

The Most Important Current Affairs NOVEMBER 2018

G-20 Summit Buenos Aires 2018: Complete Highlights

The G-20 Summit 2018 was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. G-20 is a grouping of the world's 20 major economies. This year, the theme of the summit was 'Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development'. The important agenda discussed during the summit:

- 1. Climate change:** G20 signatories to the Paris Agreement on climate, which is all of them except the US, pledged the "full implementation" of the pact, which they called "irreversible." They also took note, without further pledges, of UN scientists' call for a more ambitious target of reducing warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
- 2. Trade:** Bowing to the view of Trump's administration, the G20 stated that multilateral trade was "falling short of its objectives" on promoting growth and job creation.
- 3. IMF:** Calling the International Monetary Fund crucial to the global safety net, the G20 pledged to provide adequate funding and to meet a goal of finalising new national quotas in time for the global lender's spring 2019 meetings.
- 4. Corruption:** The G20 "committed to prevent and fight corruption and lead by example," promising action from 2019 through 2021 on cleaning up state-run enterprises.
- 5. Gender inequality:** The G20 recommitted to a four-year-old goal of reducing the gender gap in the labor force by 25 percent by 2025.
- 6. Future of work:** Noting that new technologies will transform the nature of labour, the G20 called for "an inclusive, fair and sustainable" future of work, with retraining of workers where needed.
- 7. Infrastructure:** Calling infrastructure a key driver of global growth, the G20 called for greater standardisation in contract-making to encourage more private capital.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the flagship programmes like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna, MUDRA and Start-up India undertaken by Indian government to modernise the economy and promote inclusive growth at the opening session of the G-20 summit in Buenos Aires.

- (i) **PMJDY:** Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana is a financial inclusion programme that aims at expanding and making affordable access to financial services to the last man in the row. Since its launch on August 15, 2014 till June 27, 2018, over 31 crore bank accounts were opened and over Rs. 7,92,00 crore were deposited under the scheme.

- (ii) **MUDRA:** It stands for Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency, is a financial institution set up in 2016 for development and refinancing micro units enterprises. It provides funding to the non-corporate small business sector through various last mile financial institutions like banks, non banking financial companies (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs).

- (iii) **Start-up India:** Launched in January 16, 2016, the Startup India is an initiative of the Indian government to promote startups, generate employment and create wealth.

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33rd ASEAN Summit held in Singapore

The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit held in Singapore. PM of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong is the Chairman of the Summit. PM Modi and IMF, Managing Director Christine Lagarde will also address the audience.

Note: ASEAN stands for Association of Southeast Asian Nations. | Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia.

Vice President's visit to 3 South African Countries | Complete Highlights

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu visited 3-South African nation visit to Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. He visited Botswana on first leg, Zimbabwe on second and on the third leg he visited Malawi. Here are the complete highlights of 3 nation visit of M Venkaiah Naidu.

Key Highlights | 3-day Visit to Botswana

Capital: Gaborone | **Currency:** Botswana pula | **President:** Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi

- ✚ Botswana decided to join the International Solar Alliance.
- ✚ M. Venkaiah Naidu attended the India-Botswana CEO Roundtable in Gaborone.
- ✚ He visited the state-of-the-art diamond sorting and valuation operating facility 'The Diamond Trading

Company Botswana'. It is the second largest Diamond Trading company in the world.

- ✚ MoU was signed for waiving Visa for Diplomatic Passport holders.

Key Highlights | 3-day Visit to Zimbabwe

Capital: Harare | **Currency:** US dollars, South African rand, Euro. | **President:** Mr. Emmerson Mnangagwa

- ✚ Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu reached Harare, Zimbabwe for his 2nd leg of the official tour at the invitation of Vice President of Zimbabwe.
- ✚ Vice President announced the US\$ 310 million Line of Credit for up-gradation of Hwange Thermal Power Station. It is Zimbabwe's second biggest power plant with an installed capacity of 920 MW.
- ✚ US\$23 million Line of Credit for rehabilitation of Bulawayo Thermal Power Plant,
- ✚ US\$19.5 million Line of Credit for Deka Pumping & River Water Intake System,
- ✚ Assistance for construction of Mahatma Gandhi Convention Centre,
- ✚ US\$2.93 million grant for Up-gradation of INDO-Zim Technology Centre.
- ✚ India, Zimbabwe sign 6 agreements in various fields including Mining & Visa waiver:
- ✚ Mr. Naidu addressed the India-Zimbabwe Business Forum meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Key Highlights | 2-day Visit to Malawi

Capital: Lilongwe | **Currency:** Malawian kwacha | **President:** Prof. Arthur Peter Mutharika.

- ✚ Attended the Malawi-India Business Meet, in Lilongwe, Malawi.
- ✚ The MOUs are Extradition treaty, MoU on cooperation in the field of atomic energy for peaceful purposes between Global Center for Nuclear Energy in a partnership of the Department of Atomic Energy and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining of Malawi, MOU on visa waiver agreement for diplomatic and official passports.
- ✚ Inaugurated a very unique event, India for Humanity to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

President Kovind 2-Nation Visit: Signed 4 MoUs With Vietnam

President of India Ram Nath Kovind was on 2 nation Visit to Vietnam and Australia. On first leg he visited Vietnam. India and Vietnam released a Joint Statement after extensive talks between Vietnam President Nguyen Phu Trong and Indian President Ram Nath Kovind. 4 MoU's were signed between the two nations. The agreements are as follows:

- ✚ MOU between Vietnam's Ministry of Information and Communications and the Indian Ministry of

Communications on cooperation in the field of Communications.

- ✚ MOU on cooperation between Vietnam's Department of Foreign Affairs and the Indian Business Chamber in Viet Nam (INCHAM).
- ✚ MOU between the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Ha Noi, Vietnam and the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
- ✚ Cooperation Agreement between Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI).

List of Loan Agreements Signed With Asian Development Bank

India and ADB have signed 3 important loan agreements in various fields/projects in New Delhi.

- ✚ A \$300 million Loan Agreement to support lending by India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL).
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ A \$105 million loan to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in Himachal Pradesh for increased supply of hydropower to the state and the national grid.
- ✚ After visiting Vietnam, **President of India Ram Nath Kovind was in Australia** on his second leg of 2-Nation visit. He met Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison in Sydney. He became the first Indian President to visit Australia.
- ✚ 5 MoUs were exchanged in the field of disability sector, education, trade-investment, scientific cooperation, agriculture and on higher education focussing on PhD by both the nations.
- ✚ He also unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Parramatta in Sydney. The President addressed the International Business Summit 2018 organized by Australian Financial Review on Australia-India economic engagement.

Australia Win Women's World Twenty20 Crown

- ✚ Australia clinched Women's World Twenty20 title as they attained an easy win over England in the final of the Women's World T20 tournament. This is Australia's 4th title win at Women's World T20 in 6 editions of the tournament.
- ✚ West Indies hosted the event. Player of the Match: Ashleigh Gardner. Player of the Tournament: Alyssa Healy.

