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26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018



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named **best  
boxer** of AIBA  
**Women's World  
Boxing  
Championships****

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## 1. Important Days

Date	Day	Details
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day	In the year 2015, the General Assembly of the United Nations nominated 5th November as the World Tsunami Awareness Day. It is celebrated to commemorate the occasion by organizing events with Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) at AMCDRR (Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction).
November 10	International Accounting Day	November 10th is International Accounting Day. It is in honour of Italian mathematician Luca Pacioli, who published the first book about double-entry book keeping on November 10th 1494, that International Accounting Day started.
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated on 10 November. It highlights the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. 2018 Theme: "Science, a Human Right"
November 13	World Kindness Day	World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on 13th November. World Kindness Day was first launched in 1998 by The World Kindness Movement, an organisation formed at a 1997 Tokyo conference of like-minded kindness organisations from around the world.
Vigilance Awareness Week	29th October to 3rd November 2018	'Vigilance Awareness Week' was observed by Indian Army from 29th October to 3rd November 2018 regarding maintaining core values of honesty and integrity in the organization.
November 14	World Diabetes Day	World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. It is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. The Theme for World Diabetes Day 2018-19 is Family and Diabetes.
November 14	Children's Day	In India, Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November, on the birthday of the first Prime Minister of independent India, who was fondly called Chacha Nehru (Uncle Nehru) or Chachaji (Uncle), and who emphasized the importance of giving love and affection to children, to give him tribute. This Year India celebrates his 129th birth anniversary
November 15	World Philosophy Day	World Philosophy Day was proclaimed by UNESCO to be celebrated every 3rd Thursday of November. It was first celebrated on 21 November 2002. UNESCO underlines the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual.

November 16	International Day for Tolerance	The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance. It is observed on 16 November. TOGETHER is a global campaign that aims to reduce negative perceptions and attitudes towards refugees and migrants, and to strengthen the social contract between host countries and communities, and refugees and migrants.
November 16	National Press Day	National Press Day is celebrated on November 16 to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India. Formed in 1966, the Press Council keeps a check on the quality of reportage provided by the Indian press.
November 18	First Naturopathy Day	The AYUSH Ministry is celebrating its first Naturopathy Day across the country. The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy is organising health camps, workshops and exhibitions in association with local naturopathy centres and hospitals
November 18	The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims takes place on the third Sunday in November every year as the appropriate acknowledgment of victims of road traffic crashes and their families. It was started by the British road crash victim charity, RoadPeace, in 1993 and was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005. 2018 Theme: “Roads have Stories”
November 19	World Toilet Day	World Toilet Day (WTD) on 19 November was established by the World Toilet Organization in 2001 to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. Twelve years later, the UN General Assembly declared World Toilet Day an official UN day in 2013. 2018 Theme: When Nature Calls
November 20	Universal Children’s Day	United Nations Universal Children’s Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children’s welfare. 2018 Theme: Children are taking over and turning the world blue
November 21	World Television Day	In December 1996 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996.
November 21	World Fisheries Day	World Fisheries day is celebrated every year on November 21 throughout the world by the fisher folk communities to ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries and healthy oceans ecosystems.
November 23	Guru Nanak Jayanti	Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurburab is being celebrated with religious fervour in the country and across the world. The day marks the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev, who laid the foundation of Sikhism. This year marks the 549th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The premise of the day is to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence. 2018 Theme – “Orange the World: #HearMeToo”
November 26	Constitution day Celebration	The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the Constitution Day celebrations, organised by the Supreme Court, to mark the anniversary of the adoption of our Constitution on November 26, 1949, (November 26, 2018) in New Delhi.
November 26	14th Formation Day of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)	Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijju, will inaugurate the 14th Formation Day of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). 2018 Theme – “Early Warning for Disasters”.
Qaumi Ekta Week	National integration week	Qaumi Ekta Week will be observed across the country from today to foster and reinforce the spirit of communal harmony and national integration.
November 29	Commemoration across UAE	29th November is being observed as Commemoration Day across UAE in recognition of the sacrifice and dedication of Emirati martyrs who have given their lives in the field of civil, military and humanitarian service.

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**2. Rankings**

<b>Reports</b>	<b>India's Rank/State's Rank</b>	<b>Top rank/Other ranks</b>
Water Quality Index	India is ranked at 120 out of 122 countries	
ICC ODI Rankings for Batsmen	1) Virat Kohli	2) Rohit Sharma
		3) Ross Taylor
		4) Joe Root
ICC ODI Rankings for Bowlers	1) Jasprit Bumrah	2) Rashid Khan
		3) Kuldeep Yadav
Top-5 list of T20 bowlers	3) Indian wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav	1) Rashid Khan
ICC Women's T20I rankings	3) Harmanpreet Kaur	1) Suzie Bates
		2) Stafanie Taylor
World's 100 future leaders in government	Andhra Pradesh IT and Panchayat Raj Minister Nara Lokesh. He is the only Indian leader in the top 20.	

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### 3. Summit / Conference

#### International Summit & Conference:

Summit/Conference	Details
Fourth NITI Aayog- DRC Dialogue	The Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayog – Development Research Centre (DRC), China held in Mumbai.
“Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue -2019”	Preparatory Meeting of the “Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue -2019” Begins in New Delhi.
1st China International Import Expo (CIIE)	India has set up a Country Pavilion in the 1st China International Import Expo (CIIE) which was inaugurated today at the National Exhibition & Convention Centre, Shanghai, China.
Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities 2018	The Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities, 2018 was inaugurated in New Delhi. It is being organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with Rehabilitation International Korea and their associated partner LG Electronics from 9th to 11th November, 2018.
33rd ASEAN summit	The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit began in Singapore. Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong is the Chairman of the Summit.
WEF Global Future Councils meeting	The two day annual meeting of World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Global Future Councils began in Dubai.
Singapore FinTech Festival	The Singapore FinTech Festival, one of the biggest of its kind in the world began. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the first head of a country who has been invited to give the keynote address, which is generally addressed by heads of world financial or technical institutes. Prime Minister will also launch a global platform which will connect fintech companies with world’s banks.
2nd Startup India Investment Seminar in Beijing	Embassy of India in China in partnership with Startup India Association (SIA) and Venture Gurukool organized 2nd Startup India Investment Seminar on 12 November 2018 in Beijing for fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among Indian youth. The 1st Startup Indian Investment event was organised in November 2017.
World Customs Organisation’s regional meet begins in Jaipur	A four-day regional meeting of the World Customs Organisation began in Jaipur with representatives of 33 member countries of Asia attending it. The meeting is being jointly chaired by WCO Deputy Secretary General Ricardo Travino and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairman S Ramesh.

India- Taiwan SME Development Forum beings in Taipei	International Conference of Asia Pacific Federation for Information Secretary MSME, Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, led the Indian Delegation in the India- Taiwan SME Development Forum being held at Taipei, Taiwan from 13th to 17th November, 2018.
4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine	Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates 4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine.
World Tolerance Summit	World Tolerance Summit inaugurated in Dubai. Held for the first time in UAE. Theme – ‘Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration’.
16th Handicraft Trade Fair	Indian Ambassador to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri inaugurated India Pavilion at 16th Handicraft Trade Fair in Kathmandu. The main objective of the fair is to promote handicrafts and provide a common platform to local exporters, producers, foreign buyers and sellers of handicrafts.
9th Session of the India-Kyrgyz Inter-Governmental Commission	The 9th Session of the India-Kyrgyz Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IK-IGC) was held on 15-16 November, 2018 in New Delhi and concluded with signing of Protocol.
27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change	27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change held in the historic city of Delhi. BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) Countries, being hosted by MoEFCC in New Delhi.
3rd India-Singapore Defence Minister dialogue	3rd India-Singapore Defence Minister dialogue concludes in Visakhapatnam. The significance the meeting was the renewal of Bilateral Agreement for Conduct of Joint Army Training as well as exercises for Singapore Armed Forces in India. The 4th Defence Minister’s dialogue will be held in Singapore next year.
China-India boundary talks	The 21st round of talks between Special Representatives of India and China on the Boundary question began in Chengdu city of China.
Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative	The United Nations has selected Uttar Pradesh’s Noida and Greater Noida to participate in its Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative. Noida and Greater Noida have been selected in the “University City” category ahead of Mumbai and Bengaluru as the only invitee from India.
9th Meeting of India-Lao PDR Joint Commission on Bilateral Co-operation	External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will co-chair the 9th Meeting of India-Lao PDR Joint Commission on Bilateral Co-operation with her counterpart Saleumxay Kommasith in Vientiane.
India-UAE Strategic Conclave	The second edition of the India-UAE Strategic Conclave will be held in capital city of Abu Dhabi on 27th of this month. The day-long conclave will initiate a dialogue to widen the scope of bilateral investments.



G-20 summit	Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Argentinian capital, Buenos Aires to take part in the 13th G-20 summit. 2018 theme – Building Consensus for a Fair and Sustainable Development.
Sustainable Blue Economy Conference	Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation addressed at the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference in Nairobi. Kenya is hosting the two day conference with Canada and Japan as co-hosts.
Saudi-India Business Meeting	Saudi-India Business meeting was held with Council of Saudi Chambers during the visit of the Indian Infrastructure & Housing delegation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
South Asia Youth Peace Conference	The three – day ‘South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference’ was inaugurated by Mr ShriKrishna G Kulkarni, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Darshan, New Delhi.
Second Indo-Dutch Port Forum	Dutch government offers help to Mumbai Port Trust to for its dockyard redevelopment and digital technology projects in the second Indo-Dutch Port Forum, organised by Indian Merchants Chamber in Mumbai.
2nd International Ambedkar Conclave	The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 2nd International Ambedkar Conclave (November 30, 2018) in New Delhi as part of the commemoration of Constitution Day. The Conclave is being organised by the Forum of SC and ST Legislators and Parliamentarians and the Dr Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce.

