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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)

Third Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2018-19:

Resolution of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC): Reserve Bank of India

Policy Rate	Current Rate	Previous Rate
Repo Rate	6.50%	6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate	6.25%	6.00%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.75%	6.50%
Bank Rate	6.75%	6.50%
CRR	4% (Unchanged)	4%
SLR	19.5% (Unchanged)	19.5%

- The six-member monetary policy committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to increase the repo rate by **25 basis points to 6.5% due to inflation concerns.**
- According to the RBI Annual Report, it was mentioned due to the evolving economic conditions, real **GDP growth for 2018-19** is expected to **increase to 7.4% from 6.7% in the previous year.**
- In order to address the concerns arising out of the anonymity and to prevent money laundering, the **Reserve Bank** has now made it compulsory to **incorporate the purchaser's name on the face of demand draft, pay order, banker's cheques and other instruments.** This directive will come into effect from **15th of September this year.**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will shortly issue **Rs 100 denomination banknotes** in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, bearing the signature of Governor Urjit Patel. The new denomination notes will be **lavender colour** bearing the motif of '**Rani Ki Vav**', which depicts India's cultural heritage. Dimension of the banknote will be **66 mm × 142 mm.** Rani ki vav is an intricately constructed stepwell situated in the town of Patan in **Gujarat, India.** It is located on the banks of **Saraswati River.**
- The **RBI** has issued **licence to Bank of China** to set up its first branch in India. It was a commitment made by the **Prime Minister Modi to the President of China.**
- The RBI has announced that the licence of **Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank** in **Alwar, Rajasthan** has been cancelled as it is not in a position to pay its depositors in full as and when their claims accrue, among other reasons.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has received requisite approvals from the **Reserve Bank** to begin taking new customers. Also, Aadhaar-issuing authority **UIDAI** has allowed it to use the **12-digit unique identification number-based e-KYC**
- The **Fino Payments Bank** was served a notice by the RBI to stop adding new customers for violating the norms related to the deposit limit and that certain accounts were found to have deposits exceeding **Rs.1 lakh.**
- India's co-operative banking sector is set to undergo a transformation **with the concept of Umbrella Organisation (UO) of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs).** It would help to solve the issues that distress the sector. **Gujarat** is the first State in the country to have an UO for the UCB sector.
- The RBI has decided to pay **Rs 50,000 crore as dividend to government** in line with the Union Budget provisions, helping the Centre stick to its fiscal roadmap. The Reserve Bank, which follows July-

June financial year, has paid about **63 per cent higher dividend than previous year (2016-17)**. The RBI made a dividend payout of **Rs 30,659 crore** for the fiscal ended June 2017.

➤ The value of transactions made through mobile wallets touched a **record Rs.14,632 crore in June**, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data released showed, **rising 4.2% from Rs.14,047 crore** in May. However, the number of transactions fell around **5% to 309.62 million** in June after reaching an all-time high of **325.41 million in May**. The value of transactions increased to Rs.1.9 trillion in June from Rs.1.7 trillion in May. Payments using **Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)** fell marginally by around 0.5% to 11.43 million in June from 11.49 million in the preceding month.

➤ The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has emerged as the **top source of inward remittances**, while **Kerala** has received the maximum funds sent from abroad, according to the Reserve Bank of India's survey of inward remittances **for 2016-17**. Among destinations, Kerala has the highest share with 19%, followed by Maharashtra (16.7%), Karnataka (15%), Tamil Nadu (8%) and Delhi (5.9%).

➤ The **Foreign bank State Bank of Mauritius**, SBM would soon operate as a banking subsidiary of SBM Group in India under the name of **SBM Bank (India) Ltd**. It has also announced plans to launch six new branches in Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Pune, Ahmedabad and Jaipur by next year. It is the **first foreign bank in India** to obtain a **wholly-owned subsidiary licence from the RBI**.

➤ **Yes Bank** has received approval from **capital markets regulator SEBI** to start **mutual fund business**. This approval is subsequent to the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)** approval granted to Yes Bank to sponsor a mutual fund followed by SEBI's in-principle approval received subsequently. The name of the Mutual Fund business is **Yes Asset Management (India) Limited (YAMIL)**.

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will transfer **Rs.50,000 crore** of its surplus money to the government, the highest since 2015-16, in a partial relief for the latter struggling **to replenish public sector banks**.

➤ Bank credit grew by **12.84 per cent to Rs 86,16,408 crore** in the fortnight ended June 22, **according to RBI data**. In the year-ago fortnight, bank loans stood at Rs 76,35,689 crore. The growth in advances was slightly higher than the growth registered in the previous fortnight ended Jun 8. It had risen by 12.67 per cent to Rs 85,98,703 crore.

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India** has chosen **"customer protection"** as theme for the Financial Literacy Week beginning on **June 4 till June 8** will focus on **creating awareness among customers of banks** about financial products and services, good financial practices and going digital.

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India** has decided to allow **urban co-operative banks (UCB) to convert into small finance banks (SFB)**. It is a move aimed at bringing these entities into mainstream banking.

➤ **IDFC Bank** has received the RBI's approval for merger of **Capital First, Capital First Home Finance and Capital First Securities** with the company.

➤ **To provide a single-point and real-time source** for financial liabilities of a person or entity, the **Reserve Bank of India** has decided to set up a **public credit registry (PCR)** in a modular and phased manner. The move is based on the recommendations of a committee it set up last year, **headed by Y. M. Deosthalee**.

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India** has amended the **Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) 2015**. The designated banks are free to fix the interest rates on **short-term bank deposits (STBDs)**, which are **for a short period of one to three years** (with a facility of roll over). However, any pre-mature

redemption of Medium and Long-Term Government Deposit MLTGD shall **be only in rupees**. Where the redemption of the **deposit is in gold**, an **administrative charge** shall be collected from the depositor.

➤ The Reserve Bank came out with **draft guidelines on loan system for delivery of bank credit** to improve discipline among larger borrowers. The draft stipulates a minimum level of 'loan component' in fund based working capital finance and a mandatory **Credit Conversion Factor (CCF)**. In respect of borrowers having aggregate fund based **working capital limit of Rs 150 crore** and above from the banking system, a minimum level of 'loan component' of **40 per cent shall be effective from October 1, 2018**.

➤ **The RBI has tightened norms for Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** by making quoting of **permanent account number (PAN)** mandatory even for transactions **below USD 25,000**. Under the LRS, all resident individuals, including minors, are allowed to **freely remit up to USD 2,50,000 per financial year** for any permissible current or capital account transaction or a combination of both.

➤ **The Reserve Bank** has altered **priority sector eligibility and classification norms**. The housing loan limits for eligibility **under priority sector lending** will be revised to **Rs 35 lakh in metropolitan centres, Rs 25 lakh in other centres**. Loans limit to housing projects for home construction economically weaker sections and low-income groups, is revised to **Rs 3 lakh per annum and Rs 6 lakh per annum** respectively under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

➤ As much as **99.3 per cent of the junked Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes** have returned to the banking system, the RBI said, indicating that just a miniscule percentage of currency was left out of the system after the government's unprecedented note ban aimed at curbing black money and corruption.

OTHER IMPORTANT BANKING & FINANCIAL NEWS

➤ The Premier stock exchange **BSE** has entered into an agreement with the **Bombay Metal Exchange (BME)** for the **growth and systematic development** of commodity derivatives markets in the non-ferrous metals complex.

➤ The **Tata Steel board** gave the green flag to the joint venture with **German steel giant Thyssenkrupp**. This deal will see both steel majors combine their European businesses to form a **50:50 joint venture**. The resultant entity, which will be called Thyssenkrupp Tata Steel BV, will be the second-largest steelmaker in European steel sector after **Lakshmi Mittal's ArcelorMittal**.

➤ The **IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd** (IndiaFirst) has entered into a tie-up with **Oxygen Services India Pvt Ltd** to establish distribution of its **insurance products at Oxygen retail outlets**. IndiaFirst Life is a joint venture between **Bank of Baroda, Andhra Bank and Legal and General (UK)**.

➤ The government has kept the **interest rates on small savings schemes**, including **NSC and PPF, unchanged for the July-September quarter**.

Schemes	Interest Rate for the July-September Quarter 2018
Public Provident Fund (PPF)	7.6 per cent
National Savings Certificate (NSC)	7.6 per cent
Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) [maturity in 11 months]	7.3 per cent
Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme (SSS)	8.1 per cent
Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS)	8.3 per cent

Term deposits of 1-5 years	6.6-7.4 per cent
Five-Year Recurring Deposit	6.9 per cent

- According to Prime Database Investment Bankers Leaguetable for FY 2017-18, **IIFL is India's top investment bank** for equity issuances by private sector companies.
- The **Reliance Industries** has unveiled '**Jio GigaFiber**', the much-awaited fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband service.
- **The World Bank Group member IFC** has invested **\$100 million in Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (Mahindra Finance)** to augment its growth by extending loans to individuals along with financing small and medium enterprises.
- The government has approved extension of recapitalisation scheme for **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) for next three years up to 2019-20** with an aim to strengthen their lending capacity. The scheme started in 2010-11 and was extended twice in 2012-13 and 2015-16. The last extension was up to March 2017.
- **ICICI Bank** has announced that it has crossed the milestone of disbursing mortgage loans of over **Rs 1.5 trillion**. It aims to grow its pan-India mortgage book to **Rs 2 trillion by end of FY20**.
- **China, UAE, Cyprus and significantly, Mauritius**, along with 21 other countries have been tagged as "**high-risk jurisdictions**" by global banks acting as **custodians for foreign funds** which comprise the largest group of investors in the **Indian stock market**. **HSBC, Deutsche Bank, Citi, Standard Chartered and JP Morgan** are among the banks that compiled the list. **SEBI-registered foreign portfolio funds** invest in India through 56 countries. Of these, **25 are now considered 'high risk'**.
- **The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)**, India's premier software lobby has opened a **Center of Excellence (CoE) for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence**. Nasscom also signed a MoU with **NITI Aayog** to collaboratively foster applied research, accelerating adoption and ethics, privacy and security.
- The UN member states approved a **USD 6.69 billion-dollar** budget for **13 peacekeeping operations for the year 2018-19**. The missions include **MINUJUSTH** (United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti), **MINURSO** (Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara), **MINUSCA** (Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic), **MONUSCO** (Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and **UNIFIL** (Interim Force in Lebanon).
- **Reliance** is India's largest payer of **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**, Excise and Customs Duty, and Income Tax in the private sector. **The private sector is paying Rs.9844 crore** in FY18. Reliance has become the first Indian company to record **PBDIT (Profit Before Depreciation Interest and Taxes)** of over \$10 billion.
- The **ICICI Bank**, India's largest private sector bank by consolidated assets has announced its partnership with '**Westpac Banking Corporation**' (**Westpac**), **one of the top banks in Australia**. It aims to offer Indian students a completely online payment solution through its '**Money2World**' (**M2W**) **platform** for outward remittances.
- India was formally announced as the **69th shareholder** of the **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**. India takes a shareholding in the EBRD but it will **not be a recipient of EBRD financing**.

- The **Bank of Baroda** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **KB Financial Group Inc. (KBFG), Korea**, for a comprehensive business cooperation to establish In-Ko financing corridor and develop innovative digital payment ecosystem.
- The **UN Security Council** has adopted a **Resolution 2427**, aimed at a framework for mainstreaming protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children throughout the conflict cycle.
- **Essar Vizag Terminal Ltd (EVTL)** has commissioned its iron ore handling complex in **Visakhapatnam**, deemed to be India's largest, built with an investment of **Rs 830 crore**.
- The **Indian Army** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **State Bank of India** on defence salary package. The signing-in ceremony was chaired by **Adjutant General Lt Gen Ashwani Kumar** and was attended by top officials of SBI headed by **Shri PK Gupta, Managing Director (Retail and Development Banking), SBI**.
- **HDFC securities** has announced launch of Mutual Funds transactional capabilities on **Facebook Messenger** through their **virtual assistant, Arya**. A subsidiary of HDFC Bank, HDFC securities framed a theme called "**The Pace of Innovation**".
- India will take over as **head of the Asia Pacific region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO)** - Headquarters: **Brussels, Belgium**; Secretary General: **Kunio Mikuriya**
- The **Flipkart-owned digital payments start-up PhonePe** has bought the **point-of-sale (PoS) business of Zopper**, a hyperlocal mobile marketplace for small and medium-sized businesses.
- The **Finance Ministry** gave its nod for **capital infusion of Rs.11,336 crore** in five weak public sector banks to help them tide over any situation of breach of regulatory capital requirements. The **five banks** that are to get capital support under this round are Punjab National Bank (Rs.2,816 crore); Indian Overseas Bank (Rs.2,157 crore); Andhra Bank (Rs.2,019 crore); Corporation Bank (Rs.2,555 crore) and Allahabad Bank (Rs.1,790 crore).
- The **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Canara bank** launched the **Canara RuPay Credit Card**. The new card variant is issued in association with the **National Payment Corporation of India** and it will provide the best features of a credit card. The card is efficiently designed to provide **20-50 days interest free repayment period**. It comes with a complimentary insurance cover of up to **Rs 1 lakh in case of loss of life**.
- India's wholesale inflation grew **5.77 percent in June, a four-and-half year high**, driven by some food items and fuel prices. It is latest price data released by the **commerce and industry ministry**.
- **Jana Small Finance Bank**, former MFI – Janalakshmi Financial Services, officially launched its **commercial banking operations**. The bank has received the small finance bank licence in March this year. The transition from a micro-finance company to a bank is set to enable more than **45 lakh existing loan customers** under MFI to come into the banking ecosystem by the end of 2018.
- **India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** will organise a nation-wide **Kisan Mela** as an outreach programme **for farmers and to impart financial literacy**. As part of Kisan Mela, bank also offers farmers with Kisan Credit Card (KCC) an enhancement of 10 per cent to their credit limit on renewing the account.
- The First Lady **Usha Vohra** has e-inaugurated the first '**All-Women Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Bank**' at a function organised at the **Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC)**. It has been inaugurated as a step towards women empowerment.

- The South-based private sector lender Federal Bank has received the regulatory nod to open offices in **Bahrain, Kuwait and Singapore**, but is awaiting local clearances before it starts operations. The Kochi-headquartered bank, which leads diaspora remittances, already has representative offices in **Abu Dhabi and Dubai**.
- The **board of ONGC** has approved exiting **helicopter service provider Pawan Hans** by selling its entire **49 per cent stake**. It aims to cut debt and consolidate resources in core oil and gas business.
- The State-owned lender **Bank of Baroda** has set up a team of lawyers, called the '**War Room Team**', to deal with bad loans whose recovery is now embroiled in legal complications Banks, Financial Institutions Sign Agreement to Speed up Resolution of Bad Loans. BoB has 380 high-value bad loan accounts, in which the bank is either the sole lender or the consortium leader. The total outstanding amount of these loans is about **Rs 15,000 crore**.
- The Mobile tower arm of telecom major **Bharti Airtel, Infratel** (Jointly 42% stake) has received clearance from stock exchanges for its merger with Indus Towers. The Bharti Infratel, a mobile infrastructure company, has got the approval of competition watchdog **Competition Commission of India** (CCI) for merging its operations with Indus Towers. It will now approach **National Company Law Tribunal** for its approval.
- Nearly two dozen Banks and Financial Institutions, including SBI and LIC, have signed the **Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA)** framework to speed up the resolution of stressed assets which are under the **500-crore rupee bracket**. It will primarily focus on NPAs in the 50 crore to 500 crore bracket. It is part of the project "SASHAKT".
- The **Oxygen and Fincare Small Finance Bank** has signed an agreement to roll out the Branchless Banking services, using Oxygen's flagship Point of Sale device called the **Oxygen Micro ATM Super PoS**. The event was graced by Brand Ambassador Grand Master Viswanathan Anand.
- The **Walmart Foundation** has granted **USD 2 million fund** to a **two-year agriculture project** that would help over 6,000 farmers in Andhra Pradesh in getting better market access.
- The Parliament has approved the bill to merge six subsidiary banks with the State Bank of India (SBI) with the Rajya Sabha clearing the **State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017**.
- The **Department of Telecom (DoT)** gave its nod to the **Vodafone India-Idea** Cellular deal to form the **biggest telecom entity in India**. **Vodafone** will own **45.1% stake** in the combined entity, while Kumar Mangalam **Birla-led Aditya Birla Group and Idea** shareholders would have **26% and 28.9%**, respectively.
- The process for procuring the National Advanced **Surface-to-Air Missile System-II (NASAMS-II)**, estimated at \$1 billion, has been initiated. The NASAMS was developed by Raytheon in partnership with **KONGSBERG Defence and Aerospace of Norway**.
- The **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)** launched a new deposit scheme – **Vikas Bonanza 456 in Dharwad**. The scheme is of a tenure of 456 days with interest rate of **7.10 per cent** for **public** and **7.60 per cent** for **senior citizens**. A minimum of Rs.10,000 and maximum of Rs.1 crore can be deposited under this scheme.
- The **Digital identity and transaction management solutions** provider **eMudhra** has partnered with **Ghana-based Safety Insurance Brokers Limited (SIBL)** to offer "**Integrated Insurance**" to enterprises in **Africa**. Founder & Chairman of **eMudhra - V Srinivasan**.

- **Apple** became the **world's first trillion-dollar public company**. The company hit a \$1tn market capitalisation 42 years after Apple was founded.
- **RIL's telecom subsidiary Reliance Jio** and **country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** are entering into a partnership to extend next generation digital banking and payments services to customers. **SBI YONO's** digital banking features and solutions will be enabled through the MyJio platform for a seamless, integrated and superior customer experience.
- **IFC, an affiliate of World Bank**, has invested **Rs.1.6 billion (\$25 million)** in **Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd.** MRHFL will use the proceeds to give loans to low-income borrowers in villages.
- The **National Highways Authority of India (NHA)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **States Bank of India** to receive **Rs 25,000 crore as a long-term, unsecured loan for 10 years**. The unsecured loan has been extended for a decade with a **three-year moratorium period**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will launch long-awaited **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** that will have at least one branch in every district and focus on financial services in rural areas on Aug. 21.
- Twenty-one public sector banks and three major private sector lenders collected nearly **Rs. 5,000 crore** from customers as minimum balance penalty in 2017-18, according to banking data. **State Bank of India**, which suffered a staggering net loss of **Rs. 6,547 crore** during 2017-18. After SBI, the largest amount of minimum balance penalty during 2017-18 was collected by **HDFC Bank Ltd.** It charged its customers **Rs. 590.84 crore**, which is lower than Rs. 619.39 crore in 2016-17.
- Facebook has announced the launch of a **"Digital Literacy Library"** to help young people build the skills they need to safely enjoy online technology. The interactive lessons and videos are developed in partnership with the Youth and Media team at the **Berkman Klein Center** for Internet and Society at **Harvard University** for educators of youth aged 11 to 18.
- **India** has imposed **safeguard duty on solar cells imports from China and Malaysia for two years** to protect domestic players from steep rise in the inbound shipments of the product. India is targeting to **100 gigawatt (GW)** solar capacity by **2022**.
- The **HSBC** has launched a new digital platform **MyDeal** to simplify capital raising process through capital markets by providing real-time access to information such as investors' feedback, profiles, client orders and deal pricing.
- The Global technology platform and digital payments leader, **PayPal**, and **HDFC Bank**, the largest credit card issuer in India, have entered into a partnership. It aims for **safer, faster and more convenient payment experience for HDFC Bank cardholders** and help **drive incremental digital spend**.
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched the **Multi-Option Payment Acceptance Device or MOPAD**, a unified payment option that accepts multiple payment methods. This initiative aims at providing **digital convenience to customers** and **ease of doing business for merchants** at the same time.
- **PayU India** has announced entering into a strategic partnership with Reliance Money, leading NBFC brands in India, **to offer instant app based personal loans, via LazyPay**. The loan amount will start from **as low as Rs. 100 and will extend up to Rs. 1,00,000** with a duration varying **from 15 days to 24 months**.
- The **Exim Bank of India** has signed a multilateral cooperation agreement with **member development banks of BRICS** to undertake **"collaborative research"** in distributed

ledger/blockchain technology. The BRICS grouping comprises **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.**

➤ The **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has entered into a **bancassurance deal** with **Vijaya Bank.** Under this strategic tie-up, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance will offer personal lines of insurance products such as **health, personal accident, home, motor and travel** along with a commercial line of insurance products.

➤ The **DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance (DPLI)**, a private life insurer, has entered into a Bancassurance partnership with **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.** It aims for the distribution of specialised products to the SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd customers.

➤ The **Axis Bank** has become the **first bank in the country** to introduce **Iris Scan Authentication feature** for **Aadhaar-based transactions** through its **micro ATM tablets.**

➤ The **Industrial production in India** expanded at a five-month high in June with all three major sectors —**manufacturing, mining and electricity** — contributing to the recovery. The growth as measured by the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood at 7%** in June compared with **3.9% in May**, according to data released by the statistics office. The cumulative growth for the period **April-June 2018 stands at 5.2 per cent** over the corresponding period of the previous year.

➤ The **Private life insurer Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance** inked bancassurance partnership with **Fincare Small Finance Bank.**

➤ **Paytm** has partnered with **Alibaba** to start its **cloud business "Paytm AI Cloud".** The Indian digital payments firm, where Alibaba is a significant investor, has licensed the Chinese e-commerce giant's technology for cloud infrastructure. Paytm has announced that it is investing about **Rs 250 crore** in the business for the initial phase.

➤ The **Retail giant Walmart-owned** leading **e-tailer Flipkart** has unveiled a dedicated **portal '2Gud'** for refurbished goods, including mobile phones, laptops and tablet.

➤ **India's largest online marketplace Flipkart** has bought **Liv.ai, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) start-up** which has built a platform that converts speech to text in 10 Indian languages. Liv.ai converts speech to text in Hindi, Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam, among others.

➤ **NITI Aayog** has released five thematic reports on **Sustainable Development in Indian Himalayan Region.** Himalayan Tourism is growing annually at **6.8 percent** has crated huge challenge related to solid waste, water, traffic, loss of bio-cultural diversity.

➤ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd**, has launched **overdraft (OD) facility** for micro and small enterprise (MSE) customers across its branches nationally. The OD facility is offered to all MSEs with a turnover of **Rs 50 lakh or more**, at a competitive rate of interest. This interest rate is for one year, with a credit limit between **a minimum of Rs 11 lakh to a maximum of Rs 50 lakh**, which can be renewed annually.

➤ The **World Bank** has raised **\$110 million** (US\$80.09 million) from the sale of the **world's first bonds created and managed using only blockchain technology.** It has launched the bond on a blockchain with the **Commonwealth Bank of Australia.** The two-year bonds pay a coupon of **2.2% per annum.**

- **Axis Securities** has become the **first subsidiary of a bank** to launch trading in **commodity derivatives** with the **Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)**. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had allowed banks to offer broking services to clients on SEBI registered commodity exchanges like **MCX and NCDEX**.
- The **Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched an online portal for enabling easy, efficient and transparent booking of common carrier capacity for natural gas transmission services under GAIL's pipelines.
- Estimated cost of lining project of the Son canal is USD 503 million (Rs 3272.49 crore) out of which **USD 352 million** is being provided by ADB. This project will bring immense benefits to the agriculture sector of Shahabad – Bhojpur region of Bihar.
- **NABARD** has completed **36 years of service** to the nation & celebrated the 37th Foundation Day on **12th July**.
- **State Bank of India** and **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** have joined hands to **provide collateral-free credit** through Joint Liability Groups in **Telangana**.
- **Yes bank** announced that it would unveil the **7th edition of 'Transformation Series Challenge'**. It has partnered with 12 global leaders like Microsoft, Cisco, IBM and Adobe for the collaboration. The theme is **'Tech for Urban Development'**. It will focus on **Collaborative Innovation – Collaboration as a Service (CaaS)** for harnessing innovative solution from young professionals for issues of national importance.
- **Microsoft** and **Walmart** are teaming up for a strategic partnership that will take on rival Amazon in both technology and retail. The five-year agreement will see Walmart use Azure and Microsoft 365 across the company, alongside new projects focused on machine learning, artificial intelligence, and data platforms.
- **Amazon stock** briefly hit a **\$1 trillion market cap** before falling off and leaving Apple as the only publicly traded **U.S. company above the benchmark**.
- **Facebook** is working on launching **Athena**, its own Internet satellite, early in 2019, Wired reported. According to an application Facebook appears to have filed with the **US Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** under the name PointView Tech LLC, the project is designed to **"efficiently provide broadband access to unserved and underserved areas throughout the world"**.
- **Bharti Axa Life Insurance** and **Airtel Payments Bank** has entered into an alliance to offer the **'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana' (PMJJBY)**, a government-backed life insurance scheme. The product (PMJJBY) provided by Bharti Axa Life Insurance offers **Rs 2 lakh life insurance cover** for a nominal premium of **Rs 330 per annum** and can be purchased by all existing or new Airtel Payments Bank savings bank account holders **between the ages of 18-50**.
- Google during its **fourth edition of Google for India Event** in **New Delhi** has announced its new initiative called **Project "Navlekha"**, to enable Indian publishers of regional languages to take their content online. This initiative will help Indian writers gain more readership and recognition without having to struggle to sell their written copies physically.
- **Alphabet Inc's Google** is partnering with **four Indian banks to grant consumer loans online**, as the fight for a \$1 trillion digital finance market intensifies. The U.S. search giant is teaming with **HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd., Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. and Federal Bank Ltd.** to offer instant, pre-approved loans to customers "right within Google Pay in a matter of seconds". The Mountain View,

California-based company re-branded **it's made-in-India Tez app**, launched in September, as **Google Pay** the catch-all label for its payment's services.

➤ India's fastest growing payments platform, **PhonePe** has announced entering into a partnership with **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to facilitate convenient, fast and secure payments through PhonePe on the IRCTC Rail connect Android app.

➤ **StarAgri Finance Ltd**, a subsidiary of StarAgri Warehousing and Collateral Management Ltd, has signed a MoU with private sector **Karur Vysya Bank** to provide financial assistance to commodity traders and farmers.

➤ **Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC)** and **BSNL** have signed an MoU for **extending benefits in customer services**. Through this agreement, BSNL will avail the **smart card services of LMRC** for collection of post-paid bills and sale of pre-paid products like recharge vouchers and electronic top-up at LMRC station counters.

➤ Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Carlyle Group plan to initiate the process to sell at least 51 per cent stake in the mortgage lender PNB Housing Finance.

➤ The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** launched **RUCO (Repurpose Used Cooking Oil) initiative** to enable **collection and conversion of used cooking oil to biodiesel**. Under this **initiative**, 64 companies at 101 locations have been identified to enable **collection of used cooking oil**. According to FSSAI regulations, the maximum permissible limits for **Total Polar Compounds (TPC) have been set at 25 per cent**, beyond which the cooking oil is unsafe for consumption.

➤ Hackers managed to transfer over **Rs 94 crore through a malware attack on the server of Pune-based Cosmos Bank** and cloning thousands of the bank's debit cards over a period of two days, a senior bank official said. The fraudulent transactions were carried out through **25 ATMs located in Canada, Hong Kong and a few in India**. The cards of the cooperative bank customers that were cloned were of Visa and Rupay.

➤ **Sarvatra Technologies**, India's leading end-to-end payments and banking solutions provider, announced that they have successfully on-boarded '**Sevalia Urban Co-operative Bank**' as **450th co-operative bank on National Financial Switch (NFS)**. With this addition, the company has enabled as many co-operative banks on digital payment platform by making them interoperable with large banks.

➤ In a notification, the Home Ministry said the new **Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs)** would come into effect from **February 8, 2019** in view of the spurt in incidents of attacks on cash vans, cash vaults, ATM frauds and other internal frauds leading to increased sense of insecurity. No ATM will be replenished with cash **after 9 pm in cities and 6 pm in rural areas** from next year, even as two armed guards will accompany crisp notes in transit as per a new directive issued by the Home Ministry.

➤ **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** has revised down its **FY19 economic growth forecast to 7.2%** from 7.4% earlier. The rating agency expected the private final consumption expenditure **to grow 7.6% in FY19** compared to 6.6% in FY18.

➤ India's **Current Account Deficit (CAD)** is expected to widen to **2.8 per cent of the GDP** in this financial year, says a **Nomura report**.

➤ US imposes preliminary anti-dumping duties of **over 50 per cent on metal pipes made in India**. India has been slapped with an anti-dumping duty of 50.55 per cent. US imports of the pipe from India last year **totalled USD 294.7 million**. The other countries being hit with duties are China (132.63

per cent), Greece (22.51 per cent), Canada (24.38 per cent), South Korea (14.97 to 22.21 per cent) and Turkey (3.45 to 5.29 per cent).

➤ **IBM** said it has partnered with a host of organisations, including Invest India, Wipro, and IT body Nasscom for its '**Call for Code**' initiative that **aims to build global solutions for disaster management**. 'Call for Code' is a global initiative where IBM is the founding member along with **American Red Cross and United Nations Human Rights Organisation**.

➤ **The merger of Idea Cellular and Vodafone India** has been completed, creating India's biggest telecom service provider with over 408 million subscribers. This deal is valued at **roughly a \$23 billion (roughly Rs. 1.6 lakh crores)**. A new board has been constituted for the merged entity "**Vodafone Idea Ltd**".

➤ **Microsoft** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to provide free digital training to 9,500 college students in one year.

➤ SBI Card, the country's second largest credit card issuer, has announced the launch of 'ELA' (Electronic Live Assistant), a virtual assistant for customer support and services.

➤ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has finally launched the upgraded version of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), dubbed UPI 2.0. The transaction limit for UPI 2.0 has been doubled from the earlier version of **Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh**. UPI 2.0 will also offer a secure, and convenient way of paying via the 'scan & pay' feature, where customers will have the option to scan the verified QR codes of merchants before making a payment. It have been **left disappointed with the exclusion** of one particularly longed feature – **standing instruction or automated recurring payments**.

➤ **Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam** has become the **first oil Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)** to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing '**Legatrix**'.

➤ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is likely to finalise a deal with the Gujarat government by next month for the proposed **Rs 2,000 crore Dholera airport**.

➤ Navratna defence unit **Bharat Electronics (BEL)** has signed an agreement with the Swedish firm Saab for jointly marketing the **L-Band 3D air surveillance radar (RAWL-03)** which is co-developed by the companies.

➤ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**, a leading global IT services, consulting and business solutions organization, has signed a partnership agreement with **Total**, a global integrated energy producer and provider, to create a digital innovation center in India.

GDP Forecast/Growth of India by Various Organisation

Organization	FY 2018 -19	FY 2019 – 20
The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	7.3-7.7 %	-
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	7.3%	7.5%
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	7.3 %	7.6 %
World Bank	7.3 %	7.6 %
Fitch	7.3 %	7.5 %
UN World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)	7.6 %	-
Central Statistics Office (CSO) India	7.7 % (January-March)	-
Moody's	7.5%	7.5%
Nomura	7.8 % (first half of this year)	-

RBI	7.4%	-
OECD	7.4%	7.5%
Morgan Stanley	7.5 %	-
FICCI	7.4%	-

LIST OF INDEXES/RANKINGS AND REPORTS BY VARIOUS ORGANISATION

- **India** has moved up to **73rd place in terms of money** parked by its citizens and companies with **Swiss banks**, while the **UK remains on the top**. UK has about **CHF 403 billion (over 27 per cent)** of the total foreign money with Swiss banks.
 - **Mumbai** is **fifth-least punctual airport** in the world in terms of **on-time performance**; Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad rank 262, 255 and 246 out of 513 airports. **Indigo** is the highest ranked airline from India at **14** and **Air India** was the **second-poorest performer** by British aviation intelligence firm OAG. Globally, **Japan's Nagoya Komaki airport** was ranked the best with 94.5 percent **on-time performance** during the 12-month period.
 - **Abu Dhabi**, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has topped the list of "**smart cities**" in the **Middle East and Africa**. With a rating of **18.4** **Abu Dhabi** ranked the first in the region ahead of **Dubai**, which was placed the second with a rating of **17.3**. The report was released by **McKinsey Global Institute**.
 - According to a study published by the **US-based think tank Brookings**, India is no longer home to **largest number of poor people** in the world as this unwanted position has been taken over by **Nigeria**. The study also said that India could further drop to 3 in rankings later this year, with the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** taking the number 2 spot.
 - **The Global Innovation Index (GII)** has **ranked India as the 57th most innovative nation** in the world. The Top 3 Countries are: **1. Switzerland; 2. The Netherlands; 3. Sweden**
 - **Andhra Pradesh** has topped the **government's ease of doing business index**, ahead of the industrialised states such as **Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu**.
 - The **Western Ghats** has figured in **Lonely Planet's top five "2018 Best in Asia" list**, a collection of 10 of the best destinations to visit in the continent for the year.
- The Forbes** has released its **fourth annual list of America's Richest Self-Made Women**. The top 3 Women are, 1. Diane Hendricks, ABC Supply - \$4.9 billion; 2. Marian Ilitch, Little Caesars - \$4.3 billion; 3. Judy Faulkner, Epic Systems - \$3.5 billion.
- **Mukesh Ambani** pips Alibaba's Jack Ma to be Asia's richest billionaire. RIL crossed the m-cap of Rs 7, 01, 404 crores (over \$102 billion) on Bombay Stock Exchange becoming the **second company in India to achieve this feat after TCS**.
 - **Facebook Inc. co-founder Mark Zuckerberg** has overtaken **Warren Buffett** as the **world's third-richest person**. It's first time the 3 richest people have made their fortunes from technology.
 - **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has reclaimed the **country's most valued firm status** by market capitalisation, pushing **Reliance Industries Ltd to the second spot**.
 - The UK has topped an **annual global ranking of nations' soft power**, with **France placed second on the list of 30 countries** which does not feature India.

- **India** has **surpassed France** to become the **sixth largest economy in the world**. According to **World Bank figures for 2017**, India's gross domestic product (GDP) amounted to **\$2.597 trillion** at the end of last year, against **\$2.582 trillion** for **France**.
- **Bollywood actors Akshay Kumar and Salman Khan** are among the **world's 100 highest-paid entertainers**, according to Forbes list. **Akshay Kumar** is ranked **76th** on the Forbes list of the World's Highest Paid Celebrities 2018 while **Salman Khan** is on the **82nd** spot. The list has been topped by **Mayweather** with earnings of 285 million dollars.
- **Pinarayi Vijayan's ruled Kerala** stands as the best-governed state in the country followed by **Tamil Nadu**, according to the **Public Affairs Index 2018** released by the **think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC)**. While **Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat** are ranked **third, fourth and fifth** among the top five states delivering good governance. **Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar** ranked the **lowest on the PAI**, indicating higher social and economic inequalities in the states.
- **India ranks 11 in the 2018 AT Kearney FDI Confidence Index**, down from 8 in 2017 and 9 in 2016.
- A global survey by human rights group **Walk Free Foundation (WFF)** has announced that India is home to 8 million slaves among its whopping population of 1.3 billion. In terms of highest slavery, however, **North Korea and Eritrea topped the list**.
- **Four persons of India-origin**, including three women, have been named by **Fortune among 40 of the most influential and inspiring young people in business** under the age of 40. The **Instagram Cofounder and CEO Kevin Systrom** and **Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg**, are tied for first place on the Fortune '40 Under 40' list.
- The **Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis** has released a report in which it was revealed that **Karnataka is the leading state for generating renewable energy**.
- According to a study on '**world leaders on social media**' Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the **third most followed world leader on Twitter** with 42 million followers on his personal account @NarendraModi. The survey was conducted by communications firm **Burson Cohn & Wolfe (BCW)**. The first two spot was got by **US President Donald Trump and Pope Francis**.
- **Jeff Bezos** is the richest person in modern history. The Amazon.com Inc. founder's net worth broke **\$150 billion** in New York, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- Fortune 500 List 2018 **Features 7 Indian Companies; RIL Tops in the Indian Private Sector**. In the list topped by **retail giant Walmart, Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** with **23 per cent rise in revenues at USD 65.9 billion was ranked 137th**, up from the 168th position in 2017. **Richest Indian Mukesh Ambani-led RIL** was the top private sector company from the country as it jumped from 203rd rank last year to 148th.
- The Bandhan Bank has surpassed **YES Bank's market capitalisation** (market cap) to become the **sixth most valuable private sector bank** and **seventh most valued listed lender**. Bandhan Bank, with market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 840 billion, was stood ahead of YES Bank, which has m-cap of Rs 838 billion.
- According to **Bloomberg**, Japan has pipped **China** as the **world's number two stock market**. The Chinese market was worth **\$6.09 trillion** next to Japan's **\$6.17 trillion**.
- **Smitha V Crishna** of the **Godrej Group**, with **wealth worth Rs.37, 570 crore**, is the richest Indian woman. It was compiled by **Kotak Wealth Management and Hurun Report India** based on the net worth of the women as on June 30, 2018. **Roshni Nadar of HCL** (Rs.30,200 crore) is the **second richest**

woman in the country, followed by **Indu Jain of Bennett Coleman** (Rs.26,240 crore) and **Kiran Majumdar-Shaw of Biocon** (Rs.24,790 crore).

➤ The Ministry of Urban Development has released the report of Swachh Survekshan survey 2018 under **Swachh Survekshan 2018**. The ministry has declared **Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Chattisgarh** as the top three states in terms of cleanness and sanitation. **Jharkhand** is ranked 1st in the overall average score, ranked 1st in Service Level Progress (SLP) and ranked 1st in Direct Observation (DO) average score and again ranked 2nd in Citizens Engagement under the population category less than 1 Lakh.

➤ **India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** is considered to be the most **patriotic brand**, according to a survey. SBI is followed by **Tata Motors, Patanjali, Reliance Jio and BSNL**. The survey conducted by UK-based online market research and data analytics firm **YouGov**.

➤ **Pune has emerged** as the **easiest city to live in India** according to the Ease of Living Index 2018 released by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**. It surveyed a total of 111 cities of the country. Pune is followed by two cities of Maharashtra — Navi Mumbai and Greater Mumbai. **Delhi** has been ranked 65 in the Ease of Living Index while Chennai is at 14.

➤ The **BBC History magazine** compiled a list of **"100 women who changed the world"**. **Marie Curie**, the pioneering scientist has topped a poll asking which woman has had the most significant impact on world history. She was the first person to win **two Nobel prizes**. She is followed by **Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst, Ada Lovelace and Rosalind Franklin**. Mother Teresa has ranked 20th in the list.

➤ According to the RoutesOnline Report, **Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)** has emerged as **the second fastest growing airport in the world** in the first half of 2018 in terms of actual growth in number of passengers. Only Tokyo's **Haneda International Airport** has topped the list. **New Delhi's airport** is placed **sixth** while **Hyderabad** is placed **17th** in terms of actual growth of passengers.

