

GENERAL AWARENESS–CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF JUNE–2018

LIST OF IMPORTANT DAYS

- June 1** - World Milk Day. (Theme - “Drink Move Be Strong”)
- June 1** - Global Day of Parents.
- June 2** - International Sex Workers Day.
- June 3** - World Bicycle Day.
- June 4** - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- June 5** - World Environment Day. (Theme - “Beat Plastic Pollution”)
- June 8** - World Oceans Day.
(Theme - “Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean”)
- June 8** - World Brain Tumor Day.
- June 12** - World Day against Child Labor. (Theme - “Generation Safe & Healthy”)
- June 13** - International Albinism Awareness Day. (Theme - “Shining Our Light to the World”)
- June 14** - World Blood Donor Day. (Theme - “Blood Connects us All”)
- June 15** - ASEAN Dengue Day. (Theme - “One Asean Community Against Dengue”)
- June 15** - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD).
- June 16** - International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR).
- June 17** - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.
(Theme - “Land has true value – invest in it”)
- June 20** - World Refugee Day. (Theme - “Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees”)
- June 21** - World Music Day (Fete de la Musique).
- June 21** - International Yoga Day. (Theme - “Yoga for Peace”)
- June 23** - International Olympic Day.
- June 23** - World Public Service Day.
- June 23** - International Widows Day.
- June 25** - Day of the Seafarer. (Theme - “seafarers' wellbeing”)
- June 26** - International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. (Theme - “Listen First – Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe.”)
- June 26** - International Day in Support of Victims and Nature.
- June 29** - National Statistics Day. (Theme - “Quality Assurance in Official Statistics”)

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

- To focus on creating awareness among customers of banks, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is conducting **Financial Literacy Week**, which was started from **4th June to 8th June 2018**.
 - Theme of Financial Literacy Week: ‘**Customer Protection**’.
- RBI hikes **Repo Rate** to **6.25 bps** after more than 4 years.
 - Reverse Repo Rate - **6 per cent**.
 - Bank rate - **6.50 per cent**
 - Growth projection retained at **7.4 pc**
 - Retail inflation at **4.8-4.9 pc** for April-September

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to allow voluntary transition of **Urban Cooperative Banks** meeting certain prescribed criteria into **Small Finance Banks**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that it will set up a **Public Credit Registry (PCR)** as a repository of information regarding **loan information of individuals and corporate borrowers**.
 - This decision has been taken as per recommendations of **Y. M. Deosthalee** committee.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made changes in the **Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS) 2015** to enable people to open a **hassle-free gold deposit account**.
- On the backdrop of rising oil prices and shortfall in **FPI inflows** to the country the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to **raise \$30-35 billion** via NRI bonds to raise the rupee.
- Concerned over **funds sent abroad** under the '**Maintenance of Close Relative**' category of the **Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS)**, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has narrowed the definition of relatives to check the flow of funds.
 - Hence, funds under the 'maintenance of close relative' category can be sent only to immediate relatives such as parents, spouses, children and their spouses.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has revised the **Priority Sector Lending (PSL)** guidelines for housing loans with **Affordable Housing** definition under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana**.
 - The apex bank announced that housing loans of up to **35 lakh rupees** for dwellings costing less than **45 lakh rupees**, will be treated as priority sector lending to give a fillip to the low-cost segment.
 - The RBI has further revised existing family income limit of **Rs.2 lakh per annum** for loans to housing projects for Economically Weaker Sections and Low Income Groups to **Rs 3 lakh per annum** and **Rs.6 lakh per annum**, respectively.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has proposed setting up of **Board of Management (BoM)** in all **Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)** having deposits of over Rs.100 crore within one year to strengthen governance and promote professional management in these banks.
- **Public Sector Banks (PSBs)** accounted for over **85% of total fraud cases** reported in the banking system in 2017-18, a recently released RBI report revealed.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has informed refiners that it **won't handle payments for crude oil** from **Iran** from November.
 - This comes after US President Donald Trump pulled out of Iran nuclear deal and pledged to impose "highest level of sanctions" within 180 days.
 - This move affects India's imports of Iranian oil from August-end.
- India's largest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** is in the process of **closing down 9 foreign branches** as part of rationalization of overseas operations.

OTHER BANKS

- **Public Sector Banks** collectively suffered a net loss of **Rs.87,357 crore** in 2017-18.
 - Punjab National Bank (PNB) posted the highest loss of nearly **Rs.12,283 crore**.
- At least **five** major banks including **ICICI Bank** and **Axis Bank** are testing the system to send banking communications through **WhatsApp**.
- Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for grant of permission to **HDFC Bank** to raise additional share **capital** of up to a maximum of 24,000 crore rupees.
- Facebook-owned messaging service **WhatsApp** has started the mass rollout of **WhatsApp Payments** feature via **UPI platform** in India.

- State-owned **Bank of Baroda** along with **Indian Overseas Bank** and **Andhra Bank** are in advanced discussions with a possible buyer to sell their stake in Malaysian joint venture – **India International Bank (Malaysia) Berhad**.
 - Bank of Baroda holds a 40 per cent stake in India International Bank (Malaysia), while Indian Overseas Bank and Andhra Bank own 35 per cent and 25 per cent stake, respectively.
- **Public sector banks** have written off bad loans worth **Rs.1.20 lakh crore**, an amount that is nearly one-and-a-half times more than their total losses posted in 2017-18.
- The **Banks Board Bureau (BBB)** has recommended 22 general managers to be elevated as Executive Directors at the various **Public Sector Banks (PSBs)**.
 - The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) headed by **Prime Minister** will take the final decision in this regard and will release the names.
- India's **fourth** largest private sector bank, **Yes Bank** announced that it has received approval from market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** for acting as **custodian of securities**.
- Private sector lender **Karnataka Bank** is targeting to disburse about **Rs.9000 crore agriculture loan** this fiscal, seeing potential opportunities in the sector.
 - The bank has announced that it is also in line with **government's vision to double farm sector income by 2022**.
- State-run **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has set up **loan recovery cells** in all its 6,900 branches.
- The **UK's Financial Conduct Authority** has fined state-owned **Canara Bank's UK division** £896,100 (**Rs.8 crore**) for breaching **anti-money laundering laws**.
 - It has also prohibited the bank from accepting **new deposits** for nearly five months.
- The **Bank of Maharashtra** board stripped the bank's MD and CEO **Ravindra Marathe** and Executive Director **RK Gupta** of all functional responsibilities with immediate effect.
 - This comes after Marathe and Gupta were arrested in the **Rs.2043-crore DSK Group loan fraud** case.
 - The other executive director **A C Rout** has been given the charge of the bank's CEO.

INSURANCE

- The **Odisha** government has launched **Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana**, a new **Health Insurance scheme for Journalists**.
 - This scheme provides **Rs.2 Lakh** per annum health insurance cover to all working journalists of the state.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)** has approved **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**'s plan to buy 51 per cent stake in **IDBI Bank** as the insurance regulator gave the insurer exemption from 15 per cent investment cap.
 - The LIC is expected to invest around Rs.13000 crore in tranches in the NPA-mired state-run lender.

SUPREME COURT

- Following directions from Supreme Court, the **Central** Government has constituted the **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CMA)** to address the dispute over sharing of river water among **Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry**.

HIGH COURTS AND SESSIONS COURTS

- The **Bombay High Court** recently approved the **service of notice** about litigation in a **PDF format** through **WhatsApp** as valid.

- The **UK High Court** has ordered embattled liquor tycoon **Vijay Mallya** to pay a minimum of 2 lakh pounds towards the costs incurred by 13 Indian banks in their legal battle to recover alleged dues.
- The **Uttarakhand High Court** has **banned water sports** in the state until the government frames a policy to **regulate** them.
- The **Uttarakhand High Court** has ordered the state government to set the **limit of loudspeakers** at **5 decibels**.

ELECTION COMMISSION

- The **Uttar Pradesh** government has prepared a **report** to implement **One Nation One Election formula** in the state.
 - The Committee has suggested that the formula can be implemented in **two phases**.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

- Centre has approved construction of **one lakh fifty thousand houses** for **urban poor** under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana**.
- **Uttar Pradesh's Mughal Sarai Junction** has officially been renamed as **Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction**, after President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to the state government's proposal.
- The government has made **Permanent Account Number (PAN)** **mandatory** for **sending money abroad** under the **Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS)**.
- The government has opened **10 joint secretary-level posts** for **private sector employees**, who neither require to be an **IAS officer** nor **UPSC qualified** to be eligible for the job.
- **Indian Parliament's Monsoon Session** will be held from July 18 to August 10.
- Following the recommendation of the **7th Pay Commission**, the Centre has decided to **stop** giving **overtime allowance** to most employees, excluding operational staff.
- **India** would start getting data on deposits made by **Indians** this year in **Swiss Banks** as part of a bilateral treaty signed between the two nations, interim Finance Minister Piyush Goyal announced.

STATES

- The **Andhra Pradesh** government has announced a first of its kind **monthly allowance** of **Rs.1,000** each to **unemployed graduate youths** in the state with an **upper age limit of 35**.
- The state of **Telangana** was celebrating the 4th anniversary of its foundation on June 2.
- On the World Environment Day, **Tamil Nadu** CM **Edappadi K Palaniswami** announced that the state would **ban** the use of **plastic** from **2019**.
 - **Milk** and **oil** pouches, along with other basic need items will be exempted from the ban.
- Ahead of the World Environment Day, the **Haryana** CM **Manohar Lal Khattar** has banned **single-use water bottles** in all **government offices** in the state and ordered the use of only multi-use water bottles.
- The **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat** announced a blanket (complete) **ban** on **polythene** starting **July 31**.
- In a bid to check **e-waste problem**, **Rajasthan** government has launched a scheme wherein people can sell their **old phones, computers, routers** and any other electronic items to the **government**.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has declared the **Queen Variety pineapple** as **state fruit** of **Tripura**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister **Chandrababu Naidu** has declared the **state open-defecation free** after achieving the goal of constructing 2.77 lakh individual toilets.

- **Andhra Pradesh** is set to become 1st state in India to use **Auto-Disable Syringes** for all clinical purposes to **prevent infection**.
 - The state will enforce this decision from will from the **World Hepatitis Day** (28th July).
- **Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar** has deferred the government notification which directed **sportspersons employed** with the state to pay **33%** of their income to the sports council.
- The **Bihar** government is planning to **ban Khaini** (chewing tobacco), on health grounds.
- **Kerala** Government has decided to **lift high alert issued** in the wake of outbreak of deadly **Nipah virus** in May 2018 in northern Kozhikode and Malappuram districts of state that has so far claimed 17 lives.
- The **Haryana** government has raised the **upper age limit** of entry into **government service** from 40 to **42 years**.
- The **Kerala** government has announced plans to launch the **Comprehensive Newborn Screening programme** to detect birth defects in babies born in government health facilities within 48 hours of birth.
- The **Telangana** government directed all urban local bodies and civic municipal bodies to **ban** usage of **single-use plastic** in the **offices**.
- **Tamil Nadu** is going to **ban electronic cigarettes**, battery-operated inhalers that emit doses of vaporized nicotine.
- **Rajasthan** Governor **Kalyan Singh** has discontinued the tradition of giving ceremonial Guard of Honor to the **Governor**.
 - With this he became the first Governor of the country who made big changes regarding this type of arrangements.
- The **Haryana** government has decided to introduce an **environment-centric scheme**, under which **school children** will be given **Rs.50** for **planting trees** every **six months** for a period of **three years**.
- **Shillong** (Capital city of Meghalaya) has been selected as **100th Smart City**, to receive funding under the Centre's flagship **Smart Cities Mission**, after evaluating the proposal submitted by it.
- **Richard Branson-led Virgin Hyperloop One** is going to invest **Rs.3000 crore** to build a 15-km-long Hyperloop demonstration track in Pune for the **Mumbai-Pune Hyperloop project**.
- The **ban on plastic** came into effect from across the state of **Maharashtra**.
 - The fine for the first-time and second-time offence will be **Rs.5000** and **Rs.10000** respectively, while a third violation would attract **Rs.25000-fine** and three-month jail.
- **Haryana** has made use of **LED bulbs** and **tubelights** mandatory in all government offices by August 15.
- **Maharashtra** has become the 18th state to enforce a complete **ban** on the sale, use and manufacture of **plastic** bags.
 - Other states which have imposed a complete ban include Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, among others.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** Governor **N N Vohra** made **biometric attendance** compulsory in all state government offices with immediate effect.
- The **Gujarat** government has launched a new **solar power scheme** for **farmers** titled **Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY)**.
- On the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the **Karnataka** government has announced a new toll-free number **1908** to **report drug activity**.

PERSONALITIES

- A 22-year-old **Sikh** soldier **Guardsman Charanpreet Singh Lall** created history by becoming the 1st to wear a **turban** instead of a **bearskin hat** during the **Trooping the Color parade** (an annual parade that marks the birthday of Britain's longest-reigning monarch Queen Elizabeth II).
- **American** politician who served as the 41st **President of the United States**, **George HW Bush** turned 94.
 - With this, he officially became the **longest living President in US** history.
- **Goa** Chief Minister **Manohar Parrikar** returned to **India** after he spent two and a half months in the **US**, where he was receiving treatment for a pancreatic ailment.
- National Statistics Day commemorates the birth anniversary of Indian Bengali scientist and applied statistician, **Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**.

DEFENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

- **World's largest** international maritime warfare exercise, **RIMPAC** (Rim of the Pacific Exercise) was held from 27th June 2018 to 2nd August 2018.
- **India** has decided to go ahead with acquiring the **S-400 anti-aircraft missile system** from **Russia** despite the US warning against the procurement.
 - The **Rs.40,000-crore** deal will be announced during a summit between PM Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin in October.
- **India** successfully test-fired the indigenously developed and nuclear-capable Long Range Ballistic Missile **Agni 5**.
- Landlocked nation **Ethiopia** is going to build a **new Navy** as part of military reforms.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Sunayana** successfully completed the **Operation NISTAR**, which was initiated to rescue **38 Indian Nationals** from cyclone-hit **Socotra Island** in **Yemen** under swift Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Operation (HADR).
- **Malabar 2018**, a trilateral naval exercise involving the **United States, Japan and India** began off the coast of Guam in the **Phillipine Sea**.
 - The exercise is divided into two phases. **Harbor phase** **Sea phase**.
 - This is the 1st joint exercise after the US renamed its **Hawaii-based Pacific command** as the **Indo-Pacific Command**.
- **India's** 1st indigenous, long-range artillery gun '**Dhanush**' has cleared its final test at **Pokhran, Rajasthan** and is ready to be inducted into the **Indian Army**.
- **India** is going to host **1st military exercise** of the **BIMSTEC Countries 2018**.
 - The exercise is scheduled to be held in **Pune (Maharashtra)** in the second week of September.
 - **Aim:** To promote strategic alignment among the member-states and to share best practices in the area of counter-terrorism.
 - **BIMSTEC:** Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- The 13th edition of **India-Nepal** joint military exercise '**Surya Kiran**' successfully concluded at Pithoragarh, **Uttarakhand**.
- The **US government** has approved a deal to sell **six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters** to **India** for **\$930 million**.
- The **Indian Army** has started an initiative titled '**Kashmir Super 30 Medical**', which is a full-time coaching project for **NEET aspirants** in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
 - This comes after the success of '**Kashmir Super-40**', a similar initiative for **engineering** in which 28 out of 40 students cracked the **IIT-JEE Mains 2017**.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the 1st office of leading defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Limited** in **Hanoi**, reflecting India's deepening military cooperation with **Vietnam**.

- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** has commissioned **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICGS Rani Rashmoni**, in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
 - It is 5th and last ship to be commissioned in the series of Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) project of ICG.
- **India and Bangladesh** have agreed to institute **Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** as an annual exercise between navies of two neighboring countries.
 - The first edition of CORPAT was inaugurated by Indian Navy's Chief Admiral **Sunil Lanba** during his visit to Bangladesh.
- Aiming to take the defence ties to a newer height, External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** handed over the second **Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft** to visiting President of Seychelles **Danny Faure**.

COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

- To study the **Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India**, the Indian Government has constituted a Group of eminent persons.
 - Head of this Group: **Baba Kalyani** (Industrialist)
- Finance Minister **Piyush Goyal** has announced setting up of a committee on the formation of **Asset Reconstruction Company** for faster resolution of stressed accounts of **public sector banks**.
 - Head: **Sunil Mehta** (Non-executive chairman of PNB)
- The government has set up a committee to bring in **transparency in the jobs data calculation**.
 - The committee will look into the limitations of the **Quarterly Employment Survey (QES)** and submit its report.
 - Head of this Committee: **TCA Anant** (former Chief Statistician of India)
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has approved setting up of committee to lay down standards for **metro rail systems in India**.
 - Head of this Committee: **E Sreedharan** (Metro man of India)

SCHEMES/INITIATIVES

- As part of **Digital India Initiative**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched **BHIM, RuPay** and **SBI mobile payment applications** in **Singapore** at a business event focused on digital platforms.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, along with **Singapore's** former premier **Goh Chok Tong**, unveiled a plaque dedicated to **Mahatma Gandhi** at **Clifford Pier** in the city-state, where his ashes were immersed.
- Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** on 1st June launched an **Online Analytical Tool** to facilitate closer **monitoring** of the flow and utilization of **foreign contributions** received by various organizations registered under the **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA)**.
- The **Madhya Pradesh** government has announced **Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018** (Power Bill Waiver Scheme), a waiver scheme for outstanding power bills for **laborers** and **poor families**.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** inaugurated the **2-sided bust** of **Mahatma Gandhi**, titled "**Birth of Satyagraha**" at the **Pietermaritzburg railway station** where 125 years ago Mahatma Gandhi decided to fight against injustice and colonialism.
- The **Union Ministry of Culture** has launched a new scheme titled **Seva Bhoj Yojana**.
 - Aim: To provide **financial assistance** on purchase of **specific food** items by **Charitable Religious Institutions (CRIs)** for free distribution among people.
- The **Union Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeITY)** launched **5000 Wi-Fi Choupals** in villages in partnership with common service centres (CSCs).
 - Aim: To transform rural Internet connectivity through Bharat Net Project.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated multiple projects at **Chhattisgarh**.
 - He first inaugurated the **Integrated Command and Control Centre** in **Naya Raipur Smart City**.
 - Next, he inaugurated a modernized and expanded part of the **Bhilai Steel Plant**.
 - During the same event, he laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhilai**.
 - He unveiled the commencement of phase-2 of **BharatNet (Bharat Broadband Network Limited)** which envisages connecting **Gram Panchayats** with an underground **optical fiber network**.
 - Modi also inaugurated air services between **Jagdalpur** and **Raipur**.
- **Puducherry** LG **Kiran Bedi** has inaugurated a **tourist kiosk or Robocop** called '**Singham**' (Lion).
- To provide **clean drinking water**, the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has launched a scheme titled **Swajal Yojana** in 115 districts of India.
 - This scheme will involve outlay of Rs.700 crores through flexi-funds under existing National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) budget.
- Spiritual Guru **Ravi Shankar** inaugurated the largest ever celebration of **International Day of Yoga** in **The Netherlands**.
- **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** (MeitY) is going to expand its **India BPO Promotion Scheme** to **1 lakhs seats** from current 48,000 seats.
 - It will also set up 5th and India's largest National data centre (NDC) in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh** with capacity of 5 lakhs virtual servers.
- The world's first **International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics** was launched in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
 - The centre is joint venture of Regional delegation of International Committee of Red Cross (ICCR) in **India, Bhutan, Nepal and Maldives** and also Gujarat Forensic Science University.
- **Punjab** government has launched '**i-Hariyali**' mobile application under '**Mission Tandarust Punjab**' aimed at increasing the state's **green cover**.
 - **Aim** - To inspire more and more people to plant maximum saplings during current monsoon season so as to save environment from pollution hazards.
- Spiritual guru **Sri Sri Ravishankar's** consumer goods venture **Sri Sri Tattva** has launched an in-house apparel brand – **BYOGI**.
 - BYOGI will have ranges of ethnic wears, yoga wears and yoga accessories like mats.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone of **Vaniya Bhawan** at **Delhi's Akbar road**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Mohanpura irrigation project** in **Madhya Pradesh's Rajgarh district**.
 - The **Rs.3866 crore** projects include a dam and a canal system which will provide drinking water to over 400 villages.
- The **Union Finance Ministry** has given "in-principle" approval to **Metro Rail projects** in **Indore, Bhopal, Kanpur, Agra and Delhi**.
 - The estimated cost of the projects is **Rs.1.07 lakh crore**.
- On the occasion of '**Passport Seva Divas**', External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** launched the **mPassport Seva** mobile application to help deliver passports to applicants at their residence.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** launched **Solar Charkha Mission** under which Government will disburse subsidy of **Rs.550 crore** to thousands of artisans, generating employment in rural areas.
 - Under this mission, **Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME)** will cover 50 clusters across the country including in the Northeast and each cluster will employ 400 to 2,000 artisans.
 - **Aim:** To generate employment in rural areas and contribute to the green economy.

- To trace missing and abandoned children in India, the Commerce and Industry Minister **Suresh Prabhu** launched a mobile application titled **ReUnite**.
 - **Amazon Rekognition**, web facial recognition service, is being used to identify missing kids.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone for **National Centre for Ageing at All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi**.
 - The Centre will be developed at cost of Rs.330 crores and shall be completed by February 2020.

SUMMIT/CONFERENCE

- The 1st biannual **Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference** was inaugurated held at **Air Headquarters, New Delhi**.
 - This conference was inaugurated by Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**.
- The **3rd Home Affairs' Dialogue** between **India** and **U.K.** was held in **New Delhi**.
 - The Government of India Delegation was led by **Rajiv Gauba**, Union Home Secretary and the Delegation from Home Office of the U.K. was led by its Second Permanent Secretary **Patsy Wilkinson**.
- The 2-day **Conference of Governors and Lt. Governors** commenced at Rashtrapati Bhavan with the inaugural address of President **Ram Nath Kovind**.
- The 18th **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit** concluded on 10th June at **Qingdao, China** with the adoption of the Qingdao declaration.
- Island nation **Mauritius** is going to host the **11th World Hindi Conference** in its capital city **Port Louis** from 18th to 20th August 2018.
 - **Theme:** "Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti".
- The summit between the **United States** and **North Korea** finally took place in **Singapore**.
 - US President **Donald Trump** and North Korean leader **Kim Jong Un** met at a resort island of **Sentosa** along with their respective translators.
 - Both leaders signed a "**comprehensive**" document at the end of their historic summit, vowing to forge a new partnership and reverse decades of American policy toward the rogue regime.
- **Russian** President **Vladimir Putin** has invited **North Korean** leader **Kim Jong-un** to attend the **Eastern Economic Forum** which is scheduled to be held in September 2018 at **Russia**.
- Following the informal summit between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and **Chinese** President **Xi Jinping**, the Chinese envoy to India **Luo Zhaohui** unveiled a 4-point vision for future cooperation with India.
- For the first time, **US** President **Donald Trump** and **Russian** President **Vladimir Putin** are going to hold a bilateral summit at **Helsinki** (Finland's capital) on 16th July 2018.
 - Due to this bilateral summit, the US has postponed its inaugural 2+2 dialogue with India which was scheduled to be held on July 6, 2018 in Washington DC.

AGREEMENT/DEAL/SIGNED

- **India** and **World Bank** signed a **500 million Dollar** loan agreement to provide additional financing for the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Rural Roads Project**.
- The **Data Security Council of India (DSCI)**, an arm of the **Nasscom**, has signed an agreement with the **Telangana** government to set up the **Centre of Excellence (CoE) for cyber security**.
- The **Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL)** signed agreement with **Kerala** government to construct **three marine ambulances** for state **fisheries department**.
- **Telangana** government entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India** to provide **Rs.5 lakhs insurance** cover to the **farmers** under 'Telangana Rythu Beema' scheme.

- Union Cabinet apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between **India** and **Denmark** on **technical cooperation** in the field of **Sustainable and Smart Urban Development**.
- The Cabinet approved a MoU signed between **India** and **The Netherlands** on **technical cooperation** in the field of **Spatial Planning**, Water Management and Mobility Management.
- The Cabinet also approved MoU signed between **India** and **Oman** on **Cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space**.
- **India** and **China** signed **2 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)**.
 - They are, MOU on provision of **hydrological information** of the **Brahmaputra River** in flood season by China to India.
 - MOU for **exporting rice** from India to China, one of the world's biggest rice markets.
- **8 states** and **4 Union Territories** have signed MoUs with the **Union Health Ministry** to implement the government's ambitious scheme **Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission**.
 - Aim: To provide a cover of five lakh rupees per family annually to ten crore vulnerable families.
- The **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) lab** has signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with **RAASI Solar Power Pvt Ltd** for transfer of technology for India's first **Lithium Ion (Li-ion) Battery project**.
 - The agreement was signed by **CSIR's Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu**.
- Union Cabinet approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), India** and **Institut National de la Santeet de la Recherche Medicale (INSERM), France**.
- The **Maharashtra** government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Quebec province of Canada** to increase economic cooperation and welfare of **tribal community** in the state.
- **India** and **Greece** signed **3 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)**.
 - They are MoU between **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** and **National Quality Infrastructure System/Hellenic Organization** for Standardization on Cooperation in the Fields of Standardization.
 - MoU between **Foreign Service Institute (FSI), India** and **Diplomatic Academy, Greece** on Cooperation in Diplomatic Training.
 - The Programme of Cultural Cooperation for the year 2018-2020.
- The **Central Water Commission (CWC)** has signed collaboration agreement with search engine giant **Google** for flood forecasting and dissemination of **flood related information** to masses.
- **India** has signed **two** Memorandum of understandings (MoUs) with **Cuba**.
 - First MoU is on **Bio Technology** and the Second one is on **Traditional Systems of Medicine**.
- **India** is going to sign a **Rs.3400-crore (\$500 million)** deal with **Israel** for the purchase of around **4,500 Spike missiles** for the Indian Army.
 - Spike Missile is a fourth-generation man-portable fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile designed by Israeli company **Rafael Advanced Defense Systems**.
- **India** and **Seychelles** have signed **6 MoUs** to further expand bilateral ties between the two sides.
- NITI Aayog's **Women Entrepreneurs Platform (WEP)** has signed **five** separate Statement of Intent (SolIs) with **Financial Institutions & Social Organisations** to create opportunities and support **women entrepreneurs**.
 - The 5 organisations are Shri Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank Limited, Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited, SREI Infrastructure Finance Limited, Sreemanta Sankar Mission, and Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)

MEET/VISIT

- **China** has announced that a **delegation** of **troops** from the **People's Liberation Army** will be visiting **India** this year for the first time since the 73-day standoff at **Doklam**.
- **India** and the **United States** have pledged to continue their strong bilateral strategic partnership, after a meeting between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and US Defence Secretary **Jim Mattis**.
 - Both leaders met on the sidelines of the **Shangri-La Dialogue** in **Singapore**.
- **Syrian** President **Bashar al-Assad** is going to visit **North Korean** leader **Kim Jong-un**.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** was visited to **South Africa** for a 5 day visit.
- The informal meeting of **IBSA Foreign Ministers** was recently held at **Pretoria, South Africa**.
 - **IBSA** - India, Brazil, South Africa
- **Japanese** conglomerate **SoftBank's** CEO **Masayoshi Son** will meet Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** during his visit to **India**.
- 11th edition of **Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018** was held at **Manekshaw Centre** in **New Delhi**.
 - The event was organized by **Geo-Spatial Media and Communication** with **Directorate General of Information System** as **Knowledge Partners** and **Military Survey** as **Co-organizers**.
 - **Aim:** To provide platform to showcase innovative applications of Geospatial technologies.
 - **Theme:** 'GeoSpatial: A Force Multiplier for Defense and Internal Security'.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited to **China** on a two-day visit.
 - During this visit, he was attending the annual summit of **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)**.
 - **Chinese** President **Xi Jinping** has accepted PM **Narendra Modi's** invitation for an **informal summit** in **India** next year.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** was visited to **Greece, Suriname** and **Cuba** from 16th to 22th June 2018.
 - The President of India **Ram Nath Kovind** attended the delegation level talks with the President of Greece, **Prokopis Pavlopoulos** and Prime Minister **Alexis Tsipras**.
 - He also informed the Greek delegation that **India** had accepted the invitation to participate in the prestigious **Thessaloniki International Fair 2019** as the "Honored Country".
 - President **Ram Nath Kovind** meets **Surinam's** President **Dési Bouterse** in capital **Paramaribo** and performed yoga asanas along with him to observe the International Day of Yoga.
 - **Cuba** also reiterated support for India's candidature for a permanent seat in the **UN Security Council**.
- The **International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** was held in **Kathmandu** during 17th and 18th June 2018.
 - **Theme** - "Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society".
- For the first time in over a decade, **North and South Korea** held **military talks**.
- The 10th Meeting of **Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF)** was held in **New Delhi, India**.
 - India's Accelerated Plan for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) 2018 was also released in the meeting.
- Commerce and industry minister **Suresh Prabhu** was visited to the **United States**.
 - During this visit, he held a series of meetings with US Commerce Secretary **Wilbur Ross** and US Trade Representative **Robert Lighthizer**.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** visited to **Italy, France, Luxembourg** and **Belgium**.

- The **106th Indian Science Congress** will be held at Lovely Professional University (LPU), **Jalandhar, Punjab** from 3rd to 7th January 2019.
 - **Theme** - 'Future India: Science Technology'.
- The plenary meeting of the **Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)** was held at **Jurmala, Latvia**.
 - Latvia assumed **chairmanship of NSG** for 2018-19.
 - With this, Latvia became 1st Baltic state to chair the NSG.
- **North Korean** leader **Kim Jong-un** was visited to **China** for a 2 day visit.
- **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** held talks with the President of European Commission **Jean-Claude Juncker** and President of the European Parliament **Antonio Tajani** in **Brussels**.
- **Seychelles** president **Danny Faure** was visited to **India**.
 - **Seychelles** has gifted **pair of Giant Aldabra tortoise** to **India** as a goodwill gesture.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **3rd annual meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** in **Mumbai**.
 - **Theme:** 'Mobilising finance for infrastructure: innovation and collaboration'.
- **UK's Prince William** became the 1st member of the royal family to visit **Israel** on an official visit.
 - During this visit, he met Holocaust survivors, Israeli President **Reuven Rivlin** and Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu**.
 - Prince William will also meet Palestinian President **Mahmoud Abbas** which will mark the first royal visit to the West Bank.
- **Nepali** Prime Minister **K P Sharma Oli** was visited to **China** after assuming the charge as Prime Minister.
 - During this visit, he signed several bilateral deals with China, including a MOU, according to which, China will build a railway connecting the western region of **Tibet with Nepal**.
- A business delegation from **Pakistan** visited to **India** on June 30 to participate in the **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund Partnership Conclave 2018**.

BILLS

- **Uganda** passed a bill for "**social media tax**" imposing a **daily fee** of about **200 shillings** (Rs.3.57) for using platforms like **WhatsApp, Facebook, and Twitter**.
- **Indian Health Ministry** notified the **Mental Healthcare Act 2017**.
 - As per this act, **Attempting suicide** is **no more a crime** in India and there will be no more **electric shocks** for **mentally ill children**.
- The **Union Cabinet** has approved the proposal for introduction of **Dam Safety Bill, 2018** in the Parliament.
 - This bill aims to help all States and Union Territories to adopt **uniform dam safety** procedures which will ensure safety of dams and safeguard benefits from such dams.
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has banned **Al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS)** and **Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)** under anti-terror law, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967.
 - **AQIS** is an affiliate of al Qaeda and **ISKP** is Afghanistan wing of Islamic State (IS).
- The Upper House of the **Dutch Parliament** passed a law **banning full-face veils** such as the burqa and niqab in public places.
- The **UK's Queen Elizabeth II** gave royal assent to the **Brexit bill** that would allow the country to leave the European Union (EU).
- The Centre announced a total overhaul of the **University Grants Commission Act** and a new legislation to set up the **Higher Education Commission of India (HECI)**.

FUND

- **Malaysia** has set up a **trust fund** for the **public** titled **Malaysia Hope Fund**, to donate money to help the government repay the **country's debt**.
 - Malaysia's national debt amounts to **\$250.8 billion** which is 80% of its GDP.
- The government has announced a comprehensive package of more than **Rs.8,000 crore** to provide relief to **sugarcane farmers** and to clear their dues, which have crossed over **Rs.22,000 crore**.
- To address the criticality of **ground water resources** in a major part of the country, the Indian government has formulated a new scheme titled, **Atal Bhujal Yojana**.
 - **World Bank** has approved **six thousand crore** rupees for this scheme.
- To facilitate **infrastructure investments** by **insurance and pension funds**, the Union Government is going to launch Rs.500 crore **Credit Enhancement Fund (CEF)** in July 2018.
- **India** extended financial aid of **Rs. 99 million** to **Nepal** for the construction of **2,700 Shallow Tube Well (STWs)** irrigation systems in 12 districts of southern Terai region to boost **agricultural productivity**.
 - The assistance was extended as part of final payment for **Nepal-Bharat Maitri Irrigation Project**.
- **Japanese** conglomerate **SoftBank** is going to invest up to **\$100 billion** in **solar power generation** project in **India**.
- The **SAARC Development Fund (SDF)** is going to launch a **Social Enterprise Development Programme (SEDP)** as part of its social window.
 - It intends to fund around 80 enterprises across the 8 SAARC member states (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) annually.
- **China** led multilateral development bank, **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** has approved investment of **\$200 million** in **India's National Investment & Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** to give greater impetus to mega infrastructure projects.
- With the total project portfolios of **US\$4.4 Billion**, **India** has been the largest borrower of **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** lending since the time the Bank started its operations.
- **India** announced to increase its grant to **Global Environment Facility's (GEF)** new four-year investment cycle, known as **GEF-7** from \$12 million to **\$15 million**.
 - India has pledged \$5 million for **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA)** in the Near East.
 - Besides India, 19 countries also made pledges (contributions) for UNRWA at the **Pledging Conference** for UNRWA held in **New York, US**.