## National Summit / Conference

### Naval Commanders’ Conference

- The second edition of this years’ bi-annual Naval Commanders’ Conference concluded at New Delhi.

### National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda

- ‘National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda’ is being organised by Ministry of AYUSH in association with NITI Aayog in New Delhi, with the aim of encouraging entrepreneurs and Ayurveda stakeholders towards businesses opportunities in the sector.

**National conference on public procurement & competition law**

- A ‘National Conference on Public Procurement & Competition Law’ is being organised by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in Delhi to scale up Competition Advocacy and reach out to important stakeholders in public procurement ecosystem.

**Indian Food and Agro Buyer Seller Meet**

- Indian exporters of four key commodities of rice, tea, spices and dry fruits will be meeting the major importers in Saudi Arabia during a Food and Agro Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM).

**Global Cooling Innovation Summit**

- Global Cooling Innovation Summit will be inaugurated by Union Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi on 12th November 2018.
- The Summit is a first-of-its-kind solutions-focused event that will bring together leaders from around the world to explore concrete means and pathways to address the climate threat that comes from the growing demand from room air conditioners

**International Conference on Yoga for Public Health inaugurated**

- The International Conference on Yoga for Public Health was inaugurated at Kala Academy, Panjim. The conference is being organised by the Ayush ministry.

**Conference on Global Digital Content Market (GDCM)**

- The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is hosting a conference on Global Digital Content Market (GDCM) 2018, on 14th- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018, in New Delhi. The conference will feature sessions on music, film, broadcasting and publishing, as well as collective management, emerging models and the implications for the market and policy makers.

**26th Conference of Central and State Organizations Information to the Press**

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is organizing 26th Conference of Central and State Organizations (COCSSO) on 15-16th November, 2018 at hotel D'Polo Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The theme of this year's Conference is **"Quality Assurance in Official Statistics"**.

**Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit**

- The Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit is scheduled from 18th to 20th January, 2019. The 9th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat 2019 Summit provides a forum for discussion on global, national and state-level agendas with a sharp focus on all round economic development for a 'New India'.

**Inaugural session of the General Assembly of Network for Development of Agricultural Cooperatives**

- The inaugural session of the General Assembly of Network for Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific(NEDAC) held in New Delhi.
- NEDAC is a unique organization encompassing mix of Government and non Government organizations created by FAO for synergizing policies and programmes of government and cooperative institutions at country level.

**Seminar on 'International Standards and the Fourth Industrial Revolution'**

- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan inaugurates seminar on 'International Standards and the Fourth Industrial Revolution' organised by Bureau of Indian Standards to celebrate World Standards Day 2018.

**Conference on 'Modernization of Police Communication and Challenges thereof'**

- The two-day Conference on 'Modernization of Police Communication and Challenges thereof' will begin in New Delhi. The Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Communication, Shri Manoj Sinha will inaugurate the conference.

**8th National Conference of Women in Police (NCWP)**

- The 8th National Conference of Women in Police (NCWP) will begin in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The two-day conference which is being organized by Bureau of Police Research & Development in collaboration with Jharkhand Police, is the only national level platform to address the issues of Women in uniform and create an enabling atmosphere for them to maximize and optimize their professional potential.

**‘Role of Media in Disaster Management’ workshop**

- The Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the workshop on ‘Role of Media in Disaster Management’, in New Delhi.
- The workshop was organised by the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

**Community radio awareness workshop**

- A community radio awareness workshop organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was inaugurated at the International Centre Goa near Panaji.
- The ministry is jointly organizing the workshop with Seeking Modern Applications For Real Transformation (SMART). This is the 79th such workshop and the first in Goa.

**10th Agro-Vision Exhibition**

- 10th Agro-Vision Exhibition, central India’s biggest agricultural exhibition will be held from 23rd to 26th November in Nagpur.

**Orthognathic Surgery Workshop**

- All India Institute of Medical Sciences, AIIMS, will organise a two-day workshop in New Delhi on orthognathic surgery which is also called corrective jaw surgery.

**2nd National Conference of Heads of Investigating Agencies**

- Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) is organizing the 2nd biennial National Conference of the Heads/Chiefs of Investigating Agencies in New Delhi. The theme of the conference is “Capacity Building of Police Investigators in the Era of New Age Crimes”.

**Dialogue on health system for New India**

- NITI Aayog organises dialogue on health system for New India. The Development Dialogue must look at innovative shifts in policy paradigms such as public-private collaboration model devised for Ayushman Bharat.

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#### 4. Appointments

##### National New Appointments:

S.No	Name	Designation
1	Air Marshal MSG Menon, VSM	Director General (Wks & Cer) of IAF
2	Lt Gen P S Rajeshwar	Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman, COSC
3	Air Marshal Pradeep Padmakar Bapat VSM	Air Officer-in-Charge Administration of IAF
4	Shri Vishwesh Chaube	New Member (Engineering), Railway Board
5	Bidyut Chakrabarty	Vice Chancellor of Visva Bharati University
6	Justice Amareshwar Pratap Sahi	Chief Justice of Patna High Court
7	Ajay Bhushan Pandey	New revenue secretary
8	Sunil Arora	Chief Election Commissioner
9	M. Naik	Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation
10	Arvind Saxena	Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission
11	Ajay Bhushan Pandey	Revenue Secretary

##### International Appointments:

S.No	Name	Designation
1	Kim Jong Yang of South Korea	Interpol President for a two-year term
2	Nahid Afrin	UNICEF appoints singer as First 'Youth Advocate' of northeastern region [to fight for child rights]

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## 5. Science and Technology

### Teams to report incidents of pollution

- Environment Ministry constituted 52 special action teams that will go to various places of Delhi-NCR and report the incidents of pollution to the concerned enforcing agency.

### Ozone layer is finally healing from damage

- A United Nations, UN report has said Earth's protective ozone layer is finally healing from damage caused by aerosol sprays and coolants.

### Frontline health workers in the country against Ebola vaccinated

- The World Health Organization and Ugandan Ministry of Health, have begun vaccinating frontline health workers in the country against Ebola.

### Ice age crater discovered beneath Greenland glacier

- Buried beneath a kilometre of snow and ice in northern Greenland, scientists have uncovered an asteroid impact crater, bigger than the area of Paris. This is the first time that a crater of any size has been found under one of Earth's continental ice sheets, said researchers from the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

### Regulating food products cultured from animal cells

- US agreed to regulate food products cultured from animal cells – paving the way to get so-called “lab meat” on American plates.

### Congo's Ebola outbreak

- The World Health Organization, WHO, said that Congo's deadly Ebola outbreak is now the second largest in history, behind the devastating West Africa outbreak that killed thousands a few years ago.

## 5.1 Inventions / Discover

### Novel ‘bionic mushrooms’ can produce electricity

- Scientists, including those of Indian origin, have created a bionic device that generates green power by 3D-printing clusters of cyanobacteria on an ordinary white button mushroom.

### China debuts artificial intelligence news anchors

- “World first”, Xinhua news agency debuted a pair of virtual news anchors of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI).

### Mobile phone-based sensors to detect adulteration in milk

- A smart phone-based sensor is being developed by the researchers at IIT-H to detect adulteration in milk.

### ‘Robo-nose’ to replace sniffer dogs

- Scientists have developed an artificial “robot nose” device made from living mouse cells that could be used instead of dogs to sniff out narcotics and explosives.

### New technology to monitor impact of rain & deal with natural disasters

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has developed a new technology to assess the rise of water level in rivers and reservoirs by rain.
- The technology, called ‘Impact Based Forecasting Approach’, which shows pre-event scenario, can help state governments to minutely monitor the impact of rain and take real-time decisions.



## 5.2 Space Science

### **NASA's historic Dawn mission to asteroid belt comes to end**

- NASA's pioneering Dawn spacecraft launched in 2007 to study the protoplanet Vesta and the dwarf planet Ceres orbited the two largest objects in the asteroid belt has run out of fuel, ending a historic 11-year mission that unraveled many mysteries of our solar system.

### **China launches new high-orbit satellite**

- China successfully launched a high orbit satellite to boost its home-grown BeiDou global satellite navigation system. It is the first BeiDou-3 satellite in high orbit, about 36,000 km above the Earth.
- It will be the fourth global satellite navigation system after the US GPS system, Russia's GLONASS and the European Union's Galileo.

### **NASA's Hubble spots cosmic smiley**

- The Hubble Space telescope has spotted a formation of galaxies that resembles a smiling face in the sky.

### **NASA probe set to visit Jupiter's Trojan asteroids**

- NASA's Ralph – a space instrument that has travelled as far as Pluto – is set to explore Jupiter's Trojan asteroids, which are remnants from the early days of the solar system. In 2021, Ralph is set to journey with the Lucy mission to Jupiter's Trojan asteroids.

### **NASA releases new image of Jupiter's swirling clouds**

- NASA's Juno spacecraft has beamed back a stunning image of Jupiter, showing the gas giant's multitude of colourful, swirling clouds. The image was taken on October 29 as Juno performed its 16th close flyby of Jupiter

**ISRO to launch modern communication satellite GSAT-29 onboard rocket GSLV-Mark-Three**

- The Indian Space Research Organization ISRO will launch the modern communication satellite GSAT-29 onboard the rocket GSLV-Mark-Three. This would be the second development flight of the heavier launch vehicle GSLV Mark-III.
- It has the capacity to lift satellites of about four-tons into a geostationary transfer orbit.

