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BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS

RBI IN NEWS

Second 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	6.25%	6.00%
Reverse Repo Rate	6.00%	5.75%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.50%	6.25%
Bank Rate	6.50%	6.25%
CRR	4% (Unchanged)	4%
SLR	19.5% (Unchanged)	19.5%

✓ The MPC revised CPI inflation for **2018-19 to 4.8-4.9%** in the **first half** and **4.7%** in the **second half**. The MPC stated that the GDP growth rate for 2018-19 is retained at 7.4 percent.

➤ As per a **central bank directive**, security/bond valuation will be based on the **Weighted Average Price** of the last half-an-hour of trading on the last trading day of every quarter against the last traded price earlier. The methodology as to how the bonds are valued is crucial for **Mark-To-Market (MTM)** purposes.

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India** has revised the limits on investment in debt instruments by **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI)**. The limit for FPI investment in Central Government securities (G-secs) is **5.5%** for 2018-2019. And **6%** of outstanding stock of securities in 2019-20. For State Development Loans (SDLs) is **2%** and corporate bonds is **9%**.

➤ The **Reserve Bank** had switched back to the **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**-based measure to offer its growth estimates from the **Gross Value Added (GVA)** methodology, citing global best practices and had also changed the base year to **2018 from January**.

➤ The **Reserve Bank** has tightened reporting norms for the **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** under which an individual can transfer up to **\$2,50,000 abroad** in a year.

➤ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will buy government bonds worth up to **Rs10,000 crore**. The purchase of securities will be made under the central bank's **open market operations (OMOs)**. To bring some relief to the bond market which is reeling under the pressure of rising yields. The 10-year government bond yield rose to 7.75% from 7.74% before the auction result was announced.

➤ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a penalty of **Rs.5 crore** on **South Indian Bank (SIB)** for non-compliance with its directions on **Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC)** norms, **Know Your Customer (KYC)** norms and treasury function.

➤ 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 (UCBs) to convert into Small Finance Banks (SFBs)**. It is a move aimed at bringing these entities into mainstream banking. The decision is based on the recommendations of made by the **High-Powered Committee** on Urban Cooperative Banks chaired by **R Gandhi** (Former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank) in August 2015.

➤ **RBI** had decided to set up **Public Credit Registry (PCR)** to provide a **single-point and real-time source** for financial liabilities of a person or entity. 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**, whereby deposits can be placed with banks for broken periods such as **one year three months, or 13 years four months 15 days**. 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. It stipulates a minimum level of '**loan component**' in fund based working capital finance and a mandatory **Credit Conversion Factor (CCF)** for the undrawn portion of cash credit/ overdraft limits availed by large borrowers. 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**. It will be revised to **60 per cent**, with effect from **April 1, 2019**.

➤ 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.

SBI IN NEWS

➤ The State Bank of India (SBI) will be investing a total of **Rs 80 billion in the Arun III hydropower project of Nepal**, which has **900 megawatts (MW) electricity production capacities**. The **Everest Bank Limited** also will invest **3.60 Billion Rupees (2.25 Billion INR)** in the Arun III. Everest Bank Limited is the Commercial Bank of Nepal, which is

joint venture of Punjab National Bank, India. The mega project is targeted to be completed by **2022's September**.

➤ The SBI has announced the launch of its UK subsidiary, **SBI (UK) Limited**, with an initial capital commitment of **225 million pounds** from its parent entity.

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➤ **SIDBI** celebrated its foundation day on **April 2, 2018** as day of Sampark (connect), Sanwad (interaction), Suraksha (security) '**Bankability Kit**' and Sampreshan (disseminate). It also launched '**Samridhhi- the virtual assistant**' on banks revamped universal loan portal www.udyamimitra.in.

➤ A Memorandum of Undertaking (MoU) was signed between the **Indian Army** and **HDFC Bank** on the **Defence Salary Package**.

➤ Japan's **SoftBank Group Corp** has agreed to launch a **\$930 million** Indian joint solar energy venture with Chinese firm **GCL System Integration Technology Co** as part of its India solar investment roadmap.

➤ **Jio Payments Bank Limited** has commenced operations as a payments bank with effect from **April 3, 2018**. It is a joint venture of **Reliance Jio** and **SBI**.

➤ The Global financial messaging cooperative **SWIFT** announced that **ICICI Bank** has become its **first Indian client** to go live with an improved cross-border payments service. The cross-border payments service refers to the **GPI (Global Payment Innovation) Tracker**.

➤ **Jammu and Kashmir Bank** has launched a special financing scheme '**Add on Working Capital GST**' to help the state industry cope with the delay in reimbursement of GST under special tax relief.

➤ The Payment and transaction processing solutions provider and a wholly owned subsidiary of **Euronet Worldwide**, Euronet India has partnered with **Yes Bank** to **modernise the bank's core payment infrastructure**.

➤ **National E-Repository Limited (NERL)**, a group company of **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX)**, has brought in **ICICI Bank** and **HDFC Bank** on board as the repository participants for pledge finance. They will offer pledge finance **against eNWRs created** on NERL's repository platform commodities stored in warehouses.

➤ **The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)** to provide skill training to 500 youth and women at **Kudankulam** in Tamil Nadu.

➤ The government has **raised the authorised capital of NABARD** by six times to **Rs 300 billion** to help it increase its lending to the rural economy. It has been decided as a part of the drive to double income of farmers by 2022.

➤ The Shares of private lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd** beat India's largest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** for the first time to become the **second most valued bank in the country**. **HDFC Bank Ltd** remained **country's most valuable bank** with a market capitalization of Rs5.04 trillion.

➤ **India** Wins Election to Crucial NGO Committee In UN, after garnering the highest number of votes besides getting elected by acclamation to other subsidiary bodies in five separate polls.

➤ **Rivigo**, a homegrown logistics start-up that owns as well as acts as an aggregator of trucks, is tying up with **YES Bank, IDFC for truck loans**.

➤ **Jana Small Finance Bank** commences its operations to continue its focus on financial inclusion. It will also convert majority of its **MFI**

branches into full-fledged bank branches and will have over **500 banking outlets by end of 2019**.

➤ Private sector lender **IndusInd Bank** said it has received **RBI's approval** to buy the securities services arm of **IL&FS**.

➤ **Digital payments company PayPal** and exporters' body the **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** have tied up to promote exports, leveraging the technology platform.

➤ **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has planned to promote micro enterprises in 115 aspirational districts across the country to contribute in their development. So, the bank has tied up with **Common Service Centre (CSC)** to meet this objective.

➤ **Larsen & Toubro** and **BEL** signed a memorandum of understanding for **defence products and systems** in line with efforts to indigenise defence sector under '**Make in India**' initiative.

➤ State-run **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has launched new products such as **pre-approved credit card and UPI solution with "WALNUT"** to mark its **124th foundation day** (19th May 2018).

➤ Private sector lender **Yes Bank** said that it has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to open two representative offices in **London and Singapore**.

➤ **KYC norms** have been revised following the government's decision to update the '**Prevention of Money Laundering**' rules in June last year. **RBI** made linking of **national biometric ID Aadhaar to bank accounts mandatory**.

➤ **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**, one of the leading public-sector banks, entered into an agreement for information utility services with the **National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)**.

➤ State-run **Bank of India (BoI)** said it has entered into an agreement with **National E-Governance Services (NeSL)** for information utility (IU) arrangement under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

➤ **India** is poised to remain the fastest growing large economy in the world and its GDP is expected to reach **\$5 trillion by 2025** said by **Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg**.

➤ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has become the **first Indian \$100 billion- dollar company** in terms of market capitalisation (market-cap) in the IT pack, after the stock hit a new high in intra-day trade.

➤ **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)** has announced the launch of its '**e - Gsec**' platform for facilitating the non-competitive bidding in **Government of India Dated Securities (G-Sec) and Treasury Bills (T-Bills)**. This will allow retail investors to invest in Government Securities and hold them in existing demat accounts.

➤ The **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** entered into a pact with **Macquarie** for road projects under the highway monetisation drive.

➤ **Dalmia Bharat Limited** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tourism Ministry to take up **Red Fort and Gandikota Fort** (Andhra Pradesh) under the '**Adopt a Heritage**' project.

➤ **The State-owned gas utility GAIL India** has borrowed **Rs2,000 crore** loan from **State Bank of India (SBI)** to meet its general capital expenditure requirement.

➤ SEBI recently came out with a detailed framework for risk-based **Know Your Client (KYC)** documentation of **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)**. NRIs and OCIs can only obtain an FPI licence on condition that they limit their roles to investment advisors and do not invest their money. A comprehensive list of beneficial owners from the existing FPIs within six months.

- **LuLu Financial Group**, the financial services and payments solution brand, has started operations in Hong Kong with the inauguration of its head office at **Kowloon**.
- **Indian tea industry** has recorded the **highest ever production** as well as exports in **FY18**. The total tea production was **1325.05 million kgs**, an increase of 74.56 million kgs as compared to 2016-17. In percentage terms the increase is **around 6%**.
- The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** signed a **Rs 945-crore deal** with the **Harris Corporation** of the US for development of its **Futuristic Telecommunications Infrastructure (FTI)** programme.
- **Fino Payments Bank** launches digital suite of products – UPI, Fastag, Online account opening and Netbanking. That can be accessed online and through mobile phones.
- **China's largest bank, the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC)**, has launched the country's first India-dedicated publicly offered investment fund. It will invest in exchange-traded funds listed on more than 20 exchanges in Europe and the US that are based on the Indian market.
- **Reserve Bank** has initiated **prompt corrective action** against public sector lender **Dena Bank** in view of high non-performing loans.
- **Yes Bank** has received approval from **National Stock Exchange** to be empanelled as 'Settlement Bank' for **National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCCL)**, a wholly owned subsidiary of NSE. The services will include **Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF)** facilities and 'anywhere' banking.
- **Telecom major Bharti Airtel Ltd.** has completed the merger of the Indian arm of **Telenor Communications** with itself. This enable Airtel to further bolster its spectrum footprint in these seven circles, with the addition of 43.4 MHz spectrum in the 1800 MHz band
- **NTPC** inked a pact with Bihar and its power utilities to acquire their entire stake in two joint ventures at **Nabinagar and Kanti**, and to buy Barauni thermal plant.
- Aluminium major & Navratna CPSE **National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)** has signed MoU with the **Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India**, setting highest ever target of Rs 9350 crore revenue from operations for FY 2018-19 which is 15% higher than last year.
- **BSE**, Asia's oldest stock exchange, **has become the first Indian exchange to be recognised as a designated offshore securities market (DOSM) by the U.S.** The recognition will also enhance the attractiveness of **Indian Depository Receipts (IDRs) amongst US investors**.
- **State-owned Bank of Baroda** has consolidated all its operational activities at a shared service center (SSC), which employs over 2,000 people, **at Gujarat's GIFT City**. It is the **first India bank** to actually move a lots operation to the smart city.
- **NITI Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar** announced that that Indian economy will achieve **9 percent growth rate** on sustained basis by **2022** on the back of reforms like GST, demonetisation and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- **Japan's SoftBank** has decided to sell its over **21 percent stake in e-commerce major Flipkart to US retailer Walmart** for an estimated **USD 4 billion**. SoftBank had invested USD 2.5 billion in Flipkart last year.
- **First commercial flight of Andhra Pradesh** flagged off from **Pasighat to Guwahati** under **UDAN Scheme**.
- **Bamnipal Steel Ltd (BNPL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Tata Steel**, has successfully completed the acquisition of controlling stake of **72.65 per cent in Bhushan Steel Ltd (BSL)**.
- India's **Multi Commodity Exchange** has launched the country's **first copper options contracts**. In order to encourage active participation in the

market the exchange is not levying any transaction fees on all the commodity options contracts **till September 30, 2018**.

- **IDFC Bank** has received the RBI's approval for merger of **Capital First, Capital First Home Finance and Capital First Securities** with the company. The share swap ratio for the merger is fixed at **139:10**, meaning IDFC Bank will issue 139 shares for every 10 shares of Capital First.

- The **Reserve Bank** has eased investment norms for **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)** in debt, especially into individual large corporates, a move that can help attract more overseas flows. The RBI increased the FPIs cap on investment in government security **to 30 per cent** of the outstanding stock of that security. FPIs were allowed to invest in government bonds with a **minimum residual maturity of three years**. Investments by related FPIs, **should not exceed 50 per cent** of any issue of a corporate bond.

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **penalty of Rs 6 crore on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)** for failing to adhere to norms while issuing bonus shares to non-resident investors.

- In its 'Draft guidelines on BoM for UCBs', the RBI said the BoMs will be constituted by the BoDs. Existing UCBs having **deposit size exceeding Rs.100 crore will put in place a BoM within a year**. Other banks have two years' time.

- **India** has released **33. 10 Crore rupees** to Nepal towards cost of two road packages of **Birgunj-Thori Road** being implemented under **Postal Highway Projects in Nepal** with Government of India's grant assistance.

- **Facebook** has entered into a partnership with **National Commission for Women (NCW)** to launch a **digital literacy programme** aimed at training 60,000 women in universities across India on safe use of the Internet, social media and email in a year.

- **By 2030**, Morgan Stanley expects shared miles to reach **35 per cent** of all the miles travelled in India and this will further increase to **50 per cent by 2040**.

- **India** will import its **first ever cargo of LNG from Russia** under a long-term deal as the **world's fourth-largest buyer of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** diversifies its import basket to meet its vast energy needs. State-owned gas utility **GAIL India Ltd** will bring the shipload of LNG from **Gazprom at Petronet Ltd's** import terminal at Dahej import terminal, Gujarat.

- In an effort to increase the number of women in senior levels in the Information Technology (IT) industry, **NASSCOM** has unveiled its '**Women Wizards Rule Tech**' programme for women techies.

- **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 index is topped by **Iceland**, followed by **New Zealand** whereas, war-torn **Syria** remains the least peaceful country in the world.

- **Foreign Direct Investment to India decreased to 40 billion dollars** last year from **44 billion dollars in 2016** while outflows from India, the **main source of investment in South Asia**, more than **doubled**, according to a new trade report by the UN.

- Private sector lender **Yes Bank** launched a deposit scheme, which could fetch up to **8 per cent** for a tenure of little **over 18 months**. The bank is eyeing Rs 1,000 crore from the scheme '**Green Future: Deposit**' in next **three months**. The launch coincides the **World Environment Day**.

- **ONGC Videsh Ltd** has received the first ever equity oil cargo from **Abu Dhabi's Lower Zakum oil field**. The consortium led by OVL includes **Bharat Petro Resources Ltd (BPRL)** and **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)**.

- The Union Cabinet has approved **foreign direct investment (FDI) worth Rs 24,000 crore for HDFC Bank**.

- The **Flipkart-owned PhonePe** has partnered with **cab aggregator Ola** that will allow riders to book rides using the former's payment platform.
- **SoftBank Group Corp** has decided to **invest \$60 billion-\$100 billion** in **solar power generation in India**. India has set a target to achieve an operational **solar power capacity of 100 GW by 2022**. **Saudi Arabia** is the largest investor in **SoftBank's Vision Fund**, which raised over \$93 billion last year.
- **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**. **American Express** has topped this category.
- The Reliance Industries is investing in setting up **India's first carbon fibre manufacturing unit to cater to aerospace and defence needs**.
- The **Marg ERP limited**, a leading Inventory and Accounting software solution company has partnered with **ICICI Bank**, to offer an integrated payments platform to **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers**, using MARG's accounting software.
- In partnership with **National Skill Development Corporation**, 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**.
- Amazon founder and CEO **Jeff Bezos** has become the richest man in the world with a net wealth of **\$141. 9 billion**. The World's Billionaires list was released **by Forbes**. **Bill Gates** (\$92. 9 billion) and **Warren Buffet** (\$82. 2 billion) in the second and third place respectively.
- **Reliance Communications (Rcom)** subsidiary **Global Cloud Xchange (GCX)** has announced the completion of Indian data centre for **Eagle Subsea Network**, scheduled to be fully operational **by 2020**.
- **True Balance**, a Digital Wallet and Financial Services Platform has announced a tie up with **Bharat Bill payment operating Unit (BBPOU)**, an RBI conceptualized system, to **facilitate quick and easy bill payments**.
- **Yes Bank** has received approval from **market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** for acting as **custodian of securities**. To offer custodial services to financial market participants including foreign institutional investors (FIIs) and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs).
- The **Securities and Exchange Board (SEBI)** has approved amendments to buyback and takeover regulations and changed the time for **announcing the price band of initial public offering (IPO) from 5 to 2 days**.
- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** plans to invest **USD 200 million** in a **fund of funds** set up by India to take **interest in infra projects**.
- The anti-poverty agency of World Bank has predicted global growth will decelerate slightly from a solid **3. 1 per cent this year** to 3 per cent next year and **2. 9 per cent in 2020**.
- **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 RBI.
- At **17. 2%**, **Axis Bank** commands the **largest value share of mobile banking transactions** but it's Paytm that tops volumes with 22%.
- The FITCH Rating agency has **downgraded ICICI Bank's 'support rating'** to '3', from '2', apart from revising down its support rating floor to 'BB+', from 'BBB-'. But the **4agency has affirmed the issuer default ratings and viability ratings** of ICICI Bank and Axis Bank at 'BBB-' and 'bbb-', respectively.

- The **Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)** has extended **\$10 million worth of line of credit (LOC) to Seychelles** for healthcare and procurement of goods and projects with the total value of **\$28 million**. The bank also had extended two LOCs aggregating **\$31 million to the Republic of Suriname** for upgradation of transmission line network and maintenance of Chetak helicopters there.
- The country's leading port developer **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ)** is all set to acquire **97 per cent stake in Marine Infrastructure Developer Private Limited (MIDPL)** – the developer and operator of **Kattupalli Port near Chennai for Rs 1950 crore**.
- India will increase the money **from \$12 million to \$15 million** that it pays to the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)** for the **next four years**.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA)** has approved **Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC's)** proposal to acquire a **majority stake in IDBI Bank Ltd**, which will take its **stake to 51%**. LIC currently holds 8% in the state-run bank.
- **Reliance Industries (RIL)** has received environment clearance for the expansion and optimisation of its **petrochemical complex at Nagothane in Raigad district of Maharashtra** at an estimated cost of **Rs 2,338 crore**.

LIST OF INDEXES AND REPORTS BY VARIOUS ORGANISATION

- With **1,86,000 Indian students** currently studying in the United States, India is the second highest sender of **foreign students to the US, next only to China**.
- The US has surpassed India to become the **top destination for "Greenfield FDI Investment"** in 2017 with **USD 87. 4 billion** recorded. In the **Asia and Pacific region, China** was on top in terms of **FDI in total number of new projects and capital investment**, followed by India, as per the FDI report.
- **India ranks 177 out of 180 in Environmental Performance Index**. **Top three countries** in the list Switzerland, France, Denmark.
- **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**. **Singapore** and **Slovenia** are placed at the top sharing the first place in the index and **Niger** figures at the end of the list at 175.
- **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**.
- As per **Mercom Communications**, India emerged as the **third largest solar market** in the world in 2017 behind **China and the US**.
- As per **Grant Thornton's Survey** – After topping the chart for four years, **India** has slipped at the **sixth place** in the index, with a score of 89 in the first quarter of 2018. The top five nations are **Austria, Finland, Indonesia, the Netherlands** and the **US**.
- **India** has slipped by three spots to **11th position in the FDI Confidence Index 2018** of global consultancy firm **A T Kearney**. It is the first time since 2015 that India has been pushed out of the top 10. The **United States (US)** topped the index, followed by Canada at 2nd and Germany at the 3rd place.
- India has been projected to be the second fastest growing country in the **world for passenger traffic** by the **Airports Council International (ACI)** in its traffic forecasts between 2017-40. The Airports Council International has put **Vietnam at the top position** with a 8.5% growth rate, followed by India at 7.5% and Iran at 7.3%. ACI has placed the **Indira**

Gandhi International Airport in **New Delhi** among the **top twenty busiest airports** in the world, putting it at the **16th position**.

➤ In 2018 rankings, **India** stands at **138**, one place above Pakistan. **Norway** tops the chart, while North Korea has the worst press freedom in the world.

➤ **Microsoft India** has emerged as **India’s most attractive employer brand** while **Amazon India** came second, according to findings of **Randstad Employer Brand Research 2018**.