ECONOMY

- The **Foreign direct investment (FDI)** in **India** increased to **US \$61.96 billion** in 2017-18.
- **Senegal-born** singer **Akon** has announced the launch of his cryptocurrency called **AKoin** that will be available for sale in two weeks.
 - As part of the AKoin venture, the singer plans to complete a '100% crypto-based futuristic city' on 2,000 acres of land located near **Dakar**, the capital city of Senegal.
- The **Rupee** has hit an all-time low of **69.10** against **US dollar**.
 - This comes after spike in crude oil prices and concerns of higher inflation and widening current account deficit.
 - The previous record low for Rupee was 68.86 on November 24, 2016.
- The government has **met** its revised **fiscal deficit target** for 2017-18 at **3.53%** of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
 - The revenue deficit during fiscal 2017-18 was **□4.43 trillion** or **101%** of the Budget estimate.

COMPANIES/INDUSTRY

- **American** multinational technology company **Microsoft** has launched the prototype of an **underwater data centre** off the coast of **Scotland's Orkney Islands**.
- **Tata Power** announced that it has bagged the **contract** for setting up a **150-MW solar project** in **Maharashtra**.
- **American** multinational mass media and entertainment conglomerate **Time Warner** has been renamed as **WarnerMedia**, a day after AT&T completed its **\$85.4 billion** acquisition of the media conglomerate.
- **India's** IT major **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** became 1st listed company in India to close day's trade with **Market Capitalization (m cap)** of over **Rs. 7 lakhs crore** (over \$103 billion).
- Technology giant **Google** is planning to launch its **e-commerce platform** in the Indian market later this year.
 - Google's Vice President of Product Management **Caesar Sengupta** is likely to head the e-commerce unit for the company in India.
- **Mukesh Ambani's Reliance** is going to launch its **e-commerce business** by end of this year through an app meant for local retailers and stores.

EXPORTS/IMPORTS

- **India** has **raised import duties** on almost **30** items including **agricultural and steel products** in protest against the US imposing higher levies on products shipped from the country.

TAXATION/TRADE

- The government clarified that the **GST** will not be applicable to **free banking services** such as **cheque book issuance** and **ATM withdrawals**.
 - However, **interest charged** on outstanding **credit card bills**, and **exit fee paid** by investors of **mutual funds** will be **taxable** under GST.

SPACE

- The Centre approved the continuation of the **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle** and **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III** programmes, costing over **Rs.10,000 crore**.
- For the 1st time, **Scientists of Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad** have discovered a **distant planet** revolving around Sun-like star and named both the planet and the star as **EPIC**.
- **Russia** has successfully launched **Glonass-M positioning satellite** on board of **Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket** from the Plesetsk space centre in **Mirny, Arkhangelsk Oblast**.
- **Russian** billionaire and scientist **Igor Ashurbeyli** officially declared himself as the **leader of the world's first space nation 'Asgardia'**.
 - Asgardia aims to be an independent space nation, with its own government, currency, justice system and calendar.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** is aiming to make **India** the first nation to land a rover near **Moon's South Pole** and study the potential for mining waste-free nuclear fuel that could be worth trillions of dollars.
 - ISRO will launch **Chandrayaan-2** in October to analyze crust samples for signs of **helium-3**, which could meet global energy demands for 250 years if harnessed from Moon.
- The **International Space Station (ISS)** has launched a spacecraft titled **RemoveDEBRIS**, which would help remove human mission-threatening space debris including defunct satellites and used rockets.
- **Four Chennai** based **engineering students** have developed the **world's lightest satellite** which will be launched from a **NASA** facility in the US by August 2018.

- The students built the 4cm 'cube' satellite '**Jaihind-1S**' with a 3D printed outer casing from **polylactic acid (PLA) nylon material**, making it lighter than a medium sized egg, at just 33.39 grams.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Researchers at **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** have developed an **artificial intelligence (AI)** tool called **Norman** which they claim is the world's first '**psychopathic**' AI.
- Union Culture and Environment Minister **Mahesh Sharma** has announced that a scientific study called **Color Stereography** will be done on the **Taj Mahal** to determine its **exact color**.
- Researchers at **IISc Bangalore** have developed a '**LifeBox**' that can extend the preservation time of **organs**, specifically the **heart**, and allows for increased travel time and distances.
- The **United States** has unveiled the **world's most powerful supercomputer** titled '**Summit**', beating the previous record holder **China's Sunway TaihuLight**.
 - With a peak performance of **200,000 trillion** calculations per second, 'Summit' is over twice as fast as Sunway TaihuLight, which is capable of 93,000 trillion calculations per second.
- The **Dutch city of Eindhoven** is set to be the 1st in the world to have habitable houses made by a **3D printer**.
- **University of Michigan** has regained the title of making the **world's smallest 'computer'** from **IBM** by making a device measuring **0.3mm x 0.3mm**, one-tenth of IBM's version.
- **China's artificial intelligence** major **Baidu** has tested its **two driverless cars** for the first time in **Tianjin City, China**.

HEALTH/DISEASES/DRUGS

- **US Food and Drug Administration** has approved the 1st **Prosthetic Iris** (colored part of the eye) that can be implanted to treat patients with **missing or damaged iris**.
- India has registered a significant decline in **Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)** recording a **22-per cent** reduction in such deaths since 2013.
- In its recently released **International Classification of Diseases (ICD) 11**, the **World Health Organization (WHO)** has classified **Gaming addiction** as mental health disorder.
 - The WHO also announced that being **Transgender** will no longer be classified as mental illness.
- **Madhya Pradesh** will be awarded under Prime Minister's **Safe Motherhood Campaign** for **reducing maternal mortality**.

ENERGY/GAS/OIL

- **India** received the first shipment of its so far cheapest **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** from **Russian** supplier **Gazprom**.
 - The LNG has been delivered at a price close to **USD 7 per million British Thermal Unit (mmBtu)**.
- **Gujarat** will become the 1st Indian state to get completely covered under the **piped gas distribution network**, once **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)** completes bidding process for distributing natural gas in eight geographical areas (GAs) in Gujarat.
- **Mongolia** has launched construction of its 1st strategically important oil refinery funded by **India** in **southern Dornogovi province**.
 - This refinery was jointly launched by Mongolian Prime Minister **Khurelsukh Ukhnaa** and Indian Minister of Home Affairs **Rajnath Singh**.
- The Union Cabinet has approved establishment of additional 6.5 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) **Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR)** facilities at **Chandikhol in Odisha** and **Padur in Karnataka**.

ENVIRONMENT

- According to the government think tank NITI Aayog's recent report, at least 21 major Indian cities, including **Delhi** and **Bengaluru**, are expected to **run out of groundwater** by **2020**, affecting 100 million people.

EDUCATION

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** gave his assent to ordinance to set up the **India's first national sports university** in **Imphal**.

TRANSPORT/CARS/SCOOTERS

- Himachal Pradesh** Chief Minister **Jairam Thakur** flagged off a **helicopter taxi service** that will reduce the travel time between **Shimla** and **Chandigarh** to 20 minutes, against the nearly 3.5 hours by road.
 - This service, operated by **Pawan Hans**.
- The **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport** (Varanasi) will become India's first airport to have an **Automated Smart Facial Recognition System** at its entry, security and boarding points.
- In line with Union Government's **Digital India Initiative**, the Union Ministry of Railways has launched **Rail MADAD Application** to expedite and streamline **passenger grievance redressal**.
 - MADAD** - Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel
- With the inspiration of '**Beti Bacho-Beti padao**' programme being initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, **East coast Railways, Waltair Division** has launched '**SUBHADRA VAHINI**' programme for the security and **protection of Women**.
- Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal** has announced that, the target of replacing bio-toilets with **vacuum bio-toilets** in trains will be achieved 100 percent by **March, 2019**.

FILMS AND FILM FESTIVAL

- Rajinikanth starrer '**Kaala**' became the 1st **Indian film** to release in **Saudi Arabia**; months after the kingdom opened a cinema for the first time in 35 years.
 - '**Black Panther**' was the 1st movie to be screened in **Saudi Arabia** in 35 years.
- American** director, producer, screenwriter, actor and film historian **Martin Scorsese** will be conferred with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the **Rome Film Festival 2018**.
- India** was hosted **23rd European Union Film Festival (EUFF)** from 18th to 24th June 2018 at Siri Fort Auditorium, **New Delhi**.
- To celebrate the best of south Indian cinema in the year 2017, the **65th Jio Filmfare Awards 2018 (south)**, was held at the Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre in **Hyderabad**.
 - Telugu Best Film (Popular): **Baahubali 2: The Conclusion**
 - Telugu Best Actor In A Leading Role - Male (Popular): **Vijay Deverakonda** (Arjun Reddy)
 - Telugu Best Actor In A Leading Role - Female (Popular): **Sai Pallavi** (Fidaa)
 - Telugu Critics' Award for Best Actor (Female): **Ritika Singh** (Guru)
 - Telugu Critics' Award for Best Actor (Male): **Venkatesh** (Guru)
 - Telugu Best Director: **SS Rajamouli** (Baahubali 2: The Conclusion)
 - Telugu Best Music Album: **MM Keeravani** (Baahubali 2: The Conclusion)
 - Telugu Lifetime Achievement Award: **Kaikala Satyanarayana**
 - Tamil Best Film: '**Aaramm**'
 - Tamil Best Director: **Pushkar Gayathri** for '**Vikram Vedha**'
- Late Bollywood Actress **Sridevi** has been honored with the best actress award posthumously for her movie 'Mom' while **Irrfan Khan** won best actor for the movie 'Hindi Medium' at this year's **International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2018** in **Bangkok**.
 - Best Picture** - Tumhari Sulu
 - Best Direction** - Saket Chaudhary (Hindi Medium)

- **Best Supporting Actor – Female** – Meher Vij (Secret Superstar)
- **Best Supporting Actor – Male** – Nawazuddin Siddiqui (Mom)
- **Best Story** – Amit V Masurkar (Newton)
- **Best Debut Director** – Konkona Sen Sharma (A death in the Gunj)
- **Best Music Direction** – Amaal Mallik, Tanishk Bagchi & Akhil Sachdeva (Badrinath Ki Dulhania)
- **Best Playback Singer Female** – Meghna Mishra (Main Kaun Hoon – Secret Superstar)
- **Best Playback Singer Male** – Arijit Singh (Hawayein – Jab Harry Met Sejal)
- **Best Lyrics** – Manoj Muntashir (Mere Rashke Qamar – Baadshaho)
- **Style Icon Award** – Kriti Sanon
- **Next IIFA give away winner** – Arjun Kapoor

FESTIVAL

- People are celebrating the festival of **Eid ul-Fitr** with great fervor and gaiety.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTION (OR) LATEST WHO IS WHO?

- Justice **Krishna Murari** of the Allahabad High Court has been appointed as the **Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court**.
- **Vijay Mallya's son Siddarth** has replaced him as the **Director of Force India**.
 - The Indian businessman was part of a consortium that bought the **Spyker team** in 2007 and renamed it **Force India**.
- **Lt Gen Ranbir Singh** has been appointed as the new **Northern Army commander**.
 - He replaces **Lt Gen Anbu** who has been appointed as the **Vice-Chief of the Indian Army**.
- **Giuseppe Conte** has been sworn in as the new **Prime Minister of Italy**.
- US-based cyber security company **Palo Alto Networks** has appointed **Nikesh Arora** as its new **Chief Executive Officer and Chairman** of the Board of Directors.
- IAS officer **Amit Khare** assumed charge as **Secretary** in the **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** on superannuation of **Narendra Kumar Sinha**.
- **Indian Super League (ISL)** club **FC Pune City** appointed **Brazilian Marcos Paqueta** as their head coach.
- Socialist chief **Pedro Sanchez** was sworn in as **Prime minister of Spain**, a day after ousting Mariano Rajoy in a historic no confidence vote.
- **Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi** was sworn in for a **second** four-year term.
- The government appointed IDBI Bank Managing Director **Mahesh Kumar Jain** as the **Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.
- Social entrepreneur **Vijay Mahajan** has been appointed as the **Secretary & CEO of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation & the Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies**.
- **Pranjal Patil** (Maharashtra) has become the 1st **visually challenged woman IAS officer** in India as she recently joined her posting as Assistant Collector in **Kerala's** Ernakulam district.
- Ecuador's Foreign Minister **Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces** was elected the next **President** of the **UN General Assembly**.
- **Jordan's King Abdullah II** formally appointed **Omar Razzaz** as the country's new **Prime Minister**.
- **Malaysia's king Sultan Muhammad V** has approved the appointment of **Tommy Thomas**, an ethnic Indian lawyer as the new **attorney general**.
- **Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez** appointed the astronaut and aeronautics engineer **Pedro Duque**, as the **Science Minister**.

- **Mumbai** based low-cost carrier **GoAir** appointed former EasyJet executive **Cornelis Vrieswijk** as its new **CEO**.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** gave **West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi** the additional charge of **Tripura Governor** till Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy is on leave.
- The former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **R Gandhi**, has joined the board of **Electronic Payment Services (EPS)** as **Independent Director**.
- Retail major **Shoppers Stop** has appointed **Rajiv Suri** as its **Managing Director** and **Chief Executive Officer** (MD & CEO) with immediate effect.
- **Bandhan Bank** has appointed former Reserve Bank of India's Deputy Governor, **Harun Rasid Khan**, as the **non-executive, part time Chairman** for a period of three years with effect from June 2018.
- **Arvind Saxena** has been appointed as the **acting chairman** of the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** from June 20.
- Former **NIA chief Sharad Kumar** has been appointed as the **Vigilance Commissioner** in the **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)**, New Delhi for a term of four years.
- Professor **Hasan Askari Rizvi** took charge as the **caretaker chief minister of Pakistan's Punjab Province**.
- **S Ramesh** has been appointed as the **new Chairman** of the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**.
 - He will replace the present chairman **Vanaja N. Sarna** who retires in June 2018.
- India's largest private sector bank **Yes Bank's** shareholders have approved the reappointment of **Rana Kapoor** as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** for another 3-year term starting September 1.
- The **Constitutional Council of Nepal** has recommended **Justice Deepak Raj Joshee** as new Chief Justice of the **Supreme Court**.
- Current **Spain** manager **Julen Lopetegui** has been appointed as the new **Head Coach** of **Real Madrid**.
- A 1985 batch Kerala-cadre IAS officer, **Inderjit Singh** has been appointed as the **Coal secretary**.
- **US'** largest automaker **General Motors (GM)** named Indian **Dhivya Suryadevara** as its first female **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**.
 - She will replace **Chuck Stevens**, who is retiring after 40 years of service, on September 1.
- **Spain** has appointed former **Real Madrid** defender **Fernando Hierro** as their new **manager**.
 - This comes after the Spanish federation fired **Julen Lopetegui** for not informing them about his appointment as Real Madrid coach.
- Former World Bank Economist **Omar al-Razzaz** was sworn in as **Jordan's new Prime Minister**.
- Flying Officer **Meghana Shanbough MR** (Karnataka) has become the 1st **woman Indian Air Force fighter pilot** from south India.
- **Snapdeal's** Chief Strategy and Investment Officer **Jason Kothari** has resigned after 1.5 years at the e-commerce company and has been appointed **President** of Ahmedabad-headquartered **Infibeam**.
 - Snapdeal CFO **Vikas Bhasin** will take over Kothari's responsibilities.
- **Ivan Duque** was elected as the next President of **Colombia**.
 - He will be Colombia's youngest ever President.
- The CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, **Sandee Bakhshi** has been appointed as the **Whole time Director** and **Chief Operating Officer (COO)** of **ICICI Bank**.

