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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

UN asked India to refrain the deportation of 7 Rohingya refugees

- India plans to deport the seven Rohingya illegals who entered via Assam to Myanmar
- But two United Nations (UN) agencies have urged the Indian government to refrain from doing anything that would endanger the lives of the deportees as the current conditions in Rakhine State in Myanmar are not conducive for safe, dignified and sustainable return
- **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** warned the government that sending the Rohingya refugees back to an unsafe situation in Myanmar would violate UN principles on refoulement
- Also, **Shirin Sharmeen Chaudhury**, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh, asked countries to exercise caution and ensure the safety of the deportees before sending them to Myanmar's Rakhine state

Donald Trump ranked number 259 on Forbes list

- U.S. President Donald Trump ranked **number 259** on the list released by Forbes wealthiest 400 billionaires
- In 2017, he ranked number 248
- Mr.Trump's net worth has flatlined at \$3.1 billion. In 2015, Forbes valued his net worth at \$4.5 billion
- Forbes attributes his declining wealth to deeper reporting about his assets, the decline in brick-and-mortar retail, the slowdown in real estate, particularly in the luxury sector, and how being President affects the brand

China to sell 48 high end armed drones to Pakistan

- China is to sell **48 high-end armed drones** to Pakistan. This will be the largest deal of its kind
- The cost of the major defence deal hasn't been revealed yet. **Wing Loong II** is a high-end reconnaissance, strike and multi-role endurance unmanned aerial system, capable of being fitted with air-to-surface weapons
- This type of drone is roughly equivalent to the American **MQ-9** Reaper drone
- The drones will also be jointly manufactured by **China and Pakistan**
- Last year, China reportedly sold to countries like the UAE and Egypt the Wing Loong II at an estimated \$1 million per unit
- Till now China is the largest weapon supplier to its all-weather ally Pakistan Army. Both countries also jointly manufacture JF-Thunder a single engine multi-role combat aircraft

Nikki Haley resigned as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

- Indian American **Nikki Haley** resigned as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations (UN)
- Despite her statement that she will not run for the 2020 election, it is expected that she might contest in the 2020 presidential election
- In her political career, she was the Governor of South Carolina. She was elected as the **State's first woman Governor** in 2010
- She was offered the job of Ambassador to the UN by President Donald Trump

- Ms.Haley has carved out a space for herself in the Republican politics in America. She raised her voice against racism and on issues of gender
- Her tenure at the UN has been marked by her strident campaign against Russia, Iran and Syria. Mr. Trump appreciated her service

Hawkings final scientific paper on black holes has been released

- Stephen Hawking's final scientific paper has been written and posted online by his colleagues at Cambridge and Harvard universities
- The paper was completed days before his death
- The paper titled '**Black Hole Entropy and Soft Hair**' tackles with what happens to information when it falls into a black hole, a problem that theoretical physicists refer to as '**the information paradox**'
- In his paper, Hawking had argued that black holes have a temperature. Since hot objects lose heat into space, the ultimate fate of a black hole is to evaporate out of existence
- However, the rules of the quantum world dictate that information is never lost.
- So what happens to all the information contained in an object when it tumbles into a black hole
- In the latest paper, Hawking and his colleagues showed how some of the information may be preserved

Clear Sky 2018: Ukraine launches air exercises with NATO countries

- Ukraine began a series of large-scale air force exercises with the United States and other NATO countries
- The "**Clear Sky 2018**" war games are being held in western Ukraine
- The main aim is to enhance regional capabilities to secure air sovereignty and promote peace and security through cooperation

Nimesh Shah elected as AMFI Chairman

- **Nimesh Shah**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund elected as Chairman of the trade body, Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
- He replaced A Balasubramanian, CEO of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund

IFC launched USD 1 Billion Masala Bond Programme in the US and Europe

- **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**, the World Bank's lending arm, launched its \$1 billion masala bond programme in the US and Europe
- These bonds are aimed at funding the rapidly expanding investment activities of IFC in India
- Masala bonds are rupee-denominated borrowings issued overseas
- IFC uses them to raise rupee funds overseas and brings the proceeds to India for investments

Bolton arrived in Russia for talks on nuclear treaty

- **John Bolton**, White House National Security Advisor, began two days of meetings with senior Russian officials as the U.S. announced its withdrawal from Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, known as the INF, a Cold War-era nuclear weapons treaty
- The Trump administration withdrew from the treaty due to Moscow's deployment of Novator 9M729 missiles
- The U.S. mentions the act falls under the treaty's ban on missiles that can travel distances of between 310 and 3,400 miles (500 and 5,500 km)

