the Centre's flagship Aadhaar scheme as Constitutionally valid. The Supreme Court ruled that linking the Aadhaar card to PAN card is mandatory & is needed for filing income tax returns. The apex court, however, said Aadhaar is not mandatory for opening bank accounts & linking with existing accounts. SC also struck down Section 57 of the Aadhaar Act that allowed private companies to avail Aadhaar data.
- Supreme Court agreed to live-streaming & video recording of court proceedings, saying "sunlight is the best disinfectant". The Supreme Court allowed live streaming of cases of Constitutional importance that take place in the Court of the Chief Justice of India.
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) & ISRO signed an MoU for setting up of an state-of-the-art Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER) in Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance making triple talaq a punishable offence. The Supreme Court had in a verdict in August last year declared it illegal & unconstitutional.
- Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi launched the country's first "National Scholarship Portal Mobile App" (NSP Mobile App) in New Delhi.

- Union minister K J Alphons, the Minister of State for Tourism, inaugurated the country's first tribal circuit project connecting 13 tourism sites in Chhattisgarh.
- NITI Aayog, Intel & Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) are collaborating to set up a Model International Center for Transformative Artificial Intelligence (ICTAI).
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare announced the implementation of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) & Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (Prevention & Control) Act, 2017. As per the law, every HIV infected or affected person below the age of 18 has the right to live in a shared household & enjoy its facilities. Those violating the act could be jailed for up to two years or fined up to Rs1 lakh or both.
- The first of its kind university in the country in the transport sector, the National Rail & Transportation Institute (NRTI), started operations. Currently, it is functioning out of the National Academy of Indian Railways, Vadodara.
- The Supreme Court abolished Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the 1862 law which criminalised homosexuality. The Delhi High Court had decriminalised homosexuality in 2009, but the decision was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2013. As per Section 377, consensual sexual acts are also considered unnatural & are punishable.

### Obituaries

- Renowned harmonium player Pandit Tulsidas Borkar passed away in Mumbai. He was 84.
- Legendary Chicago blues guitarist Otis Rush, whose passionate, a jazz-influenced sound influenced generations of musicians, has died. He was 84.
- Former BCCI president Biswanath Dutt, best known in the Indian cricket fraternity as Jagmohan Dalmiya's mentor, passed away aged 92.
- Renowned filmmaker Kalpana Lajmi passed away in Mumbai. She was 64.
- Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang died aged 61 at a military hospital in the capital Hanoi following a period of illness.
- India's first woman IAS officer after Independence, Anna Rajam Malhotra, who served in the Madras State under then Chief Minister C. Rajagopalachari & at the Central government, died in Mumbai.
- Former Union petroleum minister Satya Prakash Malaviya passed away in Delhi.
- Noted freedom fighter & former Odisha Minister Dolagobinda Pradhan passed away in Bhubaneswar.
- Renowned agricultural economist & former PM's Economic Advisory Committee member Professor Vijay Shankar Vyas died.



- Jain Muni Tarun Sagar passed away at the age of 51 in Delhi's Radhapuri Jain temple due to prolonged illness.
- Bhagwati Kumar Sharma, noted Gujarati language author & poet passed away in Surat at the age of 84 years.

### Countries | Capital | Currencies

- Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli is the current PM of Nepal. Bidhya Devi Bhandari is the current President of Nepal & commander in chief of Nepalese Army. The Nepalese Rupee is the currency of Nepal.
- Netherlands Capital: Amsterdam, Currency: Euro & USD.
- Bangladesh PM- Sheikh Hasina, Capital- Dhaka, Currency- Bangladeshi Taka.
- Cyprus Capital: Nicosia, Currency: Euro.
- Bulgaria Capital: Sofia, Currency: Bulgarian lev.
- Czech Republic Capital: Prague, Currency: Czech koruna.
- Ukraine Capital: Kiev, Currency: Ukrainian hryvnia.
- Kazakhstan Capital: Astana, Currency: Kazakhstani tenge.
- Pakistan Capital: Islamabad, PM: Imran Khan, Currency: Pakistani rupee.
- Turkey Capital- Ankara, Currency- Turkish lira, President- Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Currency: Sri Lankan rupee, President: Maithripala Sirisena.
- France's Audrey Azoulay- 11th DG of UNESCO, Headquarters- Paris, France.
- South Korea Capital- Seoul, Currency: South Korean won.
- Russia Capital: Moscow, Currency: Russian ruble, President: Vladimir Putin.
- Mongolia Capital: Ulaanbaatar, Currency: Mongolian togrog.
- Iran Capital: Tehran, Currency: Iranian rial.
- Afghanistan Capital: Kabul, Currency: Afghan afghani.
- Serbia Capital: Belgrade, Currency: Serbian dinar.
- Malta Capital: Valletta, Currency: Euro.
- Romania Capital: Buchares, Currency: Romanian leu.
- Argentina Capital: Buenos Aires, Currency: Argentine peso.
- Serbia Capital: Belgrade, Currency: Serbian dinar.
- China President: Xi Jinping, Capital: Beijing, Currency: renminbi.
- Omar al-Bashir is the present President of Sudan. Sudan Capital: Khartoum, Currency: Sudanese pound.
- Maldives Capital: Male, Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa.
- Kenya's capital: Nairobi, Currency: Kenyan shilling.
- Germany Capital: Berlin, Currency: Euro.
- Morocco Capital: Rabat, Currency: Moroccan dirham.