- Former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **R Gandhi**, has joined digital payments major **Paytm** as an **Advisor**.
- US-based cab aggregator **Uber** has appointed **Pradeep Parameswaran** as the company's **President for India and South Asia business**.
 - He will replace **Amit Jain**, who has been elevated to the role of **Head of Asia Pacific region** including **Australia, and New Zealand**.
- **SBI** Managing Director **B Sriram** has been given additional charge as the MD & CEO of **IDBI Bank** for a "temporary" period of 3 months.
 - He will replace **M K Jain** who was recently appointed as the Deputy Governor of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.
- French beauty giant **L'Oréal** has appointed **Amit Jain** as its new **India Managing Director**.
- **Oscar** winning music composer **A R Rahman** has been appointed as the **Brand Ambassador** of the **Sikkim** government.
- **Indian-American** surgeon and journalist **Atul Gawande** has been appointed the **CEO** of a new healthcare company started by **Amazon's** Jeff Bezos, **Berkshire Hathaway's** Warren Buffett and **JPMorgan Chase's** Jamie Dimon.
- The **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** named Bharti Enterprises' chairman **Sunil Bharti Mittal** as honorary chairman after his two-year long tenure as the chairman comes to an end.
 - Mittal is being replaced by Unilever Chief Executive **Paul Polman** as the Chairman.
- **B V R Subrahmanyam**, a senior IAS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, was appointed as the **Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- India's largest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** appointed **Arijit Basu** as its new **Managing Director**.
- **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** was re-elected as the **Turkish President**, extending his 15-year grip on power.
- Former world number one women's tennis player **Amélie Mauresmo** has been appointed as the next **captain of France's men's Davis Cup team**.
- **Malaysia's** government has appointed **Nor Shamsiah Mohd** as the next governor of **Bank Negara Malaysia** (Malaysia's central bank).
- A 25-year-old lawyer **Yousaf Saleem** became **Pakistan's** first **visually impaired judge** after he took oath as a civil judge.
- **Anant Barua** has been appointed as whole-time member of the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.
- **ICICI Bank** appointed retired IAS officer and former petroleum secretary **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi** as part-time non-executive Chairman and independent Director on the bank's Board.
 - He will replace current Chairman **MK Sharma** after his term ends on June 30.
- **Dedar Singh Gill**, a prominent Indian-origin intellectual property lawyer has been appointed as a judicial commissioner of **Singapore's Supreme Court**.
- Bollywood actress **Sonakshi Sinha** has joined forces with **UNESCO** to promote a **safe and secure cyber environment** for **youngsters** to ensure they are not targeted for bullying, abuse, exploitation and more through the internet.
- **Daikin Industries Ltd** has appointed its India operations MD & CEO **Kanwaljeet Jawa** into the **board of the parent company**.
- 1984-batch Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer **Anoop Kumar Pandey** would replace Rajiv Kumar as the Chief Secretary of **Uttar Pradesh**.

- Portugal's **Antonio Vitorino** (61) was elected as next **Director General (DG)** of **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, an UN Migration Agency.
- **South Korea's** fourth largest conglomerate **LG** has announced the appointment of **Koo Kwang-mo**, the 40-year-old son of the family-controlled conglomerate's late Chairman Koo Bon-moo, as a board member of the holding firm and its CEO.
- Retired IPS officer **K Vijay Kumar** has been appointed as an **Advisor to the Governor** of **Jammu & Kashmir**.

RESIGNATION/DISMISSED/RETIRED/QUIT

- NASA's record-breaking astronaut, **Peggy Whitson** (58), retired after a 22-year-long career.
- The **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** has pulled out of the alliance with **Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)** over repeated attacks on forces and civilians in the Valley.
 - Minutes after this announcement, Jammu & Kashmir's Chief Minister **Mehbooba Mufti** submitted her resignation to the Governor.
 - President **Ram Nath Kovind** approved the imposition of **Governor's rule** in **Jammu and Kashmir** with immediate effect.
- **Arvind Subramanian** has announced that he is going to step down as the **Chief Economic Advisor**.

ARRESTS/JAILED

- The **Pune Police** arrested the MD & CEO of Bank of Maharashtra, **Ravindra Marathe** along with executive director **R K Gupta** in the Rs.3,000 crore DSK Group loan fraud case.

DEATHS

- Maharashtra Agriculture Minister **Pandurang Pundalik Fundkar** (67) passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest.
- **Timothy Pereira** (75), former football international passed away. He represented the **Tata Football Club**.
- Actor **William Phipps** (96), the voice of Prince Charming in the animated Disney film Cinderella, has passed away.
- **English** Actress **Eunice Gayson** (60), the first to be officially considered a 'Bond girl', has passed away.
- Renowned chef, food critic and writer **Anthony Bourdain** (61) has died of a suspected suicide.
- **Brazilian** tennis great **Maria Bueno** (78) passed away after a battle with mouth cancer.
- **Shujaat Bukhari** (50), the editor of regional newspaper Rising Kashmir, has been shot dead by Terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar.
- **Australian** golfing great **Peter Thomson** (88), who won the British Open five times, passed away.
- **Koko**, a 46-year-old gorilla who mastered sign language has died.
- Veteran Pakistani diplomat **Jamsheed Marker** (95) passed away.
- Renowned mimicry and ventriloquism artist **Nerella Venumadhav** (85) passed away.
- Renowned humourist, satirist **Mushtaq Ahmed Yousufi** (94) passes away.
- **South Korea's** former Prime Minister **Kim Jong-pil** (92) who also founded the country's once-infamous spy agency, died.
- Late 'King of Pop' Michael Jackson's father **Joe Jackson** (89) passed away.
- Noted Hollywood actor **Stanley Anderson** (78) passed away.

AWARDS/HONOURS

- Kerala cartoonist **Thomas Antony** has won the 13th edition of the **World Press Cartoon award**, in the best caricature category.
- 14-year-old Indian-American boy, **Karthik Nemmani**, has won the 91st **Scripps National Spelling Bee** contest held annually in the **US**, becoming the 14th consecutive Indian-American champion in 11 consecutive years.
- **American** rapper and songwriter **Kendrick Lamar** made history by becoming the first hip-hop artist to win a **Pulitzer Prize for Music**.
- During his visit to Singapore, PM **Narendra Modi** felicitated former Singaporean diplomat **Tommy Koh** with a **Padma Shri** award (India's fourth highest civilian award).
 - An **orchid** has been named as '**Dendrobium Narendra Modi**' as a special gesture for PM Modi during his visit to **Singapore**.
- As of now, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has **3 flowers** named after him.
- World number one Test bowler **Kagiso Rabada** (South Africa) became the **1st Cricketer** to bag **6 Trophies** at the annual **Cricket South Africa awards**.
- Indian cricketer **Yuvraj Singh** has been awarded the '**Most inspiring icon of the year for Social Welfare**' award by the **Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF)** for his exemplary contribution in the field of social welfare.
- **India's Sanjana Ramesh** was awarded the '**Most Valuable Player**' (MVP) Award and **Vaishnavi Yadav** won the '**Girls Grit Award**' at the 10th **Basketball Without Borders (BWB) Asia Camp**.
- **Corporation Bank** has bagged the '**Investor Relations Award 2018**' under the category '**Best Expectation Management (Mid Cap)**' for 2017-18.
- **Chennai-based startup Calzy 3** has won the **Apple Design award 2018**, along with **nine** other startups from different countries.
- 4 year old **Ayan Gogoi Gohain** (Assam) was honored with the '**Youngest Author of India**' title by the **Indian Book of Records**.
 - Ayan Gogoi Gohain has been honored with this title for his book '**Honeycomb**', which was published in January 2018.
- Chinese President **Xi Jinping** awarded **China's 1st Friendship Medal** to Russian President **Vladimir Putin**.
- **National Payments Excellence Awards 2017** Winners **SVC Co-operative Bank** has received the award for its outstanding performance in **NFS ATM Network & CTS**.
 - **Abhudaya Co-op Bank** bagged the award of special recognition for its performance in **RuPay, NFS ATM Network and CTS**.
 - **Gujarat based UCB Kalupur Commercial Co-op Bank** was recognized for its performance in **RuPay, NFS ATM Network & CTS**.
 - **Punjab & Maharashtra Co-op Bank** bagged award for its outstanding performance in **RuPay, NFS ATM Network & UPI/IMPS**.
 - **TJSB Sahakari Bank** has been awarded for its excellent performance in **RuPay, NFS ATM Network & CTS**.
- **Indian men's cricket team captain Virat Kohli** received the **Polly Umrigar Award (Best International Cricketer)** by the **BCCI** for his performances in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons.
 - In the women's category, **Harmanpreet Kaur** and **Smriti Mandhana** received the **Best International Cricketer Award (Women)** for the 2016-17 and 2017-2018 seasons respectively.
- **American** actress, writer, activist **Jane Fonda** will be honored with the **Lumiere Award 2018** at the 10th **Lumière Festival** in **Lyon, France**.

- Noted social reformer & founder of **Sulabh International Bindeshwar Pathak** was honored with **Japan's** prestigious '**Nikkei Asia Prize for Culture and Community**'.
 - Pathak was among three who were conferred with this award. Other two awardees are:
 - **Chinese** environmentalist **Ma Jun**: He was awarded business innovation prize for using power of internet to promote cleaner industry.
 - **Vietnamese** doctor **Nguyen Thanh Liem**: He won science and technology prize in recognition of his work advancing health care for children.
- US President **Donald Trump** has been nominated for the **Nobel Peace Prize** by two **Norwegian MPs** for his efforts in reaching an agreement with North Korea to denuclearize the Korean peninsula.
- **Irish** author **Mike McCormack** has won the €100,000 (nearly Rs.80 lakh) **International Dublin literary award 2018** for his one-sentence novel "**Solar Bones**".
 - McCormack wrote the 224-page book without using full stops, technically making the novel one sentence-long.
- Eminent scholar and social activist **Pushpa Bhawe** has been selected for the '**Rajarshi Shahu Puraskar 2018**'.
- A 19 year old **Tamil Nadu** college student, **Anukreethy Vas**, has been crowned **Miss India 2018** at the 55th **Femina Miss India 2018**.
 - **Haryana's Meenakshi Chaudhary** stood second while **Andhra Pradesh's Shreya Rao Kamavarapu** ranked third.
- **Surat smart city** has been selected for '**city award**' for showing great momentum in implementation of projects under '**India Smart Cities Awards**' 2018.
 - Governance category: **PMC Care from Pune**.
 - Built Environment category: **Smart Place Making from Pune**.
 - Social Aspects category: **Smart Class rooms from NDMC and Jabalpur, Smart Campus from Visakhapatnam, Lighthouse from Pune**.
 - Culture and Economy category: **B Nest Incubation Centre from Bhopal and Conservation of Rajasthan School of Arts from Jaipur**.
 - Urban environment category: **Public Bike Sharing from Pune, Bhopal, Coimbatore and Waste to Energy Plant in Jabalpur**.
 - Transport and Mobility category: **Integrated Transit Management System (TMS) from Ahmedabad and Surat**.
 - Water and Sanitation category: **Smart Water Management through SCADA from Ahmedabad**.
- The **Ayush Ministry** announced that **Vishwas Mandlik** of **Nashik** and the **Yoga Institute in Mumbai** are the recipients of the **Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of yoga** in Individual and Organization categories respectively.
- **Syrian** child activist **Bana Alabed** who live-tweeted her experiences in war-torn Syria will be honored by US-based think tank **Atlantic Council**, with **Freedom Award** for "defending freedom".
- The Commonwealth Games 2018 gold-medal winning shuttler **Kidambi Srikanth**, was adjudged as the **Sportsperson of the Year for 2017** by the **Sports Illustrated India** magazine.
 - **Team of the Year**: Women's Cricket Team
 - **Coach of the Year**: Stephen Constantine
 - **Editor's Choice for Excellence (Team)**: Aizawl FC
 - **Editor's Choice for Excellence (Male)**: Jitu Rai
 - **Young Sportsperson of the Year**: Manav Vikas Thakkar
 - **Community Development in Sport**: Sailen Tudu
 - **Comeback of the Year**: Sushil Kumar
 - **Gamechanger of the Year**: Shubhankar Sharma

- **Outstanding Contribution to Sport:** Leander Paes
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Dhanraj Pillay
- **Special Award Living Legend:** Balbir Singh Sr.
- The **Indian Army contingent** comprising of **7 Garhwal Rifles Infantry Battalion Group** was awarded **United Nations Medal for “selfless service”**.
 - The contingent is part of the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)** in **South Sudan**.
- **Rajasthan** Chief Minister **Vasundhara Raje** was conferred the ‘**Chief Minister of the Year 2018**’ award for her remarkable work in e-governance.
 - The award was given at the **52nd Skoch Summit** held in **New Delhi**.
- The **World Food Prize 2018** was awarded to **Lawrence Haddad** and **David Nabarro** for their individual but complementary global leadership in elevating **maternal and child undernutrition within food security**.
- **Pallavi Durua** of **Odisha's** Koraput district was crowned as the first '**Tribal Queen**' at the **Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen** competition held in **Bhubaneswar**.
- Veteran Bollywood actor **Prem Chopra** was honored with the **Living Legend Prize** at the 25th annual **Bharat Nirman awards** in **Kolkata**.
 - Besides the well-known actor **Raza Murad** was also felicitated under the ‘**Achievers Awards**’ category for ‘**Film Actor**’.
- The **Ministry of Shipping's** flagship programme for port-led-prosperity ‘**Sagarmala**’ received the ‘**Gold Award**’ in infrastructure sector in the recently concluded **52nd Skoch Summit 2018** in **New Delhi**.
 - The **Sagarmala** Programme also received the ‘**Order of Merit**’ at the Summit.
- The **Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has approved institution of **Home Minister's Special Operation Medal, Antarik Suraksha Medal, Asadharan Aashuchan Padak, and Utkrisht & Ati-Utkrisht Seva Medals**.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** bagged the '**SKOCH Order-of Merit**' Award for the **Measles-Rubella Vaccination** campaign and also for the Chief Minister's **Free Cancer Chemotherapy Scheme** being implemented in the state.
 - The award was conferred to the state at the **52nd SKOCH Summit**, which was held in **New Delhi**.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** released a commemorative coin of **Rs 125** and circulation coin of **Rs 5** denomination on the occasion of **Statistics Day** and **125th birth anniversary of P C Mahalanobis**.

SPORTS/GAME

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** included **Nepal, Netherlands, Scotland** and the **UAE** in their **ODI rankings list** apart from the 12 existing countries.
- **Afghanistan's** 19-year-old spinner **Rashid Khan** became the **world's fastest cricketer to reach 50 wickets** in **T20I** cricket after reaching the milestone with a wicket on his first ball of the match against **Bangladesh**.
- **Thai** professional golfer **Ariya Jutanugarn** won the **73rd US Women's Open** at the **Shoal Creek Alabama** course, **United States**.
- World number one **Rafael Nadal** defeated Germany's **Maximilian Marterer** in straight sets to register his **900th career win** and enter the **French Open quarter-finals** for the 12th time.
 - Nadal is only the **second active** and **fifth** male player overall to register 900 wins in the Open Era.

- **India** began their campaign at the **2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships** in **Gifu, Japan**, clinching four medals, including a gold.
 - **Ashish Jakhar** won a gold medal in the **men's hammer throw event**.
- **American** professional basketball team **Golden State Warriors** lifted **NBA Finals 2018** by defeating **Cleveland Cavaliers**.
- **Bangladesh** has won the **2018 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup** by defeating **India** in the finals at **Kuala Lumpur**.
 - **India's Harmanpreet Kaur** has been named as the **Player of the Series**.
- Playing in her 74th T20I, Indian cricketer **Mithali Raj** became the 1st-ever **Indian woman cricketer** to reach **2,000 runs** in **T20I cricket**.
- **India's football** team captain **Sunil Chhetri** became joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar footballer Lionel Messi.
 - He achieved this feat after he scored his **64th goal** in match between **India** and **Kenya** in **Intercontinental Cup summit** clash in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
 - **India** has lifted the **Intercontinental Cup football title**.
- **India's young women's doubles pair** of **Simran Singhi** and **Ritika Thaker** won the **Mauritius International Badminton tournament** (Women's Doubles Category) which concluded at **Rose Hill** in **Mauritius**.
- **American** fighter **Ronda Rousey** will become the **1st female MMA fighter** to be inducted into the **Ultimate Fighting Championship Hall of Fame**.
- **Rafael Nadal** (Spain) claimed an **11th French Open title** in **Men's singles** final in **Paris** after defeating **Austrian Dominic Thiem**.
 - Women's Singles: **Simona Halep** (Romania)
 - Men's Doubles: **Pierre-Hugues Herbert** (France) / **Nicolas Mahut** (France)
 - Women's Doubles: **Barbora Krejčíková** (Czech Republic) / **Kateřina Siniaková** (Czech Republic)
 - Mixed Doubles: **Latisha Chan** (Chinese Taipei) / **Ivan Dodig** (Croatia)
- **Kerala's** tourism department has given its clearance to hold **IPL-style boat races**, including the **Nehru Trophy boat race** and the **President's Trophy Boat Race** in **Kollam**.
- **Indian woman** boxer **Saweety Boora** claimed a **Gold** medal in the middleweight category at the **Umakhanov Memorial Tournament** in **Kaspiysk, Russia**.
- **Indian** long distance runner **Gavit Murali Kumar** bagged **Gold Medal** in men's 10,000 metre race at the **Gouden Spike meeting** in **Leiden, The Netherlands**.
- The **2018 FIFA World Cup** begins in **Russia**.
- The **United States, Mexico and Canada** won the right to jointly host the **2026 FIFA World Cup** after beating **Morocco** in a vote by FIFA member nations in **Moscow**.
- **Afghanistan** spinner **Mujeeb Ur Rahman** has become the first 21st-century born to play **Test cricket** (17 years and 78 days), achieving the feat against **India**.
- 20-time Grand Slam champion **Roger Federer** (Switzerland), has won the **Stuttgart Open 2018** title in Men's singles category by defeating **Milos Raonic** (Canada).
 - This is Federer's 98th career singles title.
- **Spanish** tennis star **Rafael Nadal** was the official race starter at the 86th edition of the **24 Hours Le Mans classic endurance race**.
 - The Le Mans race is the world's oldest active sports car race in endurance racing.
- **American** professional golfer **Brooks Koepka** wins **US Open 2018 (Golf)** by defeating **Tommy Fleetwood** at **Shinnecock Hills**.

