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# National

## Prime Minister Launches India Post Payments Bank

- i. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a payments bank of the Department of Posts that will take banking to the doorstep of every citizen through an unmatched network of post offices and almost 3 lakh postmen and 'Grameen Dak Sewaks'.**
- ii. The India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will be like any other banks but its operations will be on a smaller scale without involving any credit risk. It will carry out most banking operations like accepting deposits but won't advance loans or issue credit cards.**
- iii. The payments bank will accept deposits of up to Rs 1 lakh, offer remittance services, mobile payments/transfers/purchases and other banking services like ATM/debit cards, net banking and third-party fund transfers. The IPPB would be available through 650 branches and 3,250 access points.**

## GDP Growth Soars To 8.2% In 1st Quarter Of Current Fiscal

- i. Indian economy grew by 8.2% in the first quarter (April-June) of the current fiscal, the highest in over two years. This announcement was made by Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley. The manufacturing sector grew by 13.5% which signals very good turnaround in the sector.**
- ii. In a related development Reserve Bank of India stated Non-food credit growth in the system accelerated to 10.6% for July as compared to previous year, driven by loans to the services sector growing at the faster clip.**
- iii. Credit to the services sector grew 23% for the reporting period, up from the year-ago period's 4.9%.**

## September: National Nutrition Month Being Celebrated Across Country

- i. The National Nutrition Month (September) is being celebrated across the country to mark the fight against malnutrition.**
- ii. During this month, various programmes have been organized by the Women and Child Development Ministry to spread broad awareness on the issues related to malnutrition like stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia and low birth weight in children.**
- ii. The decision to celebrate September as the National Nutrition Month every year was taken during the second meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under the Poshan Abhiyaan held in July 2018.**

## Important Takeways from above news-

- With the aim to bring down stunting of children in the age group of 0-6 years from 38% to 25% by 2022, **POSHAN Abhiyaan- the National Nutrition Mission** was launched by PM Narendra Modi on March 8th this year in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan.

## Rajasthan Government To Provide Free Mobile Phones To Women of BPL Families

- i. In a bid to boost Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship 'Digital India' campaign, Rajasthan government will soon distribute mobile phones to women under the Bhamashah Yojana. Focused on women who fall under the Below Poverty Line (BPL), the scheme aims to transfer financial and non-financial benefits of government schemes in a transparent manner.**
- ii. The Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje-led government in Rajasthan stated that they are making efforts to launch new applications so that the poor can receive all benefits by simply pushing a button on their cell phones.**

## Important Takeways from above news-

- **Rajasthan CM- Vasundhara Raje, Governor- Kalyan Singh.**

## International Aviation Summit Held in New Delhi

- i. The International Aviation Summit began in New Delhi, India. The seminar has been jointly organised by the Airports Authority of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation and International Air Transport Association (IATA).**

ii. **Union Minister for Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu** announced that the Civil Aviation Ministry is coming up with **Vision 2035** under which it plans to build 100 new airports across India in the next 10-15 years with an investment of **USD 60 billion** and address the major issues concerning aviation industry such as airport infrastructure, taxation and use of technology.

### **Homosexuality Not A Crime In India Anymore: SC Abolishes Section 377**

i. **The Supreme Court abolished Section 377** of the **Indian Penal Code (IPC)**, the 1862 law which criminalised homosexuality.

ii. The Delhi High Court had decriminalised homosexuality in 2009, but the decision was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2013. According to Section 377, consensual sexual acts are also considered unnatural and are punishable.

### **India-US Hold Maiden 2+2 Talks In New Delhi**

i. **India and the US** held the **first edition of the two-plus-two talks in New Delhi**. The meeting was aimed at further strengthening bilateral defence and security collaboration as well as boosting their global strategic partnership, **particularly in the Indo-Pacific region**.

ii. **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** held talks with **US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo and Defence Secretary James Mattis**.

### **Telangana Cabinet Passes Resolution to Dissolve Legislative Assembly**

i. **The Telangana Cabinet** passed a resolution calling for the **dissolution of the Telangana Legislative Assembly**. The state's Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao had convened the meeting of his Council of Ministers to dissolve the Legislative Assembly and seek fresh elections six months ahead of schedule.

ii. The CM submitted a one-line resolution of the cabinet dissolving the assembly to the state's Governor **ESL Narasimhan** immediately after the meeting.

### **PM Inaugurates India's 1st Global Mobility Summit**

i. **Prime Minister Modi** inaugurated **India's first Global Mobility summit 'MOVE'** in **New Delhi**. Comprehensive discussions along 5 themes took place ranging from electrification and alternative fuels and reinventing public transport. The two-day meet of stakeholders has been **organised by the NITI Aayog**.

ii. The summit deliberated on 5 themes, **comprehensive: electrification & alternative fuels, reinventing public transport, goods transport & logistics and data analytics and mobility**. The main focus of the summit is to make cities of India pollution free.

### **Bengaluru To Host Aero India In February 2019: Defence Ministry**

i. The next edition of **Aero India** will be held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** from February 20 to 24, 2019, Defence Ministry announced. This five-day event will combine a major trade exhibition for the aerospace and defence industries with public air shows.

ii. **Yelahanka Air Force station** in Bengaluru has hosted all the 11 editions of Aero India so far and has emerged as a premier air show in Asia.

### **Former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan To Head Panel To Select New CEA**

i. The Union Government has appointed former **Reserve Bank of India** governor **Bimal Jalan** as the **head of the panel that has been tasked with selecting India's next chief economic advisor (CEA)**.

ii. The panel will screen the applications received and conduct interviews. The move comes two months after the government sought applications for the **post after previous CEA Arvind Subramanian resigned from office**.

### **Samsung Opens World's Largest Mobile Experience Centre In Bengaluru**

i. After launching the world's largest mobile phone-manufacturing factory in Noida in July 2018, **Samsung** has now opened its **biggest experience centre in Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

ii. **Opera House**, the 33,000 sq ft iconic building in the city's central business district, has been given a facelift to showcase Samsung's mobile devices and other consumer electronic products. It has a service centre for phones and is equipped with high-speed public Wi-Fi.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Samsung Headquarters in:** Seoul, South Korea, **Founder:** Lee Byung-chul.

#### **1st Edition of BIMSTEC Military Exercise MILEX-18 Inaugurated in Pune**

i. **BIMSTEC Military Exercise (MILEX-18)**, the first edition of Military Field Training Exercise for the *Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)* nations, started at Aundh in Pune.

ii. The aim of MILEX-18 is to practice the BIMSTEC Nations in planning and conduct of counter-terrorist operations. Participating countries are Armies of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. **Nepal is not taking part in MILEX-18.**

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- The BIMSTEC was formed in 1997 and it brings together Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand.
- The grouping accounts for 22% of the global population.
- Sri Lanka is the current chair of BIMSTEC.

#### **NRTI, India's 1st Railway Varsity Starts Operations In Vadodara**

i. **The first of its kind university** in the country in the transport sector, the **National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI)**, started operations. Currently, it is functioning out of the National Academy of Indian Railways, Vadodara.

ii. Funded by the ministry of railways, with University of California, Berkeley and Cornell University as its international partners, the university started with two undergraduate courses - BSc Transportation Technology and BBA Transportation Managements- with 50 students each.

#### **Forbes-Nominated Author Preeti Shenoy Pens New Book, 'The Rule Breakers'**

i. **Best-selling author Preeti Shenoy** announced the launch of her new book, '*The Rule Breakers*'. The book claims to explore complex themes of women's equality, gender, and inclusion among others.

ii. The novel set in the '90s is the story of Veda, who harbours big dreams, but finds herself trapped in an arranged marriage and realizes that her opinions in real life don't matter.

#### **1st Ever Bus Services Between Bihar And Nepal Flagged Off**

i. For the first time, **bus services between Bihar and Nepal** have started. The bus service was flagged off from Patna by the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

ii. Four buses will ply from Bodhgaya to Kathmandu. Similarly, four buses will ply from Patna to Janakpur. The Kathmandu bound bus will go via Patna, Raxaul and Beerganj. The Janakpur bound bus will go via Muzaffarpur and Sitamarhi.

#### **APSARA, Uranium Reactor Becomes Operational at BARC**

i. '*Apsara*', the first research reactor in Asia became operational in **Trombay campus of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in August 1956**. After providing more than five decades of dedicated service to the researchers, the reactor was shut down in 2009.

ii. Nearly sixty-two years after Apsara came into existence, **a swimming pool type research reactor "Apsara-upgraded"**, of higher capacity was born at Trombay. The reactor, made indigenously, uses plate type dispersion fuel elements made of **Low Enriched Uranium (LEU)**.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Mr Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas** is the present Director of BARC.
- BARC Headquarters in **Mumbai**.

#### **PM Modi Announces Launch Of 'Swachhata Hi Seva Movement'**

- i. To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of '*Swachhata Hi Seva Movement*'.
- ii. The mission, which also celebrates the fourth anniversary of the Swachha Bharat Mission will take place across the length and breadth of the country and will continue till Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on October 2.