- Sri Lanka Capitals- Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, President- Maithripala Sirisena.
- Afghanistan Capital: Kabul, Currency: Afghan afghani.
- Niger Capital: Niamey, Currency: West African CFA franc.
- Romania Capital: Bucharest, Currency: Romanian leu.
- Vietnam Capital- Hanoi, Currency- Vietnamese Dong
- Maldives Capital- Male, Currency- Rufiyaa
- China Capital: Beijing, Currency: Renminbi, President: Xi Jinping.
- Canada Capital: Ottawa, Currency: Canadian dollar, PM: Justin Trudeau.
- Romania Capital: Bucharest, Currency: Romanian leu.
- Uzbekistan Capital: Tashkent, Currency: Uzbekistani som.
- Oman Capital- Muscat Currency- Omani rial

### International Organizations/Companies in News from August Current Affairs

- Zurab Pololikashvili is Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- UNWTO's membership includes 158 countries, 6 Associate Members & over 500 Affiliate Members.
- UNWTO Headquarters in Madrid, Spain.
- United Nations Secretary-General- Antonio Guterres, Headquarters- New York, the USA, Established in- 1945.
- The BIMSTEC was formed in 1997 & it brings together Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Thailand. Sri Lanka is the current chair of BIMSTEC.
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) is an independent agency of the executive branch of the Federal government of the United States responsible for the civilian space program, as well as aeronautics & aerospace research. It was founded on 1958. Jim Bridenstine is the present Administrator of NASA.
- President of the World Bank- Jim Yong Kim. Headquarters of World Bank- Washington, DC.
- FIFA Headquarter - Zürich, Switzerland, President - Gianni Infantino.
- Managing Director of IMF- Christine Lagarde, Headquarters in- Washington DC, USA.
- International Solar Alliance Headquarters- Gurugram, India. ISA Founded in- Paris, November 2015.
- The Asian Development Bank is a regional development Bank established in 1966. Headquarters of ADB is in Manila, Philippines. Takehiko Nakao is Present President of the Asian Development Bank.



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### Financial Organizations in News

- Suresh Kumar Sethi is the Managing Director & CEO of IPPB.
- SBI Chairman- Rajnish Kumar, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 01st July 1955.
- Urjit Patel- 24th Governor of RBI, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 1st April 1935, in Kolkata.
- HDFC ERGO is a non-life insurance provider in the private sector. It headquarters in Mumbai.
- NABARD Chairman- Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 12 July 1982.
- The Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, 2002 (also known as the SARFAESI Act) is an Indian law. It allows banks & other financial institution to auction residential or commercial properties to recover loans.
- Axis Bank Headquarters in Mumbai. Shikha Sharma is the present CEO & Managing director of Axis Bank.
- HDFC Bank MD- Aditya Puri, Headquarters in: Mumbai.
- Exim Bank Headquarters in: Mumbai, Founded in: 1982, CEO- Shri Yaduvendra Mathur.
- Shyam Srinivasan is the Managing Director & CEO of Federal Bank. It Headquarters in Aluva, Kerala.
- PayU India is a digital payments firm owned by South Africa's Naspers Ltd. PayU India managing director Jitendra Gupta.
- Sunil Mehta is the CEO of Punjab National Bank. It headquarters in New Delhi.
- Bank of Baroda Headquarters in Vadodara.
- Vijaya Bank Headquarters in Bengaluru.
- Dena Bank Headquarters in Mumbai.
- Sushil Chandra is the chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes.
- NICL Headquarters in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- SEBI- Securities & Exchange Board of India. SEBI Chairman- Ajay Tyagi, Headquarters- Mumbai.