- **North Korea** and **South Korea** announced that the two countries would **march together** at the upcoming **Asian Games**.
 - The Koreas also agreed to hold a joint **basketball match** in **Pyongyang**.
- 18 years after achieving statehood, Indian state **Uttarakhand** is going to debut in **Ranji cricket** this season.
- **Japan's Princess Hisako** has become the 1st member of the Imperial family to visit **Russia** for FIFA.
- A 11-year-old Indian girl, **Nathania John K**, led the **Brazilian and Costa Rican teams** on to the field at the **FIFA World Cup**.
 - With this, Nathania became the 1st Indian girl to be an Official Match Ball Carrier (OMBC) at the World Cup.
- **Chennai's R Praggnanandhaa** has become the **second youngest Grandmaster** in chess history at the age of 12 years, 10 months, 13 days.
 - The youngest Grandmaster ever is **Sergey Karjakin** (Russia), who achieved the feat aged 12 years, 7 months and has held the record since 2002.
- **Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal** clinched the Gold medal in men's 50 meter breaststroke event with a timing of 27:59 seconds at the **Singapore National Swimming Championships** in **Singapore**.
 - **Virdhawal Khade** grabbed Silver medal in the 50 meter freestyle event with a timing of 22.68 seconds.
- Indian Archer **Deepika Kumari** won her first individual **Gold Medal** in six years at the **Salt Lake World Cup** following a 7-3 win over **Germany's Michelle Kroppen** in the final.
- **Egyptian** goalkeeper **Essam El-Hadary**, aged 45 years and 161 days, has become the **oldest player** to play a **FIFA World Cup** match.
- 16-year-old Indian shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary** set a new world record and won a **Gold** in the 10m air pistol event in the **ISSF Junior World Cup** in **Germany**.
- 16-year-old **Manu Bhaker** won the top prize in 10m air pistol event at **ISSF Junior World Cup** in **Germany**.
- **India** defeated **Ireland** in the first T20I of the two-match series in **Dublin** to register their 62nd outright T20I victory, the most by a team after 100 T20Is.
 - **South Africa** held the previous record of winning the most number of matches (59) after 100 T20Is.
 - India became the **seventh team** to have played 100 T20I matches.
- The **Indian women's T20I** captain **Harmanpreet Kaur** became the **second Indian** cricketer after T20I vice-captain **Smriti Mandhana** to be selected to play in **England's Super League T20** tournament.

REPORT

- According to the **Save The Children's End of Childhood Index 2018**, **India** has been ranked at **113** among 175 countries in the world.
 - **Singapore tops** the index followed by **Slovenia** and **Niger** is ranked the last at 175.
- According to recently released **Henley Passport Index**, **Japan** has the "**most powerful**" passport in the world.
 - **Singapore & Germany** jointly stood at the **second** position and the **third** place was shared by **six** countries namely **South Korea, Finland, France, Italy, Spain, and Sweden**.
 - The **Indian** passport secured the **76th rank** in the index.
- Undefeated boxing champion **Floyd Mayweather** has been named the **world's highest-paid athlete** by Forbes for the fourth time in seven years with **\$285 million** in earnings.

- **Lionel Messi** stood at the **2nd** spot followed by **Cristiano Ronaldo**.
- **IIT Bombay** (162) has displaced **IIT Delhi** (172) to become the **top**-ranked Indian institute in the **QS World University Rankings**.
 - **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** remained the **top** university for seventh straight year.
- **India** has moved up four places to the **137th rank** among 163 countries on the **2018 Global Peace Index**.
 - **Syria** was found to be the **least peaceful**.
 - **Top 5:** Iceland, Europe, North America, Asia-Pacific, South America.
- **Maharashtra** has been **ranked** the **most vulnerable state** in the draft **National Disaster Risk Index**.
 - Maharashtra was followed by **West Bengal** and **Uttar Pradesh**.
- With 1,86,000 Indian students currently **studying in the United States**, **India** is the **2nd** highest sender of foreign students to the US, next only to **China**.
- **India** has ranked 177 out of 180 countries in the **Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings**.
 - **Top 5:** Switzerland, France, Denmark, Malta, Sweden.
- **Gujarat** has topped the **Niti Aayog's composite water management index (CWMI)**, while tribal state **Jharkhand** was adjudged as the **worst** performer.
 - Gujarat is followed by **Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka** and **Maharashtra** on the index.
- According to a recently released report by global think-tank **SIPRI** (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), **Pakistan**, with 140-150 nuclear warheads, is ahead of **India** which has 130-140 warheads.
 - Meanwhile, **US** and **Russia** are on **top** with 6,450 and 6,850 warheads, respectively.
- **Amazon** founder and CEO **Jeff Bezos** becomes the **Richest Man** in the **World** with a net worth of **USD 141.9 billion** according to the Forbes world's billionaire list.
 - Bezos' wealth has grown more than \$5 billion since June 1 to beat **Bill Gates**, the principal founder of Microsoft Corporation, who is the **second**-richest man in the world with \$92.9 billion.
- **Rajasthan** has been ranked **first** by the **NITI Aayog** among all states after it registered a significant increase in **groundwater level** due to the water conservation structures built under Chief Minister's **Jal Swavlamban Abhiyan**.
- The number of **hungry people** in the world has **risen** for the first time in more than a decade, according to a recently released **UN's Sustainable Development Goals report 2018**.
 - According to this report, there are now approximately **38 million** more undernourished people in the world.
- The largest private sector lender **HDFC Bank** has become the only domestic brand to be featured in the **BrandZ's top 100 most valuable global brands** ranking at the **60th** slot with a brand valuation of USD 20.8 billion.
 - **Top 5:** Google, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft, Tencent.
- According to a recent survey by the union housing and urban affairs ministry, **19 of the 25 dirtiest cities** in India are in **West Bengal**.
 - The 19 cities include Darjeeling, Siliguri, North Barrackpore and Bankura.
- **India** has topped the list of the most **dangerous countries in the world for women**, according to a survey conducted by the Thomson Reuters Foundation.
 - **Top 5:** India, Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Saudi Arabia.
- According to the **Language Data of Census 2011** which was released, **Hindi** is the mother tongue of 43.63% Indians, making it India's most spoken language, followed by **Bengali**.

- **Top 5:** Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil.
- **India** was ranked **35th** among 100 countries in recently released **Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI) 2018**.
 - **Top 5:** United Kingdom, Australia, United States, France, and Canada.
- The **Central Bureau of Health Intelligence**, the health intelligence wing of the directorate general of health services in the Union ministry of health and family welfare, has recently released the **National Health Profile 2018**.
 - **Maldives** spends 9.4% of its GDP to claim the **top** spot in the list, followed by **Thailand** (2.9%).
 - Low-income nations like **Bhutan** and **Nepal** spend 2.5% and 1.1% of its GDP respectively on public health, which is more than **India's** 1%, according to this report.
- The **United States** has named **North Korea** as one of the **worst human trafficking** nations for reportedly the 16th consecutive year.
 - Other nations on the list included **China, Russia** and **Iran**.

GENERAL - NATIONAL

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development **Maneka Gandhi** laid the foundation stone for **India's first Advanced DNA Forensic Lab** in **Chandigarh**.
 - Built at a cost of **Rs 99.76 crore** from the **Nirbhaya Fund**, the state-of-the-art '**Sakhi Suraksha**' lab, will come up at the **Central Forensic Science Laboratory campus** to assist in investigation and prosecution of crimes including those committed against women and children.
- In a major step for the welfare of Sportspersons, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore** has approved the upward revision of **pension** to **meritorious Sports persons**.
 - The medal winners at the **Olympic and Para-Olympic Games** will now get **20 thousand** rupees as pension.
 - The **Gold medallist** at **World Cup** and **World Championship** will be given **16 thousand** rupees while **Silver** and **Bronze** medallist will get **14 thousand** rupees.
 - The **Gold medallist** in **Asian Games, Commonwealth Games** and **Para Asian Games** will be given **14 thousand** rupees while the **Silver** and **Bronze** medallist will get **12 thousand** rupees as pension.
- The **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport** near **Varanasi** is set to become the first Indian airport to have a **national highway underneath** its runway.
- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has restricted **Mobile Wallet Companies** from accessing the **Aadhaar database**, effective **July 1**.
- According to a recent report by the **Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation**, the **Rural** sanitation coverage of India has risen to **85%** under **Swachh Bharat Mission**.
- **India** will get its 1st **national police museum** in **Lutyens Delhi**.
 - It will be inaugurated on **Police Commemoration Day**, which is held on **October 21**.
- **India** has been excluded from the **United Kingdom's** new list of countries considered "low risk", whose applicants will undergo reduced checks while applying for **student visas**.
 - The countries on the list include the **US, Canada** and **China** among others.
- **India's** first café which will be run by **HIV-positive teenagers** is set to open in **West Bengal's Kolkata** in **July**.
- More than 1 lakh people together performed **Yoga** in **Kota (Rajasthan)** to create **Guinness World Record** on the occasion of **International Yoga Day**.
- **India** has announced it plans to make the **Chabahar port** operational by **2019**, even as the **US** reimposed sanctions on **Iran** after withdrawing itself from the nuclear deal.

- The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has adopted **Jagatpur village** (Delhi) for its **Swachhata Abhiyaan**.
- With an aim to promote energy efficiency, Power Minister **RK Singh** has asked major air-conditioner manufacturers to maintain default temperature setting at **24 degree Celsius**.
 - Some countries like **Japan** have regulated the temperature at **28 degree**.
- **US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley** asked Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** to cut oil imports from **Iran**.
 - Iran is India's third-largest oil supplier after Iraq and Saudi Arabia.
 - **India** is looking at cutting oil imports from **Iran**, and replacing them with more purchases from **Saudi Arabia** and **Kuwait**.

GENERAL - INTERNATIONAL

- **Denmark** voted in favor of a **ban on full-face veils in public**, including **Islamic veils** such as the **niqab** or **burqa**.
- The 29th anniversary of **Tiananmen Square protests / massacre** was observed in **China**.
- **Saudi Arabia** began issuing its first **driver's licenses** to **women** ahead of lifting the ban on women driving on June 24.
- The **Miss America Organization** has dropped the **swimsuit round** from the competition this year onwards, saying contestants will no longer be judged on looks.
- The **UK, France, Germany, and EU** sent a joint request to the **United States** to exempt **European companies** from the sanctions imposed on **Iran**.
- In the wake of recent celebrity suicides, the **New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo** has launched a **suicide prevention programme** titled, **Attempted Suicide Short Intervention Program (ASSIP)**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** elected **South Africa, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Germany and Belgium** as **non-permanent members** of the **Security Council**.
 - Their terms will begin on **January 1** next year, with the nonpermanent members being elected for a two-year term.
- **UK Prime Minister Theresa May** has announced that the country is going to launch '**Start-Up Visas**' from the year **2019** to invite **talented founders of business ventures**.
 - The visa will be open to people who do not have a university degree.
 - The current **Tier 1** (Graduate Entrepreneur) visa is only granted to graduates with 'credible business ideas'.
- **San Francisco** is to get its after a knife-edge election, with the African American population in decline in the famously liberal **Californian city**.
 - **American politician London Breed** has been elected as the **Mayor of San Francisco**.
 - With this she will become the first female black mayor of San Francisco.
- **Japan's** Cabinet has adopted an economic plan that will allow **more foreign workers to work** in the country.
- Ahead of 4th **International Day of Yoga (June 21)** the **Australian Parliament** for the 1st time organized a **Yoga** session.
 - It was the first time that the International Yoga Day was celebrated in any Parliament.
- The **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** is going to host the **7th OPEC International Seminar** at the Imperial Hofburg Palace in **Vienna, Austria**.
 - Theme - '**Petroleum – cooperation for a sustainable future**'.
- **Canada's** upper house of parliament voted in favor of a bill to **legalize recreational marijuana**.
 - With this, Canada becomes the **first G7 nation** to legalize cannabis.

- The **United States** withdrew from the **UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** citing **anti-Israel bias**.
- US President **Donald Trump** ended the **policy of separating immigrant families** at the **US-Mexico border** after public uproar over it.
- The **Hungarian Parliament** adopted the "**Stop Soros**" law that criminalizes helping **migrants**.
- **China** is going to build a **railway line** connecting the **Tibetan** city of **Xigaze** with **Nepal's** capital **Kathmandu**.
- **North and South Korea** agreed to resume **reunions** for **families** separated by the Korean War in August - the first such meetings since 2015 and the latest step in a remarkable diplomatic thaw on the peninsula.
- In a move aimed at boosting the sales of domestic products amid US sanctions, **Iran's Ministry of Industry, Mine and Trade** has banned the import of 1,400 items.
- To monitor citizens living in different parts of the country, **China** has launched **bird-shaped drones** fitted with a camera, GPS antenna, and satellite communication capability.
 - The program codenamed "**Dove**", is run by Song Bifeng, a professor at Northwestern Polytechnical University.
- The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** at its plenary meeting in **Paris, France** has officially placed **Pakistan** on its **Grey List** of countries involved in providing monetary assistance to terrorism and related causes for failing to curb terror financing on its soil.
- **European Union** leaders have agreed to a **deal on migration** after marathon talks.
- The **French government** has announced a plan to **reintroduce compulsory national service** for all 16-year-olds.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book's Name

Author's Name

- **Hong Kong** martial artist, actor, film director **Jackie Chan's** memoir 'Never Grow Up' translated by **Jeremy Tiang**, will be released in November.
- "The Shiva Trilogy" author **Amish Tripathi** is going to release a new book titled "**Suheldev & the Battle of Bahraich**".
- Actress **Priyanka Chopra** is writing a memoir, titled "**Unfinished**", which will be published simultaneously in **India, the US and Britain** next year.
- The Vice President of India, **M. Venkaiah Naidu** has received the book titled "**Vedvigyan Alok**" authored by **Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik**.
 - This book is the scriptural verse in Vedas' prose.
- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** has launched a book titled "**Human Rights, Values and Cultural Ethos**".
 - This book is a collection of essays and lectures written by **Dr. R.P. Dhokalia**.

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TO THE POINTS: JUNE-2018

- Theme of World Milk Day - **Drink Move Be Strong**.
- The First biannual Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference was inaugurated by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in **New Delhi**.
- Under **PMAY (Urban)** scheme Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has approved the construction of another 1.5 lakhs affordable houses for the benefit of urban poor.
- **Denmark** bans Burqa in public spaces.
- Andhra Pradesh government had decided to pay **Rs.1000** a month as unemployment allowance to eligible youth.
- **Rose ringed parakeet** is the state bird of Andhra Pradesh.
- **Uttar Pradesh** and **Madhya Pradesh** are likely to be the next States to start implementing cash transfer for food subsidies in certain areas.
- India's fiscal deficit in the year ended March 2018 was **3.53%**.
- **Indian Oil Corporation** has emerged as India's most profitable state-owned company for the second consecutive year.
- **Kailash Satyarthi** won 'Santokba Humanitarian Award'.
- **Vijay Goel** has conferred FICCI Smart Policing Awards 2018.
- **Amitabh Bachchan** has become the face of Central Railways' anti-trespassing campaign.
- India, Japan and the U.S. will hold the annual Malabar trilateral naval war game in **Guam in the Philippine Sea**.
- Sanjita Chanu is related to **Weightlifting**.
- **Maneka Sanjay Gandhi** laid the foundation for India's First Advanced Forensic Lab in Chandigarh.
- Pedro Sanchez was sworn as new Prime Minister of **Spain**.
- **Odisha** CM launched the health insurance scheme for journalists.
- **Gaon bandh** is the name of the protest which began by farmers from seven states.
- **Ensemble Prediction Systems** is newly launched by India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- **Kendrick Lamar** received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album "Damn".
- **India** has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing with Singapore.
- Maharashtra signed MoU with **Tata Motors** for the promotion of E-Mobility.
- **Nasirul Mulk** takes oath as Pakistan's interim Prime Minister for a period of 2 months.
- **Citizenship Bill** may have to wait for house nod.
- **Ministry of Culture** has introduced a new scheme called 'Seva Bhoj Yojna'.
- Under **Narendra Modi's** chairpersonship, an executive committee is constituted to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- **Cube Wealth** app launched by Satyen Kothari.
- **Giuseppe Conte** was sworn in as Italy's 58th Prime Minister.
- **FIFA** has lifted a suspension imposed on Guatemala over its failure to comply with anti-corruption rules.