➤ **India** is now the **second largest mobile phone producer** in the world after China. India replaced **Vietnam** to become second largest producer of mobile phones in 2017. The information has been shared by **Indian Cellular Association**.

➤ Kolkata-based **Bandhan Bank Ltd** became one of the **top 50 most valuable publicly traded firms in India**. The market capitalization of Bandhan Bank was at **Rs. 64,000 crore**, claiming **50th rank**, according to BSE data. **Tata Consultancy Services Ltd** is the most valuable company in India, followed by **Reliance Industries Ltd** and **HDFC Bank Ltd**.

➤ **India** has jumped 13 places in the last one year to be earn **130th spot** in the latest annual **Index of Economic Freedom 2018** released by a top American think-tank. **Hong Kong** maintains the number one spot for the **4th consecutive year** and is followed by Singapore, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia, and Ireland.

➤ **India** has been ranked **37th** in the global start up ecosystem in 2017, according to a report released by global start up ecosystem map **Startupblink**. The US, UK, and Canada got the top three spots in the global country rankings.

➤ As per the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index’s top 100**, **Reliance Industries (RIL)** chairman Mukesh Ambani is the **richest person** in India and third richest in Asia with a net worth of \$38 billion. The list is topped by Amazon chief **Jeff Bezos with** of \$121 billion. And **Bill Gates and Warren Buffett** are placed at second and third spot.

APPS LAUNCHED BY VARIOUS BANKS

BANK NAME	APP	PURPOSE
IndusInd Bank	Pilot WhatsApp enterprise solution	To communicate with its customers
Indian Bank	'Bharat QR'	'Bharat QR' is a mobile payment collection scheme to accept digital payments.
Yes Bank	'Yes GST'	An OD (Over Draft) facility for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) up to 1 crore.
YES Bank	'Livelihood and Water Security' CSR initiative in Haryana and Rajasthan	At improving farmers' access to finance, ensuring effective use of digital banking resources, and imparting good agricultural practices.
YES Bank and YES Global Institute	Agenda 25x25	To create a synergetic startup environment for budding women entrepreneurs in India. The effort would ensure that by 2025 at least 25% of all entrepreneurs in India are women.

ICICI Bank	'Digital form'	It will help open current accounts in a few hours
Paytm Payments Bank	Paytm KYC centers and 'Paytm-Ka-ATM'	To accomplish this feat on account of a constant campaigning highlighting about the benefits of the Know Your Customer (KYC) system
Paytm	'Tap Card' Offline Payments Solution	It uses near-field communication (NFC) technology to enable safe and convenient digital payments, completely offline at Paytm-issued NFC PoS terminals.
HDFC Bank	IRA 2.0	Through voice-based navigation, IRA will interact with customers, answer bank-related queries, frequently asked questions and will guide them inside the branch.
SBI	'Cash@POS' initiative.	Under this initiative, the debit card holders of SBI and all other banks can withdraw cash from PoS machines installed by SBI across various merchant locations. Customer can withdraw Rs 1000 in Tier I and Tier II cities whereas Rs 2000 can be withdrawn in Tier 3 to Tier 6 cities per day per card.
Fino Payments Bank	Digital services suite "Bpay"	For digital transition of customers from assisted to self-service mode.

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	7.3%	7.5%
Nomura	7.8 % (first half of this year)	-
RBI	7.4%	-

LOAN SANCTIONED BY NATIONAL BANK AND INTERNATIONAL BANK

- ❖ **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 – 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.

LIST OF COMMITTEES IN NEWS

Committee Head	Purpose
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

LIST OF MERGERS TOOK PLACE IN APRIL – JUNE 2018

Company	Acquired	Aim / Key Point
Ola	Ticketing app Ridlr	For integrating its own services with mass transit infrastructure that exists in cities.
Flipkart	Online travel portal MakeMyTrip	To sell travel services on its platform.
Cognizant	Belgium-Based Hedera Consulting	To strengthen the former's consulting and digital transformation

		capabilities for clients in Belgium and the Netherlands.
Alibaba	Pakistani online retailer Daraz	For continuing its overseas expansion by gaining a foothold in the growing South Asian consumer market
Walmart	Flipkart	It has bought India's largest online retailer at more than \$21 billion, making it the world's biggest ever e-commerce acquisition.
Infosys	US-based WongDoody	For digital creative and consumer insights agency, for a total consideration of up to \$75 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

NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Power Minister **R.K.** laid the foundation stone of Public Sector Company **SJVNL's Naitwar Mori Hydro Electric Project**. The **60 MW project** is located on the river Tons – a tributary of the Yamuna, in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. The estimated project cost as at October 2016 is **Rs. 648.33 crore**. SJVNL CMD - **Nand Lal Sharma**.
- Karnataka** is the only State which has implemented the e-way bill system for moving goods within the state. The transporters have to produce a e-way bill for moving goods worth over **Rs 50,000** from one State to another. The system has been designed and developed by **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**.
- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** said it has awarded projects worth Rs 1,22,000 crore for constructing about 7,400 km of highways in the fiscal 2017-18.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** has lost contact with the GSAT-6A in less than 48 hours after it has been launched. **GSAT-6A**, is a high power communication satellite which aimed to have a mission life of about 10 years.
- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme** in Delhi. The target of Ujjwala connections has been increased from the existing target of 5 crore **to 8 crore by 2020**.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurates a scientific convention on the **World Homoeopathy Day (April 10th)** in **New Delhi**. The theme of the two-day convention is **"Innovate: Evolve, Progress: Exploring Science since 40 years"**. To commemorate the 263rd birth anniversary of Homoeopathy founder **Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann**.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its ex-post facto approval for entering into **Headquarters (Host country) Agreement between India and the International Solar Alliance (ISA)**. It will help in smooth transition of ISA as international inter-governmental organisation.

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) has successfully launched **the IRNSS-1I navigation satellite aboard the PSLV-C41 in Sriharikota**. The navigation satellite IRNSS-1I is part of Indian satellite navigation system **'Navigation with Indian Constellation' (NavIC)**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Dr Ambedkar National Memorial at Alipur Road in Delhi** on the eve of Babasaheb Ambedkar's birth anniversary (April 14th). The memorial has been built in the shape of the **open constitution book** at a cost of **Rs 100 crores**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the phase one of the **Ayushman Bharat schemes** that aim at creating a healthy, prosperous and strong India on the occasion of **Birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar**. The first phase of Ayushman Bharat will see **1.5 Lakh such Centers** being set up across the country by 2022. It has been approved and allotted a **Rs 10,500 crore budget**.
- Boeing India** has signed an agreement with **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)**, and **Mahindra Defence Systems (MDS)** at the Defence Expo 2018 to manufacture Super Hornet **F/A-18** fighter aircraft in India.
- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has launched **'Project Dhoop'**. Project Dhoop's Noon Assembly is an innovative and effective concept to ensure that school students get adequate **Vitamin D** through sunlight. **FSSAI CEO - Pawan Agarwal**.
- The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has signed its **first international project agreement for upgradation of a highway in Myanmar**. The agreement was signed by NHAI with M/s Punj Lloyd Ltd. – **Varaha Infra Ltd. (JV)**. NHAI would upgrade the **Yagyi-Kalewa section** of highway in Myanmar at a cost of **Rs.1177 crores**.
- The government has announced **extension of phase 1 of the FAME-India scheme** entailing incentives for mass adoption of electric and strong hybrid vehicles from March 31, 2017 to **March 31, 2018**.
- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched the **web-based application 'e-FRRO' (e-Foreigners Regional Registration Office)**. To provide **Faceless, Cashless and Paperless services to the foreigners** with user friendly experience.
- The Centre has launched officially 'Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan' (April 14th) from **Bijapur in Chhattisgarh**. To push inclusion of **marginalised people in most backward villages of the country** in welfare schemes. The government will also observe **'Ayushman Bharat Diwas'** on **April 30**, **'Kisan Kalyan Diwas'** on **May 2** and **'Aajevika Kaushal Diwas'** on **May 5**.
- In order to boost the consumption of natural gas in the country, Government is considering the establishment of a Gas Trading Hub / Exchange (GTHE)**, aid better price discovery for domestic as well as imported gas. The world's biggest natural gas hub is the **Henry Hub in the US state of Louisiana**. China also plans to launch a natural gas trading hub in **Chongqing**.
- The government has advanced its target year for completion of phase one of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana PMGSY to 2019 from 2022** to provide connectivity to unconnected Habitations as part of a poverty reduction strategy.
- The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has unveiled the **Beta Version of a Portal** that aims to bring on one platform, the tariffs offered by telecom operators in different service areas.
- Under the IT Modernisation Plan, **Department of Posts** has launched **Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office- Postal Life Insurance (DARPAN-PLI App) for a New India**, to achieve total digitisation of postal operations in the country. It aims to connect all **1.29 lakh Rural Branch Post Offices** in the country.

- The Annual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Ministry of Railway & Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)** regarding financial & non-financial targets for the company. The target for revenue from operations for RVNL has been set of **Rs 7600 Cr** for the FY 2018-19.
- As part of the deal, **Uber** will share its data with the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** to move the world closer to developing air traffic management systems for a **world with flying cars**. Uber has set a goal of testing these **electric flying vehicles by 2020** and a **commercial launch in 2023**.
- Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation, Uma Bharti, has launched **the Gobardhan scheme from Haryana's Karnal district**. The abbreviation of GOBAR is **Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources**. The scheme focuses on managing and converting cattle dung and solid waste from farms and fields **to useful compost, biogas and bio-CNG**.
- Under **Kisan Kalyan Karyashala**, farmers from each block will gather to interact with agriculture officers, scientists and progressive farmers **to discuss ways to increase their income through adoption of new technology**. It is organised by **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers**.
- **NITI Aayog and Google** have come together to work on a range of initiatives to help build the **AI ecosystem across the country**. It aims to foster growth for India's nascent **artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) ecosystem**.
- In a major boost to expansion of health care infrastructure in the country, the Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) beyond 12th Five Year Plan to 2019-20**. The financial outlay for this purpose is **Rs 14,832 crore**.
- The **National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)** signs the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** for the year 2018-19. Under the scheme of **National SC-ST Hub**, being implemented by NSIC on behalf of the Ministry, focus will be given to modernize its Technical centres so as **to strengthen its vertical of Training and Testing Services** for MSMEs.
- **Women and Child Development Ministry** will hold National Conference of 244 Districts under **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, BBBP**, in New Delhi. **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao** is a personal campaign of the Government of India that aims to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of **welfare services intended for girls**.
- **A North-eastern cultural and information centre**, showcasing the vibrant culture of the region, will come up in **Delhi**.
- The union cabinet has given approval for India to agree to the protocol under **World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC)** to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products adopted under **Article 15 of the WHO FCTC**.
- **Human Resource Development Ministry** has launched a major and unique initiative of online professional development for 1.5 million higher education faculty using the **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) platform SWAYAM**.
- **A mobile application — 'Dhadkan'** has been launched for **monitoring the health of people** suffering from heart ailments and provide them with medical assistance in case of emergency. It was developed by Students **at IIT Roorkee**.
- Pensioners would now be able to view their pension passbook on mobile phones with the help of **Umang app**. The **retirement fund body EPFO** has announced the launch of a facility to extend the special service to pensioners. The app is available for free and no charges are involved to avail the benefits.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved extending the **investment limit from Rs 7.5 lakh to Rs 15 lakh** under the **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)**. And also extended

the last date for subscription to the **scheme till March 31, 2020**. It will enable up to **Rs 10,000 pension per month for senior citizens**. Guarantee rate of return of **8 per cent per annum for 10 years**.

- **National Mission for Clean Ganga** has brought on board Survey of India to facilitate the Ganga rejuvenation task by using **Geographic Information System (GIS) technology** at an estimated cost of **Rs. 86.84 crore**. It also uses the **Digital Elevation Model (DEM)** technology for accurate data collection.
- **Google.org** offers **\$3 mn in grants to 2 Indian non-profit organisations**. Of the USD 3 million, **USD 2 million** will go to **Central Square Foundation (CSF)** and **USD 1 million** to **The Teacher App**. It aims to empower teachers with the right training and resources on concepts of math, science, language, and pedagogy, for a more holistic learning experience.
- India is organising a five-day cultural festival in Egypt to commemorate the **157th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore**. An exhibition on the paintings of Tagore titled **'Rabindranath Tagore: Rhythm in Colours'** at Ahmed Shawki museum in Giza.
- Social Justice Ministry has organised **'Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme'** at **Huda Convention Centre, Sector-12, Faridabad (Haryana)**. Cochlear Implant is a modern technology **to help young children who have severe to profound deafness in both ears**.
- The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has celebrated its **58th Raising Day on May 7 in New Delhi**.
- **Delhi to host** six-day festival of **Bharat** as a 21st century tribute to the majesty and depth of India's civilization.
- To **enhance skills of the youngsters**, the Ministry of Electronics and Information technology (**MeitY**) has launched the **'Digital India Internship Scheme'** which will offer **Rs.10,000 per month** as stipend to interns.
- The **Indian telecom regulator TRAI** has released the draft amendment of telecommunication interconnection. It has set time-frame for provisioning of ports for initial interconnection and augmentation to be increased to a **maximum 42 working days**.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** flew to the **world's highest battle field** to address soldiers posted at the **Siachen glacier**, also referred to as the **"Third Pole"** where temperatures can dip to **minus 50 degrees Celsius**. He is the second president to visit the camp after the **President APJ Abdul Kalam** flew there in **2004**.
- Ministry of **New and Renewable Energy R K Singh** said India's installed clean energy capacity has already touched **70 GW** and 38 GW is under implementation as per the data compiled **till March 31, 2018**. And focussed to reach the target of **175GW by 2022**.
- **India's longest road and railway bridge** named **"Bogibeel Bridge"** connecting **Dibrugarh in Assam to Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh** is likely to be inaugurated later this year by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The bridge, which is the **second longest in Asia**. The bridge is **32 metres above the water level** of the Brahmaputra.
- A sum of **Rs 16,500 crore** has been earmarked by 71 ministries and departments of the central government for implementation of the **Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in 2018-19**.
- According to a **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)**, the escalators installed at **Delhi Metro's Janakpuri West metro station** will have the **highest elevation in India**. The metro station which lies on the Blue Line will have escalators at an elevation of **15.6 m**.
- Aimed at empowering vulnerable and marginalised women by imparting skills training, the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

will soon set up a **skill development centre at 'Bharosa'**, an integrated support centre for distressed **women and children (24x7 services)**.

➤ **President Ram Nath Kovind** will inaugurate the Global Exhibition on Services-2018 in **Mumbai**.

➤ A High-Level Committee, chaired by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, approved central assistance of Rs **1,161.17 crores** to the states of **Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Rajasthan and the union territory of Lakshadweep under National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)**.

➤ Smt **Smriti Irani** Chairs Meeting of Stakeholders on '**Samarth'-Scheme** for Capacity Building in Textile Sector to familiarize the stakeholders about the scheme and its guidelines in **New Delhi**.

➤ **IIM-Ahmedabad's Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE)** has launched the **Bharat Inclusion Initiative**, with a commitment of **\$25 million** from **The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, Omidyar Network and Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

➤ The Minister of Commerce and Industry **Suresh Prabhu** launched the **Intellectual Property (IP) mascot – IP Nani** – at the conference on **National Intellectual Property Rights Policy in New Delhi**. The first and foremost objective of the Policy is "**IPR Awareness: Outreach and Promotion**".

➤ The Union Environment Ministry has launched its full-fledged **Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)**. It aims to train over 5.5 lakh workers in environment and forest sectors in the country through 30 courses by 2021. He also unveiled a related **mobile app (GSDP-ENVIS)**.

➤ **MoS Defence Subhash Bhamre** was the chief guest at the 50th anniversary celebrations of **Constitution Day of Nauru**. The minister conveyed that India will be offering 22 Mahindra SUVs and two Tata buses worth **USD 706,000 to the country**. The central Pacific country will be hosting the **49th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' meet**.

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of **Rs 68 billion, strategic 14-km long Zojila tunnel, Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel, in Jammu and Kashmir**.

➤ **The NITI Aayog** have organised a three-day symposium with **venture capital funds in New Delhi along with France**. It aims to support the Startup India programme.

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the state run **NHPC Ltd's Kishanganga hydro power project in Jammu and Kashmir of 330-megawatt (MW) project on the river Kishanganga, a tributary of Jhelum**.

➤ India has successfully test-fired the **Indo-Russian joint venture BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from a test range along the Odisha coast.

➤ The **Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology (CSTT)**, the national body in charge of finding and recognising **scientific and technical words**, has decided to adopt the word '**AYUSH**' in **Hindi and English languages**.

➤ Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) **Birender Singh Dhanoa** has attended a conference themed '**Air Superiority as a Bridge to Regional Stability**', as part of 70th-anniversary celebrations of the Israel Air Force.

➤ According to a **Lancet study, India ranks 145th among 195 countries** in terms of **quality and accessibility of healthcare**. Top Three countries with highest levels are: Iceland, Norway, Netherlands.

➤ **Home Minister Rajnath Singh** has announced that the family of a **paramilitary jawan** who dies in action will be given a minimum compensation of **one crore rupees**.

➤ Human Resource Development Minister **Prakash Javadekar** launched "**Samagra Shiksha Scheme**" for school education. The scheme focuses on

improving quality of education, enhancing the Learning outcomes and using technology to empower children and teachers.

➤ The **Model Contract Act 2018**, unveiled by **Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh** in **Delhi** brings in all services in the agriculture value chain, including pre-production, production and post-production services, under its ambit along with contract farming activity.

➤ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone for the **2400MW first phase of NTPC's Patratu Super Thermal Power Project** in Jharkhand. The project is a **74: 26 Joint Venture** between Government of Jharkhand (GoJ) and Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.

➤ **ABB India** (Swedish-Swiss company) and **Niti Aayog** has inked a pact to help the country reap the benefits of latest technologies **including robotics and artificial intelligence**.

➤ Film actor **Akshay kumar** launched the **twin pit toilet technology campaign** in **New Delhi** to spread the awareness on the issue and make the cleanliness drive more effective.

➤ **Actor Sushant Singh Rajput** has signed an agreement to promote the **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) of the Aayog** to power a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem through an enabling network of industry collaborations, partnerships, mentors and peer-to-peer connect.

➤ **Sangeeta Bahl**, a 53-year-old former model and entrepreneur from Jammu and Kashmir, has become the **oldest Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest**.

➤ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** has said that **the Botanic Garden of Indian Republic (BGIR) Noida**, will be developed as one of the most distinct botanic gardens with modern-day landscape.

➤ 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 **Ministry of Women and Child Development** organized **National Consultation on Child Protection** in New Delhi. The conference deliberated on the Juvenile Justice (Care and protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) 2012.

➤ **The Information and Broadcasting Ministry** and **Prasar Bharati**, which runs Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR), have inked an MoU required **for the release of financial allocation to the broadcaster**. The ministry releases an amount of around **Rs 200 crore to Prasar Bharati every month**.

- 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 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**.
- The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Rajyavardhan Rathore** has approved the **upward revision of pension to meritorious sportspersons**. Following the upward revision of pension, the medallist at the Olympic/ Para-Olympic Games will get **Rs.20,000** while a gold medallist at World Cup/World Championship in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines will get **Rs.16,000**. Silver/bronze medallist at World Cup/World Championship in Olympics - **Rs.14,000**; Silver and Bronze medallist in Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games will get **Rs.12,000**.
- **8 states and 4 UT's** inked MoUs with the Union Health Ministry for the implementation of **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission**, aims to provide an annual coverage of **Rs 5 lakh** per family. The scheme will integrate two on-going centrally sponsored schemes viz. **Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY)** and **Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS)**.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has inaugurated a **16 MW solar 'PV power plant'** set up by the defence PSU Bharat Electronics LTD at the Heavy Vehicle Factory in **Avadi, Chennai**.
- 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
- The indigenously upgraded **artillery gun Dhanush** has successfully completed final user trials and is ready for induction into the Army. Dhanush is a **155mm x 45mm calibre artillery gun** and is also called the "desi Bofors". It has a strike range of **38 kilometres**.
- 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.
- **NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** has selected **3,000 additional schools** for the establishment of **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)**, bringing the total number of ATL schools to 5,441. These additional schools will facilitate the creation of over **One Million Neoteric Child Innovators by 2020**.
- **The Ministry of Women and Child Development** has launched **'#YogaFor9to5' in New Delhi**: A contest focused on generating awareness regarding benefits of Yoga at Workplace for Women.
- **The Solar Charkha Mission of the Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) in New Delhi**, will be launched by the President, Ram Nath Kovind. The Mission has been approved by the Government of India and will disburse subsidy of **Rs.550 crore to the artisans**.
- 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.

