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### Important Dates & Events

- ❖ International Day for Protection of Children is observed on 1st June.
- ❖ The seventeenth World Milk Day was celebrated on 1 June 2017.
- ❖ Telangana State Formation Day is observed on 2nd June.
- ❖ Cancer Survivors Day is observed on 02nd June (1st Sunday of June).
- ❖ The World Environment Day is observed annually on 5<sup>th</sup> of June.
- ❖ World Brain Tumor Day is on 8th June.
- ❖ The World Oceans Day is celebrated annually on 8 June across the globe.
- ❖ World Day Against Child Labor is observed on 12th June.
- ❖ The International Albinism Awareness Day is observed annually on June 13.
- ❖ World Blood Donor Day is observed on 14th June.
- ❖ World elderly abuse awareness day was observed on 15 June across the globe.
- ❖ Father's Day is observed on 16th June (3rd Sunday of June).
- ❖ Goa Revolution Day is observed on 18th June.
- ❖ World Refugee day is celebrated on 20th June.
- ❖ World Music Day is celebrated on 21st June (Fête de la Musique).

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- ❖ The International Day of Yoga was observed across the globe on 21 June.
- ❖ Day of the Seafarer is observed on 25th June.
- ❖ as International Day in Support of Victims and Nature is observed on 26th June.
- ❖ The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed annually on 26 June
- ❖ National Statistics Day is observed on 29th June.

### Awards

Kendrick Lamar won Pulitzer Prize for music.

Kailash Satyarthi and A S Kiran Kumar presented with Santokbaa Humanitarian Award.

PM Modi gave Padma Shri award to Tommy Koh.

Anupam Kher received Outstanding Achievement award at IIFA 2018.

Sulabh International founder honoured with Japan's Nikkei Asia Prize.

Indian Army Contingent in UN South Sudan Force Awarded.

Tumhari Sulu judged Best Film in IIFA Awards 2018.

Vasundhara Raje honored with 'CM of the Year' Award.

Drs. Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro honoured with World Food Prize 2018.

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### Agreements

- BHEL inked Technology Collaboration Agreement with Nano Co. Ltd., Republic of Korea
- BSES Yamuna Power Limited signed MoU with Finnish Company
- Environment Ministry, Teri signed MOU to set up a Resource Efficiency Cell
- India, China Sign MoUs On Brahmaputra River and supply of nonBasmati rice
- North Korea and U.S. inked agreement on denuclearization.
- Nepal signed 8 MoUs with China
- India, World Bank sign \$500 mn additional financing for PMGSY Rural Roads Project
- India signed Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing with Singapore.
- India and Norway sign MoU to extend health cooperation
- Cabinet approved agreement between India and Peru
- Cabinet approved MoU between the ICMR and INSERM, France
- 20 States signed MoU for implementing Ayushman Bharat
- India and China inked MoU on Brahmaputra water data sharing and rice export
- 4 MoUs signed under 'Adopt a Heritage' Scheme.
- India and Suriname sign range of bilateral agreements.

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- Ministry of Health signed an MoU with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)
- Tata Motors signed MoU with Maharashtra to promote e-Mobility.

### Defense News

Centre to install OFC on Indo-China border

Successful Flight Test of SFDR

Upgraded Pinaka rocket successfully test-fired

India successfully test-fired Agni-5 Ballistic Missile

Lt Gen Devraj Anbu assumed charge as VCOAS

22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Exercise Malabar held in Guam

DAC approved Equipment Acquisition proposals for Defence forces worth over Rs 5500 Crore.

US government cleared sale of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters to India for \$930M

India will host first BIMSTEC Military Exercise

Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Rani Rashmoni' commissioned in Visakhapatnam.

Indian Army to observe 2018 as Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty.