ATP World Tour Awards 2018 Announced: Complete List Of Winners

- ✚ The big three of men's tennis - Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer - were all among the

winners at the 2018 ATP World Tour Awards. Djokovic won the 'Comeback Player of the Year Award', voted by the ATP players, on the back of his glorious run during the second half of the season. The complete list of Winners of ATP World Tour Awards 2018:

	Award	Winner
1.	ATP World Tour No 1 (determined by ATP Rankings)	Novak Djokovic
2.	Comeback Player of the Year	Novak Djokovic
3.	ATP World Tour No. 1 Duables Team	Oliver Marach & Mate Pavic
4.	Most Improved Player of the Year	Stefanos Tsitsipas
5.	Newcomer of the Year	Alex de Minaur
6.	Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award	Rafael Nadal
7.	Arthur Ashe Humanitarian of the Year	Tommy Robredo
8.	ATP Coach of the Year	Marian Vajda (Novak Djokovic)
9.	ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favourite presented (Singles)	Roger Federer
10.	ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favourite presented (Doubles)	Mike Bryan & Jack Sock

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Bijli Har Ghar Yojana- Saubhagya". The states are Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana, and West Bengal. 15 States now have 100 percent household electrification, as per Power Minister RK Singh.

- ✚ Ms. Preeti Sudan, Union Health Secretary did soft-launch of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) segment of the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) in seven states. It will provide near-real-time data to policymakers for detecting outbreaks, reducing the morbidity and mortality and lessening disease burden in the populations and better health systems.
- ✚ Andhra Pradesh launched a web portal which makes land records available to people with unique identification numbers. "Bhudaar" is an 11-digit unique identification code assigned to each agriculture land holding and rural and urban properties in the state.
- ✚ Himachal Pradesh government in the cabinet meeting accorded its approval to implement Sashakt Mahila Yojna in the state with a vision to empower rural women by providing them an interface for organization and socio-economic development. It not only envisages to link rural women with sustainable livelihood opportunities but also to improve their skill by imparting training.
- ✚ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the 'Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme' to provide insurance coverage to dairy farmers in the state. Farmers belonging to the general category will be getting 50% subsidy on premiums while those belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) category would get 70% subsidy on the premium.

National Current Affairs

- ✚ India and Malawi have signed three MoUs on Extradition Treaty, cooperation in the field of Atomic Energy for peaceful purposes and VISA Waiver for Diplomatic and Official Passports.
- ✚ India and China signed a protocol on hygiene and inspection requirements for the exports.
- ✚ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved 100% strategic disinvestment of the government's equity in the Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. Presently, the government of India holds 73.44% shares in Dredging Corporation of India Limited.
- ✚ Union Cabinet gave its approval to Amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✚ Govt. decided to set up a domestic Gold Council in India. Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu stated this while inaugurating the 2nd Edition of India Gold and Jewellery Summit in New Delhi.
- ✚ PM Modi laid the Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects in 65 Geographical Areas

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

- ✚ Govt. launched a unique initiative called Bhasha Sangam to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages. The initiative, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, was active for the period between 22nd November - 21st December. It is programme for schools and educational institutions to provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages.
- ✚ 8 more States have achieved hundred percent household electrification under "Pradhan Mantri Sahaj

(GAs) in 129 Districts under the 9th CGD Bidding Round awarded by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), remotely from Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- ✦ India & Russia sealed a USD 500 million deal for construction of two missile frigates in Goa for the Indian Navy, sending a clear signal of continuing with high-level defence collaborations notwithstanding the US warnings of sanctions.
- ✦ HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the Institution's Innovation Council through video conferencing in New Delhi. The purpose is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas.
- ✦ PM Modi inaugurated the Kundli-Manesar section of the Western Peripheral Expressway. He also inaugurated the 3.2-kilometer long Escorts Mujesar-Ballabgarh corridor of the Delhi Metro. He also laid the foundation stone for Vishwakarma Kaushal Vishwa Vidyalaya.
- ✦ Winter session of Lok Sabha will commence on 11th of December. Lok Sabha Secretariat said in a statement said that the Session will conclude on 8th January next year.
- ✦ India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a 105 million dollar loan agreement to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in Himachal Pradesh for increased supply of hydropower.
- ✦ Government of India, the Government of Jharkhand and the World Bank signed in New Delhi a \$310 million Loan Agreement for Jharkhand Power System Improvement Project to provide reliable, quality, and affordable 24x7 electricity to the citizens of Jharkhand.
- ✦ India's first specialized hospital for elephants has been opened by Agra Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar at Farah block's Churmura village, Mathura.
- ✦ Cabinet approved leasing out six airports, namely Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru for operation, management, and development under Public Private Partnership.
- ✦ Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) signed an agreement with US-based Research Institute for Fragrant Materials (RIFM) for improving the quality of fragrant oils.
- ✦ India and Morocco have signed an agreement on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.
- ✦ PM Modi dedicated to the nation several projects including two National Highways and an Inland Waterways Terminal on River Ganga at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. The total cost of these projects is 2413 crore rupees. He inaugurated an Inland Multi-Modal Terminal Port constructed at the cost of 207 crore rupees on river Ganga at Ramnagar in Varanasi.

- ✦ Morocco & India signed an agreement to further mutual legal assistance in Civil & Commercial Courts.
- ✦ Government has set up a state-of-the-art National Data Repository.
- ✦ As part of the European Union (EU) project 'International Urban Cooperation', Kochi Corporation and Vilnius, Lithuania, have signed an MoU.
- ✦ PM Modi inaugurated Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's memorial on the leader's 143rd birth anniversary in Gujarat's Narmada district. Called the Statue of Unity, the bronze sculpture is the world's tallest statue measuring 600 feet (182m).
- ✦ India's first engine-less train, "Train 18", developed by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) and seen as a successor to the prestigious Shatabdi Express, was unveiled by Railway Board Chairman Ashwani Lohani.
- ✦ Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the renaming of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as "Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda". Veer Surendra Sai is a well-known freedom fighter of Odisha.
- ✦ PM Modi launched a historic support and outreach programme for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. Rs 1 cr loan in 59 minutes loan portal to enable easy access to credit for MSMEs. Mandatory 25% procurement from MSMEs by CPSEs.
- ✦ Ministry of Tourism signed an MoU with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Government for the Republic of Korea for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism in New Delhi.
- ✦ India and South Korea signed an MoU on cooperation in sports in New Delhi.
- ✦ Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated Delhi's Signature Bridge, the first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge in India.
- ✦ India has been elected as a member of the International Telecommunications Union-ITU Council for another four-year term from 2019 to 2022.
- ✦ Central and Andhra Pradesh governments and the World Bank have signed the loan agreement for a \$172.20 million project to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability, and climate resilience of poor and marginalized farmers in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✦ VP Naidu laid the foundation stone of the Dera Baba Nanak Kartarpur Sahib corridor for Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan. The ceremony was held at village Mann of district Gurdaspur near Indo Pak border.