➤ The **Receivables Exchange of India (RXIL)** has announced that **Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL)** has become the **first public sector enterprise** to make a transaction on the **"TReDS platform"**. According to the **NSE-SIDBI** joint venture, TReDS is an online electronic institutional mechanism for facilitating the financing of trade receivables of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) through multiple financiers.

➤ The **Reliance Industries** has become the **first company** to cross **Rs 8 trillion** in terms of market capitalisation (market-cap), becoming the country's most valued firm. Market capitalization is calculated by **multiplying a company's shares outstanding by the current market price of one share**.

➤ **George Clooney** has topped the annual list of the **world's highest-paid actors**. Clooney, 57, earned an estimated \$239 million between June 2017-June 2018, marking the highest earnings of his 35-year career in film and television.

➤ **Serena Williams (Tennis)** tops **Forbes list** of highest paid female athletes. **Williams earned just \$62,000 (£48,050)** from prize money during the past year. **Badminton's PV Sindhu (Only Indian in top 10)** and **Race car driver Danica Patrick** are the only non-tennis players in the top 10.

➤ **Billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led telecom startup Reliance Jio** has been ranked **number one** on Fortune's global list. The **'Change the World'** list includes for-profit companies that help tackle social problems. It ranked Jio ahead of pharma giant Merck and Bank of America and Chinese billionaire Jack Ma-led Alibaba.

- India has **jumped 22 places to 96th rank to break into the top 100 of the United Nation's E-Government Development Index (EGDI) 2018.** Denmark has topped the 2018 E-Government Development Survey with an index value of 0.9150. **Australia** has got second rank followed by **Republic of Korea**.
- Kerala with 77 points has topped the list in the **first edition of the State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index**. It was released by **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and NITI Aayog**. It is followed by Rajasthan (68) and Andhra Pradesh (66.5). These three States together with Maharashtra and Punjab — also scored above 60 — were designated as Front Runner States in the survey. The other categories were Achiever (60-50), Contender (49-30) and Aspirant (below 30).
- India's rank on the **Global Innovation Index (GII)** has improved from **60 in 2017 to 57 in 2018 among 130 countries**. The top three countries are **Switzerland, Netherlands, Sweden**. It was 11th edition of GII and was jointly released by Cornell University, INSEAD and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).
- The **Austrian capital of Vienna** is ranked first in the **Economist Intelligence Units' (EIU) latest Global Liveability Survey**. Four of these nine cities which have declined in rank are in Asia- Kuala Lumpur, Kathmandu, Colombo and Dhaka. **New Delhi at 112 rank** topped among six South Asian cities with **Mumbai following at position 117**.
- The **DBS Bank** has been named the **world's best bank by Global Finance magazine**. It has been given in a reflection of its ability to invest in digital innovation while still maintaining stable operations for its customers. **DBS is the first Asian bank** to receive the honour from the New York-based publication, which **last year** gave the title to **ING Bank**.
- The analysis – titled **The Urban Commute** – was released in Kolkata. Statistics like this from 14 cities across India have been analysed by **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), the New Delhi-based think tank.** Overall emissions and energy consumption - Bhopal; Vijayawada; Chandigarh and Per-travel trip emissions and energy consumption - Kolkata; Mumbai; Bhopal.
- **Godrej Smitha Crishna** (Rs.37,570 crore) has topped the India's wealthiest women list for 2018, prepared by **Kotak Wealth- Hurun Report**. **2nd -Roshni Nadar (HCL), 3rd -Indu Jain (Bennett Coleman & Co Group)**
- According to Department of Financial Services report, **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has been rated it as **number one state-owned bank in terms of digital transactions**. It is also rated as the **sixth overall** amongst all banks in India for digital performance. The bank is rated as '**Good**' by the government with a **score of 71** which is the highest category of performance.
- **HCL Technologies Ltd** surpassed **Wipro Ltd** to become **India's third biggest software services** provider in the three months to 30 June, marking the first change in the pecking order of the country's \$167 billion IT outsourcing industry in six years.
- State-owned **BSNL** unveiled the **country's first internet telephony service** that will allow users to dial any telephone number in India through its mobile app, starting from July 25. The company launched the app '**Wings**' that will allow customers **to make unlimited calls by paying annual fee of Rs 1,099 and by using internet service or wi-fi of any telecom operator, to any phone number**.
- Video sharing platform **YouTube** has announced that it **will invest \$25 million to fight against fake news, especially for the urgent coverage of breaking news**.

- **NABARD All India Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS)**, conducted by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), revealed that farm households register higher income than the families solely dependent on non-farm livelihood activities in rural areas. The survey, with reference year of 2015-16, which covered 40,327 rural households, highlighted that the average annual income of an agricultural household is **Rs 1,07,172 compared to Rs 87,228** for families engaged only in non-agricultural activities.
- **Foreign Direct Investment** in India grew by **23 per cent to USD 12.75 billion** during the April-June quarter of 2018-19, according to official data. The foreign fund inflows in April-June 2017-18 stood at **USD 10.4 billion**, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion data showed.
- According to the **SEBI data**, total value of **P-note investments in Indian markets** - equity, debt, and derivatives - slumped to a low of **Rs 80,341 crore till July-end** from Rs 83,688 crore clocked by June-end. Prior to that, in May the figure was Rs 93,497 crore.
- **Germany** is on track to record the **world's largest current account surplus** for a third consecutive year. The country's **\$299 billion surplus** is poised to attract criticism, however, both at home and internationally. Germany is expected to set a €264 billion (\$299 billion) current account surplus this year, far more than its closest export rivals **Japan (\$200 billion)** and the Netherlands, according to research published by **Munich-based economic research institute Ifo**.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has directed all insurance companies **to make provision to cover mental illness in policies**. Reference is drawn to the **Mental Healthcare Act, 2017**, which has come into force w.e.f 29.5.2018. As per **Sec 21(4)** of the said Act, every insurer shall make provision for medical insurance for treatment of mental illness on the same basis as is available for treatment of physical illness.
- Economic policy think-tank **NCAER** has retained India's growth forecast for the current fiscal at **7.4 per cent** citing comfortable agricultural sector outlook and a marked improvement in the external sector.
- **NSE** signs an agreement with **NASDAQ** for a suitable platform and technology backbone to effectively tap post-trade delivery capabilities. They also signed an MoU on business opportunities across listings, corporate and market services and data and innovations in products, processes and technology. NSE's current clearing and settlement system operated by **National Securities Clearing Corporation Limited (NSCCL)**.
- **HDFC Bank** has gone past **Russia's Sberbank** to become the **most valuable bank in the emerging market outside China**. HDFC Bank's current market capitalisation is \$78.4 billion against Sberbank's \$74.4 billion.
- **Indian engineering exports** have managed to grow by close to **20 per cent for April-May, 2018**, reflecting a 'so far so good' scenario even as the US-China tariff war has spread to some key trading markets in Europe, Canada and Mexico and shows no signs of abating early. According to EEPC, India's cumulative engineering exports to the US increased **to \$1.86 billion** in the said period, from \$1.56 billion in the same period the previous fiscal.
- The **city of Udaipur** has once again in **2018 been ranked among the World's Best Cities by Travel + Leisure**. Udaipur, the heritage-city built by the **Maharanas of Mewar** in the 16th century, is on the third place among the 15 of the world's best cities. The top 2 cities are **both in Mexico: San Miguel de Allende and Oaxaca**.

- **India** remains a preferred destination for **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** as domestic consumption remains strong, according to RBI annual report. India received **\$37.3 billion capital inflow in 2017-18** as compared to \$36.3 billion in the previous fiscal. During the 2015-16, the country received \$36.06 billion. FDI inflows were concentrated mostly in **Mauritius and Singapore** that accounted for about 61 per cent of total equity investments.
- **Fuel retailer Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has for the **second year in a row** beaten Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) to become **India's most profitable state-owned company**.
- **HDFC Bank's managing director Aditya Puri** has figured in the **top 30 global CEOs list** published by the **American financial magazine Barron's**. The international publication has included Puri in this prestigious list for the **fourth consecutive year**.
- **India** has been placed at **113th position** in the list of 175 countries in "**End of Childhood Index 2018**" indexed by global child rights group, **Save the Children**.
- **India has moved up four places to the 137th rank** among **163 countries** on the 2018 Global Peace Index. The Institute for Economics and Peace produces the **Global Peace Index**.
- The US has surpassed India to become the **top destination for greenfield FDI investment** in 2017 with **USD 87.4 billion** recorded.
- **The 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**.
- With the partnership, Muthoot Fincorp claims to have become the **first major private sector player to partner with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** to launch the **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY. 2)** programme.

LIST OF MERGERS TOOK PLACE IN JUNE - AUGUST 2018

Company	Acquired	Aim / Key Point
Life Insurance Corporation of India	IDBI Bank	Acquired up to 51 per cent stake to help IDBI, the debt-ridden state-owned bank, to get a capital support of Rs 100-130 billion.
Walmart	Flipkart	\$16-billion deal that would see the US giant taking ownership of 77 per cent stake in the Indian firm.
Manappuram Finance	Indian School Finance	85.39 % stake in ISFC for more Rs 212 crore.
Paytm	Balance Technology	Bengaluru-based savings management startup for an undisclosed amount. Further enhancing its user and merchant interfaces.
Amazon Pay	Sequoia-backed Tapzo	To strengthen its play in the country's growing digital payments space. According to sources close to the development, the deal values Tapzo at about \$35-40 million.

Microsoft	GitHub	For a code sharing platform for software developers, in a \$7.5bn deal.
Microsoft	Flipgrid	For a Minneapolis-based educational software startup.
Truecaller	Chillr App	To strengthen its payments Truecaller will roll out credit and other financial services to Indian users in the coming months.
RBL Bank	Swadhaar Finserve Pvt. Ltd	To expand their retail and priority sector lending as it has emerged as low-risk segment
Alibaba	Pakistani online retailer Daraz	For continuing its overseas expansion by gaining a foothold in the growing South Asian consumer market

APPLICATIONS LAUNCHED BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS/BANK RECENTLY

- **State Bank of India - SBI Intelligent Assistant** - A smart chat assistant that efficiently resolves queries of NRI customers.
- **Bank of Baroda - Baroda Brainy** (AI robot) - Digital Lab hi-tech digital branch equipped with advanced gadgets.
- **Allahabad Bank - emPower app** - With Chatbot and Artificial Intelligence based e-commerce payments.
- **BSNL - Wings** - To make unlimited calls by paying annual fee of Rs 1,099 and by using internet service or wi-fi of any telecom operator, to any phone number.
- **Google - Launchpad Accelerator** - It is a mentorship program that is made for startups based in India that are building solutions around **Machine Learning and AI** for India.
- **Google - Android 9 Pie** - To customers following a beta testing period that started earlier this year.
- **Google - Cameos** - Video-based Q&A app, which allows people to answer questions about themselves, then share those answers directly on Google.
- **Google - "Neighbourly"** - To help people find local answers in their neighbourhood.
- **Election Commission of India - Cvigil** - To confidentially report violation of election code of conduct and will ensure a free and fair conduct of 2019 Lok Sabha polls.
- **Ministry of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs - 'Khan Prahari'** - Tool for reporting any activity taking place related to illegal coal mining like rat hole mining, pilferage etc.
- **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs - 'GST Verify'** - To verify if the person collecting GST from the consumer is eligible to collect it or not.
- **FICCI Ladies Organisation - "WOW"** (Wellness of Women) - Offers access to renowned doctors and provides health tips and aimed at **creating awareness on preventive Healthcare**.
- **TRAI** - Integrated its **"MyCall and DND (Do Not Disturb) 2.0"** apps on the **Umang app** - In order to increase the reachability.
- **Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Aviation - "Niryat Mitra"** - It provides wide range of information required to undertake international trade right from the policy provisions for export and import, applicable GST rate etc..

- **Union Cabinet - 'Neta' app** - To allow voters to rate and review their political representatives.
- **Ministry of Railways - 'Rail MADAD' and 'Menu on Rails'** - To enable travellers to lodge complaints and It will facilitate seamless ordering of food respectively.
- **Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) - 'utsonmobile'** - Achievetowards the digitalisation and achieving a cashless economy.
- **Ministry of External Affairs - mPassport Seva app** - For seamless application and issue of passports.
- **Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation - ReUnite** - To track and trace missing and abandoned children in India.

LIST OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ITS HEAD

Committee Head	Purpose
Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha	To identify various items and policy interventions to reduce dependence on import. India's imports stand at around USD 450 billion per year.
Former Allahabad High Court judge	For monitoring the rejuvenation project of Ganga.
A retired professor of IIM Ahmedabad Ravindra H Dholakia	To upgrade the norms for computation of economic data at states and districts level in the backdrop of plans to revise the base year from 2011-12 to 2017-18 for National Accounts or GDP calculation.
K. Kasturirangan	Drafting a new education policy, which was supposed to submit the report by 30 June, now has till 31 August 2018
Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change C K Mishra	To look into the issue of industrial pollution around the iconic Taj Mahal
Former Director, AIIMS, New Delhi Prof. R.C. Deka	To regulate the fees chargeable by self-financed Deemed to be Universities in Medical and Dental Courses.
Former Vice Chancellor, Central University, Rajasthan M.M. Salunkhe	To look into the matters related to examination reforms.
National Green Tribunal (NGT) Chairperson A K Goel	On the cleaning of the Yamuna and directed it to submit an action plan on the issue. To ascertain whether sub-regional plans for protection of Natural Conservation Zones (NCZs)
IRDAI Member Non-Life P.J. Joseph	To examine motor third party insurance pricing and make Recommendations on the premium rates for 2019-20.
NGT appointed ex-judge Justice SJ Vazifdar	To decide Vedanta's plea challenging closure of Sterlite copper plant
Secretary of Ministry of	To review the penal provisions in the Companies Act, 2013 -

Corporate Affairs Injeti Srinivas.	The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
Former education secretary Anil Swarup	To address issues such as "manpower deficiency" & "Synergy" in the NCC (National Cadet Corps) and NSS (National Service Scheme)
A two high-level committees Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and the other by Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba	To suggest ways and legal framework to effectively deal with incidents of mob violence and lynching
B Sesikeran , former director of National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)	To look into the draft food labelling and display regulations
AJ Paulraj	To prepare a roadmap for rollout of 5G telephony in India expects the service to be operational by 2020
Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha	To address the issue of stressed thermal power assets
Trade Minister Suresh Prabhu	To Continue With Or Withdraw From The 16-Member Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations
Justice BN Srikrishna	Discussion on ' Future of Governance ' will focus on various aspects related to data privacy, an issue that has become increasingly relevant in the digital era.
SEBI Executive Director Surjit Prasad	To mull norms for direct listing of Indian companies overseas.
Suresh Mathur (ED-IMF, IRDAI)	To review norms related to Insurance Marketing Firm (IMF) with an aim to increase insurance penetration in the country.
Former Delhi Metro chief E Sreedharan	To cut costs in the construction & operation of metro rail systems in the country & bring them under the Make in India umbrella.
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.
Director (Commercial) of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL), Satish Chavan	Development of a 1,000-MW floating solar power plant at Ujani dam in Solapur district of Maharashtra.

Retd. Secretary (Higher Education), MHRD Mr. Vinay Sheel Oberoi	To examine the entire system of conducting Class X & Class XII examination conducted by the CBSE with a view to prevent leakages.
National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.	To reform the process of higher defence planning and to improve higher defence management (Defence Planning Committee (DPC))
Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha, Dr V. K. Agnihotri	To review rules of procedure and conduct of business in the House
Veteran BJP leader Murali Manohar Joshi	To study the recovery of black money and performance of public sector banks among a host of subjects.
Shakti Sinha - Content Committee Swapan Dasgupta - Vet the content for curation Committee Shakti Sinha - Project implementation Committee	The Union Culture Ministry has formed three high-powered panels towards setting up a unique museum on the ' Prime Ministers of India ' in New Delhi. Note: The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), a memorial to Jawaharlal Nehru, is housed in the historic Teen Murti House, the official residence of the first Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru.
Punjab National Bank's non-executive Chairman Sunil Mehta	Setting up an asset reconstruction or an asset management company for faster resolution of bad loans.
Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan	To examine the feasibility of the idea and the way to implement MNREGA with the agriculture sector.
Regional Director (Western Region) Manmohan Juneja.	To review the enforcement of CSR provisions under the companies law, 2013
Minister of State for Civil Aviation Shri Jayant Sinha.	For fast-tracking the roll-out of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology and to develop a roadmap with implementable recommendations for Central as well as State Governments, Industry and Research Institutions

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➤ **NABARD -West Bengal - Rs 735.53 crore** - Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to the state during the first quarter of 2018-19.

- **NABARD - Rajasthan - Rs 14,690 crore** - For the development of agriculture and rural economy during 2017-18.
- **NABARD - Uttar Pradesh - Rs 10,012 crore** - To facilitate overall development with special focus on agricultural credit during 2017-18.
- **World Bank - Rajasthan - USD 250 million** - For improving the performance of its electricity distribution sector.
- **World Bank - Government of India, the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) - \$220 million** Loan Agreement and an **\$80 million** Guarantee Agreement - India Energy Efficiency Scale-Up Program.
- **World Bank - Bangladesh - \$700 million** - To help achieve its education for all vision (improving the primary education sector) by Quality Learning for All Program (QLEAP).
- **World Bank - India - USD 500 million (Rs 3,371 crore)** - To provide additional financing for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) rural road projects.
- **World Bank - Bangladesh - \$55 million** - To expand the use of clean renewable energy in rural areas.
- **World Bank - Meghalaya Community - USD 48 million** - To strengthen community Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP) in the state (closing date of the Project is 30th June 2023).
- **World Bank - Maharashtra - \$420 million** - To help small and marginal farmers in the Marathwada and Vidarbha regions of Maharashtra, Climate Resilient Practices in the state.
- **World Bank - Madhya Pradesh - \$ 210 million** - For the Madhya Pradesh Rural Connectivity Project.
- **World Bank - National Nutrition Mission (POSHAN Abhiyaan) - USD 200 million** - Improving the coverage and quality of ICDS nutrition services to pregnant and lactating women and children under **3 years of age**.
- **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank - Madhya Pradesh - USD 140-million** - To improve rural connectivity in the state.
- **Asian Development Bank - Uttarakhand - Rs 1,700 crore** - For infrastructure development and creation of sewerage treatment facilities in urban areas.
- **Asian Development Bank - Himachal Pradesh - Rs 1,900 crore** - A tourism infrastructure development project.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Madhya Pradesh - \$375 million** - To contribute to double farming incomes in by expanding irrigation networks and system efficiency.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Karnataka - \$346 million** - To finance improvement of over 400 kilometers (km) of state highways that will enhance connectivity and access to economic centers across 12 districts.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Three districts of West Bengal - \$245 million** - To provide safe, sustainable, and inclusive drinking water service to about 1.65 million people in, **India, affected by arsenic, fluoride, and salinity**.

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- The **NITI Aayog** has signed an agreement with the **Lupin Foundation** to collaborate in the government's ambitious aspirational districts programme. The NITI Aayog and Lupin Foundation will work

in three states - **Dholpur in Rajasthan, Nandurbar in Maharashtra and Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh.**

- The **International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST)**, the global voice of food science and technology in association with Indian National Science Academy (INSA) as adhering body, announced the 19th edition of its prestigious global event to be held **in Navi Mumbai, India from October 23-27, 2018.** The focal theme for this edition of the prestigious congress is **25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods.**
- Four students from department of aerospace engineering in Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science near Chennai have designed **world's lightest satellite "Jaihind-1S" which weighs only 33.39 grams** which will be put into space in August from **Colorado Space Centre in the US.** The main aim of the satellite is to check **the working of nylon in microgravity.**
- The **Interpol** issued a **Red Corner Notice** (a request to locate and provisionally arrest an individual pending extradition) **against jeweller Nirav Modi.**
- The **Income Tax Department** has launched an '**instant**' **Aadhaar-based PAN allotment service** for individuals seeking the unique identity for the first time. This facility is **free of cost and instant allotment of e-PAN** is available for a limited period on a first-come, first-served basis for valid Aadhaar holders. This facility is only for resident individuals and not for Hindu Undivided Family, firms, trusts and companies.
- The **Election Commission of India** has launched a mobile app **cVIGIL**, which citizens can use. The ECI hopes the app will ensure a free and fair conduct of 2019 Lok Sabha polls.
- The **Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam** has become the **first oil public sector undertaking (PSU)** to adopt an **online legal compliance system by introducing 'Legatrix'.** 'Legatrix' is an **onestop solution** for effectively managing the organisations legal and regulatory compliances through monitoring control at different levels.
- The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has launched its **first in-house single umbrella e-marketing system "KIMIS"** that can be accessed from anywhere in India for sale and purchase of its products in **New Delhi.**
- The **Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal** launched the **"Happiness Curriculum"** for students of nursery to Class 8 in government schools. The curriculum was launched in the presence of the **Dalai Lama.**
- The Centre has raised the minimum support price (MSP) at which **the government will buy all Kharif crops** for the 2018-19 season. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), at its meeting, **approved the MSP of 14 Kharif (summer-sown) crops.**
- The **first 'pad abort'** test critical for a future human space mission was conducted successfully. The test was conducted at the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.**
- The **National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** has given its nod to include four diverse species — **Northern River Terrapin (riverine turtle), Red Panda, Clouded Leopard and Arabian Sea Humpback Whale** — in the recovery programme for critically endangered species.
- The **National Security Guard** will be the **first central paramilitary force** to opt for **e-ticketing** instead of the railway warrant under an agreement signed with the **IRCTC.** This system will **eliminate the need of carrying railway warrants** by the NSG personnel.

- Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, **Piyush Goyal** has launched the **Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari'**. The 'Khan Prahari' app has been developed by **CMPDI, Ranchi**, a Subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL) and **Bhaskarcharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG)**.
- The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has developed a mobile app '**GST Verify**' to protect interest of consumers. This app is developed by **B Raghu Kiran** joint commissioner GST Hyderabad, can be used all across the country.
- Indian Railways Introduces First Double Stack Dwarf Container Service from Rajkot Division, Western Railway. In order to capture the lost traffic through new delivery model for domestic cargo. This train was booked from the Reliance Rail Siding at Kanalus to Rewari in the state of Haryana; it was loaded with 82 containers Polypropylene Granules. Due to this Double Stacked Dwarf Container service, Indian Railways has received increased revenue of **Rs. 18.50 lakhs**.
- In order **to replace Industrial gases like Dissolved Acetylene, LPG, BMCG and Furnace Oil / High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil** with environment friendly Natural Gas, **Indian Railways** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s **GAIL (India) Limited**, to provide infrastructure facilities for supply of Natural Gas to Indian Railways Workshops, Production Units and Depots.
- The **commerce and industry ministry** said Invest India has joined hands with energy companies to offer its **three-month programme for startups in the sector**. Initiatives to promote budding entrepreneurs are carried out by the **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)**.
- To fulfill the Government of India's mission to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship in the country, **Startup India** launched the **Startup Academia Alliance programme**, a unique mentorship opportunity between academic scholars and startups working in similar domains.
- The government has **doubled import duty on as many as 328 textile products to 20 per cent** under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, to provide a boost to the manufacturing of these items in the country.
- **State-run Rural Electrification Corporation** said it has inked a loan agreement with **German bank KfW** for **EUR 200 million facility** that would be used to finance clean energy projects in India.
- **Prasar Bharati and Mizzima Media Group of Myanmar** signed an MoU to realize cooperation and collaboration in broadcasting and content sharing. The agreement was signed in the presence of Prasar Bharati CEO, Shashi Shekhar Vempati and Editor-in-chief and MD, Mizzima in New Delhi.
- The **Commerce Secretary Rita Teotia** chaired the first meeting of the **task force on e-commerce** in New Delhi. The task force has been set up to recommend a framework for comprehensive **national policy on e-commerce**.
- The Indian **Satyarup Siddhanta** has become the **second Indian mountaineer** after **Malli Mastan Babu** to climb **Mt Ojos del Salado, the highest volcano in the world**.
- The BSNL announces to launch its **first Internet telephony service Wings**. It will be launched from August 2018. Those subscribing to the new service, entailing one-time registration fee of **Rs1,099** will be able to make calls using any internet connection including broadband, WiFi, 3G or 4G data network of any operator.
- Government said over **51 lakh houses** have been approved under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)** in **the three years of its implementation**.

- As part of the technology sub-mission of **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna- Urban (PMAY-U)**, the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** plans on launching the Global Housing Construction Technology Challenge that aims at accelerating PMAY-U target for providing housing for all, in which **1.2 crore** houses are meant to be built by **2022**.
- In order to secure government data and control access to sensitive information on the internet, **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** will be upgrading the **National Information Security Policy and Guidelines (NISPG)**. For the protection of the 'information' in Cyberspace, MHA will be designated as the lead agency.
- The two-day 65th plenary meeting of North Eastern Council (NEC) will begin in **Shillong, Meghalaya**.
- The central government think tank **NITI Aayog** has unveiled the blueprint of **National Health Stack (NHS)**, a **shared digital healthcare infrastructure**. The government's flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat aims to provide a coverage of **INR 5 Lakh per family annually and benefit more than 10 crore poor families**.
- **The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** has organised an **International Round Table Conference on 'Data for New India'** in **New Delhi**.
- The Indian Railways has introduced a commercial service to run **double-stack dwarf containers on trains** to capture the lost traffic through new delivery model for domestic cargo. Indian Railways has received increased revenue of **Rs 18.50 lakhs** due to this Double Stacked Dwarf Container service.
- Venkaiah Naidu has become the **first Chairman of Rajya Sabha** to sign such an agreement when he inked an MOU with the visiting President of the Senate of the **Republic of Rwanda, Bernard Makuza**.
- The **HRD ministry** has awarded **Institution of Eminence (IoE) status to six educational institutions**. With IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay, BITS-Pilani, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Manipal Academy of Higher Education, there is the Reliance Foundation's proposed Jio Institute. It will grant **Rs 10 billion funds** to the three public institutions **in the next five years**, the private institutes will not be eligible for government funding.
- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has launched national campaign '**The Eat Right Movement**'. It aims to improve public health and combat lifestyle diseases. FSSAI also launched **Eat Right tool kit and Safe and Nutritious Food** at Workplace campaign.
- The Railways has launched its **first consolidated Bridge Management System (IR-BMS)**, a web-enabled IT application **to store data on its one lakh 50 thousand bridges**. The Railways Minister Piyush Goyal launched the service in New Delhi. **Balharshah and Chandrapur railway stations** in Maharashtra from the Central Railway were awarded the **first prize with cash rewards of Rs 10 lakh**.
- Government of India has launched '**Technology Challenge**' to eliminate human entry into sewers.
- **Home Ministry** has instituted **five Police Medals** to promote professionalism and excellence in service.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the new headquarters building of the **Archaeological Survey of India in New Delhi**.
- The **Telecom Commission** has approved **net neutrality rules** which bar service providers from discriminating against Internet content and services by blocking, throttling or granting them higher speed access. It was recommended by TRAI.
- **Niti Aayog** has proposed **15-point action plan** for combating air pollution in ten most polluted cities in the country, including **Delhi, Kanpur and Varanasi**. The draft action plan titled '**Breathe India**'

includes encouraging electric vehicles, phasing out private diesel vehicle and development of crop residue utilisation policy.

➤ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated the **Bansagar Canal Project to the Nation in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh**. It is the joint venture of **Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar** and the canal is **171 km long**. He also dedicated a **bridge over the River Ganga** at **Balughat, Chunar**, which will facilitate connectivity between Mirzapur and Varanasi.

➤ **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone for the **340-km six-lane project Purvanchal highway**. The highway is **expandable to eight lanes** and it will be built at the cost of **Rs 23,000 crore**. The expressway will begin from Chand Sarai village on Lucknow-Sultanpur road (NH 731) and end at Haidariya village in Ghazipur district, about 18 km from the UP-Bihar border.

➤ **ISRO has successfully** conducted a ground test of its high thrust version of the Vikas Engine that would improve the payload capability of the space agency's launch vehicles, at the **ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu**.

➤ India's indigenously developed **surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos** was successfully test-fired from the **Chandipur Test Range off the Odisha coast**. The test aims to increase the **longevity of the missile's life**. The missile, developed with the help of Russia, has a **290-km target efficiency**, which is going to be extended upto **400 kilometres**, whose life has been extended from **10 to 15 years**.

➤ The **Union Cabinet** has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) amongst **BRICS nations on Regional Aviation Partnership**. The government aims for the BRICS nations to benefit from the establishment of an institutional framework **to cooperate in the field of civil aviation**. BRICS Nations: **India, China, Russia, South Africa, Brazil**.

➤ The **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has organised the '**Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan**' in five main Ganga basin states – **Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal**. The afforestation drive was organised during July 9 to July 15, 2018 as '**Shubharambh Saptah**'. The campaign was initiated as part of the Forest Interventions in Ganga (FIG) component of **Namami Gange Programme**.

➤ The **government** is planning to build **1,911 kilometres of international connectivity roads over the five-year period ending 2022** under its flagship **Bharatmala scheme**. It is planned to build with an outlay of **Rs 25,000 crore** over a period of five years i.e. from 2017-18 to 2021-22 in phased manner.

➤ The **Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry** is set to move a proposal for enhanced punishment in cases of **sexual assault of male children**. The Law Ministry has cleared the proposal to amend the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012**, for enhancing punishment in cases of sexual assault against young boys.

➤ A **New weather forecasting system** that will give out real time **air quality index**, advance **forecasts and health advisories**, was unveiled by **Earth Sciences and Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan**. The **SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting)**, the first of its kind in the country, is located at **Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi**. The system was developed by the **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune**.

➤ The **Agri-lender NABARD** has launched a **centre** for accelerating concerted action on climate change by various stakeholders including **government, private and financial sectors**. **The Centre for**

Climate Change, set up in Lucknow, would help NABARD in enhancing its capacity building efforts manifold.

➤ The government has slashed the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts under the **Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana** to **Rs 250** from Rs 1,000 – a move that will enable more number of people to take advantage of the girl child savings scheme. Under the scheme, a parent or legal guardian can open an account in the name of the girl child **until she attains the age of ten years**.

➤ The Women and Child Development Ministry has invited people to share images of the logo of **Childline 1098**. The Childline 1098 is the **nationwide emergency helpline for children in distress**. The contest has been organised to mark '**World Day against Trafficking in Persons**' on July 30.

➤ The environment ministry has decided to **re-introduce a scheme "Medini Puraskar Yojana"** for awarding Indian authors for their original work in Hindi on subjects related to environment including pollution and climate change. The scheme shall be administered by the Environment Ministry and it shall be operational for each financial year **commencing from April 1 this year**.

➤ The Scheme titled '**Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India**' is being implemented by the **Ministry of Culture**. It will be helpful for strengthening, protecting, preserving and promoting the rich intangible cultural heritage of India. The grant would be released in three instalments – **50% in advance, 25% as 2nd instalment after appraisal and balance 25% after** completion of the project.

➤ Under the National Dairy Plan (NDP) Rs 1,754.14 crore has been sanctioned by the government to enhance the productivity of milch animals. It was announced by **Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh**.

➤ The **NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission** and **MyGov platform** jointly launched the '**#InnovateIndia Platform**', collaboration between both the platforms. It was launched by **R Ramanan**, Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission and **Arvind Gupta**, CEO of MyGov. To promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.

➤ The government has extended the deadline for filing income tax return for **assessment year 2018-19**. The deadline of **July 31, 2018** has been extended to **August 31, 2018** without any penalty charges. It was announced by the **Ministry of Finance**. Filing the income tax return after the new deadline of August 31 will attract a penalty of up to Rs. 10,000 as per existing rules.

➤ The **Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018** was passed by a voice vote in the Rajya Sabha. The Lok Sabha had cleared this Bill on July 19. The bill will empower the government to seize both local and overseas assets of alleged offenders **who do not wish to return to India to stand trial even after arrest warrants are issued against them**. **Special Courts** will be set up for trials which will deal with cases that involve more than **100 crore rupees each in a fast-track manner**.

➤ The **Government of India** has approved a new scheme namely **Mahila Shakti Kendra** for implementation during 2017-18 upto 2019-20 to **empower rural women through community participation**. The Scheme is implemented with cost sharing ratio of **60:40 between centre and states** except for **North East and Special Category States** where the ratio is **90:10**.

➤ The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved the proposal to expand the scope of the **Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA)** to mobilise **Rs.1 lakh crore** for research and academic infrastructure for higher education institutions by 2022.

- The **National Health Agency (NHA)** under the Health Ministry, which is the apex body for the implementation of **AYUSHMAN Bharat-National Health Protection Mission**, inked a MoU with the **Electronics and IT Ministry**. The MoU **aims** to provide information and eligibility validation services to the beneficiaries, especially in remote areas.
- The **NITI Aayog** has launched **Move Hack**, a global mobility hackathon to crowdsource solutions aimed at the future of mobility in India. The hackathon has a two-pronged campaign approach (i.e) **"Just Code It" and "Just Solve It"**.
- The **advanced Air defence interceptor missile** has been successfully test fired from Abdul Kalam Island. The interceptor is a **7.5-metre-long** single-stage solid rocket propelled guided missile equipped with a navigation system, a hi-tech computer and an electro-mechanical activator.
- Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has inaugurated **India's first in-phone guide-Go Whats That** at **Rock Garden, Chandigarh**.
- **Ranchi's Ranjit Srivastava** has developed India's answer to '**Sophia**', the social humanoid robot, and named it 'Rashmi'. According to media reports, Rashmi is a multilingual robot, who can speak several languages like Hindi, Bhojpuri and Marathi, other than English.
- The **Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Power** have joined hands under the initiative **SAATHI (Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help Small Industries)**. It aims to sustain and accelerate the adoption of energy efficient textile technologies in the powerloom sector and cost savings due to use of such technology.
- The **Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has approved the **first extension of Concessional Financing Scheme (CFS)** to support Indian Entities bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad. It is proposed to extend the Scheme for another **five years from 2018 to 2023**. The Scheme is presently **being operated through EXIM Bank**, which raises resources from market to provide concessional finance.
- The **Indian-origin U.S. astronaut Sunita Williams** is among the nine astronauts named by NASA. The nine astronauts will launch on the first crewed test flights and missions of new commercial spacecraft built and operated by **The Boeing Company and SpaceX**.
- **FICCI Ladies Organisation**, the women's wing of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has launched a mobile application **"WOW"** (Wellness of Women) is backed by city-based Apollo hospitals group that offers access to renowned doctors and provides health tips and aimed at **creating awareness on preventive Healthcare**.
- The **Parliament has passed the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018** which ensures stringent punishment for those convicted of raping girls below 12 years of age. In case of rape of a **girl below 16 years**, the minimum punishment has been increased from **10 to 20 years** and it is extendable to life imprisonment. The punishment for the gang-rape of a girl **below 16 years of age** will invariably be **imprisonment for the rest of the life** of the convict.
- **NITI Aayog** has identified 117 districts as '**Aspirational Districts**'. These districts have been selected on the basis of **composite index**. During the second phase of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)**, central assistance is provided for opening of new **Model Degree Colleges (MDCs)** in 'Aspirational Districts' identified by NITI Aayog.

- **India's ambitious mission Chandrayaan-2 to the moon** is postponed once again with a possible lift-off only in **January 3, 2019**. The **Chandrayan-2 mission** was earlier planned for October 2018 and is now rescheduled because of technical glitches. ISRO would have two missions **Chandrayan-2** by **GSLV Mark 3** and the **PSLV P45** launching **RA-SAT 2B** next year. **The 800-crore rupees** is the cost of "Chandrayaan-2" **lunar mission**.
- The **Fugitive Economic Offenders' Act, 2018**, has got the nod from the President. It will prevent fugitive economic offenders from evading the legal process in India and fleeing the country. Any individual against whom warrants for arrest are issued for his involvement in select economic offences, involving an amount of **at least Rs 100 crore or more**, and has left India so as to avoid criminal prosecution.
- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved the implementation guidelines for the Strategic Partnership Model. DAC gave approval for the acquisition of eight Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard at a cost of **about Rs.800 crore**.
- **BEML, HEC** sign pact for making mining equipment. The MoU will result into **additional Rs 150-200 crore** revenue for both PSUs. The mining products could be co-branded and will come under 'Make in India' initiative.
- The **Ministry of HRD** has embarked on a major and new initiative Project called '**Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds**' (**SWAYAM**). It will provide one integrated platform and portal for online courses.
- The Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation **Shri Nitin Gadkari** launched **Bidder Information Management System (BIMS)**. BIMS is aimed at streamlining the process of pre-qualification of bidders for EPC Mode of contracts for National Highway works with enhanced transparency and objectivity. And **Bhoomi Rashi and PFMS linkage - Bhoomi Rashi**, the portal developed by MoRTH and NIC, comprises the entire revenue data of the country, right down to 6.4 lakh villages. **Integration of Public Financial Management System (PFMS)** with Bhoomi Rashi is one of the key functionalities to facilitate payment related to compensation for land acquisition to all the beneficiaries directly through the Bhoomi Rashi system.
- **Integral Coach Factory (ICF)** of Chennai announced the launch of indigenously manufactured semi high-speed train, code-named **Train 18** in September, 2018. The train has been built in record time of 16 months which usually takes about 2 to 3 years. **Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** is setting up a Joint Venture (JV) in India with the manufacturer, Zorya Mashproekt, to overhaul turbines in India.
- **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has integrated its **MyCall and DND 2.0 apps** on the **Umang (Unified mobile application for new-age governance) platform** for Android users. **Umang is a single platform** for all citizens to access pan India e-governance services. TRAI has integrated the apps on Umang **platform in order to increase the reachability**. The app was launched by TRAI **Chairman RS Sharma**.
- A revised **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)** has been signed amongst **Govt. of India (through MoWR, RD & GR), NABARD and National Water Development Agency (NWDA)** for funding of central share of **99 prioritized irrigation projects** under **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)** through **Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF)**. Under PMKSY, 99 ongoing irrigation projects were identified for completion in mission mode **by December 2019**. Total requirement of funds for completion of these projects was estimated at **Rs. 77,595 crore**.