**ISRO successfully launches communication satellite GSAT-29**

- ISRO's heavy-lift rocket GSLV-MkIII-D2 blasted off from Sriharikota on November 14 carrying India's latest communication satellite GSAT-29 on board. GSLV-MkIII-D2 rocket successfully injects the satellite into a geosynchronous transfer orbit.

**'Super-Earth' found orbiting Sun's nearest single star**

- Astronomers have discovered a frozen planet with a mass over three times that of the Earth, orbiting the closest solitary star to the Sun.
- The potentially rocky planet, known as Barnard's star b, is a 'super-Earth' and orbits around its host star once every 233 days, said researchers from Queen Mary University of London.

**Countdown for launch of ISRO's PSLV-C43 begins**

- The countdown for the launch of the national space agency ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C43 began. It is carrying India's latest earth observation satellite hyper-spectral imaging satellite [HysIS]

**PSLV-C43 successfully launched 31 satellites**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C43) successfully launched 31 satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota.
- 31 Satellite includes India's Hyper-Spectral Imaging Satellite (HysIS) and 30 foreign satellites
- ISRO to launch its heaviest satellite, GSAT-11, on Dec 5, 2018

### 5.3 App/ Web Portal/ Toll Free

#### Unreserved Mobile Ticketing facility [UTS] mobile app

- Railway passengers can now book unreserved general tickets online from November 1. To avail the facility passengers have to download UTS on the mobile app.

#### Bhoomi Rashi Portal

- The portal allows for totally digital and paper-less processing of land acquisition cases, and has resulted in transparent, quick, corruption-free and error-free handling of land acquisition cases. It has also made the possible real-time tracking of activities and generation of reports relating to land acquisition.

#### AirSewa 2.0

- The Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Commerce & Industry, Suresh Prabhu, and Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Jayant Sinha launched the upgraded version of AirSewa 2.0 web portal and mobile app in New Delhi.

#### Government sets up state-of-the-art National Data Repository

- Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan said it is a database of all the geo-scientific data of hydrocarbon resources in the country. National Data Repository is equipped with cutting-edge technology and provides ready access to interested companies.
- With the introduction of National Data Repository in Indian E&P regime, India has joined the league of countries like UK and Norway which have a National Data Repository for the upstream sector.

#### Aero India 2019

- The 12th edition of ‘Aero India 2019’ would be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, (Karnataka) from 20 to 24 February 2019.
- This five-day event will combine a major trade exhibition of the aerospace and defence industries with public air shows.

**Paisa – Portal**

- A centralized electronic platform for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) named “PAiSA – Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access” was launched.
- The web platform has been designed and developed by Allahabad Bank which is the Nodal bank.

**Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP)**

- Preeti Sudan, Union Health Secretary did soft-launch of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) segment of Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) in seven states.
- The path-breaking initiative will provide near-real-time data to policy makers for detecting outbreaks, reducing the morbidity and mortality and lessening disease burden in the populations and better health systems.

**“SHe-Box”**

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has linked SHe-Box, the online portal to report complaints of Sexual Harassment at Workplace, to all the Central Ministries, Departments and 653 districts across 33 States/Union Territories.

**e-pashuhat (GPMS Transportal)**

- The portal is playing a crucial role in connecting farmers, breeders and other agencies to trade in disease-free germplasm, namely live animals, frozen semen and embryos.
- It has been created and integrated with UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) application.
- INDUSCHIP has been developed for genomic selection of indigenous breeds and 6000 dairy animals have been genetically evaluated using it.

## 6. Schemes

### ‘River for Habitat’

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga partnered with UN Habitat to organize a policy dialogue- ‘Urban Cafe: River for Habitat’ in New Delhi on the occasion of World Cities Day 2018.

### Atal Pension Yojana

- More than one crore 20 lakh subscribers have joined Atal Pension Yojana.
- States, such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka are the top contributors in the Atal Pension Yojana enrollment.
- The scheme is available for all the citizens of India who fall in the age group of 18 to 40 years. Under it, subscribers receive a minimum guaranteed pension of 1000 rupees to 5000 rupees per month from the age of 60 years.

### ‘Zero hunger’

- In a bid to stamp out poverty and hunger, more than 20 countries have committed to a new declaration on agricultural and rural development.
- The commitment came at the end of a forum on international development cooperation in Changsha, China.

### World Toilet Day Contest

- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation announced the Swachh Bharat World Toilet Day Contest for districts and States. the purpose of the Contest is to encourage all districts in India to re-intensify the sanitation people’s movement with a special focus on ODF Sustainability.

### Operation Greens

- The government approved the operationalization strategy for Operation Greens to ensure availability of Tomato, Onion and Potato throughout the country round the year without price volatility.

**Border Area Development Programme**

- The Centre has released over 113 crore rupees to six border states [Assam, Nagaland, Sikkim, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand] as part of its plan to ameliorate the problems of people living in these isolated locations.

**Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS)**

- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, in consultation with National Institute of Wind Energy Chennai, has prepared a draft of new Scheme called Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS) incorporating various guidelines.
- The IWTCS is envisaged to assist and facilitate the following stakeholders; (i.) Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) (ii.) End Users -Utilities, SNAs, Developers, IPPs, Owners, Authorities, Investors and Insurers (iii.) Certification Bodies (iv.) Testing Laboratories

**Leadership for Academicians Program (LEAP) and Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT) for higher education faculty**

- Satya Pal Singh, Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development, launched two new initiatives; Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) and Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT) for higher education faculty at New Delhi.

**NCDC's new scheme to promote young entrepreneurs in cooperatives**

- The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has come up with a youth-friendly scheme 'Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme' for attracting Youths to cooperative business ventures.

**“Aadi Mahotsav”**

- “Aadi Mahotsav” a National Tribal Festival is being organized in New Delhi by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED to celebrate, cherish and promote the spirit of tribal craft, culture, cuisine and commerce from 16th to 30th November, 2018.

**“Hunar Haat”**

- Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi formally inaugurated “Hunar Haat” at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. It has become a “Credible Brand” for empowerment of artisans and craftsmen.
- This “Hunar Haat” is being organised from 14th November to 27th November, 2018 at IITF, Pragati Maidan.

**Traffic Separation Scheme**

- The Directorate General of Shipping has proposed the establishment of a Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) off the south-west coast of India to prevent collision incidents between merchant vessels and fishing vessels off the coast of Kerala.

**Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)**

- In Uttar Pradesh, farmers are now using new irrigation techniques under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- The scheme aims to enhance water use efficiency in the agriculture sector by promoting appropriate technologies and encourage the farmers to use water saving and conservation technologies.

**Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan**

- In Uttar Pradesh, Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan or Women Empowerment campaign will be launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow .
- The month-long campaign is aimed to empower women in the state through various programmes.

**Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD)**

- Hon’ble Prime Minister to lay Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects in 65 Geographical Areas (GAs) in 129 Districts under the 9th CGD Bidding Round.

**One Family One Job programme**

- The Sikkim government will provide employment to 17,000 youths this year under the first phase of the One Family One Job programme.

**‘Our Vote- Our Future’**

- In Telangana, a five-day exhibition on “Our Vote- Our Future” organised by the Regional Outreach Bureau of Information and Broadcasting Ministry in Hyderabad inaugurated.

**Saubhagya scheme**

- 8 States have achieved 100% saturation in household electrification under Saubhagya namely Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Bihar, J&K, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana and West Bengal. Nation expected to achieve 100% household electrification by 31st December, 2018.

**Bhasha Sangam**

- The government has launched a unique initiative called Bhasha Sangam to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages. The initiative, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, was launched on 22nd of this month and will continue till the 21st of December.

**‘Raithara Maneyalli Rajya Sarkara’**

- In a bid to connect with farmers, the Karnataka government will launch ‘Raithara Maneyalli Rajya Sarkara’ programme from December.

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## **7. Economic Affairs**

### **GST collection crosses Rs 1 lakh crore**

- Collections from Goods and Services Tax crossed one lakh crore rupees mark for the second time since its launch in July last year. The government said the total gross GST revenue collected in October 2018 is 1 lakh 710 crore rupees.

### **India extends deadline for imposition of higher customs duties on 29 US products**

- India has extended the deadline for the imposition of higher customs duties on 29 US products, including almond, walnut and pulses, by another 45 days till 17th of next month.

### **Blockchain trade finance transaction**

- Reliance Industries Limited [RIL] & HSBC executes first of its kind blockchain trade finance transaction.

### **India seeks greater market access in China**

- India has sought greater market access for areas like agriculture products, pharmaceuticals, IT services and tourism in China.

### **Australia announces cheap loans to Pacific countries for building infrastructure**

- Australia announced up to 2.18 billion US dollars in grants and cheap loans to Pacific countries for building infrastructure.
- The announcement came in the backdrop of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Port Moresby scheduled.

### **US, China to resume talks to resolve trade disputes**

- The United States and China to resume talks in a bid to resolve their trade disputes.

**Digital payment transactions jump to 244 cr in Aug 2018**

- The number of digital payment transactions in India touched 244.81 crore in August 2018 underlining the massive adoption of digital payment modes over the last two years.
- New payment modes, BHIM-UPI, AePS and NETC have transformed digital payment ecosystem by increasing Person to Person (P2P) as well as Person to Merchant (P2M) payments said by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

**MSME Pavilion at India International Trade Fair**

- Union Minister of State (I/C) for MSME, Giriraj Singh, inaugurated the MSME pavilion at the 38th India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi.

**Ease of Doing Business Grand Challenge**

- The Prime Minister of India launched a Grand Challenge on resolving seven identified Ease of Doing Business problems with the use of cutting edge technologies.
- The objective of this Challenge is to tap the potential of young Indians, startups and other private enterprises to provide solutions to complex problems using current technology.