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### Appointments & Resignations

- Pankaj Saran appointed Deputy National Security Advisor.
- Former SC judge R K Agrawal appointed NCDRC president.
- RBI appointed Sudha Balakrishnan as its first Chief Financial Officer.
- Arijit Basu appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India.
- Amit Khare assumed charge as I&B Secretary.
- Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra given additional charge of DRDO Chairman.
- Government appointed MK Jain as RBI Deputy Governor.
- Arvind Saxena appointed as acting Chairman of UPSC.
- Government appointed S Ramesh as Chairman of CBIC.
- Indian-American Dhivya Suryadevara appointed as CFO of General Motors.
- Sharad Kumar appointed as Vigilance Commissioner in CVC.
- B Sriram appointed as IDBI Bank's MD and CEO.
- CWG gold medallist discus thrower Vikas Gowda retired.
- NASA's record-breaking astronaut Peggy Whitson retired
- Prime Minister of Georgia Giorgi Kvirikashvili resigned
- Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian resigned.
- J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti resigned.
- Pakistan NSA Nasser Janjua resigned.



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### Other Important Updates

India has ranked 137<sup>th</sup> out of 163 countries on Global Peace Index 2018 published by The Institute of Economics and Peace.

According to a new report by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) about 31% of the world's "multidimensionally poor" children live in India.

India has overtaken China and has ranked as the top country in the 2017 Global Retail Development Index (GRDI) released by A.T. Kearney.

Group of Seven (G7) Environment Ministers Meeting was held in Bologna, Italy on 11<sup>th</sup> and

India has ranked 93<sup>rd</sup> among 128 countries on 2017 Social Progress Index report launched on June 21, 2018 by Social Progress Imperative (SPI) with support from Deloitte and its strategic partners.

On June 27, 2017, 6th India Myanmar Joint Trade Committee (JTC) Meeting co-chaired by Smt. Nirmala Seetharaman, Minister of Commerce & Industry from India and Dr. Than Myint, Union Commerce Minister from Myanmar was held in New Delhi.

UNHCR has recorded 65.6 million people displaced worldwide. Out of this some of them are either refugees, asylum seekers or internally displaced across the globe. The announcement was made in the UN Refugee Agency's annual Global Trends study.

As per World Drug Report 2018, released by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), around 29.5 million people (0.6% of the global adult population) were engaged in problematic use of drugs and suffered from drug use disorders, including dependence.

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### National

- Government launched 'Rail Madad' App and 'Menu on Rails' App.
- IMD to use FFGS to forecast floods.
- Shri Payush Goyal launched “Rail Madad” for railway passengers
- Minister of Railways & Coal launched a new App ‘Menu on Rails’
- Minister of Rural Development conferred National Awards on best performing SHGs.
- Cabinet approved proposal for enactment of Dam Safety Bill, 2018
- Cabinet approved 3-year action plan of agricultural education division & ICAR Institutes.
- Cashless Ticketing through 'Utsonmobile' app developed by CRIS
- NITI Aayog to launch Composite Water Management Index
- Tourism Minister launched the new Incredible India website.
- Export promotion offices to open in 10 missions abroad.
- President Ram Nath Kovind launched Solar Charkha Mission.
- Union Steel Minister dedicated to nation rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 of Rourkela Steel Plant.
- WHO appreciated India for reducing maternal mortality ratio by 77%
- Centre increased monthly cash relief to Kashmiri and Jammu migrants by 30%
- Union Minister for Electronics & IT launched Wi-Fi Choupals and other railway services

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- India Meteorological Department to use Flash Flood Guidance System
- Centre plans to expand BPO promotion scheme to create more jobs for rural youth.
- Fourth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog concluded
- KVIC bagged Air India contract
- Swajal launched in 115 Aspirational Districts of India
- World's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics launched in India.
- Government launched National Digital Library of India.
- 5<sup>th</sup> National Standards Conclave held in New Delhi.
- India launched National Health Resource Repository.
- Government declares national targets for off-shore wind power
- 16 More Steel Products Brought Under Quality Control Order.
- PM dedicated Mohanpura Irrigation Project to the Nation.
- PM Modi Laid Foundation Stone of Paperless Vanijya Bhawan
- Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding sets up labs in Mumbai and Vizag
- Government considering making 24 degrees Celsius as mandatory default setting for ACs.
- Saudi ARAMCO and ADNOC signed MoU for participating in the Ratnagiri Refinery project in Maharashtra
- Government proposed to set up 3000 Van Dhan Kendras involving 30,000 SHGs across the country.