States Current Affairs

- ✦ Himachal Pradesh has become first Indian state to launch a single emergency number "112". This will connect to police, fire, health and other helplines through an Emergency Response Centre in the state. Under this project, an Emergency Response Centre

- (ERC) has been established in Shimla along with 12 district command centres (DCCs), covering the entire state.
- ✦ Uttarakhand govt. decided to rename Dehradun airport i.e. Jolly Grant airport after former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ✦ United Nations selected Uttar Pradesh's Noida and Greater Noida to participate in its Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative. The twin-cities in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, adjoining the national capital, have been selected in the "University City" category ahead of Mumbai and Bengaluru.
- ✦ Jharkhand Day is being celebrated at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Jharkhand is the focus state at this year's IFFI.
- ✦ Governor of Tripura Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki inaugurated the 7th International Tourism Mart for the North-East States in the presence of Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism K.J Alphons and CM of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb in Agartala, Tripura.
- ✦ West Bengal Assembly unanimously passed a Bill to give land rights to enclave dwellers in north Bengal, ending an era of uncertain future for the people residing in those enclaves.
- ✦ Kerala state government signed an MoU with Airbus BizLab to open a state-of-the-art innovation center. This center will be the nodal body for planning and executing all the activities to help start-ups.
- ✦ Andhra Pradesh is building a world-class and India's first 'Justice City' within its new capital Amaravati with the vision to provide a state-of-the-art ecosystem built on latest technology for supporting the judicial system in the state.
- ✦ Odisha government announced a new Biotechnology Policy 2018 to attract investments in the sector at the concluding day of the Make in Odisha Conclave, held in Bhubaneswar.
- ✦ Meghalaya Government announced Rs378 crore investment in the second phase of the State's flagship aquaculture mission aimed at cutting down fish imports into the hill State.
- ✦ Tamil Nadu received the nod from the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch its State Shelter Fund for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment.
- ✦ Uttar Pradesh government has approved renaming of Faizabad and Allahabad divisions as Ayodhya and Prayagraj respectively.

New Appointments (National & International)

- ✦ Arvind Saxena has been appointed as the new Chairman of Union Public Service Commission. UPSC is the institution responsible for conducting examination for selection bureaucrats, diplomats and police officers. Saxena will be serving in the office till August 7, 2020, when he attains the age of 65 years.

- ✦ LG Electronics has announced that it has appointed Brian Kwon as the new president. He is replacing Hwang Jeong-hwan after one year.
- ✦ WhatsApp's Chief Business Officer Neeraj Arora resigned from the post after 7-years in the company.
- ✦ Sunil Arora appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner of India. He succeeds Om Prakash Rawat.
- ✦ Hospitality startup OYO appointed Max Healthcare Executive Director Rohit Kapoor as the CEO of its new real estate business.
- ✦ Popular singer Nahid Afrin of Assam appointed as the first 'Youth Advocate' of the northeastern region by the UNICEF to fight for child rights. It engages 'Youth Advocates' to harness their voice as agents of change in society.

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- ✦ Facebook Inc.-owned messaging service WhatsApp on it has appointed Abhijit Bose as head of WhatsApp India, the local entity that is expected to begin operations next year amid calls to check the spread of fake messages.
- ✦ Tanzanian national Joyce Msuya was appointed as acting Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) following the resignation of the executive director Erik Solheim.
- ✦ South Korea's Kim Jong-yang has been elected as Interpol's next president, edging out a longtime veteran of Russia's security services, Alexander Prokopchuk.
- ✦ United Nations children's agency UNICEF appointed Millie Bobby Brown, the star of hit Netflix series "Stranger Things", as its youngest ever goodwill ambassador on Tuesday and the 14-year-old had a message for world leaders: "Listen to us."
- ✦ Voreqe Bainimarama has Sworn in as Fiji's Prime Minister for four more years after winning an election with a reduced majority.

- ✦ UN's environment chief, Erik Solheim, has resigned following severe criticism of his global travels and internal rule-breaking which led some nations to withhold their funding.
- ✦ R. Chandrashekhar, an independent director at Yes Bank Ltd resigned saying he was concerned about recent events at the company.
- ✦ Jalaj Srivastava, a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, has been appointed the chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
- ✦ Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the new revenue secretary. He will succeed current Finance and Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia.
- ✦ Oracle's ex-product chief Thomas Kurian will head Google's cloud division. He will replace Diane Greene.
- ✦ United Nations Children's Fund-India (UNICEF) appointed Asian Games gold-medalist sprinter Hima Das as India's first ever Youth Ambassador.
- ✦ The ACC has approved the appointment of S. S. Deswal, IPS as Director General, Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). He took charge from R K Pachnanda. Also holds the additional charge of the post of DG, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- ✦ Former IAS Officer Ashok Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the Chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). Gupta has replaced Sudhir Mittal.
- ✦ Co-founder Binny Bansal has resigned as CEO of Flipkart Group. This was announced by Walmart, the new owner of the e-commerce company.
- ✦ After the demise of Union Minister Ananth Kumar, Union Minister DV Sadananda Gowda has got the additional charge of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Narendra Singh Tomar was assigned the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- ✦ The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) announced a new addition to its team, with Siddharth Tiwari joining as the Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific. He succeeds Eli Remolona.
- ✦ Indian Revenue Service officer Sanjay Mishra was appointed as the new Enforcement Directorate Director (ED) in an additional capacity for three months. He has replaced Karnal Singh.
- ✦ Actor Anupam Kher has resigned as the chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India citing commitments to an international TV show for which he has to be stationed in the U.S.
- ✦ HDFC Bank had announced that the RBI had approved the re-appointment of Aditya Puri as MD and CEO of the bank for another two years.
- ✦ Olympic bronze medalist and five-time World Champion, MC Mary Kom has been named as the brand ambassador of the 10th edition of the Women's World Championship in New Delhi.

- ✦ Atul Kumar Goel assumed charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (UCO) of UCO Bank.
- ✦ Uzbekistan's businessman Gafur Rakhimov was elected president of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) despite fears that his appointment could lead to the sport's ejection from the Olympic Games.