- **Indian Institute of Science Bangalore** is the only Indian University that has made it to the list of top 100 in the World Reputation Rankings 2018.
- In **2024** NASA targeted to launch of a new mission to learn more about the generation of cosmic rays in the heliosphere.
- **Kerala** Transport Service has set a new record in its monthly collection even amidst crisis.
- Punjab's new industrial policy expected to start on **July 1**.
- The cost of sanitary napkins offer by Haryana to school girls students is **Rs.1**.
- **MK Jain** has appointed as the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- **HDFC** that has been recognized with the Champion Security Award at the 14th Visa Asia Pacific Security Summit.
- **Vijay Mahajan** is appointed as new CEO for Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.
- National Health Editors' Conference on Yoga held in **New Delhi**.
- **Rohit Sharma** is the first Indian cricketer to be thrown the ceremonial first pitch at Safeco Field, home ground of Seattle Mariners.
- **Kagiso Rabada** has named South Africa's Cricketer of the Year.
- Timothy Pereira is related to **Football**.
- **NTPC** adopts Charminar under Swachh Iconic Places Project.
- The World Bicycle Day observed from **2018**.
- "**Beat Plastic Pollution**" is the theme of World Environment Day.
- **Arctic Seas** are the cleanest seas on the planet.
- **West Bengal** Pollution Control Board calls for ban on single-use plastics.
- Tamil Nadu government announced its decision to ban manufacture and use of several plastic products from **January 1, 2019**.
- For **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** the Government of India and the World Bank have signed \$500 million loan agreement to provide additional financing.
- **Bangalore** going to host UN Global Compact Network India convention.
- **Sustainable Development Goals** is the theme of UN Global Compact Network India convention.
- Book 'Straight Talk', authored by **Abhishek Manu Singhvi**.
- **Japanese** passport ranked 'most powerful' in world.
- India has bagged the **76th position** in a list of the world's most powerful passports.
- Apple has introduced the latest version of its desktop operating system called '**macOS Mojave**'.
- India's **Sanjana Ramesh** Wins MVP Award At Basketball Without Borders Asia.
- Former New Zealand cricket captain **Brendon McCullum** returned to play rugby after a gap of 18 years.
- **Rashid Khan** has become the world's fastest cricketer to reach 50 wickets in T20I.
- **Telangana** has launched 'Rythu Bandhu' investment support scheme for farmers.
- The **Madhya Pradesh** government has announced an outstanding power bill waiver scheme for laborers and poor families.
- **Pranjal Patil** has become the first visually-challenged woman IAS officer in India.

- 7.3 % growth percent is forecasted by World Bank for India in 2018-19 fiscal year.
- 6.25% is the present repo rate after it is increased by 25 basis points by RBI.
- **Haryana** bans single-use plastic water bottles in all government offices.
- India signed MoU with **Denmark** on technical cooperation.
- **Maharashtra** government announced financial aid for tur farmers.
- **H R Khan** was appointed as non-executive chairman of Bandhan Bank.
- **UIDAI** restricts e-wallets from accessing Aadhaar database.
- **Saudi Arabia** has issued its first driving licenses to women.
- **Corporation Bank** has bagged an award instituted by Investor Relations Society India.
- **Bihar** has launched a new crop insurance scheme with effect from Kharif (monsoon) 2018.
- **M K Jain** has been appointed as new Deputy Governor of RBI.
- The **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport** near Varanasi is set to become the first Indian airport to have a national highway underneath its runway.
- **Saudi Arabia** has temporarily banned imports from Kerala after Nipah outbreak.
- India ranked **137** in Global Peace Index.
- To address concerns about depleting groundwater reserves in India, the government has joined hands with the World Bank to execute a Rs.6000-crore scheme called the **Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY)**.
- **IDFC bank** had received the RBI's approval for merger of Capital First.
- The eligibility limit for a housing loan for metropolitan areas is **Rs.35 lakh**.
- **Corporation Bank** bags Best Expectation Management (Mid Cap)' award for 2017-18.
- 'Geo Spatial: A Force Multiplier for Defence and Industrial Security' is the theme of GeoIntelligence Asia – 2018.
- **Dhiraj Ram Krishna** won the 'National Gopal Ratna' award.
- IBSA Ministerial Meet held in **South Africa**.
- **Pippa Harris** has appointed as new chairperson of BAFTA.
- **Chandrabhaga beach** becomes Asia's first beach to get the Blue Flag certification.
- **Virat Kohli** is the only player from India to be featured in the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a Forbes' compilation.
- **Baba Kalyani** is the head of the group of eminent persons to study the Special Economic Zones, SEZ Policy of India.
- **Floyd Mayweather** is the world's highest-paid athlete, according to a Forbes' compilation.
- The Union Ministry of Culture has launched a new scheme, 'Seva Bhoj Yojna' with a total outlay of **Rs.325 Crores** for Financial Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- **Sarthak Yashodhan Deshpande** has become the youngest current rated chess player in the country with FIDE ratings of 1,064.'
- **Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean** is the theme of World Ocean Day.
- The biopic 'Making of the Mahatma' is directed by **Shyam Benegal**.

- The biopic 'Making of the Mahatma' was taken from the book **Apprenticeship of a Mahatma**.
- **Pineapple** is the state fruit of Tripura.
- **Virat Kohli** has awarded Polly Umrigar Award best international cricketer (Male) for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons.
- **Canara Bank** has fined in UK for anti-money laundering breaches.
- **Y.M. Deosthalee committee** is the head of committee formed for Public Credit Registry (PCR) as a repository of information regarding loan information of individuals and corporate borrowers.
- The Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Early Childhood Development (ECD) held in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
- **Omar Razzaz** has appointed new PM of Jordan.
- **Fernanda Espinosa** has elected as President of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The current MCLR rate of HDFC is **8.4%**.
- **Mandhana** has awarded Polly Umrigar Award best international cricketer (Female) for the 2017-18.
- **Google** has successfully completed its public Wi-Fi programme to provide India's railway stations with free internet.
- **Mithali Raj** is the first Indian to score 2000 T20I runs.
- Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has revised cost and deadline of World Bank funded Dam Rehabilitation & Improvement Project (DRIP) to Rs.3466 Crore till **Jun 2020**.
- The **Fuego volcano**, in Guatemala, has recently erupted violently and buried several villages on its southern flank.
- **Keshari Nath Tripathi** is the acting governor of Tripura.
- The wages of Rajasthan unskilled laborers have been increased from Rs.207 to **Rs.213** a day.
- Rajasthan increased wages will come into effect retrospectively from **January 1, 2018**.
- **Punjab** Govt has launched a "Business First Portal" to give a big push towards the ease of doing business in the state.
- **West Bengal** has decided to invest 107 crore rupees to check erosion at vulnerable areas along the banks of the Ganga and the Padma.
- **Andhra Pradesh** is the first state to use auto-disable syringes which will be enforced from the World Hepatitis Day.
- **Sunil Mehta** will be heading the ARC panel for stressed assets.
- Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) in **Telangana** has received the approval of Technical Advisory Committee of the Union Govt. in Delhi.
- Electronic Payment Services (P) Ltd has announced its appointment of **Rama Subramaniam Gandhi** as **Independent Director** to its Board of Directors.
- **Rohan Bopanna** has awarded IOC's icon of the year.
- **Eight States and four Union Territories** have signed MoUs with the Union Health Ministry to implement the government's ambitious national health protection mission Ayushman Bharat.
- ITC may unveil the first phase of its integrated food manufacturing and logistics facility at **Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu** by the second quarter of 2018-19.

- **IndusInd Bank** gets RBI nod for setting up arm for BFIL merger.
- Vodafone may invest Rs.8000 cr. in **Idea**.
- G7 summit 2018 held in **Canada**.
- **Sharad Kumar** appointed vigilance commissioner.
- Actor **Mohanlal** is tipped to lead the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes.
- **Arvind Saxena** appointed acting UPSC chief.
- The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has appointed **S Ramesh** as the Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- China awards its first highest state honor to Russian President **Vladimir Putin**.
- **Kamila Shamsie's** "Home Fire" wins 2018 Women's Prize for Fiction.
- India's first indigenous, long-range artillery gun **Dhanush** has been successfully passed its final test at Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- **India** wins Intercontinental Cup.
- **Bangladesh** won women's Asia Cup T20 2018.
- A CSIR's Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI) is located in **Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu**.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) commended India's progress in reducing maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by 77%.
- India's first police museum unveiled in **Delhi**.
- Chandrababu Naidu says Polavaram project to be completed by **2019**.
- According to draft guidelines, the RBI has proposed that the loan component of 40% will come into effect from **October 1** and will be increased to 60% from April 1, 2019. The loan's tenure will be minimum seven days.
- India has extended a financial aid of **Rs.99 million** to Nepal for the construction of 2,700 shallow tube wells.
- **Mauritius** will host the 11th World Hindi Conference in its capital city Port Louis from Aug 18-20, 2018.
- **Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiya Sanskriti** is the theme of 11th World Hindi Conference.
- **MADAD - Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel**.
- **India** to host first BIMSTEC war games in September.
- The government is set to unveil a **Rs.500-crore** credit enhancement fund next month to facilitate infrastructure investments by insurance and pension funds.
- **Simona Halep** from Romania has won her first Grand Slam at the 2018 French Open tennis tournament in Paris.
- **Sebastian Vettel** claimed the 50th win of his career and reclaimed the lead of this year's World championship at the Canadian Grand Prix.
- India's football team captain **Sunil Chhetri** has become joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar footballer Lionel Messi.
- The drive for indigenously made lithium ion batteries on a large scale has got a push with the **Indian Space Research Organization** offering its production technology to Indian industry.

- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has signed an MoU with the **Common Service Centres (CSCs)** Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for delivery of railway services through CSC centres.
- Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh has flagged off the 1st batch of three month long Kailash Mansarovar Yatra-2018 in New Delhi. The Yatra will continue till the **September 08, 2018**.
- **Ten** new iconic sites have been taken up under Phase III of the flagship project Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has selected **3000** additional schools for the establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), bringing the total number of ATL schools to 5441.
- The union government has set up a committee headed by former chief statistician of India **T.C.A. Anant** to bring in transparency in the jobs data calculation and presentation.
- The Haryana government has raised the upper age limit for entry into government service from 40 to **42 years**.
- **Orissa** announces free of cost medical services at government clinics.
- **Axis Bank** commands the largest value share of mobile banking transactions.
- **Paytm** commands the largest Volume of mobile banking transactions.
- International ICT conference to be held in **Nepal**.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) has proposed to double the monthly pension limit to **Rs.10,000** from the existing Rs.5,000 under the Atal Pension Yojana.
- India has ranked **177** out of 180 countries in the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings, as per the State of India's Environment (SoE) 2018.
- Centre sanctions **Rs.14.30 crore** for Block level sports in J&K.
- Indian boxers bagged one Gold and two Silver medals at the Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in the **Russian city of Kaspiysk**.
- Theme of World Blood Donor Day 2018 is **Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life**.
- The present proposal is for moving a motion in Rajya Sabha withdrawing the **Nalanda University (Amendment) Bill, 2013** introduced in Rajya Sabha on August 26, 2013 to amend certain existing provisions of the Nalanda University Act, 2010 and add some new provisions.
- The deadline for the '#YogaFor9to5' contest is **June 21, 2018**.
- Scientists from Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad discovered distant planet revolving around Sun-like star for first time. Both the planet and the star have been named **EPIC**.
- Biogas plants to be set up at cow shelters in **Rajasthan**.
- **Maharashtra** Inks MoU with Canada's Quebec Province for Greater Economic Co-operation.
- The **Assam** government is planning to launch an awareness programme, 'Sanskar' in all development blocks and panchayats.
- **Rana Kapoor** re-appointed MD & CEO for Yes Bank.
- **HDFC Bank** wins Cabinet nod to raise Rs.24000 crore via FDI.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** constituted Group to look into existing Institutional Trading Platform (ITP) framework and suggest measures to facilitate listing of startups.
- India-US colloquium on Earth Observations and Sciences for Society and Economy inaugurated in **Goa**.
- Raksha Mantri Inaugurates BEL representative office in **Vietnam**.

- Noted social reformer and founder of Sulabh International **Bindeshwar Pathak** was honored with Japan's prestigious 'Nikkei Asia Prize for Culture and Community'.
- Cognizant CEO **Francisco D'Souza** has been appointed as the vice-chairman of the company. He would continue to perform his current role as CEO.
- The thirteenth edition of India-Nepal joint military exercise, Surya Kiran-XIII has been concluded at **Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand**.
- Sale of pre-Goods and Service Tax packaged goods has now been allowed with stickers of revised rates till **July 31**.
- Committee to examine issue of OBC sub-categorization is headed by **G. Rohini**, was constituted with approval of President under Article 340 of Constitution in Oct, 2017.
- Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari released Niti Aayog's composite water management index report in New Delhi. **Gujarat** topped the list while Jharkhand was adjudged as the worst performer.
- **Dhivya Suryadevara** has been named the Chief Finance Officer of the US' largest automaker, General Motors.
- The Odisha government has constituted a three member committee to study the management schemes of important shrines in **Shree Jagannath Temple**.
- **Bihar** Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated and laid foundation stones for more than 100 schemes, worth Rs.875 crore, of the state bridge construction corporation.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) conducted a mock exercise on flood preparedness in **Uttar Pradesh** in a move to improve flood preparedness ahead of the monsoon season.
- **Flipkart**-owned digital payments start-up PhonePe announced a partnership with ride-hailing firm Ola for a hassle-free cab and auto booking experience.
- Mulubha Jadeja, a right-handed **batsman**, has passed away in Rajkot, Gujarat at the age of 88.
- The Union Cabinet has been apprised of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** and Institute National de la Santeet de la RechercheMedicale (INSERM), France.
- **Dr. Inder Jit Singh** assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Coal at Shastri Bhawan office, New Delhi.
- The **United States of America** Department approved sale of six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters along with support equipments to India.
- Indian woman boxer **Saweety Boora** has claimed a gold medal in the middleweight category at the Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in Kaspiysk, Russia.
- Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF) held in **New Delhi**.
- A Conference on Implementation of National Pension System (NPS) by the Central Autonomous Bodies (CABs) was organized by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) in **Delhi**.
- A National Tribal Museum and a National Level Tribal Research Institute is proposed to be set up in **Delhi**.
- Pakistani **Taliban leader Mullah Fazlullah** has been killed in a U.S.-Afghan air strike in Afghanistan, a senior Afghan Defence Ministry official said, a killing likely to ease tension between the United States and Pakistan.