Xi inaugurated world's longest sea bridge

- Xi Jinping, Chinese President inaugurated a 55-km, world's longest sea-crossing bridge **Hong Kong-Macau-Zhuhai Bridge (HMZB)**
- It will deepen the integration of Hong Kong and Macao with the rest of China
- The world's longest sea-crossing bridge will be at the heart of an integrated Greater Bay Area (GBA) covering 11 major neighbouring cities, which include Hong Kong, Macao, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.
- The giant GBA comprises of 68 million people
- The bridge has been built to withstand super-typhoons, a magnitude 8 earthquake, as well as hits by super-sized cargo ships
- A 6.7 km underground sea tunnel to allow the uninterrupted flow of shipping above, along with the super-busy Pearl River Delta, is also part of the bridge's design. In the end, it will cut the travel time between the three cities from three hours to just 30 minutes
- It took about a decade to build the \$20 billion bridge

International Conference on Status and Protection of Coral Reefs STAPCOR 2018 in Lakshadweep

- The conference was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- The theme for the conference was: **“Reef for Life”**
- Nearly 150 delegates from India and other countries participated

UNESCO MGIEP, Government of Andhra Pradesh to organize TECH 2018

- The main aim is to showcase the **role of games and digital learning** in enabling a shift from transmissive pedagogies to transformative pedagogies to develop peaceful and sustainable societies
- It also acts as a holistic platform for the ministers of education, senior policymakers, education technology specialists, educators and teachers, curriculum designers, researchers, learners, students, game designers, and ed-tech exhibitors

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Statue of Unity

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Statue of Unity or Sardar Patel's statue, the world's largest statue, on the statesman's 143rd birth anniversary in Gujarat. The statue has been dedicated to Sardar Vallabhai Patel, fondly known as the Iron Man of India
- The statue stands in the midst of the Narmada River, on the islet of Sadhu Bet. Sardar Patel is credited for unifying all of the 562 princely states in pre-independence India to form what is today the Republic of India
- The statue is made up of 1,700 tonnes of bronze, 1,850 tonnes of bronze cladding, 70,000 metric tonnes of cement and 24,500 metric tonnes of steel

Locate public toilets on Google Maps with Loo Review Campaign

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U) 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
- Around 3400 cities already having achieved **Open Defecation Free (ODF)** status, and other cities are gearing up towards the same

Odisha government launched own food security scheme

- Odisha government launched its own **food security scheme** on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the scheme at four different districts through video conferencing from the State Secretariat, Bhubaneswar

- This scheme will benefit 25 lakh people who were left out of the National Food Security Act (NFSA)
- The beneficiaries will get 5 kg of rice per person per month at the rate of Rs.1 per kg
- The State government will spend Rs.443.5 crore per annum to support the scheme and Rs.221.75 crore in the current financial year
- This move is after the refusal of the Centre to its request to add additional beneficiaries under the NFSA

Karnataka Unveils Unnati Scheme to Help Entrepreneurs from SC/ST Communities

- Karnataka Social Welfare Minister **PriyankKcharge** announced that the state government, under the **Unnati scheme**, will invest up to Rs.20 crore to create an end-to-end support infrastructure for startups and entrepreneurs from a marginalized background
- The government, under the scheme, will identify the problems dogging society and solve them by identifying companies, working on products and solutions for related problems

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approves renaming of Allahabad to Prayagraj

- Uttar Pradesh Health Minister **Sidharth Nath Singh** informed the media regarding the decision

About Uttar Pradesh

- Land area: 243,286 km²
- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath
- Population: 20.42 crores (2012)

- Governor: Ram Naik Districts:75

Kerala the first smoke-free State to have 100% LPG

- The revenue department has imposed the duty based on the recommendations of the **Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)**
- A joint application was filed by domestic steel industries like JSW Steel Ltd, Sunflag Iron & Steel Co, Usha Martin, Gerdau Steel India, Vardhman Special Steels and Jayaswal Neco Industries before DGTR to initiate an investigation on this issue
- The DGTR performed investigations and made recommendations on anti-dumping duties on some steel products