### **Country's 1st Tribal Tourism Circuit Launched in Chhattisgarh**

- i. Union minister **K J Alphons, the Minister of State for Tourism**, inaugurated the **country's first tribal circuit project** connecting 13 tourism sites in **Chhattisgarh**. This project was sanctioned by the **Ministry of Tourism** in February 2016 for **Rs. 99.21 Crores**.
- ii. The project was implemented under the Tourism Ministry's **Swadesh Darshan scheme** launched in 2014-15 for development of thematic circuits in the country in a planned and prioritized manner.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh:** Raman Singh.
- **Governor of Chhattisgarh:** Anandiben Patel.

### **PM Launches Swachhata Hi Seva Movement**

- i. **The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi**, launched the '*Swachhata Hi Seva*' Movement, to boost nationwide public participation in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and catalyse the fulfilment of Bapu's dream of a Clean India.
- ii. The Swachhata Hi Seva movement aims at generating greater public participation towards Swachhata. It is being organized in the run-up to the fourth anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission, on October 2nd, 2018, which will also mark the commencement of the 150th year celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.

### **New Website For '15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019' Inaugurated**

- i. **External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj**, along with **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** inaugurated the **website for the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019**, [www.pbdindia.gov.in](http://www.pbdindia.gov.in).
- ii. **Guests at the PBD 2019:**
  1. Prime Minister of Mauritius **Pravind Kumar Jugnauth** will be the Chief Guest.
  2. Member of Parliament of Norway **Himanshu Gulati** will be the Special Guest.
  3. Member of Parliament of New Zealand **Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi** will be the Guest of Honor.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- The convention **15th PBD 2019** will be held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from January 21 to 23, 2019.

### **India Gets Its 1st Ever Dedicated Dog Park in Hyderabad**

- i. **For the first time in India**, dog owners will have a **dedicated dog park to visit**. Set up in Hyderabad, the park is spread across an area of 1.3 acres.
- ii. The park houses dog training equipment, play equipment, splash pool, fountain, areas for exercise, amphitheatre, lawns, separate kennels for small and big dogs and a dedicated dog clinic.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- The man behind the development of dog park is an IAS officer Harichandana, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Zonal Commissioner.

### **India Ranks 3rd On Family-Owned Business List: CSRI Report**

- i. **India ranks third globally** in terms of number of family-owned businesses with **111 companies having a total market capitalisation of \$839 billion**. India closely follows China with 159 firms and the US with 121 firms, according to the 'Credit Suisse Family 1000 in 2018' study, **published by the Credit Suisse Research Institute (CSRI)**.
- ii. As per the report, in terms of number of family-owned businesses within the non-Japan Asian region, the list is dominated by China, India and Hong Kong. These three jurisdictions together account for around 65% of the non-Japan Asian section of CSRI's database.

### **Infosys Acquires Finnish Company 'Fluido' For Rs 545 crore**

- i. Infosys has acquired Finnish company **Fluido**, a top consulting partner of Salesforce, for **65 million euros (about Rs 545 crore)**. This is Infosys's second acquisition under CEO Salil Parekh.
- ii. Recently, it had acquired US digital creative and consumer insight agency WongDoody for \$75 million.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Shyam Srinivasan** is the Managing Director & CEO of Federal Bank.
- It Headquarters in **Aluva, Kerala**.

### **Piyush Goyal Inaugurates 1st Ever India Tourism Mart 2018**

- i. The Union Minister for Railways and Coal, **Piyush Goyal** inaugurated the 'first ever' **India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018)** in the presence of **Union Tourism Minister, K J Alphons** and the **Tourism Minister of Morocco, Mr. Mohamed Sajid, in New Delhi**.
- ii. The India Tourism Mart is being organized by the Ministry of Tourism in partnership with the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) and with support of State /UT Governments.

### **Cabinet Approves Ordinance Making Triple Talaq A Punishable Offence**

- i. The Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance making **triple talaq a punishable offence**. The Supreme Court had in a verdict in August last year declared it illegal and unconstitutional.
- ii. It was cleared by the Lok Sabha but was stuck in the Rajya Sabha. Though the ordinance has been cleared, for now, it must be placed before the Parliament and the bill would still need to be passed.

### **PM Modi, Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina Jointly Launched Indo-Bangla Pipeline Project**

- i. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and his **Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina** jointly launched the construction of **India-Bangladesh Friendship Product Pipeline Project** through video conferencing. The project will go a long way in strengthening the Indo-Bangla ties.
- ii. **India-Bangladesh Friendship Product Pipeline Project:**
  - The **130-kilometre pipeline** will connect **Siliguri** in West Bengal in India and **Parbatipur** in Dinajpur district of Bangladesh.
  - The capacity of the pipeline will be **1 million metric tons per annum**.
  - The estimated project cost will be **Rs 346 crore** and it will be completed in 30 months time.
  - This will be the first such pipeline through which refined diesel will be supplied to **Parbatipur depot** from **Numaligarh** of Assam in India.

### **ISRO Technology Incubation Centre Inaugurated at NIT Agartala**

- i. **Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb** inaugurated ISRO's first Space Technology Incubation Centre (STIC) at the **National Institute of Technology Agartala** via remote from Bengaluru.
- ii. The Centre was launched at the first edition of 'Spacetrionics' organised by the **India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)**.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Chairman of ISRO: Dr. K Sivan.**
- **Headquarters of ISRO- Bengaluru, Karnataka.**

### **India Post Payments Bank, Bajaj Allianz Join Hands 'To Provide Insurance To All'**

- i. State-owned **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** and **Private Life Insurer Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co Ltd (BALIC)** entered into a strategic partnership to provide life insurance solutions, especially at the doorstep of every household in the country.
- ii. This partnership will leverage IPPB's last mile reach for building awareness about life insurance. Both the companies came together, to formally sign the Corporate Agency Agreement.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- IPPB has begun operations with **650 branches** and **3,250** access points across the country.

- **IPPB CEO- Suresh Sethi.**

### **Centre Proposes To Merge Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank**

- The government has proposed amalgamation of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, and Dena Bank to create India's 3rd largest globally competitive Bank.**
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced that the amalgamation will increase the banking operations and no employee will face any service condition adverse to present conditions. The government had announced in the budget that consolidation of banks was also in the agenda of the government.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Bank of Baroda Headquarters in Vadodara.**
- **Vijaya Bank Headquarters in Bengaluru.**
- **Dena Bank Headquarters in Mumbai.**

### **Vodafone Idea Board Approves Merger With Aditya Birla Telecom**

- The Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Limited, India's largest telecom operator, approved the merger of the Vodafone Idea Limited with the Aditya Birla Telecom Limited (ABTL), the parent company of Idea Cellular. The merger was approved under the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.**
- The merger is now subjected to approval of the **National Company Law Tribunal**. The Aditya Birla Telecom Ltd holds 11.15% stake in **telecom infrastructure firm Indus Towers Ltd.**

### **PM Modi Laid Foundation Stone For World-Class Convention Centre In Delhi**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) in Dwarka, New Delhi.** The facilities provided at the centre will be on par with the best in the world in size and quality.
- It will rank among the top 10 in the world and the biggest indoor exhibition space in India. The project is planned over an area of 221.37 acres in Sector 25, Dwarka, at an **estimated cost of Rs 25,703 crore.**

### **PM Modi launches world's largest healthcare scheme**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana from Ranchi, Jharkhand.** Under this scheme, **over 10 crore families** will be provided health assurance worth **five lakh rupees each, every year.**
- This is the world's largest government-funded healthcare program targeting more than 50 crore beneficiaries. The scheme will provide cashless and paperless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service.

### **'Village Rockstars' Is India's Official Entry To Oscars 2019**

- Rima Das' National Award-winning feature Village Rockstars** has been chosen to represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the 91st **Academy Awards** next year, the Film Federation of India (FFI) announced.
- The announcement was made by SV Rajendra Singh Babu, Chairman, Selection Committee for Oscar Award, FFI. The film had its world premiere at the **2017 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)** and has toured more than 70 prestigious international and national film festivals.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- Hindi film **Newton** was India's official submission to the Oscars last year.

### **PM Modi Inaugurated Sikkim's First and country 100<sup>th</sup> Airport In Pakyong**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Pakyong Airport** in Sikkim on September 24, nine years after the foundation stone was laid. The airport is the hilly state's **first and only airport**. Currently, the nearest airport for the people of Sikkim is 124 kilometre (km) away in Bagdogra, West Bengal.
- The airport is spread over 201 acres. The foundation stone for the greenfield airport was laid in Pakyong in 2009, which is around 33 km from **Gangtok**, the state capital. The airport is located around 60 km from

the **Indo-China border**. It is constructed by the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**. The project cost **Rs 553 crore**.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Sikkim's CM- Pawan Kumar Chamling, Governor- Ganga Prasad**

#### **AP, Odisha & MP Bag Award Under Amrut**

i. Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts among States in terms of “Ease of Living Index” rankings launched by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**. It was followed by **Odisha and Madhya Pradesh**.

ii. The three States were awarded the three best performing States under **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)** at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018.