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Aviation **Suresh Prabhu** launched “**Nirayat Mitra**” – mobile App in **New Delhi**. The app developed by the **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** is available both on Android and on IOS platforms. It provides wide range of information required to undertake international trade right from the policy provisions for export and import, applicable **GST rate, available export incentives, tariff, preferential tariff, market access requirements** – SPS and TBT measures.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** chaired by the **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has approved the continuation of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** beyond the **12th five-year plan period**. It will help in connecting 38,412 habitations at an estimated cost of **Rs. 84,934 crore**. The Centre's share in this will be Rs 54,900 crore and the states' share is Rs 30,034 crore.
- The Union Government has provided green funds worth over **Rs 66,000 crore** to increase the country's forest cover. The Indian Government aims to increase the area under forest cover in the nation to **at least 33 per cent**.
- The **Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) and Minister of State for Environment Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Mahesh Sharma** inaugurated an exhibition entitled '**Prathibandhit Sahitya mein Swatantrata Sangram**' (Freedom Movement through Proscribed Literature) in the premises of National Archives of India, in New Delhi.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman Dr K Sivan** has announced that **ISRO TV** will go on air in a few months. The TV channel will focus on space and science activities. At present, people especially in the **rural areas are not being reached**. Also, ISRO will open the **Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota** to the public to watch satellite launches.
- **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW)** and **Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)** signed MoU for **Extending Services of School Health Programme to Schools**. The school health programme was launched to **address the health needs of school going children and adolescents in the 6-18-year age groups** in the Government and Government aided schools.
- The **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh** has said the rollout of the Smart City projects will help New Delhi emerge as a world class city. The **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)** has set an example before other aspiring Smart Cities in the country to follow. He also launched **MTNL's hi-speed Broadband on Optical Fiber & Hi-Speed Wi-Fi** in Connaught Place.
- The **Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu** has launched a **tricolour logo and tagline for Geographical Indications (GI)** to increase awareness about **intellectual property rights (IPRs) in India**. “**Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India**” is the tagline, printed below a GI Logo in Tricolour.
- The **Lok Sabha** has passed a Bill establishing a **National Sports University in Manipur** as part of a vision to enhance country's standing in sports. The university would promote **sports coaching and research at a cost of Rs.524 crore**.
- The **Union minister Jitendra Singh** has announced that **Jammu and Tripura** will get the country's **first full-fledged Space Technology Research Centre**. While the first centre in north India will function under the aegis of **Jammu-based Central University**, the **Tripura** centre will work under the aegis of Agartala-based **National Institute of Technology (NIT)**.

- The Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan has handed over **5 crore LPG connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the Parliament House**. Initially, 5 crore BPL households were targeted for providing deposit free LPG connections to BPL households by **31st March, 2019**.
- The **Government has approved 122 new research projects of 112 crore rupees** under its **Impacting Research Innovation and Technology 'IMPRINT-2'** scheme. The initiative aims to advance research in energy, security, and healthcare domains in the high education institutions.
- The **Union Ministry of Culture** has launched a scheme to reimburse central share of CGST and IGST on food, prasada, langar or bhandara offered by religious and charitable institutions. It has been launched from August 1, 2018. The scheme **Seva Bhoj Yojna has a total outlay of Rs 325.00 crore** for financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- The Railway Ministry has released the **third-party survey** report on **station cleanliness** conducted by **Quality Council of India (QCI)**. The third survey declared **Jodhpur (Rajasthan) as the cleanest railway station** in India followed by **Jaipur in Rajasthan and Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the launch of world's largest government-funded programme - the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan**. It will be launched on the birth anniversary of **Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay**. The **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan** comes under **Ayushman Bharat Scheme**.
- ISRO Chairman has announced that an **Indian astronaut** will be sent into space by **2022** on board **Gaganyaan**. K Sivan has reciprocated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day announcement. Prior to the actual launch by 2022, the ISRO will have two unmanned missions and spacecraft will be launched **using GSLV Mark-III**.
- **NITI Aayog** has launched **"Pitch to Move"** - a mobility pitch competition that aims to provide budding entrepreneurs of India a unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished jury. The competition is organised by NITI Aayog in collaboration with Invest India and Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).
- The **Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar** has launched a road safety awareness campaign by releasing a series of videos in New Delhi. **Akshay Kumar** is also the **brand ambassador of Indian government's road safety campaign**.
- **NABARD** has released the results of its **NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS)**. Based on household-level data, NAFIS estimates that an average Indian farming household earned **Rs 8,931/month (Rs 1,07,172/year) in agriculture year 2015-16**. Similarly, **20.1 percent agricultural households** as against **18.9 percent non-agricultural households** have subscribed to pension schemes.
- The Supreme Court ruled that the **None of The Above (NOTA) option** cannot be made available in **Rajya Sabha elections**. A three-judge bench of **CJI Misra** and justices **A M Khanwilkar** and **D Y Chandrachud** observed that the NOTA option is applicable only for direct elections and not indirect elections such as the Rajya Sabha polls. The poll panel had said **NOTA was first introduced in 2014** following an apex court verdict a year earlier.
- **Every year September** would be celebrated as the **National Nutrition Month** to mark the country's fight against malnutrition. The decision to celebrate September as the **National Nutrition Month** was taken during the second meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges **under the Poshan Abhiyaan**.

- Scientists have found **frozen water deposits in the darkest and coldest parts of the Moon's polar regions** using data from the **Chandrayaan-I spacecraft**, that was launched by India ten years ago.
- The **ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites)**, a global monument conservation body, has launched an initiative to assess the damage to the rich cultural and built heritage **in flood-devastated Kerala** and set up an emergency response platform.
- **SpiceJet** is planning to operate a flight from **Dehradun to Delhi** using **biofuel**, which would be first such experiment in India. The objective is to make **air travel economical** and to **tackle high fuel price**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will launch the **second phase of the FAME India scheme** offering incentives for mass adoption of electric vehicles with an outlay of **Rs 5,500 crore** on September 7. The prime minister would unveil the scheme at the inaugural session of the **'MOVE' — a global mobility summit**. With an aim to promote eco-friendly vehicles, the government had launched the FAME India scheme in 2015.
- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, headed by **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**, cleared the acquisition of military hardware for the Indian Army and Navy worth around **Rs 46,000 crore**. Among its key decisions, the council approved the procurement of **111 utility helicopters** for the Indian Navy at a cost of over **Rs 21,000 crore**.
- The **Railway Minister Piyush Goyal** has approved a new policy for promotion of railway sportspersons. The sportspersons, who have made **two appearances in Olympics, and won a medal in Asian Games or Common Wealth Games** will be promoted to the officer rank.
- **Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** Dharmendra Pradhan said that main aim of organising the **Agri Vikas-2018 programme** - to aware farmers about the latest technology, business models, successful experiments and new market linkage facilities. It would be linked to the **Electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) by 2020** as part of its drive to double the income of farmers.
- Air India's iconic 23-storey building at **Nariman Point in Mumbai** will be sold to **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust** to keep the ownership of what was once the carrier's headquarters with the government.
- **Railways** has now said that they **will accept soft copies of Aadhaar and driving licence** provided they are in your **DigiLocker**, a digital storage service operated by the government that enables Indian citizens to store certain official documents on cloud.
- With the Indian Navy increasingly choosing the **Ukrainian Zorya gas turbine** to power its warships, **Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** is setting up a joint venture (JV) in India with the manufacturer, **Zorya Mashproekt**, to overhaul turbines in India.
- The Archaeological Survey of India, an organisation under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in an order issued, decided **to allow photography within the premises of all** centrally protected monuments/sites (except 3). However, the **3 monuments/sites** in which the photography would not be permitted are **Ajanta Caves** and **Leh Palace** having paintings, and **Mausoleum of Taj Mahal, Agra**.
- The mycological laboratory of the Department of Botany, **Goa University** has reported the discovery of a new pigment from local wild mushroom that may help fight against cancer.
- Indian naval ship **INS Sumitra** became the first-ever warship to enter port of Sabang in Indonesia.

- The **India-Korea Technology Exchange Centre** was inaugurated by the Minister of State (I/C) MSME Giriraj Singh and Minister of SMEs and Start-ups of Republic of Korea, Hong Jong- hak **at the National Small Industries Corporation in New Delhi.**
- The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO'S) satellite centre, the ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC), has signed an agreement with a consortium led by Alpha Design Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bharat Electronics Limited and the Tata's to assemble satellites.
- Five central oil PSUs - **IOCL, ONGC, GAIL, OIL and NRL** has signed a joint venture agreement for executing the **North-East Natural Gas Pipeline Grid** as a step towards the Urja Ganga Gas Pipeline Project. The **Rs 6000 crore** Grid's estimated length would be **around 1500 km.**
- The **BBC World Service** launched its **first Gujarati language television news** bulletin as part of an ongoing expansion drive in India. '**BBC Samachar**' will broadcast live five days a week from Delhi and will air on the broadcaster's partner station GSTV at 8 pm local time.
- The centre has sanctioned **financial assistance of Rs 300 crores**, to the three municipal corporations of Delhi, for effective solid waste management and dust control.
- The **19th Kargil Vijay Diwas** celebrations began at the Drass War Memorial in Jammu and Kashmir. The Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year for three days till 26th July to commemorate India's emphatic victory against Pakistan.
- Shri Rajnath Singh, has inaugurated the 2nd Conference of Young Superintendents of Police, being organized by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) in New Delhi.
- Indian Railways organized a programme on Ethics in Public Governance and Launched "**Mission Satyanishtha**" at a daylong event held at National Rail Museum, New Delhi. Aims at sensitizing all railway employees about the need to adhere to good ethics and to maintain high standards of integrity at work.
- Addressing the symposium for Indian Languages Technology Industry '**Bhashantara**', in New Delhi, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and IT, **Shri. Ajay Prakash Sawhney** launched **e-Aksharayan in 7 Indian languages. E-Aksharayan** is desktop software for converting scanned printed Indian Language documents into a fully editable text format in Unicode encoding.
- NITI Aayog has host an Investors' Conference at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra for the **Holistic Development of Islands.** Under the said program in the first phase 10 Islands in Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep have been taken up for holistic development.
- Ministry of **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises** (MSME) has launched the **Mission Solar Charkha** for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country with a budget of **Rs 550 crore** for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said at the launch of **Defence India Startup Challenge in Bengaluru**, asked the Indian startups to develop unmanned drones with missiles for the Indian armed forces.
- **Shri Hardeep S Puri**, Minister of State (I/C), Housing & Urban Affairs has launched the **Swachh Survekshan 2019 in New Delhi.** MoHUA now proposes to conduct its fourth survey – Swachh Survekshan 2019 has planned to be conducted **from 4th – 31st January 2019** to rank all cities under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U). The **third initiative to be launched under the SBM** will be the **Swachh Manch**, a web-based platform which aims to bring together every stakeholder contributing to the Swachh Bharat Mission under a common platform.

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has directed all varsities and higher education institutions to ban sale of **junk food on their campuses**.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India organized an orientation workshop for various stakeholders participating in the **Poshan Maah** (National Nutrition Month) being celebrated in the **month of September**.
- In an effort to clean the Ganges, **Germany** is providing a soft loan of **euro 120 million to India** to strengthen **sewage water treatment infrastructure in Uttarakhand**.
- Former President Pranab Mukherjee as a "milestone" in making Indian democracy "more participative", an app called '**Neta**' was launched **to allow voters to rate and review their political representatives**. It was developed by entrepreneur **Pratham Mittal**.
- In a bid to regulate the drone usage in India, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has announced certain norms **to ensure these do not pose a security problem**. All drones have to be registered and need a permit to operate. The regulations will be **effective from December 1, 2018**.
- Union Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with six states Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi for the construction of the Lakhwar multi-purpose project in the upper Yamuna basin to deal with water crisis in Uttarakhand.
- India's food grain production is estimated to grow to an **all-time high of 284.83 million tonnes in the 2017-18 crop year** ending June, as per the report by Agriculture Ministry.
- **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Railways & Coal, inaugurates **Smart Railway Conclave** organised by FICCI, in New Delhi, to ensure a **smart Railway and a smart nation** so that every citizen of India gets a better future.
- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has launched **RUCO (Repurpose Used Cooking Oil)**, an initiative that will enable collection and conversion of used cooking oil to bio-diesel.
- Union Minister of State for Culture Mahesh Sharma has inaugurated a public art exhibition **titled "Arth: Art for Earth"**, curated by **artist Manav Gupta in New Delhi**. With an aim to promote environmental consciousness, Gupta has created six environmental installations, using thousands of earthen lamps (diyas), cigars (chillams) and cups (kulhars) as primary material.
- Senior Officers Meeting on Homeland Security Dialogue between **India and USA was held in New Delhi**.
- **Country's first flight powered by Biofuel landed** at Indira Gandhi International Airport, **New Delhi**. In a first of its kind experiment in India, the Biofuel was developed by **Indian Institute of Petroleum- Dehradun**.
- **The 24th Delhi Book Fair** opened at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The nine-day book fair has been organised by the **India Trade Promotion Organization** and **Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP)** and will run till September 2. Minister of State for Human Resources Development **Satya Pal Singh** inaugurated the event which coincides with the 20th Stationery Fair and 4th Office Automation and Corporate Gift Fair.
- The **Ministry of Culture, Government of India** has introduced a new scheme namely '**SevaBhojYojna**' with a total outlay of **Rs.325. 00 Crores** for Financial Years **2018-19 and 2019-20** to

lessen the financial burden of such Charitable Religious Institutions who provide Food/Prasad/Langar (Community Kitchen)/Bhandara **free of cost without any discrimination to Public/Devotees.**

- Union Home Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** has launched an **Online Analytical Tool** to facilitate closer **monitoring of the flow and utilization of foreign contributions** received by various organisations registered or permitted under the **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.**
- **India** has successfully **test-fired** its indigenously developed **nuclear-capable Long Range Ballistic Missile Agni-5**, which has a strike range of **5,000 km**, off the **Odisha coast.**
- **MoEFCC** and **TERI** entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set up a resource efficiency cell in the Ministry.
- **The Ministry of Agriculture and farmers' welfare** in line with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of **doubling farmers' income by 2022** has launched the **Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan** from **1st June 2018.**
- The Government launches '**JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA**' – **Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin – under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).**
- The **World Bank** has approved **Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY)**, a **Rs.6000 crore** Central Sector Scheme **of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.** It is to be implemented over a period of five years from **2018-19 to 2022-23**, with World Bank assistance. The government has allocated **Rs 450 crore** for this in the Budget for **2018-19.**
- The Chief Election Commissioner **Sh. Om Prakash Rawat**, Election Commissioners **Sh. Sunil Arora** and **Shri Ashok Lavasa** has launched the **online RTI Portal 'http://rti.eci.nic.in'** of **Election Commission of India.** It aims to **help applicants seeking information** under the Right To Information Act.
- **The Interest subsidy scheme** on **short-term crop loans of up to Rs 3 lakh** will be implemented through the **DBT mode from the current financial year.** The government has earmarked **Rs 15,000 crore for 2018-19** towards interest subvention for **short-term crop loans.**
- In a swift operation, the Indian Navy rescued **38 Indians** from Socotra island in **Yemen** by the ship **INS Sunayna** as part of the **operation 'NISTAR'** to rescue the Indians, where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic storm '**Mekenu**' hit the area
- An agreement on **first transfer of technology for lithium-ion batteries** was signed in New Delhi between the government-run **Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI)** and **RAASI Solar Power Pvt Ltd.** It has been developed by a group of scientists at the **Council for Scientific Industrial Research (CSIR)**'s CECRI in Tamil Nadu's Karaikudi. Boost to two flagship programmes - generating **175 giga watts (GW) by 2022**, and the second, the National Electric Mobility Mission, to switch completely to **electric vehicles by 2030.**
- **India** will soon have its **first national police museum** as the central government has decided to establish the unique facility in **Lutyens' Delhi.** The museum is expected to be inaugurated on **October 21 (Police Commemoration Day).**
- The **second India-US colloquium** on Earth Observations and Sciences for Society and Economy was inaugurated at the **CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), Dona Paula, Goa.** The two countries **would improve ocean and atmosphere observations.**

- The **Ministry of Railways** has launched two mobile applications '**Rail MADAD**' and '**Menu on Rails**', to ease the travelling experience. The **Rail MADAD** will enable travellers to **lodge complaints**, **Menu on Rails** will **facilitate seamless ordering of food**.
- The **government** is likely to launch a **Rs 500-crore credit enhancement fund** next month to **facilitate infrastructure investments** by insurance and pension funds.
- The government has added **ten Swachh Iconic Places (SIP)** under **phase III of its flagship programme, Swachh Bharat Mission**. Raghavendra Swamy Temple (Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh) , Hazardwari Palace (Murshidabad, West Bengal) , Brahma Sarovar Temple (Kurukshetra, Haryana) , Vidur Kuti (Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh) , Mana village (Chamoli, Uttarakhand) , Pangong Lake (Leh-Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir) , Nagvasuki Temple (Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh) , Ima Keithal/market (Imphal, Manipur) , Sabarimala Temple (Kerala) and Kanvashram (Uttarakhand) have been taken up under **Phase III** of the flagship project of Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The Centre will set up **six museums** dedicated to tribal freedom fighters in **Gujarat, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala** with an estimated cost of **Rs 250 crore**. Nearly, 10 percent of India's population is tribal. The biggest among these six museums in the first phase are the ones coming up in **Gujarat's Garudeshwar**, at a cost of Rs 102 crore.
- The **ministry of tribal affairs** has proposed setting up of a **national level Tribal Research Institute (TRI) along with a National Tribal Museum in New Delhi**. It was announced by Union Minister Jual Oram.
- The **Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS)** has developed a mobile based application '**utsonmobile**'. The initiative is towards **digitalisation and achieving a cashless economy**. Railway Wallet (R-Wallet) will be created automatically **with zero balance to the passenger**.
- A Conference on Implementation of **National Pension System (NPS) by the Central Autonomous Bodies (CABs)** was organized by **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for **Finance, Railways and Coal Piyush Goyal** inaugurated **three solar power projects erected at Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli districts** at a cost of **Rs.1,302 crore**. The solar power projects erected at Thoppalaakkarai and Sethupuram in Virudhunagar district and Sellaiya Sezhiyanallur in Tirunelveli district, with an installed capacity of **100 MW each**.
- **Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation** has launched "**Swajal Scheme**" in **115 Aspirational districts of India to provide clean drinking water**. It will involve **outlay of Rs.700 crores** through flexi-funds under existing **National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)** budget.
- The indigenous **Pinaka rocket system** of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**), known for firing a salvo of 12 rockets in just 44 seconds, is being evolved into a **precision-guided missile**. The initial version of the Pinaka rocket was further developed into **Pinaka Mark II, which has an enhanced range of 70 to 80 km** compared to Mark I, with a range of 40 km.
- **Facebook** has announced its partnership with the **National Commission for Women (NCW)** to conduct a **digital literacy programme aimed at training women scholars in Panjab University**.
- The Centre will set up the **country's biggest data centre in Bhopal** with a capacity to host **five lakh virtual servers**. It was announced by **Electronics and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad**. This will be the fifth National Data Centre after the ones at **Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Hyderabad and Pune**.

- The **Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar** has launched the **National Digital Library** to provide a platform for schools, universities, teachers, students and anyone who has a curiosity to learn.
- **Indian Railways** will become a **"net zero" carbon emitter by 2030**. It was announced by Railway minister Piyush Goyal. The **'Rail Contact 2018'** was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Railway Board.
- The Ministry of Culture has announced that **'Adopt a Heritage' Scheme** of the Government of India is making good progress. The schemes aim to involve public sector companies, private sector companies and corporate citizens/individuals **to take up the responsibility for making our heritage and tourism more sustainable through development**.
- The **Indian Army** is observing the year 2018 as the **'Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty'** to honour soldiers who have been disabled in the line of duty while **serving the nation and to celebrate the undying spirit of 'Soldiering'**.
- PM Modi lays foundation stone of **Paperless office with modern facilities** such as smart access control, video conferencing and completely networked systems in **Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi**.
- In an interesting development, the **Union Water Resources Ministry** has partnered with technology giant **Google to generate flood warnings**.
- **FSSAI** proposes **Life Imprisonment, Rs10 Lakh Fine** for **Food Adulteration** as per the amendments proposed by the **regulator FSSAI** in its **2006 food safety and standards law**.
- The **Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS)**, a well-funded start-up in **skill development for maritime and shipbuilding sector** has announced setting up of **24 labs - 6 in Mumbai and 18 in Vizag campus**.
- The **4th National Review and Consultation** on Swachh Iconic Places has begun **in Hyderabad**. To review the progress relating to maintenance and cleanliness of Iconic Places.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj **launched an mPassport Seva app for seamless application and issue of passports**.
- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development**, Government of India will organize a day-long Seminar on Technology Partnerships for Steering **POSHAN Abhiyaan called 'TECH-THON' for POSHAN Abhiyaan**. Aimed at **improving the nutrition** outcomes through effective monitoring and timely intervention.
- A vital drug **Oxytocin** and its formulations, used to stop bleeding during childbirth, **will not be freely available** for use by doctors from July 1, 2018. The manufacture and sale of this drug has been **banned for domestic use in the private sector by the government**.
- As part of the country's **first inter-state translocation of tiger's project**, a female cub was shifted from **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR)** in Madhya Pradesh to **Satkosia Tiger Reserve (STR)** in Odisha.
- The State-run **Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL)** has inked a pact with the ministry of power to incur capital expenditure of **Rs 25,000 crore** for the current fiscal.
- To help people find local answers in their neighbourhood, Google India has announced the beta launch of a new app called **"Neighbourly"** in the country.
- Ministry of Railways conducted a one day workshop **"Mission Raftaar"** aimed at raising the average speed of freight trains and coaching trains in New Delhi.

- Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi laid foundation of **Sakhi Suraksha Advanced DNA Forensic Laboratory** in the campus of Central Forensic Science Lab, Chandigarh.
- Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman flagged-in the expedition team to Mt. Everest conducted successfully by **National Institute for Mountaineering & Allied Sports (NIMAS), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has **launched** a new **Ensemble Prediction Systems (EPS)** to provide probabilistic weather forecasts up to the next 10 days. The **450-crore acquisition of eight petaflops high-power computing systems** will help in generating newer forecasts which have a higher resolution of 12km instead of the 23km resolution that has been in use.
- India's first superfast train, **Deccan Queen express** from Mumbai to Pune has completed 88 years today on June 1, 2018. Also known as 'Queen of **Deccan**' the train started on June 1, 1930.
- The Centre is planning to create a new financial institution which will exclusively fund **food processing projects**. According to senior ministry officials, the government is initially planning a single **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** with 20% government equity investment amounting to **Rs400 crore**.
- On the occasion of World Environment Day, Ananth Kumar, Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, launched the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan (PMBJ) Aushadhi Suvidha **India's first Oxo-Biodegradable** Sanitary Napkins in **Bangalore**.
- Commerce and Industry Minister, **Suresh Prabhu**, attended an Informal Gathering of World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministers in **Paris, France**.
- **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.
- The Union Minister of State for **External Affairs V K Singh** has flagged off the first batch of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra -2018 in New Delhi.
- **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** will use flash flood guidance system for the first time in the country to forecast floods.
- **India** will soon have its **first national police museum** as the central government has decided to establish the unique facility in **Lutyens Chanakyapuri, Delhi**. The museum is expected to be inaugurated on **October 21 (Police Commemoration Day)**.
- The **Department of Telecom (DoT)** has launched **5,000 WiFi choupals** in partnership with CSC which will provide 60,000 WiFi hotspots in rural areas.
- The Ministry of HRD along with AICTE, Persistent Systems, i4C and IIT Kharagpur is all set to host the **Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon 2018 – Hardware edition** in **New Delhi**.
- The Minister of communication (independent charge) **Manoj Sinha** has expressed hope that all the 2.5 lacks gram panchayats will be provided broadband connectivity **by March 2019**.
- The government has approved a **33-percent** 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. Under the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS), each beneficiary can avail subsidy up to **Rs 2.35 lakh** on purchase of a house under the scheme. The new rules will be effective from **January 1, 2019**.

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu laid the foundation stone for **Septage Management System and Storm Water Drainage System for Itanagar City** under AMRUT Scheme at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism Shri K.J. Alphons launched the new Incredible India website <https://www.incredibleindia.org/> in New Delhi.
- A **3-day National Yoga Olympiad** was inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research and Training in CIET in New Delhi.
- The **fourth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog** was held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhavan **in New Delhi**. He urged States to work towards the goal of a **TB-Free India by 2025**, five years prior to the **global target of 2030**.
- Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD), Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launched the **"Handbook on legal processes for Police in respect of Crime against Children"** in **New Delhi**.
- Foundation Stone of 'Auxiliary Production Unit & Artificial Limbs Fitting Centre' Laid at **Nawada, Faridabad, Haryana**.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs had constituted a two-member expert committee to update the **National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business (NVGs)**.
- **7th India Minerals and Metals forum** was inaugurated in New Delhi. The forum seeks to come up with solutions to leverage in the sector with the changing global scenario.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, **Suresh Prabhu** has launched a mobile application called **ReUnite** which helps to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India.
- The NITI Aayog has launched the **first Delta ranking** (incremental progress) for the Aspirational Districts, based on self-reported data of districts between **March 31, 2018 to May 31, 2018**, across five developmental areas of Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure.
- The **fourth National Consultation Meeting of Ministers of States & UTs**, in-charge of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs held in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by **Shri Ram Vilas Paswan**, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, and Food & Public Distribution.
- The **Indore Municipal Corporation** is going to issue bonds worth **Rs 170 crore** aimed at ensuring economic participation of citizens in developmental activities of the city.
- **Indian Finance Minister Piyush Goyal** said that, Indian banks and financial institutions (FIs) signed an **Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA)** to expedite the resolution of banks' non-performing assets (NPAs), or bad loans, and enable smooth credit flow. It is developed on recommendations by a committee headed by Punjab National Bank (PNB) Chairman **Sunil Mehta under the control of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**.

STATES IN NEWS

ANDHRA PRADESH

- The **Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu** has launched the **'Project Gandiva'** (identifying talent at a young age) and laid the foundation stone for **'Amaravati International Sports Complex'** at **Vidyadharapuram**. Andhra Pradesh will be spending **Rs 54 crore** and the Centre will provide a grant of

Rs 6 crore for the sports complex. The headquarters of the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) will be shifted to this complex.

- The **Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu** has launched a **e-Pragati project, a digital platform for governance** at **Undavalli in Guntur district**. To achieve digitalisation in the state and bring transparency in governance and it will work through **cloud management**.
- The **Andhra Pradesh government** has launched its own '**Anna**' canteens across the state. The **Akshay Patra Foundation** will run these canteens.
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** will be setting up a '**Design University for Gaming**' in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Tata Power** said its arm **Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd (TPREL)** commissioned **100 MW (50 MW x 2) solar capacity at Anthapuramu Solar Park, Andhra Pradesh**. The sale of power from this solar plant has been tied up **under a 25-year power purchase agreement** with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).
- The **Engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** has bagged a prestigious project for the engineering, procurement and construction of Head of Department (HoD) office buildings at Amaravati, **Andhra Pradesh**. It is the first project in combination with Automatic Climbing Formwork System (ACFS) **Et Diagrid** and will be the **tallest government office building in India**.
- The **world's first-ever facility** to create **thermal batteries** will be inaugurated in **Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh**. The Thermal batteries will be manufactured by **Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST)**. The plant could provide an initial capacity of **1000MW** and in its first phase. And to boost renewable sources of energy production and reduce the dependence on non-renewable fossil fuel-based energy generation.
- The **Andhra Pradesh Government** has approved the "**Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestam**" scheme that makes unemployed youth in the state, eligible of receiving Rs 1000 per month from the government.
- **Andhra Pradesh government** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with electronics giant, **Holytech**. Under the terms of the agreement, Holytech will set up its plant in 75 acres land in **Tirupati and Chittoor districts**, against an investment of Rs. 1400 crores.
- Under the chairmanship of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu decided to pay **Rs 1,000 a month** to each unemployed graduate in the state with an upper age limit of 35.
- **The Andhra Pradesh government** has declared new state symbols to replace the ones held by Telangana after it was created.

Name	Telangana	Andhra Pradesh	Undivided AP
State Bird	Palapitta	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Palapitta
State Animal	Jinka/ Spotted Deer	Black Buck	Black Buck
State Tree	Jammi Chettu	Neem	Neem
State Flower	Tangidi Puvvu	Jasmine	Lilly

- **The Visakhapatnam railway station** of Waltair Division, East Coast Railway, has launched an all-female group of railway personnel, named "**Subhadra Vahini**", who will assist lady passengers subjected to inconveniences. To get in touch with Subhadra Vahini, women can dial on the **toll-free number 182**.
- Andhra Pradesh would be the **first state in the country** move to **use auto-disable syringes for all clinical purposes** from **World Hepatitis Day on July 28** to prevent infection.

- **Andhra Pradesh** has been declared as the Open Defecation Free (ODF) State. AP stood first among all the States in the country and achieved ODF status.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Singapore** to accelerate the construction work of its **new capital, Amaravati**.
- The Ministry of Commerce has approved **HCL Technologies'** proposal to set up an IT special economic zone (SEZ) in Vijayawada with an initial investment of Rs 408.48 crore.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH:

- Arunachal Pradesh govt. has launched a new Health Insurance Scheme named **Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY)**. Now, both Ayushman Bhart – National health protection Mission (AB-NHPM) and CMAAY will be converged **with coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per family** to provide quality health care. CMAAY Scheme will provide **cashless treatment to poor people in "Assurance Mode"** and will replace the existing CM's Universal Health Insurance Scheme (CMUHIS).

ASSAM

- **Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** has confirmed that **Indian Athlete Hima Das** will be named as the first sports ambassador of the state. The announcement came after Hima Das recently became the first **Indian woman to win gold at IAAF World U-20 Athletics Championships in Finland**.
- The **Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad** has released a **vision document** for a **digital northeast** that aims to improve people's lives by capacity building of government staff and doubling BPO strength in the region. He unveiled the plans under the '**Digital North East: Vision 2022**'. A cloud hub for the northeast will be set up in **Guwahati, Assam**.
- The Assam government has decided to set up a separate directorate for the "**Divyangs**". Social Welfare department to give **1 thousand rupees per month** to all Divyangs as stipend.
- The Assam government has extended application of the **controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA)** in the state for six more months with immediate effect. The Act gives special rights and immunity to security forces in carrying out various operations in "**disturbed**" areas.
- The **Assam government** plans to introduce an awareness programme — '**Sanskar**' — in all development blocks and panchayats in the state, in the wake of incidents triggered by superstition and ignorance, including the lynching of two persons in **Karbi Anglong district**.

BIHAR

- **Bihar** will provide the **cheapest drinking water in the world (50 paise/litre)**. The total cost of installing this project would cost around **Rs 20 lakhs**. The first of such a water project was launched in **Bihar's Darbhanga district by Sulabh International**. This project was earlier introduced in three districts of **West Bengal - North 24 Parganas, Murshidabad and Nadia**, three years ago by Sulabh International and French organisation.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved **USD 503-million (Rs 3272.49 crore)** lining project of the Son canal in **Shahabad-Bhojpur** region of **Bihar** which would benefit the agriculture sector immensely in the region.

- The **Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar** has launched the '**Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana**'. It is an ambitious scheme which promises to provide **Rs 54,100** from the birth of a girl child till she graduates. The ambitious 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana' will be run by three departments -- **education, health and social welfare**.
- The Bihar Assembly passed a bill **to amend some of the stringent provisions of the prohibition law** in order to prevent its misuse and make the quantum of punishment proportionate to the nature of offence.
- **Bihar's CM launched an empowerment scheme for girls that promises Rs 54,100 to all girls from their birth to graduation.** He also launched the '**Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana**' and expressed his government's resolve for empowerment of women.
- Mathubani railway station in Bihar was transformed by **Mithila paintings**.
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar flagged off the '**Krishi Mahabhiyan-cum-Mahostav Rath**' to create awareness among farmers about government schemes for them during kharif season in Patna on the occasion of '**Kharif Mahabhiyan-cum-Mahotsav 2018**'.

CHHATTISGARH

- **The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh** has launched an online portal and mobile app called '**Aabhaar-Aapki seva ka**' by the online pension management system for the pensioners of the state.
- In the memory of **former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, the Chhattisgarh Government has decided to rename **Naya Raipur as Atal Nagar**. **Bilaspur University** will also replace as **Atal Bihari Vajpayee University** and **Narrow-Gauge Line as Atal Path**.
- The **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh** has announced that his state is the first among the 28 other states in the country to provide **Right to Skills' Development to the youth**. The '**Skills on Wheels**' scheme will enhance the skills of the **rural youth and help them become self-employed**.
- **Integrated Command & Control Centre of Naya Raipur** becomes the **10th Smart City Centre** to be operational in the country, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the ambitious Smart City Mission in **9 cities had already become operational** in the cities of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Pune, Nagpur, Rajkot, Visakhapatnam, Bhopal and Kakinada.
- **Chhattisgarh** bagged the '**State of the Year**' Award under the '**business leader**' category as part of the India Business Leadership Awards (IBLA).
- **First Health centre** under the **Ayushman Bharat Scheme** in **Bijapur, Chhattisgarh**.

GOA

- Union minister for **Electronics and IT and law and justice Ravi Shankar Prasad** unveiled the **Goa IT Policy 2018** at the **Inox complex in Panaji** on the final day of Goa IT Day celebrations.
- Goa Chief Minister **Manohar Parrikar** and Tourism Minister **Manohar Ajaonkar** has flagged off the Goa Tourism Development Corporation's **app-based taxi service "GoaMiles"** in Panaji.

GUJARAT

- **Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** has given in-principle approval for the **39-crore rupees 'Seema Darshan' project** for developing more infrastructure facilities from **T-Junction to Zero Point** at

Nadabet near Suigam in Banaskantha district to instil patriotism through a **unique Gujarat initiative for border tourism**. The project being developed on **Wagah Border pattern**.

- **The Gujarat government** has granted religious minority status to the **Jewish community in the state**. There are just **170 members** of the Jewish community in Gujarat.
- The **Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** has launched '**Poshan Abhiyan**'--a statewide mission to **eradicate malnutrition** among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres. He also launched '**PURNA**' project (**Prevention of Under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia**) to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18. The government has allocated **Rs 270 crore** to control malnutrition.
- The Gujarat government has come out with an '**Urban Sanitation and Cleanliness Policy**' for better management of solid and liquid waste in cities. A system to convert solid waste into fuel to generate "**green energy**".
- The **Gujarat government** has announced **wind-solar hybrid power policy - 2018**, aiming to make **optimum utilisation of the land and grid**. The policy, which will have a coverage **period of five years**.
- The world's first International Centre for **Humanitarian Forensics** was launched at **Gandhinagar in Gujarat**. It will facilitate **better management of bodies** during emergencies such as disasters.
- The **Gujarat government** became the **first state to launch a solar power scheme for farmers-Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY)**. The farmer is required to take **5 percent cost**, while **35 per cent** will be provided to him as an affordable **loan** with interest rates of **4. 5-6 per cent**. The scheme duration is **25 years**, which is split between 7-year period and 18-year period.
- Gujarat Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** has approved setting up a **World's Largest Solar Park of 5,000 MW capacity** solar park at the **Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR)**. Target of producing 175 gigawatts of electricity through renewable energy sources **by 2022** at a **Rs 25,000 crore**.
- **Niti Aayog and fertiliser major Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC)** has entered into an agreement to undertake joint research and exchange and disseminate learnings **to use Blockchain Technology for fertiliser subsidy management**.
- L&T Defence, announced the inauguration of a new production line for **BRAHMOS Transport Launch Canister (TLC)** at Ranoli, near Vadodara to cater to the serial production requirements of **BRAHMOS Supersonic Cruise Missile System**.

HARYANA

- The Haryana Education Department has launched "**I am not afraid of English**" initiative to **promote English language** right from Class 1 in the state's primary schools.
- The Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has launched the '**Paudhagiri**' campaign by planting a '**maulsari**' sapling in the **Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex premises** of Gurgaon, aimed at **increasing the green cover** in the state. Each student will be given an incentive of **Rs. 50 in every six months** from the government.
- **Haryana** has **topped** other states in **per capita revenue collection under GST** and is also the **fourth highest generator of e-way bills in the country**. Haryana has widened the **tax base by 82.22 percent** and recorded **19 per cent hike in revenue collections**.
- The **Haryana government will launch the Ayushman Bharat-Haryana Health Protection Mission** on August 15 to provide **cashless healthcare facilities to beneficiaries at empanelled**

hospitals. Under the scheme, families identified by the **Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC)** would be provided with coverage of **Rs 5 lakh**.

- The **Northern states** have decided to set up a **joint secretariat** at **Panchkula, Haryana** for **data and information sharing** to effectively fight the drug menace.
- **NABARD** has **sanctioned Rs 722 crore** for eight water projects in the rural areas of Haryana, state Minister for Public Health Engineering Banwari Lal.
- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched the **Student Police Cadet (SPC) programme** for nationwide implementation at a ceremony in **Gurugram, Haryana**. It will create a silent revolution by imparting moral values to budding minds.
- **Haryana** has topped other states in **per capita revenue collection under GST**, and is also the **fourth highest generator** of e-way bills in the country, state Finance Minister Abhimanyu. Haryana has widened the tax base by **82.22 per cent** and **logged 19 per cent hike** in revenue collections.
- The **Haryana Government** has decided to give **15 days' paternity leave** to all male government employees for taking care of the newly-born. It has also been decided to increase the strength of women's police force from 11 to 20 per cent.
- The Godikan village panchayat of Haryana has passed a '**No Toilet No Bride**' resolution to ensure the safety and well-being of its womenfolk.
- The **Haryana government** has come up with **Water ATM Policy** to provide **clean drinking water** to people at public places in cities. It was announced by state minister **Kavita Jain**.
- To introduce **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)** at the Under-Graduation level.
- Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation, Uma Bharti, has launched the **GOBAR-DHAN scheme** (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources) from **Haryana's Karnal district** with an aim to **positively contribute to cleanliness and generate energy from solid waste**.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

- **Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur** launched '**horn not ok**' awareness campaign and '**shaur nahin**' (no noise) mobile application, the campaign has been launched in Shimla and Manali. The chief minister said the '**shaur nahin**' **mobile application** can be used by the general public to report cases of noise pollution.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur flagged off the Shimla-Chandigarh **heli taxi service** from the Jubbarhatti Airport near the hill station.
- Himachal Pradesh Governor Acharya Devvart said a **sports academy** will be established in the state for underprivileged children so that the talent of India in sports could be utilized.
- The Himachal Pradesh government will spend **Rs 25 crore** on renovating and developing the historic British Raj '**Bantony Castle Estate**' here as a major tourist attraction.
- The **Himachal government** has received a financial assistance of **Rs 84. 13 crore** from the **Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Finance under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)** during 2018-19.
- **Himachal Pradesh govt.** has launched **Mother's Absolute Affection Scheme** for pregnant and lactating mothers.

JHARKHAND

➤ The **first 'Khadi Mall' of India** will be opened in **Jharkhand**. The land in the **Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) campus** will be made available to the Khadi Board to develop the country's first Khadi mall.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

The Central Reserve Police Force launched **Madadgaar Helpline "14411"**, a distress helpline for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, with the aim of providing immediate assistance to locals.

➤ President Ram Nath Kovind has approved **governor's rule in J&K**. The move comes after the BJP pulled out of its **three-year alliance with the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Jammu and Kashmir**.

➤ **The Khadi and Village Industries Commission KVIC** has created a world record of distributing **maximum number of bee-boxes** in one day. **Two thousand three hundred thirty (2330)** bee-boxes were distributed among 233 beneficiaries in the Zangalee Army area.