India's longest river bridge to be built on Brahmaputra river in Assam

- **India's longest river bridge** will be built across the **Brahmaputra**, connecting Dhubri in Assam To Phulbari in Meghalaya, by 2026-27
- It will be a 19.3 km, a four-lane bridge that will cut road travel by 203 km
- The new bridge will complete the missing link of **NH127B** from Assam to Meghalaya
- The bridge will also improve connectivity from West Bengal to Assam
- For the project, the **National Highways and Industrial Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)**, recently reached out to global players in France

India Ranked 9th Most Valuable Nation Brand

- India secured **9th rank** out of top 50 valuable national brands, according to a report titled 'Nation Brands 2018' released by Brand Finance, a leading brand valuation and strategy consultancy



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- India was ranked 8th in last year's report but slipped by a spot to the 9th rank, despite its brand value rose by 5%. India's brand value was \$2,046 billion in 2017 and has increased to \$2,159 billion in 2018
- The US topped the list with a brand value of \$25,899 billion which rose by 23% from last year

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated national police memorial to the nation in New Delhi

- It has been built in recognition of the supreme sacrifice made by police personnel since independence
- Since Independence of the country, 34,844 police personnel have been martyred, with 424 losing their lives this year
- The memorial has been erected on 6.12 acres of land in **Chanakyapuri**, at the northern end of Shanti Path

Environment Ministry launches Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali campaign

- This campaign was initiated in 2017-18 wherein a large number of school children especially from eco-clubs participated and took a pledge to minimize bursting of crackers and also discouraged the neighborhood and their friends from bursting of crackers
- During this intensive campaign, the children were advised to celebrate Diwali in an environment-friendly manner by gifting plant sapling to their relatives and friends along with sweets, undertake cleaning of houses, neighbourhoods, schools, collect old books and unused notebooks gift to needy children, donate old warm clothing, blankets to night-shelters and other homeless people

India most outward migrants in 2017 according to ADB report

- The number of international migrants was topped by India, followed by **China and Bangladesh**
- One-third of international migrants were from Asia in 2017
- India had the most outward migrants in 2017 (17 million), followed by China (10 million) and Bangladesh (7.5 million)
- The global stock of international migrants from Asia rose 3.9 percent from 83.6 million in 2015 to 86.9 million in 2017

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Nobel Prize Winners 2018

S.No	Field	Winner	Description
1	Physiology or Medicine	James P Allison (USA) and Tasuku Honjo (Japan)	For their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation
2	Physics	Arthur Ashkin (USA), Gerard Mourou (France) and Donna Strickland (Canada)	For groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics
3	Chemistry	a) one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA) (b) other half jointly to George P. Smith (USA) and Sir Gregory P. Winter (UK)	(a) For the directed evolution of enzymes (b) For the phage display of peptides and antibodies

4	Peace	Denis Mukwege (Congo) and Nadia Murad (Iraq)	For their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict
5	Economic Sciences	(a) William D. Nordhaus (USA) (b) Paul M. Romer (USA)	For integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis For integrating technological innovations into Long-run macroeconomic analysis

ESIC wins ISSA GOOD Practice Award, Asia and the Pacific 2018

- The award is presented for Administrative Solution for Coverage Extension at the “Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific” held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- The award recognizes the measures taken by Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for extension of coverage-SPREE (Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employers and Employees), reduced rate of contribution rates for 24 months in newly implemented areas and raising the wage limit for coverage under the ESI Act

Sikkim has been nominated for UN FAO Future Policy Award

- Sikkim has become the pioneer in organic farming. This achievement has made it world’s first totally organic agriculture State in India. UNFAO has shortlisted Sikkim for the **UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Future Policy Award**

- In 2015, Sikkim was announced as the first organic state in the world with more than 66,000 farming families practising organic farming state-wide, managing 75,000 hectares organic certified
- The FAO said that the award would celebrate policies that create enabling environments for sustainable agriculture

Bedi was honoured with the Dr.M.A.Chidambaram Birth Centenary Award

- **Bishan Singh Bedi**, the former Indian captain and spin legend, was honoured with **the Dr.M.A.Chidambaram Birth Centenary Award**, at a grand function here on Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- The program was instituted by MAC Charities in memory of the former BCCI president. Other former Test cricketers like C.D. Gopinath, V.V. Kumar, G.R. Viswanath, K. Srikanth and T.A. Sekhar were also honoured at the function that was held on the day of the birth centenary

Prema Gopalan won Social Entrepreneur of the Year award 2018

- Prema Gopalan was awarded for her work in **promoting women's entrepreneurship** and rural livelihood. She is the founder of SwayamShikshanPrayog (SSP)
- SEOY awards was founded by Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation in 2010