Sports Current Affairs

- ✦ India's 13-year-old shooter Esha Singh won the Women's, Youth Women's and Junior Women's 10m Air Pistol competitions at the National Shooting Championship at Thiruvananthapuram. She beat Manu Bhaker and Heena Sidhu to win three gold medals in women's air pistol events at the 62nd National Shooting Championships.
- ✦ 19th edition of the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards will be held in Monaco on February 2019. Considered the 'Oscars of sports', the Laureus World Sports Awards celebrate global sporting achievements across the calendar year.
- ✦ Odisha is hosting the Men's Hockey World Cup 2018. It took place at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. India is hosting the FIH Hockey World Cup for the third time.
- ✦ Sameer Verma won the Syed Modi International Badminton Championships, men's singles final against China's Guangzu Lu, to retain the title. Former champion Saina Nehwal lost to Han Yue of China in women's singles summit clash and won silver.
- ✦ Australia clinched Women's World Twenty20 title as they attained an easy win over England in the final of the Women's World T20 tournament. This is Australia's 4th title win at Women's World T20 in 6 editions of the tournament.
- ✦ MC Mary Kom created history by becoming the first woman to win six boxing world titles by clinching the 48 kg gold at the 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi. She defeated Ukrainian Hanna Okhota. Mary overtakes Ireland's Katie Taylor as the first female boxer to win six gold medals.
- ✦ Former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba announced his retirement, calling time on a 20-year career in which the bullish center-forward won four Premier League titles and the 2012 Champions League.
- ✦ Veteran first-class cricketer Wasim Jaffer became the first Indian batsman to touch the 11,000-run figure in the Ranji Trophy.
- ✦ Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) won the 59th edition of the junior boys Subroto Cup International Football Tournament beating Amini School, Afghanistan by a solitary goal at the Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi.
- ✦ India's top junior shuttler Lakshya Sen (17 years old) won bronze medal at Li Ning BWF World Junior

Badminton Championships 2018 held at Markham, Canada.

- ✦ Alexander Zverev has won ATP World Tour finals in London. Alexander Zverev defeated world number one Novak Djokovic in straight sets to claim the season-ending ATP Finals and earn the biggest victory of his career. Zverev also became the first player to beat both Djokovic and Federer in the same ATP Finals.
- ✦ Former Australia all-rounder John Hastings has retired from all cricket, citing the risks posed by a bleeding lung condition.
- ✦ Nineteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani has won the second leg of the Asian Snooker Tour in Jinan, China. He became the first Indian to win an Asian Snooker Tour event.
- ✦ Steel manufacturing giant Tata Steel was announced as an official partner of the men's hockey World Cup 2018 to be staged at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.
- ✦ Senior Pakistan batsman Azhar Ali announced his retirement from limited overs cricket in order to concentrate fully on Test cricket.
- ✦ In Badminton, Subhankar Dey has won the SaarLorLux Open at Saarbrücken in Germany. In the summit clash, the unseeded Indian defeated fifth-placed Rajiv Ouseph of Britain, in straight games, in what was the first encounter between the two shuttlers.

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- ✦ Simone Biles made history by picking up her record 13th career gold medal at the world gymnastics championships in Doha, Qatar. Simone Biles became the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals.
- ✦ Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia touched a new high in his career by achieving the number one rank in the world in the 65kg category.

- ✦ Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) won the Brazilian Grand Prix after Red Bull's Max Verstappen lost the lead in a collision with backmarker Esteban Ocon (Force India).

International Current Affairs

- ✦ European Commission is the first major economy to set its sight on achieving climate neutrality by 2050.
- ✦ Ukraine's parliament imposed martial law in the country to fight what its president called "growing aggression" from Moscow after a weekend naval confrontation off the disputed Crimean Peninsula in which Russia fired on and seized three Ukrainian vessels amid renewed tensions between the neighbors.
- ✦ Nepal government launched a Social Security Scheme for formal sector workers of the country. People of all ages and categories would be included in the scheme. The 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.
- ✦ Embassy of India in Nepal & Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized an exhibition of construction equipment and technology-ConMac 2018 in Bhaktapur near Kathmandu, Nepal. Ambassador of India to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri will be the Guest of Honour.
- ✦ Maldives cabinet approved to rejoin the Commonwealth, two years after withdrawing from the 53-nation grouping. The announcement was made by New President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.
- ✦ French President Emmanuel Macron and Morocco's King Mohammed VI inaugurated Morocco's first high-speed rail line, the first ever such line in Africa. Known as the LGV, it will connect the economic hubs of Tangier and Casablanca in 2 hours 10 minutes at a speed of up to 320 kph (199 mph) instead of almost 5 hours on a regular train.
- ✦ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu was on a three-day visit to France. He inaugurated Indian War Memorial at Villers Guislain. Earlier the Vice President attended the Indian community reception in Paris.
- ✦ Palau has become the first country to ban reef toxic sunscreen by 2020 in an attempt to protect its coral reefs after the president of the country signed a bill into law.
- ✦ The 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held in Singapore as part of the 33rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summit Meetings.
- ✦ PM Modi addressed the world's largest financial technology festival Fintech in Singapore.
- ✦ The world's largest airport terminal "under one roof" with a capacity to serve 90 million passengers has been officially opened on October 29 in Istanbul, which marks the Republic Day of Turkey.

- ✦ VP Naidu embarked on his first Africa visit. In his weeklong visit, he will visit Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi where he is scheduled to interact with heads of state of the three nations, business fora and address Indian Community.
- ✦ Republic of Seychelles launched the world's first Sovereign Blue Bond, a financial instrument designed to support sustainable marine and fisheries projects.
- ✦ During the visit of VP Naidu, India has agreed for the deputation of experts in five fields to assist Zimbabwe. Around 6 agreements in various fields were signed in areas including Mining, Visa waiver, Broadcasting and Culture.

Defence Current Affairs

- ✦ Naval exercise between India and the United Kingdom, KONKAN held in Goa this year. Both Navies have, over the years, undertaken bilateral activities such as training exchanges and technical cooperation.
- ✦ Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman formally launched 'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti', in New Delhi. It showcased salient inventions and innovations achieved by DRDO, Defence PSUs & Ordnance Factories (OFs) which resulted in the successful filing of Intellectual Property Right (IPR) applications. Department of Defence Production instituted a new framework titled 'Mission Raksha GyanShakti' which aims to provide a boost to the IPR culture in the indigenous defence industry.
- ✦ Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Indian Navy is on a visit to Russia. It aims to consolidate bilateral defence relations with Russia, as also to explore new avenues for defence cooperation.
- ✦ Joint military exercise between India and the United States known as 'Vajra Prahar' commenced in Jaipur.
- ✦ Saudi Arabia & United Arab Emirates, 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 UAE will each give USD 250 million in response to the food crisis to support more than 10 million people.
- ✦ The joint military exercise between India and Russia EXERCISE INDRA 2018 on combating insurgency under the aegis of United Nations (UN) conducted at Babina Military Station in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✦ Air forces of the United States and India are set to participate in a 12-day joint exercise 'Cope India 2019' at two air force stations in West Bengal. The exercise will be held from December 3 to 14, at Air Station Kalaikunda and Air Station Arjan Singh (Panagarh).
- ✦ The militaries of China and India, set to hold a joint 14-day drill 'Hand in Hand' in southwest China's Chengdu city to improve their capabilities in fighting terrorism and promote mutual understanding.