#### **Aadhaar Linking Must For PAN and Filing Income Tax Returns**

i. The Supreme Court declared the Centre's flagship Aadhaar scheme as **Constitutionally valid**. The Supreme Court ruled that linking the Aadhaar card to **PAN card is mandatory** and is needed for **filing income tax returns**. The apex court, however, said **Aadhaar is not mandatory for opening bank accounts** and linking with existing accounts.

ii. The Supreme Court also struck down **Section 57** of the Aadhaar Act that allowed private companies to avail Aadhaar data. Calling the section **unconstitutional**, the court asserted that private companies cannot insist on having Aadhaar number of customers. Aadhaar authentication records cannot be stored beyond **six months**, striking down the current rule of **five years**.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Chairman, UIDAI- J. Satyanarayana**
- **CEO, UIDAI- Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey**

#### **Supreme Court Allows Live Streaming Of Cases of Constitutional importance**

i. The Supreme Court agreed to live-streaming and video recording of court proceedings, saying “sunlight is the best disinfectant”. The Supreme Court allowed live streaming of **cases of Constitutional importance** that take place in the **Court of the Chief Justice of India**.

ii. The bench said that they want to implement the concept of 'open court' in a bid to decongest the court. As per the court the public had a "right to know" what happens inside the courtroom. The decision came on the back of a clutch of petitions filed by senior lawyer Indira Jaisingh, law student Snehil Tripathi and NGO Centre For Accountability and Systemic Change.

#### **Supreme Court Constitutes Committee To Look Into Jail Reforms**

i. The Supreme Court constituted a **three-member** committee headed by its former judge **Justice Amitava Roy** to look into the aspect of jail reforms across the country and suggest measures to deal with them. A bench headed by **Justice M B Lokur** said the panel will look into the issues including over-crowding in prisons.

#### **Finland Topped In ‘Human Capital’ Score, India Ranked 158th**

i. India ranks **158th** in the world for its investments in education and health care, according to the first-ever scientific study ranking countries for their **levels of human capital**. The nation is placed behind Sudan (ranked 157th) and ahead of Namibia (ranked 159th) in the list.

ii. The study, published in journal The Lancet, says that India is ranked at **158 out of 195** countries, an improvement from its position of **162 in 1990**. The U.S. is ranked **27th**, while China is at 44th and Pakistan at 164th.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Finland** topped the list, followed by **Iceland** and **Denmark**.

#### **Mukesh Ambani Toped Barclays Hurun Rich List For 7th Time In A Row**



i. Billionaire Mukesh Ambani, chairman of India's second-most valued firm '**Reliance Industries**', has topped the '**Barclays Hurun India Rich List 2018**' for the seventh consecutive year, with the total net worth of INR 371,000 crore. Barclays Hurun India Rich List 2018, a compilation of the individuals in India having a net worth of **INR 1,000** crore or more, featured **831 Indians** compared to **617** last year.

ii. Mr Ambani is followed by London-based **S.P. Hinduja**, with the net worth of **INR 1,59,000 crore**; and **L.N. Mittal**, with a net worth of INR 1,14,500 crore. **Azim Premji**, with the wealth of **INR 96,100** crore, is fourth in the list. The cumulative wealth of the 831 individuals featured in the list stood at **\$719 billion**, amounting to a quarter of India's GDP of **\$2,848 billion**.

### **Adultery No Longer A Criminal Offence, SC Strikes Down Section 497 of IPC**

i. A five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice Dipak Misra scrapped the pre-Independence provision of adultery in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which treats a married woman as a commodity owned by her husband. **Section 497 (adultery)** gives a husband the exclusive right to prosecute his wife's lover. If found guilty, the adulterer faces five years behind bars.

ii. A similar right is not conferred on a wife to prosecute the woman with whom her husband has committed adultery. Secondly, the provision does not confer any right on the wife to prosecute her husband for adultery.

### **IISc Bengaluru Tops India in Global List Of Best Institutes**

i. No Indian institution figures in the top 250 of the **Times Higher Education's (THE) world university rankings 2019**, though the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, has retained its position as the highest-ranked centre in the country, while the Indian Institute of Technology-Indore has risen to the highest position behind it.

ii. The rankings show **Oxford continues to hold the first place, Cambridge second, and Stanford third**. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology rose one place to number four. In India, number of Indian institutions in the rankings increased from 42 last year to 49, making it the fifth best-represented nation.

### **PM Modi Inaugurated Parakram Parv Exhibition In Jodhpur**

i. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated **Parakram Parv exhibition** at the military station in Jodhpur to mark the second anniversary of the surgical strikes carried out by the Indian Army across the LoC.

ii. On September 29, 2016, the Indian Army carried out surgical strikes on seven terrorist launch pads across the Line of Control (LoC) as a response to an attack on its base in Uri. **Konark Corps is organizing this three days exhibition** on Indian Army's Combat Capability.

### **Government Forms Lokpal Search Committee**

i. The government has set up an eight-member Lokpal Search Committee under the Chairmanship of former Supreme Court Judge, **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai**. Prasar Bharati Chairman **A Surya Prakash**, former SBI Chief **Arundhati Bhattacharya** and **Justice Sukha Ram Singh Yadav** among others will be members of the panel.

ii. An official order issued by Ministry of Personnel stated that the panel will recommend the names for the Chairperson and Members of the Lokpal to the Lokpal Selection Committee.

### **Locate Public Toilets on Google Maps with LooReview Campaign**

i. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under the aegis of **Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM – U)**, has partnered with **Google** to launch the **Loo Review** campaign to encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.

ii. This campaign is part of a feature which allows all citizens to locate public toilets in their cities on Google Maps, Search and the Assistant and also provide feedback on the same. **500+ cities** in India with more than 30,000 toilets with the name of "**SBM Toilet**" are currently live on Google Maps.

### India's 1st Corn Festival Starts in Madhya Pradesh

i. In Madhya Pradesh, the first corn festival of the country is being held in Chhindwara. The festival is one of a kind international event.

ii. Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest corn producing states in India, with Chhindwara being the highest corn producing district.

## International

### 4th BIMSTEC Summit Concludes

i. The 4th BIMSTEC Summit has been successfully concluded in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal.

ii. The Prime Minister of Nepal K.P. Sharma Oli presented draft Kathmandu declaration which was unanimously adopted by the all member states.

. Sri Lanka has become the new chair of the BIMSTEC.

### 3-day World Hindu Congress Begins In Chicago

i. The three-day World Hindu Congress has begun in Chicago, the USA. Over 2000 delegates from across the globe are participating in this mega event.

ii. The theme of World Hindu Congress is '*think collectively, achieve valiantly*'.

### International Tourist Arrivals Hit Record High In 2017: UN Report

i. International tourist arrivals hit record high in 2017 with India leading the growth in South Asian region. According to data from the UN's tourism organisation, a total of 1,323 million international tourist arrivals recorded in destinations around the world. The figure represents an 84 million increase over 2016, and a new record.

ii. In India, international tourists arrivals grew from 14.57 million in 2016 to 15.54 million in 2017. International tourism receipts for India grew from 22.42 billion dollars in 2016 to 27.36 billion dollars last year.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- Zurab Pololikashvili is Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- UNWTO's membership includes 158 countries, 6 Associate Members and over 500 Affiliate Members.
- UNWTO Headquarters in Madrid, Spain.

### International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018 Held In Nepal

i. The International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018 is being held in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Vice President of Nepal Nanda Bahadur Pun inaugurated the summit. The theme of the 3-day event is "*Equality begins with Economic Empowerment*".

ii. The main objective of the summit is to bring together achievers, women business leaders, professionals, international service providers, resource organizations, experts, government representatives and other stakeholders.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- The event is organised by the South Asian Women Development Forum.
- Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli is the current Prime Minister of Nepal.
- Bidhya Devi Bhandari is the current President of Nepal and commander in chief of Nepalese Army.
- The Nepalese Rupee is the currency of Nepa

### Hunger Reached 'Alarming' 10-year high in 2017: UN Report

i. As per a UN report on the 'state of food security and nutrition in the world', the number of undernourished globally increased to 821 million in 2017, which means that one in every nine people, does not have enough to eat.

ii. It was published by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**, **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**, **World Food Programme (WFP)**, **UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)** and the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. The increase is mostly due to three drivers across the world:

1. the intensification of conflict,
2. an economic downturn, and
3. the effects of climate change.

### **Jaipur Literature Festival Begins in Houston**

i. **The Jaipur Literature Festival** began in **Houston at the Asia Society of Texas**. The festival, touted as the **world's largest free literary gathering**, started with a soulful music performance by Indian Sufi singer Zila Khan.

ii. The inaugural session also saw Congress leader and **writer Shashi Tharoor discuss his book "Why i am a Hindu"** with writer Namita Gokhale.

### **Germany Launches World's 1st Hydrogen-Powered Train**

i. **Germany has rolled out the world's first hydrogen-powered train**, signalling the start of a push to challenge the might of polluting diesel trains with costlier but more eco-friendly technology.

ii. The **two Coradia iLint trains** were built by **French train-maker firm Alstom**. It started operating on a 100 km (62-mile) route between Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven, Bremervoerde and Buxtehude in northern Germany.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Germany Capital:** Berlin, **Currency:** Euro, **Chancellor:** Angela Merkel.