➤ Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for **introduction of Dam Safety Bill, 2018 in the Parliament**. It will help all the States and Union Territories of India **to adopt uniform dam safety procedures**.

➤ The **'Yoga Ambassadors Tour'** is a specialized trip for yoga professionals from around the world and it is a **part of Kerala government's tourism promotion programme**. It was inaugurated by **Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik**.

➤ **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 Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare **Ashwini Kumar Choubey** has released the **11th Common Review Mission (CRM) report of the National Health Mission**. As per the Report, India has registered a **record 22% reduction in MMR since 2013**.

➤ 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'**.

➤ The Union ministry of health and family welfare has launched the **National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) in New Delhi**. The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** is the project **technology** partner for providing **data security**.

➤ The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has adopted **Jagatpur village in Delhi** for its **Swachhata Abhiyaan**. **Jagatpur** is destined to be one of the most beautiful villages in Delhi and NCR. The sanitation drive by KVIC began with a **plantation drive and ended with cleanliness drive** along the bank of the **Yamuna river**.

➤ 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 a Passport 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.

STATES NEWS

ANDHRA PRADESH

➤ **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 **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** has commissioned **fast patrol vessel (FPV) ICGS Rani Rashmoni, in Visakhapatnam**. It was the **fifth in the series of fast patrol vessels** and it was constructed by **Hindustan Shipyard Limited**.

➤ **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**.

➤ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu** has inaugurated the **Andhra Pradesh Cyber Security Operations Center (APCSOC) in Amaravati**. APCSOC is an initiative of the state Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (IT and E&C) ministry. **Tech Mahindra** has been selected to operate the APCSOC.

➤ The Vice-President of India **Shri Venkaiah Naidu** will lay the Foundation Stone of Southern Campus building of the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) at Kondapavuluru Village**, Gannavaram Mandal, Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh. The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) is a premier institute of the Government under **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

➤ **Arunachal Pradesh** Chief Minister **Pema Khandu** inaugurated the **State's Biggest Solar Power Plant** with a capacity of 1 MW at Energy Awareness Park at **Itanagar**.

➤ **The Arunachal Pradesh government** has inked an agreement with **Andhra Pradesh-based Smart Village Movement (SVM)** to facilitate technology innovations, research and development in selected villages of the north-eastern state.

➤ The long-cherished dream of having air-connectivity in Arunachal Pradesh was fulfilled with flagging off of the **first fixed-wing commercial aircraft (ATR-42 services of Alliance Air)** from Pasighat to Guwahati by Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

ASSAM

➤ **Assam's Guwahati** has **India's first railway station run by solar power**. The solar power plant will save Rs 67 lakh worth of electricity.

➤ The **two-day Assam Spring Festival** began at the **Manas National Park** to promote the local food and culture of the fringe villagers.

➤ **Shikdamakha**, one of the cleanest villages in Assam, along with its neighbouring hamlets - Bormarjong, Amsai, Langarkhon, Maulen - has taken up the task of creating a **rural tourism model** with the support from an **NGO, Root Bridge Foundation, and Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council**.

➤ Venkaiah Naidu has launched **"Atal Amrit Abhiyan"**, the **cash less health scheme** in Assam to provide 2 lakh who are in less than 5 lakh family income per annum.

BIHAR

➤ The foundation stone of the **frozen semen station** in **Maranga, Purnea** has been laid by Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare **Shri Radha Mohan Singh** set up at a **cost of Rs 64 crore** under the **Rashtriya Gokul Mission** with **100% contribution from the Central Government**.

➤ **Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar** inaugurated and laid foundation stones for more than **100 schemes, worth Rs 875 crore**, of the state bridge construction corporation.

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveils **India's first 12,000 horsepower electric locomotive** from **Bihar's Madhepura locomotive factory**. The train is **first Make-in-India project** completed by **Alstom (French company)**. He also attends the centenary celebrations of the Champaran Satyagraha as a part of **"Chalo Champaran Campaign"** with a theme - **"Satyagraha se Swachhagrah"**.

➤ 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

➤ Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** attends the commissioning of **'Bastariya' battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** in Chhattisgarh.

➤ **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

➤ **Own app-based taxi service** to some key tourist destination

➤ A **Multi Modal Logistics Park at Balli Station** near Madgaon in Goa state on Konkan Railway route was inaugurated by **CMD Konkan Railway Shri Sanjay Gupta** and P K Agarwal, Director, Container Corporation. The park has been set up with an investment of **Rs 43 Cr.** as per the MoU entered between **Konkan Railway & Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR)**.

➤ **Suresh Prabhu** had announced that **Goa** will become a **logistics hub of India after a second Mopa airport becomes functional in 2020 in the state**. The two airports in Goa, **at Dabolim and Mopa, will help position the state as a logistic hub**.

GUJARAT

➤ **The Gujarat government** would start bearing medical expenses of up to **Rs 50,000 for each victim** of road accident in the state for the first 48 hours.

➤ 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**.

➤ In an innovative initiative, the Gujarat has launched the **Pocket Cop project** in the state capital, which will provide Gujarat's policemen with smartphones that **will be pre-loaded with data of people with criminal past**.

- The Gujarat government has unveiled its '**Reuse of Treated Waste Water Policy**' which aims to reduce the state's dependence on fresh water sources like the Narmada river. The policy **will promote the use of treated waste water and will see the setting up of sewage treatment plants (STP)** in all major towns and cities of Gujarat.
- **Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation** (AMC) in partnership with civil society groups and its partner NGOs has launched **6th edition of Heat Action Plan** (HAP) to protect city dwellers from climate fueled scorching temperatures.

HARYANA

- **Chatra Parivahan Suraksha Yojana** has launched in **Haryana** to **ensure safety of girl students**.
- The **Haryana government** has decided to give **star rankings to its panchayats** on the basis of **seven social parameters** under the **state's 7-Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow scheme**. **Ambala** topped the star ranking with 407 stars followed by **Gurugram** with 199 stars and **Karnal** with 75 stars.
- 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**.
- **Haryana Government** has approved the **slum-in-situ rehabilitation policy** under **Housing for All-2018** so as to provide housing facility to the slum dwellers without relocating them to other areas.
- **A power plant costing Rs 502 crore** will be constructed in the village of **Bandhwari in Gurugram district** to generate electricity from waste under the **Integrated Solid Waste Management Scheme**. To be set up by August 2019, this plant would **generate 25 MW of electricity**.
- **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has organized a '**Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme**' at Huda Convention Centre, Sector-12, Faridabad (Haryana).
- Union Minister of Food Processing Industries **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal** has inaugurated an Incubation centre and Food Testing Laboratory that will collaborate with multiple international laboratories testing various food products so that the food products approved by laboratories at **National Institute of Food Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)** in **Sonipat** get worldwide acceptability.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

- 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.

- The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet gave its nod to Helimission of Switzerland to introduce **free heli-ambulance services** for trekkers and tourists **with the assistance of Lady Willingdon Hospital**.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur inaugurated the **Kanda Pattan-Sarkaghat Water Supply Scheme** at **Cholthara in Mandi district** and said that his government is committed **to ensuring balanced, uniform and speedy development of an entire state**.
- A sports initiative '**Star Khel Mahakumbh**' was launched at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh in the presence of 1,500 athletes by **BJP MP Anurag Thakur and cricketing great Sachin Tendulkar**. The athletes will compete in volleyball, basketball, cricket, football, kabaddi and athletics.
- First Workshop of **Ayushman Bharat** was held in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- In order to encourage '**Zero budget Natural Farming**' in the state, a new scheme '**Prakritik kheti-khushhal Kisan**' will be launched with a budget provision of **Rs. 25 crores**. Under the scheme **farmers would be provided training, necessary equipments, bio-pesticides, bio-insecticides, etc.**
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched the week-long '**Polythene Hatao Paryavaran Bachao**' campaign started by Environment, Science and Technology Department **in Shimla** to launch special campaigns regularly to save our environment from this menace.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

- 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 Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has formally approved financial assistance amounting to **Rs 5.5 lakh per family to 5764 families of West Pakistani refugees settled 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**.
- Jammu & Kashmir govt has launched **Non-Functional (Monetary) Scheme (NFS)** and its implementation in respect of members of the General Executive Cadre of the Jammu and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service (JKPS). It brings the JKPS officers to higher scales.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi **laid the foundation stone** to kick-start the work on **Asia's longest bi-directional Zojila tunnel**. To be built at a cost of **Rs 6,809 crore, the 14.2km long tunnel** will provide the all-weather land connectivity to Ladakh region, which remains cut off from the rest of the country during winters.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the state run **NHPC Ltd's Kishanganga hydro power project** in Jammu and Kashmir to the nation. The development assumes significance given the strategic importance of the **330-megawatt (MW) project on the river Kishanganga, a tributary of Jhelum**.
- The proposed **1,000-megawatt Pakal Dul** hydroelectric power project on **Marusadar River**, a tributary of **Chenab River**, in Jammu and Kashmir will be completed in 66 months and will provide 12 per cent free power to the state. PM Modi **laid a foundation stone** which aims to generate **3,330.18 million units of electricity annually** at a cost of Rs 8,112.12

crore project will not only be the largest hydroelectric power project in the state but also the first storage unit.

JHARKHAND

- Prime Minister Modi has laid the **foundation stone** of the revival of the **Sindri Urea plant**. He also laid the foundation stone of **All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Deoghar**, for strengthening health services in the state.
- **Aajeevika Kaushal Vikas Mela** was held in Ranchi, Jharkhand, highlighting the efforts, especially in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector, of village organisations in developing the **rural sector of India**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the **first phase of 2,400-Megawatt** (Mw) capacity of NTPC's **Patratu Super Thermal Power Project** in Ramgarh district, Jharkhand.

KARNATAKA

- India's atomic power plant operator **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL)** announced its **first 220 MW unit at Kaiga in Karnataka** has set a new record of operating for 766 days continuously. It is surpassed the earlier record of **765 days set by Unit 5 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) in 2014**.
- **Kadknath**, a black-feathered chicken breed popular for its flavoured meat, has won the **Geographical Indications (GI) tag**. Kadknath is mainly found in **Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua, Alirajpur**.

KERALA:

- **Kerala**, the **first state in southern India**, to be visited by **15th Finance Commission**. **Kerala is the 10th largest economy in India** and contributes around 4.2% of India's GDP.
- **Nipah virus** has been started to spread in **North Kerala**. It has high fatality rate and spreads mainly through bats, pigs and other animals. The **WHO** says **Nipah Virus (NiV) encephalitis** is an emerging infectious disease of public health importance in the South-East Asia Region. **Nipah virus origin is Malaysia**.
- Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan**, accorded sanction to set up the **Kerala Fibre Optic Network Limited**, the Joint Venture, to implement the Kerala Fibre Optic Network (**K-FON**) project. With the project becoming a reality, **over 20 lakh poor families** will get **free internet service** while others will get it at an affordable rate.
- The **Kerala State Electricity Board** has signed a memorandum of understanding with the **National Thermal Power Corporation** to set up a 15 MW solar power unit in **Kayamkulam**, for increasing **solar power generation** in the state.
- **Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority** has initiated a '**water literacy**' campaign with the involvement of 70,000 students aiming to create awareness about the **importance of water conservation in the State**.
- The **Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO)** has sanctioned **Rs.4,000 crore loan** for the **LIFE Mission of the Pinarayi Vijayan government** to construct homes for all the shelter-less in the State.
- **Asia's largest start up ecosystem** congregation, "**Huddle Kerala**", will be held at Kovalam. To provide a platform for start-ups to pitch their products and interact with a wide array of technology and industry leaders from around the world. It is organised by the **Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM)** in association with **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)** and **IAMAI Startup Foundation**.

- **First state** has issued **protocols to confirm brain death cases**.
- **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** formally launched the **Pravasi Pension Scheme** of the Kerala Pravasi Welfare Board for non-resident Keralites. The pravasis (non-resident Keralites) who are enrolled in the Pravasi pension scheme from all over India who have are **over 60 years** will get a monthly pension of **Rs 2,000** with a monthly enrolment of **Rs.100 for 5 yrs**.
- **Kerala government** will be going to launch '**community radio**' to **update them of the latest developments in the Agricultural sector**. The **first farm radio of the state** is expected to start broadcast from Kuttanad in Alappuzha district, once popularly known as the 'rice bowl of Kerala, from next month.
- The **first edition of the International Children's Film Festival** was held in **Kerala**. It was organised by Kerala State Council for Child Welfare, Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, Kerala State Film Development Corporation and the state Institute of Children's literature.
- The **United Nations Environment Programme** is happy to recognise **Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL)** as the **world's first fully solar energy-powered airport**.

MADHYA PRADESH

- The **Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Ltd.** (BSCDCL) has launched **India's first cloud-based** Common Integrated Data Centre, Disaster Recovery Centre and Integrated Control and Command Centre (**ICCC**) powered by **Hewlett Packard Enterprise's** Universal IoT Platform.
- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced that the State will be declared as **Open Defecation Free (ODF) by Gandhi Jayanti this year**. This will mean that the State will become ODF one year before the national timeline of **October 2nd, 2019**.
- **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched '**My MP Rojgar Portal**' as a part of **Ham Chhu Lenge Asman'** Mukhyamantri Career Counselling programme 'Pahal' in Model School of Bhopal. This portal is equipped with **providing jobs to youths** as per their educational qualification.
- Prime Minister Modi will dedicate the **Mohanpura Irrigation Project in Rajgarh district** to the people of the State and also inaugurate several other projects, including an urban transport scheme named '**Sutra Seva**' in **Indore Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium**.
- 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

- **Maharashtra** has become the **first state to issue a crucial land ownership document online** and accept a digital signature on it as valid.
- The **Maharashtra government** signed a MoU with the Centres **Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA)** Council to train state PWD officials to **rate government buildings**.
- Maharashtra Government has introduced a new scheme **to help the landless labourers among the Scheduled Castes to acquire agricultural land**. Through this scheme can now purchase for acres of

rainfed agricultural land or two acres of irrigated land by paying **only five percent of the cost**.

➤ **Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis** was bestowed with the **Outstanding Leadership in Development Award from Georgetown University** and **Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)** in Washington DC.

➤ 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 the opening up of a 'sandbox' to **boost startups in Mumbai**. It is first State to have a dedicated **fintech policy**, is also planning to have a dedicated '**Fintech Officer**' in the Department of Information Technology.

➤ 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%).

➤ **Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis** has launched the institution, QUEST ("**Quality Evaluation for Sustainable Transformation centre**") in Mumbai. To bring greater accountability in spending and management of dedicated funds allocated for tribal welfare.

➤ **Free chemotherapy for cancer patients** at 10 district Hospital in the state.

➤ Maharashtra govt to finance **state's first poultry company run by tribal people** with the help of Tata Trusts.

➤ The **Maharashtra Startup Week** has been envisaged as an annual flagship competition to engage, encourage and enable the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Organised from 25th to 29th June 2018 **to provide 100 Startups with a platform to showcase their innovative solutions to the Government of Maharashtra**.

➤ President Ram Nath Kovind with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan during "**Asangathit Shramik Sammelan**" -Unorgansied Labour Conference -in Guna, Madhya Pradesh.

➤ MoU was signed between **Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC)** and **IRB Sindhudurg Airport Pvt Ltd**, a new airport at Sindhudurg will become operational in September, built at a cost of **Rs.520 crore**, the new airport at **Chipi-parule, near Malwan**, will cater to fliers under Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagarik (UDAN) scheme promoted by the Centre.

MANIPUR

➤ **Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh** launched '**Go to Village**' mission. It aimed at identifying the eligible and deserving beneficiaries in every corner of the state and **delivering government services at their doorstep**. It also **aims to deliver good governance and bring inclusive development in the state**

➤ **Manipur has become the first state in the Northeast** and the **third state in India** to have solar toilets, which were inaugurated at **Ibudhou Marjing hill** Heingang by Tourism Director, Waikhom Ibohal.

➤ President **Ram Nath Kovind** has given his assent to the Union Cabinet's approval on an ordinance to set up the country's **first national sports university** in **Manipur** to promote sports education.

➤ **Karang in Manipur** has been declared as the **first cashless Island of India**.

➤ **Manipur Tourism** has announced that the **Shirui Lily Festival 2018** will be held during April 24-28 at **Ukhrul district**.

MEGHALAYA

➤ **Shillong** has been selected as the **100th city to receive funding under the Centre's flagship Smart Cities Mission after evaluation of the proposal submitted by it**.

➤ **Meghalaya** has launched "**Mission Lakadong**" to produce 50,000 metric tonnes of the famous Lakadong turmeric per annum **in the next five years**. The mission (2018-2023) was launched by governor Ganga Prasad with the objective of enhancing the livelihood of farmers and building the brand equity of the Lakadong variety.

➤ Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) rolled out '**Gaj Yatra**', an awareness campaign to protect elephants from Tura **in Garo Hills of Meghalaya**. It was organised by the Wildlife Trust of India in collaboration with the State Forest Department.

MIZORAM

➤ The **Green Mizoram Day** was observed on **June 11** across the state with government employees, students and members of NGOs planting large number of trees.

➤ A **Cancer Screening Mela** was organised by the **Department of Health, Government of Mizoram**, in collaboration with the **Public Foundation of India and National Health Mission** under the **Swasth Uttar Purv scheme**. The theme of the event was "**Come on Mizoram, together let's beat Cancer**".

NAGALAND

➤ **Nagaland Power department** launched **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana -- "Saubhagya"** scheme. It aims to achieve universal household electrification in all parts of the country in a time bound manner. Motto: '**All houses to get power by March 2019**'.

ODISHA:

➤ Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (**MSDE**) and Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**) has launched **Ajeevika and Kaushal Vikas Mela** in **Bhubaneswar**. It aims in promoting social harmony and awareness around the pro-poor initiatives of the government. Vision: "**SabkaSaath, Sabka Vikas**"

➤ **Odisha government** signed a MoU with **Hyderabad-based Pullela Gopichand Badminton Foundation (PGBF)** for the establishment of P Gopichand Badminton Academy.

➤ **The Chandrabhaga beach** on the Konark coast of Odisha will be the **first in Asia to get the Blue Flag certification**. It is the tag given to environment-friendly and clean beaches, equipped with amenities of international standards for tourists.

➤ 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** has been raised to **Rs 7 lakh from Rs 5 lakh**. It was announced by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

➤ The **2.5-km-long bridge** built over the **Ib River** in **Sambalpur district**, which is the **State's second longest bridge** at a cost of **Rs. 117.50 crore**, was opened to the public by **Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik**. The bridge has helped establish direct road connectivity between **Sambalpur and Brajarajnagar**.

➤ The **Odisha Society of the Americas** (OSA) funded model public library, named as "**Odisha Public e-Library**" was opened in **Berhampur**.

➤ Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate a world-class tourist facilitation centre and an interpretation centre at **Konark Sun Temple in Odisha** on Utkal Divas on April 1. The **Indian Oil Foundation** has developed the interpretation centre and the tourist facilitation centre at the **UNESCO World Heritage Site at a cost of Rs. 45 crore**.

➤ **National Informatics Centre** has set up a **new state-of-the-art cloud-enabled National Data Centre at Bhubaneswar**. The **data center will offer 24*7 operations** with secure hosting for e-Governance applications of the Government and its departments.

PUNJAB:

➤ 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.

➤ The **Punjab Cabinet** has approved the **death penalty for males held guilty of the rape of a girl younger than 12 years** to provide for enhancement of **minimum punishment for rape from the existing seven to 10 years**.

➤ A campaign to motivate farmers to voluntarily adopt pro-farmer '**Paani Bachao, Paise Kamao**' scheme for checking the depletion of groundwater in the district will be launched in **Jalandhar, Punjab**. It has introduced the scheme in two clusters namely "**Bambiwal**" and "**Nawajipur**" of the district as pilot project in the state.

➤ In a first, a Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) run by an all-woman team has started operations in **Phagwara, Punjab**. It was 192nd POPSK in the country, but first one to be operated by an all-woman team.

➤ Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has announced a slew of development projects to the tune of **Rs 555 crore for the uplift and up-gradation** of the border district of Tarn Taran.