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- HRD Ministry to replace UGC with Higher Education Commission of India
- NITI Aayog's WEP signed Sol with Financial Institutions & Social Organisations.
- Government approved 2 more strategic oil storages in Odisha and Karnataka
- Sanitation Action Plans prepared for 10 New Swachh Iconic Places
- President of India launched Udyam Sangam-2018 on UN SME Day.
- Passport Seva App' launched by Sushma Swaraj.
- Oxytocin formulations banned from July 1.
- Ministries of MSME and Ayush sign MoU for the Development of Ayush Enterprises.
- Government introduced new scheme 'Seva Bhoj Yojna'.
- MoES commissioned High Resolution Ensemble Prediction Systems for Probabilistic Weather Forecasts
- New Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018 launched by the Income Tax Department.
- National Sports University Ordinance, 2018
- Facebook tied-Up with NWC to launch Digital Literacy Programme.
- PM Narendra Modi launched international RuPay Card, BHIM app and UPI in Singapore.
- India, Singapore exchange eight key agreements.
- First long-term LNG cargo from Russia arrives in Gujarat.
- Asia's first 13 'Blue Flag' beaches to be developed in India.

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- NTPC adopted Charminar under Swachh Iconic Places Project
- President approved promulgation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018
- Press Council of India reconstituted
- EFC approved revised cost estimate of DRIP for Rs. 3466 crore
- Ministry of Water Resources accepts two major irrigation and four flood management projects from six states.
- Ministry of Railways launched new version of User Interface for its online travel portal, irctc.co.in
- India, Indonesia elevate ties to establish Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
- Government launched first ever guidelines for Adventure Tourism
- Power Minister R K Singh launched web portal and App called PRAAPTI
- Union Cabinet approved Rs 8,500-cr package to clear dues of sugarcane farmers.
- Rural sanitation coverage under Swachh Bharat crosses the 85% mark
- CSIR lab to give technology for India's first indigenous Lithium Ion Battery project
- Election Commission of India launched its online RTI Portal.

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### International

- 15th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission held in Australia
- Ivan Duque elected as Colombia's new president
- World Bank approved Rs. 6,000 crore Atal Bhujal Yojana
- Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan implemented in 25 villages in each of the 111 Aspirational Districts.
- Government launched 'JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA' Oxobiodegradable Sanitary Napkin
- Investment commitment of nearly Rs. 1,00,000 crores in Food Processing Sector in last one year.
- Roundup of investments received since World Food India.
- India released Rs 33.10 Cr to Nepal for 2 road Projects
- Alicia Pucheta set to become Paraguay's first woman president
- Barbados Elects Mia Mottley as first female Prime Minister.
- Giuseppe Conte sworn in as new Prime Minister of Italy
- China successfully launched new earth observation Gaofen-6 satellite
- Pedro Sánchez sworn in as Spain's new Prime Minister
- Abdel Fattah al-Sisi sworn in as President of Egypt for a second term.
- Ecuador's Espinosa Garces elected UN General Assembly President
- Prime Minister Modi attended SCO Summit
- 44<sup>th</sup> G7 Summit held in Canada

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- Qingdao declaration at the 18<sup>th</sup> SCO Summit
- China awarded Friendship Medal, highest state honour to Putin
- UK government tabled changes to its immigration policy in Parliament
- Japan adopted economic plan that allows more foreign workers
- Donald Trump slapped 25% tariff on USD 50 billion worth of Chinese goods
- Famous economist Omar al-Razzaz was elected as Jordan Prime Minister
- India gave final aid of 99 million Nepalese rupees under Nepal-Bharat Maitri Irrigation Project
- Yoga session organised in Australian Parliament
- World's most powerful supercomputer unveiled by USA
- South Korea held 2-days of war games to defend Dokdo islands against Japan
- Bangladesh appointed General Aziz Ahmed as Army Chief
- Russia successfully launched Glonass-M positioning satellite
- Greece, Macedonia sign deal that aims to settle decades-long dispute over Macedonia's name
- Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping held in Colombo
- World Bank provides \$700 Million to improve Primary Education in Bangladesh
- US withdrew from UN Human Rights Council

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- Saudi women take victory laps as driving ban ends
- Russia to supply technical security equipment to India
- Tayyip Erdogan won Presidential elections in Turkey
- FICCI leads business delegation at X International IT Forum in Russia
- Pakistan placed on FATF's 'grey list'
- World's Largest Multilateral Naval Exercise RIMPAC began
- British Queen Elizabeth approved Brexit Law.