### **High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis At 73rd Session Of UNGA Held In New York**

i. **J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare** addressed at the '**High Level Meeting on Tuberculosis at 73rd session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at New York**'.

ii. He stated that India has shown personal commitment to tackle TB head-on as India plans to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the SDG target of 2030, by launching the **TB Free India Campaign**.

### **UN Declared Nelson Mandela Decade Of Peace 2019-2028**

i. Unanimously adopting a political declaration at the **Nelson Mandela Peace Summit**, nearly 100 Heads of State and Government, Ministers, Member States and representatives of civil society committed to redoubling efforts to build a just, peaceful, prosperous, inclusive and fair world, as they paid tribute to the late **South African President's (1994-99)** celebrated qualities and service to humanity.

ii. Recognizing the period from **2019 to 2028** as the **Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace**, the Declaration saluted Mr Mandela for his humility, forgiveness and compassion, acknowledging as well his contribution to the struggle for democracy and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world.

### **Nepal to become world's first country to double its tiger population**

i. **Nepal** is set to become the first country in the world to double its tiger population as part of the **World Wildlife Foundation's (WWF) 'Tx2' programme** which aims to double the number of tigers all over the world.

ii. The government of Nepal announced on September 23, 2018, on the occasion of National Conservation Day, that there are now an estimated 235 wild tigers in the nation, nearly double the number (**235**) from around **121** in 2009. The earlier tiger survey in 2013 had estimated the tiger population in the nation to be around 198.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- The WWF had launched its ambitious TX2 programme at the **St Petersburg Tiger Summit** in 2010.
- The programme aims to double the world tiger population **by 2022**.

### Argentina Gets Biggest Loan in IMF's History At \$57 billion

i. Argentina has received \$57.1 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the biggest loan package ever from the global body aimed at boosting the country's struggling economy.

ii. The loan, \$15 billion of which has already been received by Argentina, will be disbursed over the next three years. Argentina had originally secured a \$50-billion loan in June this year.

### Static/Current Takeaways Important for SBI PO/Clerk Exam 2018-

- Managing Director of IMF- Christine Lagarde, Headquarters in- Washington DC, USA.

### Japan Landed Rovers On Asteroid In Historic Mission

i. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) landed a pair of rovers on an asteroid, marking the world's first moving, robotic observation of an asteroid surface. The two rovers Hayabusa2 managed to land on the asteroid are expected to take advantage of the low gravity and jump around the surface, reaching heights of up to 15 meters.

ii. The small compact MINERVA-III (Micro Nano Experimental Robot Vehicle for Asteroid, the second generation) rovers separated from the Hayabusa2 spacecraft. The MINERVA-II 1 consists of two rovers, Rover-1A and Rover-1B. The Hayabusa2 probe was launched in December 2014 to explore the surface of the asteroid known as Ryugu. If all goes well, the Hayabusa2 will return to earth with soil and rock samples in 2020.

### Time Magazine Acquired By Sales force Founders For \$190 million

i. Salesforce.com Inc. founder Marc Benioff and his wife Lynne agreed to acquire Time magazine from Meredith Corp. for \$190 million in cash, joining Jeff Bezos among tech billionaires buying venerable print publications.

ii. The move thrusts the brash 53-year-old entrepreneur, who helped lead the shift of software to an on-demand model, into a new role: media baron. TIME magazine publisher Time Inc was sold to Meredith for \$1.8 billion in January 2018.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- Time was founded in 1923.

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### NASA Launches Satellite To Track Decreasing Polar Ice

i. NASA launched its Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2, known as ICESat-2, which will use an extremely precise laser to collect measurement data to track the Earth's shrinking polar ice from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

ii. The laser, known as ATLAS (Advanced Topographic Laser Altimeter System), splits into six beams and fires 10,000 pulses per second to collect very precise measurements for scientists to analyze.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is an independent agency of the executive branch of the Federal government of the United States responsible for the civilian space program, as well as aeronautics and aerospace research.
- It was founded on 1958.
- Jim Bridenstine is the present Administrator of NASA.

## Defence

### India-Mongolia Joint Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant 2018' Starts in Mongolia

- i. The 12 days long Indo-Mongolia joint exercise **Nomadic Elephant-2018**, commenced at **Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** with a brief opening ceremony.
- ii. Exercise Nomadic Elephant is an annual, **bilateral exercise since 2006** which is designed to strengthen the partnership between the Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- **Mongolia Capital:** Ulaanbaatar, **Currency:** Mongolian togrog.

### Indo-US Joint Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2018' To Start in Uttarakhand

- i. As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a **joint military training Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2018** is scheduled to be conducted in the foothills of Himalayas at **Chaubattia in Uttarakhand** from 16 September to 29 September 2018.
- ii. This will be the 14th edition of the joint military exercise hosted alternately by both countries.

### Russia Launches Biggest War Games 'Vostok-2018' Since Cold War

- i. **Russia has launched its biggest military exercise since the Cold War named "Vostok-2018"**, involving about 300,000 service personnel, in eastern Siberia. China is sending 3,200 troops to take part in "Vostok-2018".
- ii. **The last Russian exercise of similar scale was in 1981**, during the Cold War, but Vostok-2018 involves more troops. A key aim is to practise the rapid deployment of thousands of troops, as well as aircraft and vehicles, from western Russia to eastern regions, across thousands of miles.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- **Russia Capital:** Moscow, **Currency:** Russian ruble, **President:** Vladimir Putin.

### India Joins Elite Group of Countries Capable Of Air-to-Air Fuel Transfer

- i. The first ever **mid-air refuelling of the indigenously developed light combat aircraft Tejas** was successfully carried out, placing **India in an elite group of countries having air-to-air refuelling capacity** for military planes.
- ii. The mid-air re-fuelling of wet contact trial for Light Combat Aircraft, LCA Tejas MK-1 was successfully carried out from an Indian Air Force base. The Air-to-Air refuelling capability for Tejas is a force multiplier for the Indian Air Force, giving the aircraft the potential to stay airborne for much longer periods of time.

### India-Sri Lanka Joint Exercise SLINEX-2018 Begins in Sri Lanka

- i. **Indian navy ships and aircraft** have arrived in Sri Lanka to take part in the joint exercise **SLINEX-2018** to be held **with Sri Lankan navy at Trincomalee**.
- ii. The exercise which was previously held biannually has been converted to an annual event from this year to enhance cooperation in the maritime domain and to further strengthen mutual trust and interoperability

between the two navies.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Sri Lanka Capitals:** Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, **Currency:** Sri Lankan rupee, **President:** Maithripala Sirisena.

#### **Ukraine Conducts Joint Military Exercises With NATO Nations: Rapid Trident**

i. Ukraine has launched annual joint military exercise named **Rapid Trident** with the **United States and other NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) member countries**. Its main goal is to practice countering armed aggression in conditions of the hybrid war.

ii. It is being conducted week before Russia holds its biggest military exercise Vostok-2018 since the Cold War, in the eastern part of the country and with the participation of China and Mongolia.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Ukraine Capital:** Kiev, **Currency:** Ukrainian hryvnia.

#### **India Successfully Test Fires Prithvi Defence Vehicle**

i. India successfully conducted an interceptor missile test off the **Odisha coast**, achieving a major milestone in developing a **two-layer Ballistic Missile Defence system**. According to Defence sources, the interceptor was launched from **Abdul Kalam Island of the Integrated Test Range (ITR)**.

ii. This **Prithvi Defence Vehicle (PDV)** mission is for engaging the targets in the exo-atmosphere region at an altitude above **50 kilometres** of the earth's atmosphere. Both the PDV interceptor and the target missile were engaged successfully.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **DRDO Chairman-** Dr G Satheesh Reddy

#### **India's 1st 'Smart Fence' Pilot Project Inaugurated By Rajnath Singh**

i. India's first 'smart fence' pilot project was inaugurated by **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh** along the Indo-Pak border at the **BSF Headquarters in Ploura, Jammu**. Smart fencing uses a number of devices for surveillance, communication and data storage.

ii. The pilot project entails **deploying laser-activated fences and technology-enabled barriers** to plug vulnerable gaps along frontiers.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **General Bipin Rawat** is the Present Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army.

#### **DRDO Successfully Flight Tested Tactical Missile 'Prahar'**

i. **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight tested the indigenously developed **surface-to-surface tactical missile 'Prahar'**, from **Launch Complex-III, ITR, Balasore, Odisha**.

ii. Range stations and electro-optical systems tracked the missile throughout its flight. 'Prahar' is a contemporary weapon system capable of carrying multiple types of warheads and neutralizing a wide variety of targets.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **DRDO Headquarters in:** New Delhi, **Founded in:** 1958.
- **Dr G Satheesh Reddy** is the present Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

#### **Nepal And China Conducts 2nd JME 'Sagarmatha Friendship-2018'**

i. The second edition of **Nepal-China joint military exercise (JME)** named **Mt Everest Friendship Exercise-2018 (Sagarmatha Friendship-2018)** commenced in **China's southwestern Sichuan province**.

ii. The 12 day long joint exercise will focus on combating terror and disaster management trainings. **Sagarmatha** is the Nepali name for Mt Everest, which stands in between both the countries.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- The first **Sagarmatha Friendship** exercise was held in April 2017 at Nepal Army's Para Training School in Maharajgunj in Kathmandu (capital of Nepal).
- **Nepal Capital-** Kathmandu, **President:** Bidya Devi Bnadari.
- **China President:** Xi Jinping, **Capital:** Beijing, **Currency:** renminbi.