- ✦ Indian Army inducted new artillery guns and equipment, including K9 Vajra and M777 howitzers, at Deolali artillery centre in Nashik, Maharashtra.
- ✦ India and Singapore have started the 25th edition of SIMBEX (Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise) off Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
- ✦ The inaugural edition of Indian Navy -Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' began at Surabaya, Indonesia.
- ✦ India has signed a \$950 million contract with Russia for two upgraded Krivak III-class stealth frigates
- ✦ Armies of India and Japan began their first-ever joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian- 2018' at a jungle warfare school in Mizoram's Vairengte with a focus on strengthening counter-terror cooperation.
- ✦ INS Arihant, India's first nuclear ballistic missile submarine, has completed its first "deterrence patrol".

Important Days

- ✦ Indian Organ Donation Day: 27 November
- ✦ Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the 14th Formation Day of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on 27th November in New Delhi. The theme is Formation Day is 'Early Warning for Disasters'.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ The purpose of Africa Industrialization Day (AID), marked each year on 20 November, is to raise global awareness of the challenges faced by the continent with regard to industrialization.
- ✦ The World Toilet Day is organized around the world on 19th of November. The theme for WTD 2018 is 'When Nature Calls'.
- ✦ Qaumi Ekta Week observed across the country from November 19th-25th to foster and reinforce the spirit of communal harmony and national integration.
- ✦ Ministry of AYUSH observes Ayurveda Day every year on Dhanawantari Jayanti (Dhanteras). The theme of 2018 Ayurveda Day was: "Ayurveda for Public health". This year Ayurveda Day is being observed on 5th November 2018.
- ✦ November 7 is observed as National Cancer Awareness Day in India each year.
- ✦ World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated every year on 10 November. The theme for 2018 is "Science, a Human Right".
- ✦ The World Diabetes Day is organized on 14 November throughout the world. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2018 and 2019 is 'The Family and Diabetes'.
- ✦ National Cadets Corps (NCC) day is celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in the month of November.

The NCC in India was formed by the National Cadet Corps Act of 1948 on 15th July 1948. The motto is "Unity and Discipline".

- ✦ National Milk Day is celebrated on November 26 to mark the birth anniversary of India's most successful dairy entrepreneur Dr. Varghese Kurien, the founder of dairy firm Amul.
- ✦ 26 November is celebrated as Indian Constitution Day. On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.
- ✦ Every year on 16 November, the international community celebrates the International Day for Tolerance with activities that target both educational institutions and the general public. UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence. The 2018 winners are social entrepreneur and filmmaker Manon Barbeau (Canada) and the Coexist Initiative, a non-profit organization working to end violence against women(Kenya).

Agreement Signed

- ✦ India & China signed a protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
- ✦ Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15 Janpath, New Delhi, & Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, signed MoU to facilitate and enhance research activities and policy formulation aimed at Socio-economic Transformation and Sustainable Development.
- ✦ Centre & ADB signed a 200 million dollar loan agreement to finance widening and upgrading of about 230 Kilometers State Highways in Bihar to all-weather standards with road safety features.
- ✦ India's premier National Research Laboratory CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH) announced a new partnership with Merck to establish a 'High End Skill Development Centre' in CSIR-IMTECH, Chandigarh.
- ✦ IIM Calcutta Innovation Park and Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) signed an MoU for energising the startup ecosystem in East and Northeast India.
- ✦ International Cricket Council (ICC) announced its partnership with Google to offer the fans a great viewing experience of the upcoming semi-finals and final of the ICC Women's World T20 to be held in West Indies.
- ✦ Airports Authority of India (AAI) inked an agreement with the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to develop a roadmap for modernization of its air traffic services.
- ✦ NITI Aayog partnered with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Asian Development Bank

(ADB) to host a South Asian regional conference at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi to discuss the key issues, perspectives and the way forward in the Urban Infrastructure. The conference on "Urban Infrastructure: New Approaches to Public & Private Partnerships and Municipal Finance Innovations" was inaugurated by CEO, NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant.

- ✦ State-owned NBCC (India) Limited (formerly National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited) has signed an agreement with the Health Ministry to acquire Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC).
- ✦ Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Abu Dhabi with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to explore the possibility of storing ADNOC crude oil at ISPRL's underground oil storage facility at Padur in Karnataka, which has a 2.5 million tonne capacity.

Awards & Recognition

- ✦ IT czar and philanthropist Azim Premji was bestowed with the highest French civilian distinction Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour). Premji, who is the chairman of Bengaluru-headquartered IT major Wipro, received the distinction from the Ambassador of France to India Alexandre Ziegler in Bengaluru.
- ✦ Donbass directed by Sergei Loznitsa won the coveted Golden Peacock Award at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), which concluded in Goa on November 28, 2018.
- ✦ Asia Pacific Screen Award (APSA) 2018 for Best Performance by an Actor (Male) went to Nawazuddin Siddiqui for Manto. Nandita Das, director of the movie herself received the prestigious International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) Award for achievement in film in the Asia Pacific region. The 12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) given in Brisbane, Australia.
- ✦ 8th Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA) was released in Mumbai. The theme of the Award was-"Celebrating Achievers and their remarkable journeys against all odds".
- ✦ Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan awarded the third Sayaji Ratna Award, established in the memory of erstwhile Baroda ruler Sayajirao Gaekwad III.
- ✦ JNU's Hispanic Studies professor Shyama Prasad Ganguly won Mexico's highest civilian honor "Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca" (Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle) accorded to foreign nationals.
- ✦ UN Environment awarded Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India with Asia Environment Enforcement Awards, 2018 for excellent

work done by the Bureau in combating transboundary environmental crime.

- ✦ Azim Premji, chairman of Wipro, has won Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018, Lifetime Achievement. Wipro is India's fourth-biggest software services company by revenue and Ajim Premji is the second richest Indian.
- ✦ Manipal Academy of Higher Education won silver in the International Green Apple Award for Environmental best practice 2018.
- ✦ Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has won this year's Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development, an award conferred by Indira Gandhi Trust each year on the late Prime Minister's birth anniversary.
- ✦ Young golfer Shubhankar Sharma capped a dream season on the European Tour by becoming the first Indian to win the tour's 'Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year' award.
- ✦ Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Commerce & Industry, Suresh Prabhu, and Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Jayant Sinha has launched the upgraded version of AirSewa 2.0 web portal and mobile app in New Delhi.
- ✦ One of India's greatest sarod masters, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, was presented the 'Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement' at the Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi, for his "immense contribution to the enrichment and promotion of the Indian classical music".
- ✦ Finance Minister Arun Jaitley inaugurated National Press Day (16 November) celebrations in New Delhi. Eminent journalist & Chairman of the Hindu Publishing Group, N Ram selected under prestigious award category of Raja Ram Mohan Roy award.
- ✦ Arunima Sinha, the Indian mountaineer who became the world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest in 2013, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by a prestigious UK university for her inspirational achievements.
- ✦ Jawahar Lal Sarin, president of the governing body of Alliance Francaise, was conferred with France's highest civilian honor by French Ambassador to India Alexandre Ziegler at an event.
- ✦ The renewal of the early 20th-century 'Shijo-cho Ofune-hoko Float Machiya' has received the Award of Excellence in this year's UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.
- ✦ An Indian freelance journalist, famous for her investigative reports, has bagged the 2018 London Press Freedom Award for Courage. Swati Chaturvedi, author of the book 'I am a Troll: Inside the Secret World of the BJP's Digital Army', beat shortlisted journalists from Italy, Turkey, and Morocco.
- ✦ The prestigious Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018 in Assam has been given to young writer-critic Dr

Debabhuson Borah for his book on literary criticism titled 'Nirbochon'.