**EIB expands wind energy finance plan**

- The European Investment Bank (EIB) said it will increase its support for India's wind energy projects by expanding the existing lending programmes with SBI.

**NPCC is now a Miniratna**

- National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) has been conferred with the status of Miniratna : Category –I by the Government of India.
- NPCC, a schedule 'B' CPSE under the administrative control of Ministry of Water Resources RD & GR, has also been awarded ISO 9001:2015 Certification.

**Interim Budget for 2019-20**

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to present interim Budget for 2019-20 fiscal on 1st of February next year.

**India to Chair Kimberley Process**

- The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) Plenary 2018, was held in Brussels, Belgium, from 12th-16th November 2018. EU handed over the Chairmanship of KPCS to India from 1st January, 2019.

**7.1 Banking Affairs****RBI relaxes ECB norms for infrastructure creation**

- The Reserve Bank of India liberalised the norms governing foreign borrowings for infrastructure creation. The minimum average maturity requirement for the External Commercial Borrowings, ECBs in the infrastructure space raised by eligible borrowers has been reduced to three years from earlier five years.

**Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed Loan Agreement**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$169 million loan as the First Tranche of a \$500 million multi-tranche financing to develop climate-resilient water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure in at least 10 cities in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India also signed a \$300 million Loan Agreement to support lending by India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL).

**RBI to set up expert panel to look into issues on capital surplus**

- The RBI board decided to set up a high-powered committee to examine issues related to surplus capital of Rs 9.69 lakh crore with the central bank and advised it to consider a scheme for restructuring stressed assets in the MSME sector.

**RBI launches survey**

- With an aim to create a profile of India's startup sector, the Reserve Bank has launched a survey to gauge their scope with respect to turnover, profitability and workforce.

## 8. Mou /Agreement

## International MoUs and Agreements:

S. No	Mou Between	Fields	Country Details
1	India and South Korea	Cabinet approves MoU between India and Korea for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism. MoU for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism and sports cooperation.	President - Moon Jae-in
			Prime Minister -Lee Nak-yeon
			Capital - Seoul
			Currency - South Korean won
2	India and Russia	MoU between India and the Russian Federation for the development of cooperation in transport education and on technical cooperation in the field of railways. MoU between Atal Innovation Mission, India and Fund “Talent and Success”, Russia for promotion of science & technology.	President - Vladimir Putin
			Prime Minister - Dmitry Medvedev
			Capital - Moscow
			Currency - Russian ruble
3	India and Italy	MoU between India and Italy for continuing training and education in the fields of Labour and Employment.	President - Sergio Mattarella
			Prime Minister - Giuseppe Conte
			Capital - Rome
			Currency - Euro
4	Government of India and World Bank	Government of India and the World Bank sign \$310 million Loan Agreement for Jharkhand Power System Improvement Project to provide reliable, quality, and affordable 24×7 electricity to the citizens of Jharkhand..	President - Jim Yong Kim
			Headquarters -Washington, D.C., United States
			CEO - Kristalina Georgieva
			Membership -189 countries (IBRD); 173 countries (IDA)
5	ADB and the Government of India	The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$200 million loan to finance widening and upgrading of about 230 Kilometers State Highways in Bihar to all-weather standards with road safety features and Signs \$75 Million Loan to Improve Urban Services in 4 Karnataka Towns.	President - Takehiko Nakao
			Formation -19 December 1966
			Head Quarters -Manila, Philippines
			Membership -67 countries
6	India, China ink protocol on hygiene & inspection requirements for exports	India and China have signed a protocol on hygiene and inspection requirements for the exports in New Delhi. The move would enable India to commence export of fish meal and fish oil to China.	President - Xi Jinping
			Premier-Li Keqiang
			Capital - Beijing
			Currency -Renminbi

**Other MOU / Agreements:**

S. No	Mou Between	Fields	Country Details
1	India and Morocco	Cabinet approves Agreement between India and Morocco on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and on Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters; signing and ratifying the Extradition Agreement.	President - Mohammed VI
			Prime Minister - Saadeddine Othmani
			Capital - Rabat
			Currency - Moroccan dirham
2	India and Malawi	signed three MoUs on Extradition Treaty, cooperation in the field of Atomic Energy for peaceful purposes and VISA Waiver for Diplomatic and Official Passports.	President -Peter Mutharika
			Vice President - Saulos Chilima
			Capital - Lilongwe
			Currency - Kwacha
3	India and Uzbekistan	Agreement between India and Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation.	President -Shavkat Mirziyoyev
			Prime Minister - Abdulla Aripov
			Capital - Tashkent
			Currency - Uzbek som
4	India and Tajkistan	MoU between India and Tajkistan on Cooperation on Youth Matters.	President -Emomali Rahmon
			Prime Minister - Abdulla Aripov
			Capital - Dushanbe
			Currency - Somoni
5	India and Mauritius	MoU with Mauritius on Consumer Protection and Legal Metrology.	President - Barlen Vyapoory
			Premier- Pravind Jugnauth
			Capital - Port Louis
			Currency - Mauritian rupee

**National Agreements:****Oil Marketing Companies, CSCs sign MoU to provide LPG-related services to people**

- Oil Marketing Companies and Common Service Centres have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide LPG-related services to the people.

**Companies Amendment Ordinance**

- The Centre has promulgated the Companies Amendment Ordinance, 2018 to promote Ease of Doing Business with better corporate compliance.

**Setting up of a Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh**

- Cabinet approves Amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Central Tribal University in Relli village of Vizianagaram District of Andhra Pradesh.

**“Online Course on Digital Payments”**

- Government and Industry come together at a Workshop on Online Course on Digital Payments launched by NITI Aayog in collaboration with DoT and ITU.

**NMCG approves composite Sewerage Projects in Agra**

- The Executive Committee (EC) of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved ten projects worth Rs 1573.28 crore.
- Composite Sewerage Projects in Agra to help save Taj and reduce pollution in Yamuna Namami Gange projects in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Himachal Pradesh.

**Government approves construction of over 2 lakh affordable houses for poor**

- Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has approved the construction of over two lakh more affordable houses for the benefit of urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

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## 9. Indian Forces (Defence)

### Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN 2018

- Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018, a joint military exercise between Indian & Japanese Armies, commenced at Mizoram.

### 33rd Army Aviation Day

- Army Aviation Corps celebrated its 33rd Raising Day on 01 Nov 2018 at India Gate, New Delhi.

### ICGS Varaha launched

- The Indian Coast Guard has launched a new offshore patrol vessel called ICGS Varaha in Chennai. The vessel has been designed and built indigenously.

### Financial Powers of Vice Chiefs enhanced

- The Ministry of Defence has delegated greater financial decision-making powers to Vice Chiefs of the three Services in order to expedite the decision making process involved in the revenue procurements of the Armed Forces.

### SIMBEX 18

- The 25th edition of SIMBEX, an acronym for “Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise” is scheduled from 10th to 21st November 2018 off Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
- Bilateral cooperation between Singapore and India marks Silver Jubilee this year.

### K9 Vajra, M777 howitzer guns inducted into Army

- The Army inducted new artillery guns and equipment, including K9 Vajra and M777 howitzers, at Deolali artillery centre in Nashik district of Maharashtra.

**INDO-Russian joint exercise INDRA 2018**

- The joint military exercise between Indian and Russia EXERCISE INDRA 2018 on combating insurgency under the aegis of United Nations (UN) is being conducted at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Babina Military Station from 18 November 2018.

**10th Anniversary of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium begins**

- The tenth anniversary of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium began in Kochi.

**Sea Vigil coastal security exercise in January**

- The Indian Navy is gearing up to hold Sea Vigil, a massive coastal security exercise covering, for the first-time, the entire coastal mainland and the island territories, in January next year

**Closing Ceremony of Exercise Dharma Guardian – 2018**

- The Indian Army and Japanese Army completed their joint military exercise, ‘DHARMA GUARDIAN’ – 2018 at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengte, Mizoram, India. It is a significant step towards fostering military and diplomatic ties between the two courtiers.

**Refit of Maldivian Coast Guard Ship Huravee**

- Maldivian Coast Guard Ship (MCGS) Huravee successfully completed her refit at Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam and the ship was formally handed over to Maldives.

**Visit of COAS to Vietnam**

- General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Army Staff is scheduled to visit Vietnam from 22 to 25 November 2018 on an official bilateral visit.

**“Foal Eagle”**

- The United States and South Korea have scaled down an annual joint military exercise, Foal Eagle, scheduled for the spring of 2019.



**Exercise INDRA 2018**

- In Uttar Pradesh, 11 days long joint military exercise between India and Russia culminated at Babina Military station, Jhansi.

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## 10. Awards and Achievement

## International

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1	International Press Institute-India award	Namrata Biji Ahuja
2	AirSewa Champion award	Chennai airport [For hundred percent grievance redressal in one year].
3	UN Environment award [for combating transboundary environmental crime]	Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India

## National Awards:

S. No	Awards	Awardees
1	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry award [FICCI]	Certificate of Excellence for Internationalisation of Education to Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) for its achievements in higher education.
2	Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award	Ram [by the Press Council of India PCI]
3	Infosys Prize 2018 for science and research. Six eminent professors have been awarded the Infosys Prize 2018.	Navakanta Bhat Kavita Singh Roop Mallik Nalini Anantharaman S.K. Satheesh Sendhil Mullainathan
4	EURAXESS Science Slam India award	Chakraborty [for communicating science through theatre]

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## 11.National Affairs

### Renaming of Jharsuguda Airport

- Cabinet approves renaming of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as “Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda”.

### Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Support and Outreach Programme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Support and Outreach Programme in New Delhi.
- The MSME Outreach Programme will run for 100 days covering 100 Districts throughout the country.

### Railways eliminates Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge

- Indian Railway has taken a mission area to eliminate all Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge.

### Four new Supreme Court judges sworn in

- Justices Hemant Gupta, R.Subhash Reddy, M.R. Shah and Ajay Rastogi were sworn in as judges of the Supreme Court, taking its strength to 28.

### Manipur government declares war on drugs

- Manipur government has declared a war on drugs affecting a significant number of people in the state.

### Rs 1 crore loan in 59 minutes for MSMEs

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced major steps including 59-minute loan portal for sanction of up to one crore rupees for small and medium enterprises (MSME).

**Gyan Kumbh inaugurated**

- President Kovind inaugurated two-day Gyan Kumbh in Haridwar.

**Jharkhand to become ODF [open defecation free state]**

- Jharkhand to become ODF [open defecation free state] by 15th of this month.

**Diwali celebration with jawans of the Indian Army and ITBP**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with jawans of the Indian Army and ITBP, at Harsil, one of the remotest border posts in Uttarakhand.

**Uttarakhand celebrates its 18th Foundation Day**

- Uttarakhand is celebrating its 18th Foundation Day. It became a state of the Union, after separation from Uttar Pradesh.

**GPS Mapping of Government Schools and Personnel Location System launched**

- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has launched GPS Mapping of Government Schools and Personnel Location System.

**‘Sangwari’ polling booths**

- The Election Commission has set up ‘Sangwari’ polling booths in various constituencies of Chhattisgarh to encourage women voters to exercise their franchise in the Assembly elections.
- ‘Sangwari’ means **friend**. These women friendly booths will be manned by all-female staff including presiding officers, supervisors and security personnel.

**Lok Sabha Secretary General gets one-year extension**

- The tenure of the Lok Sabha Secretary General, Snehlata Shrivastava, has been extended by Speaker Sumitra Mahajan for one year.

**India International Trade Fair**

- Culture Minister Dr Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the 38th India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. This year the theme of the fair is **Rural Enterprises in India**. In this year's fair Afghanistan is the Partner Country, while Nepal is the Focus Country.

**Rs 75 commemorative coin to mark 75th anniversary of Tricolour hoisting by Bose**

- The government decided to release a Rs 75 commemorative coin on the occasion of 75th anniversary of the hoisting of Tricolour for the first time by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Port Blair.

**Cyclone GAJA**

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) initiated a large-scale series of pre-emptive and proactive measures to prevent loss of fishermen lives at sea in the wake of alerts on cyclone in Bay of Bengal since November 09, 2018.
- The cyclonic storm 'Gaja' over interior Tamilnadu moved nearly westwards, weakened into a deep depression.
- The severe cyclonic storm 'Gaja' over Bay of Bengal crossed Tamilnadu & Puducherry coast between Nagapattinam and Vedaranniyam.

**1000 fast-track courts to dispose of rape, POCSO cases**

- Women and Child Development Ministry has approved setting up over one thousand Fast Track Special Courts to dispose of pending cases of rape and POCSO Act across the country.

**Government delegates powers to local bodies for giving environmental clearance**

- The Government has delegated powers to local bodies to ensure compliance of environmental conditions for buildings, construction and area development projects measuring between 20,000 and 50,000 square metres.

**Amendment of 6th schedule of Constitution**

- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh said the Centre will take necessary steps for amendment of 6th schedule of the Constitution to give provision for direct funding to Autonomous District Councils.

**Inauguration of Kundli-Manesar Palwal Western Peripheral Expressway and Ballabhgarh-Mujesar metro line**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kundli-Manesar section of the Western Peripheral Expressway.
- He also inaugurated the 3.2-kilometre long Escorts Mujesar-Ballabhgarh corridor of the Delhi Metro.
- He also laid the foundation stone for Vishwakarma Kaushal Vishwa Vidyalaya.

**7th International Tourism Mart**

- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in association with the Department of Tourism, Government of Tripura and the North Eastern States is organizing the “International Tourism Mart” in Agartala, Tripura from the 22nd to 24th November 2018.

**‘Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC)’**

- Union HRD Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar through video conferencing launched the ‘Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) program under Innovation cell of MHRD in New Delhi.
- Ministry of Human Resource Development has established an “Innovation cell” at AICTE with a purpose to systematically foster the culture of Innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country.

**Haryana enhances DA by 6 % for government employees**

- Haryana Government has enhanced Dearness Allowance (DA) by 6 per cent for State Government employees with effect from July 1, 2018.

**Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018**

- Cabinet approves the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 for regulation and standardisation of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals.

**Cabinet approves setting up of Medical College at Silvassa**

- Cabinet approves setting up of Medical College at Silvassa in the UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

**Commemoration of the 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji**

- Cabinet approves Commemoration of the 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji.

**44 new coal blocks found in four eastern states**

- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has said it has found 44 new coal blocks in four states of Eastern India.

**Domestic Gold Council in India**

- The Government has decided to set up a domestic Gold Council in India. Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu said this while inaugurating the 2nd Edition of India Gold and Jewellery Summit in New Delhi.

**Jharkhand Day celebration**

- Jharkhand Day is being celebrated today at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Jharkhand is the focus state at this year's IFFI. This is for the first time that any state has been made focus state at the festival.

**Maldivian Foreign Minister 4-day visit to India**

- Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid has arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India.

**Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved continuation of ACROSS**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved continuation of the nine sub-schemes of the umbrella scheme “Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS)” during 2017-2020 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1450 crore.
- It will be implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences through its institutes namely India Meteorological Department (IMD), Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), and Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service(INCOIS).

**‘HAUSLA-2018’**

- The National Festival for Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs)- “Hausla 2018” of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) was inaugurated by the Secretary, Shri Rakesh Srivastava, in New Delhi.
- **2018 theme – “Child Safety”.**

**High-End Skill Development Centre**

- India’s premier National Research Laboratory CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH) announced a new partnership with Merck, a leading German science and Technology Company, to establish a ‘High End Skill Development Centre’ in CSIR-IMTECH, Chandigarh.

**Nagaland Tourist Police**

- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launched the state Tourist Police at Police Headquarter in Kohima.
- Nagaland becomes the second state in the North East to introduce Tourist Police.
- Tourist Police will be deployed during Hornbill Festival of Nagaland, which starts from 1st December to give safety and security of tourists.



### Logo and Brochure of Logix India

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, launched the logo and brochure of Logix India 2019 in New Delhi.
- Logix India 2019 is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from 31st January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. The mega logistics event is being organized by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).

### Emergency Response Support System

- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) for Himachal Pradesh at Mandi.
- Himachal Pradesh is the first state to launch pan-India single emergency number '112' under ERSS.

### Comprehensive review of the progress of Urban Missions

- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (I/C) Housing & Urban Affairs will be reviewing the progress of Urban Missions in the eight States of North-Eastern region on 1st Dec 2018.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Jitendra Singh** released a book titled '**Radio Kashmir – In Times of Peace & War**' – Dr Rajesh Bhat

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### ANDHRA PRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Hyderabad (Amaravati)	N. Chandrababu Naidu	E. S. L. Narasimhan

#### Single code soon for vehicle registration

- The government has decided to do away with district-wise codes for registration of vehicles and introduce a single code across the State.

#### Artificial reefs set up to prevent beach erosion

- The Chennai-headquartered National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) conducted studies on the beach erosion between Rushikonda and Gangavaram Port with World Bank funding.
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) to develop a climate resilient coast and for minimising pollution of backwaters, which support a large eco-system.

#### ‘Adarana scheme’

- The State government distributed assets worth RS. 86.03 crore to around 23,000 poor beneficiaries at Pedarikam Pai Gelupu – Adarana II at the STBC grounds. Online selection of beneficiaries and disbursal of implements through various government corporations would ensure each household a steady income.

**ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Itanagar	Pema Khandu	B. D. Mishra

**North East Circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

- Two important North East Circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Central Tourism Ministry inaugurated in Arunachal Pradesh.

**Maitree Diwas**

- In Arunachal Pradesh, Maitree Diwas, a multi-cultural social event, will be organized at Tawang on November 28th and 29th.
- It will be jointly organized by the local civil administration and the Tawang Military Garrison.

**Arunachal Literature Festival**

- In Arunachal Pradesh, the first ever Arunachal Literature Festival will be held at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre in Itanagar from November 28 to 30. The festival is being organized by the State Information and Public Relation Department.

**ASSAM**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Dispur	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi

**Guwahati to be connected to six South Asian countries**

- Giving a big boost to Act East policy, Guwahati is to be connected with air route with six South Asian countries by January next year.

**BIHAR**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Patna	Nitish Kumar	Lalji Tandon

**Every graduate girl in Bihar to get Rs 25,000 now**

- Bihar government has approved a proposal to pay Rs 25,000 to every girl graduating in 2018 and onwards.

**Bihar CM unveils 70 ft tall Lord Buddha's statue in Rajgir**

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled a 70-foot tall statue of Lord Buddha at Rajgir in Nalanda district.
- It is the second tallest statue of Buddha in the country. It is made of pink sandstone.

**DELHI**

<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>
Arvind Kejriwal	Anil Baijal

**Tourist Facilitation Counter at IGI airport**

- Tourism Minister K J Alphons inaugurated the Tourist Facilitation and Information Counter at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.
- Tourism Ministry to open 24X7 Facilitation Counters in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Gaya and Varanasi soon.

**Delhi's air quality improves to 'very poor' category**

- Delhi's air quality on improved to the 'very poor' category. The overall air quality index (AQI) was recorded at 394 which falls in the 'very poor' category, according to the data by the Central Pollution Control Board.