### **Indigenously Developed Weapon System 'MPATGM' Successfully Flight Tested**

- i. Indigenously developed weapon system **Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)**, was successfully flight tested for the second time from the **Ahmednagar range, Maharashtra**. All the mission objectives have been met.
- ii. The two missions have been successfully flight tested for different ranges including the maximum range capability.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- Nirmala Sitharaman is the present **Defence Minister of India**.

### **IAF Successfully Test Fires Air-To-Air Astra Missile**

- i. The Indian Air Force successfully test fired the **indigenously** developed **Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile Astra** from a **Su-30** aircraft. The missile, tested at the **Kalaikunda Air Force Station**, "successfully engaged a manoeuvring target with high precision."
- ii. In the series of trials held till date, **Astra** has been launched in the complete Su-30 flight envelope. The flight test assumes significance as it was part of the series of final pre-induction trials.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Current Air Chief Marshal-** Birender Singh Dhanoa



## Appointments or Resign/Retired

### Mark Read Appointed WPP CEO In Place of Martin Sorrell

- i. WPP Plc, the world's largest communication services group, announced the appointment of Mark Read as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Director (ED) to the company's board with immediate effect.
- ii. He has replaced Martin Sorrell.

### Arif Alvi Elected Pakistan's New President

- i. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi was elected as the 13th President of Pakistan, the result data from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) confirmed.
- ii. A total of 430 votes were cast in the National Assembly and the Senate, with Alvi bagging 212 of them. President-elect Alvi will succeed outgoing President Mamnoon Hussain and assume office on September 9.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- Pakistan Capital: Islamabad, Prime minister: Imran Khan, Currency: Pakistani rupee.

### Dr Poonam Singh Nominated For 2nd Term As Regional Director WHO South-East Asia

- i. India retained the top WHO position in South-East Asia Region with Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh unanimously re-elected as Regional Director for another five-year term beginning February 2019.
- ii. Dr Singh is the first woman to have been elected to the position of Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia Region after an illustrious career in the Indian civil service, World Bank and WHO.

### Indian Boxer Mary Kom Signed As Brand Ambassador By BSNL

- i. State-run telecom firm Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) roped in Indian boxer MC Mary Kom as its brand ambassador for two years. BSNL will run television commercials, print advertisements and tariff plan endorsement with Kom.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- Director Anupam Shrivastava is the present Chairman and Managing Director of BSNL

### SBI Appoints Anshula Kant As Managing Director

- i. State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed Anshula Kant as Managing Director of the Bank. She has been appointed to the post for 2 years.
- ii. Prior this appointment, Kant was the bank's Deputy Managing Director. With this appointment, SBI now has four MDs - PK Gupta, DK Khara and Arijit Basu.



### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **SBI Chairman- Rajnish Kumar, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 01st July 1955.**

### **Axis Bank Appoints HDFC's Amitabh Chaudhry as MD & CEO**

**i. Axis Bank** announced that **Amitabh Chaudhry** has been appointed as its **managing director & CEO from January 1, 2019, for a period of three years.**

**ii.** Mr. Chaudhry, the MD & CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company at present, will take the charge at India's third largest private sector bank after incumbent Shikha Sharma steps down on December 31, 2018. Mr. Chaudhry, 54, has been associated with HDFC Life since January 2010.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- Axis Bank Headquarters in Mumbai.
- Shikha Sharma is the present CEO and Managing director of Axis Bank.

### **Alibaba's Jack Ma To Step Down In 2019**

**i. Jack Ma**, the charismatic co-founder of **China's largest e-commerce firm Alibaba Group Holding Ltd**, will step down as chairman in exactly one year on Sept 10, 2019.

**ii. Current Alibaba Chief Executive Daniel Zhang** will replace him as chairman, while Ma will complete his current term on Alibaba's board of directors following the company's annual general meeting in 2020.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- Ma, who co-founded Alibaba in 1999, is one of China's richest people with a net worth of \$36.6 billion, according to Forbes.

### **Hima Das Appointed Sports Ambassador of Assam**

**i. India's ace sprinter Hima Das** was appointed as **Sports Ambassador of Assam** to inspire budding players of northeastern state to aim big and young generation to take up sports seriously.

**ii. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** has earlier confirmed that Indian Athlete Hima Das will be named as the first sports ambassador of the state. The announcement came after Hima Das recently became the first Indian woman to win gold at IAAF World U-20 Athletics Championships.

### **Justice Om Prakash Mishra Sworn In As new Chief Justice Of Nepal**

**i. Justice Om Prakash Mishra** has been sworn in as **new Chief Justice of Nepal**. The President Bidya Devi Bhandari administered the oath of office and secrecy to Justice Mishra in Kathmandu.

**ii. Parliamentary Hearing Committee (PHC)** unanimously endorsed his name for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Justice Mishra was appointed as a justice of the Supreme Court in 2014.

### **HDFC Life Elevates Vibha Padalkar As MD and CEO**

**i. HDFC Life** appointed **Vibha Padalkar** as its **new managing director and CEO** for a period of three years. The position had fallen vacant after Amitabh Chaudhry resigned to head Axis Bank.

**ii.** The terms of appointment are subject to approval by the shareholders and the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**. Prior to her elevation, Padalkar was the chief financial officer (CFO) and executive director at the insurer.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- Padalkar was also conferred the '**CFO-Woman of the year**' award by the ICAI in 2011 and another for "Excellence in Financial Control, Compliance and Corporate Governance" in 2013.
- **HDFC Bank MD- Aditya Puri, Headquarters in: Mumbai.**

### **Justice Ranjan Gogoi Appointed Next Chief Justice Of India**

**i. The President of India** has appointed **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** as the **next Chief Justice of India**. He will assume the office of Chief Justice on 3rd October 2018 after the **retirement of the current Chief Justice, Justice Dipak Misra.**

**ii.** Mr Gogoi is the **46th Chief Justice of India**. Justice Gogoi was enrolled as an advocate in 1978. He practised in the Gauhati High Court on constitutional, taxation and company matters.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Justice Harilal Jekisundas Kania** was the first Chief Justice of Independent India.

### **SBI Appoints Prashant Kumar As CFO**

**i. State Bank of India** announced that **Prashant Kumar** has taken charge as the **Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Bank**. Before Kumar, Anshula Kant, who has been promoted as Managing Director of SBI, was the CFO.

**ii.** Prior to this appointment, Kumar was designated as Deputy Managing Director (HR) & Corporate Development Officer of India's largest bank.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **SBI Chairman-** Rajnish Kumar, **Headquarters-** Mumbai, **Established on-** 01st July 1955.

### **Moutaz Mousa Abdallah Becomes Sudan's New PM**

**i. Moutaz Mousa Abdallah** has become **Sudan's new Prime Minister**. A 21-member cabinet was sworn in at the presidential palace in Khartoum. Mousa Abdallah is also holding the finance portfolio.

**ii.** Sudan has been grappling with an acute foreign exchange shortage and inflation above 65% for several months.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Omar al-Bashir** is the present President of Sudan.
- **Sudan Capital:** Khartoum, **Currency:** Sudanese pound.

### **Top Scientist KN Vyas Appointed Atomic Energy Commission Chief**

**i. Renowned scientist Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas** has been appointed the secretary of the **Department of Atomic Energy** and **chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission**. Mr Vyas, who is at present Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), **has been appointed in place of Shekhar Basu**.

**ii.** Mr Basu was appointed to the post in October 2015 and his tenure was to end in September 2016.

### **Tajinder Mukherjee Takes Over As CMD of NICL**

**i. Tajinder Mukherjee** has taken over as the **Chairman and Managing Director** of **National Insurance Company Limited (NICL)**. Prior to joining NIC, she was posted as General Manager and Chief Underwriting Officer of New India Assurance.

**ii.** She has over 33 years of experience in the insurance industry having joined as a Direct Recruit Officer 1983 batch in United India Insurance Company.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **NICL Headquarters** in Kolkata, West Bengal.

### **Varun Dhawan, Anushka Sharma Signed As Ambassadors of Skill India Campaign**

**i. Actors Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma** have been signed on to promote and endorse the **Skill India Mission**, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**ii.** The actors through their film are saluting India's entrepreneurs and skilled workforce, especially homegrown artisans, craftspeople and weavers.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Dharmendra Pradhan** is the present Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

### **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih Won Presidential Election In Maldives**

**i.** Opposition leader **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih** won the Maldives' presidential election, a surprise defeat for **President Abdulla Yameen**. Results released by the Elections Commission showed Solih had secured **58.3%** of the popular vote.