➤ The **22nd edition of Sindhu Darshan festival**, being organized by Sindhu Darshan Yatra Samiti and Ladakh Phanday Tsogspa commenced with religious fervour and gaiety. As the name suggests the festival celebrates **river Sindhu, also known as Indus**.

KARNATAKA

➤ **The Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy** has presented his first budget. He announced a farm loan waiver of **Rs 34,000 crore**. **The Loans of up to Rs 2 lakh** for each farmer will be waived.

➤ The Centre has announced a **state-of-the-art e-waste recycling unit for Bengaluru**, India's technology capital which produces an estimated **one lakh tonne of electronic waste** a year. The Chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry is setting up the facility. It will set up the unit in the next four months by **Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET)**. India generates about **18 lakh tonne e-waste a year, which is growing at 30% annually**.

➤ The government of Karnataka launched the '**Swachhameva Jayate**' campaign in a bid to step up the cleanliness and hygiene efforts of the state. Its programmes, implemented by the **Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department of the state**, will first focus on rural areas. A **logo** was released for the campaign, one with a young boy and one with a young girl in front of a map of the state.

➤ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the new State Cancer Institute Block **at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology** in **Bangalore Karnataka**.

➤ Chief minister HD Kumaraswamy informed that Infosys Foundation would contribute Rs 200 crore to the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd for construction of Konappana Agrahara Metro Station and metro railway track.

KERALA

➤ The Kerala government has set up a panel comprising eminent writers and language experts to choose an official song '**Kerala Ganam**' for the state, would reflect the southern state's socio-cultural legacy. While **Cultural Department Secretary, Rani George** would be the convenor of the panel.

- The **Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC)** is all set to open **India's first public sector hotel run entirely by women** for women in the state capital of Thiruvananthapuram. **Named 'Hostess'**, the hotel will open its doors within six months, close to the main bus stand and the Central Railway Station in the city.
- The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **'Festival of Democracy'** in Thiruvananthapuram (August 6, 2018) **to mark the conclusion of the diamond jubilee celebrations** of the Kerala legislative assembly.
- The **fourth edition of the India Rubber Meet 2018 (IRM 2018)**, jointly organised by the Rubber Board and the stakeholder associations in rubber and related sectors, will be held in Kochi with the theme **'Towards a sustainable rubber value chain'**.

MADHYA PRADESH

- The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan dedicated the **state-run power giant NTPC's 250 MW Solar Power Plant** in **Suwasra, District Mandsaur** to the state. This project has been set up by NTPC at an investment of about **Rs 1,500 crore**.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the government has launched an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidised power scheme **'Sambal'** for **labourers and poor families**. The registered labourers of the unorganised sector and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity **at a cost of 200 rupees per month** while Power connection would be provided free of cost to the beneficiaries.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** under the **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission** will be implemented in the state from August 15 this year. An annual Health Security Cover of **5 lakh rupees** will be provided to each family under the scheme. An amount of **Rs. 600 crore** in the form of Grant-in-Aid will be provided by central government, whereas around **Rs. 400 crore** will be shared by the state.
- **The Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** has launched development projects worth over **5,400 crore rupees in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh**.
- The **Madhya Pradesh forest department** has written to the **National Tiger Conservation Authority** to revive the plan to **reintroduce cheetahs** in the **State's Nauradehi sanctuary**. It was estimated that an amount of Rs 25 crore to Rs 30 crore would be needed to build an enclosure in an area of 150 sq km for the cheetahs in Nauradehi.
- The Madhya Pradesh government is observed **Adivasi Diwas** on **9 August**. The State government would facilitate achievers from the **tribal community and distribute certificates** to beneficiaries of various welfare schemes.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the **Shaheed Saman Diwas** will be observed in all districts of the state. The state government has taken a decision **to honour families of martyrs of Madhya Pradesh origin**, who sacrificed their lives while discharging duty during war, military action and internal security.
- In Madhya Pradesh, projects worth **about 20,000 crore rupees** are underway in seven cities under the **Smart Cities Mission**. Recently, Madhya Pradesh was awarded by the Prime Minister for **Integrated Command Control Centre** constructed under Smart City Project Bhopal.
- In Madhya Pradesh, in a first of its kind initiative, the state govt **will appoint girls as a district Brand Ambassador** who have recorded significant achievements in any field under the **Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao scheme**.

- In Madhya Pradesh, in a first of its kind initiative, **"Mil -Banche"**, an interactive programme between schools and society is being organized in all government schools of the state.
- The state govt. has inaugurated **'School Chale Hum Abhiyan 2018'** to strengthen libraries in schools with the cooperation of society.
- **The Madhya Pradesh government** has announced a **Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018 (power bill waiver scheme for labourers and poor families)**. It also approved **Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana 2018** (a scheme to provide subsidised power) under this scheme registered labourers of the unorganised sector and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity **at a cost of Rs 200 per month**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** will be awarded for **reducing maternal mortality** under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign. There has been a significant decline of **22%** in the last three years in the state.

MAHARASHTRA

- The Western Railway renamed **Elphinstone Road suburban railway station** in Mumbai, Maharashtra to **Prabhadevi Station**. The station was initially named after Lord Elphinstone, who was **Governor of Bombay Presidency from 1853 to 1860**.
- In order to reduce **electricity losses**, the Maharashtra government will next month launch a new scheme "one farmer one transformer", It was announced by **Energy Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule**.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has finally declared the **city's Victorian and Art Deco Ensembles**, straddling two heritage precincts of Fort and Marine Drive, a World Heritage Site. Maharashtra leads the states with **five UNESCO tags (including Ajanta and Ellora)**. India now has **37 World Heritage inscriptions in all**.
- Under **Sagarmala project**, Centre will provide **500 crore rupees** to Shipping Corporation of India to lease out cruises to promote cruise tourism. It was announced by **union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari**. The deliberations were held as part of the **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) Annual Awards event in Mumbai**.
- The **Maharashtra government** has expanded the scope of the **loan waiver scheme** by extending the benefits to every member of the farmer's family in case of a separate loan account. Every person's loan amounts up to **Rs 1.50 lakh** will be waived.
- Maharashtra government will implement recommendations of the **Seventh Pay Commission** for its employees from Diwali in November this year told by its Finance minister Sudhir Mungantiwar. The finance department made provisions of **Rs. 10,000 crore** in its annual budget presented in March this year.
- **"Pandharichi Wari"** to resume from Dehu. "Pandharichi Wari" is Maharashtra's 700 years old tradition in which devotees of Lord Vitthala called Varkari trace the route to Pandharpur.
- Shipping, Road Transport & Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari** said his ministry was working on a **cruise route from Mumbai to Bali, Indonesia, via Kochi and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- The Maharashtra government has approved over **Rs 7,000 crore** to complete the drinking water projects in scarcity-hit areas. Under the National Rural Drinking Water Scheme, the government has approved a proposal of **Rs 7,952 crore** for completing 6,624 water projects in 10,583 villages.
- Maharashtra Government has announced a **special assistance of 500 crore rupees** for OBC community to help them develop employment opportunities for the youth. At the inauguration of the 3rd

National Convention of Rashtriya OBC Mahasangh, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis informed that the state has set up a separate Ministry for OBC.

- Maharashtra government will provide the **financial grant of 1,000 rupees per quintal** to those farmers whose tur and gram could not be purchased by the administration before the **31st May**.
- The **Maharashtra government** and **Canada's Quebec province** have signed a pact to **increase the economic cooperation**, especially in areas like information technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence and welfare of the tribal community.
- The **Maharashtra government** has announced a new scheme called '**Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana**', wherein farmers families where girl children are born, will be given saplings for plantation.
- **Jalgaon-based North Maharashtra University** would be named after noted 19th century poetess **Bahinabai Chaudhari**.
- **Saudi Aramco** and the **Abu Dhabi National Oil Company** (ADNOC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly **develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex** at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra. The project will be set up as a 50:50 a joint partnership (50:50) between the consortium from India and Saudi Aramco (25%) & ADNOC (25%).

MEGHALAYA

- The **Behdienkhlam Festival** of the Raij Tuber, one of the most colourful and the biggest festivals in the Jaintia Hills region concluded. It is celebrated by the Pnar (Jaintia) tribal community. On the occasion, **Chief Minister of Meghalaya Dr. Mukul Sangma** laid the foundation stone for the construction of the VIP and Public viewing Gallery at Tuber Kmai Shnong to be constructed at an estimated cost of **Rs 1.50 crores from the Tourism Department**.

Manipur:

- **Thayong village in Manipur** organized a 10-day pineapple festival aimed at encouraging farmers and locals to plant and cultivate pineapples.

ODISHA

- The **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** has inaugurated the **Rs 300 crore Rukura Medium Irrigation Dam project** in Sundargarh district, Odisha. To provide irrigation to an additional 10 lakh hectare of land ahead of 2014 elections, will be fulfilled by 2019.
- **The Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** has launched the '**Green Mahanadi Mission**', a plantation drive under which 2 crore saplings will be planted **along the Mahanadiriver, Tel and Ib rivers**.
- **Odisha** is set to have the **country's first Greenfield skill training institute** at **Barang near Bhubaneswar** at a cost of **Rs 160 crore**. The **National Skill Training Institute (NSTI)** would provide a variety of hybrid skill training programmes, both long and short term, along with advanced diploma programme. The entire expenditure would be incurred by **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**.
- **Sambalpur becomes first to eliminate** all unmanned level Crossings Gates. Sambalpur is located in the **western part of Odisha**.
- The **Bhitarkanika national park** has become the **largest habitat of the endangered estuarine crocodiles** in the country with a record number of their nesting sites spotted in **Odisha**.

- **Odisha government** has decided to launch a build-up 360-degree nation-wide publicity campaign in 17 cities, ahead of the 2018 **Men's Hockey World Cup Tournament in the state**.
- The **Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)**, one of India's premier avian research institutes, will start operating its regional centre on the campus of **Wetland Research and Training Centre near Chilika Lake, Odisha**. The centre will carry out research on avian disease by collecting samples and monitor the **Nalabana Bird Sanctuary, Odisha**.
- The Odisha government on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES)** for effective management of disasters.
- With the help of the **Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT)**, a special unit of the Odisha Police has launched a drive to bust an international syndicate that peddles "**endangered**" **pangolin**, one of the world's most illegally traded mammals.
- The State Government has constituted "**Heritage Cabinet**" headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik **to preserve the history and culture of Odisha**. Its aim is to spread and preserve history and culture of Odisha and enrich Odia language further.
- Popularly known as the '**Festival of Chariots**', **Rath Yatra festival in honour of Puri's Lord Jagannath** is grand celebration. This is one of the most awaited festivals of Orissa and is falling on July 14.
- The Odisha government has launched for 70 lakh families of the state to intended beneficiaries of the state's **health scheme Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY)**, informing them of the scheme and other efforts undertaken by the government to boost public healthcare. BSKY promises insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh per eligible family and Rs 7 lakh for treatment of female members.
- The **Odisha Government** has tied up with **Japan for its mega investment Conclave 2018** to take place in November this year. While Japan will be '**Country Partner**' to the Make in Odisha conclave, SBI is '**banking partner**' for the event.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched "**Mu Hero, Mu Odisha**" (**I am Hero-I am Odisha**) **programme** is an initiative of the state government to be conducted by the Biju Yuva Vahini (BYV) members, aimed at identifying and giving recognition to the young achievers of the state.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched "**Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana**" for working journalists. This scheme provides **Rs.2 Lakh per annum health insurance** cover to all working journalists of the state.
- **India** has successfully carried out the flight test of **Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)** propulsion-based missile from the **Launch Centre-III of Integrated Test Range** at Chandipur in **Odisha**.
- The **insurance coverage for women under the BJD's health insurance proposal under the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY)** has been raised to **Rs 7 lakh from Rs 5 lakh**. It was announced by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

PUNJAB

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has dedicated to the nation a bridge at the **Hussainiwala border in Ferozepur district of Punjab**. It is a permanent bridge as the old one was demolished in 1971 during the Indo-Pak war to stop the advancement of the Pakistani forces. The bridge is the only lifeline for nearly 10 villages connecting Hussainiwala enclave with the rest of the country.

- The **Punjab government** has launched a mobile application — '**i-Hariyali**'. The app aims to inspire people **to plant more saplings to save the environment from pollution** and the mobile application would enable the users to order free plant saplings.
- **Punjab Government** has launched a "**Business First Portal**" which was unveiled by **Industry Minister Sunder Sham Arora** in a bid to give a big push towards the ease of doing business in the State.

RAJASTHAN

- The **farmers in Rajasthan** will soon have the ease to get their defunct transformers replaced within six hours of registering a complaint through a mobile app '**Bijli Mitra**'. The scheme was being launched on a pilot basis **from Jhalawara**.
- The **Rajasthan government** has approved a proposal to give bank guarantee for taking **Rs 5,000 crore loan** from **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)** for funding the state government's crop loan waiver scheme. A loan of Rs 5,000 crore from NCDC for working capital at **8.5 percent interest rate** for **270 days for crop loan waiver scheme** of the state government has been approved. The state cabinet has decided to extend farm loan waiver camps till 15 of the next month from earlier deadline of June 30.
- India's **first private sector unit** for manufacturing unmanned air vehicles (UAV) and light bullet proof vehicles (LBPV) will be set up by **DCM Shriram Industries Group on the campus of Shriram Rayons in Kota**.
- **Microsoft** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Rajasthan government** to provide **free digital training** to 9,500 college students in one year. It was announced by **Higher Education Minister Kiran Maheshwari**.
- **Rajasthan** has become the **first State in the country** to implement the **national policy on biofuels**. Soon, the State Government will release Biofuel Rules for 2018. The state plans on increasing production of oilseeds and establish a Centre for Excellence in **Udaipur to promote research** in the fields of alternative fuels and energy resources.
- On the eve of Independence Day, the Rajasthan government will organise a human chain along the **650-km-long Pakistan border**. It will be conducted under a programme, "**Shahadat ko Salam**". The programme will be organised by the state government with the help of Border Security Force and the Army.
- India has successfully flight tested the indigenously developed helicopter launched **Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA'** from Pokhran in Rajasthan. The indigenously designed and developed guided bombs **Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW)** was also successfully flight tested from IAF aircraft at Chandan range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje has inaugurated the **Bhamashah Techno Hub** in Jhalana Industrial Area of **Jaipur**. Digitisation in Rajasthan has been promoted aggressively **to motivate entrepreneurs**. Raje also inaugurated an online payment app, **Bhamashah Wallet**.
- K J Alphons, Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism, has inaugurated the **Institute of Hospitality Management in Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.
- Rajasthan will soon have its **first 'cow sanctuary'**, a shelter for 10,000 bovines spread over an area of more than 220 hectares in **Bikaner district**. The state government signed a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a Sohanlalji Buladeviji Ojha Gaushala Samiti private trust in this regard.

➤ Rajasthan will observe September as the "**month of nutrition**" to **create awareness** among people living in the state. From September, the students will get milk on a daily basis for which additional funds of Rs 203 crore will be allocated.

SIKKIM

➤ The **Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve, Sikkim**, one of the highest ecosystems in the world, has been added to UNESCO's list of **World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WNBR)**. The Khangchendzonga reserve will be **India's 11th internationally designated WNBR**. International coordinating Council (ICC) of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme, UNESCO, in its 30th session (23-27 July 2018) at **Palembang, Indonesia**, designated Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve for inclusion in the World Network of Biosphere Reserve.

TELANGANA

➤ **The State-run Airports Authority of India (AAI) will set up a Civil Aviation Research Organisation (CARO) aimed at "finding indigenous solutions" to meet the challenges** posed by the growing air traffic. According to AAI, CARO will be set up at **Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad**. AAI has earmarked a whopping budget outlay of **Rs 1,200 crore for a period of 12 years** for R&D.

➤ Telangana Chief Minister **K Chandrasekhar Rao** had laid foundation stone for **Gattu irrigation project in Jogulamba Gadwal district**. The Chief Minister announced that **Rs.554 crore** will be spent to complete the project

➤ The **State Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** have joined hands to provide collateral-free credit through **Joint Liability Groups in Telangana**.

➤ The Telangana government has launched a **Rs.5 lakh insurance programme** for farmers in the state, touted to be the first of its kind, under which their families will get the amount irrespective of whether the death is natural or accidental. The ruling **Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)** has launched the scheme with the aim of getting the support of the farming community **before the 2019 state and parliamentary elections**. However, the scheme is limited to farmers aged between **18 and 60 years**.

➤ India's first genetic resource bank was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's (CCMB) **Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES)** facility, Hyderabad. It was launched by **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**.

➤ The Telangana Government has launched **Disaster Response Force (DRF)** vehicles in **Hyderabad** to combat situations like flash floods, heavy rains, building collapse and fire mishaps. The disaster personal will be **available on the field for 24/7**.

➤ Telangana State Government **has increased the free electricity supply** to the families of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for domestic purpose up to **101 units** from 50 units.

➤ In an effort to implement child rights, prevent their abuse at the district-level, the **Telangana government** has established '**District Child Protection Units (DCPU)**' in all 31 districts.

➤ **The Telangana police** have launched a **mobile-based messenger application 'COP CONNECT'** dedicated to providing real time information to over **60,000 police officers across the State**.

➤ The **Telangana State Information Technology, Electronics and Communication department (ITE&C)** has signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the global digital transformation provider **Tech Mahindra** to launch **India's first Blockchain District** in the state of **Telangana**.

TAMIL NADU

- The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Edappadi K. Palaniswami laid the foundation stone for the **GMR Krishnagiri Special Investment Region**. The **Rs.2,420 crore project**, spread across 2,100 acres, is a joint venture between the **Tamil Nadu Industrial Corporation Ltd. (TIDCO) and GMR Group**. A **world-class infrastructure and utilities** such as road connectivity, water supply system, water treatment plant, storm/rain water drains, water and power sub-station and internet connectivity would be developed in the Special Investment Region.
- **K. Palaniswami**, Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister, inaugurated the **MGR Centenary Film Studio**, on August 26, 2018, at **Paiyanur near Mahabalipuram**. The structure is said to be **one of the tallest in the country**. The film studio named after former chief minister MG Ramachandran is **56 feet tall, 110 metres long, and 100 feet wide**.
- The **Aeronautical Development Agency**, which had conceived and designed the **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas**, has planned to build the next generation defence aircraft, the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). The project would be implemented in **Sulur in Coimbatore district**. It marks **Tamil Nadu's first major defence aircraft project**.
- **Chief Minister K Palaniswami** has launched the **bi-lingual 'Uzhavan' (farmer) app to get information on farm subsidies**, book farm equipment and related infrastructure and get details on their crop insurance besides receiving weather forecast for the next four days. He also launched the **'Amma Bio-Fertiliser'** scheme.
- The Tamil Nadu government has launched **Amma Free Wi-Fi zones in five cities** of the state. CM inaugurated the Wi-Fi facility at Labour Statue, Marina, **Chennai, Central bus stands, Salem and Tiruchirappalli**, Gandhipuram bus stand in **Coimbatore** and Mattuthavani bus stand, **Madurai**.
- First ever **International Rail coach expo** was held in Chennai. It was organised by leading **Public-Sector Unit rail coach maker Integral Coach Factory, in coordination with CII and RITES Ltd.**

TRIPURA

- Tripura Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** has said that **Agartala Airport will be named after Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishor Manikya Bahadur**.
- Tripura government will distribute **free ration to about 62,000 families** in ten tribal dominated blocks for two months. The government has also announced a hike in **transport fare by twenty per cent** in view of increased fuel prices and other material cost.
- President Ramnath Kovind has come to Tripura for a two-day visit during which he has declare the **'Queen' variety of pineapple as the state fruit**.

UTTARAKHAND

- In a unique ruling, the Uttarakhand High Court has accorded the status of a **"legal person or entity" to animals** in the state. Now animals have a distinct persona with corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person. A division bench of **Justices Rajiv Sharma and Lokpal Singh**.
- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat** announced that there would be a **complete ban on use of polythene** throughout the state **from July 31**. The theme for this year's World Environment Day is **beat plastic pollution**.

- In an effort to clean the Ganges, **Germany** is providing a soft loan of **euro 120 million** (Rs 990 crore approximately) to India to strengthen sewage water treatment infrastructure in Uttarakhand.

UTTAR PRADESH

- The **Uttar Pradesh Government** has granted **Status of Revenue Village** to three villages inhabited by the **Tongia Scheduled Tribe** in and around forests in Saharanpur district. **Kaluwala, Sodhinagar and Bhagwatpur** were given the revenue status. The status was granted under the **Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA)**.
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** has announced **ban on plastic bags, cups and glasses** across the state from July 15 onwards. **After Maharashtra**, the Uttar Pradesh government has banned the use of several plastic products.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the '**One District One Product**' **Summit** in Lucknow. The summit has been organised by the **Uttar Pradesh government** to promote traditional industries and spur local trade. The President also distributed loan sanction papers worth **Rs 1006 crore to beneficiaries of ODOP scheme digitally**. **E-commerce major Amazon** India has signed an MoU with the **Uttar Pradesh government** to support MSME entrepreneurs across nine districts as a part of the state's **One District One Product (ODOP)** scheme. Amazon India through its **Kala Haat programme** will help traditional industries, synonymous with respective districts of the state, leverage e-commerce to scale and access the Indian market.
- The Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will launch a **defence industrial corridor in Aligarh** as part of the government's efforts **to develop specialised zones** dedicated to defence production in the state. Six nodal points have been identified in state - **Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Jhansi** for the corridor. Another defence corridor was launched in **Tamil Nadu** early this year.
- The **Mughalsarai Junction** of Uttar Pradesh will be formally **renamed after RSS ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyay**. They will also launch a "**smart yard**" project at the century-old station on the **busy Delhi-Howrah route**.
- A special home '**Krishna Kutir**' to house around 1,000 widows will be inaugurated at Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. It was constructed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under its "**Swadhar Greh Scheme**" through National Building Construction Corporation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a two-day '**Kabir Mahotsav**' at Maghar in Sant Kabir district of **Uttar Pradesh**. It is to mark the **500th death anniversary** of Kabir Das.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has inaugurated a **10.30-km-long elevated road**, touted to be the longest of its kind in the country, connecting UP Gate and Rajnagar Extension in **Ghaziabad**. Built at a **cost of Rs.1,147 crore**, the six-lane elevated road is supported on 227 pillars.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** cabinet has given its nod for developing an **Integrated Sugar Complex in Pilibhit** and setting up a **Tiger Conservation Foundation in Dudhwa**.

WEST BENGAL

- The **West Bengal assembly** has passed a resolution to change the name of the State from **West Bengal to 'Bangla'** in all three different languages. The name of the state's capital, which served as British India's seat of power until 1911, was changed from **Calcutta to Kolkata in January 2001**.
- The **West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi** has inaugurated the **18th International Children's Film Festival** in which **36 films from 17 countries** would be screened. The festival was being organised by **CineCentral**, one of the oldest cine clubs of the country in collaboration with the **UNICEF**. **Killa film** has been chosen as the inaugural film for this year's festival and **Pappu ki Pugdandi** has been chosen as the closing film of the festival.
- The **West Bengal government** has signed an agreement to implement **the Centre's health insurance scheme under the joint banner "Ayushman Bharat - Swasthya Sathi"**. The West Bengal **health department principal secretary Anil Verma** signed a memorandum of understanding to implement **Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM)**.

NATIONAL SUMMITS

Summits	Key Points/ Area	Held in
Indo-US Military Cooperation Meeting 2018	Focus on strengthening defence and strategic ties. The meeting was co-chaired by Lt Gen Satish Dua, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) and Lt Gen Bryan Fenton, Deputy Commander, Indo-Pacific Command.	New Delhi, India
NITI Aayog's International Conference on "Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling: Policy Prescriptions" 2018	It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari	New Delhi, India
3rd India-Nepal Coordination meeting 2018	It derives strength from shared history, trade, economic partnership, cultural ties and close and intense people-to-people contact.	New Delhi, India
NITI Aayog Hosts Investors' Conference 2018	To attract investments for the development of eco-tourism on public private partnership (PPP) basis in Andaman & Nicobar, and Lakshadweep Islands. The Conference will be inaugurated by Shri. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog.	Andaman & Nicobar, and Lakshadweep Islands
International Buddhist Conclave 2018	Theme: Buddha Path – The Living Heritage. This year Japan is the partnering country for the Buddhist conclave. Aims to showcase Buddhist Heritage in India and boost tourism to the Buddhist sites in the country.	New Delhi, India

	Tourism Ministry is organising the conclave in collaboration with Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh governments.	
India Banking Conclave (IBC) 2018	Objective of making the banking sector more adaptable to face multiple future challenges in the coming years.	New Delhi, India
29th Goods and Services Tax council meeting 2018	Headed by Union Finance Minister Piyush Goyal - To promote Digital transactions. 20% Cashback up to Rs. 100 for the Digital Transactions done via BHIM, Rupay, or USSD mode.	Vigyan Bhawan, India
10th International conference on oral implantology	It will enhance the awareness and knowledge on the latest innovations and technologies in oral implantology world over	New Delhi, India
4th India International Footwear Fair 2018 (IIFF)	The IIFF -2018 has been organized by India Trade Promotion Organization in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Footwear Industries and support of the Council for Leather Exports, Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) and Indian Footwear Components of Manufacturers Association.	New Delhi, India
Fourth National Consultation Meeting of Ministers of States & UTs	To improve consumer protection and welfare including availability of essential food items at stable prices, Public Distribution System etc. and chart a future course of action.	New Delhi, India
International Conference on Recent Advances in Food Processing Technology (iCRAFPT)	Aims to bring the bright minds of the food processing sector together for discussions on the current issues with that the sector faces with this Industry - Academia Interface	At Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology, Thanjavur in Tamilnadu.
4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals	Strengthening the efforts of the Ministry in enabling the mining sector to contribute its fullest to foster the rapid growth of national economy and employment generation.	Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
UNICEF 18th International Children's Film Festival	The inaugural film Moana, produced by Walt Disney Animation Studios. This year the Festival is based on the theme 'value of girls' to highlight the inequities and gender discrimination.	Kolkata, West Bengal
third edition of World's Biggest Open Innovation Model - Smart India Hackathon 2019	To provide students a platform to solve some of pressing problems we face in our daily lives, and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem solving.	New Delhi, India

The first meeting of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)	It will be chaired by the CWC Chairman, S Masood Hussain, who is also heading the Cauvery Authority.	at Central Water Commission (CWC) office in Delhi
Two-day "National Consultation on Accessible Elections".	It will be inaugurated by the Chief Election Commissioner Shri O.P.Rawat, in presence of the Election Commissioners Shri Sunil Arora and Shri Ashok Lavasa. The theme of "Inclusion of PwD's" has been given a special focus in the ECI's Strategic Plan 2016-2025. Besides, "Accessible Elections" has been adopted as its central theme for this year's National Voters' Day celebrations.	New Delhi, India
A three day National Conference of Vice Chancellors of Universities and Directors of Higher Education Institutions	For the first time, Vice Chancellors and Directors of both public and private Central/State Universities and Institutions are taking part in the Conference. To check plagiarism, Turnitin software will be made available to all universities at no cost All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2017-18 report released	New Delhi, India
Global Disability Summit 2018	Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot Attends Global Disability Summit 2018. The motto of the Conference was to firm up the commitments of the country leaders towards the cause of persons with disabilities.	London, UK
The three-day inaugural edition of the International Block chain Congress.	The event is being organised in collaboration with NITI Aayog, state governments of Telangana and Goa, and Nucleus Vision.	On August 3 and 4 in Hyderabad and on August 5 in Goa.
11th of Geo Intelligence Asia 2018	It was organised by GeoSpatial Media and Communication. Theme: 'GeoSpatial: A Force Multiplier for Defence and Industrial Security'. Aims to examine the latest technology solutions and on the critical role of geospatial technology in military and security applications.	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
49th Conference of Governors and Lt. Governors	Discuss important thematic issues in various sessions including clean India mission, internal security, higher education and skill development.	New Delhi, India
3rd National Health Editors' Conference on Yoga	This Conference on 'Evidence Based Recent Innovative Research on Yoga – A Review of Yoga Research'.	New Delhi, India

Oxford University Press' South Asia Conclave	To discuss issues pertaining to South Asia and develop a deeper understanding. The conference will be chaired by Ashutosh Varshney, professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University.	New Delhi, India (July 4)
106th Indian Science Congress	Theme: 'Future India: Science & Technology'	Jalandhar, Punjab from January 3 to 7, 2019.
NITI Aayog's 4th Governing Council Meeting	Main agenda of deliberating upon measures taken to double farmers' income and the progress of government's flagship schemes.	New Delhi, India
3rd Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	Theme: "Mobilising Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration". A discussion on issues such as economic growth, infrastructure development, policy initiatives, investment, innovation and job creation.	Mumbai, Maharashtra
First biannual IAF Commanders' Conference of 2018	To discuss the operational, maintenance and administrative takeaways identified during the Exercise and the way ahead.	New Delhi, India

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Asia's first arbitration centre** specialised in intellectual property is slated to open in **Tokyo** to resolve the growing number of disputes in the region.
- **UNESCO inscribed 4 sites in world heritage sites List - Cultural sites** (Gobekli Tepe (Turkey), Naumburg Cathedral (Germany)) & **Mixed Sites** (Pimachiowin Aki (Canada) Chiribiquete National Park – "The Maloca of the Jaguar" (Colombia)). It was announced at the **World Heritage Committee**, meeting in Manama was held under the chair of **Shaikha Haya Bint Rashed al-Khalifa of Bahrain**.
- **The UN Security Council has adopted a resolution 2427** aimed at a framework for mainstreaming protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children throughout the conflict cycle.
- **The world's first digital art museum** has opened to the public in **Tokyo, Japan** allowing patrons to step all the way into the artworks.
- India would Operate 'World's Emptiest Airport' named **Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in Hambantota** in Sri Lanka. It was announced by Sri Lanka's **Civil Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva**.
- **Fertiliser cooperative major IFFCO** said it has inked an agreement with two South Korean firms – **LS Mtron and N H Captial to explore business opportunities in agri-machinery and farm credit sectors**.
- **China** said it has clinched a deal with India on the reduction of import duties on Indian medicines including anti-cancer drugs, which are highly expensive in the country.

- **China** successfully launched two remote sensing satellites for **Pakistan**, marking the first international commercial launch for the Long **March-2C rocket** in about 19 years. The satellites – **PRSS-1 and PakTES-1A** were launched from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre** in **northwest China**.
- The **Chinese President Xi Jinping** has pledged a package of **US\$20 billion** in loans, and about **\$106 million in financial aid**, to Middle East nations.
- US President **Donald Trump** and his Russian counterpart **Vladimir Putin** will hold their **first summit** meeting on July 16 in the **Finnish capital Helsinki** to mend bilateral relations.
- The Indian Navy patrol vessel, **INS Sumitra**, became the first-ever warship to sail into the **Indonesian port of Sabang**, strategically poised at the mouth of the Malacca Strait.
- The **UN member states** have approved a **6.69 billion US Dollar budget** for 13 peacekeeping operations for the **year 2018-19**.
- **Toray Industries (India)**, a subsidiary of **Toray Industries, Inc, a Japanese** major producing key material for a range of industries, plans to invest **Rs.1,000 crore** in setting up a manufacturing unit in **Sri City, Andhra Pradesh**.
- Scientists have discovered the oldest colours in the geological record — 1.1 billion-year-old **bright pink pigments** extracted from rocks deep beneath the **Sahara Desert in Africa**. The pigments taken from marine black shales of the **Taoudeni Basin in Mauritania, West Africa**.
- The Portuguese parliament has approved a law that **will allow citizens to change their gender and name from the age of 16** without a medical report showing "identity disruption".
- The **United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** has constituted a **High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation**. The panel will be co-chaired by **Melinda Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Jack Ma, Executive Chairman of Alibaba Group**.
- Indian Visa Application Center (INVAC) at Jamuna Future Park in Dhaka. Bangladeshis constitute one of the largest numbers of visitors from a single country to India. Last year **1.4 million visas** were issued to Bangladeshi nationals. There are 12 visa centres in Bangladesh, the highest number India has in any country in the world.
- The **United Nations General Assembly** has elected **Iceland** to serve on the **Geneva-based global rights body** effective immediately, through to the end of next year. Iceland has for the **first time been elected to the Human Rights Council**, filling the seat vacated by the United States, which withdrew from the body last month.
- The **UN Security Council** has adopted a resolution to impose an **arms embargo** on **South Sudan** in addition to **current sanctions, till May 31, 2019**. The embargo means an **official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country**.
- China plans to launch **300 low-orbit satellites** to provide worldwide communication services. It is known as the **Hongyan constellation**, the first in the 300-satellite array, is set to be launched by the end of this year. China is already developing **BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS)** to rival America's Global Positioning System, (GPS).
- **Peru** has declared a **60-day state of emergency** on its border with Colombia in order to guarantee security in a region rife with drug trafficking.
- The **Militaries of India and Pakistan** will be part of a **mega anti-terror drill** in **Russia in August** which is being organised by the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**. The drill, "**Peace Mission**", will take place nearly three months.

- The **University of Houston** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE)** to build scientific and technical knowledge through joint research.
- According to **UN bodies WHO and UNICEF**, the '**BIMARU**' Indian states - **Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh** - have the highest numbers of partially immunized and non-immunized children. The national average for full immunization is **62 percent**, for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine (DTP3) coverage is **78.4 percent** and for measles first dose **81.1 percent**. According to UN bodies, a record **123 million children** were immunized globally in 2017.
- The **European Union and Japan** signed a huge free trade deal on that **cuts or eliminates tariffs on nearly all goods**.
- The **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** has entered into a partnership with **Google** to monitor the **impacts of human activity on global ecosystems by using sophisticated online tools**.
- **Myanmar** has joined the **India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, becoming the **68th member of the grouping** that is aiming at optimum utilisation of solar energy.
- **Facebook** is working on launching **Athena, its own Internet satellite, early in 2019**. The project is designed to **"efficiently provide broadband access to unserved and underserved areas throughout the world"**.
- PM Narendra Modi along with his **Sri Lankan counterpart Ranil Wickremesinghe** launched the island-wide expansion of the **1990 Suwasariya Emergency Ambulance Service in Jaffna**. As per the scheme, **209 ambulances will be launched in Sri Lanka** with a fund of **\$15.02 million contributed by India**.
- The SpaceX has successfully launched communications satellite **Telstar 19 VANTAGE** to a **geostationary transfer orbit (GTO)**. It has set a record as the satellite launch is marked by the **heaviest payload that a Falcon 9 has ever carried to a GTO**. The satellite weights over **7000 kg**.
- The **world's first-ever Warner Bros. branded indoor theme park** has been inaugurated in **Abu Dhabi**.
- India's latest frontline warship **INS Trikand** has reached **Sri Lanka in a goodwill visit**. INS Trikand is a state-of-the-art warship of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors capable of addressing threats in all three dimensions - **air, surface and sub-surface**.
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** is participating in the **multinational "Pitch Black" warfare** exercise in Australia. The IAF contingent is led by **Group Captain CUV Rao**.
- The United States has designated India as a **Strategic Trade Authorization-1 (STA-1) country** – a status that will allow the country **to buy highly advanced and sensitive technologies from America**. Currently there are **36 countries on STA-1 list**. India is the only South Asian country to be on the list.
- The **Prasar Bharati and Mizzima Media of Myanmar** signed a Memorandum of Understanding in broadcasting and content sharing.
- **China has successfully launched an optical remote sensing satellite "Gaofen-11", as part of its high-resolution Earth observation project** which will also provide data for the Belt and Road Initiative.
- The **United States Congress** has passed the **National Defence Authorisation Act-2019 (NDAA-19)** which limited its **security-related aid to Pakistan to \$150 million**, significantly below the historic level of more than **\$ one billion to \$750 million per year**.

- The **UAE has launched a three-month visa** amnesty programme. It will benefit hundreds of illegal foreign workers, including Indians, overstaying their permits by allowing them to leave the country without penalties and giving them six months to find a job.
- The **Asylum and Immigration** bill is designed to accelerate **asylum procedures** by cutting the maximum processing time from the **current 120 days to 90 days** after entering France.
- The **Vietnam's Cau Van** which means "**Golden Bridge**" in Vietnamese has just opened in the Ba Na Hills in the city of Da Nang. It is 150 metres long and 1,400 metres above sea level.
- **World's first intertidal art gallery** opens in **Maldives**. An **intertidal art gallery**, filled with around 30 sculptures acting as a habitat for **coral and other marine species**, was opened in the **Maldives**.
- The **U.K. government** has announced new plans to change the law **for organ and tissue donation** to address the urgent need for organs within **Indian-origin communities in India**. The proposed new system of consent for organ and tissue donation is expected **to come into effect in England** in **2020**. It will be implemented as a part of the drive to help **Black, Asian And Minority Ethnic (BAME)** people desperately waiting for a life-saving transplant.
- **China** successfully tests **first hypersonic aircraft: Xingkong-2 or Starry Sky-2** was launched in a target range located in Northwest China, the state-run China Academy of Aerospace Aerodynamics (CAAA).
- **NASA** is preparing to launch a **\$1.5 billion spacecraft designed to "touch" the sun**, which will help scientists learn more about the scorching atmosphere of our favourite star, known as **the corona**.
- The **embassy of Israel** has opened a **visa application centre** in Kolkata for tourists from **West Bengal and the north eastern states**. It aims to encourage more Indian travellers to visit Israel.
- The **External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj** has inaugurated '**Panini Language Laboratory**' at **Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI) in Mauritius**.
- In **Sri Lanka**, the ten-day festival of the historic **Esala Maha Perahera** began in **Kandy**. The procession set off from the biggest Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka, **Sri Dalada Maligawa**.
- **Iran unveiled** a new domestic fighter jet '**KOWSAR**' with **President Hassan Rouhani**. The jet was kept at the **National Defence Industry exhibition in Tehran**.
- A **new EU Wind Survey Satellite "Aeolus"** was launched from **French Guiana** that will use **advanced laser technology** to track global winds and improve weather forecasts has been successfully put into orbit.
- **Sweden** has released a handbook of its "**feminist foreign policy**" for rights groups and foreign governments. It showcases lessons from the Scandinavian nation's flagship approach to promoting women's rights globally. It has been led by **Sweden's Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom**.
- **China** has successfully sent **twin navigation satellites** into the space on a **single carrier rocket**. The **Long March-3B carrier rocket** lifted off from **Xichang Satellite Launch Centre** in southwest China's Sichuan Province.
- The **World Bank** has launched '**bond-i**', the world's first bond to be created, allocated, transferred and managed by using distributed ledger technology. This two-year bond successfully raised **110 million Australian dollars** (USD 80.48 million).
- **Saudi Arabia** announced that it is freezing all new trade and investment with **Canada** over its interference in its internal affairs.