### Vibrant Gujarat roadshow

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani will hold a roadshow in Delhi in run-up to the Vibrant Gujarat 2019- biennial flagship event to be held early next year.

### Notification issued for inclusion of Quadricycles as non-transport

- Road Transport and Highways Ministry has notified the inclusion of the item Quadricycle as a non-transport vehicle under the Motor Vehicles Act 1988.
- It is only allowed for transport usage under the Act, but now has been made usable for non-transport also.
- A Quadricycle is a vehicle of the size of a 3-wheeler but with four tyres. It is fully covered like a car and has an engine like that of a 3-wheeler.

### Aadi Mahotsav festival

- The 15-day Aadi Mahotsav festival is beginning in the national capital Delhi. The highlights of the festival will be fashion show for tribal textiles and tribal cuisines.
- Theme – ‘celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce’.

### UGC to set up a consortium for approved journals

- University Grants Commission, UGC has decided to set up a Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics (CARE) which will prepare a fresh list of credible quality journals in the non-science disciplines.

## GOA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Panaji	Manohar Parrikar	Mridula Sinha

### Goa government bans fish import

- Goa government issued an order imposing a ban on the import of fish into the state. The decision has been taken in view of continuing uncertainty about the presence of formalin in imported fish in Goa.

**Foundation stone for All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy in Goa**

- Union minister of state for Ayush Shripad Naik laid the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy at Dhargal, North Goa.

**49th International Film Festival**

- The 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will begin at Panaji in Goa.

**Inauguration of multi-media digital exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi at IFFI**

- Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurated a multi-media digital exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi at the International Film festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa.
- “Mahatma on Celluloid” exhibition has been organized by National Film Archives of India in collaboration with the Bureau of Outreach and Communication, Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

**Centre of excellence for HIV care set up by Dec., 2019**

- Goa health minister Vishwajit Rane said that the state government will set up a centre of excellence for HIV care by December 2019.

**GUJARAT**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Gandhinagar	Vijay Rupani	Om Prakash Kohli

**New measures for water scarcity hit farmers in the state**

- Gujarat Government has announced new measures for water scarcity hit farmers in the state.

**JAMMU & KASHMIR**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Jammu (Winter) Srinagar (Summer)	-	Satya Pal Malik

**Srinagar records coldest night of season**

- In J&K, Srinagar witnessed the coldest night of the season with the mercury settling below the freezing point for the first time at minus 2.2 degrees Celsius.
- Kargil was the coldest place in Jammu and Kashmir registering the minimum of minus 9.0 degrees Celsius.

**Panels for effective implementation of central power sector schemes**

- The Jammu and Kashmir government has set up panels for effective implementation of central power sector schemes in the state.

**J&K Assembly dissolved**

- Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satyapal Malik dissolved the State Assembly last evening after rival alliances led by PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and People's Conference leader Sajjad Lone staked claim to form the government.

**KARNATAKA**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Bengaluru	H. D. Kumaraswamy	Vajubhai Vala

**Additional assistance of over Rs 546 crore from NDRF**

- Centre approved the additional assistance of over Rs 546 crore from National Disaster Response Fund, NDRF to Karnataka.

**Facility for Testing Telecom products and equipment**

- The government has started a facility in Bengaluru for testing Telecom products and equipment to ensure security in digital communications at the national level.
- The Telecom Department has set a deadline of April 2019 for mandatory testing of some telecom products including mobile phones and equipment.

**MADHYA PRADESH**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Bhopal	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Anandiben Patel

**Madhya Pradesh celebrates its 63rd Foundation Day**

- Madhya Pradesh is celebrating its 63rd Foundation Day with traditional pride and grandeur. Madhya Pradesh was founded on November 1, 1956, and now is the second largest Indian state in size.

**MAHARASHTRA**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Mumbai	Devendra Fadnavis	Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao

**Special police teams to handle mob violence**

- Two special police teams headed by the deputy commissioner of police, Zone I and Zone II respectively, have been formed to look into mob lynching and violence in Navi Mumbai under a Supreme Court order.

**Maharashtra declares drought in 151 tehsils**

- The Maharashtra government announced severe and medium-scale drought in 151 tehsils in 26 districts. The announcement will hold for the next six months.



**INS Viraat into a floating museum**

- The Maharashtra Cabinet approved the conversion of decommissioned carrier INS Viraat into a floating museum. It was decommissioned in March 2017.
- The project worth 852 crore rupees will be implemented through public-private-partnership (PPP).

**JNPT planning to host edible oil refinery**

- The nation's largest container port JNPT in Navi Mumbai is planning to host an edible oil refinery to maximise revenue and ensure captive cargo.

**Second Mega Food Park**

- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the second Mega Food Park in Maharashtra Aurangabad district.

**Over 60 lakh toilets built in Maharashtra under Swachh Bharat Mission**

- Over 60 lakh toilets were built in the last four years to ensure every citizen has easy access to clean toilets. About 25 Indian states are now open defecation free with Maharashtra being one of them.

**Animation, Gaming & Visual effects Institute in Mumbai**

- Government to set up Animation, Gaming & Visual effects Institute in Mumbai to encourage youth participation in field of film & cinematography.

**Maharashtra government passes bill to amend the anti-adulteration law**

- Maharashtra government passed the bill to amend the anti-adulteration law to make it more stringent, prescribing life imprisonment and heavy penalty to curb food and milk adulteration.

**Reservation to Maratha community without disturbing OBC reservation**

- The state government has informed the high court that it has accepted all the recommendations of the backward commission on Maratha Reservation. The government will give the reservation to Maratha community without disturbing OBC reservation.

**Land acquisition process for Jaitapur nuclear power plant**

- The Maharashtra government has said that the land acquisition process for the 9900 MegaWatt nuclear power plant in Jaitapur in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra has been completed.
- The project is being undertaken by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) and the Electricite de France (EDF), a French power utility firm.

**Bill passed proposing 16 per cent quota for Marathas**

- The Maharashtra assembly unanimously passed a bill proposing 16 per cent reservation for Marathas under socially, educationally and economically backward category.

**Legislative Assembly to get Deputy Speaker after longest gap**

- Maharashtra Legislative Assembly to get Deputy Speaker after longest gap of four years. The election will be held on November 30.

**Government withdraws Maharashtra Agricultural Produce Marketing Development and Regulation Act Ordinance**

- Maharashtra government withdrawn the Maharashtra Agricultural Produce Marketing Development and Regulation Act Ordinance which was passed in lower house.

**MEGHALAYA**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Shillong	Conrad Sangma	Tathagata Roy

**3rd National Ayurveda Day 2018**

- The 3rd National Ayurveda Day 2018 was organised on the theme: “Ayurveda for Public Health” by the Directorate of AYUSH, Government of Meghalaya at Shillong.

**India International Cherry Blossom Festival begins**

- The third edition of the India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018 got underway at Polo 5th Ground, Shillong. It celebrates the unique autumn flowering of the Himalayan Cherry Blossoms with several cultural events.

**Ekalavya model residential schools to be set up**

- 36 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) will be constructed in Meghalaya at the cost of 20 crore rupees each in a time frame of three years.

**ODISHA**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Bhubaneswar	Naveen Patnaik	Dr S.C. Jamir

**33% reservation for women in state assemblies**

- The Odisha Assembly has unanimously passed a resolution seeking 33 per cent reservation for women in legislative assemblies and Parliament.

**Kartik Purnima being celebrated in Odisha**

- Kartik Purnima is being celebrated in Odisha as the culmination of hindu holy month of Kartik.

**Lexicon for rare tribal languages**

- To keep vanishing tribal languages in circulation, the Odisha government has come out with lexicons of 21 such languages.
- The bilingual tribal dictionaries for multilingual education (MLE) and trilingual tribal language proficiency modules in all the 21 tribal languages have been formulated by the Special Development Council

**PUNJAB**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Chandigarh	Amarinder Singh	V. P. Singh Badnore

**Remembrance of 100 years of ‘Jallianwalla Bagh Massacre’ in 2019**

- Government of India has decided to mark the remembrance of 100 years of the historical Jallianwalla Bagh Massacre next year. The commemorative coin and postage stamps will be released on 13th April, 2019 (the day the incident took place 100 years ago).

**TAMIL NADU**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Chennai	Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit

**Tamil Nadu has lost 41% of its shoreline**

- In the past two decades, Tamil Nadu has reportedly lost 41% of its shoreline to erosion. ports development, construction of dams in the rivers that block supply of sediments to coastline are some of the reasons for erosion apart from the natural causes such as sea-level rise and storms.

**State Government announces one thousand crore rupees relief package**

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announced one thousand crore rupees relief package for people affected by Cyclone Gaja that devastated eleven coastal and interior districts of the state.

**Tamil Nadu government seeks 15000 Cr aid from Centre**

- Tamil Nadu urged the Centre to release 15 thousand crore rupees for relief and rehabilitation works in ‘cyclone Gaja’ affected areas in the State.

**A seven-member central team for on-the-spot assessment of the damage caused by Cyclone Gaja**

- A seven-member central team has reached Chennai for on-the-spot assessment of the damage caused by Cyclone Gaja in Tamil Nadu.

**Railway offers free transport of cyclone relief**

- The Indian Railway announced that it would transport relief material free of cost to cyclone-affected districts of Tamil Nadu till 10th of December.

**UTTAR PRADESH**

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Lucknow	Yogi Adityanath	Ram Naik

**Grand Diwali celebrations at Ayodhya set world record**

- Grand Diwali celebrations at Ayodhya set a world record by lighting over 3 lakh earthen lamps or diyas. These diyas were lit on the banks of holy river Sarayu at Deepotsava in Uttar Pradesh.
- The historic city of Faizabad will now be known as Ayodhya.