- ✦ Late Dr. Martha Farrell has been honoured with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the 6th Indian Social Work Congress in New Delhi.
- ✦ Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai will be honored by Harvard University for her work promoting girls' education.

Summits/Events Held

- ✦ Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) Plenary 2018, held in Brussels, Belgium. EU handed over the Chairmanship of KPCS to India from 1st January 2019. This year was the fifteenth anniversary of KPCS. The next Intersessional session is slated to be held in India as Chair.
- ✦ President Kovind, inaugurated the 2nd International Ambedkar Conclave in New Delhi as part of the commemoration of Constitution Day.
- ✦ NITI Aayog begun a series of Development Dialogues to engage experts, thought leaders and government stakeholders across key avenues of long-term social and economic development. The first event was a conference on "Health Systems for A New India: Building Blocks".
- ✦ National Festival for Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs)- "Hausla 2018" of the Ministry of Women & Child Development inaugurated. It is witnessing participation of more than 600 Children drawn from CCIs from 18 states.
- ✦ G-20 Summit 2018 to held at Buenos Aires, Argentina. PM Modi will attend the summit. During the visit, he will also attend a trilateral meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.
- ✦ 4th edition of annual "Aadi Mahotsav", a National Tribal Festival organized by Ministry of Tribal Affairs in association with TRIFED and Ministry of Culture to celebrate and cherish the spirit of tribal culture, craft,

- cuisine and commerce held at Dilli Haat, Shri Aurobindo Marg, INA, Delhi.
- ✦ 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health will be held in Hyderabad, a global organisation working in this field announced.
 - ✦ 2nd Edition of the India-UAE Strategic Conclave will be held in the capital city of Abu Dhabi on 27th of November. It will initiate a dialogue to widen the scope of bilateral investments. Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Navdeep Suri will inaugurate.
 - ✦ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj co-chaired the 9th Meeting of India-Lao PDR Joint Commission on Bilateral Co-operation with her counterpart Saleumxay Kommasith in Vientiane, Capital of Laos.
 - ✦ 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine started in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The theme was "Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas".
 - ✦ 27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change held in New Delhi, India. It was chaired by H.E. Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India.
 - ✦ 26th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) held at Versailles(Paris), France. Members voted for the redefinition of 130 years old "Le grand K - the SI unit of kg" in terms of the fundamental Planck's constant(h). The new definitions will come into force on 20 May 2019. The definition of the kilogram has been changed from being the mass of prototype sanctioned by the 1st CGPM held in Paris in 1889 and deposited at the BIPM to the Planck constant which is a physical constant.
 - ✦ Indo-Japan Business Council's Business Festival held in Pune. The Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC), hosted KONNICHI WA PUNE - a first of its kind business festival in Pune.
 - ✦ 14th edition of JashneBachpan, a theatre festival for children, will see performances from Switzerland, Sri Lanka and Indonesia along with their Indian counterparts in New Delhi.
 - ✦ 49th edition of the International Film Festival of India opened with the gala opening ceremony at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Goa. Chaitanya Prasad is the Director of Festival. Israel is the focus country, Jharkhand is the focus state this year. Veteran Israeli filmmaker Dan Wolman will be given the Lifetime Achievement Award this year.
 - ✦ The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinean capital. This is the first time Papua New Guinea (PNG), the poorest of the 21 countries in APEC, has hosted the summit.
 - ✦ 9th Session of the India-Kyrgyz Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IK-IGC) was held in New Delhi.
 - ✦ 26th edition of Central and State Statistical Organizations(COCSO) Conference was organized by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The theme was "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics".
 - ✦ Nongkrem dance festival, an annual event during which prayers are offered for good harvest, peace, and prosperity of the community was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm by the inhabitants of the Khasi Hills in Shillong, Meghalaya.
 - ✦ 3rd Edition of the India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018 was held in Shillong. It was inaugurated by the Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma in the presence of Japanese Ambassador to India, Kenji Hiramatsu.
 - ✦ 2-day summit to mark the World Tolerance Day was inaugurated in Dubai, the UAE. Held for the first time in UAE, the theme of the Summit was 'Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration'.
 - ✦ India- Taiwan SME Development Forum held at Taipei, Taiwan. Indian Delegation was led by Secretary MSME Dr. Arun Kumar Panda.
 - ✦ The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit has begun in Singapore. Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong is the Chairman of the Summit, which will continue till 15th November along with other related summits like East Asia Summit (EAS), Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) and ASEAN plus summits.
 - ✦ Mr R K Singh, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy inaugurated the International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2018) in New Delhi.
 - ✦ The Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, led the Indian delegation to the 7th RCEP Inter-Sessional Ministerial Meeting in Singapore.
 - ✦ The two-day annual meeting of World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Future Councils was held in Dubai, the UAE.
 - ✦ India Mobile Congress is one of the biggest marquee Mobile, Internet, and Technology event for South-East Asia organized by COAI and DoT. IMC 2018 was held in Aerocity, New Delhi. The congress was held under the theme of NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS.
 - ✦ The Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country 25th DST - CII Technology Summit to be organized in 2019, announced Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
 - ✦ The Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayog - Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council, Peoples' Republic of China was held in Mumbai.

- ✦ Tourism minister KJ Alphons along with a delegation of senior officials attended the 109th session of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council in Manama, Bahrain.
- ✦ The first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property has been launched in Delhi to deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy.
- ✦ Indian Air Force has organised a two day seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Aviation Engineering and Logistics' (AVIAMAT-2018) at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, New Delhi.
- ✦ The First WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health took place at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✦ The 18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting was held in Durban, South Africa. Gen.(Dr.) VK Singh (Retd.), Minister of State for External Affairs, attended the IORA Council of Ministers Meeting.

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Committees

- ✦ 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. CARE will be headed by the UGC Vice Chairman.
- ✦ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Soura Jananidhi scheme that aims to increase use of solar energy for helping farmers in irrigating their land.
- ✦ The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has formed a new industry expert committee to develop and promote an augmented reality/virtual reality (AR/VR) ecosystem in India. The committee is chaired by Namrita Mahindro, Senior General Manager, digital transformation, Mahindra Group.
- ✦ NITI Aayog constituted the 'Himalayan State Regional Council' to ensure sustainable development of the

Indian Himalayan region. It will be chaired by the Dr. VK Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog.