**ii.** The poll is being closely watched by regional rivals India and China, who are jostling to influence Indian Ocean nations. The European Union and the United States, meanwhile, have threatened sanctions if the vote

is not free and fair.

### Static/Current Takeaways Important for IBPS RRB PO/Clerk Mains 2018-

- **Maldives Capital- Male, Currency-Rufiyaa**

### Google appoints Keith Enright as its Chief Privacy Officer

i. Technology giant **Google** has appointed its **privacy lawyer, Keith Enright**, as **Chief Privacy Officer** as the company proposed policies for potential federal regulation of data. In his new role, Enright will be in charge of crafting Google's strategy on privacy issues. Before Google, Enright worked as the Chief Privacy Officer at **Macy's** and was also a senior consultant at **IBM**.

### Vikram Misri Appointed India's Next Ambassador to China

i. **Ambassador of India to Myanmar, Vikram Misri** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to China, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

## Honours/ Awards

### Aishwarya Rai Bachchan Receives Meryl Streep Award for Excellence

i. **Actress Aishwarya Rai** was honoured with the **Meryl Streep Award for Excellence** at the **Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Award**.

ii. The ceremony was established to honour the best female talent in Bollywood and Hollywood. WIFT India is part of WIFT International, a network which promotes professional development and achievement for women in the film industry, video, and other screen-based media.

### 'Sarala Puraskar' For Poet Satrugna Pandav

i. **Noted Odia poet Satrugna Pandav** will be honoured with the prestigious '**Sarala Puraskar**' for his poetry collection '**Misra Dhrupad**'.

ii. The '**Sarala Puraskar**', instituted by eminent Odia industrialist late Dr Bansidhar Panda and late Ila Panda in 1979 and awarded by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT) will be presented to Pandav. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 5,00,000 and a citation.

### Dr Raghupati Singhania Conferred With Civilian Honour of Mexico

i. **Chairman and MD, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Dr Raghupati Singhania** has been conferred with '**Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle**', the highest honour accorded to non-nationals by the Government of Mexico.

ii. **Melba Pria, Ambassador of Mexico to India** presented the award to Dr Singhania on behalf of the President of Mexico on the eve of **128th National Day of Mexico**.

### INSV Tarini Crew Bestowed With Tenzing Norgay Award

i. **All-women crew of INSV Tarini** has bagged the **prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award** for beating the odds in water with their enduring skills and sailing across the world for eight long months.

ii. The award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- The INSV Tarini team, led by Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi, is comprised Lieutenant P. Swathi, Lieutenant Pratibha Jamwal (Air Traffic Control specialists), Lieutenant Vijaya Devi, Sub Lieutenant Payal Gupta (both Education officers) and Lieutenant B Aishwarya, a naval architect.

### Kerala Tourism Wins 2 PATA Gold Awards

- Kerala Tourism** has won two prestigious gold awards of the **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** for its innovative marketing campaigns. The awards were presented at a glittering function in **Langkawi, Malaysia** during **PATA Travel Mart 2018**.
- Kerala Tourism got the **first gold for its ‘Yalla Kerala’ travel advertisement print media campaign** in the Gulf countries. The **second gold award** came for an innovative poster Kerala Tourism had developed for the **third edition of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale (KMB)**, the biggest contemporary art show in South Asia.

### PNB Wins Hindi Implementation Award

- State-run Punjab National Bank (PNB)** bagged the "**Rajbhasha Kirti**" award for outstanding performance in implementing the Official Language Policy during 2017-18. The award was given on the occasion of **Hindi Diwas (14th September)**.
- The award, under the category of 'Nationalised Banks and Financial Institutions in Region A', was **presented by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu** to PNB Chief Executive and MD Sunil Mehta.

### Important Takeaways from above news-

- Sunil Mehta is the CEO of Punjab National Bank.
- It headquarters in New Delhi.

### Emmy Awards 2018 Announced: Complete List Of Winners

The 70th annual primetime Emmy honors handed out at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. Michael Che and Colin Hanks hosted the show.

### Here is the complete list of Winners of EMMY AWARDS 2018:

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Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	Best Comedy	The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel
2.	Best Drama	Game of Thrones
3.	Best Actress, Comedy	Rachel Brosnahan, “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”
4.	Best Actor, Comedy	Bill Hader, “Barry”
5.	Best Actress, Drama	Claire Foy, “The Crown”
6.	Best Actor, Drama	Matthew Rhys, “The Americans”
7.	Best Actress, Limited Series or TV Movie	Regina King, “Seven Seconds”
8.	Best Actor, Limited Series or TV Movie	Darren Criss, “The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story”

### Anushka Sharma Receives Smita Patil Award

i. Union Transport Minister felicitated Bollywood actor **Anushka Sharma** during the 34th anniversary of **Priyadarshni Academy Global Award**, in **Mumbai**. She received the **Smita Patil award** for best actor.

### **PM Modi Got UN's Highest Environmental Honour**

**i. Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has been awarded with the UN's **highest environmental honour**, also given to five other individuals and organisations, for his leadership of the International Solar Alliance and pledge to eliminate **single use plastic by 2022**. **Cochin International Airport** was given the award for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy.

**ii.** Six of the world's most outstanding environmental changemakers have been recognised with the **Champions of the Earth Award**. **French President Emmanuel Macron** and Mr. Modi have been jointly recognised in the Policy Leadership category for their pioneering work in championing the **International Solar Alliance**.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **International Solar Alliance Headquarters-** Gurugram, India.
- **ISA Founded in-** Paris, November 2015.

### **Tourism Minister K J Alphons Presents National Tourism Awards 2016-17**

**i. Tourism Minister K J Alphons** presented **National Tourism Awards 2016-17** in New Delhi. **Andhra Pradesh bagged the first prize** in state category for comprehensive development of tourism.

**ii.** The state got the prize for promoting Andhra Pradesh Tourism as a global tourism brand. Kerala bagged the second prize for comprehensive development of tourism. The Tourism sector has generated **14.62 million jobs in the country** in the last four years.



### **ISSF World Championship: Saurabh Chaudhary Clinches Gold**

**i. India's Saurabh Chaudhary** continued his brilliant run of form as he clinched the **10 metres Air Pistol Junior gold** at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shooting World Championship in Changwon, South Korea.

**ii.** The 16-year-old produced an impressive show in the final to clinch the gold with a new junior world record. Arjun Singh Cheema claimed bronze in the same event.

### **Amit Panghal Wins Gold In Boxing**

**i.** India's 22-year-old boxer **Amit Panghal** defeated 2016 Olympic champion **Hasanboy Dusmatov (Uzbekistan)** in the men's 49kg final to bag gold at the Asian Games 2018.

**ii.** Amit was the only Indian boxer who made it to a final at the quadrennial event.

### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- The Host cities for Asian Games 2018 are **Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia**.
- **Bhin Bhin, Kaka, and Atung** are the mascots of the 2018 Asian Games.

### **Pranab, Shibnath Wins India's 1st Ever Bridge Gold**

**i. India's 60-year-old Pranab Bardhan** and **56-year-old Shibnath Sarkar** won the men's pair bridge event to bag the **country's first-ever gold in bridge at the Asian Games**.

**ii.** The card game has been featured as a sport at the Asian Games for the first time, in the 2018 edition. China won silver in this event.

### **RP Singh Announces Retirement From International Cricket**

**i. Indian Pacer RP Singh** announced his retirement from International Cricket, exactly 13 years after making his international debut.

ii. The 32-year-old, who was a part of India's 2007 World T20-winning team, played 82 international matches and picked up over 100 wickets between 2005 and 2011.

### Alastair Cook Announces International Retirement

i. England's highest Test run-scorer Alastair Cook announced his retirement from International cricket after final Test against India. He has scored 12,254 runs and made 32 centuries in 160 Tests all England records.

ii. He is sixth on the all-time list of Test run-scorers and has made a record 11,627 runs as an opener. He became the first Englishman to reach 10,000 Test runs in 2016.

### Anjum, Apurvi Becomes 1st Set of Indian Shooters To Secure Quota Places For 2020 Olympics

i. Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela have become the first set of Indian shooters to secure quota places for the 2020 Olympics.

ii. Anjum finished second on the podium and won a silver in the women's 10m air rifle event of the International Shooting Sports Federation's (ISSF) World Championship in Changwon, South Korea. Apurvi finished fourth in the same event.

### ISSF World Championship: Udhayveer Singh Wins Gold In Junior Men's 25m Pistol Event

i. Sixteen-year-old Udhayveer Singh has won an individual Gold Medal in Junior Men's 25-metre pistol event in the World Shooting Championships in South Korea. He also spearheaded India to the team Gold.

ii. The bronze medal went to Team Korea, which shot a score of 1721. India is placed fourth in the medals tally with 9 Gold, 8 Silver and seven bronze medals for a total of 24.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- South Korea Capital- Seoul, Currency: South Korean won.