**Rani Lakshmi Bai Jayanti**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to Rani Lakshmi Bai on her Jayanti.

**Training centre for eco skilled Ganga Mitras**

- In Uttar Pradesh, the first training centre in the country for eco skilled Ganga Mitras started at Banaras Hindu University to measure the pollution level in Ganga and help the government in many ways to keep the holy river clean.

**WEST BENGAL**

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Kolkata	Mamta Benerjee	Keshari Nath Tripathi

**‘Rosogolla Day’ to be observed on Nov. 14**

- The West Bengal government has decided to observe ‘Rosogolla Day’ on November 14, to commemorate the first anniversary of the State’s famous sweet getting Geographical Indication (GI) tag as ‘Bengal’s Rosogolla’.

**Government decides to set up boards for Namasudra, Matua communities**

- West Bengal government has decided to set up development boards for the Matua and Namasudra communities.

**24th Kolkata International Film Festival**

- The 24th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) began at the Netaji Indoor Stadium. This is considered to be the country’s second oldest film festival, also has a plethora of award winning international films from US, Spain, France and Russia.

**Open Defecation Free (ODF) status**

- Rural Jharkhand declared ODF, West Bengal commits to become ODF by December 2018. West Bengal currently has rural sanitation coverage of 97% and is on track to becoming ODF much before the national target of October 2019.

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### 13. International Affairs

#### **Qatar sets up support fund for migrant workers**

- Qatar has set up a support fund for foreign workers who run into difficulties for not being paid, the latest in a series of UN-backed labour reforms.

#### **Japan cabinet approves bill to accept foreign workers**

- Japan's cabinet approved a draft bill to bring more blue-collar foreign workers into the country to address chronic labour shortages.

#### **Over 7 million Yemeni children face serious famine threat: UN**

- Over seven million children face a serious threat of famine in Yemen – UN children's agency, UNICEF, said.

#### **UK plans new fund for Indian soldiers who fought in World Wars**

- The UK government has unveiled plans to offer support to Indian soldiers who fought for Britain during the two World Wars.

#### **Palau to ban sunscreen**

- In an attempt to protect the coral reefs, the Pacific nation of Palau will soon ban "reef-toxic" sunscreen from 2020.

#### **Rome Film Festival**

- India was partner country at Videocittà 2018, an event focussing on Virtual Reality, Video gaming, Animation, Film Making, etc. was organized along with Rome Film Festival.
- India Pavilion Inaugurated at Videocittà 2018 in Rome Film Festival.

**Sri Lankan MPs bring no-confidence motion against newly appointed PM**

- In Sri Lanka, the group of MPs led by deposed Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe brought a no-confidence motion against newly appointed Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

**Turkey Opens New Airport**

- Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan opened the new Istanbul Airport. It will be one of the World's busiest.

**Boat burning festival**

- The Boat burning festival happens every three years in Taiwan. It is one of Taiwan's top folk festivals.

**Relaxation of recruitment criteria for Commonwealth nationals in armed forces**

- The UK government announced relaxation of recruitment criteria for Commonwealth nationals to apply for jobs in its armed forces.

**Replica of first permanently crewed space station unveiled**

- China has unveiled a replica of its first permanently crewed space station, which would replace the international community's orbiting laboratory, ISS.

**US sanctions for buying Iranian oil exempted**

- The United States exempted eight countries, including India from the US sanctions for buying Iranian oil. These include China, Japan, Italy, Greece, South Korea, Taiwan and Turkey.

**US grants Iraq sanctions waiver to buy Iranian electricity**

- The United States has granted Iraq a waiver to allow it to keep importing electricity from neighbouring Iran despite renewed American sanctions on Tehran.



**Taiwan commissions warships amid China threat warnings**

- Taiwan commissioned a pair of guided missile frigates that are expected to boost the island's ability to counter Chinese submarines amid rising military threats from Beijing.

**United States Midterm elections**

- In the United States Midterm elections, opposition Democrats have captured the House of Representatives while President Donald Trump's Republican Party retains its majority in the Senate.

**UN issues Diya stamps to celebrate Diwali**

- The United Nations Postal System has issued stamps with 'Diyas' lamps to mark the celebration of Diwali.

**US to deny asylum to illegal border crossers**

- The United States will no longer allow people who enter the country illegally to claim asylum.
- The new rule was published by the Department of Homeland Security and is expected to get President Donald Trump's signature shortly.

**Parliamentary elections in Bangladesh**

- Parliamentary elections to be held on December 23 in Bangladesh.

**Sri Lankan Parliament dissolved**

- The President Maithripala Sirisena had dissolved Parliament through a gazette notification and called for elections on 5th January.

**China clinches multi-billion-dollar strategic port deal with Myanmar**

- China has clinched a multi-billion-dollar deal to build a port at a strategic town along the coast of the Bay of Bengal in Myanmar, its third project in India's neighbourhood after Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

**U.S. to halt refueling of Saudi-led coalition aircraft**

- The United States is halting refueling of aircraft from the Saudi-led coalition engaged in Yemen, Saudi Arabia, a move that would end one of the most divisive aspects of U.S. assistance to the Saudi war effort.

**WWI centenary commemoration in Paris**

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, who is on a three-day visit to Paris, represented India at the Armistice of World War I centenary commemoration in Paris.
- Armistice Day marks the 100 years since the end of World War One on 11 November 1918.

**More than 200 people died in latest outbreak of Ebola in Congo**

- In the Democratic Republic of Congo, more than 200 people have now died in the latest outbreak of Ebola.

**China restores ban on trade in tiger, rhino products**

- Tiger bone and rhino horn have continued to be used for medicinal purposes even though there is hardly any proof of their effectiveness. Instead, this has resulted in a gradual decrease in animal stocks. Hence after international criticism, China restores ban on trade in tiger, rhino products

**Amnesty International strips Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi of highest honour**

- Amnesty International has withdrawn its most prestigious human rights prize from Aung San Suu Kyi, accusing the Myanmar leader of perpetuating human rights abuses by not speaking out about violence against the Rohingya Muslim minority.

**India votes against UNGA draft resolution on use of death penalty**

- India has voted against a United Nations General Assembly draft resolution on the use of death penalty, saying it goes against the statutory law of the country where an execution is carried out in the “rarest of rare” cases.

**US State Department declares Jawad Nasrallah as global terrorist**

- The US State Department has declared Jawad Nasrallah, the son of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, as a global terrorist as it steps up pressure on the Lebanese militia group.

**UAE to participate in Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit for 2nd consecutive year**

- UAE will participate in the ‘Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit’, as a partner country for the second consecutive year. The Summit is scheduled from 18th to 20th January, 2019.

**Another no-confidence motion against new government**

- Sri Lanka’s Parliament passed another no Confidence motion against the new government of Mahinda Rajapaksa.

**US to accuse Iran of violating chemical weapons treaty**

- The Trump administration is poised to accuse Iran of violating an international treaty that bans chemical weapons. Iran is not complying with the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention, which outlaws the production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons.

**UN committee condemns rights violations against Rohingya**

- A key UN committee approved a resolution strongly condemning the continuing “gross human rights violations and abuses” against Rohingya Muslims who are treated as outsiders in Myanmar.

**Brexit: EU leaders dismiss talk of renegotiating draft agreement**

- European Union leaders have dismissed talk of renegotiating the draft Brexit deal and warned the UK’s political situation could make a no-deal more likely.

**UNSC condemns killing of UN peacekeepers & national soldiers in DRC**

- UN Security Council has condemned the killing of at least 20 soldiers during operations against insurgents in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**UNSC unanimously agrees to lift sanctions against Eritrea after nine years**

- The United Nations Security Council has unanimously agreed to lift sanctions against Eritrea after nine years.
- An arms embargo, asset freeze, and travel ban were imposed in 2009 amid claims that Eritrea supported al-Shabab militants in Somalia.

**US to stop hundreds of millions of dollars military aid to Pakistan**

- US President Donald Trump has defended his administration's decision to stop hundreds of millions of dollars military aid to Pakistan.

**Maldives cabinet approves to rejoin Commonwealth**

- The Maldives cabinet has approved to rejoin the Commonwealth, two years after withdrawing from the 53-nation grouping.

**Guatemala: Fuego volcano erupted**

- In Guatemala, Fuego volcano has erupted for the fifth time this year, sending bursts of ash and lava down the mountain.

**British PM wins business support for draft Brexit deal**

- British Prime Minister Theresa May won support from big business for her draft Brexit deal ahead of intense negotiations with Brussels in the coming week.

**UN migration pact**

- Australian government has announced that it would reject a UN migration pact already denounced by the United States and several European countries.

**US suspends security assistance to Pakistan**

- The United States has suspended its 1.66 billion dollar security assistance to Pakistan.
- So far Pakistan has taken no serious steps to address the core US concern that Pakistan often encourages groups which use violence against its neighbors.

**Saudi, UAE announce USD 500 million in aid to war-torn Yemen**

- Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which lead a military coalition against the Huthi rebels in Yemen announced USD 500 million in aid to the country on the brink of famine.
- Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will each give USD 250 million in response to the food crisis to support more than 10 million people.

**‘ConMac 2018’**

- Nepal’s largest exhibition on construction equipment and technology “ConMac 2018” started in Bhaktapur near Kathmandu.
- The 3 day mega event is organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with Embassy of India.

**Beijing’s Population falls for first time in 2 Decades**

- The population of China’s capital, Beijing, declined for the first time in two decades in 2017.