Visits

- ✦ Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Melescanu is on an official visit to India. EAM Swaraj held delegation-level talks with her Romanian counterpart in New Delhi.
- ✦ Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid arrived in New Delhi for visit to India. Mr. Shahid and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will hold extensive talks on issues of mutual interest.
- ✦ President Kovind met Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison in Sydney. He became the first Indian President to visit Australia. 5 MoUs were exchanged in the field of disability sector, education, trade-investment, scientific cooperation, agriculture and on higher education focussing on PhD by both the nations. He also unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Parramatta in Sydney.
- ✦ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj is on a 2-day visit to Laos. During her visit, Ms Swaraj will co-chair the 9th Meeting of India-Laos Joint Commission on Bilateral Co-operation with her counterpart Saleumxay Kommasith. She will also call on the Prime Minister of Laos, Mr Thongloun Sisoulith.
- ✦ President Kovind is on 2 nation visit to Vietnam and Australia. He reached Da Nang in Vietnam on the first leg of his two-nation visit. On the second leg of his visit, he will reach Australia.
- ✦ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu was on a seven-day 3-South African nation visit to Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Malawi.

Science & Technology Current Affairs

- ✦ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched PSLV-C43. This launch took place from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. ISRO also launched its latest Earth-mapping satellite, HysIS, as part of the mission.
- ✦ NASA's InSight spacecraft landed on Mars after nearly a 7 months, 458-million-kilometre journey, and a 6.5-minute parachuted descent through the Red Planet's atmosphere.
- ✦ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has designed and booted up 'Shakti', which can be used for wireless and networking systems, as well as mobile computing. 'Shakti' is India's first and indigenous microprocessor.
- ✦ Xinhua, China's state-run press agency, recently unveiled virtual newsreaders that combine the images and voices of human anchors with artificial intelligence (AI) technology.

✦ GSAT-29 communication satellite, which is being carried by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-Mk III) was launched into space from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

Books & Authors

- ✦ President Kovind, received the first copy of the book "Making of New India: Transformation under Modi Government", from Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs. The book is edited by Dr. Bibek Debroy, Dr. Anirban Ganguly and Shri Kishore Desai.
- ✦ Oscar-winning musician A.R. Rahman, whose biography Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman was launched in Mumbai says the book has been a journey for him and took him to those corners of his life which have remained candid for a long time.
- ✦ Dr Murali Mohan Chuntharu, a Dental Surgeon and also DK Home Guard Commandant has written a book named "Arivu", which explains about Mouth Cancer and prevention of the disease.
- ✦ Famous yoga exponent and author, Mansi Gulati's book, 'Yoga and Mindfulness' was launched by VP of India, Mr M. Venkaiah Naidu.
- ✦ Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C) Dr Jitendra Singh released a book titled 'Radio Kashmir-In Times of Peace & War' written by Dr Rajesh Bhat.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- ✦ Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik launched the force's e-learning portal NIPUN and training division website.
- ✦ Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences has launched a campaign to spread a pan-India awareness about hepatitis disease. Empowering People Against Hepatitis: The Empathy Campaign was launched at Metro Bhawan, New Delhi in presence of Managing Director of DMRC. Dr. Mangu Singh, and Director ILBS. Shiv Kumar Sarin.
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- ✦ Malayalam film Olu will be the opening film at the 49th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2018. This was decided by the jury for the Indian Panorama. The IFFI will be held in Goa in November 2018.

- ✦ The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the conversion of decommissioned carrier INS Viraat into a floating museum.
- ✦ Joint Secretary (Films), Ministry of I&B Shri Ashok Kumar Parmar inaugurated the India Pavilion at Videocittà, 2018 in Rome Film Festival.
- ✦ The Ministry of Railways launched the 'Unreserved Mobile Ticketing' facility (UTS on Mobile) to enable seamless booking of unreserved tickets all over Indian Railways, wiping out the need for passengers to wait in queues for purchasing the tickets.
- ✦ The newly-built Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow was renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The stadium will now be known as 'Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium'.
- ✦ Odisha government has launched a new initiative named 'Mo Bus' services in the Bhubaneswar ahead of the Men's Hockey World Cup.
- ✦ Ayodhya Deepostav 2018, an event organised to mark Diwali celebrations in Ayodhya town - has entered Guinness Book of World Records.
- ✦ Indian mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta became the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe, the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea.
- ✦ The 38th India International Trade Fair (IITF) has begun at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The 14-day annual event will continue till 27th of November. This year the theme of the fair is 'Rural Enterprises in India'. Afghanistan is the Partner Country.

Obituaries

- ✦ Italian filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci, who won Oscars with "The Last Emperor" and whose erotic drama "Last Tango in Paris" enthralled and shocked the world, has passed away.
- ✦ Singer Mohammed Aziz has passed away aged 64 following a cardiac arrest in Mumbai. He was returning from Kolkata when he collapsed at the airport.
- ✦ Stephen Hillenburg, the creator of SpongeBob SquarePants, has passed away at the age of 57.
- ✦ Former Indian hockey player, Sandeep Michael, who captained the Indian junior team to a gold at the Asia Cup 2003, died at the age of 33 after battling an unspecified neurological problem.
- ✦ Classical music stalwart Ustad Imrat Khan, who dedicated his life to propagating the Sitar and the surbahar worldwide, has died in the US after a brief illness. He was 83.
- ✦ Oscar-winning screenwriter and best-selling author William Goldman, known for "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "All The President's Men", passes away. He was 87.
- ✦ Padma Shri awardee and revered saint Narayan Das Maharaj of Triveni dham near Jaipur passed away.

- ✦ Dr. TS Kanaka, the continent's first woman neurosurgeon, passed away after a brief illness at the age of 86. She was the third woman neurosurgeon in the whole world.
- ✦ Padma Shri Professor Qazi Abdussattar, a noted Urdu writer and former head of Aligarh Muslim University's Urdu department, passed away in Delhi following a protracted illness. He was 85. Abdussattar was awarded Padma Shri in 1974.
- ✦ Playwright, poet and author Ntozake Shange, whose most acclaimed theatre piece is the 1975 Tony Award-nominated play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf," had passed away.
- ✦ Vice-Admiral M.P. Awati (retd.), who commanded a naval unit of the Eastern Fleet in the 1971 India-Pakistan war and whose actions led to the destruction of an enemy submarine, passed away.
- ✦ Veteran theatre and Marathi film actor Lalan Sarang had passed away in Pune where she was hospitalized for a month for multiple ailments.
- ✦ Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and Chemicals and Fertilizers H.N. Ananth Kumar, also a senior BJP leader from the State passed away in Bengaluru. He was 59.
- ✦ American comic-book writer and Marvel Comics co-creator Stan Lee passed away aged 95.
- ✦ Popular ad filmmaker and theatre personality Alyque Padamsee passed away in Mumbai.
- ✦ Decorated war veteran Brigadier Kuldip Singh Chandpuri passed away in a private hospital in Mohali, Punjab. He was 78.