H.M.Pernal gets Vishwa Konkani book award

- World Konkani Centre announced that **H M Pernal**, writer, journalist and critic, bagged the prestigious '**Vimala V PaiVishwa' Konkani best book award** for the year 2018

- He has conferred this award for 'Beeg Ani Beegath', a collection of short stories in Konkani

Anna Burns won Man Booker Prize for Milkman

- **Anna Burns** won the prestigious **Man Booker Prize** for the fiction **Milkman**, a vibrant, violent story about men, women, conflict and power set during Northern Ireland's years of Catholic-Protestant violence
- She is the first writer from Northern Ireland to win the **£50,000 (Rs.48 lakh) prize**, which is open to English-language authors from around the world
- She said her books took a long time to complete, and she has often struggled financially since her first novel, **No Bones**, was released in 2001

Haryana girl Nishtha Dudeja won Miss Deaf Asia 2018 crown

- She is the first Indian to have won any title at the **Miss Deaf World Pageant**
- She is the brand ambassador for **Sivantos India Pvt Ltd.** (Formerly **Siemens hearing Instruments Pvt Ltd.**), the world's leading brand of hearing aids

Invest India Won UN Investment Promotion Award

- The award was presented by Armenian President **Armen Sarkissian** to **Deepak Bagla**, the CEO of **Invest India**, in Geneva, Switzerland

About Investment Promotion Award

- The **Investment Promotion Awards**, organized by **UNCTAD**, honors **Investment Promotion Agencies** and their governments for their achievements

- The Awards have been given annually since 2002 as part of UNCTAD's investment promotion and facilitation programme

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Scientists found 59 Indian plant species under IUCN threat categories

- Scientists have found that **59 Indian plant species** are under threat status based on criteria used by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Dr.S.K.Barik, Director of Lucknow's CSIR- National Botanical Research Institute and experts from several institutes selected 59 plant species that are at risk of elimination if the threat levels they face are not assessed soon
- Based on their assessment they assigned each species a threat status based on IUCN criteria
- This included the extent and area of each plant's geographical range, which revealed that 10 species are critically endangered, 18 endangered, 6 vulnerable, 5 near threatened and one species each are data deficient and least concern

Three scientists, laser pioneers, won Nobel Physics prize

- Three scientists, **Arthur Ashkin** of the U.S., **Gerard Mourou** of France and **Donna Strickland** of Canada, won the Nobel **Physics Prize** for inventing optical lasers that have paved the way for advanced precision instruments used in corrective eye surgery
- Arthur Ashkin won one half of the 9 million Swedish kronor (about \$1.01 million) prize, while Gerard Mourou of France and Donna Strickland of Canada shared the other half
- Mr.Ashkin invented optical tweezers that grab particles, atoms, viruses and other living cells with their laser beam fingers
- He made this discovery while working at AT&T Bell Laboratories from 1952 to 1991

- Mr.Mourou and Ms.Strickland won for helping develop a method to generate ultra-short optical pulses that are the shortest and most intense laser pulses ever created by mankind. Their technique is now used in corrective eye surgery
- Ms.Strickland is the only the third woman to win the Physics Prize

DST boosts solar cooking

- In order to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** introduced a project to boost the solar cooking
- DST has instituted Grand Challenge Awards for the design of solar cooking solutions at both household and community levels to empower rural people
- The government has been encouraging the use of solar cookers
- Financial incentives of 30% of the cost of the solar cooker all over the country and 60% to special category States (hilly and north-eastern States) are already in place

Ministry of Science and Technology

- **Organisation:** Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
- **Minister:** Dr.Harsh Vardhan
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Formed:** May 1971

Researchers developed spacesuits for microbes

- Researchers from the University of California (UC) Berkeley developed spacesuits, a patchwork of mesh-like pieces called a **Metal-Organic Framework (MOF)**, for bacteria which might allow

the microbes to survive space environments that would otherwise kill them

- The protective suits pair up with a living bacteria with light-absorbing semiconductors in order to capture carbon dioxide and convert it into chemicals that can be used by industry or, someday, in space colonies
- The system mimics the photosynthesis process in plants. The hybrid system captures CO₂ and light to make a variety of carbon compounds, depending on the type of bacteria
- The bacteria used in the experiment are anaerobic, which means they can live in environments without oxygen
- The MOF suit is impermeable to oxygen and reactive oxygen molecules, like peroxide, that shortens bacteria's lifespan
- With the suit, the bacteria live five times longer at normal oxygen concentrations, 21% by volume, than without the suits