- **Qatar King Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani** pledged to make direct investment in **Turkey** and announced a 15- billion US dollar investment into the country's financial markets and banks.
- **Dubai** is all set to witness a **Total Lunar Eclipse** on the night of July 27, an observatory in Dubai announced. According to the Dubai Astronomy Group, the eclipse will last for about one hour and 43 minutes, the longest in the century, and will also feature a "**blood moon**".
- PM Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister to address the **Shangri-La Dialogue** in Singapore. He also visited National Orchid Garden in Singapore.
- Government in **Seychelles** called off a **\$550 million** (Rs 3,760 crore) joint project with India to develop a naval base at the archipelago nation's Assumption Island.
- To extend the cooperation within health sector through the **Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI)** for a period of three years starting **from 2018 to 2020**.
- **South Africa** commemorates the **125th year of Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha**. The incident led him to develop his Satyagraha principles of peaceful resistance. The screening of the biopic "**The Making of the Mahatma**" marked the opening of a three-day series of events to commemorate the historic incident.
- A third generation **EPR reactor in China** carried out its **first nuclear chain reaction**. Taishan 1 and 2 are the first two reactors based on the EPR design to be built in China.
- The UN General Assembly has elected **South Africa, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Germany and Belgium** as non-permanent members of the powerful Security Council for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2019.
- **India** was the only country in the **eight-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** grouping which opposed **China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative**.
- **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the **first Representative Office of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam**.
- **IBM and the U. S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)** has unveiled **Summit**, the department's newest supercomputer.
- **India** will construct a **war memorial at Villers Guislain**, a town around 200 km from **Paris** France to highlight the contribution of the soldiers of the undivided India to the freedom of **France in the World War I**.
- India is trying to make the **strategic Chabahar Port in Iran** operational by **2019**. It was announced by **Union Minister Road and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari** in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**.
- Women across Saudi Arabia were legally allowed to drive for the **first time since 1957**.
- The **global anti-terror financing firm, Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has decided to keep **Pakistan on its 'grey list'**.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMITS

Summits	Key Points/ Themes	Held in
10th BRICS Summit 2018	Theme: 'BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution'.	Johannesburg, South Africa
Global Disability	To firm up the commitments of the country leaders	London at the

Summit 2018	towards the cause of persons with disabilities	Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.
1st Meeting of India-Bangladesh Joint Committee on Border Haats	To set up six new Border Haats with an aim to increase the trade between the two countries before March, 2019.	Agartala, Tripura
8th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting	India will strongly support for Ending Tuberculosis (TB) and is committed to eradicate the disease by 2025.	Durban, South Africa.
4th BIMSTEC Summit	The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) has as members seven nations of South Asia and Southeast Asia — Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan, and Nepal.	Kathmandu, Nepal
4th Round of the India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue	The two sides exchanged views on various topics of mutual interest including the Indo-Pacific Region, maritime security, cooperation in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Search and Rescue (SAR).	New Delhi
Two Plus Two Dialogue Between India and US	Discuss strengthening of strategic, security and defence cooperation as both the nations jointly address challenges in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.	New Delhi
8th India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting	The Government of India has launched several investment friendly programmes like ' Make in India ' with a trillion dollar business opportunity in the country.	Muscat, Oman
6th edition of biennial World Cities Summit	It will provide a unique integrated global platform to drive integrated urban solutions, connect global business experts, policy-makers, industry leaders and innovators through strategic collaborative efforts and cutting-edge technologies.	Singapore
17th World Sanskrit Conference	To promote, preserve and practice the Sanskrit language all over the world by the people. It is being held in various countries across the globe once in every three years and so far it has been held thrice in India.	Vancouver, Canada.
6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) meeting	Need to establish few more Network Centres in areas such as Cyber Physical System- Artificial Intelligence, digital Economy, health technologies, cyber security and promoting clean growth, smart urbanization, future mobility and environment.	New Delhi, India
First 'Nepal-India Think Tank' Summit	To foster greater collaboration and knowledge-sharing among the think tanks of the two countries	Kathmandu, Nepal

3rd BRICS Film Festival	The Indian Delegation was headed by Shri Manoj Kumar Pingua, Joint Secretary (EW), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting & MD, NFDC and Shri Raja Chhinal, Deputy General Manager (East), NFDC	Durban, South Africa
19th edition of International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) global event.	(IUFOST), the global voice of food science and technology in association with Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Organised this event. The focal theme for this edition of the prestigious congress is 25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods.	Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra in oct 2018.
MOVE: India's First Global Mobility Summit 2018	NITI Aayog, in collaboration with various ministries and industry partners, is organised this event. Aims to bring together and engage with key stakeholders within the rapidly transforming global mobility landscape and to evolve a public interest framework for a shared, connected, zero emission and inclusive mobility agenda for the future. The Summit will constitute three designated components – The Conclave, the Expo and the Featured Events.	New Delhi, India
Fifth Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting 2018	It was first RCEP ministerial gathering to be held outside ASEAN countries.	Tokyo, Japan (1 st July 2018)
First meeting of e-Commerce Task Force	Commerce Secretary, Rita Teatota, chaired the first meeting of the Task Force on e-commerce.	New Delhi, India
The Ninth and final meeting of Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on India-Nepal relations	The Representatives from Nepal and India deliberated up on various bilateral issues including 1950 Peace and Friendship treaty, trade, transit and border during the two-day meeting.	Kathmandu, Nepal
24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) 2018	Theme: "Learning To Be Human". It is the first time that the quinquennial event is being held in China.	Beijing, China
11th World Hindi Conference 2018	The event is held once in three years and is dedicated to Hindi language. The previous conference was held in Bhopal in 2015. The main theme of the Conference is 'Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti'.	Port Louis, Mauritius
51st ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting 2018	The main aim of the meeting is to trade union setup between United States and its long-time trading partners, including China, the EU and Canada.	Singapore

Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018	It will play an important role in further strengthening Indo-Nepal ties.	Birgunj, Nepal
4th Asian Electoral Stakeholders Forum (AESF-IV) 2018	It is being held for the first time in South Asia with support from the Election Commission of Sri Lanka and the Asian network for free elections (ANFREL) . Theme: 'Advancing Election Transparency and Integrity: Promoting and Defending Democracy Together'. India is being represented by Chief Electoral Officer of Maharashtra Ashwini Kumar and an NGO.	Colombo, Sri Lanka
3rd Indian Ocean Conference 2018	The theme of the two- day conference will focus on 'Building Regional Architectures' , particularly with regards to trade and commerce, security and governance. Earlier, the conference was held in Singapore and Sri Lanka in 2016 and 2017 respectively.	Hanoi, Vietnam
8th meeting of India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee 2018	Kenya's readiness to join the International Solar Alliance , implementation of Lines of Credit, of over US\$ 220 million , extended by Government of India in power transmission. At present, India is one of Kenya's largest trade partners and the second largest foreign investor in Kenya. Indians are the third-largest group of tourists to Kenya.	Nairobi, Kenya
2-day G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting 2018	The theme of the meeting was 'Building consensus for fair and sustainable development ' . The Group of Twenty (G20) is a leading forum of the world's major economies that seeks to develop global policies to address today's most pressing challenges.	Salta, Argentina
Sixth Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting 2018	Aiming to achieve comprehensive, well-balanced and high-quality RCEP agreement, Japan will hold discussions with other RCEP participating countries (RPCs) at the meeting.	in Singapore (30 th August 2018)
First South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Agri Cooperative Business Forum	Theme: 'Organizing and Strengthening Family Farmers' Cooperatives to attain the Sustainable- Development- Goals-1 and 2 in South Asia'.	Kathmandu, Nepal

LIST OF AGREEMENTS/MOUS' SIGNED BY INDIA WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES

Country	Prime Minister	Key area/ Points	Capital/ Currency
China	Xi Jinping (President)	Agreed to take "necessary steps to maintain peace & tranquillity in border areas."	Beijing/ Renminbi
United Kingdom	Theresa May	Enhance their partnership in the area of research and innovation. This was agreed to at the delegation level meeting of 6th India-Science and Innovation Council in New Delhi. An agreement on exchange of experience by legal professionals and government functionaries for resolution of disputes before various courts and tribunals.	London/ Pound sterling
France	Emmanuel Macron (President)	An MoU to promote investment facilitation and cooperation between startups (Invest India, Business France) of the two countries.	Paris/ Euro, CFP franc
Ghana	Nana Akufo-Addo (President)	To enhance the bilateral cooperation between the two countries. On Cultural Exchange Programme and on cooperation between Bureau of Indian Standards and Ghana Standards Authority were signed.	Accra/ Ghanaian cedi
Bangladesh	Sheikh Hasina	A revised travel agreement with, easing visa restrictions for citizens of Bangladesh. Under the Revised Travel Arrangement (RTA)-2018, freedom fighters and elderly Bangladeshi nationals will get five year multiple visa from India. World's largest state-of-the-art visa centre: Dhaka	Dhaka / Taka
Nepal	Khadga Prasad Oli	To jointly promote historically and culturally important tourism circuits like the Ramayana and Buddhist Circuit and adventure tourism.	Kathmandu/ Nepalese rupee
Rwanda	Paul Kagame (President)	Agreements in the fields of Defence, Trade, Agriculture, Leather and allied products and Dairy. Cultural exchange programme for the year 2018-22. India has extended \$200 million line of credit to Rwanda for its economic development. Out of this One for development of Industrial Parks (\$100 million line of credit) and another for	Kigali/ Rwandan franc

		Agriculture irrigation scheme in Rwanda worth (USD 100 million line of credit).	
Uganda	Yoweri Museveni (President)	Areas of defence cooperation, visa exemption for official and diplomatic passport holders, cultural exchange programme and material testing laboratory. Offering to build a commemoration centre in Kampala in memory of Mahatma Gandhi.	Kampala/ Ugandan shilling
UAE	Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan	Invest India & the UAE Minister for Artificial Intelligence (AI) signed an MoU for India - UAE Artificial Intelligence Bridge in New Delhi.	Abu Dhabi/ United Arab Emirates dirham
South Korea	Moon Jae-in (President)	Joint Statement on Early Harvest Package of the Upgraded Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), Trade Remedies, Future Strategy Group, Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2018 – 2022, In the field of scientific and technological research between Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and National Research Council of Science and Technology (NST), In railway research, In the field of biotechnology and bio-economics, In the field of ICT and Telecommunications, In the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Queen Suriratna Memorial Project.	Seoul/ South Korean won
Singapore	Lee Hsien Loong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On Cooperation in the Field of Planning, Economic co-operation, Nursing (Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA), Cybersecurity, Naval cooperation, Combating Narcotics, smuggling & Human Trafficking Fintech, Personnel Management and Public Administration, Joint Statement on conclusion of second review of CECA. ➤ PM of India had launched three Indian mobile payment apps in Singapore namely Rupay Card, Bhim App and UPI marks the collaboration of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS) of Singapore. ➤ PM Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister to address the Shangri-La Dialogue. He also visited 	Singapore/Dollar

		National Orchid Garden in Singapore.	
Seychelles	Danny Faure (President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regarding Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Small Development Projects through Local Bodies, Educational and Vocational Institutions, Establishment of Friendship and Cooperation, On Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security, Cultural Exchange Programme, Sharing White Shipping Information, Foreign Service. ➤ Government in Seychelles called off a \$550 million (Rs 3,760 crore) joint project with India to develop a naval base at the archipelago nation's Assumption Island. 	Victoria/ Seychellois rupee
Malaysia	Mahathir Mohamad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PM Modi met his 92-year-old Malaysian counterpart Mahathir Mohamad to personally congratulate him on his stunning election victory and the two leaders had "productive discussions" on bolstering the bilateral strategic ties. 	Kuala Lumpur / Malaysian ringgit
Indonesia	Joko Widodo (President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establishing Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, In the fields of defence, scientific and technological cooperation, railways and health, among others. 	Jakarta/ Indonesian rupiah
Norway	Erna Solberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To extend the cooperation within health sector through the Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) for a period of three years starting from 2018 to 2020. 	Oslo/ Norwegian krone
China	Li Keqiang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ China has agreed to provide India hydrological data of the Brahmaputra River in flood season. ➤ China has agreed to import non-Basmati rice from India which is likely to bridge the ballooning trade deficit to a certain extent. 	Beijing / Renminbi
Russia	Dmitry Medvedev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To Supply Technical Security Equipment, this partnership will explore opportunities in the Indian government's Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) project. ➤ CIBMS is a smart fencing project to identify and protect infiltration and secure the border. 	Moscow/ Russian ruble
Cuba	Miguel Diaz-Canel (President)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In the field of biotechnology, traditional medicine and homoeopathy. 	Havana / Peso

Tajikistan	Kokhir Rasulzoda	➤ To promote bilateral relations and agreed to enhance economic cooperation, particularly in sustainable water development.	Dushanbe / Tajikistani somoni, Ruble
Denmark	Lars Løkke Rasmussen	➤ On technical cooperation in the field of sustainable and smart urban development	Copenhagen / Danish krone

MILITARY EXERCISE

- **Maitree exercise - Indian Army and Royal Thai Army – Held in Thailand**
- **Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18) - Nepali Army and United States Pacific Command – Held in Kathmandu, Nepal.**
- **SCO Peace Mission Exercise 2018 – SCO member states- Held at Chebarkul, Chelyabinsk, Russia.**
- **'Vijay Prahar' exercise - Suratgarh in Rajasthan.**
- **12th edition of 'Surya Kiran' military exercise - India and Nepal - Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh region**
- **Desert Tiger 5 - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Malaysia, held in Dubai, UAE**
- **'Gagan Shakti' - Indian Air Force in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district.**
- **'Foal Eagle' – The United States and South Korea in South Korea**
- **Sahyog-Hyeoblyeog – India and South Korea**
- **Harimau Shakti – India and Malaysia**
- **Peace Mission – SCO Countries**

AIR EXERCISE

- **First-ever IAF (Indian Air Force) – RMAF (Royal Malaysian Air Force) – Held at Subang Air Base in Malaysia.**

NAVAL EXERCISE

- **Passage Exercise 2018 (PASSEX) -India and Indonesia - Makassar, Indonesia**
- **Malabar naval exercise - India and the US and Japan - in the Philippine Sea.**
- **World's Largest Multilateral Naval Exercise named 26th edition of 'Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC)' held in Hawaii in the Western Pacific Ocean. Indian Naval Ship INS Sahyadri has participated in this exercise.**
- **Sagar Kavach – Kerala, India.**
- **Indra- India and Russia - second half of this year.**

APPOINTMENTS IN BOTH NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

DESIGNATION	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
Additional (Independent) Director and non-executive part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank.	Girish Chandra Chaturvedi	-
Director General of International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Antonio Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira	William Lacy Swing (USA)

	Vitorino (Portugal)	
President of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF)	Janardan Singh Gehlot	-
New President of Mexico	Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador	-
New Director General and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board of Defence	P K Shrivastava	-
Next Ambassador of India to Costa Rica	Ravi Thapar (Presently Ambassador of India to Panama)	-
Chairman of Payments Council of India	Vishwas Patel	Naveen Surya
MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank	T Latha	G. Sreeram
Chairman and Managing Director of steel PSU SAIL	Saraswati Prasad	P K Singh
Deputy CEO of IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd	Rushabh Gandhi	-
Head of Drug Enforcement Agency In US	Uttam Dhillon	Robert Patterson
New Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for UNMOGIP	Jose Eladio Alcain	Per Gustaf Lodin
Director and General Manager of United India Insurance	K B Vijay Srinivas	-
Chairman of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)	Narasimha Reddy	Justice Dinesh Gupta
Chairperson of National Green Tribunal	Adarsh Kumar Goel	Justice Swatanter Kumar
97th President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).	Dr. Sandeep Sancheti	-
New Foreign Secretary of Brexit.	Jeremy Hunt	Boris Johnson
President of Turkey	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan	-
Director General (DG) of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).	Dr. TCA Raghavan	-
Head of Investment Banking for HSBC India	Amitabh Malhotra	-
Chairman and Non-Executive Director of Bhushan Steel Ltd	T.V. Narendran	-
Additional Charge of Himachal Pradesh Governor	Kaptan Singh Solanki (Present Governor of Haryana)	-
New President of Asian Tug of War Federation. Prestigious post in the Federations's Executive Committee elections	India Gautam Kaul	-
Managing Director of Tata Capital Housing Finance	Anil Kaul	R Vaithianathan.
Chairman of All India Council for Technical	Prof Anil D	-

Education (AICTE).	Sahasrabudhe	
First-Ever Woman chief justice of Pakistan High Court	Justice Tahira Safdar	Justice Mohammad Noor Muskanzai
New Chief Executive & Managing Director of Tata AIA Life	Rishi Srivastava	Naveen Tahilyani
Next Prime Minister of Pakistan	Imran Khan (Pakistan's Cricket Legend)	-
Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command.	Anil Kumar Chawla	Vice Admiral AR Karve
Chief Executive Officer for HSBC India	Surendra Rosha	-
Associate member directors on the International Cricket Council (ICC) board at the ICC annual conference.	Imran Khwaja, Mahinda Vallipuram and Tony Brian	-
CEO of Democratic National Committee (DNC) of United States	Indian American Seema Nanda	-
Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	RS Sharma	-
Part-time Non-official directors on the central board of the RBI	Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Satish Kashinath Marathe	-
Next UN Human Rights Chief	Former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet	-
Chair of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI), a global policy making initiative.	Nandula Raghuram (Indian scientist & academician)	Mark Sutton
Re-Elected President of Malian	Ibrahim Boubacar Keita	-
New President Of Paraguay	Mario Abdo Benitez	-
Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)	IAS officer K S Srinivas	-
22nd Prime Minister Of Pakistan	Cricketer-turned-politician and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan	-
Independent Director on the Board of Indiabulls Housing Finance	Subhash Sheoratan Mundra (former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India)	-

	(RBI))	
New Secretary General of Industry chamber Assocham	U K Varma	DS Rawat
13th Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Secretary in Department of Defence Research & Development (DDR&D)	Dr G Satheesh Reddy	Dr. S Christopher.
Chief Operating Officer (COO) of ICICI Bank	Sandeep Bakhshi	-
Next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Rwanda	Oscar Kerketta	-
Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo Inc	Ramon Laguarta	Indra Nooyi
First Indian to be appointed a member of the ICANN's Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO).	Ajay Data	-
Director and General Manager of United India Insurance	S Gopakumar	-
Chairman and MD of Escorts board	Nikhil Nanda	-
Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha	Harivansh Narayan Singh	PJ Kurien
60th president of Colombia	Ivan Duque	-
Chairman of the Coconut Development Board	Raju Narayana Swamy	-
head coach of women's cricket team (until ICC World Twenty20)	Ramesh Powar	-
New Governor of Chhattisgarh	Anandiben Patel	Balram Das Tandon
Chief CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	Senior bureaucrat Ashish Kumar Bhutani	-
Australia's next Prime Minister	Scott Morrison	Malcolm Turnbull
Brand Ambassador of Sanjay Gandhi National Park	Raveena Tandon	-
MD and chief India economist of Goldman Sachs	Prachi Mishra	-
Senior Executive Vice-President & Chief Operating Officer of Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	Kalpana Sampat	-
Won 1st Post-Mugabe Election in Zimbabwe	Emmerson Mnangagwa (President)	-
New Chief Justice Of Delhi	Justice Rajendra Menon	-
Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW)	Rekha Sharma	-
Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court	Justice Gita Mittal	-
Chief Justice of Patna High Court	Justice M R Shah	-

New Chairperson of Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (ATE)	Justice Manjula Chellur	-
India's next ambassador to Russia	D Bala Venkatesh Varma	Pankaj Saran
Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)	Ehsan Mani (Former ICC President)	-
Next Ambassador of India to Ukraine	Partha Satpathy	-
Director (Finance) of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)	C B Ananthakrishnan	-
Non-Executive Director on the board of HDFC	Deepak Parekh	-
CEO and CIO of IIFL Mutual Fund	Anup Maheshwari	-
Managing Director of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL).	Anurag Sachan	-
Next Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of India to the Republic of Equitorial Guinea.	Man Mohan Bhanot (presently Ambassador to Syria)	-
New members of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).	Aditya Vikram, Pramod Chandra Mody	-
Member of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Dr. R. G Anand	-
Chief Justice of Madras High Court	Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani	-
First woman Chief Justice of J&K High Court	Justice Gitta Mittal	-
Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court	Justice Aniruddha Bose	-
Chief Justice Of Delhi	Justice Rajendra Menon	-
30th Chief Justice of Odisha	Justice Jhaveri	-
Vice president of the newly formed South West Asian Football Federation (SWAFF).	Subrata Dutta	-
CEO of UTI Mutual Fund	Imtaiyazur Rahman	-
Director-Pipeline of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)	Akshay Kumar Singh	-
'Knowledge Partner' to Banks Board Bureau (BBB)	Egon Zehnder International	-
Next Ambassador of India to Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe	Srikumar Menon	-
Head of Chhattisgarh anti-graft authority	Ex-HC judge Sharma	-
Head of India investments by ADIA	Kabir Mathur	-
Member (Planning) at the Airports Authority of India	Anil Kumar Pathak	-

(AAI).		
Head coach of Zimbabwe cricket team	Former India opener Lalchand Rajput	-
Next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Namibia	Prashant Agrawal	-
Next Ambassador of India to Ireland	Sandeep Kumar	-
Assistant Secretary General and Head of the New York Office of UNEP	Satya Tripathi	-
Senior Executive Vice-President & COO of DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance (DPLI)	Kalpana Sampat	-
Director-General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Northern Command Army	Lt Gen Ranbir Singh	Lt Gen Anbu
New Secretary in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting	Amit Khare	-
New Vigilance Commissioner of India	Sharad Kumar	-
New Chairman of DRDO	Sanjay Mitra (Current Defence Secretary of India)	Dr. S. Christopher
New Chairman of UPSC (Union Public Service Commission)	Arvind Saxena	Vinay Mittal
New Secretary, Ministry of Coal	Dr. Inderjit Singh	Susheel Kumar
Ex-officio chairman of the North Eastern Council (NEC).	Rajnath Singh (Union Home Affairs Minister)	-
First woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Puducherry	S Sundari Nanda	S K Gautam
Additional Charge of Tripura Governor	Keshari Nath Tripathi	Tathagata Roy (on Leave)
Two Advisors of Jammu & Kashmir's Governor N N Vohra	BB Vyas Vijay Kumar	-
Independent Director of Electronic Payment Services (EPS)	R Gandhi (Former RBI deputy governor)	-
Non-executive chairman of Bandhan Bank	Harun Rasid Khan	-
4 th Deputy Governor of RBI	M.K. Jain (former MD & CEO of IDBI Bank)	S S Mundra
MD & CEO of IDBI Bank	B Sriram (former MD of State Bank of India)	-
4 Whole Time Member of SEBI	G. Mahalingam Madhabi Puri Buch Santosh Kumar Mohanty Ananta Barua	-

Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)	Senior bureaucrat S Ramesh	Vanaja N Sarna
Re-elected MD & CEO of YES Bank	Rana Kapoor	
Chief Operating Officer of ICICI Bank	Sandeep Bakhshi	-
New MD and CEO of ICICI Prudential Life	N.S. Kannan	Sandeep Bakhshi
Advisor of One97 Communications (which runs Paytm)	R Gandhi (Former RBI deputy governor)	-
President of India and South Asia operations of Uber.	Pradeep Parameswaran	Amit Jain
Chief Finance Officer of General Motors	Dhivya Suryadevara (First female CFO of this company) (Indian American)	Chuck Stevens
Next Ambassador of India to Republic of Lithuania	Tsewang Namgyal (Presently, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Poland)	-
Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cuba	Madhu Sethi (Presently, Counsellor in the High Commission of India based at London)	-
Next Ambassador of India To the State of Eritrea	Ravindra Prasad Jaiswal (Presently, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Sudan)	-
Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Paul Polman	Sunil Bharti Mittal
First Vice-Chair of ICC	Ajay Banga	
New chairperson of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).	Pippa Harris (Producer)	Jane Lush
Elected President of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly.	Maria Fernanda Espinosa (Ecuador's Foreign Minister)	Miroslav Lajcak (Slovakian Foreign Minister)
New Attorney General of Malaysia	Indian - Origin Tommy Thomas (First Non-Malaysian to take this charge)	Mohamad Apandi Ali

World Economic Forum (WEF) Managing Board Member	Sarita Nayar	-
New Prime Minister of Italian	Giuseppe Conte (Anti-establishment Five Star Movement (M5S))	Paolo Gentiloni
New Prime Minister of Spain	Pedro Sanchez	Mariano Rajoy
New Prime Minister of Jordan	Omar Razzaz	Hani Mulki
New Prime Minister of Georgia	Mamuka Bakhtadze	Giorgi Kvirikashvili
Re-elected President of Egypt for the second term	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
President of Colombia	Ivan Duque	Juan Manuel Santos
Vice- President of Colombia	Marta Lucia Ramirez (First Female Vice President)	
Re-elected President of Turkey for the second term.	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
First-Ever Visually Impaired Judge of Pakistan	Yousaf Saleem	-
Joins UNESCO to Promote Safe Cyberspace For Kids	Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha	-
Partner-evangelist of SoundLogic	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	-

Govt Dismisses Former MD Usha Ananthasubramanian:

- The government has dismissed **Usha Ananthasubramanian**, former managing director of Punjab National Bank and Allahabad Bank, from service.
- Ananthasubramanian had been at the leadership roles in PNB in two stints. She headed the bank between August 2015 and May 2017, before moving to Allahabad Bank. She was executive director at the bank from July 2011 to November 2013.

Arun Jaitley Resumes Charge as Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs:

- **Arun Jaitley** is back as the **Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs** after three months. The President has issued orders to this effect.
- In Mr. Jaitley's absence, **Railway Minister Piyush Goyal** was holding the additional charge of the Finance and Corporate Affairs portfolio.
- Jaitley had continued in the Cabinet so far as a Minister without portfolio.

India elected as President of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development:

- **India** has been elected as the **President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for a period of two years.**
- India got elected against Iran during voting which took place at the **44th annual gathering of AIBD in Colombo.**
- Director General of All India Radio **F. Sheheryar** was re-elected as chair of the executive board while Sri Lanka was elected as vice-chair.

- Broadcasters from 26 countries in the region including India are full members of the organization.
- **AIBD** was established in **1977** under **UNESCO**. It is a unique regional inter-governmental organisation and is mandated to achieve a vibrant and cohesive electronic media environment in the Asia-Pacific region through policy and resource development.

Three High Court Judges Appointed for Supreme Court:

- Three high court judges were appointed to the Supreme Court, taking the total number of judges in the **apex court to 25**.
- Uttarakhand High Court Chief Justice **K.M. Joseph**, Madras HC Chief Justice **Indira Banerjee** and Orissa HC Chief Justice **Vineet Saran** were appointed to the Supreme Court. Their warrants of appointment were signed by the **President**.
- It is the highest court in India and **Article 141** of the Constitution of India states that the law declared by Supreme Court is to be binding on all Courts within the territory of India.
- 45th Chief Justice of India: **Dipak Misra**

Ram Nath Kovind Appoints 7 New Governors:

- The **President Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed governors for seven states — Bihar, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim, Meghalaya, and Tripura. **Governor Satya Pal Malik** has been transferred from Bihar to **Jammu and Kashmir** to replace NN Vohra, while senior BJP leader **Lalji Tandon** has been appointed the **Governor of Bihar**, replacing Malik.
- **Kaptan Singh Solanki**, the Governor of Haryana, has been transferred to **Tripura**, while **Satyadev Narayan Arya** will be the new **Haryana governor**.
- Tripura governor **Tathagata Roy** has been transferred to **Meghalaya**, and **Ganga Prasad**, the Governor of Meghalaya, has been transferred to **Sikkim**. **Baby Rani Maurya** will be the new Governor of **Uttarakhand**.

RESIGNMENT

- Brexit Secretary - **David Davis**
- India Women's Cricket Coach - **Tushar Arothe**
- National Housing Bank (NHB) Managing Director - **Sriram Kalyanaraman**
- Infosys CFO - **MD Ranganath**
- Pakistan Cricket Board chairman - **Najam Sethi**
- Chairman of Starbucks - **Howard Schultz**
- Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir - **Mehbooba Mufti** (People Democratic Party's (PDP)).
- New Zealand Cricket Coach - **Mike Hesson**
- Chief Economic Advisor - **Arvind Subramanian** (due to family issue).
- Real Madrid Coach - **Zinedine Zidane**
- Chief Executive of Australian Cricket - **James Sutherland**
- Pakistan's National Security Advisor - **Nasser Khan Janjua**
- Deputy MD of HDFC Bank - **Paresh Sukthankar**

RETIREMENT

- India and Delhi pacer - **Pacer Awana**
- Spanish International Player and Manchester City Midfielder - **David Silva**
- NASA astronaut - **Peggy Whitson** (First female to set the record for most time spent in space by a U.S. astronaut at 665 days).
- Australian fast bowler - **Mitchell Johnson**
- German professional footballer - **Mario Gomez**

BRAND AMBASSADOR

- **Sikkim government** - Renowned music composer **A R Rahman** (to promote and project the state's achievements nationally and globally), before he was an ambassador of tourism and business in the state.
- French Major **Safran - Priyanka Das** (for an initiative in France to encourage girls to follow scientific careers).
- Online Fantasy Sports Platform **StarPick** - Indian football team captain **Sunil Chhetri**.
- Bengaluru-based realty firm **Sumadhura group - MS Dhoni**, the former Indian cricket captain.

AWARDS& HONOURS

AWARDS	WINNER
24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award 2018	West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi
Best Performing Primary Lending Institution in Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for the EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and LIG (Low Income Group) category.	HDFC Bank
One of four winners of mathematics' prestigious Fields medal, known as the Nobel prize for math.	Akshay Venkatesh, a renowned Indian-Australian mathematician
Honoured by Directors Guild of America	Oscar-winning director Ang Lee
2018 Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research.	Three US scientists James Allison, Carl June and Steven Rosenberg (research in immunology)
Awarded as United States (US) 'Legion of Merit'.	Former Army Chief Gen Dalbir Singh
UEFA President's Award 2018	David Beckham
Won the world championship at the International Geography Bee's junior varsity division held in Berlin, Germany.	Indian-American high schooler Avi Goel
Shaurya Chakra Award 2018 Kirti Chakra 2018 Posthumously	Rifleman Aurangzeb, Major Aditya Kumar Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh
WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award	S.K. Arora
International Arbitration Award of USD 56 million (Rs 390 crore) against Prestige Capital Holdings	Reliance Power Netherlands BV

'Game Changer of The Year' Award 2018 by a global cultural organisation Asia Society.	PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi
2018 International Contributions Award by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), USA.	K Anvar Sadath
Shalaka Samman for 2017-18 (Highest honour of Hindi Sahitya Academy)	Bollywood lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar
10th MasterChef Australia 2018	Indian-origin prison guard Sashi Cheliah
'Women in Business: Making a Difference Award' at the 19th annual Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) gala, in Houston, United States.	One of the 3 women Indian-American Aruna Vishwanathan, other two - Carlecia Wright (American), Jewel
Tops in 'Women Who Changed The World' list & Most Influential Woman in history, through a poll conducted by BBC History Magazine.	Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie
First Indian Tribal Language to get a Wikipedia edition in its own script.	Santhali
Hindu Playwright Award 2018	Annie Zaidi
President's Police Medal for Gallantry for CRPF posthumously.	CRPF Head Constable Mohd Tafail & CRPF Constable Sharief Ud Din Ganaie
Madhya Pradesh to have 3 awards after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee	For poets, Outstanding contribution in the field of journalism, Good work in administration.
Award for screenplay at Treasure Coast International Film Festival in Florida.	Assamese film 'Xhoixobote Dhemalite' directed by Bidyut Kotoky
J C Bose Fellowship-2018	Appa Rao Podile, Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad (UoH)
Golden Flame Award in the Sri Lanka National Efficiency Awards 2018	Forbes Marshall
World's Best Bank for its digital innovation: Global Finance magazine	DBS Bank
Praful Bidwai memorial award 2018	Ulka Mahajan
UEFA Player of the Year 2018	Croatia captain Luka Modric
Bharatiya Manavata Vikas Puraskar given by Daily India Media	Actors Shabana Azmi, Nandita Das
National Kalidas Samman in Delhi for visual arts from the Madhya Pradesh government.	Artist Anjolie Ela Menon
5th Indian To Be Inducted into ICC Hall Of Fame for their stupendous achievements in international cricket.	Rahul Dravid & also Australian legend Ricky Ponting
National Maritime Search and Rescue Award 2018.	Milan Shankar Tare

Lifetime Achievement Award by Chris Hayman (Chairman, Seatrade). "The Best Performing Rig of 2017/18" for ONGC (Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited).	Dr Ravi Mehrotra Vivekanand 2
Times Now-ICICI Bank Awards 2018 "Global Indian Icon" category. Special Jury NRI of the Year Award 2018	Sunil Chhetri (Indian football team Captain) Prem Watsa
NABARD Award 2018	Repco Micro Finance Ltd For self-help group (SHG) linkage in Tamil Nadu for the fiscal year 2017-18)
UK national yoga champion has been named the 'British Indian of the Year'.	Ishwar Sharma
PATA Gold Award 2018	India Heritage Walk Festival, a collaboration of Sahapedia and YES Arts & Culture (for its recently concluded pan-India event)
'Champion of Earth Prize -2018', the highest environmental honour instituted by the United Nations (UN).	Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) - world's first fully solar-powered airport.
Two Indians are selected among six who have been declared winners of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award, often referred to as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.	Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk
Named in the Man Booker Prize List 2018	Canadian author Michael Ondaatje with his latest novel "Warlight".
Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman 2018	Odia litterateur Ramakanta Rath
First among states for its performance under the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritav Abhiyan (PMSMA) in India.	Himachal Pradesh
Won logo design contest of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Won slogan/tagline contest of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	Bansi Lal Ketki Tabrej Qureshi
"Knowledge Excellence Award" from Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Anil Gopishankar Mukim, at the 22nd International Conference on Non-Ferrous Minerals and Metals 2018 at Ranchi, Jharkhand.	Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD, NALCO
Pulitzer Prize 2018 for Music	Kendrick Lamar (for the album "DAMN" in 2017)
'Hero to Animals Award' Category by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)	Assamese Singer Zubeen Garg
FICCI Smart Policing Awards 2018	Vijay Goel (Statistics and Programme Implementation Minister)

Padma Shri Award 2018	Tommy Koh (Former Singaporean diplomat)
MVP Award at Basketball without Borders Asia 2018	Indian Sanjana Ramesh (Girl's side) Philippine's Rence Forthsky Padrigao (Boy's side)
South Africa's Top Player Prize -Cricketer of the Year, One-Day International player of the year and players' player of the year.	Kagiso Rabada (World's No. 1 Test bowler)
'Best Performing Social Sector Ministry' SKOCH Award for its Achievements and Initiatives.	Ministry of Women & Child Development
Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of yoga.	Nashik's Vishwas Mandlik (Individual – National Category) and The Yoga Institute in Mumbai (Organisation – National Category)
Lifetime Achievement Award at the Rome Film Festival 2018	Martin Scorsese (Veteran Director)
'India's Sportsperson of the Year' 2017 by the Sports Illustrated India magazine.	Kidambi Srikanth
Femina Miss India 2018	Anukreethy Vas (Tamil Nadu)
'Most Inspiring Icon of the year For Social Welfare' by the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF).	Indian star cricketer Yuvraj Singh (for his contribution in the field of social welfare named 'YouWeCan')
Lumière Award 2018 at the 10th Lumière Festival in Lyon, France.	Jane Fonda (American Actress)
Japan's prestigious 'Nikkei Asia Prize for Culture and Community' category	Bindeshwar Pathak (Noted social reformer & founder of Sulabh International)
In Economic and Business Innovation Category	Ma Jun (Chinese environmentalist)
In Science and Technology Category	Nguyen Thanh Liem (Vietnamese doctor)
China's first friendship medal	Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin
First female Hall of Famer in UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship)	American fighter Ronda Rousey
"Sports Icon of Year" award at the conclusion of the Sports Conclave	Rohan Bopanna (Indian Tennis Player)
Polly Umrigar Award for the Best International Cricketer (Men) (2016-17 and 2017-18) at the BCCI Awards	India skipper Virat Kohli
Best International Cricketer (Women) for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons	Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana
Best Expectation Management Award in 2017-18 by Investor Relations Society India.	Corporation Bank
Life Time Achievement award in IIFA Awards in	Actor Anupam Kher

Bangkok, Thailand.	
International Women's Prize for Fiction 2018	Pakistani-British writer Kamila Shamsie (for the novel "Home Fire")
Sansad Ratna Award 2018	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance (Head: Veerappa Moily)
'National Gopal Ratna' award from Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Radha Mohan Singh	Dhiraj Ram Krishna (for upkeep of the best dairy animals of indigenous breeds)
French distinction of Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres)	French Actor Kalki Koechlin (contribution in enhancing Indo-French ties in cinema)
'Chief Minister of the Year' award at the 52 nd Skoch Summit held in New Delhi.	Vasundhara Raje
'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector & 'Order of Merit'	Sagarmala
Living legend prize at the 25th annual Bharat Nirman awards function	Veteran Bollywood actor Prem Chopra
'Achievers Awards' category	Actor Raza Murad
Lifetime Achievement Category	Former India hockey captain Gurbux Singh & Ex-Governor of West Bengal Justice Shyamal K Sen
Social Welfare Activities Category	Bharat J Mehra
Entrepreneurship Category	Prahladha Rai Agarwala
World Food Prize 2018	Economist Lawrence Haddad, Dr David Nabarro
GreenCo Award presented by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for implementing best environment- friendly practices.	Golden Rock Railway Workshop at Tiruchi

President Gives Away Outstanding Parliamentary Awards:

- The **President Ram Nath Kovind** gave away the Outstanding Parliamentary awards.
- The Awardees were Najma Heptullah, Hukumdev Narayan Yadav, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Dinesh Trivedi and Bhartru hari Mahtab.
- **Dr Najma Heptullah** won the award for 2013, **Hukum Dev Narayan** for 2014, **Ghulam Nabi Azad** for 2015, **Dinesh Trivedi** for 2016 and **Bhartruhari Mahtab** for 2017.

'The English Patient' Declared 'Best Booker Prize Winner In 50 Years':

- **Michael Ondaatje's 'The English Patient'** was named the greatest-ever winner of the **Man Booker Prize** at an event celebrating five decades of the **prestigious literary award**.

- **Philip Michael Ondaatje is a Sri Lankan-born Canadian poet**, fiction writer, essayist, novelist, editor and filmmaker.
- 'The English Patient' won the Booker in **1992** and was made into a **1996 movie starring Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche** that won nine Academy Awards.
- The Canadian writer's tale of love and conflict during World War II was awarded the **Golden Man Booker Prize** for fiction after winning a public vote.