RAJASTHAN

➤ A new software, '**Nidaan**', has been launched in Rajasthan for **presumptive diagnosis and monitoring of seasonal and non-communicable diseases** as well as the trends of ailments found in specific areas.

➤ **Rajasthan** witnessed a world record by conducting the **largest yoga session to mark the 4th International Yoga Day at Kota** where over one lakh people together performed the yogic exercises.

➤ Union Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal** has flagged off **Humsafar Jodhpur Bandra Express** at **Bhagat Ki Kothi Railway Station** in Rajasthan's **Jodhpur**.

➤ An amount of **Rs 5,000 crore** was finally sanctioned by the **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)** as short term working capital farm loan.

SIKKIM

➤ The **Minister of State for Defence Subhash Ramrao Bhamre** has inaugurated **578-metre-long Theng Tunnel, the longest in Sikkim**. It has been constructed on **Gangtok-Chungthang** State Highway by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

➤ **Former footballer Bhaichung Bhutia** has launched his new political outfit, **Hamro Sikkim Party** (HSP), in his native state Sikkim.

➤ Sikkim Chief Minister **Pawan Chamling** (Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF)) became the **longest-serving chief minister** of any state as he completed 25 uninterrupted years in office. He broke the record of **former West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu**, who held office for 23 years.

➤ The **Pakyong airport in Sikkim** is set to become the **100th operational airport** in the country. Low-cost airline **SpiceJet** has been granted permission to fly to **Pakyong from Kolkata** under the civil aviation ministry's regional connectivity scheme. Sikkim was the **only state without an airport in the country**.

TAMIL NADU

➤ 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**.

TELANGANA

➤ Actor-turned-politician and Jana Sena Party founder **Pawan Kalyan** unfurled the national flag in **Hyderabad**, claimed to be the **world's largest Indian tricolour**, to commemorate the first war of the country's independence that took place in 1857. The flag was **122 feet** in length and **183 feet** in width. It was prepared by an organisation called '**Vibrants of Kalam**', is world's largest Indian National Flag.

➤ The **Telangana government** introduced **Rythu Bandhu**, a scheme to provide **Rs. 4,000 per acre each** to land-owning farmers for rabi and kharif seasons. They will also be given '**Pattadar**' pass books, which the government claims have **17 unique** security features, as one single proof of ownership.

➤ **Telangana Irrigation Minister, T Harish Rao** inaugurated the National Convention on "**Rejuvenation of Krishna River**" at the Institution of Engineers (India), Khairatabad, Hyderabad.

➤ **Telangana government** has announced a **unique life insurance scheme for farmers**. Under the scheme, the government will provide **life**

insurance facility of five lakh rupees to the nominee, after the death of the insured farmer.

- **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**.
- **Final clearance to Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP):** The Kaleshwaram project will be built across the **river Godavari, Telangana**. The project was **estimated to cost Rs 80,000 crore**. The Unique feature of the project is the longest tunnel in Asia of 81 kms between Yellampally and Mallanna Sagar dams.
- **2% Reservation Quota** for sportsperson in state government jobs.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari laid a foundation stone of four national highway projects costing **Rs 1,523 crore in Telangana**.
- Aimed at empowering vulnerable and marginalised women by imparting skills training, the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** will soon set up a **skill development centre at 'Bharosa,'** an integrated support centre for distressed women and children in **Hyderabad under the 'Disha' project** to build capacities and skills of women affected by violence to help make them economically self-sufficient.

TRIPURA

- Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** of Tripura launched State Component of **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2.0** under Directorate of Skill Development and **"Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere**. It is the **first state in the North East** to implement the state component of PMKVY through Directorate of Skill Development (DSD).
- **Crime Branch** under the state police to deal with unlawful activities.
- The council of ministers has approved **Rs 50.67 crore** to set up an **Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT)** at Bodhjunnagar in Mohanpur block, about 15 km from Agartala.
- In a significant move **to empower women**, the new government in Tripura has decided **to ensure 10% reservation for women** in the top rung of the police force.
- The Tripura government has launched the GPS (Global Positioning System) and wireless based **24x7 "mobile policing" service** to curb crime, especially against women.

UTTARAKHAND

- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal** inaugurated Uttarakhand's second Mega Food Park at Udham Singh Nagar.
- **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**.
- Chief minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** will launch **'Dev Bhumi Dialogue'** - a public interaction programme. It was conceptualised, that all policies and programmes **should be implemented on the basis of the people's suggestions and feedback**.
- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat** has inaugurated the state's **first City Gas Distribution (CGD) network at Rudrapur in Udham Singh Nagar district**. The **500-kilometer-long pipeline will be completed by 2020** and provide employment to 2,000 people.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has launched the **first phase of a massive tree plantation drive along Rispana river** here as a step to revive it by initiating pit-digging work for the campaign.

UTTAR PRADESH

- In **Uttar Pradesh Ganga Hariteema Yojana (Ganga Greenery scheme)** is being launched in 27 districts of the state located on the **bank of river Ganga**. The objectives of the schemes include **enhancing green cover in the catchment areas of the river Ganga** and to control the land erosion.
- Uttar Pradesh Government has ordered all government hospitals and orphanages to establish **SHISHU SWAGAT KENDRA- PALNA** and put up cradles in front of their buildings so that parents can give up **unwanted babies safely**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** Health Minister **Sidharth Nath Singh** informed that the **United States Stanford University** will come in a partnership with the state to combat disease **like Japanese Encephalitis (JE)** and **Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES)**.
- The **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport** in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh will become the **first airport in India** to have an automated **smart facial recognition system**. To avail this facility two other airports other than Varanasi airport have been selected, namely **Visakhapatnam airport** and **Kolkata airport**.
- 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 government** has introduced a new scheme, **"Rupashree"** with a budgetary allocation of **Rs 1,500 crore**. It provides marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families. The scheme proposes to extend one-time financial assistance worth **Rs 25,000** to the family of the girl **after 18 yrs** of age whose annual income is **up to Rs 1.5 lakh**.
- **The Visva-Bharati University (VBU)**, founded by Rabindranath Tagore, will set up a yoga centre inside the campus, named **yoga gram (village)** . The centre is aimed at increasing awareness about yoga. The **Visva-Bharati University is located at Santiniketan, West Bengal**.
- The West Bengal Government has decided to invest **107 crore rupees to check erosion** at vulnerable areas along the banks of the **Ganga and the Padma**.
- **Digambarpur in West Bengal** has been judged the **Best Gram Panchayat** in the country by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.
- **The Sunderban Reserve Forest**, spread of 4,260 sq. km. **is likely to be declared as Ramsar Site** under Ramsar convention.

NATIONAL SUMMITS

Summit	Key Points /Theme	Held in
2019 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (9 January each year)	Theme of the 2019 "Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India". Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Mauritian	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

	counterpart Pravind Jugnauth.	
'4 th Vibrant North East 2018'	It is organised by Delhi-based NGO, Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD).	Guwahati, Assam.
First Apex Conference for CEOs of Smart Cities	Objective to provide momentum to the cities and a platform for cross-learning, sharing and disseminating the experience gained over the past two and a half years.	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
6th US-India Aviation Summit	Discussed: As the world's ninth largest aviation market, valued at 16 billion dollars per year, India's civil aviation sector maintains a high growth trajectory, poised to be the third largest market globally by 2020 and, potentially, the largest by 2030.	Mumbai, Maharashtra
First ever Joint Conference of Customs and Postal Department	To cater to the SMEs and to boost the Make in India program, Customs Department proposes new simplified procedures for exports and imports through India Post.	New Delhi, India
4th International Yoga Day celebrations (IDY-2018)	To create awareness about the yoga all over the country.	Dehradun in Uttarakhand
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
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
NITI Aayog's 4th Governing Council Meeting	Main agenda of deliberating upon measures taken to double	New Delhi, India

	farmers' income and the progress of government's flagship schemes.	
106th Indian Science Congress	Theme: 'Future India: Science & Technology'	Jalandhar, Punjab from January 3 to 7, 2019.
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
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)
3 rd National Health Editors' Conference on Yoga	This Conference on 'Evidence Based Recent Innovative Research on Yoga – A Review of Yoga Research'.	New Delhi, India
16th International Energy Forum Ministerial meeting	It is co-hosted by the Government of China and South Korea. India is the world's third-largest energy consumer after the US and China.	New Delhi, India
First Meeting of NITI Forum for North East	To boost development projects in the states.	Agartala, Tripura
Eighth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific	The mantra of 3R – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The overall theme is "Achieving Clean Water, Clean Land and Clean Air through 3R and Resource Efficiency – A	Indore, Madhya Pradesh

	21st Century Vision for Asia-Pacific Communities".	
Second India Mobile Congress (IMC)	It is an excellent platform for policy makers, industry and regulators to drive the future direction of Mobile, Internet and Technology. The theme of 2018 congress is "NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS: Connect, Create, Innovate."	New Delhi, India (October 25-27, 2018)
1 st Meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan	To formulate overall policies, guide and monitor all nutrition-based schemes.	New Delhi, India
15th Asia Media Summit (hAMS-2018)	It will provide a unique opportunity for broadcasters in Asia to share their thoughts on broadcasting and information. Organised by Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) in collaboration with its partners and international organisations. Theme: "Telling our Stories- Asia and More".	New Delhi, India
International Children's Theatre Festival	The eight participating countries are France, Slovenia, Swaziland, Mexico, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. The festival, organised by the 'Kolkata Eso Natak Shikhi'. It will be held from June 17 to 21. Theme: "Safe Drive Save Life, Save Kids' Life"	Kolkata, West Bengal
19th edition of TOONZ Animation Masters Summit 2018	V G Samant, a venerated pioneer of Indian animation, was honoured with the 'Legend of Animation' award for his contributions to the animation industry.	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
15th Asia Media Summit	To encourage regional and bilateral dialogue and cooperation to respond to challenges to the	New Delhi, India

	broadcasting sector in the region Theme: 'Telling Our Stories Asia and More'	
Fourth meeting of South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN)	To strengthen ties with the member countries in controlling the trans-boundary wildlife crime. SAWEN is a regional network comprises eight countries in South Asia—Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.	Kolkata, West Bengal
4th edition of Global Exhibition on services (GES-2018)	To enhance trade services between India and the rest of the world To focus on Services sector excellence in India and expanding our global footprint.	Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.
India's First International Rail Coach Expo (IRCE-2018)	The expo is being hosted by Integral Coach Factory, popularly known as ICF, under the Ministry of Railways, in coordination with CII (Confederation of Indian Industries) and RITES Ltd. Key brands from rail coach and train sets will be displaying products focusing on innovation and future technologies.	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
ASEAN India Film Festival	It will celebrate the excellence of cinema by exhibiting films from various ASEAN countries. It will build bridges and bring harmony among the ASEAN countries and provide people-to-people contact between member countries especially youth	New Delhi, India
Smart Cities India 2018 Expo	To help develop attractive and safe cities that evoke pride, passion and a sense of belonging among citizens.	New Delhi, India
9th edition of 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav'	To carry forward the execution of the National Cultural Festival under the banner of the slogan "EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT".	Tehri, Uttarakhand

Global Logistics Summit 2018	It was organized by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, along with FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) and the World Bank Group.	New Delhi, India
Seventh edition of Home Expo India 2018	It was organised by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)	Greater Noida,
Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) GlobalLinker platform for MSME exporters	It was launched by Commerce & Industry Minister. Aimed at assisting the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in exports.	New Delhi, India
First e-Commerce Think Tank Meeting	The think tank is led by commerce and industry minister Suresh Prabhu. It include online data protection, facilitating cross-border e-commerce	New Delhi, India
Udyam Sangam-2018	A portal of the Ministry of MSME called "Sampark" was also unveiled by the President.	New Delhi, India
5th National Standards Conclave- Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization	It was organized by Department of Commerce & Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).	New Delhi, India

MILITARY EXERCISE

- **'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

NAVAL EXERCISE

- **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.

LIST OF TOLL FREE HELPLINE NUMBER

- Toll-Free Emergency Highway Helpline Number in India - **1033**
- Toll- Free Helpline Number for Women - **181 - Shakhi**

VARIOUS REPORTS IN NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

- **Patna** tops in 4G connectivity among 20 of India's largest cities. It has emerged ahead of the likes of Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi. The report was given by **OpenSignal.**
- Human Resources Minister **Prakash Javadekar** has released **India Rankings 2018** for Higher Educational Institutions under the **National Institutional Ranking Framework, NIRF.** Best Institution - **Indian Institute of Science (IISC), Bengaluru;** Best Medical College - **AIIMS New Delhi;** Best Management Institution - **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad;** Best College - **Delhi University's Miranda House;** Best Law School - **National Law School of India University Bengaluru;** Best Engineering College - **IIT Madras.**
- **Delhi and Varanasi** are among the 14 Indian cities that figure in a list of **20 most polluted cities in the world in terms of PM2.5 levels (Particulate Matter) in 2016.** Nine out of 10 people in the world breathe air containing high levels of pollutants. The data was released by **World Health Organisation.**
- India has emerged as one of the **five biggest military spenders in 2017** by surpassing **France.** The report was produced by **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).** The **United States** retained the top spot at USD 610 billion. China became the highest defence spender in Asia at USD 228 billion.
- **Patanjali Ayurved Limited** has been ranked as India's most trusted **Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG)** brand in the **TRA's Brand Trust Report 2018.**
- **Jharkhand** has emerged as the **best-performing state in terms of cleanliness**, while **Indore** in Madhya Pradesh was adjudged the **cleanest city in the country**, according to the government cleanliness '**Swachh Survekshan 2018** survey. **Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad** was adjudged the **"fastest mover big city"** in this survey. **Vijaywada** in Andhra Pradesh is **India's cleanest big city** with a population of **over 10 lakh.** **New Delhi Municipal Council** is **country's cleanest small city** having a population between **one lakh to three lakh.**
- **According to ASSOCHAM-NEC, India** is among the top five countries in generating e-waste. The other countries topping the chart of e-waste generation are **China, USA, Japan and Germany.** In **India, Maharashtra** contributes the **largest e-waste of 19. 8 per cent.**
- **The IIT-Bombay** has emerged as the **country's best university** in the latest edition of the **QS World University Rankings** released. IIT-Bombay moved up 17 places (162 rank) this year to displace IIT-Delhi as India's top ranked institution. **Globally, Massachusetts Institute of Technology** remains the **world-leader for the seventh year in a row.**
- **India** has registered a significant **decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)** recording a **22-per cent reduction** in such deaths since 2013, according to the **Sample Registration System (SRS).** **Kerala** topped the list with **46 MMR**, followed by **Maharashtra** and **Tamil Nadu.** Maternal Mortality Ratio in India declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016.

- The Government think-tank **NITI Aayog** has prepared the **Composite Water Management Index** as a useful tool to assess and improve the performance in efficient management of water resources. **Gujarat has emerged the top state in "composite water management"** in the country, followed by Madhya Pradesh. **Tripura** is the **top performer in northeast**, while **Rajasthan** has emerged as **the best performer** in the incremental progress over the last two years. **Jharkhand, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have been the worst performers.**
- The **number of people with Hindi** as their mother tongue has **increased** and their percentage is up from **41.03 to 43.63 in 2001**, according to data on language released as part of Census 2011. **Bengali has taken the second spot** with 8. **Third on the list is Marathi**, which replaced Telugu.
- **Gender inequality in India** is extremely high at the workplace and in terms of legal protection and political voice, according to a recent report by the **McKinsey Global Institute (MGI)** for the Asia-Pacific region. India's score was **0.30 in gender equality** at work and 0.78 in legal protection and political voice.
- **India** ranked **no. 1** on the list due to the high risk of sexual violence and being forced into slave labor, according to the **Thomson Reuters Foundation survey**. War-torn **Afghanistan** and **Syria** ranked second and third, followed by Somalia and Saudi Arabia.
- As per the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** report, **India** has ranked **sixth (from third)** in a report published for 2016 and maintained their dubious record of being among top 10 nations with regards to doping violations. The list is topped by **Italy**.
- **California's** economy has surpassed that of the United Kingdom to become the world's fifth largest, according to new federal data. California's gross domestic product rose by **\$127 billion** from 2016 to 2017, surpassing \$2.7 trillion.
- **According to Henley Passport Index**, **Japan** has the **"most powerful" passport** in the world. India is in 76th Position. The second rank is shared by **Singapore and China**, with 188 destinations accessible without a prior visa.
- The global anti-terror financing firm, **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has decided to keep **Pakistan on its 'grey list'**. The decision to place Pakistan on the global money-laundering watchdogs grey list was made during its **plenary meeting in Paris**.
- **Norway** has **least traffic accidents in the world**, leaving other European countries much behind, newspaper **Aftenposten** reported.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The UAE has announced financial support of **\$200 million** to be split equally between the Lebanese armed and the security forces to contribute to the stability and welfare of the country.
- Singapore and China signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on **Third-party Market Cooperation along the Belt and Road Initiative** in Beijing.
- **United Arab Emirates** has approved the issuance of the **Law on Equal Wages and Salaries for Men and Women**.
- The Chinese military held its **largest ever maritime drill** in the disputed South China Sea. It was the **first maritime military parade** held in the South China Sea and to be open to the public. China's aircraft carrier, **Liaoning** joined the parade for the first time.
- The United Nations' Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed announced the launch of the **'UN Road Safety Trust Fund'** to stimulate action that can save lives and prevent injuries and sufferings associated with road accidents.

- Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** has decided to **scrap the quota system in government services** after thousands of students marched across the country in protest against a controversial policy of setting aside jobs for special groups.
- Pakistan has successfully test fired an enhanced version of **indigenously-built Babur cruise missile** that can deliver conventional and non-conventional weapons **with a range of 700 kilometres**.
- The UK becomes the **62nd country** to join ISA. ISA is an inter-governmental treaty-based organisation that aims to **mobilise \$1 trillion in funds** for future solar generation, storage and technology across the world.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** to visit **Azerbaijan** to attend a meeting of the **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)**.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** left on a five-day visit to **South Africa** where she had met top leadership of the country and attend meetings of **BRICS and IBSA**.
- India and Pakistan will be part of a **multi-nation counter-terror exercise in Russia** under the framework of **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Counter-Terror Exercise "Peace Mission 2018"**. It will be held in the **Ural Mountains of Russia** and almost all SCO member countries — China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and the new members India and Pakistan will be part of it.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Nepalese counterpart **K P Sharma Oli** jointly inaugurated a direct bus service between **Janakpur** and **Ayodhya** – the two sacred cities for Hindus.
- **The Dominican Republic's** government has announced that it is **establishing diplomatic relations with China and breaking its diplomatic ties with Taiwan**. **Dominican Republic** will recognize Taiwan as an **"inalienable part of Chinese territory."**
- The U.S. Trade Representative has once again placed India on **'Priority Watch List'** in its **annual Special 301 Report** on the state of intellectual property protection. It has placed **12 countries on its Priority Watch List**.
- The **Nobel Prize in Literature 2018** has cancelled after **sexual assault scandal in Sweden**. The Academy has pushed off awarding the 2018 prize in literature until next year.
- **President Donald Trump** has decided to withdraw the United States from a multinational nuclear agreement with Iran. The agreement is also known as the **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)**.
- According to a 'RemitSCOPE – Remittance markets and opportunities – Asia and the Pacific' report said that remittances to the Asia-Pacific region amounted to \$256 billion last year, **India** was the largest remittance-receiving country in the world, with migrant workers from the country sending home **\$69 billion in 2017**.
- **The World Health Organization** wants to eliminate artificial trans fats from the global food supply and has a step-by-step strategy on how to do so by **2023**. WHO launched an initiative called **REPLACE** that will provide guidance for all countries on how to remove artificial trans fats from their foods, possibly leading to a worldwide eradication.
- **Pakistan will be hosting its first SCO meeting**, since the country along with India became a member of the organisation in June 2017.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and President **Vladimir Putin** held their first informal Summit in the **city of Sochi in the Russian Federation**.
- **The United Kingdom's National Crime Agency (NCA)** has listed Pakistan among the top three sources for money laundering in the United Kingdom. The other two countries are **Nigeria and Russia**.
- The Prime Minister of Netherlands **Mark Rutte** inaugurated the **Indo-Dutch Ganga Forum in New Delhi**.