Air purifier makers expects huge sales as pollution levels worsen in NCR and adjoining areas

- As the air quality in the **National Capital Region (NCR)** and adjoining areas are likely to deteriorate further in the coming weeks, the Air purifier makers are looking at a big spike in their sales
- There is a rise in demand for air purifiers from smaller and tier-II cities, other than metros
- Although the air purifier industry is small in size and limited to metro cities, makers are witnessing a high double-digit growth in the segment due to increased awareness among the people who are willing to spend money to improve the quality of air around them
- The overall **Air Quality Index (AQI)** of Delhi was recorded at 337 last week, which falls in the very poor category and is the highest for

this season, creating hazy conditions, said data from the **Central Pollution Control Board** (CPCB). Below given is the Air Quality Index (AQI) range

Supreme Court announced ban on toxic and loud firecrackers

- Supreme Court judgment declared a **ban on toxic and loud crackers** during Diwali
- The ban has been declared to avoid the air pollution caused due to the burning of firecrackers which in turn deterioration of air quality
- The Bench acknowledges that there is a necessity to tackle the other contributory factors for air pollution
- **Unregulated construction activity** which generates a lot of dust and **crop burning** in the neighbouring States are the two other major reasons. Vehicular pollution is also another cause

World's oldest intact shipwreck found in black sea

- An ancient Greek trading ship dating back more than 2,400 years found virtually intact at the bottom of the **Black Sea**
- The vessel is one of more than 60 shipwrecks including Roman ships and a 17th-century Cossack raiding fleet identified by the Black Sea Maritime Archaeology Project
- The ship, which is lying on its side with its mast and rudders intact, was dated back to 400 BC a time when the Black Sea was a trading hub filled with Greek colonies

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI slaps Rs 5 Crore Penalty On Karur Vysya Bank

- Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of Rs 5 crore on Karur Vysya Bank for non-compliance of its directives

About Karur Vysya Bank:

- **Headquarters:** Karur, Tamil Nadu
- **MD & CEO:** PR Seshadri

Union government cuts gross borrowing estimate for current fiscal by Rs.70,000 crore

- The Union Government announced a reduction in gross borrowing estimate for the current fiscal by 70,000 crore rupees and maintained that the government will contain fiscal deficit target at 3.3%
- Mr. Garg gave the details about the borrowing programmes for the second half of the fiscal and announced that the government would be borrowing around 2 lakh 50,000 crore rupees as compared to 2 lakh 88,000 crores during April-September of 2018-19

State Bank of India Reduces ATM Withdrawal Limit

- **State Bank of India** slashed the daily withdrawal limit on its classic debit card from Rs.40,000 to Rs.20,000
- There is no change in the daily withdrawal limits on other cards
- The new limit will be effective from October 31st 2018

India and ADB Sign \$240 Million Loan For Safe Drinking Water Service For West Bengal



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- The Indian Government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed **\$240 million** loans for providing safe and sustainable drinking water to about 1.65 million people in three districts of the state of West Bengal affected by arsenic, fluoride, and salinity
- The signatories to the West Bengal Drinking Water Sector Improvement Project were Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary (Fund Bank and ADB), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance; and Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director of ADB India Resident Mission.

India and ADB signs USD 110 Million loan to improve rural connectivity in MP

- The government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a **\$110 million** loan to finance the upgrade of 2,800 kilometres all-weather rural roads in the State of Madhya Pradesh under the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Program (PMGSY)
- Tranche 2 loan is part of the \$500 million Second Rural Connectivity investment Program for India approved by the ADB Board in December 2017

Yes Bank names TS Vijayan and OP Bhatt as external members for MD selection panel

- He is the former IRDA chief and LIC chairman TS Vijayan and former SBI chief OP Bhatt as an external member to a 5 member committee panel
- **YES Bank** constituted a 5 member committee to select the upcoming MD after the current MD Mr. Rana Kapoor leaves office after January 31st 2019
- The Other internal members of the committee are: BrahmDutt, Independent Director, who chairs the Committee Mukesh Sabharwal

an Independent Director and SubhashChanderKalia, Non-Executive Non-Independent Director

- They consist of the bank's board Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