- Former World Bank Economist **Omar al-Razzaz** was sworn in as Jordan's Prime Minister after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government.
- The **Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority** initiated a 'water literacy' campaign with the involvement of 70,000 students aiming to create awareness about the importance of water conservation in the State.
- The **Arunachal Pradesh** Govt. inked an agreement with Andhra Pradesh-based Smart Village Movement (SVM) to facilitate technology innovations, research and development in selected villages of the north-eastern state.
- **Maharashtra** CM met World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva in Washington DC to seek assistance for a Multimodal Transport Corridor and the Rural Livelihood Project which aims to provide sustainable livelihood enhancements in 10,000 villages in the state.
- Marg ERP limited, a leading Inventory and Accounting software solution company has partnered with ICICI Bank to offer an integrated payments platform to **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers**, using MARG's accounting software.
- Fitch Ratings raised India growth forecast for 2018-19 to 7.4% from 7.3%.
- Housing finance major **HDFC** has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally in the 'consumer financial services category' on a list compiled by Forbes magazine.
- Government was announced that The 106th Indian Science Congress will be held at Lovely Professional University (LPU) in **Jalandhar, Punjab** from January 3 to 7, 2019.
- The European Union Film Festival (EUFF) will premiere in **New Delhi, India** at the Siri Fort Auditorium.
- Nitin Gadkari Releases NABARD Publication On '**Water Productivity Mapping Of Major Indian Crops**' based on a study of 10 important crops by a team under the leadership of leading agricultural economist Dr. Ashok Gulati.
- **Smriti Mandhana** to become first Indian to play in England's Kia Super League.
- Senior journalist and writer **Adiraju Venkateswara Rao** passed away.
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP) is observed globally on **October 17**.
- 2nd Ayurveda Day was celebrated on **17 October** in New Delhi by the Ministry of AYUSH.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first ever All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in **New Delhi**, on the occasion of the 2nd Ayurveda Day.
- **Mahindra & Mahindra** has launched a program, Prerna, to empower women working in the agriculture sector by promoting efficient and ergonomic farm tools and equipment.
- Actor **Varun Dhawan** will get a wax statue at Madame Tussauds Hong Kong, making him the youngest Indian actor to have his statue at the museum.
- Private sector **Yes Bank** has committed Rs.156 crore to fund first Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to be constructed at Varanasi under Hybrid Annuity-PPP Model.
- **Maharashtra** has released a sum of Rs.4000 crore under the first phase of the over Rs.34000 crore farm loan waiver scheme.
- **Madhya Pradesh** inaugurated the ambitious 'Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojna' for the farmers of the state.
- India has signed a Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) with **Japan** to send youngsters there as technical interns for on-the-job training for a period of three to five years.
- Author George Saunders has won the 2017 Man Booker Prize, he belongs to **US**.

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) launched an innovative health mobile App named '**MedWatch**' on the occasion of its 85th anniversary.
- Roy Dotrice, a veteran **British** actor, died in London. He was 94.
- New vice chairman of NITI Aayog is **Rajiv Kumar**.
- **India** to Host Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in 2019.
- Naypyidaw is the capital of **Myanma**.
- World Statistics Day was observed on **October 20**.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** state Assembly recently approves Kamle as 23rd district.
- **Jaipur Airport** got first rank in the category of 2-5 million passengers in Airport Council International (ACI)-Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Survey.
- Headquarters of (AAI) Airports Authority of India is located in **New Delhi**.
- **Canada** has been chosen as the partner country for the 23rd edition of Technology Summit which is scheduled to be held from 14 – 15 November, 2017 in New Delhi.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** in collaboration with financial technology firm Zeta has launched a multi wallet digital prepaid solution for salaried employees named 'Paymint'.
- Phnom Penh is the capital of **Cambodia**.
- Sankara Narayanan Takes Charge as MD & CEO of **Vijaya Bank**.
- **Viveck Goenka** has been elected as New PTI Chairman.
- Budapest is the capital of **Hungary**.
- **Kerala** government has given green signal to a proposal of the state Startup Mission (KSUM) to accord sabbatical leave to the faculty members of all colleges who intend to establish startups.
- **Rajasthan** has limits probes against public servants recently.
- **Uttar Pradesh** State Government announced to double the ex-gratia amount for police officials martyred on duty.
- PM Modi Inaugurates first phase of Ghogha-Dahej RORO ferry service in **Gujarat**.
- Government to make **24 degrees** celsius as default setting for AC.
- Southern Railways imposes penalty of **Rs.2000** for taking selfie in front of train.
- India has lowered the limits on the export of certain essential commodities such as potatoes, onions, and eggs to the **Maldives**, according to a recent notification, in a move that sparked reports of possible food shortages in the Maldives.
- Delhi Metro network set to become **5th largest** in world'.
- Sindhu Darshan Festival (SDF) is celebrating in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Annual Ambubachi Mela is celebrating in **Assam**.
- **Gujarat** launched the Rs.870-crore pilot project of Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY).
- Haryana's Godikan village panchayat has passed a '**No Toilet, No Bride**' resolution, becoming the first panchayat in the country to do so.
- For the development of tourism in **Himachal Pradesh**, the Centre has approved projects worth Rs.1800 crore.
- **Vasundhara Raje** conferred with 'Chief Minister of the Year' award.
- Mohanpura Irrigation Project launched in **Madhya Pradesh**.

- Haryana makes use of LED bulbs mandatory in government offices by **15 August**.
- India and **Bangladesh** have agreed to institute a Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) as an annual feature between the two Navies.
- India's **R. Praggnanandhaa** became the World's second youngest chess Grandmaster, at the age of 12 years.
- **Sandeep Sejwal** clinches gold at Singapore National Swimming Championships.
- The theme of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is "**Listen First - Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe**".
- Skills training in India was governed by **National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT)** and the **National Skills Development Authority (NSDA)**.
- **Suresh Prabhu** chairs India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission.
- **London** is the most desirable city in the world for overseas workers.
- **China** launches spy bird drone to boost Government surveillance.
- **Pallavi Durua** was crowned as the first "Tribal Queen" at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap.
- **MS Dhoni** signed as the first brand ambassador of Sumadhura Group.
- Oscar Academy invites **20 Bollywood** stars including Shah Rukh Khan, Madhuri Dixit.
- **51 Lakh** Houses Sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in Three Years.
- **Lewis Hamilton** wins French Grand Prix.
- To help deliver passports to applicants at their residence, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj launched the "**mPassport Seva**" mobile application on the occasion of 'Passport Seva Divas'.
- A committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of **Sh. E. Sreedharan** for Standardization and Indigenization in Metro Rail.
- **China** has banned US film and television production company HBO's website following UK comedian John Oliver's critique of Chinese President Xi Jinping on his show.
- India pledges **USD 5 million** for Palestine Refugees.
- The **Maharashtra** government has set up a committee to study issues related to the development of a 1,000-MW floating solar power plant at Ujani dam in Solapur district.
- Centre has released 340 crore rupees for flood relief work in **Assam**.
- The **United Arab of Emirates (UAE)** will host a two-day "World Tolerance Summit" in November.
- Theme of 'World Tolerance Summit' is **Prospering From Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration**.
- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)'s Fourth Annual Meeting will be held in **Luxembourg** in July 2019.
- **S Ramesh** has been appointed as chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- **Lawrence Haddad** was named the 2018 World Food Prize recipients.
- The Health Ministry has inked an MoU with the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) to scale-up short-term healthcare courses and produce over 14 lakhs trained manpower by **2025**.
- **Dr. R.P. Dhokalia** is the author of the book "Human Rights, Values and Cultural Ethos".

- The first satellite named, **RemoveDEBRIS** has been successfully deployed from International Space Station (ISS).
- The world's largest multilateral naval exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) begun off **Hawaii** in the Western Pacific Ocean.
- The theme of International MSME Day is **The Youth Dimension**.
- Finance Ministry approves Metro Rail projects in 5 cities of **Madhya Pradesh** and **Uttar Pradesh**.
- UNESCO may drop the Mesoamerican Reef, **Belize** from threatened sites list.
- PM to inaugurate 'Kabir Mahotsav' in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Odisha announced that insurance coverage for women under the BJD's health insurance proposal has been raised to **Rs.7 lakh** from Rs.5 lakh.
- HCL Technologies has acquired German IT and engineering services provider **H&D International Group**.
- Fifteenth India Australia Joint Ministerial Commission held in **Canberra**.
- On International MSME (Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) Day 2018, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Udyam Sangam-2018 in **New Delhi**.
- '**Sagarmala**' receives Gold Award at the 52nd Skoch Summit 2018.
- India ranked **fourth** in the list of top 10 target countries for Web Application Attacks as botdriven abuse and distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks continued to rise from November 2017 till April this year, Cloud delivery network provider Akamai Technologies said.
- **Jinson Johnson** gave a commanding performance to break Sriram Singh's four-decade-old National record in style and clinch the men's 800m title in the National inter-State athletics championships.
- **Saurabh Chaudhary** set a new world record and won a gold in the 10m air pistol event in the ISSF Junior World Cup in Germany.
- The theme of National Statistics Day is **Quality Assurance in Official Statistics**.
- The Election Commission of India (EC) has requested Facebook to block political advertisements during the last **48 hours** before elections.
- **Boulder** city in the US is the world's best location to launch tech startups.
- **Bengaluru** has claimed the second spot in the list of best locations for launching tech startups.
- Ayush Ministry to introduce Ayurvedic medicine as subject for **Sanskrit** students.
- **Airtel** Company ranked India's largest telecom by revenue.
- EU leaders agree to extend economic sanctions against **Russia**.
- Private sector lender ICICI Bank appointed former bureaucrat **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi** as its non-executive part-time chairman.
- **Madhya Pradesh** will be awarded for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign.
- **EXIM Bank** extends USD 10 million loan facility to Seychelles.
- **YES Bank** ties up with Kerala Start-up Mission.
- **Jio** ranked India's second largest telecom by revenue.
- India plans to cut oil imports from **Iran** amid US request.
- Indian real estate transparency ranked **35th** globally.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. The first official World Bicycle Day (WBD-2018) is observed on which date?
(1) June 1 (2) June 2 (3) June 3 (4) June 4 (5) None of these
2. The International Domestic Workers Day (IDWD) is observed on which date?
(1) June 15 (2) June 14 (3) June 17 (4) June 16 (5) None of these
3. The 2018 World Sustainable Gastronomy Day (WSGD) is observed on which date?
(1) June 15 (2) June 18 (3) June 19 (4) June 16 (5) None of these
4. What is the theme of the 2018 International Yoga Day (IYD)?
(1) Yoga for Peace (2) Yoga for Harmony and Peace (3) Yoga for Health
(4) Yoga for Peaceful Mind (5) None of these
5. The 2018 International Widows' Day (IWD) is observed on which date?
(1) June 23 (2) June 24 (3) June 22 (4) June 21 (5) None of these
6. The UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed on which date?
(1) June 27 (2) June 26 (3) June 25 (4) June 24 (5) None of these
7. The 2018 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed on which date?
(1) June 27 (2) June 28 (3) June 26 (4) June 29 (5) None of these
8. Under which theme, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the 2018 Financial Literacy Week?
(1) Digital Safety (2) Customer Protection (3) Banking Rules
(4) Your liability (5) None of these
9. What is the current repo rate in the second bi-monthly monetary policy review of RBI for FY19?
(1) 6.25% (2) 6.50% (3) 6.00% (4) 6.75% (5) None of these
10. The RBI has tightened norms for LRS by making quoting of Permanent Account Number (PAN) mandatory even for transactions below \$25,000. What does 'LRS' stands for?
(1) Liability Remittance Scheme
(2) Liaison Remittance Scheme
(3) Liberal Remittance Scheme
(4) Liberalized Remittance Scheme
(5) None of these
11. Which state government has launched the scheme "Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana" for journalists?
(1) Punjab (2) Odisha (3) Jharkhand (4) Assam (5) None of these
12. As per which inter-connectivity project, the Government of India (GoI) has launched 5,000 Wi-Fi Choupals in villages?
(1) e-Kranti (2) Project Insight (3) BharatNet (4) BHIM (5) None of these
13. The Union Cabinet has approved the nomination of which Union ministry as the ex-officio Chairman of North Eastern Council (NEC)?
(1) Ministry of Home (2) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (3) Ministry of Defence
(4) Ministry of Law and Justice (5) None of these

14. The Government of India (GoI) has recently banned which drug for domestic use to public sector from 1st July 2018?
(1) Oxytocin (2) Prolactin (3) Phenacetin (4) Nialamide (5) None of these
15. What is the initial subsidy approved by the government for MSMER clusters under its new Solar Charkha Mission?
(1) Rs. 200 Crore (2) Rs. 550 Crore (3) Rs. 700 Crore
(4) Rs. 950 Crore (5) None of these
16. Which variety of pineapple has been declared as the state fruit of Tripura?
(1) Jaldhup (2) Charlotte (3) Queen (4) Kew (5) None of these
17. Which state government has initiated a 'water literacy' campaign to create awareness about the importance of water conservation in the State?
(1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Kerala (4) Odisha (5) None of these
18. Which village panchayat of Haryana has passed a resolution "No Toilet, No Bride"?
(1) Bishangarh (2) Nimriwali (3) Godikan (4) Ishapur Kheri (5) None of these
19. To detect cervical cancer, a new technique "Liquid Based Cytology (LBC)" has launched in which state?
(1) Punjab (2) Karnataka (3) Haryana (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
20. Which of the following state governments have launched Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana recently?
(1) Rajasthan (2) Maharashtra (3) Gujarat (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
21. Which of the following states in India has maximum number of Unesco World Heritage Sites?
(1) Rajasthan (2) Karnataka (3) Maharashtra (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
22. At present (June, 2018), which of the following state governments Disaster Management Authorities are working with Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES)?
(1) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
(2) Odisha and Tamil Nadu
(3) West Bengal and Tamil Nadu
(4) Goa and Karnataka
(5) None of these
23. Which city hosted the National Consultation on Accelerating Implementation of Tobacco Control Measures for achievement of Goals under National Health Policy 2017?
(1) Gorakhpur (2) New Delhi (3) Jhabua (4) Udaipur (5) None of these
24. Which state is hosting the 2nd India-US colloquium on Earth Observations and Sciences for Society and Economy?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Maharashtra (4) Goa (5) None of these
25. The National Institute of Yoga (NIY) is located in which city?
(1) Kolkata (2) Udaipur (3) New Delhi (4) Kanpur (5) None of these
26. The Assumption Island is in news recently. It is located in which country?
(1) Seychelles (2) South Africa (3) Zimbabwe (4) Botswana (5) None of these
27. The SAARC Development Fund (SDF) to launch Social Enterprise Development Programme (SEDP) in all SAARC member states. Where is the Secretariat of SDF located?
(1) New Delhi (2) Thimphu (3) Kathmandu (4) Colombo (5) None of these

28. Which city has set a Guinness World Record (GWR) for largest number of people performing yoga at one place at the same time on 2018 International Yoga Day (IYD)?
(1) Kolkata (2) Mysuru (3) Kota (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
29. Which city is hosting the 4th National Review and Consultation on Swachh Iconic Places?
(1) Kurnool (2) Hyderabad (3) Allahabad (4) Murshidabad (5) None of these
30. Which state is hosting the 58th National Interstate Senior Athletics 2018?
(1) Assam (2) Kerala (3) Gujarat (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
31. Which country to host the first military exercise of the BIMSTEC group focusing on counter-terrorism?
(1) India (2) Nepal (3) Bangladesh (4) Thailand (5) None of these
32. Who has become the first woman Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilot from South India?
(1) Asistha Singh (2) Bhaanupriya (3) Bhawana Kanth
(4) Meghana Shanbough (5) None of these
33. Which Indian Naval Ship is participating in the 26th edition of world's largest multilateral naval exercise "RIMPAC -2018"?
(1) INS Satpura (2) INS Sahyadri (3) INS Vikramaditya
(4) INS Kamorta (5) None of these
34. On which committee's recommendations, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will set up Public Credit Registry (PCR) to check loan defaults?
(1) Viral Acharya committee (2) YM Deosthalee committee
(3) Anita Gandhi committee (4) K S Jain committee (5) None of these
35. Which committee has been constituted to examine setting up of ARC for faster resolution of stressed assets of Public Sector Banks (PSBs)?
(1) P.S. Jayakumar committee (2) Sunil Mehta committee
(3) Viral Acharya committee (4) Subhash Garg committee (5) None of these
36. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is in news for appointing Sharad Kumar as new Vigilance Commissioner. As per which committee's recommendations, the CVC was set up?
(1) Nittoor Srinivasa Rau committee (2) Tejendra Mohan Bhasin committee
(3) K V Chowdary committee (4) K Santhanam committee (5) None of these
37. IRDAI has constituted which committee to review regulations governing the Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF)?
(1) K G Ramadevi committee (2) Sourabh Bhanot committee
(3) Siddharth Pradhan committee (4) Suresh Mathur committee (5) None of these
38. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is organizing the training workshop on cybercrime targeting children. Who is the present chairman of NCPCR?
(1) Ram Shankar Katheria (2) Nand Kumar Sai (3) R. K. Mathur
(4) Stuti Narain Kacker (5) None of these
39. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has launched a new EPS to predict severity and intensity of weather. What does "EPS" stands for?
(1) Ensemble Prediction Systems (2) Enable Prediction Systems
(3) Epact Prediction Systems (4) Emanate Prediction Systems (5) None of these