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### Business

- Microsoft goes past Alphabet to become third most valuable firm globally.
- Moody's cuts India's growth forecast to 7.3%.
- Retail inflation for industrial workers falls to 3.97% in April.
- Indian economy grew at 7.7% in fourth quarter: CSO.
- World Bank predicts global economy to slow down slightly in 2019 and 2020.
- FDI in India rises to \$61.96 bn in 2017-18
- India's exports grew by 20.18% in May.
- Fitch predicted India's GDP at 7.4% for FY'19
- Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu released study report on Indian pharma exports to China.
- India increased customs duty on several goods imported from US.
- Microsoft Acquires Education Start-up Flipgrid.
- HCL Tech acquires German IT firm H&D
- Reserve Bank of India organized Financial Literacy Week
- RBI increased Repo Rate by 25 BPS in Second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement (2018-19).
- RBI amended Gold Monetisation Scheme.
- Short-term subsidised crop loan to be under DBT mode.
- RBI to set up Public Credit Registry.

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- SBI Research report estimated additional gain of Rs 37,426 crore in revenue in 2018-19.
- Mobile Banking rankings released by SBI
- RBI issued draft guidelines to modify loan system for large borrowers
- MARG ERP Ltd united with ICICI Bank
- HDFC became 5<sup>th</sup> biggest consumer financial services company on Forbes list
- Fitch Lowers Axis Bank's Outlook to Negative
- Muthoot Fincorp, NSDC to train 10,000 youth under PMKVY
- RBI tightened norms for Liberalised Remittance Scheme
- SEBI simplified buyback regulations, changes IPO price band timeline
- RBI revised housing loan limits under priority sector lending
- RBI alters 'relative' definition to check outward remittances
- SEBI amends IPO norms
- EXIM Bank extended USD 10 Million Line of credit to Republic of Seychelles.

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### Sports

- ❖ Virat Kohli won International Cricketer of Year at CEAT ratings
- ❖ Archery World Cup Stage II 2018 began in Turkey
- ❖ Nepal, Netherlands, Scotland and UAE added to the expanded ICC ODI team rankings
- ❖ India's Sanjana Ramesh won the MVP Award at Basketball Without Borders Asia 2018
- ❖ Kagiso Rabada won South Africa's Cricketer of the Year Award
- ❖ Mithali becomes first Indian to score 2000 T20I runs
- ❖ Kohli presented with Cricketer of the year award at BCCI annual gala
- ❖ India beat Kenya to win the Intercontinental Cup 2018
- ❖ French Open 2018
- ❖ Indian boxers won 3 medals at Umakhanov Memorial Boxing Tournament
- ❖ United States, Mexico and Canada bagged rights to host 2026 World Cup
- ❖ Ronda Rousey became first woman to be inducted in Hall of Fame by UFC
- ❖ Brooks Koepka won the 2018 U.S. Open
- ❖ Sandeep Sejwal clinched gold at Singapore National Swimming Championships
- ❖ 15. Deepika Kumari clinched gold medal in women's recurve event in Archery World Cup

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- ❖ Saurabh Chaudhary won Gold at the ISSF Junior World Cup
- ❖ Lewis Hamilton won French Grand Prix.

### Obituary

Fashion designer Kate Spade passed away.

Ex-Footballer Timothy Pereira passed away.

Pulitzer Prize winner Charles Krauthammer passed away.

Australian golf legend Peter Thomson passed away at the age of 88 years.

US poet Donald Hall passed away.

Maharashtra Agriculture Minister and senior BJP leader Pandurang Phundkar passed away at the age of 67 years.

Odisha's most popular lyricist, Narayan Prasad Singh popularly known as Rasaraj passed away at the age of 86 years.

Senior journalist and writer Adiraju Venkateswara Rao passed away at the age of 79 years.

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