- **India's NASSCOM** has launched its second IT corridor in **China** to cash in on the burgeoning Chinese software market which remained elusive despite the presence of top Indian technology firms. Agreements worth **RMB 36 million** (about USD six million) were signed between Indian service providers and Chinese customers.
- The **UNICEF** has launched a '**Data Visualisation App**' which provides a user-friendly visual representation of complex analytics of the education scenario in the country. **UNICEF India** in partnership with HRD Ministry also had organised a '**Shiksha Mela — Education Open Day**' to demonstrate case stories showcasing holistic and equitable quality education achieved through convergent programming across 17 Indian states.
- China has launched a new communication satellite "**APSTAR-6C**" at the southwestern **Xichang Satellite Launch Center**. The satellite was sent into orbit by the **Long March-3B carrier** rocket.
- **China** successfully launched a hyperspectral imaging satellite "**Gaofen-5 satellite**" for comprehensive observation of the atmosphere, including air pollution which is one of the country's major problems.
- China's indigenously developed second aircraft carrier, **Shandong** also called as **C-17/ Type 001A started its sea trials**. China's first aircraft carrier – **Liaoning** – was also a '**Type 001 aircraft carrier**.'
- The Chinese government has approved a **\$1 billion loan** to Sri Lanka to build a highway and its export-import bank has been instructed to process the borrowing. China has emerged as the largest single lender to Sri Lanka in recent years.
- **China** has launched a relay satellite **Queqiao, or "Magpie Bridge"** as part of a ground-breaking programme to be the first to land a spacecraft on the far side of the moon later this year.
- 12th edition of bilateral trade for the year 2018 between the traders of **India and China** through the **Nathu La border** (Sikkim to Tibet) began.
- 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.
- **Colombia** will next week formally join the **North Atlantic Treaty Organization**, making it the only Latin American nation in the alliance.
- **Guatemala** has opened an **embassy in Jerusalem**. Guatemalan President **Jimmy Morales** and Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** attended the embassy's opening.
- **Russia** has unveiled the **World's First Floating Nuclear Power Station** at a ceremony in the port of the far northern city of **Murmansk**. It was constructed the state nuclear power firm **Rosatom, Saint Petersburg**.
- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas **Dharmendra Pradhan** flagged off **first consignment of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) crude oil**. The event was organized by the Embassy of India in **Abu Dhabi**.
- Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh visited Mongolia** to attend the ground-breaking ceremony of an **oil refinery at Altanshiree Soum in Dornogobi province** with the Prime Minister of Mongolia, U Khurelsukh. This refinery project has been financed by the **Government of India through a Line of Credit of One Billion USD**.
- During the three-nation tour to **Greece, Suriname and Cuba**, President **Ram Nath Kovind** was the first to visit **Santa Ifigenia Cemetery** where he witnessed Change of Guards ceremony. He then paid respects to **Jose Marti Memorial** in **Cuba**. And he participated in the **Yoga Day celebration**, along with his Suriname counterpart **Desire Delano Bouterse in Paramaribo**.
- **The United States government** has approved a deal to sell the **Indian military six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters for \$930 million**.

- **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. **Sushma Swaraj** has attend the event on the behalf of India.
- Guatemala's deadly "**Fuego**" volcano exploded. Thousands of people have been evacuated in Guatemala. **Fuego** is one of the most active volcanoes in Central America.
- 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**.
- US President Donald Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un signed a vague **denuclearization agreement in Singapore**.
- **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the **first Representative Office** of Navratna Defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam**.
- **Russia** successfully launched a **Glonass-M positioning satellite** using a **Soyuz-2. 1b carrier rocket**. It provides real-time positioning data for surface, sea and airborne objects around the globe, at an accuracy reportedly on par with the **U. S. Global Positioning System**. There are now **26 Glonass satellites in orbit**.
- Indian Ambassador to Nepal **Manjeev Singh Puri** handed over a Cheque of **99. 2 million Nepali rupees** to the Secretary, Minister of Energy, Nepal, **Dr. Sanjay Sharma** in Kathmandu, for **Nepal-Bharat Maitri Irrigation Project** for installation of **2700 Shallow Tube Well Irrigation Systems** in 12 districts of Nepal. With this payment, the Government of India has released with a **total of 227. 6 million Nepali rupees** to the Government of Nepal for implementing this project.
- **IBM and the U. S.** Department of Energy's **Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)** has unveiled world's most powerful supercomputer "**Summit**", with a peak performance of **200 petaflops**.
- The Researchers at the **University of Michigan** in the **US** have come out with the **world's smallest computer** – a device that measures just **0. 3 millimetres** and could help find new ways to **monitor and treat cancer**.
- **Nepal and China** have signed **eight agreements worth \$2. 24 billion** on developing hydroelectricity, water resources, cement factories and fruit cultivation and farming.
- The **United States** withdrew from the **United Nations Human Rights Council** accusing it of a "**chronic bias against Israel**".
- **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**. He also represents India at a global conference on "**International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development**" in Tajikistan.
- **India and Bangladesh** have agreed to institute a **Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** as an annual feature between the two Navies. The first edition will be inaugurated by **Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba** during his visit in **Bangladesh**.

- India has handed over a **second Dornier aircraft to the President of Seychelles, Danny Faure** for enhancing the country's surveillance capabilities to tackle maritime.
- Britain's **Queen Elizabeth** has granted royal assent to PM Theresa May's Brexit legislation. A Bill enacting **Britain's decision to leave the European Union (E. U.)** has become **law** after months of debate.
- India has pledged **\$5 million** for the UN agency that helps **Palestinian refugees** during a campaign to make up for the shortfall in its funding after the US cut its contributions.
- Women across **Saudi Arabia** were legally allowed to drive for the **first time since 1957**.
- The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** has announced the launch of Pakistan's indigenously developed **285kg PakTES-1A observatory satellite** in July, used **to study various features of Earth, determine mineral deposits**, and depending on the kinds of sensors and gadgets fitted.
- **India** and **World Expo 2020** signed participants contract for **India's Pavilion** in the prestigious World Expo 2020 held once in 5 years. It provides for the setting up of India pavilion at Expo 2020 on an extra-large plot (about one acre) in the '**Opportunity**' segment. Focus will be given to India's advances **in Space, Pharma, IT, Renewable Energy, Telecom sectors**. **World Expo 2020** will be held in **Dubai, UAE**.
- Since 2016, **fourteen new sites** have been designated as **Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)**, including the **first ones in Europe**. It highlights the agricultural traditions **that promote sustainability**, safeguard biodiversity and protect the environment while supporting the social and economic development necessary for stable, decent livelihoods.
- **Swaziland's King Mswati III, Africa's last absolute monarch**, has officially renamed the country as the **Kingdom of eSwatini**. eSwatini, - "land of the Swazis", in the local Swati language at **Golden Jubilee celebrations** of the 50th anniversary of Swazi independence and of his 50th birthday.
- At the end of **Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) in London**, the leaders of 53 countries agreed to work closely to evaluate and strengthen their cybersecurity frameworks and response mechanisms **by 2020**.
- Bolivian Foreign Minister **Fernando Huanacuni** said that **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Peru** had decided to temporarily

- leave the **Union of South American Nations, or UNASUR**, given differences over choosing the secretary general of the group.
- **Iran's central bank** has **banned** the country's banks from dealing **in cryptocurrencies, including Bitcoin, over money-laundering concerns**, as the country tries to halt a currency crisis.
- **Canada** and EU to co-host meeting of **World's First women foreign ministers** in Sep 2018, **Canada**.
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has validated **Nepal** for having **eliminated trachoma** as a public health problem, as the country **becomes the first in WHO's South-East Asia Region** to defeat the world's leading infectious cause of blindness.
- **India** is organising a five-day cultural festival in **Egypt to commemorate the 157th birth anniversary** of Nobel laureate **Rabindranath Tagore**. An exhibition on the paintings of Tagore, titled '**Rabindranath Tagore: Rhythm in Colours**', will be held at the Museum of Ahmed Shawky at Giza as part of the Tagore festival.
- The leaders of **China, Japan and South Korea** met in Tokyo in a powerful gesture of solidarity **against the backdrop of historic diplomatic moves by North Korea** and a push for the isolated country to give up its nuclear weapons.
- Chief minister **Vijay Rupani** met minister for agriculture and rural development, **Israel, Uri Ariel** a joint working group between Gujarat and Israel in the field of agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors. The objective of the meeting was strengthening the **Indo-Israeli agricultural cooperation and extension of the Indo-Israel Agriculture Plan (IIAP)**.
- **SIPRI** is pleased to release a new map showing **all multilateral peace operations active as of May 2018**. The data is taken from **SIPRI's Multilateral Peace Operations Database**, which contains extensive information on all multilateral peace operations (both UN and non-UN) conducted since 2000.
- **Israel** withdrew from a race against **Germany and Belgium** for two seats on the **United Nations Security Council in 2019-20**.
- **India** has released grant of NRs. (Nepalese Rupees) **18.07 crore for river training and construction of embankments** along Lalbakeya, Bagmati and Kamla rivers **in Nepal**.

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

Country	PM	Key Point/ Area	Capital/ Currency
Morocco	Abdelilah Benkirane	In the field of Mining and Geology for a period of 5 years.	Rabat/ Moroccan dirham
Russia (At DefExpo 2018 in Kancheepuram, Chennai)	Dmitry Medvedev	To focus on needs for improvement of Russian origin defence platforms being exploited by Indian defence forces.	Moscow/ Russian ruble
Denmark	Lars Lokke Rasmussen	MoUs in the areas of urban development, animal husbandry and dairying, food safety and agricultural research and education.	Copenhagen/ Danish krone
Iceland	Katrin Jakobsdottir	MoU on the establishment of an ICCR Chair for Hindi language between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the University of Iceland.	Reykjavik/Icelandic krona
Norway	Erna Solberg	Discussion on trade and investment, shipping and port-development, blue economy, renewable energy, health, information technology and green transport solutions (No MoU)	Oslo/Norwegian krone

Finland	Juha Sipila	Discussions on deepening avenues of cooperation between India and Finland. (No MoU)	Helsinki/ Euro
Sweden	Stefan Löfven	The Joint Action Plan (JAP) is described as a "Win-Win Partnership". Swedish government will start the Innovation Partnership by providing up to 50 million Swedish kronor (Over \$59 million) for innovation cooperation in the field of smart cities and sustainability.	Stockholm/ Swedish Krona
United Kingdom	Theresa May	In several sectors including cyber-relationship, rejuvenation of Ganga, skill development and Animal Husbandry. Illegal Migrants, Traditional System of medicine, ICT.	London/ Pound sterling
France	Édouard Philippe	In the field of aerospace and defence organised by GIFAS (Groupement des Industries Françaises Aéronautiques et Spatiales) with the support of SIDM (The Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers). Railways, Renewable Energy.	Paris/ Euro and CFP Franc
Timor Leste	Mari Alkatiri	In the field of public health to extend affordable healthcare to the people of the Southeast Asian nation.	Dili/ United States Dollar, Indonesian rupiah, East Timor centavo coins
Zambia	Edgar Lungu (President)	Double taxation, Judicial co-operation, Establishment of Entrepreneurship Development Institute in Zambia and visa exemption on diplomatic passports and official holding relevant passports.	Lusaka/ Zambian kwacha
Equatorial Guinea	Vicente E Hate Tomi	In the fields of medicinal plants, traditional systems of medicine, and health and medicine sector	Malabo/ Central African CFA franc
Swaziland	Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini	In the field of Health and Medicine and Visa department.	Mbabane(executive), Lobamba(legislative)/ South African rand, Swazi lilangeni
Saudi Aramco (Oil Company)	Salman of Saudi Arabia	To jointly develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex, Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd, in Maharashtra (RRPCL). 50:50 Joint Partnership between them.	Riyadh/ Saudi riyal
Sri Lanka	Maithripala Sirisena	On cooperation on exchange of information and other aspects to tackle smuggling of drugs in both countries.	Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte / Sri Lankan rupee
Poland	Andrzej Duda	In a bid to strengthen the cultural ties between Gujarat and Poland, for the celebration of the independence of Poland in Delhi and other parts of the world on October 2018.	Warsaw / Polish złoty
Peru	Martín Vizcarra Cornejo	In the field of Renewable Energy at Lima, Peru.	Lima / Sol
UK	Donald Trump	For setting up of bio-gas and bio-CNG plants in the Punjab state.	London / Pound sterling
Nepal	Bidhya Devi Bhandari	To expand their partnership for socio-economic development on the basis of principles of equality, trust, respect, mutual benefit and trade and economic	Kathmandu / Nepalese rupee
Panama	Juan Carlos Varela	On exemption of Visas for holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports and in the field of Agriculture. Two centres for Biodiversity and Innovation will be setup by India in Panama worth US \$10 mn and US \$15 mn each.	Panama City / United States Dollar, Panamanian balboa
Guatemala	Jimmy Morales	For expanding cooperation in the area of diplomatic training.	Guatemala City / Guatemalan quetzal
Singapore	Lee Hsien Loong	1) 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.	Singapore/Dollar

		<p>2) 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.</p> <p>3) PM Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister to address the Shangri-La Dialogue. He also visited National Orchid Garden in Singapore.</p>	
Seychelles	Danny Faure (President)	<p>➤ Regarding Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Small Development Projects through Local Bodies, Educational and Vocational Institutions.</p> <p>➤ Establishment of Friendship and Cooperation,</p> <p>➤ On Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security, Cultural Exchange Programme,</p> <p>➤ Sharing White Shipping Information, and Foreign Service.</p> <p>➤ 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.</p>	Victoria/ Seychellois rupee
Malaysia	Mahathir Mohamad	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)	Establishing Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, In the fields of defence, scientific and technological cooperation, railways and health, among others.	Jakarta/ Indonesian rupiah
Norway	Erna Solberg	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	<p>China has agreed to provide India hydrological data of the Brahmaputra River in flood season.</p> <p>China has agreed to import non-Basmati rice from India which is likely to bridge the ballooning trade deficit to a certain extent.</p>	Beijing / Renminbi
Russia	Dmitry Medvedev	To Supply Technical Security Equipment, this partnership will explore opportunities in the Indian government's Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) project.	Moscow/ Russian ruble
Cuba	Miguel Diaz-Canel (President)	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, Food Safety.	Copenhagen / Danish krone
Greece	Prokopis Pavlopoulos (President)	On Cooperation in Diplomatic Training and the Programme of Cultural Cooperation for the year 2018-2020.	Athens / Euro
Kuwait	Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah	Amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)	Kuwait City/ Kuwaiti dinar
Canada	Justin Trudeau	IPR (Intellectual Property Rights), Cross Border Partner	Ottawa/ dollar
Azerbaijan	Novruz Mammadov	On Exemption from Visa Requirement	Baku / Manat
Iran	Hassan Rouhani (President)	On Trade Remedy	Tehran/ Iranian rial
UAE	Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum	On Rail Sector	Abu Dhabi/ Dirham
Afghanistan	Ashraf Ghani (President)	On Food Safety	Kabul / Afghan afghani

South Korea	Lee Nak-yeon	On Employment to Indian Sea, Export on Iron Ore through MMTC.	Seoul/ won
Japan	Shinzō Abe	On Export on Iron Ore through MMTC.	Tokyo/ Yen
Northern Ireland	Michael D. Higgins (President)	On Illegal Migrants	Belfast/ Pound sterling
Bangladesh	Sheikh Hasina	On Broadcasting, Atomic Energy, ICCR	Dhaka/ Bangladeshi taka
Eritrea	Isaias Afwerki (President)	On Foreign Office Consultation	Asmara/ Eritrean nakfa
Suriname	Dési Bouterse (President)	On Electoral Management and administration	Paramaribo/ Surinamese dollar
Colombia	Juan Manuel Santos (President)	On Traditional System of Medicine	Bogotá/ Colombian peso
Angola	João Lourenço (President)	On Electronics & Information Technology	Luanda/ Angolan kwanza
Turkey	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (President)	On Trade in Poppy Seeds	Ankara/ Lira
Brunei Darussalam	Hassanal Bolkiah	On Exchange of Information & Assistance in collection of Taxes.	Bandar Seri Begawan / Dollar

INTERNATIONAL SUMMITS

SUMMIT	Key Points/ Discussion	Held in
First India-Nordic Summit	To deepen cooperation in innovation and climate change. Reaffirmed the importance of free trade.	Sweden, Stockholm
India-Japan-US trilateral Dialogue	To remain engaged and strengthen cooperation in support for a free, open, prosperous, peaceful and inclusive Indo-Pacific region through partnership with countries in the region.	New Delhi, India
India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018	'Securing Global Supply Chains through Government-Industry Partnerships towards Effective Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540'. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in cooperation with Germany and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).	New Delhi, India
Conference on 'Water, Environment and Climate Change: Knowledge Sharing and Partnership'	To highlight the impact of climate change in various sectors and explore ways to mitigate them. SOPHEN (Society of Public Health Engineers Nepal) and Nepal agreed to collaborate in the field of telemedicine.	Kathmandu, Nepal
International Buddhist Conference	To disseminate teachings of Gautam Buddha and spread the messages of nonviolence, brotherhood, co-existence, love and peace to the international community. Theme: 'Lumbini Nepal: The birthplace of Lord Buddha and the fountain of Buddhism and world peace'.	Lumbini, Nepal
Second World Hindu Congress (WHC) 2018	To commemorate 125 years of Swami Vivekananda's historic Chicago address on September 11, 1893. Theme: "Sumantrite Suvikrante" — think collectively, achieve valiantly.	Chicago Illinois, U.S.
Twelfth informal meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers	The meeting about the current status of economic progress achieved by their countries. 51st Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Manila , Philippines
2018 World Robot Conference	The conference will greatly stimulate passion and innovation in the robot industry as well as help with research and development.	Beijing, China.
71st Cannes Film Festival 2018	The Indian pavilion is a very important tool to help connecting the worldwide European and worldwide community of films.	Cannes, France
Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Tourism Ministers'	The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Shri K. J. Alphons attend the meeting on the behalf of India. To increase the co-operation between India and China in Defence, External Affairs and Tourism.	Wuhan, China.