**UN’s atomic watchdog calls on North Korea to re-admit nuclear inspectors**

- The head of the UN’s atomic watchdog, International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, has called on North Korea to allow inspectors back into the country to monitor its nuclear program.

**UNSC grants exemption from sanctions to North & South Korea**

- The UN Security Council has granted an exemption from sanctions to North and South Korea to jointly conduct a survey on reconnecting railways across their border.

**Inauguration of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor**

- Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu to lay the foundation stone for the construction of the the visa-free corridor from the Indian side to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur in Pakistan on November 26.
- The Union Cabinet recently approved a proposal to build the corridor. Pakistan accepted New Delhi's request to open the corridor ahead of Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary in November 2019. The shrine is located on the banks of the Ravi at Kartarpur in Narowal district of Pakistan Punjab, 3 km from the border.

**27 EU leaders approve terms of Brexit deal**

- The leaders of the 27 other European Union members states on Sunday approved the terms of a historic Brexit deal with Britain, at a special summit in Brussels.
- Britain will leave the EU on March 29, 2019.

**U.S. announces \$5 million reward**

- On the 10th anniversary of the Mumbai terror attack, the state department's Rewards for Justice (RFJ) programme offered a new reward for up to \$5 million for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual who was involved in planning or facilitating the 2008 Mumbai attack.

**Taiwanese reject gay marriage**

- Voters in Taiwan passed a referendum asking that marriage be restricted to one man and one woman, a setback to LGBT couples hoping their island will be the first place in Asia to let same-sex couples share child custody and insurance benefits.

### **Social Security Scheme**

- Nepal government has launched a Social Security Scheme for formal sector workers of the country. The new social security scheme is contribution based and it will cover health and medical facilities, safe motherhood, accident and physical incapacity security, security to dependent family members and security at old age.
- The scheme will be compulsorily applicable to formal sector workers. The scheme will soon be extended to informal sector workers as well.

### **Final vote on Brexit deal with EU**

- British Prime Minister Theresa May announced that the final vote on Brexit agreement with the European Union (EU) will be held on December 11.

### **Romania “strongly supports” India’s proposal in UN**

- Romania “strongly supports” India’s proposal in UN for Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT).

### **EU sets goal to be ‘climate neutral’ by 2050**

- The European Union has urged government, businesses, citizens and regions to join it in an ambitious plan to cut emissions and make the bloc carbon neutral by 2050.

### **South Korea tests space rocket engine**

- South Korea conducted a rocket engine test launch, paving the way for the development of its own space launch vehicle. It is the first such launch in South Korea since 2013.

### **UK amends weapons bill to ensure right to possession of kirpans by Sikhs**

- The UK government has confirmed an amendment to a new weapons bill going through the Parliament to ensure that it would not impact the right of the British Sikh community to possess and supply kirpans, or religious swords.

**Pilot whales die in another mass stranding in New Zealand**

- Fifty-one pilot whales died in another mass stranding in New Zealand, less than a week after 145 pilot whales and nine pygmy killer whales perished in two other, unrelated strandings.

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## CRICKET

### India Vs West Indies Cricket

- India clinched the five-match series 3-1 defeating the West Indies by 9 wickets in the fifth and final One Day International.

### Breaks world record for most centuries in T20 Cricket

- Rohit Sharma surpassed Virat Kohli to become India's highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals and also hit most number of centuries – 4 – in the shortest format.

### Harmanpreet Kaur becomes first Indian woman to score T20I century

- Harmanpreet Kaur slammed her maiden T20I century during India's opening match of the ICC Women's World T20 2018 against New Zealand in Providence Stadium, Guyana.
- Harmanpreet also became the first Indian woman to score a century in T20I. She is now the third player in world cricket to score a T20I International century.

### India Vs West Indies T20 series

- India beat West Indies by six wickets to complete 3-0 clean sweep in T20 series.

### India Vs Australia T20

- India beats Australia by six wickets in the 3<sup>rd</sup> T20 to square T20 series 1-1.

**ICC Women's World T20**

- Australia won its fourth Women's World Twenty20 championship after cruising to an eight-wicket victory over England in the final.

**Harmanpreet Kaur named captain of ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI**

- Harmanpreet Kaur named captain of ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI which also featured opener Smriti Mandhana and leg-spinner Poonam Yadav.

**BCCI doubles ban for age frauds**

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced doubling of the ban for age frauds.
- Earlier, a cricketer faced a ban of one year.

**FOOTBALL****SAFF U-15 Championship**

- India registered a 1-0 win over hosts Nepal in a third-place playoff to return with a bronze medal from the SAFF U-15 men's Championship in Kathmandu.
- Pakistan and Bangladesh will play for the gold medal.
- In football, Bangladesh beat Pakistan 3-2 in the penalty shoot out to win the SAFF Under-15 Championship in Lalitpur, Nepal.

**Subroto Cup International Football**

- The final match of the Under-17 boys in the 59th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament to be played in Delhi.

## TENNIS

### ATP Paris Masters Tennis tournament

- Novak Djokovic to clash with Roger Federer in the ATP Paris Masters Tennis tournament semi-finals.

### Paris Masters Tennis, 2018

- Karen Khachanov of Russia has lifted the Paris Masters Men's Singles title with a stunning win over world number two Novak Djokovic.

### ATP World Tour

- Germany's Alexander Zverev beat Novak Djokovic in season's finale of ATP Finals at London to lift the trophy.
- Zverev also became the first player to beat both Djokovic and Federer in the same ATP Finals.

### ITTF Challenge Belarus Open

- India's Manav Thakkar settled for a bronze medal in the Under-21 singles category in the International Table Tennis Federation Challenge Belgosstrakh Belarus Open in Minsk, Belarus.

## HOCKEY

### 2018 Hockey World Cup

- Pakistan's team arrived in India to play in the 2018 Hockey World Cup to be held in Bhubaneswar.

### Men's Hockey World Cup

- In Men's Hockey World Cup, India to take on South Africa in Bhubaneswar.

## Other Sports

### Individual vault competition

- Superstar Simone Biles became the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals with victory in the individual vault competition in Qatar.

### SaarLorLux Open Badminton

- India's Subhankar Dey beat Rajiv Ouseph of Britain in the Men's Singles final and won the SaarLorLux Open Badminton tournament in Germany.

### China Open Masters Badminton tournament

- The China Open Masters Badminton tournament started in Fuzhou, China.
- World champion Kento Momota won the China Open badminton in Fuzhou.

### Asian Shotgun Championship

- In the 8th Asian Shotgun Championship in Kuwait, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa has won a gold with a world record score in the men's skeet final.
- He became the first Indian skeet shooter to win a continental or world level event.

### Wrestler Bajrang Punia becomes World number one in 65kg category

- Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia achieved number one rank in the world in the 65kg category. The 24-year-old Bajrang, who has won five medals this season, including CWG and Asian Games gold and a silver at the World Championship, was placed atop the ranking table with 96 points in the UWW list.

### Asian Airgun Championships

- Indian pair of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary have won Gold medal creating a world record in the 10 meter air pistol mixed team junior event at 11th Asian Airgun Championships in Kuwait.

### **World Women's Boxing Championships**

- The World Women's Boxing Championships will be held in the national capital Delhi. The 35-year-old Mary Kom is tied with Katie Taylor on five gold medals and one more will make her the most successful woman boxer in history since the Irish pugilist has turned a Pro.
- The Women's World Boxing Championships begin in Delhi. This tenth edition of the tournament is set to be the biggest ever as more than 300 boxers from 72 countries will be taking part.
- MC Mary Kom in the 48 kg category and Sonia Chahal in the 57 kg category to fight for Gold medals in world boxing championship.
- MC Mary Kom created history after she defeated Ukraine's Hanna Okhota by 5-0 in the women's 48-kilogram light flyweight final of the Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi.
- With this, the 35-year-old Indian boxer from Manipur became the most successful boxer in the history to win six World Championships.

### **IBSF billiards**

- Pankaj Advani won his third straight IBSF billiards crown in the 150-up format, taking his overall tally of world titles to 20.

### **Under-23 World Wrestling Championship**

- Indian wrestler Ravi Kumar has stormed into the 57 kg Final of Senior Under-23 World Wrestling Championship in Bucharest, Romania.

### **World Junior Championship – Badminton**

- Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen entered the semifinals of the men's singles event of the World Junior Championship in Markham, Canada.

**Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup**

- Indian gymnasts won two bronze medals in the men's [Prins Aris and Rejilesh Suribabu] and women's group [Ayushi Ghodeswar, Prachi Parkhi and Mrunmayi Walde] events of the FIG Acrobatic World Cup in Baku.

**Golf World Cup**

- Anirban Lahiri and Gaganjeet Bhullar are tied-10<sup>th</sup> in the Melbourne World Cup of Golf.

**Syed Modi International Badminton**

- Sameer Verma beat China's Lu Guangzu in the men's singles finals to retain the title at the Syed Modi International World Tour Super 300 in Lucknow.
- This is Sameer's third title win, following victories at Swiss Open and Hyderabad Open.
- Former champion Saina Nehwal lost to young Han Yue of China in women's singles summit clash.

**Artistic Gymnastics World Cup**

- Indian gymnast Dipa Karmarkar claimed a bronze medal at the vault event of the Artistic Gymnastics World Cup in Cottbus, Germany.
- Brazil's Rebeca Andrade won the gold and USA's Jade Carey bagged the silver.

**Commonwealth fencing championship**

- India's C.A. Bhavani Devi made history by becoming the first Indian to win the gold medal in the senior Commonwealth fencing championship held in Canberra.

**Chess world championship**

- Chess world championship title to be decided by speedy tiebreaker games in London, between reigning world champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway and American challenger Fabiano Caruana.

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