- IPPB has begun operations with 650 branches & 3,250 access points across the country. IPPB CEO- Suresh Sethi.
- Yes bank Headquarter- Mumbai, CEO- Rana Kapoor
- IRDAI- Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority. IRDAI Chairman- Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- BRICS bank CEO -K V Kamath, Headquarter- Shanghai, China
- SoftBank Group CEO Masayoshi Son. NTT Comm. CEO Tetsuya Shoji
- Chairman, UIDAI- J. Satyanarayana. CEO, UIDAI- Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- Association of Mutual Funds of Indian (AMFI) Headquarters in Mumbai. A. Balasubramanian is the present Chairman of AMFI.
- Karur Vysya Bank Headquarters: Karur, Tamil Nadu, MD & CEO: PR Seshadri.

### States | CMs | Governors | Capital | Ministers | Static General Awareness

- Rajasthan CM- Vasundhara Raje, Governor- Kalyan Singh.
- Giriraj Singh is the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.
- Telangana CM- K Chandrasekhara Rao, Governor- ESL Narasimhan.
- Madhya Pradesh CM: Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Haryana CM: Manohar Lal Khattar, Governor: Satyadeo Narain Arya.
- Assam CM: Sarbananda Sonowal, Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Ashwani Lohani is the present Chairman of Railway Board.
- Mr Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas is the present Director of BARC. BARC Headquarters in Mumbai.
- J P Nadda is the present Health & Family Welfare Minister of India.
- Nirmala Sitharaman is the present Defence Minister of India.
- Birender Singh Dhanoa is the present Chief of Air Staff of Indian Air Force.
- Piyush Goyal is the present Cabinet Minister of Indian Railways.
- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh: Raman Singh. Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anandiben Patel.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik. Governor of Odisha: Professor Ganeshi Lal
- West Bengal CM: Mamta Bannerjee, Governor: Keshari Nath Tripathi.
- Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan, Governor: P Sathasivam.
- Dharmendra Pradhan is the present Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

- Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu is the currently serving as the Minister of Commerce & Industry & Civil Aviation. UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) is a Regional Connectivity Scheme.
- Sikkim's CM- Pawan Kumar Chamling, Governor- Ganga Prasad
- Andhra Pradesh Capital- Amravati, Chief Minister- N Chandrababu Naidu.
- Chief Minister of Gujarat- Vijay Rupani. Governor of Gujarat- Om Prakash Kohli.
- Goa CM: Manohar Parrikar, Governor: Smt. Mridula Sinha.

### Other Static General Awareness September 2018 Current Affairs

- Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC), based out of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, is an autonomous institution under the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- NITI- National Institution for Transforming India.
- NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman- Rajiv Kumar, CEO- Amitabh Kant.
- M.S. Boje Gowda is the present chairman of Coffee Board of India. It headquarters in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Director Anupam Shrivastava is the present Chairman & Managing Director of BSNL.
- BSNL was incorporated on 15th September 2000. Headquarters of BSNL is in New Delhi. Anupam Shrivastava is the Chairman & Managing Director & Director of BSNL.
- IRIGC-TEC: India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Technical & Economic Cooperation
- Samsung Headquarters in: Seoul, South Korea, Founder: Lee Byung-chul.
- India is the 3rd largest steel producer in the world. Chaudhary Birender Singh is the Present Steel Minister of India.
- Venue of BRICS Summit 2019 - Brazil
- Infosys CEO: Salil Parekh, Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- Chairman of ISRO: Dr. K Sivan. Headquarters of ISRO- Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- DRDO Headquarters in: New Delhi, Founded in: 1958. Dr G Satheesh Reddy is the present Chairman of the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Men's World Championship 2019- Sochi (Russia). India will host the Men's World Championship for the first time in 2021.
- Rahul Johri is the Chief Executive Officer of BCCI. CK Khanna is the present interim president of the BCCI.
- PM of India is the chairman of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research.
- CSIR-NEERI Director- Dr Raksh Kumar

- National Informatics Centre (NIC) was established in 1976. NIC Headquarters in New Delhi. Ms. Neeta Verma is the Director General of NIC.
- National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICS) was established in 1995. NICS Headquarters in New Delhi.