SCO Cultural Ministers' Meeting	It will showcase India's initiatives to actively pursue cultural cooperation with other countries including SCO countries.	Sanya, China
71st World Health Assembly	Mr Nadda also inaugurated 'Walk the Talk' event "Health for All: Commit to Universal Health Coverage"	Geneva, Switzerland
26 th BASIC Ministerial Meeting of Environment Ministers on Climate Change	For the co-operation from countries and stakeholders in an effort to protect the climate for present and future the generations. To complete the Paris Agreement, Work Programme at COP24, to enable full implementation of the Paris Agreement from 2020 onwards.	Durban, South Africa.
Third edition of the Mission Innovation Ministerial Meet	Mission innovation countries launched Mission Innovation Champions Programme to felicitate clean energy innovators. At the Solutions Summit, the MI 2020 Solutions booklet was launched.	Malmo, Sweden
9th India-Japan Energy Dialogue	To initiate discussion on the concept of electric vehicles (EVs) by collaborating with "Policy dialogue on next generation/Zero emission vehicles". Agreed to work together for energy security, energy access and climate change issues.	New Delhi, India
1 st India- South Africa Business Summit	It was signed between Invest SA and Invest India, strengthening a rapidly growing economic and trade partnership between the two strategic partner countries.	Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg
Third edition of the United Nations Peacekeeping Course for African Partners (UNPCAP)	To build and enhance the capacity of the African Troop Contributing Countries to the UN. The course is conducted by the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping in India (CUNPK) in partnership with the US.	New Delhi, India
International Conference on TRIPS-CBD Linkage	To revive WTO discussions on issues related to theft of traditional knowledge.	Geneva, Switzerland
IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa) Ministerial Meet	Document titled "IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation" This document calls for contribution of each of the member of IBSA forum to greater understanding of development cooperation as a common endeavour of the global South.	Pretoria, South Africa
18 th Summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)	This is the first time India will be participating in the summit as a member. On issues concerning regional cooperation and world order.	Qingdao, China
44 th G7 Summit	This is the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings. To discuss the oil shock, recession and global crisis. The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in France.	La Malbaie, Quebec, Canada
11 th World Hindi Conference	Theme: 'Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti'. It aims to increase the popularity of Hindi globally.	Swami Vivekanand International Convention Centre, Pailles Mauritius (Aug 18-20,2018)
International Conference on ICT (Information and Communication Technology)	The conference is organized by the Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN). Aims to bring government and private sector together for developing a plan of action using sustainable ICT applications. Theme: "Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society".	Kathmandu, Nepal
2+2 Dialogue- India & USA	To share perspectives on strengthening their strategic and security ties and exchange views on a range of bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.	Washington, DC. , USA (On July 6 th , 2018)
23rd European Union Film Festival (EUFF-2018)	The festival is organized by Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF) under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, partnering with the delegation of the European Union and embassies of EU Member States. The festival will improve cultural ties between India and European countries.	New Delhi, India
Twenty-eighth Plenary Meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)	Reiterated their firm support for the full, complete and effective implementation of the Treaty on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). It was the first NSG meet since India got admitted into three out of four export control regimes. There are four export control regimes —MTCR, Australia group, Wassenaar arrangement & NSG.	Jurmala, Latvia

15 th Annual Asia and Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping	Provide vital information-sharing opportunities for Governments and National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) throughout the region.	Colombo, Sri Lanka
15th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission	To facilitate bilateral investment flows.	Canberra, Australia
“World Tolerance Summit”	Theme: “Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration”. Platform will seek innovative solutions and forge fruitful partnerships to help promote respect for diversity and productive pluralism.	Dubai, United Arab of Emirates (Nov 15-16, 2018)
Anti-doping sports conference	Titled: ‘Clean Sport=Fair Outcome?’ The conference is a joint initiative of the World Forum for Ethics in Business (WFEB), Anti-Doping Norway and FairSport to propose a substantial agenda for action, enabling it to have an impact on the ongoing anti-doping reforms and policy framework.	Oslo, Norway
2 nd Tripartite Summit	The presidents of Iran, Turkey and Russia meet for this aiming to speed the peace process for Syria and bolster their influence in the country.	Turkey
International Conference on Human Rights in South Asia 2018	Theme: "Identifying Challenges, Assessing Progress, Moving Forward: Addressing Impunity and Realizing Human Rights in South Asia".	Kathmandu, Nepal
1 st edition of Global Wind Summit	The focus of the conferences would be on three major subjects. Dynamic markets, cost efficiency and smart energy. India is fourth largest country after China, the US and Germany in terms of wind energy installation capacity at around 33 GW.	September 25-28, 2018 in Hamburg, Germany.
2018 Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit	BIMSTEC is a regional body founded in July 1997 which is formed by countries including India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand along with Nepal.	Kathmandu, Nepal (August 2018)
Climate Summit On Paris Agreement	➤ To review the 2015 Paris Agreement commitments on climate change ➤ Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg as his Special Envoy for Climate Action.	New York, US (September 2019)

APPOINTMENTS IN NATIONAL

S. No	Designation	Current	Previous
1.	New President of NASSCOM New Chairman of NASSCOM (2018-19) Vice Chairman of NASSCOM (2018-19)	Debjani Ghosh (former managing director of Intel South Asia) Rishad Premji Keshav Murugesh	R.Chandrashekhar Raman Roy
2.	Deputy Election Commissioner	Chandra Bhushan Kumar	-
3.	Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)	Rajesh Ranjan (till November 30, 2020)	OP Singh
4.	New Chairman of Banks Board Bureau (BBB)	Bhanu Pratap Sharma	Vinod Rai (First chairman of BBB)
5.	Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC)	Lt Gen PP Malhotra	Lt Gen BS Sahrawat
6.	Director General Border Roads (DGBR)	Lt Gen Harpal Singh	-
7.	Vice-President of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC)	Himanta Biswa Sarma	Akhilesh Das Gupta
8.	Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of the Department of Health Research.	Balram Bhargava	-
9.	Secretary General of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	Dilip Chenoy	Sanjaya Baru
10.	First woman lawyer of Supreme Court judge	Indu Malhotra	-
11.	Chairman of The Central Panel of the 65th National Film Awards	Shekhar Kapur (Veteran director)	-
12.	Deputy Collector by the Andhra Pradesh Government	Kidambi Srikanth (Ace Indian shuttler)	-
13.	Chairman of Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	Shubash Khuntia	T S Vijayan

14.	Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir	Kavinder Gupta	Nirmal Singh
15.	Chief Coach for the Indian Men's Hockey Team President of Hockey India	Harendra Singh Rajinder Singh	Dutchman Sjoerd Marijne Mariamma Koshy
16.	27th Principal Spokesperson of the Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB).	Sitanshu Ranjan Kar	Frank Noronha
17.	Chairman of the 21-member Public Accounts Committee of Parliament.	Mallikarjun Kharge	KV Thomas
18.	Full-Time Member of 15th Finance Commission Chairman of 15th Finance Commission	Ashok Lahiri N. K. Singh	-
19.	Acting Governor of Manipur	Jagdish Mukhi	-
20.	Deputy Chairman of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) Eastern Region (ER).	Chandra Sekhar Ghosh	-
21.	One-year Extension for Cabinet Secretary	Pradeep Kumar Sinha (till June 12, 2019)	-
22.	CEO of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	Pawan Kumar Agarwal	-
23.	Textiles Minister	Smriti Irani	-
24.	Information and Broadcasting Ministry of Independent Charge	Rajyavardhan Rathore (Additional Charge)	Smriti Irani
25.	Minister of State, Electronics and Information Technology	S.S. Ahluwalia	Alphons Kannanthanam
26.	Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister	Piyush Goyal (Temporary Charge)	Arun Jaitley (Till he recovers from kidney transplant surgery)
27.	Chairperson of Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC)	Dilip Tirkey	-
28.	Chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi.	Uttam Pacharne	-
29.	Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Ministry.	Amit Khare	-
30.	Secretary of Commerce and Petroleum	M M Kuttu	-
31.	Chairman of the Press Council of India (PCI)	C K Prasad	-
32.	Chief Minister of Karnataka	HD Kumaraswamy	-
33.	Director-General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Northern Command Army	Lt Gen Ranbir Singh	Lt Gen Anbu
34.	New Secretary in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting	Amit Khare	-
35.	New Vigilance Commissioner of India	Sharad Kumar	-
36.	New Chairman of DRDO	Sanjay Mitra (Current Defence Secretary of India)	Dr. S. Christopher
37.	New Chairman of UPSC (Union Public Service Commission)	Arvind Saxena	Vinay Mittal
38.	New Secretary, Ministry of Coal	Dr. Inderjit Singh	Susheel Kumar
39.	Ex-officio chairman of the North Eastern Council (NEC).	Rajnath Singh (Union Home Affairs Minister)	-
40.	First woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Puducherry	S Sundari Nanda	S K Gautam
41.	Additional Charge of Tripura Governor	Keshari Nath Tripathi	Tathagata Roy (on Leave)
42.	Two Advisors of Jammu & Kashmir's Governor N N Vohra	BB Vyas Vijay Kumar	-
43.	Independent Director of Electronic Payment Services (EPS)	R Gandhi (Former RBI deputy governor)	-
44.	Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)	Senior bureaucrat S Ramesh	Vanaja N Sarna
45.	Chairman of Payments Council of India (PCI).	Vishwas Patel.	Naveen Surya
46.	Chairman of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).	Justice L Narasimha Reddy	-
47.	Chairperson of National Green Tribunal.	Adarsh Kumar Goel	-
48.	4 th Deputy Governor of RBI	M. K. Jain (former MD & CEO of IDBI Bank)	S S Mundra
49.	MD & CEO of IDBI Bank	B Sriram (former MD of State Bank of India)	-
50.	MD & CEO of Airtel Payments Bank	Anubrata Biswas	-
51.	Non-Executive Chairperson of Punjab & Sind Bank	Charan Singh (Former RBI Director)	-

52.	Non-Executive Chairperson of Dena Bank	Anjali Bansal (MD of TPG Private Equity)	-
53.	Non-Executive Chairperson of Central Bank of India.	Tapan Ray (former Corporate Affairs Secretary)	-
54.	Re-appointed as managing director and CEO of Bandhan Bank.	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh	-
55.	Non-executive chairman of Bandhan Bank	Harun Rasid Khan	-
56.	New CEO & MD of SBI Life Insurance Company Limited	Sanjeev Nautiyal	Arijit Basu
57.	Additional (Independent) Director and non-executive part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank.	Girish Chandra Chaturvedi	-
58.	MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank	T Latha	-
59.	Re-elected MD & CEO of YES Bank	Rana Kapoor	-
60.	4 Whole Time Member of SEBI	1. G. Mahalingam 2. Madhabi Puri Buch 3. Santosh Kumar Mohanty 4. Ananta Barua	-
61.	Director & GM Of United India Insurance Company	K B Vijay Srinivas	-
62.	DG of Ordnance Factory Board	P K Shrivastava	-
63.	Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited.	Anil Kumar Jha	-
64.	Director of BHEL	Pravin L Agrawal	-
65.	CMD of SAIL	Saraswati Prasad	-
66.	Deputy Chief Executive Officer IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd	Rushabh Gandhi	-
67.	Head of Google's cloud business in India	Nitin Bawankule	-
68.	Advisor of One97 Communications (which runs Paytm)	R Gandhi (Former RBI deputy governor)	-
69.	DG of Geological Survey of India	Dinesh Gupta	-
70.	Chief Financial Officer of General Motors	Dhivya Suryadevara	-
71.	CFO of RBI	Sudha Balakrishnan	-
72.	President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)	Justice R K Agrawal	-
73.	New CJ of Manipur High Court	Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar	-

APPOINTMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL

S. No	Designation	Current	Previous
1.	CEO of Deutsche Bank Deputy CEO of Deutsche Bank	Christian Sewing Garth Ritchie	John Cryan -
2.	New Chairman of Boao Forum for Asia	Ban Ki-moon (Former UN Secretary-General)	Yasuo Fukuda
3.	Re-elected President of Egypt	Abdel Fattah al-Sisi	
4.	First Woman to head UN political affairs	Rosemary DiCarlo	Jeffrey Feltman
5.	13th administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration	Jim Bridenstine	-
6.	Next Head of Commonwealth	Prince Charles	Queen Elizabeth II
7.	US secretary of state	Mike Pompeo	Rex Tillerson
8.	UN Special Envoy for Myanmar	Christine Schraner Burgener	-
9.	New president of Paraguay	Mario Abdo Benitez	-
10.	Prime Minister of Hungarian	Viktor Orban (third consecutive term)	-
11.	New President of Montenegro	Milo Djukanovic (Social Democratic Party (DPS))	-
12.	New President of Mexico	Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador	-
13.	Independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).	Shashank Manohar	-
14.	First Female director of the CIA, Central Intelligence Agency	Gina Haspel	-
15.	1st South Asian to be Elected in Oregon	Susheela Jayapal	-
16.	Head Coach of Australian Cricket Team	Justin Langer	Darren Lehmann
17.	Prime Minister of Italy	Giuseppe Conte	-

18.	First female chief of New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)	Stacey Cunningham	-
19.	Re-elected Venezuela President	Nicolas Maduro	-
20.	Won Iraq Parliamentary Election	Moqtada al-Sadr	-
21.	Elected President of Costa Rica	Carlos Alvarado	Luis Guillermo Solis
22.	Elected President of Russia for the 4 th time	Vladimir Putin	-
23.	Elected President of Armenia Elected Prime Minister of Armenia	Armen Sarkissian Nikol Pashinyan	Serzh Sargsyan Karen Karapetyan
24.	Indian- American Woman - Interim Judge to the Civil Court of New York City	Deepa Ambekar (Second) Raja Rajeswari (First)	-
25.	First female board member of Saudi Aramco	Lynn Elsenhans	-
26.	World's Oldest Prime Minister -Malaysia	Mahathir Mohamad (92)	-
27.	Head of USIBC India (U.S India Business Council)	Ambika Sharma	-
28.	Director General of International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Antonio Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira Vitorino (Portugal)	William Lacy Swing (US)
29.	Chief of International Kabaddi Federation	Janardan Singh Gehlot	-
30.	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea	Sripriya Ranganathan	Vikram K Doraiswami
31.	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia	Subrata Bhattacharjee	-
32.	Next Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman	Munu Mahawar	-
33.	Next Ambassador of India to Republic of Lithuania	Tsewang Namgyal (Presently, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Poland)	-
34.	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cuba	Madhu Sethi (Presently, Counsellor in the High Commission of India based at London)	-
35.	Next Ambassador of India To the State of Eritrea	Ravindra Prasad Jaiswal (Presently, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Sudan)	-
36.	Next Ambassador of India To Costa Rica	Ravi Thapar (Presently, Ambassador of India to Panama)	-
37.	Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) First Vice-Chair of ICC	Paul Polman Ajay Banga	Sunil Bharti Mittal
38.	New chairperson of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).	Pippa Harris (Producer)	Jane Lush
39.	Elected President of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly.	Maria Fernanda Espinosa (Ecuador's Foreign Minister)	Miroslav Lajcak (Slovakian Foreign Minister)
40.	New Attorney General of Malaysia	Indian – Origin Tommy Thomas (First Non- Malaysian to take this charge)	Mohamad Apandi Ali
41.	World Economic Forum (WEF) Managing Board Member	Sarita Nayar	-
42.	New Prime Minister of Italian	Giuseppe Conte (Anti-establishment Five Star Movement (M5S))	Paolo Gentiloni
43.	New Prime Minister of Spain	Pedro Sanchez	Mariano Rajoy
44.	New Prime Minister of Jordan	Omar Razzaz	Hani Mulki
45.	New Prime Minister of Georgia	Mamuka Bakhtadze	Giorgi Kvirikashvili
46.	Re-elected President of Egypt for the second term	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
47.	President of Colombia Vice- President of Colombia	Ivan Duque Marta Lucia Ramirez (First Female Vice President)	Juan Manuel Santos
48.	Re-elected President of Turkey for the second term.	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
49.	First-Ever Visually Impaired Judge of Pakistan	Yousaf Saleem	-
50.	Joins UNESCO to Promote Safe Cyberspace for Kids	Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha	-
51.	Head of Drug Enforcement Agency In US	Uttam Dhillon (Indian-American)	-
52.	New Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer For UNMOGIP	José Eladio Alcain	-

RECENT BRAND AMBASSADORS:

- **Shooter Gauri Sheoran:** Brand Ambassador for Haryana's Two Health Programmes (Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign. And also, for Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK))
- **India's teen shooter Manu Bhaker:** Brand Ambassador of Haryana's Measles and Rubella (Mr) Vaccination Campaign.

- Green Ambassador of the Sikkim State - **Singer Mohit Chauhan**
- Online pharmacy Netmeds- **Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni**
- **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.
- Ambassador of BHIM and WEP by NITI Aayog Think Tank – **Sushant Singh Rajput**

RESIGNATION

- 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**
- New York State attorney general - **Eric T. Schneiderman**
- Flipkart co-founder- **Sachin Bansal**

RETIREMENT

- NASA astronaut - **Peggy Whitson** (First female to set the record for most time spent in space by a U. S. astronaut at 665 days).
- South African cricket superstar - **AB de Villiers** from International cricket
- India’s only commonwealth Gold medalist Discus Thrower – **Vikas Gowda**

BOOKS & AUTHOR

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** received the first copy of the book **Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar: Vyakti Nahin Sankalp'** from Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on the **125th birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar**. The editor of the book is **Shri Kishor Makwana**.
- Bihar Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** released three books based on Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran movement of 1917. Nitish Kumar released the books titled- '**Mister M K Gandhi Ki Champaran Diary**' written by Arvind Mohan, '**Champaran Andolan 1917**' edited by Ashutosh Partheshwar & '**Pir Muhammad Munis: Kalam Ka Satyagrahi**' collected & edited by Srikant
- **VP Naidu** has received the book "**Vedvigyan Alok**" (Maharishi Aitareya Mahidas Praneet - Aitareya Brahmina ki Vaigyanik Vyakhya) authored by **Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik**.
- 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.
- **Nitin Gadkari** released a book '**Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops**' published by **NABARD**. It is based on a study of 10 important crops by a team under the leadership of leading agricultural economist **Dr. Ashok Gulati**.
- Union Road Transport Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated the **29th Road Safety Week** at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. He released a book named "**Have a Safe Journey**".
- Former Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh** released a book titled '**My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism**' by former Planning Commission & Finance Commission member **C H Hanumantha Rao**.

AWARDS & HONOURS

S.no	Awards	Winner
1.	J.C. Daniel Award 2018	Sreekumaran Thampi (Lyricist and director)
2.	2018 Presidential Award from the American Society of Naturalists (ASN).	National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)
3.	Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence award 2018 Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2018 posthumously	Anushka Sharma (Bollywood actor) Vinod Khanna (Veteran actor)
4.	Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award 2018	Rajkumar Hirani (Filmmaker) and Dharmendra (Veteran actor)
5.	V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement award V Shantaram Special Contribution awards	Vijay Chavan (Veteran Marathi actor) Mrinal Kulkarni (Actor-Director)
6.	National Intellectual Property (IP) Award 2018	Dr Girish Sahni, DG of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) (Category: Top R&D Institution / Organization for Patents and Commercialization)
7.	UN Press Freedom Prize 2018	Egyptian photojournalist Mahmoud Abou Zeid
8.	26th PC Chandra Puraskar Award 2018	Legendary Singer Asha Bhosle
9.	ONV Literary Prize	Jnanpith laureate M T Vasudevan Nair
10.	'Excellent Woman of Excellence' category in Annual WEF 2018 Awards	Nisha Bhalla
11.	11th KISS Humanitarian Award 2018	Prof Muhammad Yunus
12.	CREDAI-MCHI Golden Pillar Award for the Best CSR Programme of the Year	Kalpataru Limited
13.	Swara Mauli title Award	Veteran singer Lata Mangeshkar
14.	RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year' category Lifetime Achievement Category	Faye D'Souza William Mark Tully
15.	Nikkei Asia Prize in Japan	Dr Bindeshwar Pathak (Founder of Sulabh International)
16.	Shri Jayadev Rastriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018'	Anindita Anaam (US-based Kathak dancer)
17.	DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award DRDO Technology Leadership Award	Dr V K Saraswat (2017); Dr Vasudev Kalkunte Aatre (2016) Dr G Satheesh Reddy (2016)
18.	League Managers' Association (LMA) special achievement award	John Gregory (Chennaiyin FC head coach)
19.	charity award in UK	India's Jagriti Yatra
20.	S&P Global Platts Global Metals Award 2018	NMDC Ltd

21.	Honoured by European Union for strengthening Europe-India cultural ties.	Megastar Amitabh Bachchan
22.	Man Booker International Prize for fiction - "Flights" novel	Polish novelist Olga Tokarczuk
23.	Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018 in the Government Research Organizations Category	Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
24.	Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017	INSV Tarini team
25.	Pulitzer Prize 2018 for Music	Kendrick Lamar (for the album "DAMN" in 2017)
26.	'Hero to Animals Award' Category by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)	Assamese Singer Zubeen Garg
27.	FICCI Smart Policing Awards 2018	Vijay Goel (Statistics and Programme Implementation Minister)
28.	Padma Shri Award 2018	Tommy Koh (Former Singaporean diplomat)
29.	MVP Award at Basketball without Borders Asia 2018	Indian Sanjana Ramesh (Girl's side) Philippine's Rence Forthsky Padrigao (Boy's side)
30.	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)
31.	'Best Performing Social Sector Ministry' SKOCH Award for its Achievements and Initiatives.	Ministry of Women & Child Development
32.	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)
33.	Lifetime Achievement Award at the Rome Film Festival 2018	Martin Scorsese (Veteran Director)
34.	'India's Sportsperson of the Year' 2017 by the Sports Illustrated India magazine.	Kidambi Srikanth
35.	Femina Miss India 2018	Anukreethy Vas (Tamil Nadu)
36.	'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')
37.	Lumière Award 2018 at the 10th Lumière Festival in Lyon, France.	Jane Fonda (American Actress)
38.	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 In Science and Technology Category	Ma Jun (Chinese environmentalist) Nguyen Thanh Liem (Vietnamese doctor)
39.	China's first friendship medal	Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin
40.	First female Hall of Famer in UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship)	American fighter Ronda Rousey
41.	"Sports Icon of Year" award at the conclusion of the Sports Conclave	Rohan Bopanna (Indian Tennis Player)
42.	Polly Umrigar Award for the Best International Cricketer (Men) (2016-17 and 2017-18) at the BCCI Awards Best International Cricketer (Women) for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons	India skipper Virat Kohli Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana
43.	Best Expectation Management Award in 2017-18 by Investor Relations Society India.	Corporation Bank
44.	Life Time Achievement award in IIFA Awards in Bangkok, Thailand.	Actor Anupam Kher
45.	International Women's Prize for Fiction 2018	Pakistani-British writer Kamila Shamsie (for the novel "Home Fire")
46.	Sansad Ratna Award 2018	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance (Head: Veerappa Moily)
47.	'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)
48.	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)
49.	'Chief Minister of the Year' award at the 52 nd Skoch Summit held in New Delhi. 'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector & 'Order of Merit'	Vasundhara Raje Sagarmala
50.	Living Legend prize at the 25th annual Bharat Nirman awards function 'Achievers Awards' category Lifetime Achievement Category Social Welfare Activities Category Entrepreneurship Category	Veteran Bollywood actor Prem Chopra Actor Raza Murad Former India hockey captain Gurbux Singh & Ex-Governor of West Bengal Justice Shyamal K Sen Bharat J Mehra Praladha Rai Agarwala
51.	World Food Prize 2018	Economist Lawrence Haddad, Dr David Nabarro