### Ikee Rikako Named 'Most Valuable Player' Of Asian Games

i. Japanese swimmer Ikee Rikako has been named as the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the recently-concluded 18th edition of the Asian Games.

ii. The 18-year-old, who bagged six gold and two silver medals in the tournament, became the first female athlete to win the MVP title.

### India Finishes With Biggest Ever Medal Tally of 69

i. The 18th Asian Games came to a close, with India achieving its best-ever medal haul of 69 and equaling its best gold medal haul of 15 after 67 years. In the final few medal events on the 14th day, India added four medals to its kitty, two Gold, a silver and a bronze.

ii. Boxer Amit Panghal stunned the Olympic Champion Hasanboy Dusmatov in the men's 49 Kilogram category to win India's only boxing gold. Indian men's bridge team won bridge gold for India. The duo of Pranab Bardhan, Shibhnath Sarkar finished top of the table with 384 points.



The 2018 Asian Games concluded with China winning the most number of medals, followed by Japan and South Korea. India finished with their best medal tally of 69 medals, and equaled the record of 15 gold medals they had won in the 1951 Asian Games.

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	132	92	65	289

2	Japan	75	56	74	205
3	Republic of Korea	49	58	70	177
4	Indonesia	31	24	43	98
5	Uzbekistan	21	24	25	70
6	IR Iran	20	20	22	62
7	Chinese Taipei	17	19	31	67
8	India	15	24	30	69

### ISSF World Championship: Hriday Hazarika Wins Gold in 10 m Air Rifle

i. Indian shooter **Hriday Hazarika** notched up a gold medal in the 10 m air rifle junior men's event of the **ISSF World Championships in South Korea**.

ii. The Indian team, comprising **Hazarika, Divyansh Panwar and Arjun Babuta**, finished fourth with a combined total of 1872.3.

iii. The women's 10m air rifle team of **Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Manini Kaushik** then produced a sensational performance to total 1880.7 for a gold with a world record to boot.

### Luka Modric Wins 'UEFA Men's Player of The Year Award'

i. **Real Madrid** midfielder **Luka Modric** has been named **UEFA Men's Player of the Year for 2017/18**. Modric beat off competition from former Madrid team-mate Cristiano Ronaldo and Liverpool forward **Mohamed Salah**.

ii. The Croatian international received the trophy on stage in Monaco during the UEFA Champions League group stage draw. **He was also named UEFA Champions League Midfielder of the Season**.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- **Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid & Portugal)** was the **UEFA Men's Player of the Year** for 2016/17.

### ISSF World Championship: Ankur Mittal Wins Double Trap Gold

i. **Ankur Mittal** claimed the **men's double trap gold medal** in the **ISSF World Championship** for his career's biggest triumph, as the Indian shooting team continued its dominance in the premier tournament in **Changwon, South Korea**.

ii. Ankur also won the team bronze in the event along with compatriots **Md. Asab and Shardul Vihaan**, their tally of 409 points putting them behind China's 410 and the gold-winning team Italy's tally of 411.

### Naomi Osaka Beats Serena Williams To Win U.S Open

i. **Naomi Osaka** became the **first Japanese woman** to win a Grand Slam title after she registered an emphatic win over **Serena Williams** in the finals of the **U.S Open**.

ii. Osaka got off to an aggressive start in the first set, breaking the six-time U.S Open champion twice.

### Novak Djokovic Wins Men's Title In US Open Tennis

i. In the **US Open Tennis**, **Novak Djokovic of Serbia** won the **Men's singles final**. He defeated **Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina** in straight sets. It was Djokovic's 14th Grand Slam title and the third US Open title.

ii. He is now just three Slams behind **Rafael Nadal** and six back from the record 20 held by **Roger Federer**.

### Important Takeways from above news-

- i. **The 2018 US Open was the 138th edition of tennis' US Open** and the fourth and final Grand Slam event of the year. It was held on outdoor hard courts at the **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center** in **New York City**.

### **Triple Jumper Arpinder Singh, 1st Indian To Win Medal In IAAF Continental Cup**

- i. Triple jumper Arpinder Singh has created history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the IAAF Continental Cup. At Ostrava in the Czech Republic, he clinched a bronze.
- ii. No Indian has ever won a medal in the Continental Cup which was known as the IAAF World Cup before 2010.
- iii. Reigning Olympic and world champion Christian Taylor of the United States took the gold with a jump of 17.59 metres.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Czech Republic Capital:** Prague, **Currency:** Czech koruna.

### **India Blue Trounces India Red To Win Duleep Trophy**

- i. India Blue thrashed defending champion India Red by an innings and 187 runs in the final to win the 57th Duleep Trophy at NPR College ground, in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.
- ii. Spinners Deepak Jagbir Hooda (5 for 56) and Saurabh Kumar (5 for 51) needed just 10.5 overs on the fourth day to bundle out India Red for 172 in the second innings. Himachal Pradesh batsman Nikhil Gangta was named the man of the match for his superb knock of 130.

### **Former Indian Hockey Captain Sardar Singh Announces Retirement**

- i. Sardar Singh has announced his retirement from international hockey. He made the decision after a disappointing Asian Games where India failed to defend their title and had to settle for a Bronze medal.
- ii. The 32-year old player made his senior debut for India against Pakistan in 2006, and since then played over 350 international matches, captaining the team for eight years.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- Sardar Singh has received the Arjuna Award in 2012 and Padma Shri in 2015

### **MC Mary Kom Wins Gold at Silesian Open Boxing In Poland**

- i. Indian five-time world boxing champion M C Mary Kom clinched her third gold medal of the year in 48 kg category, while Jyoti Gulia picked up the country's lone gold in 51 kg of the youth category of the Silesian Open boxing Tournament for women in Gliwice, Poland.
- ii. In the youth competition, Jyoti, a former world champion and India's only boxer to have qualified for Youth Olympic Games in Argentina, out-classed Poland's Tatiana Pluta.

### **Maldives Defeats India to Lift SAFF Cup**

- i. Maldives have lifted the 2018 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup. In the final at the Bangabandhu Stadium in Dhaka, they defeated defending champions India 2-1. The win for Maldives comes 10 years after their first SAFF Cup title in 2008.
- ii. Seven-time champions India had started as favourites in the summit clash. The Indian team, comprising mostly under-23 players, was the only unbeaten side in the tournament.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Maldives Capital:** Male, **Currency:** Maldivian rufiyaa.

### **Kenya's Kipchoge Smashes Marathon World Record In Berlin**

- i. Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in Berlin (Germany), smashing the previous best as he clocked 2 hours 1 minute 39 second.
- ii. The 33-year-old Olympic champion, took 1 minute 17 second off the previous best set four years ago by Dennis Kimetto.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Kenya's capital:** Nairobi, **Currency:** Kenyan shilling.
- **Germany Capital:** Berlin, **Currency:** Euro.

### **Indian Boxers Win 3 Gold Medals In Ahmet Comert Tournament in Turkey**



i. **Simranjit Kaur (64kg), Monika (48kg) and Bhagyabati Kachari (81kg) claimed gold medals** as Indian boxers notched up an impressive seven podium finishes at the **Ahmet Comert Tournament in Istanbul, Turkey.**

ii. Simranjit, a former national medallist, defeated Turkey's Sema Caliskan to win the Gold. **Bhagyabati was declared the most scientific boxer of the tournament.**

**Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Turkey Capital-** Ankara, **Currency-** Turkish lira, **President-** Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

**Hangzhou to Host 2022 Asian Para Games**

i. The **Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)** confirmed that **Hangzhou in China** will host the fourth edition of **Asian Para Games in 2022.**

ii. The confirmation came following a visit to Hangzhou in July by APC President Majid Rashed and CEO Tarek Souei.

**Important Takeways from above news-**

- The Third Asian Para Games- **2018** will be played in **Jakarta, Indonesia**

**National Sports Awards 2018 Announced: Complete List Of Winners**

**National Sports Awards** are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four year, **Arjuna Award** is given for consistency outstanding performance for four years, **Dronacharya Award** for coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events, **Dhyan Chand Award** for life time contribution to sports development and **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar** is given to the corporate entities (both in private and public sector) and individuals who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development. **Overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments is given Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy.**

**Here is the Complete List of Winners of National Sports Awards 2018:**

**Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2018**

S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Ms. S. Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting
2.	Shri Virat Kohli	Cricket

**Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2018**

S. No.	Category	Name of the entity
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	JSW Sports
3.	Sports for Development	Isha Outreach

**Lewis Hamilton Wins Singapore Grand Prix 2018**

i. **Lewis Hamilton won the Singapore Grand Prix** at Marina Bay Street Circuit, in Singapore. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the 1st position. He was followed by **Red Bull's Max Verstappen** in the 2nd spot.

ii. **Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel** finished in the 3rd place. With this victory, Lewis Hamilton has increased his chances of winning this year's Formula One World Championship.