Countries | Capital | Currencies

- ✦ Qatar Capital: Doha, Currency: Qatari riyal.
- ✦ President of Zimbabwe: Emmerson Mnangagwa, Capital: Harare.
- ✦ Malawi Capital: Lilongwe, Currency: Malawian kwacha, President of Malawi: Peter Arthur Mutharika.
- ✦ France Capital: Paris, Currency: CFP franc, President: Emmanuel Macron.
- ✦ Palau Capital: Ngerulmud, Currency: United States Dollar
- ✦ Morocco Capital: Rabat, Currency: Moroccan dirham.
- ✦ Vilnius is the capital city of Lithuania.
- ✦ Singapore President: Halimah Yacob, Currency: Singapore dollar.
- ✦ UAE Capital: Abu Dhabi, Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham.
- ✦ Eritrea Capital: Asmara, Continent: Africa, Currency: Eritrean nakfa.
- ✦ Taiwan Capital: Taipei, Currency: New Taiwan dollar.
- ✦ Kyrgyzstan Capital: Bishkek, Currency: Kyrgyzstani som.
- ✦ Russia Capital: Moscow, Currency: Russian ruble.
- ✦ Vietnam Capital: Hanoi, Currency: Vietnamese dong.

- ✦ Australia Capital: Canberra, Currency: Australian dollar.
- ✦ Papua New Guinea Capital: Port Moresby, Currency: Papua New Guinean kina.
- ✦ Maldives Capital: Male, Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa.
- ✦ Yemen Capital: Sana'a, Currency: Yemeni rial.
- ✦ Vietnam Capital: Hanoi, Currency: Vietnamese dong.
- ✦ Australian Capital: Canberra, Currency: Australian dollar.
- ✦ Laos Capital: Vientiane, Currency: Lao kip.
- ✦ Nepal Capital: Kathmandu, Currency: Nepalese rupee, PM: K P Oli.
- ✦ Fiji Capital: Suva, Currency: Fijian Dollar.
- ✦ UAE Capital: Abu Dhabi, Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham.
- ✦ Ukrainian hryvnia is the currency of Ukraine. Kiev is the capital city of Ukraine.
- ✦ Bidhya Devi Bhandari is the current President of Nepal and commander in chief of Nepalese Army. The currency of Nepal- Nepalese Rupee. Kathmandu is the capital city of Nepal.
- ✦ Romania Capital: Bucharest, Currency: Romanian Leu.
- ✦ China Currency: Renminbi, Capital: Beijing.

International Organizations / Companies in News

- ✦ The President of the World Bank is Jim Yong Kim.
- ✦ The World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C., United States.
- ✦ Secretary-General of UNWTO: Zurab Pololikashvili.
- ✦ WHO Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✦ IOC President: Thomas Bach, Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ✦ ASEAN stands for Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia.
- ✦ The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a mega-regional free trade agreement being negotiated amongst 16 countries, comprising 10 ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) plus six ASEAN FTA partners, namely Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand.
- ✦ International Energy Agency was established in 1974. It headquarters in Paris, France.
- ✦ Asian Development Bank is a regional development Bank established in 1966. Headquarters of ADB is in Manila, Philippines. Takehiko Nakao is Present President of the Asian Development Bank.
- ✦ UNICEF headquarters in New York, the USA.
- ✦ The BASIC countries comprise Brazil, South Africa, India and China. Brazil will host the next meeting of BASIC in 2019.

- ✦ Interpol Headquarters: Lyon, France, Motto: "Connecting police for a safer world".
- ✦ UNICEF Headquarters: New York, UNICEF Executive Director: Henrietta H. Fore.

Financial Organizations in News

- ✦ HDFC Bank Headquarters in Mumbai.
- ✦ UCO Bank Headquarters in Kolkata.
- ✦ Urjit Patel- 24th Governor of RBI, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 1st April 1935, in Kolkata.
- ✦ Yes Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, CEO: Rana Kapoor.
- ✦ IndusInd Bank MD and CEO: Romesh Sobti, Headquarters: Mumbai.
- ✦ Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangalore, Tagline: Your Family Bank, Across India.
- ✦ NSE Chairperson: Ashok Chawla, Headquarters: Mumbai.
- ✦ SEBI- Securities and Exchange Board of India. SEBI Chairman- Ajay Tyagi, Headquarters- Mumbai.

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

- ✦ Giriraj Singh is the present MSME Minister of India.
- ✦ Piyush Goyal is the present Railways Minister of India.
- ✦ Santosh Kumar Gangwar is the Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- ✦ Odisha CM: Naveen Patnaik, Governor: Ganeshi Lal.

- ✦ Andhra Pradesh CM: N Chandrababu Naidu, Governor: ESL Narasimhan.
- ✦ Meghalaya CM: Conrad Sangma, Governor: Tathagata Roy.
- ✦ Santosh Kumar Gangwar is the present Minister of State of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- ✦ Tamil Nadu CM: Edappadi K Palaniswami, Governor: Banwarilal Purohit.
- ✦ Uttar Pradesh CM: Yogi Adityanath, Governor: Ram Naik.
- ✦ Prakash Javadekar is the Minister of Human Resource Development.
- ✦ Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan, Governor: Palaniswamy Sathasivam.
- ✦ Jharkhand CM: Raghubar Das, Governor: Droupadi Murmu.
- ✦ West Bengal CM: Mamta Bannerjee, Governor: Keshari Nath Tripathi.
- ✦ Himachal Pradesh CM : Jai Ram Thakur, Governor: Acharya Devvrat.

Other Static General Awareness Current Affairs

- ✦ NITI- National Institution for Transforming India.
- ✦ NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman- Rajiv Kumar, CEO- Amitabh Kant.
- ✦ Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa is the Present Chief of Air Staff.
- ✦ General Bipin Rawat is the present Chief of Army Staff.
- ✦ IAMAI is not-for-profit industry body registered under the Societies Act, 1896. Rajan Anandan is the Chairman of IAMAI.
- ✦ Indian Ocean Rim Association is an inter-governmental organisation which was established on 7 March 1997. IORA Headquarters in Ebene, Mauritius.
- ✦ ISRO Chairman: K Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru, Founder: Vikram Sarabhai, Founded: 15 August 1969.
- ✦ 16th November has been declared as the World's Tolerance Day by the UNESCO.
- ✦ Press Council of India chairman: CK Prasad.
- ✦ World Metrology Day - 20 May.
- ✦ ICC Chairperson: Shashank Manohar, Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates, CEO: Dave Richardson.
- ✦ G20 2019: Osaka, Japan.