40. Under which campaign the 'Jan Aushadhi Suvidha' - the Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin has been launched by the Union Government?
 (1) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Janaushadhi Pariyojana
 (2) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana
 (3) Pradhan Mantri Nagariya Janaushadhi Pariyojana
 (4) Pradhan Mantri Nari Janaushadhi Pariyojana
 (5) None of these
41. The Central Government has launched which Yoga Day Contest to generate awareness regarding benefits of Yoga at workplace for women?
 (1) #YogaFor10to6 (2) #YogaFor9to5 (3) #YogaFor10to5
 (4) #YogaFor9to6 (5) None of these
42. Which state government has launched Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY) for farmers?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Madhya Pradesh
 (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
43. The Central Government has launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in which district of Madhya Pradesh?
 (1) Rajgarh (2) Bhopal (3) Indore (4) Jabalpur (5) None of these
44. Which country to host the 2018 International Conference on TRIPS- CBD Linkage?
 (1) India (2) Indonesia (3) Australia (4) Switzerland (5) None of these
45. Which country is hosting the 2018 Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Early Childhood Development (ECD)?
 (1) India (2) Myanmar (3) Bangladesh (4) Nepal (5) None of these
46. Which country hosted the 18th edition of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit 2018?
 (1) Russia (2) Kazakhstan (3) India (4) China (5) None of these
47. The conference on implementation of National Pension System (NPS) by the Central Autonomous Bodies (CABs) was held in which city?
 (1) Kanpur (2) Bhopal (3) Patna (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
48. The conference "National Consultation on Making Agriculture Sustainable and Profitable" will be held in which city?
 (1) Pune (2) New Delhi (3) Hyderabad (4) Mysore (5) None of these
49. Which country hosted the 2018 anti-doping sports conference 'Clean Sport=Fair Outcome'?
 (1) Germany (2) India (3) Argentina (4) Norway (5) None of these
50. India has recently signed Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in nursing with which country?
 (1) Singapore (2) Indonesia (3) Malaysia (4) Philippines (5) None of these
51. Which automobile company has signed a MoU with Maharashtra government to promote e-Mobility in the State?
 (1) Tata Motors Ltd (2) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd
 (3) Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (4) Hero MotoCorp Ltd (5) None of these
52. The Arunachal Pradesh government has inked an agreement with which state-based Smart Village Movement (SVM) for its smart village initiative?
 (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Kerala (3) Maharashtra
 (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these

53. Which state government has signed pact with Quebec province of Canada for economic cooperation & welfare of tribal communities?
(1) Kerala (2) Gujarat (3) Maharashtra (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
54. Which country is hosting the 2018 BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting?
(1) Brazil (2) South Africa (3) India (4) China (5) None of these
55. India hosted the 10th meeting of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF-2018). The Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) is spread by which mosquito?
(1) Culex mosquito (2) Aedes mosquito (3) Anopheles mosquito
(4) Asian tiger mosquito (5) None of these
56. Which country is hosting the 2018 Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping?
(1) India (2) Australia (3) Sri Lanka (4) Nepal (5) None of these
57. As per which section of the Income Tax Act, the Charitable Religious Institutions shall be eligible for grant under the scheme 'Seva Bhoj Yojna'?
(1) Section 10 (23BBA) (2) Section 19 (23BBA) (3) Section 13 (23BBA)
(4) Section 12 (23BBA) (5) None of these
58. Under which anti-terror law, the Government of India (GoI) has banned Al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)?
(1) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1968
(2) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1964
(3) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967
(4) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1965
(5) None of these
59. The World Bank has approved how much amount for Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) of Government of India (GoI)?
(1) Rs.8000 crore (2) Rs.5000 crore (3) Rs.7000 crore
(4) Rs.6000 crore (5) None of these
60. India has committed to increase its grant to \$15 million to the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Who is the representative of India in the GEF Council?
(1) M S Mehta (2) Chandra Shekhar (3) Aparna Subramani
(4) Rama Choudhary (5) None of these
61. What is the India's growth forecast for FY19, as per latest Fitch Ratings report "Global Economic Outlook"?
(1) 7.5% (2) 7.3% (3) 7.4% (4) 7.6% (5) None of these
62. Which country has successfully launched a Glonass- M positioning satellite by using a Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket?
(1) US (2) Russia (3) China (4) Japan (5) None of these
63. Which country's researchers have developed the world's smallest computer "Michigan Micro Mote"?
(1) US (2) China (3) Japan (4) Germany (5) None of these
64. Indian Navy has recently rescued 38 stranded Indians from cyclone hit Socotra Island. The Island is located in which country?
(1) Egypt (2) Saudi Arabia (3) Yemen (4) Oman (5) None of these

65. The Fuego volcano has recently erupted in which country?
 (1) Mexico (2) Egypt (3) Taiwan (4) Guatemala (5) None of these
66. Which movie has won the Best Picture Award at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards 2018?
 (1) Tumhari Sulu (2) Hindi Medium (3) Mom
 (4) Newton (5) None of these
67. The 22nd edition of Sindhu Darshan Festival (SDF) has started in which district of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)?
 (1) Anantnag (2) Baramulla (3) Leh (4) Srinagar (5) None of these
68. Who is the newly appointed Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B)?
 (1) Jayashree Mukherjee (2) Dhiraj Singh (3) Amit Khare
 (4) Anita Chugh (5) None of these
69. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)?
 (1) N Kutumba Rao (2) Dinesh Gupta (3) Neel Tripathi
 (4) Shubhankar Mittal (5) None of these
70. Who has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Italy?
 (1) Matteo Salvini (2) Sergio Mattarella (3) Giuseppe Conte
 (4) Luigi Di Maio (5) None of these
71. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)?
 (1) Pippa Harris (2) Jane Lush (3) Caro Newling
 (4) Sam Mendes (5) None of these
72. Who has been appointed as the acting Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?
 (1) Arvind Saxena (2) Sudha Jain (3) Kirti Kumar
 (4) Omi Agrawal (5) None of these
73. Which Indian-American personality has been named the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of the US' largest automaker, General Motors?
 (1) Dhivya Suryadevara (2) PJP Singh Waraich (3) K L Jain
 (4) Jaishankar Jaiswal (5) None of these
74. Who has been appointed as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?
 (1) Anant Barua (2) Injeti Srinivas (3) Arun P Sathe
 (4) Sanjeev Kaushik (5) None of these
75. Who has been sworn-in as the first-ever visually impaired judge of Pakistan?
 (1) Yawar Ali (2) Sana Afzal (3) Yousaf Saleem
 (4) Zubair Sabir (5) None of these
76. Pandurang Phundkar, who passed away recently, was associated with which political party?
 (1) Bharatiya Janata Party (2) Indian National Congress
 (3) Nationalist Congress Party (4) Communist Party of India (5) None of these
77. Dr. Sapan Kumar Murmu, the renowned doctor of Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR) has passed away. The VIMSAR is located in which state?
 (1) Punjab (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Manipur (4) Odisha (5) None of these

78. Kandaala Subrahmanya Tilak, the noted freedom fighter has passed away. He was elected to the 1st Lok Sabha from which constituency in 1952?
 (1) Nanded (2) Vizianagaram (3) Baramati (4) Kalyan (5) None of these
79. Laliteshwar Prasad Shahi, who passed away recently, was associated with which political party of India?
 (1) INC (2) BJP (3) NCP (4) CPI (5) None of these
80. Pappu Karki, the popular Kumaoni folk singer has passed away. He was native of which state?
 (1) Jammu & Kashmir (2) Himachal Pradesh (3) Uttarakhand
 (4) Assam (5) None of these
81. Shahzahan Bachchu, the prominent writer and publisher has passed away. He was native of which country?
 (1) Bangladesh (2) Nepal (3) Myanmar
 (4) Thailand (5) None of these
82. Adiraju Venkateswara Rao, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?
 (1) Sports (2) Journalism (3) Politics (4) Film Industry (5) None of these
83. Peter Thomson, who passed away recently, was the legendary player of which sports?
 (1) Basketball (2) Golf (3) Tennis (4) Football (5) None of these
84. Mushtaq Ahmed Yousufi, the renowned Urdu satirist passed away. He belonged to which India's neighboring country?
 (1) Afghanistan (2) Myanmar (3) Bangladesh (4) Pakistan (5) None of these
85. Gautam Kanjilal, who passed away recently, was pioneer in which field?
 (1) Hockey (2) Rock climbing (3) Judo
 (4) Mimicry (5) None of these
86. B Sujatha Devi, the well-known poetess and environmental activist passed away. She is native of which state?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Kerala (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
87. Who will be honored with the 'Hero to Animals Award 2018' from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India?
 (1) Zubeen Garg (2) Zarine Khan (3) Sadaa Sayed
 (4) Rani Mukerji (5) None of these
88. Kendrick Lamar has been honored with the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for music. He belongs to which country?
 (1) South Africa (2) United States (3) Russia
 (4) Egypt (5) None of these
89. Sudheesh Guruvayoor has set a Guinness World Record by distributing the largest number of curry tree saplings in Sharjah. He is native of which Indian state?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Odisha (3) West Bengal (4) Kerala (5) None of these
90. Who has been crowned Femina Miss India World 2018?
 (1) Shreya Rao (2) Meenakshi Chaudhary (3) Anukreethy Vas
 (4) Neelam Khurana (5) None of these

91. Under 'India Smart Cities Award 2018, which Smart City has been selected for 'City Award' for showing great momentum in implementation of projects?
(1) Jabalpur (2) Visakhapatnam (3) Surat (4) Pune (5) None of these
92. Which union ministry has been conferred the SKOCH's 'Best performing Social Sector Ministry' award?
(1) Ministry of External Affairs
(2) Ministry of Human Resource Development
(3) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(5) None of these
93. Which state Chief Minister has been conferred with 'Chief Minister of the Year' award at the 52nd Skoch Summit 2018?
(1) Rajasthan (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Assam (4) Punjab (5) None of these
94. The 'IPledgefor9' Achievers Awards are related to which of the following government schemes?
(1) Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao
(2) Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan
(3) Pradhanmantri Ujjawala Yojana
(4) PradhanMantri Mudra Yojana
(5) None of these
95. Which country is hosting the 3rd Asia Cup International Bridge Championship 2018?
(1) Japan (2) Singapore (3) Thailand (4) India (5) None of these
96. Who has won the women's singles French Open tennis tournament 2018?
(1) Simona Halep (2) Garbine Muguruza
(3) Angelique Kerber (4) Serena Williams (5) None of these
97. Anu Kumar has won gold in which sports at the 2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Japan?
(1) Boxing (2) Sprint (3) Triple jump (4) Hammer throw (5) None of these
98. Which country's women cricket team posted the highest-ever total in One-Day International (ODI) cricket?
(1) England (2) India (3) New Zealand (4) Australia (5) None of these
99. Which country's football team has lifted the 2018 Intercontinental Cup football title?
(1) India (2) Sri Lanka (3) Kenya (4) Argentina (5) None of these
100. Gavit Murali Kumar clinched a gold in men's 10,000 metre race at the 2018 Gouden Spike meeting in The Netherlands. He was native of which state?
(1) Assam (2) Gujarat (3) Haryana (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
101. Saweety Boora, who claimed gold at 2018 Umakhanov Memorial Tournament, is associated with which sports?
(1) Chess (2) Wrestling (3) Swimming (4) Boxing (5) None of these
102. Which of the following countries to host the 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026?
(1) US, Canada and Mexico (2) Brazil, Chile and Argentina
(3) Brazil, Mexico and Spain (4) Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam (5) None of these

103. Anil Kumar clinched gold in the 10m Air Rifle event at the 18th KSS Memorial Shooting Championship 2018. He is native of which state?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Rajasthan
(4) Gujarat (5) None of these
104. Who will become the first Indian cricketer to appear in Kia Super League in England?
(1) Smriti Mandhana (2) Harmanpreet Kaur (3) Mithali Raj
(4) Jhulan Goswami (5) None of these
105. The Union Government has sanctioned a special financial assistance of Rs.5 lakhs to Limba Ram. He is associated with which sports?
(1) Archery (2) Sprint (3) Boxing (4) Wrestling (5) None of these
106. Which Indian swimmer clinched gold in men's 50 meter breaststroke event at 2018 Singapore National Swimming Championships?
(1) Virdhawal Khade (2) Arvind Mani (3) M M Sahu
(4) Sandeep Sejwal (5) None of these
107. Which country to host the 2018 ICC Women's World T20 tournament?
(1) England (2) New Zealand (3) West Indies
(4) South Africa (5) None of these
108. Who has broken the legendary Sriram Singh's four-decade-old 800m National record at the 58th National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships 2018?
(1) Sangram Singh (2) Jinson Johnson (3) Arka Bhattacharya
(4) Mohammad Afsal (5) None of these
109. Who will lead Indian women's team for the 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup tournament in London?
(1) Sunita Lakra (2) Rani Rampal (3) Nikki Pradhan
(4) Gurjit Kaur (5) None of these
110. What is India's rank in the Global Peace Index 2018?
(1) 138th (2) 129th (3) 136th (4) 128th (5) None of these
111. What is the India's rank in the Global Environment Performance Index 2018, as per latest released State of India's Environment (SoE) 2018 in Figures by Down To Earth magazine?
(1) 165th (2) 177th (3) 138th (4) 126th (5) None of these
112. Which district has been ranked first in the NITI Aayog's Delta ranking of Aspirational Districts Programme?
(1) Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh (2) West Sikkim district in Sikkim
(3) Asifabad district in Telangana (4) Dahod district of Gujarat (5) None of these
113. Which country is the global host nation for the 43rd edition of World Environment Day (WED - 2018) event?
(1) Belgium (2) Norway (3) South Korea (4) India (5) None of these
114. The biopic "The Making of the Mahatma" has been screened in South Africa to commemorate the 125th year of Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha. The biopic is based on which novel?
(1) The Essential Gandhi (2) Apprenticeship of a Mahatma
(3) Satyagraha in South Africa (4) Gandhi on non-violence (5) None of these

115. Which app has been launched by the Ministry of Railways to expedite & streamline passenger grievance redressal?
 (1) Rail Sathi (2) Rail Dost (3) Rail Madad (4) Rail Neer (5) None of these
116. The Union Water Resources Ministry has teamed up with which technology giant for flood forecasting?
 (1) Facebook (2) Google (3) Microsoft (4) Wipro (5) None of these
117. Which G7 country has recently legalized recreational use of marijuana nationwide?
 (1) France (2) Germany (3) Canada (4) United Kingdom (5) None of these
118. Which country has recently withdrawn from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHR)?
 (1) Australia (2) Mexico (3) Romania (4) United States (5) None of these
119. Which US celebrity chef (who passed away recently) has authored the book "Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly"?
 (1) Wolfgang Puck (2) Anthony Bourdain (3) Paula Deen
 (4) Mario Batali (5) None of these
120. Who authored the book "The Ivory Throne: Chronicles of the House of Travancore"?
 (1) Kamala Das (2) Manu S Pillai (3) Devaki Nilayamgode
 (4) Shashi Tharoor (5) None of these
121. Perumal Murugan, who has authored the novel "Kazhimugam", is the noted poet of which language?
 (1) Telugu (2) Malayalam (3) Tamil (4) Odia (5) None of these
122. Who has authored the book "Ahimsa", which sheds light on India's freedom struggle?
 (1) Shantanu Duttagupta (2) Amala Shankar (3) Supriya Kelkar
 (4) Nandi Katheria (5) None of these
123. Who is the author of the book "Vedvigyan Alok"?
 (1) Agnivarat Naishthik (2) Vilas Nayak (3) Alok Srivastav
 (4) Indu Taneza (5) None of these

Ans: 1-3, 2-4, 3-2, 4-1, 5-1, 6-1, 7-3, 8-2, 9-1, 10-4, 11-2, 12-3, 13-1, 14-1, 15-2, 16-3, 17-3, 18-3, 19-4, 20-2, 21-3, 22-2, 23-2, 24-4, 25-3, 26-1, 27-2, 28-3, 29-2, 30-1, 31-1, 32-4, 33-2, 34-2, 35-2, 36-4, 37-4, 38-4, 39-1, 40-2, 41-2, 42-1, 43-1, 44-4, 45-4, 46-4, 47-4, 48-1, 49-4, 50-1, 51-1, 52-4, 53-3, 54-2, 55-1, 56-3, 57-1, 58-3, 59-4, 60-3, 61-3, 62-2, 63-1, 64-3, 65-4, 66-1, 67-3, 68-3, 69-2, 70-3, 71-1, 72-1, 73-1, 74-1, 75-3, 76-1, 77-4, 78-2, 79-1, 80-3, 81-1, 82-2, 83-2, 84-4, 85-2, 86-3, 87-1, 88-2, 89-4, 90-3, 91-3, 92-3, 93-1, 94-2, 95-4, 96-1, 97-2, 98-3, 99-1, 100-2, 101-4, 102-1, 103-2, 104-1, 105-1, 106-4, 107-3, 108-2, 109-2, 110-3, 111-2, 112-4, 113-4, 114-2, 115-3, 116-2, 117-3, 118-4, 119-2, 120-2, 121-3, 122-3, 123-1.

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