### **India to Host The Women's Boxing World Championships**

i. The Women's Boxing World Championships, to be hosted by India after more than a decade, will be held from **November 15-24, 2018, in New Delhi**. The teams will have to be in the national capital by November 13, with the competition starting two days later.

ii. The marquee tournament was last held in India in **2006** and remains the best for the country in terms of performance. India had topped the medal tally with four gold, three silver and one bronze medal.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Men's World Championship 2019-** Sochi (Russia)
- India will host the **Men's World Championship** for the first time in **2021**

### **India Won Silver in Asian Team Snooker Championship**

i. India settled for the silver medal after losing to **Pakistan 2-3** in the final of the Asian Team Snooker Championship. **Pankaj Advani and Malkeet Singh** represented India while **Babar Masih and Mohammad Asif** were from the Pakistani side.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- The Championship took place in **Doha(Qatar)**

### **Croatia's Luka Modric Won FIFA's Best Player Of The Year Award**

i. **Luka Modric** broke a decade of award dominance by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi after being crowned world footballer of the year by **FIFA**. Modric beat out Liverpool's Egyptian forward **Mohamed Salah** and **Ronaldo**.

ii. Modric was voted FIFA's best player in the **2017-18** season after winning the Champions League for a fourth time in five seasons with Real Madrid and leading Croatia to its first **World Cup final** where it lost to France. **Messi and Ronaldo** were the only winners of world soccer's main individual award from FIFA in various guises since **2008**, both winning five titles each.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **FIFA Headquarter** - Zürich, Switzerland, **President** - Gianni Infantino.

### **8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship Begins In Thiruvananthapuram**

i. The **8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship** organised by **Asian Yoga Federation** has begun in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will formally inaugurate the event.

ii. Nearly 450 participants representing 12 Asian countries showcasing their yoga skills will take part in the four-day event. **Yogaratna Awards** will be given away to foreign delegates who were instrumental in popularising yoga in their respective countries.

### **India Defeats Bangladesh To Win 7th Asia Cup Title**

i. **India has defeated Bangladesh** to win the **Unimoni Asia Cup Title 2018**. This was the second successive Asia Cup final where India took on Bangladesh. In 2016, India had decimated Bangladesh in the final (of the Asia Cup T20).

ii. **Overall, this was India's seventh Asia Cup triumph**. **Liton Das** was the Player Of The Match and **Shikhar Dhawan** was declared as the Player Of The Series.



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## Obituaries

### Jain Muni Tarun Sagar Passes Away

i. **Jain Muni Tarun Sagar** passed away at the age of 51 in Delhi's Radhapuri Jain temple due to prolonged illness.

ii. The monk, who was known for his lecture series '**Kadve Pravachan**', was suffering from jaundice and other ailments.

### Important Takeaways from above news-

- Sharma wrote novels, short stories, poetry, essays and criticism and received Ranjitram Suvarna Chandraka in 1984 and Sahitya Academy award in 1988 for his novel 'Assoryalok'.

### Agri-economist & Padma Bhushan laureate Vijay Shankar Vyas passes away

i. Renowned **agricultural economist** and former PM's Economic Advisory Committee member **Professor Vijay Shankar Vyas** died after a brief illness. He was 87. He was the director of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Jaipur.

ii. Vyas was a senior adviser in the World Bank's agriculture and rural development department. He was also a member of the PM's Economic Adviser Committee.

### Former Union minister Satya Prakash Malviya Passes Away

- i. **Former Union petroleum minister Satya Prakash Malaviya** passed away in Delhi. He was 84. Mr. Malaviya was suffering from prostate cancer.
- ii. Mr. Malaviya had served as the petroleum minister in the cabinet headed by former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar. He also served as environment minister in the Uttar Pradesh cabinet.

#### **Former Odisha Minister Dolagobinda Pradhan Passes Away**

- i. Noted **freedom fighter and former Odisha Minister Dolagobinda Pradhan** passed away in Bhubaneswar. He was 93.
- ii. A follower of Mahatma Gandhi, he took part in the **Quit India Movement in 1942** and got imprisoned by the then British government for 3 years and two months.

#### **Independent India's 1st Woman IAS Officer Passes Away**

- i. **India's first woman IAS officer after Independence, Anna Rajam Malhotra**, who served in the Madras State under then Chief Minister C. Rajagopalachari and at the Central government, died in Mumbai.
- ii. She was 91. Ms. Malhotra joined the civil services in 1951 and opted for the Madras cadre.

#### **Former BCCI President Biswanath Dutt Passes Away**

- i. Former BCCI president Biswanath Dutt, best known in the Indian cricket fraternity as Jagmohan Dalmiya's mentor, passed away aged 92 after suffering from acute lung infection. Dutt was the **BCCI president in 1989** after a six-year stint as the **vice-president** of the parent body from **1982-88**.
- ii. He is survived by his daughter and son Subrata Dutta, who is the senior vice-president of **All India Football Federation**. Having served **IFA** in different capacities in his tenure from 1963-1975, Dutt began his career in cricket administration as **CAB(Cricket Association of Bengal) secretary in 1977** and became president in 1982.

#### **Static/Current Takeaways Important for IBPS PO 2018-**

- **Rahul Johri** is the Chief Executive Officer of BCCI.
- **CK Khanna** is the present interim president of the BCCI.

#### **Renowned filmmaker Kalpana Lajmi passes away**

- i. Renowned filmmaker **Kalpana Lajmi** passed away in Mumbai. She was 64. Lajmi, a director, producer and screenwriter, was known for working on real subjects. She was known for her women-oriented films like "**Rudaali**", "**Daman**", "**Darmiyaan**".
- ii. Lajmi's last movie as a director was "Chingaari" in 2006, based on a novel "The Prostitute and the Postman" by Bhupen Hazarika, who was her partner. Meanwhile, condolence messages are pouring in from the Bollywood world grieving the demise of Lajmi.

#### **Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang Has Passed Away**

- i. Vietnamese President **Tran Dai Quang** died aged 61 at a military hospital in the capital Hanoi following a period of illness.
- ii. Quang was appointed the president, a largely ceremonial role, in **April 2016**, and served alongside Vietnam's de facto leader Communist Party Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong and Prime Minister **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**. Before that, he served as minister of public security.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **Vietnam Capital-** Hanoi, **Currency-**Vietnamese Dong



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## Important Days with theme

### International Day of Charity: 5 September

i. The **International Day of Charity** is observed globally on September 5 with an aim to recognise the role of charity in alleviating human suffering within and among nations, as well as to recognise the efforts of charitable organisations and **individuals such as Mother Teresa**.

ii. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 5 September as International Day of Charity on December 17, 2012. The day was first celebrated in the year 2013.

### Important Takeaways from above news-

- **The United Nations Secretary-General-** Antonio Guterres, **Headquarters-** New York, the USA, **Established in-** 1945.

### International Literacy Day: 8 September

i. **International Literacy Day**, celebrated annually on **8 September**, is an opportunity for Governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates, and reflect on the world's remaining literacy challenges.

ii. This year's theme is '*Literacy and skills development.*'

### Important Takeaways from above news-

- **France's Audrey Azoulay-** 11th DG of UNESCO, **Headquarters-** Paris, France.

### Hindi Diwas: 14 September

- i. **Hindi Divas** is celebrated on **14 September** because, on this day in **1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.
- ii. Under the **Article 343** of the Indian Constitution, on **26 January 1950**, Hindi, written in Devanagari script was adopted as the official language.

#### **Important Takeways from above news-**

- **The first Hindi day was celebrated on-** 14th September 1953

#### **Engineer's Day: 15 September**

- i. **Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya's birthday** is celebrated on **15 September as Engineer's Day**. Fondly referred to as **Sir MV**, M Visvesvaraya was a world-renowned civil engineer who was a master of irrigation design. He was also referred to as the father of engineers by many.
- ii. The bridge, among M Visvesvaraya's most notable projects, is a representation of the **Krishna Raja Sagara Lake and dam (in Karnataka)**. In 1924, Sir MV designed the Krishna Raja Sagara Lake and dam, the **largest reservoir in India** at the time, and oversaw the construction of the project. The dam is known to have provided drinking water for several cities.

#### **International Day of Democracy: 15 September**

- i. **The International Day of Democracy** is observed globally on **15th September**. It provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. The theme for IDD is '**Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World**'.
- ii. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly through a resolution in 2007 to strengthen national programmes devoted to the promotion and consolidation of democracy. **The day was observed for the first time in 2008.**

#### **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer: 16 September**

- i. **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer** was observed on **16th September** throughout the world.
- ii. The theme for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2018 was '**Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol**'.

#### **World Tourism Day: 27 September**

- i. **World Tourism Day** is observed every year globally on **27th September**. It is a unique opportunity to raise awareness on the potential contribution of digital technologies to sustainable tourism development.
- ii. "**Tourism and the Digital Transformation**" is the theme of this year's World Tourism Day (WTD). Hungary is the host country for this year's WTD.

#### **World Rabies Day: 28 September**

- i. **World Rabies Day** is celebrated on **28 September**. It is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease.
- ii. **28 September also marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death**, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

#### **World Heart Day: 29th September**

- i. **World Heart Day** takes place on **29th September** every year and is the World Heart Federation's and the world's biggest platform for raising awareness about cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke.
- ii. It was launched in 2000 by the **World Heart Federation** as an annual event.



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