FIFA World Cup 2018 Awards:

Luka Modric, Kylian Mbappe, Harry Kane and Thibaut Courtois all received awards for their respective achievements at the 2018 World Cup during the presentation ceremony following the final at the **Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia.**

- FIFA Golden Boot: **Harry Kane (6 goals) - England Captain**
- FIFA Golden Ball: **Luka Modric - Croatia**
- FIFA Golden Glove: **Thibaut Courtois - Belgium**
- FIFA Fair Play Award: **Spain**
- FIFA Young Player Award: **Kylian Mbappe - France**

AIFF declares Sunil Chhetri player of the year

- ❖ The football team captain **Sunil Chhetri** as the '**AIFF Player of the Year**' during an executive committee meeting.
- ❖ The 33-year-old played his first match for India in the under-20 team in 2004 and went on to become the most capped player and all-time top goal scorer for the national team.

In **women's category**, 26-year-old **Kamala Devi** bagged the 2017 '**AIFF Women Player of the Year.**'

- 2017 AIFF Award for Best Grassroots Development Programme: **Kerala FA**
- 2017 AIFF Award for Best Assistant Referee: **Sumanta Datta (Assam)**
- 2017 AIFF Award for Best Referee: **CR Srikrishna**
- 2017 AIFF Emerging Woman Footballer of the Year: **E Panthoi**
- 2017 AIFF Emerging Player of the Year: **Anirudh Thapa**

Virat Kohli receives International Player of the Year award by Barmy Army

- **India captain Virat Kohli** was presented with the **International Player of the Year award** for 2017-2018 by **England's Barmy Army.**
- Barmy Army is a popular fan club of English cricket supporters. It was held after the conclusion of the first day of India's tour match against Essex.

India Smart Cities Award 2018:

Nine awards in three categories, i.e., Project Award, Innovative Idea Award and City Award have been announced under the **India Smart Cities Awards**, which was launched on **June 25, 2017** by Hon'ble Housing and Urban Affairs Minister.

Category	Winner
'Indian Smart Cities Award'	Surat (Showcasing "great momentum" in the

	implementation of projects under Smart Cities Mission)
'Innovative Idea'	Bhopal [Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC)] Ahmedabad [Safe and Secure Ahmedabad (SASA) Project]
Under Project Awards 'Urban Environment'	Bhopal, Pune and Coimbatore (public bike sharing project), Jabalpur (waste-to-energy plant project).
'Social Aspects'	NDMC and Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) ('smart classrooms' project) Visakhapatnam ('smart campus project'), Pune ('lighthouse project')
'Culture and Economy'	Bhopal (B Nest Incubation Centre) and Jaipur (Conservation of Rajasthan School of Arts)
'Transport and Mobility'	Ahmedabad and Surat (Integrated Transit Management System (TMS))
'Water and Sanitation'	Ahmedabad
'Governance' and 'Built Environment'	Pune (PMC Care) and Smart Place Making

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

JK Rowling Releases 'Lethal White' In August:

J K Rowling will come out with the fourth novel '**Lethal White**' in the series about the exploits of private investigator Cormoran Strike under her **pseudonym Robert Galbraith**. Lethal White is billed by publishers as the most epic Robert Galbraith novel yet, a gripping mystery and a page-**Hachette** turning next instalment in the ongoing story of Strike and his assistant Robin Ellacott.

Ramachandra Guha pens 'the most ambitious book' on Gandhi

The Renowned historian and author of several bestselling books, **Ramachandra Guha** has penned a new book on the father of the nation. The book titled "**Gandhi: The years that changed the world (1914-1948)**" will be published by Penguin Random House India. His bestselling books includes the highly acclaimed "India After Gandhi" and "Gandhi Before India".

A book On AB Vajpayee Launched: 'Atal Ji Ne Kaha'

- "**Atal Ji Ne Kaha**" is the latest of the books on the BJP patriarch and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee launched by Prime Minister Modi.
- It is Authored and compiled by **Brijendra Rehi**, noted Doordarshan producer, senior journalist. The 320-page book is a rich repository of the former Prime Minister's selected speeches and photographs beside having three interviews by the author.

PM Modi's book 'Exam Warriors' releases in Odia:

- The **Union Minister for Oil and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan** launched Prime Minister Narendra Modi **authored book 'Exam Warriors'** in Odisha's Bhubaneswar city.
- This motivational book, which teaches children how to tackle examination woes, was earlier released in English and Hindi in February this year.

VVS Laxman pens autobiography "281 and Beyond":

- The **Westland Publications** has announced the release of the former Indian cricketer's autobiography titled, **"281 and Beyond"**.
- The title has been got from the series-turning innings of 281 against Australia at the Eden Gardens in 2001. The book will be released this year in November.
- Laxman, who announced his retirement from international cricket in 2012, played 134 Tests, amassing 8,781 runs at an average of 45.97. He scored 17 centuries and 56 half centuries.

Shane Warne to come out with autobiography 'No Spin':

- **The Spin legend Shane Warne** will talk about his extraordinary cricketing career and his life off the pitch besides unveiling several unknown facts in his autobiography which will be published this October.
- The **Ebury Press** has announced that Warne's book **"No Spin"** will have a global release on October 4.
- He played his first Test match in 1992 and took over 1,000 international wickets (in Tests and One-Day Internationals).

Dr. Mahesh Sharma Released 3 Books At IGNC, New Delhi:

- The **Minister of state for Culture (I/C), Dr. Mahesh Sharma**, has released 3 books at **IGNC, New Delhi**.
- The books are **'Jewellery'** by Dr. Gulab Kothari, **'Ghats of Banaras'** by Dr. Sachidanand Joshi and **'Untold Story of Broadcasting'** by Dr. Gautam Chatterjee.

Ravi Shankar Prasad releases Bhagat Singh's jail diary book in New Delhi:

- The **IT and Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad** has released **Bhagat Singh's jail diary** book at a function in New Delhi. The jail diary book is a compilation of Bhagat Singh's writings.
- Book publisher, Prabhat Prakashan has published the diary of Bhagat Singh.

Vice President Receives the Book 'Vedvigyan Alok':

- The **Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** has received the book **"Vedvigyan Alok"** (Maharishi Aitareya Mahidas Praneet - Aitareya Brahmina ki Vaigyanik Vyakhya) authored by **Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik**.
- The Book **Vedvigyan Alok** is the **scriptural verse in Vedas' prose**.

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu releases the Book 'Bebak Baat':

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the Book **'Bebak Baat'** written by **Vijay Goel**, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation, in New Delhi.

Khaled Hosseini's new book "Sea Prayer" a tribute to Alan Kurdi:

➤ **"Sea Prayer"**, the new book of **writer Khaled Hosseini** will be released on 30th August 2018. Earlier "Sea Prayer" was produced in collaboration with UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and released as a Guardian virtual film on 1st September 2017.

RK Singh releases book on "Weather Information Portal for Indian Power System":

➤ **R K Singh**, Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy released a book on "Weather Information Portal for Indian Power System", at Power System Operation Corporation limited (POSOCO), New Delhi.

The book "Winning Like Sourav: Think & Succeed Like Ganguly"

➤ **"Winning Like Sourav: Think & Succeed Like Ganguly"** has been written by **Abhirup Bhattacharya**. This book speaks about Sourav Ganguly's trust on talented youngsters that gained India one of its greatest cricketers of all times - Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

A book titled "Gandhi: The years that changed the world (1914-1948)":

➤ It has been written **Ramachandra Guha**. This book will be released in September 2018. He has written several bestselling books like "India After Gandhi" and "Gandhi Before India".

The book "When Coal Turned Gold: The Making of a Maharatna Company":

➤ It has been written by Coal India Ltd's (CIL)'s former chairman **Partha Sarathi Bhattacharyya**. This book talks about the transformation of Coal India Ltd's (CIL) from a loss-making enterprise into a profitable Maharatna PSU.

The Book: 'Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops':

➤ Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shipping, Road Transport & Highways **Nitin Gadkari** released a book 'Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops' published by NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) at an event in New Delhi.

The Book: "Legal Processes for the Police in Respect of Crime Against Children":

➤ Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi and Minister of State for Home **Hansraj Ahir** jointly launched "Legal Processes for the Police in Respect of Crime Against Children", a handbook on ways to prevent crimes against children.

Penguin to publish AR Rahman's Authorised Biography:

➤ **An authorised biography of AR Rahman** will be out in August which will feature intimate interviews with **AR Rahman**, as well as anecdotes from key people from his life.

➤ In **"Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of AR Rahman"** by **Krishna Trilok**, the multiple Oscar winner opens up about his philosophies: hope, perseverance, positivity and love. Filmmaker Danny Boyle has written the foreword in the book.

WWF-India Launches First-Ever Nature-Themed Comic Book:

➤ The **World Wildlife Fund-India** has launched its first-ever comic book that also celebrates the geographical diversity of the country.

➤ The book named **'The Great Indian Nature Trail with Uncle Bikky'** follows the travels of its protagonists Uncle Bikky, Chunmun and their dog Duggu as they learn about wildlife across India, and uses a humorous approach towards **raising knowledge and awareness for wildlife protection and conservation**.

➤ The book has been the joint work of **Rohan Chakravarty and Bijal Vachharajani**. The book was launched by **Bikram Grewal**, eminent ornithologist and author, and **Ravi Singh**, Secretary and CEO, WWF-India.

The Book "Ahimsa" To Be Published In India in August 2018:

➤ The book Ahimsa is about a woman joining **India's freedom movement** will be released in August. It is authored by **Supriya Kelkar**.

➤ The book speaks about the turmoil a 10-year-old girl, Anjali, is thrown into when her mother announces she is quitting her job to become a freedom fighter and follow Mahatma Gandhi.

➤ **"Ahimsa"**, published by Scholastic India, is essentially about female empowerment and overcoming one's internal struggles and giving up one's biases.

❖ **The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** at an event to release the book titled **"Human Rights, Values and Cultural Ethos"**, authored by **Dr. R.P. Dhokalia**, in New Delhi

❖ Vice President of India **Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu** at an event to release of Hindi, Kannada, Telugu and Gujarati versions of the **Book 'Emergency: Indian Democracy's Darkest Hour'**.

SPORTS NEWS

➤ **Australia won Hockey Champions Trophy Final 2018 by defeating India.** This is the **37th and final edition** of the Hockey **Champions Trophy** at **Breda, the Netherlands**. It was Australia's record **15th Champions Trophy title**. India won their second consecutive **silver medal**, hosts the Netherlands bagged the bronze medal.

➤ **Malaysian Open Badminton 2018:**

- **Men's singles:** Lee Chong Wei defeated Kento Momota.
- **Mixed doubles:** Zheng Siwei-Huang Yaqiong defeated Wang Yilyu-Huang Dongping.
- **Women's doubles:** Misaki Matsutomo-Ayaka Takahashi defeated Chen Qingchen-Jia Yifan.
- **Women's singles:** Tai Tzu-ying defeated He Bingjiao.
- **Men's doubles:** Takeshi Kamura-Keigo Sonoda defeated Hiroyuki Endo-Yuta Watanabe.

➤ **Grand Prix 2018**

Name of the Grand Prix	Winner
Bahrain Grand Prix	Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
Australian Grand Prix	Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
Canadian Grand Prix	Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
British Grand Prix	Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
Belgian Grand Prix	Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel (Germany)

Spanish Grand Prix	Mercedes's (British)	Lewis Hamilton
Azerbaijan Grand Prix	Mercedes's (British)	Lewis Hamilton
French Grand Prix	Mercedes's (British)	Lewis Hamilton
German Grand Prix	Mercedes's (British)	Lewis Hamilton
Hungarian Grand Prix	Mercedes's (British)	Lewis Hamilton
Monaco Grand Prix	Red Bull's (Australia)	Daniel Ricciardo
Chinese Grand Prix	Red Bull's (Australia)	Daniel Ricciardo
Austrian Grand Prix	Red Bull's (Belgium)	Max Verstappen

- India thrashed Iran to emerge champions of the six-nation **Kabaddi Masters Dubai, in Dubai**. Indian captain - **Ajay Thakur**.
- **Major General VD Dogra** became the first serving Indian Army officer and the only General across the world to have completed a gruelling '**Ironman**' competition held in **Austria**. **Anju Khosla** became the **oldest Indian woman** to complete an **Ironman Triathlon** – **one of the toughest one-day sporting events**.
- The **Union Ministers of Youth Affairs and Sports Rajyavardhan Rathore** has announced that the national sports body, Sports Authority of India (SAI), will now be known as '**Sports India**'. He further stated that daily expenses of food for athletes are being raised. The amount is increased to **Rs. 450 which was till now less than Rs. 300**.
- **India's premier gymnast Dipa Karmakar** clinched the gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at **Mersin, Turkey**.
- **Bajrang Punia** has emerged as the champion at the **Tbilisi Grand Prix** in the 65kg category after defeating **Iranian wrestler Mehran Nasiri in the final in Georgia**. Meanwhile, in the 86kg category, **Deepak Punia** has got a **bronze** with a 5-3 win over Osman Gosen of Turkey.
- **Indian lifter Jhilli Dalabehera** bagged the **bronze medal** in the 2018 **IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent, Uzbekistan**.
- India have bagged four medals in the **Asia Cup World Archery Ranking Tournament Stage 3 in Taipei**. **Divya Dhayal** became the only **individual medal winner** for the country when she clinched the silver medal in the **womens compound category**.
- **Goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh** will lead the 18-member **Indian Men's Hockey Team** at the **18th Asian Games, slated to be held in Jakarta and Palembang**.
- **Hima Das** has created history as she won **India's first ever track gold medal (400m)** at the **IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships in Finland**.

- The **Mission Olympic Cell (MOC)** has approved the **Indian Men's Hockey team**, comprising **18 players** selected for the Asian Games, as part of the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**. Under this scheme, the hockey team will receive a monthly allowance of **Rs.50, 000 per team member**.
- The **Commonwealth Games gold medallists Anish Bhanwala** (junior men's rapid-fire pistol category) and **Manu Bhaker** (junior women's air pistol category) won **gold** in the **28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes international championship**. The Young Indian shooter **Elavenil Valarivan** also claimed the women's air rifle gold medal. The event was held at the **Plzen, Czech Republic**.
- France was **crowned champion** after beating Cinderella Croatia 4-2 in the FIFA World Cup 2018 final in Moscow. France have clinched their second FIFA World Cup Title (1998). The **third place** was got by **Belgium** after defeating England. The official mascot of FIFA 2018 is **Zabivaka** and the official song is '**Live it up**' by Nicky Jam. The campaign of FIFA 2018 is '**Say No to Racism**'.
- **Wimbledon 2018 Highlights**
 - The **2018 Wimbledon Championships** was a Grand Slam tennis tournament which took place at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, **London, United Kingdom**. The 2018 tournament was the 132nd edition of The Championships.

Category	Winners	By defeating
Men's Single	Novak Djokovic - Fourth Wimbledon title - Serbia	Kevin Anderson
Women's Single	Angelique Kerber - First-ever Wimbledon title - Germany	Serena Williams
Men's Doubles	USA- Mike Bryan Jack Sock	Michael Venus Raven Klaasen
Women's Doubles	Czech Republic- Barbora Krejčíková Kateřina Siniaková	Nicole Melichar Květa Peschke
Mixed Doubles	Alexander Peya -Austria Nicole Melichar - USA	Victoria Azarenka - Belarus Jamie Murray -United Kingdom

- India's **Vinesh Phogat** clinched the **gold medal(women's 50-kilogram freestyle category)** at the **Spanish Grand Prix wrestling tournament**. The event was held at **Madrid, Spain**.
- **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** has become the **fourth Indian to reach the milestone of 10,000 runs in ODIs** during the second match of the three-game series against England.

- **Nozomi Okuhara of Japan** defeated **PV Sindhu** in the finals to clinch **Thailand Open 2018** at the **Nimibutr Stadium in Bangkok**.
- The **Indian team** bagged **nine medals** including four silver and five bronzes in the 7th World Junior Wushu championships held in **Brasilia, Brazil**. The event was won by **Iranian athletes** (eleven gold, eight silver and seven bronze medals), **Hong Kong** in the second place (ten gold, four silver and eight bronze medals).
- **Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh** was officially appointed as the **Chef de Mission (CDM)** of the Indian contingent for the upcoming **18th Asian Games** to be held in twin cities of **Jakarta and Palembang** from August 19 to September 2.
- The International Olympic Committee has added **seven events to the 2022 Beijing Winter Games**, creating a program of 109 gold medals. The IOC says its executive board approved **women's monobob, Big Air freestyle skiing for men and women, plus mixed team events in short track speed skating, ski jumping, ski aericals and snowboard cross**.
- **Neeraj Chopra**, India's javelin star, struck **Gold** in the **International de Sotteville-les-Rouen in France**.
- **Junior Asian Wrestling Championship 2018**
 - The Junior Asian Wrestling Championship was held in **New Delhi** from July 17-22, 2018. Junior Asian Wrestling Championship is conducted by **United World Wrestling (UWW)** annually. **18 countries** participated in this championship.
 - **Iran** with 189 points **topped** the **team championship**. **India** with 173 points finished second while **Uzbekistan** with 128 points came third.

India at the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship 2018

In Free Style Category

Name of the Players	Event	Medal
Sachin Rathi	74-kilogram category	Gold
Deepak Punia	86-kilogram category	Gold
Vishal Kaliraman	70-kilogram category	Silver
Sachin Giri	79-kilogram category	Silver
Naveen	57 -kilogram category (Junior)	Silver
Suraj Rajkumar Kokate	61-kilogram category	Bronze
Mohit	125-kilogram category	Bronze
Karan	65 -kilogram category	Bronze

In Women's Wrestling Category

Name of the Players	Event	Medal
Mansi	57-kilogram category	Silver
Divya Kakran	68-kilogram category	Silver
Swati Sanjay Shinde	53-kilogram category	Bronze
Reena	55-kilogram category	Bronze
Karuna	76-kilogram category	Bronze

In Greco Roman Category

Name of the Players	Event	Medal
Sajan	77-kilogram category	Gold
Vijay	55-kilogram category	Silver
Aryan Panwar	130-kilogram category	Silver
Kumar Sunil	87-kilogram category	Bronze
Viresh Kundu	97-kilogram category	Bronze

➤ Punjab shot-putter **Dhanvir Singh** and Kerala 400m hurdler **Vishnu Priya** set new meet records to win gold medals in the 15th National Youth Athletics Championships in **Vadodara**. The **silver medal** in the competition was claimed by **Adish Ghildiyal** of Uttarakhand. **Aniket Kala** of Uttarakhand took the **bronze**.

➤ A total of **734 youngsters** were shortlisted for scholarship under the **Khelo India Talent Development Scheme**. Through this programme, the athletes will get training at government-accredited residential academies.

➤ The **mascots of both the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020** greeted the Japanese public for the first time. The **Tokyo 2020 Paralympic mascot** name was revealed as **Someity**, (pronounced soh-may-tee) which comes from **someiyoshino**, a popular cherry blossom variety, and additionally echoes the English phrase "so mighty". The **Tokyo 2020 Olympic mascot** name was revealed as **Miraitowa** (pronounced mee-rah-e-toh-wa), based on the Japanese words **mirai (future) and towa (eternity)** combined.

➤ **Brazil goalkeeper Alisson Becker** has become the **world's most expensive goalkeeper** when he joined Liverpool from Roma with a **world record £56 million**.

➤ **Shubhankar Sharma** became the youngest Indian golfer to make the cut in any Major after he capped a wonderful back nine to achieve the feat at the **147th Open Championships** at Carnoustie, Scotland.

➤ **Lakshya Sen** has become **only the third Indian shuttler** to secure a **gold medal** at the **Badminton Asia junior championships** after defeating **World junior champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand**.

➤ An **Olympic medallist** is now entitled to a pension of **Rs 20,000 per month** with the Sports Ministry doubling the amount following a revision in its pension policy. A gold medallist in a World Cup or at the Asian Games will get **Rs 16,000**, a silver medallist **Rs 14000** and a bronze medal winner will get **Rs 12,000**.

➤ **Lagos International 2018 Winners:**

The Lagos International also known as Lagos International Badminton Classics is an annual open international badminton tournament held in **Lagos, Nigeria**.

Category	Winners
Men's singles	Misha Zilberman (Israel)
Women's singles	Ksenia Polikarpova (Israel)
Men's doubles	Manu Attri (India) B. Sumeeth Reddy (India)

Women's doubles	Riya Mookerjee (India) Kuhoo Garg (India)
Mixed doubles	Manu Attri (India) K. Maneesha (India)

➤ The **star sprinter Muhammed Anas Yahiya** once again entered the record books. He broke his own national record to win the 400 metres race at the **Cena Noveho Mesta nad Metuji meet in Czech Republic**.

➤ The **Indian women's compound archery team** created history by scaling to the **top of the world rankings** in the recently published chart. India jumped to the top rank from the **fifth position** of the compound archery women team category.

India at the 2018 Asian Games:

➤ **India** is currently competing at the **2018 Asian Games** in **Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia**, from 18th August to 2nd September.

➤ **Neeraj Chopra** was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony, while Rani Rampal was named as the flag bearer for the closing ceremony.

➤ No of Competitors - **570 in 36 sports**.

➤ Medals: **Gold - 15, Silver - 24, Bronze - 30**, Total - **69** - Ranked **8th**

First Medals in India:

- India secured a bronze medal in the men's team regu event which was the country's first medal in sepak takraw since the debut of the sport in the 1990 Asian Games.
- India secured its first ever medal in table tennis in the Asian Games as the men's team won a Bronze medal by defeating Japan in the quarterfinal of the Table tennis at the 2018 Asian Games.
- In the 25 meter rapid fire pistol event, Rahi Sarnobat became the first Indian woman to clinch the gold medal in a shooting event of Asian Games.
- Vinesh Phogat, who won gold in the women's freestyle 50 kg category, became the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Games.
- Saina Nehwal won India's first ever medal in the women's singles event in badminton at the Asian Games when she won the bronze medal after losing the semi-final.
- P. V. Sindhu became the first Indian shuttler to reach the final of a singles badminton event at the Games and eventually won a silver.
- Neeraj Chopra won the country's first javelin gold medal, setting a new national record.
- Indian pair of Pranab Bardhan & Shibnath Sarkar won the gold medal in the inaugural edition of Contract bridge at the 2018 Asian Games – Men's pair
- Vikas Krishan Yadav sets the record to become the first Indian boxer to clinch a medal in three successive Asian games.

Name of the Winners	Sports	Event	Medal
Bajrang Punia	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 65 kg	Gold
Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 50 kg	Gold
Saurabh Chaudhary	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air	Gold

		pistol	
Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting	Women's 25 metre pistol	Gold
Sawarn Singh Dattu Baban Bhokanal Om Prakash Sukhmeet Singh	Rowing	Men's quadruple sculls	Gold
Rohan Bopanna Divij Sharan	Lawn Tennis	Men's doubles	Gold
Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Athletics	Men's shot put	Gold
Neeraj Chopra	Athletics	Men's javelin throw	Gold
Manjit Singh	Athletics	Men's 800 metres	Gold
Arpinder Singh	Athletics	Men's triple jump	Gold
Swapna Barman	Athletics	Women's heptathlon	Gold
Jinson Johnson	Athletics	Men's 1500 metres	Gold
M. R. Poovamma Saritaben Gaikwad Hima Das Vismaya	Athletics	Women's 4 x 400 m relay	Gold
Amit Panghal	Boxing	Light flyweight (49 kg)	Gold
Pranab Bardhan Shibhnath Sarkar	Bridge	Men's pair	Gold
Deepak Kumar	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air rifle	Silver
Lakshay Sheoran	Shooting	Men's trap	Silver
Sanjeev Rajput	Shooting	Men's 50 metre rifle three positions	Silver
Shardul Vihan	Shooting	Men's double trap	Silver
Kavita, Sayali Sanjay Keripale, Priyanka Randeep Kaur Khera, Manpreet Kaur, Shalini Pathak, Payel Chowdhary, Sakshi Kumari, Ritu Negi, Usha Rani Narsimhaiah, Sonali Vishnu Shingte, Madhu	Kabaddi	Women's kabaddi	Silver
Fouaad Mirza	Equestrian	Eventing individual	Silver
Fouaad Mirza Rakesh Kumar Ashish Malik	Equestrian	Eventing team	Silver

Jitender Singh			
Hima Das	Athletics	Women's 400 metres	Silver
Muhammed Anas	Athletics	Men's 400 metres	Silver
Dutee Chand	Athletics	Women's 100 metres	Silver
Dharun Ayyasamy	Athletics	Men's 400 metres hurdles	Silver
Sudha Singh	Athletics	Women's 3000 metres steeplechase	Silver
Neena Varakil	Athletics	Women's long jump	Silver
Muskan Kirar Madhumita Kumari Jyothi Surekha Vennam	Archery	Women's team compound	Silver
Abhishek Verma Rajat Chauhan Aman Saini	Archery	Men's team compound	Silver
P V Sindhu	Badminton	Women's singles	Silver
Jinson Johnson	Athletics	Men's 800 metres	Silver
Pincky Balhara	Kurash	Women's 52 kg	Silver
Rajiv Arokia Muhammed Anas Hima Das M. R. Poovamma	Athletics	Mixed 4 x 400 metres relay	Silver
Dutee Chand	Athletics	Women's 200 metres	Silver
Dharun Ayyasamy Kunhu Mohammed Rajiv Arokia Muhammed Anas	Athletics	Men's 4 x 400 m relay	Silver
Shweta Shervegar Varsha Gautham	Sailing	49er FX women	Silver
Navjot Kaur, Deepika Thakur, Gurjit Kaur, Udit, Deep Grace Ekka, Namita Toppo, Monika Malik, Lalremisiami, Reena Khokhar, Navneet Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Sunita Lakra, Savita Punia, Rani Rampal, Rajani Etimarpu, Lilima Minz, Vandana Katariya, Neha Goyal	Field hockey	Women's tournament	Silver
Dipika Pallikal	Squash	Women's team	Silver

Joshna Chinappa Tanvi Khanna Sunayna Kuruvilla			
Ravi Kumar Apurvi Chandela	Shooting	10 metre air rifle mixed team	Bronze
Abhishek Verma	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air pistol	Bronze
Niken Khangembam, Akash Yumnam, Gurumayum Jiteshor Sharma, Harish Kumar, Malemnganba Sorokhaibam, Lalit Kumar, Seitaram Thokchom, Ngathem Jotin Singh, Henary Wahengbam, Dheeraj, Sanjeck Waikhom, Sandeep Kumar	Sepak takraw	Men's team regu	Bronze
Divya Kakran	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 68 kg	Bronze
Roshibina Naorem	Wushu	Women's sanda 60 kg	Bronze
Santhosh Kumar	Wushu	Men's sanda 56 kg	Bronze
Surya Bhanu Pratap Singh	Wushu	Men's sanda 60 kg	Bronze
Narender Grewal	Wushu	Men's sanda 65 kg	Bronze
Ankita Raina	Lawn Tennis	Women's singles	Bronze
Girish Ernak, Monu Goyat, Deepak Niwas Hooda , Ajay Thakur, Mohit Chillar, Rohit Kumar, Sandeep Narwal, Rajulal Chaudhary, Pardeep Narwal, Mallesh Gangadhari, Rishank Devadiga, Rahul Chaudhari	Kabbadi	Men's kabaddi	Bronze
Dushyant Chauhan	Rowing	Men's lightweight single sculls	Bronze
Rohit Kumar Bhagwan Singh	Rowing	Men's lightweight double sculls	Bronze
Heena Sidhu	Shooting	Women's 10 metre air pistol	Bronze
Prajnesh Gunneswaran	Lawn Tennis	Men's singles	Bronze
Dipika Pallikal	Squash	Women's singles	Bronze
Joshna Chinappa	Squash	Women's singles	Bronze
Saurav Ghosal	Squash	Men's singles	Bronze
Sumit Mukherjee Debabrata Majumder	Bridge	Men's team	Bronze

Jaggy Shivdasani Rajeshwar Tewari Ajay Khare Raju Tolani			
Bachiraju Satyanarayana Rajeev Khandelwal Gopinath Manna Himani Khandelwal Hema Deora Kiran Nadar	Bridge	Mixed team	Bronze
Saina Nehwal	Badminton	Women's singles	Bronze
Sathiyam Gnanasekaran Achant Sharath Kamal Anthony Amalraj Harmeet Desai Manav Thakkar	Table tennis	Men's team	Bronze
Malaprabha Jadhav	Kurash	Women's 52 kg	Bronze
Achant Sharath Kamal Manika Batra	Table tennis	Mixed doubles	Bronze
PU Chitra	Athletics	Women's 1500 metres	Bronze
Seema Punia	Athletics	Women's Discus Throw	Bronze
Harshita Tomar	Sailing	Open Laser 4.7	Bronze
Varun Thakkar Ganapathy Chengappa	Sailing	49er men	Bronze
Saurav Ghosal Harinder Pal Sandhu Ramit Tandon Mahesh Mangaonkar	Squash	Men's team	Bronze
Vikas Krishan Yadav	Boxing	Middleweight (75 kg)	Bronze
Harmanpreet Singh, P. R. Sreejesh, Dilpreet Singh, Krishan Pathak, Rupinder Pal Singh, Varun Kumar, Surender Kumar, S. V. Sunil, Manpreet Singh, Birendra Lakra, Sardara Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Simranjeet Singh, Chinglensana Singh, Mandeep Singh, Amit Rohidas, Lalit Upadhyay, Vivek Prasad			Bronze

- **Dustin Johnson has won the 2018 RBC Canadian Open** at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville in Canada. Dustin Johnson was awarded \$1,116,000 for the win.
- **Neeraj Chopra won gold in men's javelin throw at the Savo Games in Lapinlahti, Finland.**
- The **World Junior Squash Championships 2018** was held in Chennai, India. **Cyrus Poncha** is the tournament director. India finished in 11th position.
 1. Men's Individual category- Mostafa Asal (Egypt)
 2. Women's Individual category- Rowan Elaraby (Egypt)
 3. Men's Team- Egypt
- Grandmaster **Vaibhav Suri** won the **Biel Master's Chess Title** with an unbeaten display and teenager **Prithvi Gupta** made his second Grandmaster norm in the premier nine-round competition. Germany's **Dennis Wagner** topped an eight-way tie for the second spot at 6.5 points. Top seed **Pavel Eljanov** (Ukraine) took the third spot.
- Indian skipper **Virat Kohli** topped the **ICC Rankings** for Test Batsmen, riding on his brilliant century against England in the opening Test at Birmingham.
- In Women's Hockey, **the Netherlands** have been crowned the world champions for a record **eighth time**. The defending champions recorded a stunning 6-0 victory over **Ireland** in the summit clash at **London**. **India** finished the tournament at the **8th spot**.
- **P V Sindhu won silver** in the World Championships' women's singles title clash. She was defeated by **Carolina Marin of Spain**. Marin had also defeated Sindhu in the final of the Rio Olympics in 2016.
- In Golf, India's **Gaganjeet Bhullar** has grabbed his maiden European Tour title at the **Fiji International**. It was Bhullar's first win on the European Tour, ninth Asian Tour title and 10th crown overall.
- **Indian golfer Viraj Madappa** won his maiden title on the **Asian Tour** at Take Solutions Masters in **Bengaluru**. Now, he became the youngest Indian to win on the Asian Tour.
- **James Anderson** became the **first player to take 100 wickets** during day four of the second Test **versus India**.
- **Madurai Panthers** won the **Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL 2018)** title at the **MA Chidambaram stadium** in **Chennai**. They defeated **Dindigul Dragons** by seven wickets.
- **Indian golfer Viraj Madappa** won his maiden title on the **Asian Tour** at Take Solutions Masters in **Bengaluru**.
- **Indian football team** has improved a spot to be placed at the **96th position in the latest FIFA world rankings**. At the top, world champions France have moved up six spots to be ranked first while Belgium are second. Brazil, Croatia and Uruguay complete the top five.
- **Kiki Bertens defeats World No 1 Simona Halep to win Cincinnati WTA Title**. Novak Djokovic finally clinched **Cincinnati title after defeating Roger Federer in USA**. The **Cincinnati Masters** is an annual outdoor hardcourt tennis event held in Mason near Cincinnati, Ohio, USA.
- **India defeated Bangladesh** in the final of the **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-15 Women's Championship** in **Thimpu, Bhutan**.
- The **Young paddler Swastika Ghosh** claimed a **bronze medal** in the junior girls' doubles along with **Singapore's Jingyi Zhou** in the 2018 Hang Seng Hong Kong Junior and Cadet Open.

- The **Indian Under-20 football team** created history by defeating Argentina, 2-1 in their final match of the **Cotif Cup in Valencia, Spain.**
- The **Indian Under-16 team** stunned reigning **Asian champions Iraq** for the first time at the West Asian Football Federation (WAFF) Tournament **in Amman, Jordan.**
- Indian Shuttler **Ajay Jayaram** had ended with a runner-up at the Vietnam Open after losing the final to **Shesar Hiren Rhustavito of Indonesia.** The event was held in **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.**
- **Rafael Nadal** claimed the **80th title of his career** as he defeated **Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece** in straight sets to lift the Rogers Cup in Toronto.
- **Nihal Sarin** became **India's 53rd Grandmaster** after attaining his third and final GM-norm in the **Abu Dhabi Masters.**
- **Esow Alban** won India's **first ever junior cycling World Cup medal** when he finished second in the keirin event in **Aigle, Switzerland.**
- The **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)** has given recognition to India's indigenous sport of Kho-Kho, a development that has been welcomed by **Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.**
- **Japan** won their **first Women's World Under-20** title with a 3-1 victory over Spain in the final. **Takarada Saori** was named as the Player of the match with her goal and an assist. Takarada was also awarded the **Adidas Bronze Boot as well as the Adidas Silver Ball**, while **Minami was awarded the Bronze Ball.**

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2018: HIGHLIGHTS

- The **2018 Commonwealth Games**, officially known as the **XXI Commonwealth Games** and commonly known as **Gold Coast 2018**, were an international multi-sport event for members of the Commonwealth that were held on the Gold Coast, **Queensland, Australia**, between 4 and 15 April 2018.
- It was the **fifth time Australia** had hosted the Commonwealth Games and the **first time a major multi-sport event** achieved gender equality by having an equal number of events for males and female athletes.
- **Motto** - Share the Dream
- **Nations participating** - 71 Commonwealth Teams
- **Officially opened by** - Charles, Prince of Wales
- **Officially closed by** - Edward, Earl of Wessex

Ranking

- **First – Australia** (80 – Gold, 59- Silver, 59- Bronze; Total - 198)
- **Second – England** (45 – Gold, 45- Silver, 46- Bronze; Total - 136)
- **Third – India** (26 – Gold, 20- Silver, 20- Bronze; Total - 66)

India at the 2018 Commonwealth Games

- **Competitors:** 216 in 15 sports
- **Flag bearer Opening:** P. V. Sindhu
- **Flag bearer Closing:** Mary Kom
- **Youngest Indian Weightlifter:** Deepak Lather (18 yrs.)
- **Youngest Shooter :** Anish Bhanwala (15yrs.); Manu Bhakar (16yrs.)
- **1st Women to achieve in Table Tennis:** Manika Batra (Ranked 58th in the world)

SHOOTING (GOLD 7 | SILVER 4 | BRONZE 5)

Name	Medal	Event
Heena Sindhu	Gold	Women's 25m Pistol
Manu Bhaker	Gold	Women's 10m Air Pistol
Sanjeev Rajput	Gold	Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions
Jitu Rai	Gold	Men's 10m Air Pistol
Anish	Gold	Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol
Shreyasi Singh	Gold	Women's Double Trap
Tejaswini Sawant	Gold	Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions
Anjum Moudgil	Silver	Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions
Heena Sindhu	Silver	Women's 10m Air Pistol
Mehuli Ghosh	Silver	Women's 10m Air Rifle
Tejaswini Sawant	Silver	Women's 50m Rifle Prone
Apurvi Chandela	Bronze	Women's 10m Air Rifle
Om Mitharval	Bronze	Men's 10m Air Pistol
Ravi Kumar	Bronze	Men's 10m Air Rifle
Om Mitharval	Bronze	Men's 50m Pistol
Ankur Mittal	Bronze	Men's Double Trap

WRESTLING (Gold 5 | Silver 3 | Bronze 4)

Name	Medal	Event
Sushil Kumar	Gold	Men's Freestyle 74kg
Vinesh Phogat	Gold	Women's Freestyle 50kg

Rahul Aware	Gold	Men's Freestyle 57kg
Bajrang Punia	Gold	Men's Freestyle 65kg
Sumit	Gold	Men's Freestyle 125kg
Pooja Dhanda	Silver	Women's Freestyle 57kg
Mausam Khatri	Silver	Men's Freestyle 97kg
Babita Kumari	Silver	Women's Freestyle 53kg
Kiran	Bronze	Women's Freestyle 76kg
Sakshi Malik	Bronze	Women's Freestyle 62kg
Somveer	Bronze	Men's Freestyle 86kg
Divya Kakran	Bronze	Women's Freestyle 68kg

WEIGHTLIFTING

(Gold 5 | Silver 2 | Bronze 2)

Name	Medal	Event
Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Gold	Women's 48kg
Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu	Gold	Women's 53kg
Venkat Rahul Ragala	Gold	Men's 85kg
Sathish Kumar Sivalingam	Gold	Men's 77kg
Punam Yadav	Gold	Women's 69kg

Gururaja	Silver	Men's 56kg
Pardeep Singh	Silver	Men's 105kg
Deepak Lather	Bronze	Men's 69kg
Vikas Thakur	Bronze	Men's 94kg

BOXING (Gold 3 | Silver 3 | Bronze 3)

Name	Medal	Event
MC Mary Kom	Gold	Women's 45-48kg
Vikas Krishan	Gold	Men's 75kg
Gaurav Solanki	Gold	Men's 52kg
Amit	Silver	Men's 46-49kg
Satish Kumar	Silver	Men's +91kg
Manish Kaushik	Silver	Men's 60kg
Manoj Kumar	Bronze	Men's 69kg
Naman Tanwar	Bronze	Men's 91kg
Hussamuddin Mohammed	Bronze	Men's 56kg

TABLE TENNIS (Gold 3 | Silver 2 | Bronze 3)

Name	Medal	Event
India	Gold	Men's Team
India	Gold	Women's Team
Manika Batra	Gold	Women's Singles

Manika Batra/Mouma Das	Silver	Women's Doubles
Achanta Sharath/Sathiyan Gnanasekaran	Silver	Men's Doubles
Sathiyan Gnanasekaran/Manika Batra	Bronze	Mixed Doubles
Harmeet Desai/Sanil Shetty	Bronze	Men's Doubles
Achanta Sharath	Bronze	Men's Singles

BADMINTON (Gold 2 | Silver 3| Bronze 1)

Name	Medal	Event
India	Gold	Mixed Team
Saina Nehwal	Gold	Women's Singles
Kidambi Srikanth	Silver	Men's Singles
PV Sindhu	Silver	Women's Singles
Satwik Rankireddy /Chirag Shetty	Silver	Men's Doubles
Satwik Rankireddy /Ashwini Ponnappa	Bronze	Women's Doubles

ATHLETICS (Gold 1 | Silver 1 | Bronze 1)

Name	Medal	Event
Neeraj Chopra	Gold	Men's Javelin Throw
Seema Punia	Silver	Women's Discus Throw
Navjeet Dhillon	Bronze	Women's Discus Throw

SQUASH (SILVER 2)

Name	Medal	Event
Dipika Pallikal Karthik Saurav Ghosal	Silver	Mixed doubles

Dipika Pallikal Karthik Joshna Chinappa	Silver	Women's doubles
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Powerlifting (1BRONZE)

Name	Medal	Event
Sachin Chaudhary	Bronze	Men's heavyweight

MIAMI OPEN 2018

Miami Open 2018 was the 34th edition of the Miami Open, which was held at **Florida, United States**.