52.	GreenCo Award presented by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for implementing best environment-friendly practices.	Golden Rock Railway Workshop at Tiruchi
53.	"For best emerging online Education Portal in North India" at the 'World Education Summit and Award 2018' at New Delhi	Study Khazana (e-Portal)
54.	Most Film Friendly State Award 2018	Madhya Pradesh
55.	All India Management Association's (AIMA's) annual award for lifetime contribution to media	Indu Jain (chairman of Bennett, Coleman & Co)
56.	2018 Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize of the United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization's (UNESCO)	Mahmoud Abu Zeid (Jailed Egyptian photographer)
57.	2017 Saraswati Samman for his verses (poetry) titled "Vakhar"	Gujarati poet, playwright & academic Sitanshu Yashaschandra
58.	T.K. Ramanathan award for the year 2017-18 at the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA).	Prajnesh Gunneswaran
59.	Prestigious Linnean Medal in Botany from the Linnean Society of London	Indian botanist Kamaljit S. Bawa
60.	13th edition of the World Press Cartoon awards, instituted by an organisation based in Lisbon, Portugal	Kerala cartoonist Thomas Antony
61.	First Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap	Pallavi Durua (Odisha's Koraput district)
62.	President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 'Santokbaa Humanitarian Award' in Surat, Gujarat.	Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi & Space Scientist A S Kiran Kumar (ISRO Chairman)

PRESIDENT RAM NATH KOVIND PRESENTS PRESTIGIOUS PADMA AWARDS TO 43 PERSONALITIES:

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented five Padma Bhushan and thirty-eight Padma Shri Awards (April 2, 2018) at a Civil Investiture Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Here some of the famous people who conferred with this award are listed:

Padma Vibhushan:

- **Ilayaraja:** Art (Music), Tamil Nadu
- **Ghulam Mustafa Khan:** Art (Music), Uttar Pradesh
- **P Parameswaran:** Literature & Education, Kerala

Padma Bhushan:

- **Pankaj Advani:** Sports - Billiards/Snooker, Karnataka
- **Mahendra Singh Dhoni:** Sports-Cricket, Jharkhand
- **Laxman Pai:** Eminent Painter
- **Sharda Sinha:** Singer
- **Alexander Kadakin (Late):** Former Russian Envoy to India (posthumously)

Padma Shri:

- **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu:** Sports-Weightlifting, Manipur
- **Somdev Devvarman:** Sports-Tennis, Tripura
- **Murlikant Petkar:** Sports-Swimming, Maharashtra
- **Kidambi Srikanth:** Sports-Badminton, Andhra Pradesh
- **Tomio Mizokami:** Professor Emeritus of Osaka University in Japan
- **Ramli Ibrahim:** Malaysia's famous Indian classical dancer and choreographer
- **Damodar Ganesh Bapat:** Leprosy Crusader from Chhattisgarh

PULITZER PRIZES WINNERS 2018

The winners of the 2018 Pulitzer Prizes were announced at Columbia University in **New York City**. There are 14 categories for reporting, photography, criticism and commentary.

Category: Public Service

- The New York Times, for reporting led by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey, and The New Yorker, for reporting by Ronan Farrow

Category: Breaking News Reporting

- Staff of The Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Category: National Reporting

- Staffs of The New York Times and The Washington Post

Category: Fiction

- Less, by Andrew Sean Greer (Lee Boudreaux Books/Little, Brown and Company)

Category: Drama

- Cost of Living, by Martyna Majok

Category: History

- The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea, by Jack E. Davis (Liveright/W.W. Norton)

Category: Biography

- Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder, by Caroline Fraser (Metropolitan Books)

Category: Poetry

- Half-light: Collected Poems 1965-2016, by Frank Bidart (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Category: General Non-fiction

- Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America, by James Forman Jr. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Category: Music

- DAMN, by Kendrick Lamar

65th NATIONAL FILM AWARDS 2018

The **65th National Film Awards ceremony** is an upcoming event during which the Directorate of Film Festivals presents its annual National Film Awards to honour the best films of 2017 in Indian cinema. The awards ceremony will be held on **3 May 2018**. The National Film Awards will be presented by **President Ram Nath Kovind**.

Here's some important list of awards:

- **Dada Saheb Phalke Award:** Vinod Khanna
- **Best Director:** Jayaraj for Bhayanakam (Malayalam)
- **Best Film:** Village Rockstars (Assamese)

- **Best Popular Film:** Baahubali 2
- **Best Regional Film:** Ladhakh
- **Best Marathi Film:** Kaccha Limbu
- **Best Malayam Film:** Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum
- **Best Hindi Film:** Newton
- **Best Bengali Film:** Mayurakshi
- **Best Assamese Film:** Ishu
- **Best Tamil Film:** To Let
- **Best Telugu Film:** Gazi
- **Best Gujarati Film:** DHH
- **Best Film playback Singer:** Shasha Tirupati (Vaan Varuvaan song)
- **Best Male Playback Singer:** Yesudas for Poy Maranja Kalam from Viswasapoorvam Mansoor
- **Best Actress:** Sridevi for Mom
- **Best Actor:** Ridhhi Sen, Nagar Kirtan
- **Best Film for National Integration:** Dhappa (Marathi)

DADAHAEHB PHALKE EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

❖ **The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Awards 2018** took place in **Mumbai**.

Here's the list of the winners:

- **Best actor (male):** Shahid Kapoor
- **Best actor people's choice award:** Ranveer Singh
- **Entertainer of the year:** Kartik Aryan
- **Best actress (critics):** Aditi Rao Hydari
- **Lifetime achievement award:** Simi Garewal
- **Path breaking producer of the year:** Anushka Sharma and Karnesh Sharma
- **Best director:** Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari
- **Best performance in a short film:** Divya Khosla Kumar
- **Pride of Indian cinema:** Sanjay Dutt
- **Social and business entrepreneur of the year:** Jaya Misra
- **Socially conscious performance of the year:** Rani Mukherjee

71ST CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2018

❖ The **71st annual Cannes Film Festival** was held from 8 to 19 May 2018 in **Paris, France**.

Opening film: Everybody Knows

Closing film: The Man Who Killed Don Quixote

Here's some important List of Awards

Palme d’Or

- Shoplifters, dir: Hirokazu Kore-Eda

Grand Prize

- Spike Lee, BlackKkKlansman

Jury Prize

- Nadine Labaki, Capernaum

Special Palme d’Or

- Jean-Luc Godard, Image Book

Best Actor

- Marcello Fonte, Dogman

Best Director

- Pawel Pawlikowski, Cold War

Best Screenplay (Tie)

- Alice Rohrwacher, Happy As Lazzaro
- Nader Saeivar, 3 Faces

Best Actress

- Samal Yeslyamova, My Little One

Caméra d’Or

- Girl, dir: Lukas Dhont

Short Film Palme d’Or

- All These Creatures, dir: Charles Williams
- Special Mention: On The Border, dir: Wei Shujun

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 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

➤ **Shri P. P. Chaudhary** felicitates **International Olympiad winners of 2017-18** and gave away awards to toppers and international rank holders from class IV to XII for the six Olympiad exams conducted by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF).

➤ The **7 Garhwal Rifles Infantry Battalion Group** was awarded the **United Nations Medal** for “**selfless service**” in the **peacekeeping mission in South Sudan**.

British Council awards for three Indian alumni of UK universities:
Three Indian alumni of UK universities have been awarded by the **British Council** for their outstanding achievements and contribution to the country.

➤ **'Professional Achievement Award': Saumya Saxena**, an alumnus of the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford.

➤ **'Social Impact Award': Ruchi Shah**, a post graduate of the University of the Arts London.

➤ **'Entrepreneurial Award': Sushant Desai**, a post graduate from the University of Edinburgh.

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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/Sathiyam Gnanasekaran	Silver	Men's Doubles
Sathiyam 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
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SQUASH (SILVER 2)

Name	Medal	Event
Dipika Pallikal Karthik Saurav Ghosal	Silver	Mixed doubles
Dipika Pallikal Karthik Joshna Chinappa	Silver	Women's doubles

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.

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE (IPL) 2018

- The **2018 season** of the **Indian Premier League**, also known as **IPL 11**, is the current eleventh season of the IPL, a professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the BCCI in 2007.
- Return of the **Chennai Super Kings** and the **Rajasthan Royals** after serving two years of suspension for the involvement of their respective owners in the 2013 IPL betting case.
- **Star Sports** purchased the media rights at Rs.16,347.5 crore (\$2.55 billion) for five years starting from 2018.
- **Chennai Super Kings** won by 8 wickets against Sunrisers Hyderabad in the final to **win their third title.**
- **Host Country:** India
- **Participants:** 8 (Teams) Chennai Super Kings; Delhi Daredevils; Kings XI Punjab; Kolkata Knight Riders; Mumbai Indians; Rajasthan Royals; Royal Challengers Bangalore; Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Awards of IPL 2018	Winners
Players of the Tournament	KKR's Sunil Narine
Most Valuable Player award (Man of the Series)	KKR's Sunil Narine
Orange Cap	Sunrisers Hyderabad skipper Kane Williamson.
Purple Cap	Kings XI Punjab's Andrew Tye
Most Stylish Player award	DD's Rishabh Pant
Emerging Player award	DD's Rishabh Pant

Most Innovative Thinking	Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni
Super Sixes award	Kolkata Knight Riders' Sunil Narine
Pitch and Ground award (for venues with less than seven matches)	PCA Stadium, Mohali.
Pitch and Ground award (for venues with more than seven matches)	Eden Gardens
Catch of the Season award	Trent Boult
IPL Fairplay Award	Mumbai Indians
Big Match Player	Shane Watson

GRAND PRIX WINNERS 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)
Spanish Grand Prix	Mercedes’s Lewis Hamilton (British)
Azerbaijan Grand Prix	Mercedes’s Lewis Hamilton (British)
French Grand Prix	Mercedes’s Lewis Hamilton (British)
Monaco Grand Prix	Red Bull’s Daniel Ricciardo (Australia)
Chinese Grand Prix	Red Bull’s Daniel Ricciardo (Australia)
Austrian Grand Prix	Red Bull’s Max Verstappen (Belgium)

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)	Silver	4×400 m relay
Rachna		
Nidhi Singh		
Jisna Mathew		

Kartik Kumar (Men)	Bronze	10,000 metres
Prajwal Ravi (Men)	Bronze	4×100 m relay
Akash Kumar		
Nithin Balakumar		
Gurindervir Singh		
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
Arpandeeep 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

ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2018 IN SUHL, GERMANY

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

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
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**.
- ❖ **Rafael Nadal** has won his **11th Barcelona Open title** on clay. He defeated the 19-year-old Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas to clinch the title.
- ❖ **Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi** netted a hat-trick as Barcelona defeated Deportivo to clinch **the La Liga for the seventh time in 10 years & the 25th time** in their history.
- ❖ **56th edition of Belgrade International Boxing Championship** was held at Belgrade in Serbia. Indian boxers won three gold, five silver & five bronze medals at this championship. Gold Medal - **Sumit Sangwan** (91 kg category); **Nikhath Zareen** (51 kg category); **Himanshu Sharma** (49 kg category)
- ❖ **Kerala** has lifted their **Sixth Santosh Trophy Football title**. The final match held at the **Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata**. Kerala defeated **West Bengal** to clinch the title.
- ❖ Indian skipper, **Mithali Raj** marked her name in record books after becoming the **Most Capped Player** in women's ODI cricket. Mithali surpassed **England's Charlotte Edwards**, who retired in September 2017 with 191 ODIs under her belt.
- ❖ Kidambi Srikanth became the **first Indian male to become world No. 1 in badminton rankings**. The ace Indian shuttler defeated **Denmark's Viktor Axelsen** to reach to the top of rankings.
- ❖ **Leander Paes** created a **New World Record** by becoming the most successful **doubles player in Davis Cup history, winning his 43rd such match**.
- ❖ **Ankita Raina** became the only **third Indian woman tennis player** to breach the top-200 rankings in singles. She jumped 15 places to reach a career-best **197 in the WTA chart**. In the singles ranking, **Karman Kaur Thandi – 267**; In the doubles, **Rohan Bopanna** was highest-ranked at number 19 and was followed by **Divij Sharan** in 42nd place. **Leander Paes** holds the 45th position.
- ❖ **The FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of April 2018** ranked current world champions, **Germany at the top** and **Brazil at the second spot**. On the other hand, four-time World Cup champions **Italy** fell six spots to the 20th rank. New members of FIFA, **Kosovo** and **Burkina Faso** reached their highest-ever positions of 152nd and 196th respectively.

- ❖ **Yuki Bhambri** defeated fellow **Davis Cupper Ramkumar Ramanathan** his fourth successive victory in five meetings — to clinch the title in the **\$150,000 Taipei Challenger tennis tournament**. In the doubles final, however, **Prajnesh Gunneswaran** and **Saketh Myneni** were beaten by Matthew Ebden and Andrew Whittington of Australia.
- ❖ **Indian race walker K T Irfan and triple jumper V Rakesh Babu** were sent home **from CWG 2018** of breaching the events strict no needle policy.
- ❖ India's **Muskan Bhanwala** (16 years old) won her **first and India's fourth individual gold medal** at the **International Shooting Federation Junior World Cup (ISSF)** in **Sydney**.
- ❖ Pune-based 17-year-old swimmer **Sampanna Ramesh Shelar** has set a **world record to double cross the Bangla Channel** at about 5 am and completed the journey of **32.2 kilometers** in **9 hours and 10 minutes**.
- ❖ **"Son of Dreams"** was unveiled as **official Mascot** of the **FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019**. It will be the **18th tournament** of the FIBA Basketball World Cup for men's national basketball teams. Host nation: **China**
- ❖ **16th Federation Cup Junior National athletics championship**, begins at **Coimbatore**. The meet will serve as the selections trials for the **18th Asian Junior Athletic Meet** to be held at **Gifu, Japan**, in June.
- ❖ **Rafael Nadal** romped to a record **11th Monte Carlo Masters title** by brushing aside Kei Nishikori to retain the world number one ranking.
- ❖ **Liverpool's Mohamed Salah** became the **first Egyptian footballer** to win the **PFA Player of the Year award**.
- ❖ **India** have clinched the title of team champion in the **8th series of South Asian Judo Championship in Kathmandu, Nepal**. In the **men's team category**, India defeated Pakistan. In **women's team category**, India defeated Nepal. **India** ended their campaign in the tournament with a total of **12 Gold** medals and **three Bronze** medals. Host **Nepal** remained second & **Pakistan** got third place.
- ❖ In **Archery**, India has opened its account at the second stage of the **World Cup Stage II** at **Antalya in Turkey** with a Silver and a Bronze medal in the Compound section. The Women's team of **Jyothi Vennam, Muskan Kirar and Divya Dhayal** settled for a **Silver** and the third-seeded **Mixed pair of Jyothi and Abhishek Verma won the Bronze medal**.
- ❖ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and UN Environment has signed an agreement to **promote 'green' cricket in India**. They signed a letter of intent at the board's headquarters ahead of the IPL 2018 final between Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad **at the Wankhede Stadium**.
- ❖ **Japan** women beat finalists **Thailand** 3-0 to win the **Uber Cup 2018 in Bangkok** and end their 37-year long wait for the title.
- ❖ **Istanbul's Ataturk Olympic Stadium** will **host the 2020 Champions League final**, UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin confirmed in Kiev. The 2020 Europa League final will be played in Gdansk, Poland with the UEFA Super Cup being held in Porto's Estadio Dragao. **Vienna** will play host the **women's 2020 Champions League final**.
- ❖ **Commonwealth gold medal-winning table tennis player Manika Batra and weightlifter Mirabai Chanu** have signed multi-year agreements with sports management firm **IOS Sports & Entertainment**.
- ❖ **Iraq is to host a West Asia Football Federation championship** in the southern city of Basra in November, the first international tournament to be staged in the country since the 1990s.
- ❖ **Local racer Bala Prasath** has claimed the **Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 championship**. Bengaluru's Sohil clinched the second place. The Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship organised by **MECO Motorsports**.

- ❖ The Indian duo of **G Sathiyam and Sanil Shetty** finished its campaign at the **Thailand Open table tennis event with a silver** in the men's doubles.
 - ❖ According to a report by accounting firm KPMG, **Manchester United** has topped the table in terms of overall value. The **Red Devils'** overall value increased five percent compared to 2017 (£2.8 billion pounds, \$3.77 billion), beating **Real Madrid** on 2.9 billion euros and **FC Barcelona** on 2.8 billion euros.
 - ❖ **Barcelona forward Lionel Messi** has won the **European Golden Shoe** for the **fifth time**. He also won the award last year, as well as in 2010, 2012 and 2013.
 - ❖ **Prajnesh Gunneswaran** won the prestigious **T.K. Ramanathan award** for the year **2017-18** at the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) annual day function at the SDAT tennis stadium.
 - ❖ **Rafael Nadal** has won the **Rome Masters 2018 (Italian Open)** for the **eighth time**. He defeated defending champion **Alexander Zverev** to clinch the title.
 - ❖ **South Korea** defeated India to win the **fifth Women's Asian Champions Trophy** at the **Sunrise Stadium, South Korea**. **Vandana Katariya** was declared Player of the Tournament.
 - ❖ **Sweden** clinched the **World Ice Hockey Title 2018** by defeating Switzerland. Sweden won all 10 matches at the tournament.
 - ❖ **The first National Para Games**, for able-bodied athletes, will be held under the **Khelo India Scheme** in Bengaluru. It will be done **by the sports ministry** under the Khelo India Scheme. The events will be held at four venues — **Kanteerava Stadium, Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, SAI Centre Bengaluru and Karnataka Badminton Association Stadium**.
 - ❖ Neymar won the **French League's Player of the Year award**.
 - ❖ **Roger Federer** replaces Rafael Nadal as world number one, Djokovic on the slide.
 - ❖ **Indian colts** won against **Tajikistan** 4-2 and emerged as champions in the four-nation **Under-16 Tournament** held in **Serbia**.
 - ❖ I-League champions Minerva Punjab FC owner **Ranjit Bajaj** was **banned** for one year from all football activity and also fined Rs 10 lakh by the AIFF after the federation found him guilty of making racist remarks against a referee.
 - ❖ **Hena Sidhu** fought off tough competition from Mathilde Lamolle to win the **gold medal in women's 10m air pistol** at the International Shooting Competitions of Hannover (ISCH), Germany.
 - ❖ **Tejaswini Strikes Gold at Munich Grand Prix:**
 - Former World Champion **Tejaswini Sawant** continued to assert her prowess in rifle prone event by bagging the gold in the Grand Prix in **Munich, Germany**.
- List of Winners:**
- **Men: 50m rifle prone:** 1. Matthew Emmons (US); 2. **Chain Singh (India)**; 3. Oleh Tsarkov (Ukr)
 - **Women: 50m rifle prone:** 1. **Tejaswini Sawant (India)**; 2. **Anjum Moudgil (India)**; 3. Olivia Hofmann (Aut)
 - ❖ **Rishabh Pant** became the **highest scoring (128) Indian** in the history of the **Indian Premier League** as Delhi Daredevils took on the Sunrisers Hyderabad at the **Feroz Shah Kotla in New Delhi**.
 - ❖ **India's Ramit Tandon** wins the **Abu Dhabi Open 2018**. This win is his third title on the Professional Squash Association (PSA) tour. He has defeated number one seed **Omar Abdel Meguid of Egypt** in finals.
 - ❖ Olympic medallist **Gagan Narang and Pooja Ghatkar** won the mixed team silver medal in the Grand Prix of Liberation international shooting competition in **Pilsen, Czech Republic**. **P Shri Nivetha and Amanpreet Singh** claimed the mixed air pistol silver medal. **Mihika Poore** bagged the

- women's air rifle gold and **Shri Nivetha Paramanantham** clinched the gold medal in the women's air pistol.
- ❖ Indian junior athletes clinched overall title in the **3rd South Asian Junior Athletics Championships (SAJAC)** which concluded at **Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo**. **Arshdeep Singh** provided India the first gold medal in the junior boy's javelin throw event. Hosts **Sri Lanka** and **Pakistan** took **second** and **third positions**. India ended with 20 gold, 22 silver & 8 bronze medals (Total 50 Medals).
 - ❖ Liverpool forward **Mohamed Salah** has been named the Football Writers' Association **Footballer of the Year**. The Egypt star – the first African winner of the award – also won the **Professional Footballers' Association player of the year** award in April. Chelsea and England forward **Fran Kirby** won the inaugural **FWA Women's Footballer of the Year award**.
 - ❖ A sports initiative '**Star Khel Mahakumbh**' was launched at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh. The cricketing great Sachin Tendulkar and MP Anurag Thakur launched the initiative.
 - ❖ **Indian pugilist Neeraj Goyat** has been conferred with the **WBC Asia Boxer of the Year Award**. **Neerav Tomar**, promoter of IOS Boxing was bestowed with WBC Asia honorary Promoter of the year 2017 Award by the Asian Boxing Council in Bangkok.
 - ❖ **Wimbledon Champions' Prize Money** Hiked By £50,000. The 2018 men's and women's singles champions **will receive £2.25 million**, an increase of **£50,000 on last year**.
 - ❖ Cricket Australia has chosen **Justin Langer** as its new head coach.
 - ❖ **ISSF World Rankings 2018**
 - **India's 10m air pistol shooter Shahzar Rizvi** grabbed the No. 1 spot in ISSF World rankings. He reached this spot by winning silver medal-winning performance in the World Cup in Changwon, Korea.