- **Men's Singles** - John Isner (USA)
- **Women's Singles** - Sloane Stephens (USA)
- **Men's Doubles** - Mike Bryan (USA), Bob Bryan (USA)
- **Women's Doubles** - CoCo Vandeweghe (USA), Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards for 2017:

- 'Sportsperson of the Year' (Women) - **Mithali Raj**
- **Best Senior Male** - **Kidambi Srikanth**
- Best Senior Female - **PV Sindhu**
- **Lifetime Achievement award** - Triple Olympian and former national hockey player **N Mukesh Kumar**
- **'Best Coach of the Year'** - Gopichand.

ASIAN JUNIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018: HIGHLIGHTS

- The **2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships** was the **18th edition** of the international athletics competition for Asian under-20 athletes, organised by the **Asian Athletics Association** and the **Japan Association of Athletics Federations**.
- The competition took place over four days from 7–10 June at **Gifu Nagaragawa Stadium in Gifu, Japan**.
- Top 3 Medal winning Country: **1. Japan** (14 G, 15 S, 12 B – Total 41 Medals)
- **2. China** (11 G, 8 S, 5 B – Total 24 Medals)
- **3. India** (5 G, 2 S, 10 B – Total 17 Medals)

India at the 2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships

Name	Medal	Event
Anu Kumar (Men)	Gold	800 metres
Ajeet Kumar (Men)	Gold	5000 metres
Kamalraj Kanagaraj (Men)	Gold	Triple jump
Jisna Mathew (Women)	Gold	400 metres
Ashish Jakhar (Men)	Gold	Hammer throw
Damneet Singh (Men)	Silver	Hammer throw

Subha Venkatesan (Women) Rachna Nidhi Singh Jisna Mathew	Silver	4×400 m relay
Kartik Kumar (Men)	Bronze	10,000 metres
Prajwal Ravi (Men) Akash Kumar Nithin Balakumar Gurindervir Singh	Bronze	4×100 m relay
Sreeshankar (Men)	Bronze	Long jump
Ashish Bhalothia (Men)	Bronze	Shot put
Jisna Mathew (Women)	Bronze	200 metres
Durga Deore (Women)	Bronze	1500 metres
Poonam Sonune (Women)	Bronze	5000 metres
Abhinaya Shetty (Women)	Bronze	High jump
Priyadarshini Suresh (Women)	Bronze	Triple jump
Arpandee Bajwa (Women)	Bronze	Discus throw

FRENCH OPEN 2018: HIGHLIGHTS

- 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 and the second Grand Slam event of 2018**.
- It took place at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France, from 27 May to 10 June and consisted of events for players in singles, doubles and mixed doubles play. Junior and wheelchair players also took part in singles and doubles events.
- **Rafael Nadal** was the defending champion in the **Men's Singles** and won his **11th French Open title**. **Simona Halep** won her first Grand Slam title.

Title	Winners
Men's Singles	Spain Rafael Nadal
Women's Singles	Romania Simona Halep
Men's Doubles	Pierre-Hugues Herbert Nicolas Mahut
Women's Doubles	Czech Republic Barbora Krejčíková & Czech Republic Kateřina Siniaková
Mixed Doubles	Chinese Taipei Latisha Chan / Croatia Ivan Dodig

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- India won 15 –Gold; 2 Silver; 9- Bronze. Here's List of Indian Winners

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
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10m Air Rifle Men Junior	Hriday Hazarika	-	-
10m Air Pistol Men Junior	Saurabh Chaudhary	-	-
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior	-	-	Anish Anish
25m Standard Pistol Men Junior	Vijayveer Sidhu	-	Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu
25m Pistol Men Junior	-	-	Udhayveer Sidhu
50m Pistol Men Junior	-	-	Anmol Jain
10m Air Pistol Women Junior	Manu Bhaker	-	-
25m Standard Pistol Women Junior	Vishwa Jignesh Dahiya	-	-
50m Pistol Women Junior	-	Neha	Devanshi Dhama
10m Air Rifle Women Junior Team	Elavenil Valarivan	-	-
10m Air Rifle Men Junior Team	India	-	-
10m Air Pistol Men Junior Team	India 1	-	India 2
25m Standard Pistol Men Junior Team	India	-	-
25m Pistol Men Junior Team	India 1	-	-
50m Pistol Men Junior Team	India	-	-
10m Air Rifle Women Junior Team	-	-	India
10m Air Pistol Women Junior Team	-	-	India 1
25m Standard Pistol Women Junior Team	India	-	-
50m Pistol Women Junior Team	India	-	-
Skeet Women Junior Team	-	-	India
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior Team	India 2	-	-
10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Junior Team	India 2	India 1	-

- The top-seeded Swiss **Roger Federer** beat his Canadian opponent **Milos Raonic** for the 11th time in 14 meetings while winning a **first Mercedes Cup (Stuttgart title)**.
- **The two-time Commonwealth Games champion Sanjita Chanu** (won a gold in the women's 53kg category in Gold Coast CWG 2018) tested positive for a banned anabolic steroid and was provisionally suspended by the international federation. **IWLF Secretary General Sahdev Yadav** confirmed that Sanjita's 'A' sample has returned positive. If Sanjita's 'B' sample also tests positive, she is expected to be handed a maximum of four-year ban from the sport.
- **India** will host the **3rd Asia Cup International Bridge Championship in Panaji, Goa**.
- **India cricket captain Virat Kohli** is among the **World's Highest-Paid Athletes 2018**, 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**. **Argentine professional footballer Lionel Messi** is ranked **second** in the list, followed by soccer **star Cristiano Ronaldo in the third place**.

- **India 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)**, followed by **Stafanie Taylor (2,582)** and **Suzie Bates (2,515)**.
- The lead striker from the **English National Team, Harry Kane** is named as most **valuable player** for the upcoming FIFA World Cup, which is set to begin from June 14 in **Russia**. In the list, Kane is followed by Brazilian ace player **Neymar**, who is worth 197.5 million euros and **Kylian Mbappé** worth 186.5 million euros.
- **Bangladesh** beat **India** to lift maiden **Women's Asia Cup T20 title**. The event was held at the **Kinrara Academy Oval in Kuala Lumpur**.
- **India** won the **title of Intercontinental Cup Football Tournament** after 2-0 victory in the final against Kenya at the Mumbai Football Arena. Indian captain: **Sunil Chhetri**
- **Indian long-distance runner, Gavit Murli Kumar** has clinched the Gold medal in the Gouden Spike meet at **Leiden, Netherlands**.
- **Talismanic Indian football team captain Sunil Chhetri** became the joint second highest **international goal scorer** among active players along with **Argentine superstar Lionel Messi**. He made his **64th strike for the country** against Kenya in the Intercontinental Cup summit clash in Mumbai.
- **Indian boxer Saweety Boora** claimed a gold medal in the Umakhanov Memorial Tournament after beating Anna Anfinogenova in the final in **Kaspiysk, Russia**. Among the men, world bronze-medallist **Gaurav Bidhuri (56kg)** had finished with a bronze. 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.
- The **2018 FIFA World Cup** will be held in **Russia** from June 14 to July 15. A total of 64 soccer matches will be played in 11 venues (in 12 stadiums as Moscow hosts two stadiums) throughout the tournament. The **2022 FIFA World Cup** is scheduled to be held at **Qatar**.
- The **2026 World Cup** will be held in the **United States, Canada and Mexico** after their joint bid beat Morocco's proposal to host it. The '**United 2026**' bid was selected by Fifa member nations, winning 134 votes compared to 65 for Morocco. The **2026 tournament** will be the biggest World Cup ever held - with 48 teams playing 80 matches over 34 days.
- **Indian women's cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana**, will become the first player from her country to appear in **England's Kia Super T20 League beginning July 22**.
- **Shikhar Dhawan** became the **first Indian cricketer** to score a century before lunch on the opening day of a Test. He scored **107 runs from 96 balls**.
- **Tennis player Yuki Bhambri and weightlifter Sanjita Chanu** dropped from the sports ministry's flagship programme, **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**, for different reasons.
- The **American golfer Brooks Koepka** has made history as he became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back US Open titles at **Shinnecock Hills in New York**.
- The **Sixteen-year-old Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary** has set a new world record on the way to **winning a gold medal in the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany**.
- **Jinson Johnson broke a 42-year-old national record** to win the 800m and qualify for the Jakarta Asian Games in style on the second day of the Inter State Senior Athletics Championships.
- India sprinter **Dutee Chand** set a new national record in the **Women's 100-metre** race 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**.
- Archer **Deepika Kumari** won her **first individual gold medal** in six years at the **Salt Lake World Cup**, in the USA.
- 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 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**.
- Indian captain **Virat Kohli** has 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, while World Cup stars **Harmanpreet Kaur & Smriti Mandhana** were chosen for the women's equivalent of the honour. **Anshuman Gaekwad & Sudha Shah** received the **CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award**.
- 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 women's Hockey team** failed to defend its crown at the **fifth Asian Champions Trophy**, as it lost to hosts **South Korea** in the summit clash at **Donghae City, South Korea**.
- The 2nd **stage of Archery World Cup 2018** has been started in **Antalya, Turkey**. **India** opened its account with a **silver and a bronze medal** in the compound section. India's women compound team of **Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Muskan Kirar and Divya Dhayal** settle for a silver.
- As per the Wimbledon officials, the **2018 men's & women's singles champions** will receive **£2.25 million**.

RECENT IMPORTANT DAYS OBSERVED/CELEBRATED

Important Days/ Events	Celebrated / Observed	Theme of 2018
World Breastfeeding Week	1 Aug 2018 – 7 Aug 2018	Breastfeeding: Foundation of Life.
International Friendship Day	1st Sunday	-
Hiroshima Day	August 6 th	-
National Handloom Day	August 7 ^h	-
76th anniversary of Quit India movement	August 9 th	-

Nagasaki Day	August 9 th	-
International Day of The World's Indigenous Peoples	August 9 th	Indigenous peoples' migration and movement
World Biofuel Day	August 10 th	-
International Day Youth Day	August 12 th	Safe Spaces for Youth.
World elephant Day	August 12 th	-
72 nd Indian Independence Day	August 15 th	-
15th World Humanitarian Day 2018	August 19 th	-
World Photography Day	August 19 th	-
World Mosquito Day	August 20 th	-
National Sadbhavana Diwas 2018	August 20 th	-
World Senior Citizen Day	August 21 st	-
National Sports Day	August 29 th	-
Goods and Services Tax Day	July 1 st	-
World Zoonoses Day	July 6 th	-
International Day of Cooperatives	July 7 th	"Sustainable societies through cooperation"
World Population Day	July 11 th	"Family Planning is a Human Right"
International Malala Day	July 12 th	
World Youth Skills Day	July 15 th	#SkillsChangeLives
International Justice Day	July 17 th	-
Nelson Mandela International Day	July 18 th	-
Kargil Vijay Diwas	July 26 th	-
World Hepatitis Day	July 28 th	Test, Treat Hepatitis for World Hepatitis
World Tiger Day	July 29 th	-
World Milk Day	June 1 st	Drink Move Be Strong
World Bicycle Day	June 3 rd	-
World Environment Day	June 5 th	Beat Plastic Pollution
World Oceans Day	June 8 th	Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean
World Day against Child Labour 2018	June 12 th	Generation Safe & Healthy.
World Blood Donors Day	June 14 th	Blood connect us all
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	June 15 th	Moving from Awareness to Action through a Human Rights based approach.
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	June 17 th	Land has true value – invest in it

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	June 19 th	The Plight and Rights of Children Born of War
World Refugee Day	June 20 th	Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees
International Yoga Day	June 21 st	Yoga for Peace
World Music Day	June 21 st	-
International Widows Day	June 23 rd	-
International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	June 26 th	Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe.
2 nd edition International Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day	June 27 th	The Youth Dimension
National Statistics Day	June 29 th	Quality Assurance in Official Statistics

OBITUARY

Name	Field	Country/City
Jarrod Lyle	Professional Golfer	Australia
Jalees Sherwani	Lyricist	Uttar Pradesh, India
John McCain	US Senator	USA
Gopal Bose	Former India batsman	West Bengal, India
M Karunanidhi	DMK president	Tamil Nadu, India
Kofi Annan	Former UN Secretary-General	Ghana
Ajit Wadekar	Former Indian Cricket Captain	Mumbai, India
Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Former Prime Minister of India	Madhya Pradesh, India
Jadunath Das Mohapatra	Former Odisha Minister and eminent writer	Odisha, India
Kuldip Nayar	Eminent writer and journalist	Punjab, India
Vidiadhar Surajprasad	British author and Nobel Prize winner for Literature	London, UK
Somnath Chatterjee	Former Lok Sabha Speaker	Kolkata, India
Balram Das Tandon	Chhattisgarh Governor	Punjab, India
Hakam Singh	Asian gold medalist	Punjab, India
Uri Avnery	Israeli Journalist and Peace Activist	Israel

Liliane Montevecchi	Tony Award Winner, dancer, actor, and singer	Paris, France
Dada Vaswani	Spiritual leader	Hyderabad, Telangana
Rita Bhaduri	Actor	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
M.N. Vyasa Rao	Kannada poet	Bangalore, Karnataka
Rajmata Satvashila Devi Bhosle	Noted activist	Maharashtra, India
Gopal Das Neeraj	Renowned Hindi Poet	Uttar Pradesh, India
Ramchandra Singhdeo	Former Chhattisgarh Finance Minister	Chhattisgarh, India
Jonathan Gold	Pulitzer Prize-Winning Food Critic	Los Angeles, USA
Swapan Sarkar	Veteran Sports Journalist	Delhi, India
Timothy Pereira	Football	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Leela Menon ('Janmabhumi')	Journalist	Kochi, Kerala, India
Narayan Prasad Singh	lyricist	Odisha, India
Anthony Bourdain	US celebrity chef	USA
Maria Bueno ("The Tennis Ballerina")	Tennis	Brazil
David Douglas Duncan	Photo Journalist (World War II Photographer)	USA
L P Shahi	Politics (Union Minister)	Bihar, India
Laxman Patil-Bhosle	Socialist, Former vice-chairman of the Nashik District Central Cooperative Bank	Nashik, Maharashtra, India
Xavier Rutsa	Journalist	Nagaland, India
Shahzahan Bachchu	Eminent writer and publisher	Bangladesh
Adiraju Venkateswara Rao	Journalist	Hyderabad, Telangana, India
Nerella Venumadhav (Padma Shri Awardee)	Mimicry Artist, ventriloquist	Warangal, Telangana, India
Peter Thomson	Golf	Australia
Charles Krauthammer (Pulitzer Prize-Winner)	Columnist and Pundit	USA
Kim Jong-pil	Ex- South Korean Prime Minister	South Korea
Prof Krishna Shripadrao Deshpande	Library scientist	Dharwad, Karnataka
Rajinder Kumar Dhawan	Veteran Congress leader	Chiniot, Pakistan

Mony K. Mathew	Former The Hindu Business Line journalist	Kerala, India
Nicholas Bett	Former 400m hurdles world champion	Kenya
Sumatheendra Nadig	Kannada writer	Bengaluru, Karnataka
V S Naipaul	Nobel prize-winning author	London, UK
Chemmanam Chacko	Noted Malayalam poet and Sahitya Akademi awardee	Kakkanad, Kerala
Aretha Franklin	US singer ("Queen of Soul")	USA
Chennupati Vidya	Former member of Lok Sabha	Andhra Pradesh, India
Gurudas Kamat	Senior Congress leader	Karnataka, India
Nand Lal Passi	Samajwadi Party leader	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Neil Simon	Broadway's master of comedy	USA
JG Nadkarni	Former chief of naval staff Admiral	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Kabutari Devi	Kumaoni folk singer	Uttarakhand
Kanu Gohain	Former Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)	Gurugram, Haryana

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LIST OF CHIEF MINISTERS & GOVERNORS IN INDIA

State	Chief Minister	Governor	Capital
Andhra Pradesh	N.Chandrababu Naidu	E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan	Amaravati
Arunachal Pradesh	Pema Khandu	B.D. Mishra	Itanagar, Guwahati (Judiciary)
Assam	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi	Dispur
Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Lalji Tandon	Patna
Chhattisgarh	Dr. Raman Singh	Anandiben Patel (additional charge)	Raipur
Goa	Manohar Parrikar	Mridula Sinha	Panaji
Gujarat	Vijay Rupani	Om Prakash Kohli	Gandhinagar
Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar	Satyadev Narayan Arya	Chandigarh
Himachal Pradesh	Jai Ram Thakur	Acharya Dev Vrat	Shimla
Jammu & Kashmir	Governor's Rule	Satya Pal Malik	Srinagar (Summer) Jammu (Winter)

Jharkhand	Raghubar Das	Draupadi Murmu	Ranchi
Karnataka	H. D. Kumaraswamy	Vajubhai Vala	Bangalore
Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan	P. Sathasivam	Thiruvananthapuram
Madhya Pradesh	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Anandiben Patel	Bhopal
Maharashtra	Devendra Fadnavis	Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao	Mumbai
Manipur	N. Biren Singh	Najma Heptulla	Imphal
Meghalaya	Conrad Sangma	Tathagata Roy	Shillong
Mizoram	Lal Thanhawla	Kummanam Rajasekharan	Aizawl
Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio	Padmanabha Balkrishna Acharya	Kohima
Odisha	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal	Bhubaneswar
Punjab	Amarinder Singh	V. P. Singh Badnore	Chandigarh
Rajasthan	Vasundhara Raje	Kalyan Singh	Jaipur
Sikkim	Pawan Kumar Chamling	Ganga Prasad	Gangtok
Tamil Nadu	Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit	Chennai
Telangana	K Chandrasekhar Rao	E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan (additional charge)	Hyderabad
Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Kaptan Singh Solanki	Agartala
Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Adityanath	Ram Naik	Lucknow
Uttarakhand	Trivendra Singh Rawat	Baby Rani Maurya	Dehradun
West Bengal	Mamta Banerjee	Keshari Nath Tripathi	Kolkata

Union Territories	Capital	Head
Andaman and Nicobar Island	Port Blair	Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi- Lieutenant Governor
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	V. P. Singh Badnore- Administrator
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Silvassa	Praful Khoda Patel- Administrator
Daman and Diu	Daman	Praful Khoda Patel- Administrator
Delhi	New Delhi	Anil Baijal- Lieutenant Governor, CM - Arvind Kejriwal
Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	Farooq Khan- Administrator
Puducherry	Puducherry	Kiran Bedi – Lieutenant Governor, CM -V. Narayanasamy

LIST OF CABINET MINISTERS IN INDIA

CABINET MINISTERS

MINISTER	DEPARTMENT	CONSTITUENCY
1.Shri Narendra Modi	Prime Minister Department of Personnel and Training, Public Grievances and Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy. All important policy issues & All other portfolios not allocated to any minister	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
2. Shri Rajnath Singh	Home Affairs	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
3. Shri Arun Jaitley	Finance, Corporate affairs,	Gujarat (Rajya)

		Sabha)
4. Shri Sushma Swaraj	External Affairs	Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh
5. Shri Nitin Gadkari	Road Transport & highways, shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Nagpur, Maharashtra
6. Shri Suresh Prabhu	Commerce & Industry	Andhra Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
7. Shri D V Sadananda Gowda	Statistics & Programme implementation	Bangalore North, Karnataka
8. Shri Sushri Uma Bharti	Drinking water and sanitation	Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
9. Shri Ramvilas Paswan	Consumer affairs, food and public distribution	Hajipur, Bihar
10. Shri Menaka Sanjay Gandhi	Women and Child Development	Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh
11. Shri Ananth Kumar	Chemicals and fertilizers, Parliamentary affairs	Bangalore South, Karnataka
12. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	Law and justice, Electronics & IT	Bihar (Rajya Sabha)
13. Shri J P Nadda	Health and Family Welfare	Himachal Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
14. Suresh Prabhu	Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation	Andhra Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
15. Shri Anant Geete	Heavy Industries and Public enterprises	Raigad, Maharashtra
16. Shri Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Food Processing industries	Bhatinda, Punjab
17. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Mines	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
18. Shri Col Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	Information and Broadcasting	Jhotwra (Rajasthan)
19. Shri Chaudhury Birender Singh	Steel	Haryana (Rajya Sabha)
20. Shri Jual Oram	Tribal affairs	Sundargarh, Odisha
21. Shri Radha Mohan Singh	Agriculture & farmers welfare	Purvi Champaran, Bihar
22. Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot	Social Justice and Empowerment	Madhya Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
23. Shri Harsh Vardhan	Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment,	Chandni Chowk,

	Forest, Climate Change	Delhi
24. Shri Prakash Javadekar	Human Resource Development	Madhya Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
25. Shri Piyush Goyal	Railways, Coal	Maharashtra (Rajya Sabha)
26. Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minority Affairs	Jharkhand (Rajya Sabha)
27. Shri Nirmala Sitharaman	Defence	Karnataka (Rajya Sabha)
28. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Petroleum and Gas, Skill Deveopment and Entrepreneurship	Deograh, Odisha
29. Smriti Irani	Minister for Textiles	Gujarat (Rajya Sabha)

MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

S.No	DEPARTMENT	MINISTER	CONSTITUENCY
1	Planning, Chemicals and Fertilizers	Shri Rao Inderjit Singh	Gurugram (Gurgaon), Haryana
2	Labour and Employment	Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar	Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh)
3	Youth Affairs and Sports, Information and Broadcasting	Shri Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	Jhotwra (Rajasthan)
4	AYUSH	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	North Goa
5	Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy, Mines	Shri Raj kumar singh	Arrah (Bihar)
6	Development of North Eastern Region, Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space	Shri Dr. Jitendra Singh	Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir
7	Minister of tourism & Electronics and Information Technology.	S.S. Ahluwalia	Darjeeling, West Bengal
8	Housing, Urban Affairs	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Bihar
9	Culture, Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Shri Dr. Mahesh Sharma	Gautam Budh Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh
10	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Shri Giriraj Singh	Nawada (Bihar)
11.	Ministry of Communications and Railways	Shri Manoj Sinha	Ghazipur (Uttar Pradesh)

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S.NO	DEPARTMENT	MINISTER	CONSTITUENCY
1	External Affairs	Shri V.K.Singh, Shri M J Akbar	Ghaziabad, UttarPradesh & Jharkhand (Rajya Sabha)
2	Finance	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla	Uttar Pradesh
3	Health and Family Welfare	Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey	Buxar, UttarPradesh
4	Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Panchayati Raj	Shri Parshottam Rupala	Amreli, Gujarat
5	Social Justice and Empowerment	Shri Ramdas Athawale	Maharashtra (Rajya Sabha)
6	Rural Development	Shri Ram Kripal Yadav	Pataliputra, Bihar
7	Home Affairs	Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	Chandrapur, Maharashtra
8	Drinking Water & Sanitation	Shri Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi,	Bijapur, Karnataka
9	Railways	Shri Rajen Gohain	Nawgong, Assam
10	Human Resources Development	Shri Upendra Kushwaha	Karakat, Bihar
11	Road Transport and Highways, Shipping	Shri Mansukh L Mandaviya	Palitana, Gujarat
12	Home Affairs	Shri Kiren Rijiju	Arunachal West
13	Social Justice and Empowerment	Shri Vijay Sampla, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Shri Krishan Pal	Hoshiarpur (Punjab), Maharashtra And Fariabad (Haryana)
14	Tribal Affairs	Shri Sudharshan Bhagat, Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor	Lohardaga, Jharkhand And Dahod, Gujarat
15	Human Resource Development, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Shri Dr. Satya Pal Singh	Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh
16	Steel	Shri Vishnu Deo Sai	Raigarh, Chattisgarh
17	Science and Technology Earth Science	Shri Dr. Mahesh Sharma	Gautam Budh Nagar district
18	Civil Aviation	Shri Jayant Sinha	Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
19	Heavy Industries Public Enterprises	Shri Babul Supriyo	Asansol, West Bengal
20	Law and Justice; Corporate Affairs	Shri P.P. Chaudhary	Pali, Rajasthan
21	Textiles	Shri Ajay Tamta	Almora, Uttarakhand
22	Women and Child Development,	Shri Dr. Virendra Kumar	Tikamgarh and Sagar,

	Minority Affairs		Madhya Pradesh
23.	Health and Family Welfare	Shri Smt. Anupriya Patel	Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh
24.	Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Shri C.R. Chaudhary	Nagaur, Rajasthan
25.	Defence	Shri Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre	Dhule, Maharashtra
26.	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Shri Anantkumar Hegde	Uttara Kannada, Karnataka
27.	Parliamentary Affairs, Statistics, Programme Implementation	Shri Vijay Goel	Chandni Chowk (Rajasthan)
28.	Finance, Shipping	Shri Radhakrishnan P	Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu
29.	Mines, Coal	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary	Banaskantha, Gujarat
30.	Parliamentary Affairs, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	Bikaner, Rajasthan
31.	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Shri Krishna Raj, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Shahjahanpur (Uttar Pradesh), Jodhpur (Rajasthan)
32.	Food Processing Industries	Shri Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti	Fatepur, Uttar Pradesh

FINANCIAL/ IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA

Name	Headquarters	CEO & MD
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) -Money Market	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Urjit patel (Governor)
Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Geetha Muraidhar
India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)	Chennai, India	Pankaj Jain
Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	David Rasquinha
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Mohammad Mustafa
National Housing Bank (NHB)	New Delhi	Sriram Kalyanaraman
Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)	New Delhi	Dr. Emandi Sankara Rao
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India	Hyderabad, Telangana	Subhash Chandra Khuntia

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) - Capital Market	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Ajay Tyagi
National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Dilip Asbe
Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)	New Delhi	Hemant Contractor
Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)	New Delhi	Naveen N.D Gupta (President)
Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	New Delhi	Rashesh Shah (President)
Foods safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	New Delhi	Ashish Bahuguna (President)
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	New Delhi	Ram Sewak Sharma
Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)	New Delhi	B S Bhullar
Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Prasoon Joshi
Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB)	New Delhi	Subhash Chandra Garg (Chairman)
Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)	New Delhi	Arun Jaitley (Chairman)
Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)	New Delhi	Surina Rajan (Director General)
Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Abanti Sankaranarayanan (Chairman)
Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	C K Khanna (President)
Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	New Delhi	Sushil Chandra (Chairman)
Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBEC)	New Delhi	S. Ramesh (Chairperson)
Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)	New Delhi	Rakesh Bharti Mittal (President)
National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)	New Delhi	Debjani Ghosh (President)
Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)	New Delhi	Sandeep Jajodia

INTERNATIONAL ORGNISATIONS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS

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Official Website: www.Raceinstitute.in Official Blog: www.Bankersdaily.in

ASIAN ORGANISATIONS:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) – Manila, Phillipines
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) – Beijing, China
- New Development Bank (NDB) – Shanghai, China
- Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) – Jakarta, Indonesia
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) – Kathmandu, Nepal

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS BY LOCATION

New York City, USA:

- International Rescue Committee
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, also known as UN Women
- United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Washington DC, USA

- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- World Bank Group (WB)
- International Development Association
- International Finance Corporation
- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
- Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Geneva, Switzerland

- Inter-Parliamentary Union
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) or Doctors without Borders
- International Organization of Migration (IOM)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Vienna, Austria:

- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries(OPEC)
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

London, UK

- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Commonwealth of Nations
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Amnesty International

Copenhagen, Denmark

- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

Brussels, Belgium

- World Customs Organization
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Paris, France

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- International Energy Agency
- International Chamber of Commerce
- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

Lyon, France

- International Criminal Police Organization, or INTERPOL

Rome, Italy

- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development
- World Food Programme

The Hague, The Netherlands

- International Court of Justice
- International Criminal Court

Madrid, Spain

- World Tourism Organization

Bern, Switzerland

- Universal Postal Union

Gland, Switzerland

- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Basel, Switzerland

- Bank for International Settlements

Montreal, Canada

- International Civil Aviation Organization

Tokyo, Japan

- United Nations University

Singapore

- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

Nairobi, Kenya

- United Nations Environment Programme

- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Abu Dhabi, UAE

- International Renewable Energy Agency

Ebene, Mauritius

- Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation

Monaco

- International Hydrographic Organization

Los Angeles, USA

- Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Kathmandu, Nepal

- South Asian Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN)

Santiago, Chile

- United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)

Addis Abba, Ethiopia

- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Bangkok, Thailand

- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Beirut, Lebanon

- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS RELATED TO SPORTS

Organisations	Headquarters
International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)	Motne carlo, Monaco
Badminton World Federation (BWF)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
International Tennis Federation (ITF)	London, UK
United World Wrestling (UWW)	Lausanne, Switzerland
International Olympic Committee	Lausanne, Switzerland
International Boxing Association (Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA))	Lausanne, Switzerland
International Golf Federation (IGF)	Lausanne, Switzerland
International Hockey Federation	Lausanne, Switzerland
International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)	Lausanne, Switzerland
World Archery Federation (WAF)	Lausanne, Switzerland
Fédération Internationale de Volleyball	Lausanne, Switzerland
World Taekwondo	Jongno-gu, Seoul
International Weightlifting Federation	Budapest, Hungary
Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)	Zurich, Switzerland
International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)	Munich, Germany
World Rugby	Dublin, Ireland

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HEADS

1. Bank for International Settlements (BIS) - **Jens Weidmann** (Chairman)

2. New Development Bank (NDB) – **K.V. Kamath** (President)
3. International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) – **Meng Hongwei** (president)
4. World Bank– **Jim Yong Kim** (President)
5. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) –**Achim Steiner**
6. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) – **Jim Yong Kim**
7. Amnesty International (Secretary) – **Kumi Naidoo** (till Aug 2018)
8. International Finance Corporation (IFC) – **Philippe Le Houérou** (CEO)
9. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) – **Keiko Honda** (Executive Vice President)
10. World Trade Organization (WTO) – **Roberto Azevedo** (Director General)
11. International Monetary Fund (IMF) – **Christine Lagarde** (MD)
12. Asian Development Bank (ADB) – **Takehiko Nakao** (President)
13. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – **Francis Gurry** (CEO)
14. World Health Organization (WHO) – **Tedros Adhanom**
15. International Labour Organization (ILO) – **Guy Ryder**
16. United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) – **Tore Hattrem**
17. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) – **Jin Lique**
18. North Atlantic Treaty Organization – **Jens Stoltenberg** (Secretary General)
19. United Nations Organization – **Antonio Guterres** (Secretary General)
20. World Food Program – **David Beasley** (Executive Director).
21. UN General Assembly – **Miroslav Lajčák** (President)
22. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) – **Audrey Azoulay** (Director General)
23. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – **Erik Solheim**
24. International Court of Justice – **Abdulqawi Yusuf** (President)
25. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) – **Mohammed Barkindo** (Secretary-General)
26. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) – **James Frederick** (Administrator)
27. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation SAARC– **Amjad Hussain B. Sial** (Secretary-General)

PRESIDENT OF SPORTS FEDERATION HEADS

1. President of Indian Olympic Association – **Narinder Dhruv Batra**
2. President of Indian Football Association – **Subrata Datta**
3. President of All India Football Federation – **Praful Patel** (India)
4. President of Indian Wrestling Federation – **Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh**
5. President of International Hockey Federation – **Dr Narinder Batra** (India)
6. President of Indian Hockey Federation – **Rajinder Singh**
7. President of Indian Boxing Federation – **Ajay Singh**
8. President of International Boxing Federation – **Daryl J. Peoples** (Australia)
9. President of International Olympic Committee – **Thomas Bach** (German)
10. CEO of International Cricket Council – **David Richardson**
11. Chairman of International Cricket Council – **Shashank Manohar** (India)

12. President of FIFA - **Gianni Infantino** (Italian)
13. President of BCCI - **C K Khanna**
14. President of All India Tennis Association - **Praveen Mahajan**
15. President of International Tennis Federation - **David Haggerty** (America)
16. President of Badminton Association of India - **Dr. Himanta Bishwa Sarma**
17. President of Badminton World Federation - **Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen** (Denmark)

DEFENCE HEADS

1. Chairman of Defence research and Development Organization - **Sanjay Mitra**
2. Chairman of Indian Space and Research Organization - **K Sivan**
3. Director General of National Security Guard- **Sudeep Lakhtakia**
4. Director of Intelligence Bureau - **Rajiv Jain**
5. Director of Central Bureau Investigation (CBI) - **Alok Kumar Verma** (Former Delhi Police Chief)
6. Chief of Border Security Force (BSF) - **K K Sharma**
7. Head of Indo-Tibetan Border Police - **R K Pachnanda**
8. National Security Advisor - **Rajinder Khanna**
9. Head of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) - **Anil Dhasmana**
10. Chief of Naval Staff - **Sunil Lanba**
11. Chief of Army- **Bipin Rawat**
12. Chief of Air Force- **Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa**

LIST OF IMPORTANT SEAPORTS IN INDIA

S. NO	SEAPORTS	LOCATION	STATE	HIGHLIGHTS
1.	Vizag port	Vishakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	Only natural seaport in the shores of Bay of Bengal Oldest shipyard of India
2.	Madras Port	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	2nd largest port in India Largest port in Tamil Nadu
3.	Tuticorin Port	Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	2nd largest port in Tamil Nadu
4.	Kandla Port	Gandhidham	Gujarat	Major seaport of west coast
5.	Nhava Sheva (or) Jawaharlal Nehru Port	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra	Largest container port in India King Port of Arabian Sea
6.	Mumbai Port	West Mumbai	Maharashtra	Largest port in India
7.	Marmagao Port	South Goa	Goa	One of India's earliest modern ports
8.	Panambur (or) New Mangalore Port	Dakshina Kannada	Karnataka	All weather port on the shore of Arabian Sea

9.	Cochin Port	Cochin	Kerala	Major port on the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean Sea route It lies on 2 islands Wellington and Vallarpadam
10.	Paradip Port	Jagatsinghpur	Odisha	Situated at the confluence of the river Mahanadi and Bay of Bengal
11.	Haldia Port	Kolkata	West Bengal	It is the base of Indian Coast Guard
12.	Port Blair	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Located at the juncture of Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea

IMPORTANT AIRPORTS IN INDIA

Airport	Location
1. Veer Savarkar International Airport	Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
2. Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport	Guwahati, Assam
3. Gaya International Airport	Gaya, Bihar
4. Lok Nayak Jayaprakash International Airport	Patna, Bihar
5. Indira Gandhi International Airport	New Delhi, Delhi
6. Dabolim Airport	Goa
7. Kandla Airport	Kandla, Gujarat
8. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
9. Birsa Munda International Airport	Ranchi, Jharkhand
10. Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore, Karnataka
11. Raja Bhoj International Airport	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
12. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Mumbai, Maharashtra
13. Tulihal International Airport	Imphal, Manipur
14. Daporijo Airport	Daporijo, Arunachal Pradesh
15. Biju Patnaik International Airport	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
16. Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport	Amritsar, Punjab
17. Jolly Grant Airport	Dehradun, Uttarakhand
18. Rajahmundry Airport	Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh

19. Shaheed S. Bhagat Singh International Airport	Chandigarh, Punjab
20. Maharana Pratap Airport	Udaipur, Rajasthan
21. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad, Telangana
22. Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
23. Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
24. Sonari Airport	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
25. Lengpui Airport	Aizwal, Mizoram
26. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport	Kolkata, Bengal
27. Bagdogra Airport	Siliguri, Bengal
28. Agatti Aerodrome	Agatti, Lakshadweep
29. Tezu Airport	Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh
30. Zaruqi International Airport	Shillong, Meghalaya
31. Silchar Airport	Silchar, Assam
32. Swami Vivekananda Airport	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
33. Agartala Airport	Agartala, Tripura
34. Imphal International Airport	Imphal, Manipur
35. Calicut International Airport	Kozhikode, Kerala

LIST OF IMPORTANT THERMAL POWER PLANTS IN INDIA

S.No	Thermal Power Plant	State
1	Simhadri Super TPS	Andhra Pradesh
2	Sri Damodaram	Andhra Pradesh
3	Sanjeevaiah TPS	Andhra Pradesh
4	Bongaigaon TPS	Assam
5	Kahalgaon Super TPS	Bihar
6	Barauni TPP	Bihar
7	Sipat TPS	Chhattisgarh
8	Korpa super TPS	Chhattisgarh
9	Bhillai Expansion TPP	Chhattisgarh
10	Hasdeo TPS	Chhattisgarh
11	Guru Gobind Singh Super TPS	Punjab
12	Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram TPS	Haryana

13	Rajiv Gandhi TPS	Haryana
14	Chandrapura TPS	Jharkhand
15	Koderma TPS	Jharkhand
16	Bokaro TPS	Jharkhand
17	Patratu TPS	Jharkhand
18	Mundra TPS	Gujarat
19	Ukai TPS	Gujarat
20	Akrimota TPS	Gujarat
21	Sikka TPS	Gujarat
22	Raichur TPS	Karnataka
23	Udupi TPP	Karnataka
24	Bellary TPS	Karnataka
25	Brahmapuram Power Station	Kerala
26	Kayamkulam Power Station	Kerala
27	Vindhyachal Super TPS	Madhya Pradesh
28	Sant Singaji TPP	Madhya Pradesh
29	Satpura TPS	Madhya Pradesh
30	Amarkantak TPS	Madhya Pradesh
31	Tirora TPS	Maharashtra
32	Amravati TPP	Maharashtra
33	Chandrapur Super TPP	Maharashtra
34	Khaperkheda TPS	Maharashtra
35	Talcher Super TPS	Odisha
36	Hirakud captive TPP	Odisha
37	Chhabra TPS	Rajasthan
38	Suratgarh TPS	Rajasthan
39	Neyveli TPS	Tamil Nadu
40	Tuticorin TPS	Tamil Nadu
41	Mettur TPS	Tamil Nadu
42	Palatana TPP	Tripura
43	Chibro Power Plant	Uttarakhand
44	Khodri Power Plant	Uttarakhand
45	Chilla Power Plant	Uttarakhand
46	Rihand TPP	Uttar Pradesh
47	Anpara TPS	Uttar Pradesh
48	Singrauli TPS	Uttar Pradesh
49	Obra TPS	Uttar Pradesh
50	Rosa TPS	Uttar Pradesh

51	Panki TPS	Uttar Pradesh
52	Mejia TPS	West Bengal
53	Farakka SuperTPS	West Bengal
54	Kolaghat TPS	West Bengal
55	Bakreshwar TPS	West Bengal
56	Durgapur Steel TPS	West Bengal
57.	Sagardighi Thermal Power Station	West Bengal

LIST OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN INDIA

S.No	Nuclear Power Plants	Location
1.	Narora Atomic Power Plant	Narora, Uttar Pradesh
2.	Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant	Rawatbhatta, Rajasthan (India & Canada)
3.	Tarapur Atomic Power Plant	Palghar, Maharashtra (India & USA)
4.	Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant	Vyara, Gujarat
5.	Madras Atomic Power Plant	Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu
6.	Kaiga Atomic Power Plant	Uttar Kannada, Karnataka
7.	Kudankullam Atomic Power Plant	Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu (India & Russia)
8.	Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant	Ratnagiri, Maharashtra (India & France)

IMPORTANT DANCES IN INDIA

S. No	State	Classical Dance	Folk Dance
1	Andra Pradesh	Kuchipudi	Kolattam, Dhimsa, Veeranatyam, Veedhi Natakam, Burrakatha, Ghanta Mardala
2	Assam	Sattriya, Bihu	Ojapali, Bihu, Ankia Naat, Jhumur Naach, Bayurumba, Ali Ai Ligang, Khel Gopal, Rakhal Lila, Tabal Chongli, Canoe
3	Arunachal Pradesh		Lion and peacock dance, Cardo chham, Aji lamu.
4	Bihar	Chan	Jata jatin, Bikhari, Jadur, Chhau, kathaputli, Bakho, Jhijhiya, Samochakwa, Karma, Jatra, Natna
5	Chattisgarh		Panthi, Raut Nacha.
6	Gujarat	Garba	Dandiya Rass, Garba, Bhavi, Tippani, Gomph
7	Goa		Fugdi, Tarangamel, Dhala, Dekhni (Going to be Classical recognised), Dhangar
8	Haryana		Saang, Khorla, Gugga Dance, Teej, Phag, Jhumar, Ras Leela, Phag dance, Daph, Dhamal, Loor, Gagor
9	Punjab	Bhangar	Luddi, Pandass, Kikkli, Giddha (Women), Bhangra (Men) (Going to be Classical recognised)
10	Jammu and Kashmir		Hikat, Rouf, Kud, Dumhal

11	Jharkhand		Karma or Munda
12	Kerala	Kathakali, Mohiniyattam	Chakyar koothu, Kaikottikali, Mudi yettu, Krishnaattam, Thullal, Thirayattam, Kaliyattam, Thappattikkali
13	Karnataka	Hatlari	Bayalata, Dollu Kunitha, Veeragaase, Yakshagana (Going to be Classical recognised), Huttari, Suggi Kunitha
14	Madhya Pradesh	Karma	Teratali, Charkula, Jawara, Matki, Maanch, Grida Dance.
15	Mizoram	Khantumm Bamboo	Cheraw Dance(Bamboo Dance)
16	Manipur	Manipuri	Dhol Cholom, Thang Ta(form of martial art)
17	Maharashtra		Tamasha, Pavri Nah, Lavani, Mauni, Dasavtar, Gafa, Dahikala, Kathakeertan, Lezin, Dandaniya
18	Odisha	Odissi, Chan	Ghumura Dance, Chhau Dance, Baagh Naach(Tiger Dance), Dalkhai, Karma Naach, Chadya Dandanata
19	Puducherry		Garadi
20	Rajasthan		Kalbelia, Bhavai, Kach hi Ghodi, Ghoomar, Ginad, Chakri, Gangore, Terahttal, Kayal, Jhulan, Leela, Jhumaa, Suisini
21	Tamilnadu	Bharathanatyam	Kavadi, Devarattam, Kummi, Kollatum, Karagattam, Mayilattam, Paambattam, Puliyattam, Poikal kudirai, Bommallattam, Therukoothu.
22	Tripura		Hojagiri, Gorja, Labang Boomani.
23	Sikkim		Singhi Chham, Yak Chaam, Rechungma.
24	Telangana		Perini Thandavam, Dappu, Lambadi.
25	Himachal Pradesh	Nati	Kinnauri Nati, Namgen, Jhora, Jhali, Dangli, Mahasu, Jadda, Jhainta, Chharhi
26	Nagaland		Chang Lo or Sua Lua
27	Uttarakhand	Garwali	Chholiya, Thali Jadda, Jhainta
28	Uttar Pradesh	Kathak, Chan	Rasiya, Swang, Nautanki, Naqual, Thora, Chappeli, Raslila, Kajri
29	West Bengal		Chhau, Gambhira, Kalikapattadi, Alkap, Baul Kirtan, Jatra, Lama

IMPORTANT STADIUMS IN INDIA

Name	Location	Type
1. Wankhede Stadium	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Cricket
2. Feroz Shah Kotla Ground	Delhi	Cricket
3. M.A. Chidambaram Stadium	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Cricket
4. Eden Gardens	Kolkata, West Bengal	Cricket
5. Gymkhana Ground	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Cricket
6. JSCA Stadium	Ranchi, Jharkhand	Cricket
7. Subrata Roy Sahara Stadium	Pune, Maharashtra	Cricket

8. Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium	Hyderabad, Telangana	Cricket
9. Barkatullah Khan Stadium	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	Cricket
10. Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium	Kochi, Kerala	Multipurpose (football (soccer) and cricket)
11. K.D. Singh Babu Stadium	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Multipurpose
12. Fatorda Stadium	Margao, Goa	Football & Cricket
13. Maulana Azad Stadium	Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir	Cricket
14. Indira Priyadarshini Stadium	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Cricket
15. University Stadium	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Multi-purpose
16. Roop Singh Stadium	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	Cricket
17. Nehru Stadium	Pune, Maharashtra	Multipurpose
18. Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium	Delhi	Multipurpose
19. Keenan Stadium	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	Multipurpose
20. Sardar Patel Stadium	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Cricket
21. Moti Bagh Stadium	Vadodara, Gujarat	Cricket
22. Sher-I-Kashmir Stadium	Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir	Cricket
23. Sawai Mani Singh Stadium	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Cricket
24. Gandhi Sports Complex Ground	Amritsar, Punjab	Cricket
25. Barabati Stadium	Cuttack, Odissa	Cricket
26. M. Chinnasawami Stadium	Bangalore, Karnataka	Cricket
27. Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	Cricket and Football
28. Brabourne Stadium	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Cricket
29. Guru Gobind Singh Stadium	Jalandhar, Punjab	Multipurpose
30. Birsu Munda Stadium	Ranchi, Jharkhand	Hockey
31. Dhyan Chand Astro turf Stadium	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Hockey
32. Dadaji Kondadev Stadium	Thane, Maharashtra	Cricket
33. Guru Nanak Stadium	Ludhiana, Punjab	Football
34. HPCA stadium	Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh	Cricket
35. Khanderi Cricket stadium	Rajkot, Gujarat	Cricket
36. New VCA stadium	Nagpur, Maharashtra	Cricket
37. Dr. D.Y. Patil stadium	Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra	Football & Cricket
38. APCA-Vdca stadium	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Cricket
39. Maharani Usharaje Trust Cricket Ground	Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Cricket
40. IPCL Sport Complex	Vadodara, Gujarat	Cricket
41. Nahar Singh Stadium	Faridabad, Haryana	Cricket
42. Madhav Rao SC India Ground	Rajkot, Gujarat	Cricket

43. Sector 16 Stadium	Chandigarh	Cricket
44. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor stadium	Taleigao, Goa	Volleyball and Basketball.
45. Green Park Stadium	Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Cricket
46. Fort Maidan	Palakkad, Kerala	Multipurpose
47. Dilip Tirkey stadium	Rourkela, Odisha	Hockey
48. Kalinga Stadium	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Multipurpose
49. Mahindra Hockey Stadium	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Hockey
50. Burlington Park or Gandhi Stadium	Jalandhar, Punjab	Cricket
51. Greater Noida Cricket Stadium	Uttar Pradesh	Cricket
52. Salt Lake Stadium	Kolkata, West Bengal	Multipurpose

LIST OF STOCK EXCHANGES AND THEIR INDEX

1. **BSE** (Bombay Stock Exchange) - SENSEX (Sensitive Index) - Mumbai
2. **NSE** (National Stock Exchange) - Nifty-50 - Mumbai
3. **NYSE** (New York Stock Exchange) - New York
4. **NASDAQ** (National association of securities dealers Automated Quotation System) - NASDAQ is the first electronic stock market in the world located in New York.
5. **Tokyo Stock Exchange** (Japan) - Nikkei-225
6. **Korea Stock Exchange** (Seoul, South Korea) - KOSPI
7. **Shanghai Stock Exchange** (China) - Composite Index - Shanghai
8. **Shenzhen Stock Exchange** (China) - Composite Index - Shenzhen
9. **German Stock Exchange** - DAX (Deutscher Aktien Index) - Frankfurt
10. **Hong Kong Stock Exchange** - Hang Seng - Hong Kong
11. **SGX** (Singapore Exchange) - STI (Straits Times Index) - Singapore
12. **LSE** (London Stock Exchange) or UK stock Exchange - Footsie or FTSE-100 (Financial Times and London Stock Exchange) - London
13. **France Stock Exchange** - CAC-40 (Cotation Assistée en Continu) - Paris
14. **Tepix Stock Exchange** - Iran
15. **SET Stock Exchange** - Thailand
16. **TAIEX Stock Exchange** - Taipei (Taiwan)
17. **S & P/TSX Stock Exchange** - Toronto, Canada
18. **BOVESPA Stock Exchange** - Brazil
19. **FTSEMIB Stock Exchange** - Italy
20. **IPC Stock Exchange** - Mexico
21. **SMI Stock Exchange** - Switzerland
22. **IBEX35 Stock Exchange** - Spain
23. **ADX General Stock Exchange** - United Arab Emirates
24. **FTSE BURSA Stock Exchange** - Malaysia
25. **American Stock Exchange** (AMEX) - America
26. **Montreal Stock Exchange** (MSE) - Canada

27. **Madrid Stock Exchange** (Bolsa de Madrid) – Madrid Spain

28. **Kazakhstan Stock Exchange** (KASE) - Almaty

29. **Colombo Stock Exchange** (CSE) – Sri Lanka

30. **Nepal Stock Exchange** (NEPSE) - Kathmandu

LIST OF INDIAN RIVERS AND IT IS TOUCHING STATES

RIVERS	TOUCHING STATES	ORIGINATION
Ganga	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal	Gangothri
Yamuna	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	Yamunothri
Brahmaputra	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tibet	Himalayas
Mahanadi	Chhattisgarh, Odisha	Sihawa
Godavari	Maharashtra, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry (Yanam)	Brahmagiri Mountain Nasik, Maharashtra
Krishna	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra
Narmada	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	Amarkantak (Shahdol district), Madhya Pradesh
Tapti	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	Satpura range, Madhya Pradesh
Gomati	Lucknow	Gomat Taal
Gandaki	Tibet (China), Nepal, India (Bihar)	Nhubine Himal Glacier
Kosi	Nepal, India (Bihar)	Himalayas, Nepal
Son	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar	Amarkantak (Shahdol district), Madhya Pradesh
Betwa	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh	Vindhya Range
Chambal	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan	Singar Chouri, Vindhya Range, Madhya Pradesh
Sutlej	Punjab (India), China, Pakistan	Rakshatal Lake (West of Manassarovar), Mount Kailash
Ravi	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	Kulu Valley (Chamba), Himachal Pradesh
Beas	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	Beas Kund Himalayas
Chenab	India (Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir) and Pakistan	Bara-lacha la

Jhelum	Punjab	Pir Panjal Range
Kaveri	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka	Talakaveri, Kodagu in Karnataka
Mahanadi	Odisha, Chhattisgarh	Sihawa

STATE WISE RIVERS

S. No.	State	River
1	Andhra Pradesh	Godavari
2	Bihar	Ganga
3	Delhi	Yamuna
4	Goa	Mandovi
5	Gujarat	Sabarmati, Tapti, Vishwamitri, Narmada
6	Haryana	Yamuna
7	Jharkhand	Damodar, Ganga & Subarnarekha
8	Karnataka	Bhadra, Tungabhadra, Cauvery, Tunga & Pennar, Vrishabhavathi
9	Kerala	Pamba
10	Madhya Pradesh	Betwa, Tapti, Wainganga, Khan, Narmada, shipra, Beehar, Chambal
11	Mahrashtra	Krishna, Godavari, Tapi and Panchganga
12	Nagaland	Diphu & Dhansiri
13	Odissa	Brahmini & Mahanadi
14	Punjab	Sutlej
15	Rajasthan	Chambal
16	Sikkim	Rani Chu
17	Tamil Nadu	Cauvery, Adyar, Cooum, Vennar, Vaigai & Tambarani
18	Telangana	Musi
19	Uttar Pradesh	Yamuna, Ganga & Gomti, Chambal
20	Uttranchal	Ganga, Mandakini
21	West Bengal	Ganga, Damodar & Mahananda

DAMS

STATES	DAMS	RIVER
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Dhanikhari	Dhanikhari
	Kalpong	Kalpong
Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana	Srisailem (N.S.R.S.P) Nagarjuna Sagar Dam	Krishna
Arunachal Pradesh	Ranganadi	Ranganadi
Assam	Pagladia	Pagladia
	Khandong	Kopili

	Umrong	Umrong Nalah
	Subansiri Lower Dam	Subansiri
	Karbi langpi Dam	Borpani
Chhattisgarh	Dudhawa Dam, Gangrel Dam	Mahanadi
	Mongra Barrage	Shivnath
	Murum Silli	Sillari
	Sondur	Sondur
	Tandula	Tandula and Sukh nala
Goa	Amthane	Amthane nala
	Anjunem	Gunuleni Nala
	Panchwadi	Zuari
	Salaulim	Sanguem
Gujarat	Dantiwada	West Banas
	Dharoi	Sabarmati
	Mitti	Mitti
	Sardar Sarovar	Narmada
	Ranghola	Rangholi
	Sukhi	Sukhi
	Ukai	Tapti
Himachal Pradesh	Bhakra	Sutlej
	Kishau	Tons
	Nathpa	Sutlej
	Pandoh	Beas
	Pong	Beas
	Chamera	Ravi
Haryana	Ottu barrage	Ghaggar – Hakra
	Kaushalya	Kaushalya
Jammu and Kashmir	Salal	Chenab
	Pakal Dul	Chenab
	Baglihar	Chenab
	Uri	Jhelum
Jharkhand	Getalsud	Subarnarekha
	Konar	Konar
	Maithon	Barakar
	Tenughat	Damodar
	Ranjit Sagar/ Thein	Ravi
	Tilaiya	Barakar

Karnataka	Khandoli	Damodar
	Almatti	Krishna
	Basava Sagara/ Narayanpur	Krishna
	Bhadra	Bhadra
	Tungabhadra	Tungabhadra
	Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS)	Kaveri
	Linganamakki	Sharavati
	Raja Lakhamagowda/ Hidkal	Ghataprabha
	Renuka Sagara	Malaprabha
	Kadra Supa Kodasalli	Kali Kali Kali
	Chakra	Chakra
Kerala	Vani Vilasa Sagara/ Mari Kanive	Vedavathi
	Malampuzha	Bharathapuzha
	Solaiyar Parambikulam Peringalkuthu	Chalakkudy
	Neyyar	Neyyar
	Idukki	Periyar
	Chimmony	Chimmony
	Cheruthoni	Cheruthoni
	Mullai Periyar	Periyar
Madhya Pradesh	Bansagar	Son
	Bargi	Narmada
	Barna	Barna
	Gandhi Sagar	Chambal
	Halali	Halali
	Indirasagar	Narmada
	Kolar	Kolar
	Omkareshwar	Narmada
	Rajghat	Betwa
	Tigra/ Tighra	Sank
Manipur	Khuga	Khuga
	Tipaimukh	Barak
Maharashtra	Koyna	Koyna
	Jayakwadi	Godavari
	Totladoh	Pench

	Isapur	Penganga
	Ujani/Bhima	Bhima
	Khadakwasla	Mutha
Mizoram	Serlui B dam	Serlui
	Tuirial	Tuirial
Odisha	Hirakud	Mahanadi
	Jalaput	Sileru
	Mandira	Sankh
	Patora	Jonk
	Rengali	Brahmani
Punjab	Indravati	Indravati
	Ranjit Sagar	Ravi
Rajasthan	Parbati	Parbati
	Jawahar Sagar	Chambal
	Jawai Bandh	Jawai
	Mahi Bajaj Sagar	Mahi
	Ranapratap Sagar	Chambal
	Jakham	Jakham
Sikkim	Rangit	Rangit
Tamilnadu	Amaravathi	Amaravathi
	Kallanai	Kaveri
	Kodaveri	Bhavani
	Mettur	Kaveri
	Vaigai	Vaigai
	Nallathangal	Nallathangal odai
	Orathuppalayam	Noyyal
	Pillur Dam	Bhavani
Utharakhand	Dhauliganga	Dhauliganga
	Gusain	Tons
	Lakhwar	Yamuna
	Tehri	Bhagirathi
	Koteswar	Bhagirathi
Uttar pradesh	Rihand Dam	Rihand
West Bengal	Maithon	Damodar
	Panchet	Damodar

RECENT AND UPCOMING SUMMITS AND SPORTS EVENTS

- FIFA World Cup 2018 - **Russia**
- FIFA World Cup 2022 - **Qatar**
- FIFA U-17 Women's world cup 2018 - **Uruguay**
- Commonwealth Games 2018 - **Gold coast, Australia**
- Commonwealth Games 2022 - **Birmingham, England**
- Olympics Games 2020 - **Tokyo (Japan)**
- Winter Olympics Games 2018 - **Pyeongyang (South Korea)**
- Summer Olympics Games 2020 - **Tokyo (Japan)**
- Winter Olympic Games 2022 - **Beijing (China)**
- Paralympics Games 2020 - **Tokyo (Japan)**
- Winter Paralympics Games 2022 - **Beijing, China**
- Summer Special Olympics World Games 2019 - **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**
- ICC World Cup Twenty20 2020 - **Australia**
- ICC Women's World Twenty20 2018 - **West Indies**
- ICC Women's World Twenty20 2020 - **Australia**
- ODI Cricket World Cup 2019 - **England & Wales (UK)**
- ODI Cricket World Cup 2023 - **India**
- Asian Games 2018 - **Jakarta-Palembang, Indonesia**
- Asian Games 2022 - **Hangzhou, China**
- Asian Games 2026 - **Nagoya, Japan**
- Men's Hockey World Cup 2018 - **Bhubaneswar, India**
- Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 - **London, England**
- National Games 2022 - **Meghalaya, India**
- 44th G7 summit 2018 - **Canada**
- 45th G7 summit 2019 - **France**
- 46th G7 summit 2020 - **United States**
- 47th G7 summit 2021 - **United Kingdom**
- G20 Summit 2018 - **Buenos Aires, Argentina**
- 32nd ASEAN Summit - **Singapore**
- 30th APEC Summit 2018 - **Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.**
- 31st APEC Summit 2019 - **Chile**
- NATO Summit 2018 - **Brussels, Belgium**

NATIONAL PARK

NAME OF THE STATE	NATIONAL PARK	STORY FOR NATIONAL PARKS	WILD LIFE SANCTUARY
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Campbell Bay NP Galathea NP Mahatma Gandhi Marine (wandoor) NP Middle Button Island NP Mount Harriet NP	JHANSHI & HARRIET went to camp to ANDAMAN and doing GALATHA at CAMPPELL BAY PEAK ,but suddenly both	Spike Island WLS Lohabarrack Salt Water Crocodile WLS Defence Island WLS Cinque Island WLS Flat Island WLS

	North Button Island NP South Button Island NP Rani Jhansi Marine NP Saddle Peak NP	saw a marine of statue of MAHATMA GANDHI, who is known as peace icon in India, MIDDLE EAST, NORTH, SOUTH and some Islands also ,so they become silent and went to eat MUTTON	Barren Island WLS
Andhra Pradesh	Sri Venkateshwara NP Rajiv Gandhi NP Papikonda NP	PVR cinemas.	GundlaBrahmeswaram WLS Rollapadu WLS Sri Lankamalleswara WLS Koundinya WLS Coringa WLS Krishna WLS Kambalakonda WLS Kolleru WLS Nellapattu WLS Pulicat Lake WLS (located in the border of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu Sri PenusilaNarasimha WLS
Arunachal Pradesh	Mouling NP Namdapha NP	ARUN had a MOU with a girl named APHA. (NAMEDAPHA)	Pakhui Tiger Reserve Dibang WLS Kamlang WLS Mehao WLS Eaglenest WLS Itanagar WLS Sessa Orchid WLS Kane WLS Talley Valley WLS
Assam	Dibru-Saikhowa NP Kaziranga NP Manas NP Rajiv Gandhi Orang NP Nameri NP	One person named RANGA, loves a local ORANGE fruit seller daughter MANASU. Both meet at BRU coffee shop secretly	Barnadi WLS Garampani WLS SonaiRupai WLS Lawkhowa WLS Pobitora WLS Amchang WLS Nambor WLS East KarbiAnglong WLS North KarbiAnglong WLS
Bihar	Valmiki NP	-	Kaimur WLS

			Bhimbandh WLS Valmikinagar WLS Gautam Buddha WLS (located in the border jharkhand & bihar) Pant rajgir WLS Udaipur WLS Nagi dam WLS Bhimbandh WLS
Chhattisgarh	Indravati NP Kanger Valley NP or Kanger Ghati NP Guru Ghasi Das (Sanjay) NP	INDRAVATI presented KANGAROOS to his GURU GHASIDAS	Bhoramdev WLS Bhairamgarh WLS Barnawapara WLS Udanti WLS Semarsot WLS Sitanadi WLS Tamor Pingla WLS Pamed WLS Badalkhol WLS
Goa	Mollem NP	-	Bondla WLS Bhagwan Mahavir WLS Mhadei WLS Netravali WLS Cotigao WLS
Gujarat	Blackbuck NP Gir Forest NP Marine NP, Gulf of Kutch Vansda NP	GIRI fast riding his new BLACK BIKE at MARINE road which is a ONE SIDE WAY	Balaram-Ambaji WLS Kutch Desert WLS Barda WLS Gir WLS Jessore WLS Mitiyala WLS Thol lake WLS Rampara WLS Ratan Mahal WLS
Haryana	Kalesar NP Sultanpur NP	-	Bhindawas WLS Kalesar WLS Khaparwas WLS Nahar WLS
Himachal Pradesh	Great Himalayan NP Pin Valley NP Inderkilla NP Khir ganga NP Simbalbara NP	Once there is a GREAT HIMALAYAN king who has two wife's namely INDER AND GANGA went to VALLEY to taste SIMLA SAMBAR	Rupi Bhaba WLS Tundah WLS Kugti WLS Nargu WLS Bandli WLS Daranghati WLS Pong Dam Lake WLS

			Dhauladhar WLS Manali Sanctuary
Jammu and Kashmir	Dachigam NP Hemis NP Kishtwar NP Salim Ali NP	Three friends HEMA, SALIM ALI and ISHWAR went to JAMMU & KASHMIR to visit DACHIGAM NP	Kirkoram WLS Hirapora WLS Changtang WLS Limber WLS Nandni WLS Gulbarga WLS
Jharkhand	Betla NP Hazaribagh NP	JHARKHAND cricket board suspends HARBAJAN SINGH for committing BETTING	Dalma WLS Gautham Buddha WLS Koderma WLS Lawalong WLS Hazaribagh WLS Palkot WLS Parasnath WLS
Karnataka	Bandipur NP Bannerghatta NP Kudremukh NP Nagarhole NP Anshi NP Rajiv gandhi (Rameswaram) NP	Mukesh ambani (KUNDREMUKH) and Shilpa shetty (ANSHI) started a road show with banners (BANNERGATTA) in banner it is written that Betting's are banned (BANDIPUR) in all Nagars(NAGARHOLE)	Mookambika WLS Nugu WLS Arabithittu WLS Attiveri WLS Adichunchanagiri WLS Bhadra WLS Bhimgad WLS Brahmagiri WLS Cauvery WLS Dandeli WLS Melkote Temple WLS Pushpagiri WLS Ranibennur Blackbuck WLS Ghataprabha Bird
Kerala	Eravikulam NP Mathikettan shola NP Periyar NP Silent Valley NP Anamudi shola NP Pambadum shola NP	Periyar silently think about the pambaram of the pair Eravi and mathi in anamudi hills.	Parambikulam WLS Peechi-Vazhani WLS Chimmony WLS Malabar WLS Aralam WLS Idukki WLS Neyyar WLS Thattekkad WLS Kumarakom WLS
Madhya Pradesh	Bandhavgarh NP Kanha NP Madhav NP Mandla plant Fossils NP	SANJAY and SATPURA went to VIHAR on VAN and sitting on a BENCH	Bori WLS Bagdara WLS Phen WLS Pench WLS

	Van Vihar NP Panna NP Pench NP Sanjay NP Satpura NP Omkareshwar NP	because of college BANDH. MADHAV sees and told to SATPURA brother OMKARESHWAR who looks like DINOSAUR and he is coming towards SANJAY & SATPURA. SANJAY friend KANNA watching this and run fast then told this matter to SANJAY, so they went from park and goes to movie FANNA	Ghatigaon WLS Gandhi Sagar WLS Karera WLS Ken Ghariyal WLS Kheoni WLS Narsinghgarh WLS Kuno WLS Sajay-Dubri WLS Singhori WLS Son Ghariyal WLS Sardarpur WLS
Maharashtra	Chandoli NP Navegaon NP Sanjay Gandhi (Borivali) NP Tadoba NP Gugamal NP	NAVEEN Gone to GUGAN MAL at CHANDOLI LANE to watch sardarGabarSingh movie, especially for TAUBA TAUBA song.	Koyna WLS Aner WLS Jaikwadi WLS Tungareshwar WLS Tipeswar WLS Sagarashwar WLS Radhanagiri WLS Painganga WLS Nagzira WLS Great Indian Bustard WLS Bhamragarh WLS Bhimashankar WLS
Manipur	Keibul Lamjao NP Sirohi NP	-	Yangoupokpi-Lokchao WLS Khongjaingamba Ching WLS
Meghalaya	Balphakram NP Nokrek NP	-	Baghmara Pitcher Plant WLS Siju WLS Nongkhylllem WLS
Mizoram	Murlen NP PhawngpuiBlueMountain NP or Phawngpui NP	MURALI eats PANI PURI at blue mountain hotel in MIZORAM	TakaloWLS Ngengpui WLS Pualreng WLS Dampa WLS Tawi WLS
Nagaland	Ntangki NP	-	FakimWLS Puliebadze WLS Rangapahar WLS

Odisha	Bhitarkanika NP Simlipal NP	-	Badrama WLS Baisipalli WLS Debrigarh WLS Kuldiha WLS Satkosia Gorge WLS Sunabeda WLS Chilika WLS
Punjab	-	-	AboharWLS Harike Lake WLS Jhajjar Bachauli WLS Bassi WLS Nangal WLS
Rajasthan	Mukundar Hills (Darrah) NP Desert NP Keoladeo NP Ranthambore NP Sariska NP or sariska Tiger Reserve	Sariska went to darrah desert with keo (lady) on the way of Ranthombore.	Mount Abu WLS Darrah WLS Kailadevi WLS Phulwari WLS JaswantSagar WLS RamgarhVishdhari WLS Sitamata WLS Tal Chhappar WLS TodgarhRaoli WLS Ram Sagar WLS Sariska WLS
Sikkim	Khangchendzonga NP	-	Barsey Rhododendron WLS Pangolakha WLS Kyongnosla Alpine WLS Shingba Rhododendron WLS Fambong Iho WLS Kitam WLS Maenam WLS
Tamil Nadu	Guindy NP Gulf of Mannar NP Indira Gandhi (Aanamalai) NP Mudumalai NP Mukurthi NP Palani Hills NP	AT INDIRA GANDHI road a GULF girl MALAI kidnapped by GUNDAY & taken her in to the MUKURTHI NP	Sathyamangalam WLS Mudumalai WLS Kariikili WLS Karaivetti WLS Pulicat Lake WLS Vaduvoor WLS Vedanthangal WLS Vettangudi WLS Mundanthurai WLS
Telangana	Kasu brahmananda Reddy NP Mahavir Harina	Vanas pathi was bought by murugavani to kasu	Eturnagaram WLS Kawal WLS Kinnerasani WLS

	Vanasthali NP Murugavani NP	reddy home for mahavir function.	Manjira Crocodile WLS Pakhal WLS Pocharam Forest & WLS Pranahita WLS Nagarjunsagar- Srisailem WLS Shivaram WLS
Tripura	Bison (Rajbari) NP Clouded leopard NP	A LEOPARD show is running at BISON PARK by RAJ BARI in TRIPURA.	Gumti WLS Rowa WLS Trishna WLS Sipahijola WLS
Uttar Pradesh	Dudhwa NP	-	Chandra Prabha WLS Kaimur WLS Katarniaghat WLS Ranipur WLS SohagiBarwa WLS Kishanpur WLS Hastinapur WLS National Chambal WLS Sur Sarovar WLS
Uttarakhand	Gangotri NP Jim Corbett NP Nanda Devi NP Rajaji NP Valley of Flowers NP Govind pashu vihar NP	A boy named RAJA he went to propose his girlfriend NANDA DEVI with FLOWERS but she rejected him because his body is too weak he went to Jim trainer JIM CORBETT trainer advise him to swim river GANGA... he became strong and they married went to honeymoon Uttarakhand	Askot Musk Deer WLS Govind Pashu Vihar WLS Kedarnath WLS Sonanadi WLS Mussoorie WLS Binsar WLS
West Bengal	Sundarbans NP Gorumara NP Jaldapara NP Singalila NP Buxa NP Neora Valley NP	After Marriage, sundar and neora went to jaldapara National park and saw a Lion. Then they travel to Buxa's home.	BallavpurWLS Haliday Island WLS Mahananda WLS SenchalWLS Buxa Tiger Reserve Lothian Island WLS

COUNTRY, CAPITAL & ITS CURRENCY

RUPEE:

India	New Delhi	Indian rupee
Mauritius	Port Louis	Mauritian rupee
Nepal	Kathmandu	Nepalese rupee
Pakistan	Islamabad	Pakistani rupee
Seychelles	Victoria	Seychellois rupee
Sri Lanka	Colombo	Sri Lankan rupee

AUSTRALIA DOLLAR:

Australia	Canberra
Christmas Island	Flying Fish Cove
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	West island
Nauru	Yaren
Norfolk Island	Kingston
Tuvalu	Funafuti

US DOLLAR:

American Samoa	Pago Pago
British Virgin Islands	Road Town
Ecuador	Quito
Guam	Hagatna
Marshall Islands	Majuro
Micronesia	Palikir
Northern Marianas	Capitol Hill, Saipan
Palau	Ngerulmud
Puerto Rico	San Juan
Timor-Leste	Dili
Turks and Caicos Islands	Cockburn Town
United States	Washington DC
US Virgin Islands	Charlotte Amalie
El Salvador	San Salvador

FRANC:

Burundi	Bujumbura	Burundian franc
Comoros	Moroni	Comorian franc

Republic of the Congo	Kinshasa	Congolese franc
Djibouti	Djibouti city	Djiboutian franc
Guinea	Conakry	Guinean franc
Madagascar	Antananarivo	Malagasy ariary
Rwanda	Kigali	Rwandan franc
Liechtenstein	Vaduz	Swiss franc
Switzerland	Bern	Swiss franc

KRONE:

Denmark	Copenhagen	Danish krone (pl. kroner)
Faroe Islands	Torshavn	
Greenland	Nuuk	
Norway	Oslo	Norwegian krone (pl. kroner)
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	Longyearbyen	
Sweden	Stockholm	Swedish krona (pl. kronor)

PESO:

Argentina	Buenos Aires	Argentine peso
Chile	Santiago	Chilean peso
Colombia	Santa Fe de Bogotá	Colombian peso
Cuba	Havana	Cuban peso
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Dominican peso
Mexico	Mexico City	Mexican peso
Philippines	Manila	Philippine peso
Uruguay	Montevideo	Uruguayan peso

EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLAR:

Anguilla	The Valley
Antigua and Barbuda	St John's
Dominica	Roseau
Grenada	St George's
Montserrat	Plymouth
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Basseterre
Saint Lucia	Castries
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Kingstown

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CENTRAL AFRICAN CFA FRANC:	
Cameroon	Yaoundé
Central African Republic	Bangui
Chad	N'Djamena
Congo	Brazzaville
Ivory coast	Yamoussoukro
Equatorial Guinea	Malabo
Gabon	Libreville

WESTERN AFRICAN CFAFRANC:	
Benin	Porto Novo
Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou
Guinea-Bissau	Bissau
Mali	Bamako
Niger	Niamey
Senegal	Dakar
Togo	Lomé

EURO:

Andorra	Andorra la Vella
Austria	Vienna
Netherlands	Amsterdam
Belgium	Brussels
Finland	Helsinki
France	Paris
French Guiana	Cayenne
Germany	Berlin
Greece	Athens
Guadeloupe	Basse Terre
Ireland	Dublin
Italy	Rome
Luxembourg	Luxembourg city
Martinique	Fort-de-France
Mayotte	Mamoudzou
Monaco	Monaco
Portugal	Lisbon
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	Saint-Pierre

San Marino	San Marino
Lithuania	Vilnius
Spain	Madrid
Cyprus	Nicosia
Réunion	Saint-Denis
Latvia	Riga
Estonia	Tallinn
Malta	Valletta
Slovenia	Ljubljana
Slovakia	Bratislava
The Holy See (Vatican City State)	Vatican City

DINAR:

Algeria	Algiers	Algerian dinar
Bahrain	Manama	Bahraini dinar
Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi dinar
Jordan	Amman	Jordanian dinar
Kuwait	Kuwait City	Kuwaiti dinar
Libya	Tripoli	Libyan dinar
Serbia	Belgrade	dinar (1); euro (2)
Sudan	Khartoum	Sudanese pound
Tunisia	Tunis	Tunisian dinar
Serbia	Belgrade	dinar

OTHERS:

Afghanistan	Kabul	Afghan afghani
Albania	Tirana	Albanian lek
Angola	Luanda	Kwanza
Armenia	Yerevan	dram
Aruba	Oranjestad	Aruban florin
Azerbaijan	Baku	Azerbaijani manat
Bangladesh	Dhaka	taka
Belarus	Minsk	Belarusian ruble
Bhutan	Thimphu	ngultrum
Bolivia	Sucre16	boliviano
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sarajevo	Bosnian convertible mark
Botswana	Gaborone	pula
Brazil	Brasilia	Brazilian real (pl. reais)

Bulgaria	Sofia	lev (pl. leva)
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	riel
Cape Verde	Praia	Cape Verde escudo
China	Beijing	renminbi-yuan
Costa Rica	San José	Costa Rican colón (pl. colones)
Croatia	Zagreb	kuna
Czech Republic	Prague	Czech koruna (pl. koruny)
Egypt	Cairo	Egyptian pound
Eritrea	Asmara	nakfa
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Ethiopian birr
Falkland Islands	Stanley	Falkland Islands pound
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Skopje	denar
Georgia	Tbilisi	lari
Ghana	Accra	cedi
Gibraltar	Gibraltar	Gibraltar pound
Guatemala	Guatemala City	Guatemalan quetzal (pl. quetzales)
Haiti	Port-au-Prince	gourde
Honduras	Tegucigalpa	lempira
Hungary	Budapest	forint
Iceland	Reykjavik	Icelandic króna (pl. krónur)
Indonesia	Jakarta	Indonesian rupiah
Iran	Tehran	Iranian rial
Israel	Jerusalem	new shekel
Japan	Tokyo	yen
Kazakhstan	Astana	tenge
Kenya	Nairobi	Kenyan shilling
Kiribati	Tarawa	Kiribati dollar
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	som
Laos	Vientiane	kip
Lebanon	Beirut	Lebanese pound
Lesotho	Maseru	loti (pl. maloti)
Macau	Macau	pataca

Malawi	Lilongwe	Malawian kwacha
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysian ringgit
Maldives	Malé	rufiyaa
Mauritania	Nouakchott	Mauritanian ouguiya
Moldova	Chisinau	Moldovan leu (pl. lei)
Mongolia	Ulan Bator	Mongolian togrog
Morocco	Rabat	Moroccan dirham
Mozambique	Maputo	metical (pl. meticais)
Myanmar	Naypyidaw	Burmese kyat
Netherlands Antilles	Willemstad	Netherlands Antillean guilder, dutch guilder
Nicaragua	Managua	córdoba
Nigeria	Abuja	naira
North Korea	Pyongyang	North Korean won
Oman	Muscat	Omani rial
Panama	Panama City	Balboa, Us Dollar
Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby	kina
Paraguay	Asunción	guaraní (pl. guaraníes)
Peru	Lima	new sol
Poland	Warsaw	Polish zloty
Qatar	Doha	Qatari rial
Romania	Bucharest	Romanian leu (pl. lei)
Russia	Moscow	ruble
Saint Helena	Jamestown	Saint Helena pound
Samoa	Apia	tala
São Tomé and Príncipe	São Tomé	dobra
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	Saudi riyal
Sierra Leone	Freetown	leone
Singapore	Singapore	Singapore dollar
Somalia	Mogadishu	Somali shilling
South Africa	Pretoria	rand
South Korea	Seoul	South Korean won
Sudan	Khartoum	Sudanese pound
Suriname	Paramaribo	Surinamese dollar
Swaziland	Mbabane	lilangeni (pl. emalangeni), south African rand
Sweden	Stockholm	Swedish krona (pl. kronor)

Syria	Damascus	Syrian pound
Tajikistan	Dushanbe	somoni
Tanzania	Dodoma	Tanzanian shilling
Thailand	Bangkok	baht
The Gambia	Banjul	dalasi
Tonga	Nuku'alofa	pa'anga
Turkey	Ankara	Turkish lira
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	Turkmen manat
Uganda	Kampala	Ugandan shilling
Ukraine	Kiev	hryvnia
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	UAE dirham
United Kingdom	London	pound sterling
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	som
Vanuatu	Port Vila	vatu
Venezuela	Caracas	bolívar
Vietnam	Hanoi	dong
Western Sahara	Al aaiun	Moroccan dirham
Yemen	San'a	Yemeni rial
Zambia	Lusaka	Zambian kwacha