Other Top-10 rankings:

- **Men: 10m air pistol:** Jitu Rai 6th;
- **10m air rifle rankings:** Ravi Kumar 4th, Deepak Kumar 9th.
- **50m rifle 3-positions:** Akhil Sheoran 4th, Sanjeev Rajput 8th.
- **Women: 10m air pistol:** Manu Bhaker 4th;
- **10m air rifle:** Mehuli Ghosh 7th.
- **50m rifle 3-positions:** Anjum 8th.

- ❖ India's **CA Bhavani Devi** won a **silver medal** in the sabre event of the **Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship** in **Reykjavik, Iceland**.
- ❖ Spanish football giants **Real Madrid** have claimed yet another **Champions League title** by beating English side Liverpool FC 3-1 in the final.
- ❖ **CEAT Cricket Ratings awards 2018** was held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

Here's the list of winners

Award	Winner
International Cricketer of the Year	Indian skipper Virat Kohli
International Batsman of the Year Award	Shikhar Dhawan (India)
International Bowler of the Year Award	Trent Boult (New Zealand)
T20 Bowler of the Year Award	Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
Outstanding Innings of the Year Award	Harmanpreet Kaur (India)
Lifetime Achievement Award	Farokh Engineer (India)
T20 Batsman of the Year Award	Colin Munro (New Zealand)
Domestic Player of the Year Award	Mayank Agarwal (India)
U19 Player of the Year award	Shubman Gill (India)

Popular Choice Award	Chris Gayle (West Indies)
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RECENT IMPORTANT DAYS OBSERVED / CELEBRATED

Important Days/Event	Celebrated/ Observed	Theme of 2018
World Autism Awareness Day	April 2 nd	"Empowering Women and Girls with Autism"
National Maritime Day (55 th)	April 5 th	"Indian Shipping – An Ocean of opportunity"
International Children’s Book Day	April 2 nd	"Let us Growth with the Book"
World Health Day	April 7 th	"Health for All"
World Hemophilia Day	April 17 th	"Sharing Knowledge"
International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS) or World Heritage Day	April 18 th	"Heritage for Generations"
World Book and Copyright Day	April 23 rd	"READING, it's my right!"
World Malaria Day	April 25 th	"Ready to beat malaria"
World Intellectual Property Day	April 26 th	"Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity."
International Worker’s Day and May Day	May 1 st	"Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement"
World Press Freedom Day	May 3 rd	"Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law"
World Thalassemia Day	May 8 th	"Thalassaemia past, present and future: Documenting progress and patients’ needs worldwide".
World Red Cross Day	May 8 th	"Memorable smiles from around the world"
National Technology Day 2018	May 11 th	"Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future."
International Nurses Day	May 12 th	'Nurses: A voice to lead – Health is a Human Right'.
World Migratory Bird Day	May 12 th	"Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation"
Mother’s Day	Second Sunday of May	
International Day of Families	May15 th	"Ensuring work family balance"
World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	May 17 th	"Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All"
World Hypertension Day	May 17 th	"Know Your Numbers"

International Museum Day	May18 th	"Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new publics"
National Anti-Terrorism Day	May 21 st	
International Day for Biological Diversity	May 22 nd	"Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity"
World Anti-tobacco Day	May 31 st	"Choose Health, Not Tobacco"
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
National Doctors’ Day	July 1 st	'Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment'
World Zoonoses Day	July 6 th	-

World Population Day	July 11 th	"Family Planning is a Human Right"
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OBITUARY

Name	Field	Country/ State
Timothy Pereira	Football	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
C.V. Rajendran	Film Director	Tamil Nadu
Kollam Ajith	Actor	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 Minster)	Bihar, India
Pandurang Phundkar	Incumbent Agriculture Minister	Maharashtra, Mumbai
Laxman Patil-Bhosle	Socialist, Former vice-chairman of the Nashik District Central Cooperative Bank	Nashik, Maharashtra, India
Xavier Rutsa	Journalist	Nagaland, India
Vinod Bhatt	Writer	Gujarat, India
Shahzahan Bachchu	Eminent writer and publisher	Bangladesh
Adiraju Venkateswara Rao	Journalist	Hyderabad, Telangana, India
Leela Menon ('Janmabhumi')	Journalist	Kochi, Kerala, India
S Nihal Singh	Journalist	New Delhi, India
TVR Shenoy	Journalist	Ernakulum, Kerala
V Sriharsha	Journalist	New Delhi, India
Ghulam Mohammad Mustafa	Journalist	Gurgaon, Haryana
Surendar Nihal Singh	Journalist	New Delhi, India
Nerella Venumadhav (Padma Shri Awardee)	Mimicry Artiste, ventriloquist	Warangal, Telangana, India
Rajinder Sachar	Former CJ of Delhi High Court	New Delhi, India
R K Dorendra Singh	Former CM of Manipur	Manipur, India
E N Rammohan	Former DG of BSF	New Delhi, India
Barbara Bush	Former US first Lady	USA
Peter Thomson	Golf	Australia
Ray Wilkins	Footballer	UK
Charles Krauthammer (Pulitzer Prize-Winner)	Columnist and Pundit	USA
Kim Jong-Pil	Ex- South Korean Prime Minister	South Korea
Alan Bean	Astronaut (Fourth Man to walk on moon)	USA
Urmila Singh	Former Himachal Pradesh Governor	Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Ashok Mitra	Noted Scholar and First finance minister in West Bengal	Kolkata, West Bengal
Guruji Ravinder Sharma	Founder of Adilabad's Kala Ashram	Hyderabad, Telangana
Arun Date	Veteran Marathi Singer	Mumbai, Maharashtra
EC George Sudarshan	Indian- American Theoretical Physicist	Pallam, Kerala
Nandram Das Bairagi	Noted Hindi Film Lyricist	Madhya Pradesh, India
Idris Hassan Latif	Chief of IAF	Hyderabad, Telangana
Rajinder Pal	Cricketer	Dehradun, Uttarakhand
David Goodall	Botanist & Ecologist	Australia
P P Lakshaman	President of AIFF	Kannur, Kerala
Keyur Bhusan	Freedom Fighter	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Yamunabai Waikar	Lavani Singer	Maharashtra, India
Richard Swift	Multi-instrumentalist and producer	USA
Donald Hall	Poet & Writer	USA
Anne V. Coates	Film editor	British
Margot Kidder	Actor	USA
Yaddanapudi Sulochana Rani	Veteran Writer, Novelist	California, USA
Bhimsain Khurana	Indian Animation Pioneer	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nabi Tajima	World's Oldest Person	Japan

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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	BD Mishra	Itanagar, Guwahati (Judiciary)
Assam	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi	Dispur
Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Satya Pal Malik	Patna
Chattisgarh	Dr. Raman Singh	Balram Dass Tandon	Raipur
Goa	Manohar Parrikar	Mridula Sinha	Panaji
Gujarat	Vijay Rupani	Om Prakash Kohli	Gandhinagar
Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar	Kaptan Singh Solanki	Chandigarh
Himachal Pradesh	Jai Ram Thakur	Acharya Dev Vrat	Shimla
Jammu & Kashmir	Governor's Rule	Narinder Nath Vohra	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	Ganga Prasad	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	Shriniwas Dadasaheb Patil	Gangtok
Tamil Nadu	Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit	Chennai
Telangana	K Chandrasekhar Rao	E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan	Hyderabad
Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Tathagata Roy	Agartala
Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Adityanath	Ram Naik	Lucknow
Uttarakhand	Trivendra Singh Rawat	Krishan Kant Paul	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
Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	Farooq Khan- Administrator
Puducherry	Puducherry	Kiran Bedi – Lieutenant Governor

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. Piyush Goyal (additional charge) [Till Shri Arun Jaitley recover from Kidney ailment]	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, Forest, Climate Change	Chandni Chowk, 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)

MINISTERS OF STATE			
S.NO	DEPARTMENT	MINISTER	CONSTITUENCY
1	External Affairs	Shri V.K.Singh, Shri M J Akbar	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh & Jharkhand (Rajya Sabha)
2	Finance	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla	Uttar Pradesh
3	Health and Family Welfare	Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey	Buxar, Uttar Pradesh
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, Minority Affairs	Shri Dr. Virendra Kumar	Tikamgarh and Sagar, 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 (IRDAI)	Hyderabad, Telangana	Subhash Chandra Khuntia
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 Sankaranarayan an (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

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
<u>Fédération Internationale de Volleyball</u>	Lausanne, Switzerland
<u>World Taekwondo</u>	Jongno-gu, Seoul
<u>International Weightlifting Federation</u>	Budapest, Hungary
<u>Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)</u>	Zurich, Switzerland
International Shooting Sport Federation_(ISSF)	Munich, Germany
<u>World Rugby</u>	Dublin, Ireland

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HEADS

- Bank for International Settlements (BIS) - **Jens Weidmann** (Chairman)
- New Development Bank (NDB) – **K.V. Kamath** (President)
- International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) – **Meng Hongwei** (president)
- World Bank– **Jim Yong Kim** (President)

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) –**Achim Steiner**
- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) – **Jim Yong Kim**
- Amnesty International (Secretary) - **Kumi Naidoo** (till Aug 2018)
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) – **Philippe Le Houérou (CEO)**
- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) – **Keiko Honda** (Executive Vice President)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) – **Roberto Azevedo** (Director General)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) – **Christine Lagarde** (MD)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) – **Takehiko Nakao** (President)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - **Francis Gurry** (CEO)
- World Health Organization (WHO) - **Tedros Adhanom**
- International Labour Organization (ILO) – **Guy Ryder**
- United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) – **Tore Hattrem**
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) – **Jin Lique**
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization - **Jens Stoltenberg** (Secretary General)
- United Nations Organization – **Antonio Guterres** (Secretary General)
- World Food Program - **David Beasley** (Executive Director).
- UN General Assembly - **Miroslav Lajčák** (President)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - **Audrey Azoulay** (Director General)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – **Erik Solheim**
- International Court of Justice – **Abdulqawi Yusuf** (President)
- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) - **Mohammed Barkindo** (Secretary-General)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - **James Frederick** (Administrator)
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation SAARC- **Amjad Hussain B. Sial** (Secretary-General)

PRESIDENT OF SPORTS FEDERATION HEADS

- President of Indian Olympic Association – **Narinder Dhruv Batra**
- President of Indian Football Association - **Subrata Datta**
- President of All India Football Federation - **Praful Patel** (India)
- President of Indian Wrestling Federation – **Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh**
- President of International Hockey Federation - **Dr Narinder Batra** (India)
- President of Indian Hockey Federation - **Rajinder Singh**
- President of Indian Boxing Federation - **Ajay Singh**
- President of International Boxing Federation – **Daryl J. Peoples** (Australia)
- President of International Olympic Committee - **Thomas Bach** (German)
- CEO of International Cricket Council - **David Richardson**
- Chairman of International Cricket Council - **Shashank Manohar** (India)
- President of FIFA - **Gianni Infantino** (Italian)
- President of BCCI – **C K Khanna**
- President of All India Tennis Association - **Praveen Mahajan**
- President of International Tennis Federation - **David Haggerty** (America)
- President of Badminton Association of India - **Dr. Himanta Bishwa Sarma**
- President of Badminton World Federation - **Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen** (Denmark)

DEFENCE HEADS

- Chairman of Defence research and Development Organization – **Sanjay Mitra**
- 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. Birs 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. Tuliha 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. Zaruki 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	Kahalgaoon 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	ChandrapuraTPS	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	Singraulli 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.	Kakarpar 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, Khoria, 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, Krishnaaattam, 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	Maharastra		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, Devarattum, Kummi, Kollatum, Karagattam, Mayilattum, Paambattum, Puliyattum, Poikal kudirai, Bommalattum, Therukoothu.
22	Tripura		Hojagiri, Gorla, 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, Kalikapatadi, 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. Jscs 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, Andra 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, Uttarpradesh	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. Burlton park or Gandhi stadium	Jalandhar, Punjab	Cricket
51. Greater Noida Cricket Stadium	Uttar Pradesh	Cricket
52. Salt Lake Stadium	Kolkata, Westbengal	Multipurpose

LIST OF STOCK EXCHANGES AND THEIR INDEX

- BSE** (Bombay Stock Exchange) - SENSEX (Sensitive Index) - Mumbai
- NSE** (National Stock Exchange) - Nifty-50- Mumbai
- NYSE** (New York Stock Exchange) – New York
- NASDAQ** (National association of securities dealers Automated Quotation System) - NASDAQ is the first electronic stock market in the world located in New York.
- Tokyo Stock Exchange** (Japan) - Nikkei-225
- Korea Stock Exchange** (Seoul, South Korea) – KOSPI
- Shanghai Stock Exchange** (China) - Composite Index - Shanghai
- Shenzhen Stock Exchange** (China) - Composite Index - Shenzhen
- German Stock Exchange** - DAX (Deutscher Aktein Index) - Frankfurt
- Hong Kong Stock Exchange**- Hang Seng- Hong Kong
- SGX** (Singapore Exchange) - STI (Straits Times Index) - Singapore
- LSE** (London Stock exchange) or UK stock Exchange - Footsie or FTSE-100 (Financial Times and London Stock Exchange)- London
- France Stock Exchange** - CAC-40 (Cotation Assisten Continuo) - Paris
- Tepix Stock Exchange** - Iran
- SET Stock Exchange** – Thailand
- TAIEX Stock Exchange** – Taipei (Taiwan)
- S & P/TSX Stock Exchange** - Toronto, Canada
- BOVESPA Stock Exchange** – Brazil
- FTSEMIB Stock Exchange**- Italy
- IPC Stock Exchange** – Mexico
- SMI Stock Exchange**- Switzerland
- IBEX35 Stock Exchange**- Spain
- ADX Genral Stock Exchange** – United Arab Emirates
- FTSE BURSA Stock Exchange** – Malaysia
- American Stock Exchange** (AMEX) – America
- Montreal Stock Exchange** (MSE) – Canada
- Madrid Stock Exchange** (Bolsa de Madrid) – Madrid Spain
- Kazakhstan Stock Exchange** (KASE) - Almaty
- Colombo Stock Exchange** (CSE) – Sri Lanka
- 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	Maharashtra	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	Uttaranchal	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
Himachal Pradesh	Ukai	Tapti
	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
Karnataka	Ranjit Sagar/ Thein	Ravi
	Tilaiya	Barakar
	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	Kali
	Supa	Kali
	Kodasalli	Kali
Kerala	Chakra	Chakra
	Vani Vilasa Sagara/ Mari Kanive	Vedavathi
	Malampuzha	Bharathapuzha
	Solaiyar	Chalakkudy
	Parambikulam	
	Peringalkuthu	
	Neyyar	Neyyar
	Idukki	Periyar
Madhya Pradesh	Chimmony	Chimmony
	Cheruthoni	Cheruthoni
	Mullai Periyar	Periyar
	Bansagar	Son
	Bargi	Narmada
	Barna	Barna
	Gandhi Sagar	Chambal
	Halali	Halali
	Indirasagar	Narmada
	Kolar	Kolar
Manipur	Omkareshwar	Narmada
	Rajghat	Betwa
	Tigra/ Tighra	Sank
	Khuga	Khuga
Maharashtra	Tipaimukh	Barak
	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
Uttar pradesh	Koteswar	Bhagirathi
	Rihand Dam	Rihand
West Bengal		
	Maithon Panchet	Damodar 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 – **Goldcoast, 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	JHANSHI & HARRIET went to camp to ANDAMAN and doing GALATHA at CAMPELL BAY PEAK ,but suddenly both 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	Spike Island WLS Lohabarrack Salt Water Crocodile WLS Defence Island WLS Cinque Island WLS Flat Island WLS Barren Island WLS
	Galathea NP		
	Mahatma Gandhi Marine (wandoor) NP		
	Middle Button Island NP		
	Mount Harriet NP		
	North Button Island NP		
	South Button Island NP		
Andhra Pradesh	Rani Jhansi Marine NP	PVR cinemas.	GundlaBrahmesw aram 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
	Saddle Peak NP		

			Pradesh and Tamil Nadu Sri PenusilaNarasimh a 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 GautamBuddha 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	GIRI fast riding his new BLACK BIKE at MARINE	Balaram-Ambaji WLS Kutch Desert WLS Barda WLS Gir WLS

	Marine NP, Gulf of Kutch Vansda NP	road which is a ONE SIDE WAY	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 (KUNDREMUKE) 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	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

	Pambadum shola NP		Neyyar WLS Thattakkad WLS Kumarakom WLS
Madhya Pradesh	Bandhavgarh NP Kanha NP Madhav NP Mandla plant Fossils NP Van Vihar NP Panna NP Pench NP Sanjay NP Satpura NP Omkareshwar NP	SANJAY and SATPURA went to VIHAR on VAN and sitting on a BENCH 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	Bori WLS Bagdara WLS Phen WLS Pench WLS 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 Nongkhyllam 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
			FakimWLS

Nagaland	Ntangki NP	-	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 RamgarhVishdhar i WLS Sitamata WLS Tal Chhapar WLS TodgarhRaoli WLS Ram Sagar WLS Sariska WLS
Sikkim	Khangchend zonga 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	Vanas pathi was bought by murugavani to	Eturnagaram WLS Kawal WLS Kinnerasani WLS Manjira Crocodile WLS

	Mahavir Harina Vanasthali NP Murugavani NP	kasu reddy home for mahavir function.	Pakhal WLS Pocharam Forest & WLS Pranahita WLS Nagarjunsagar-Srisaillam 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 Katerniaghat WLS Ranipur WLS SohagiBarwa WLS Kishanpur WLS Hastinapur WLS National Chambal WLS Sur Sarovar WLS
Uttara khand	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 week 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

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 CFA FRANC:

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

WE ARE PROVIDING TEST SERIES FOR SBI PO MAINS (10 MAINS SETS + 30 SECTION WISE TESTS + 10 BLUE WHALE CHALLENGE QUESTIONS)

Those 30 section wise tests comprise of Data Interpretation Questions in Application Oriented Topics, High Level Reasoning Questions and High-Level English Questions (New Pattern).

For Example: In Aptitude Section

D.I based on Partnership

(15 Questions – 5 E + 5M + 5H)

D.I based on Mixture & Allegation

(15 Questions – 5 E + 5M + 5H),

Similarly in All Topics.....

For Example: In Reasoning Section

High Level Puzzles, Seating Arrangements and Application Oriented Puzzles.

High Level Critical Reasoning Questions.