IMF estimates growth rate of India as 7.3 percent this year

- The **International Monetary Fund** (IMF) in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) said that India has been estimated to grow at 7.3% in 2018 and 7.4% in 2019
- This is to regain the tag of the world's fastest-growing major economy 2018, surpassing China with more than 0.7% points. In 2017, India had clocked a 6.7% growth rate
- In India, important reforms like the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the inflation-targeting framework, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, and steps to liberalise foreign investment and make it easier to do business have been implemented in the recent years
- China was the fastest-growing economy in 2017
- The IMF has lowered the growth projections for both India and China by 0.4% and 0.32%, respectively, from its annual April's WEO

SPORTS

Raegan and Ishita won junior titles in East Zone National ranking table tennis tournament

- The top seed, **Albuquerque Raegan** won the junior boys crown and **Ishita Gupta** won the junior girls' title in the **East Zone National-ranking table tennis tournament** at the R.G. Baruah Sports Complex Indoor Stadium
- Raegan outplayed Manush Shah of Gujarat, seeded two, and secured 11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 3-11, 11-9, 11-8
- Ishita, seeded eighth, put it across the top seed Prapti Sen of West Bengal 11-3, 11-8, 11-8, 11-6

Adithya and Pranathi bagged titles in Sub junior boys and girls singles titles

- Adithya Joseph, Ernakulam K.R. Pillai Academy's and Pranathi P. Nair, Thiruvananthapuram YMCA Academy, won the Sub-junior boys and girls singles titles in the Thiruvalla YMCA-P.O. John memorial all Kerala table tennis tournament at the YMCA
- Palakkad's Muhammed Nafil and Alappuzha SDV Academy's B. Sheethal bagged the cadet boys and girls titles

India defeats Bangladesh to win 7th Asia Cup Title

- It 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)
- Overall, this was India's seventh Asia Cup triumph.

Yuvraj Wadhvani lifts Asian Junior Squash Title

- He defeated Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan by 13-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10 in the final in Chennai
- He is the second Indian to win the Under-13 title after Veer Chotrani.

Eighth Asian Yoga Sports Championship begins In Thiruvananthapuram

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan formally inaugurated the event
- 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

Manu Bhaker named as India's Flag-Bearer at Youth Olympic Games

- **Manu Bhaker** was named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the **3rd Youth Olympic Games** to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 6-18
- Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President Narinder Batra announced that the 16-year-old Bhaker will lead the Indian team in the opening ceremony

Thirty sixth National Games to be held next year in Goa

- The 36th National Games in Goa will be held from March 30 to April 14 next year

- Sports Authority of Goa (SAG) Executive Director V.M.Prabhudesai made the announcement in Panaji after a meeting with visiting officials of the Indian Olympic Association
- Shooting and cycling events will be held in New Delhi as Goa does not have facilities for these two sports

Halep and Osaka are nominated for WTA award

- Romania's Simona Halep and Japan's Naomi Osaka are among the players nominated for the **Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Player-of-the-Year** award
- Serena Williams has been nominated for the WTA's Comeback Player-of-the-Year award. Belinda Bencic (Switzerland), Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) and Ajla Tomljanovic (Australia) have also been nominated

India bagged 3 more gold medals in the Para Asian Games 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia

- India won three more gold on the third day of competitions at the **Para Asian Games 2018** in Jakarta, Indonesia. India maintains its eighth spot
- **Ekta Bhyan** in women's F32/51 club throw event and **Narayan Thakur** in men's T35 100m dash clinched gold. **Manish Narwal**, Indian para-shooter, bagged gold in the men's SH1 10m air pistol event
- So far, India won 6 gold, 9 silver and 13 bronze medals in the Para Asian Games 2018

Harvinder Singh won gold in archery in Asian Para Games

- **Harvinder Singh** won India's maiden archery gold in the Asian Para Games 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia

- Harvinder defeated China's Zhao Lixue by scoring 6-0 in the W2/ST category final
- On the fifth day, the country clinched three silver and four bronze medals.

Sharad Kumar won gold in men's high jump in Asian Para Games

- Indian para high jumper **Sharad Kumar** won gold in men's high jump T42/63 category
- This is his second successive gold in the Asian Para Games 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia
- Silver was claimed by Varun Bhati (1.82m), Rio Paralympic bronze-medallist, and bronze by Thangavelu Mariyappan (1.67m), Rio gold-medallist
- The F46 category of disability covers upper limb deficiency, impaired muscle power or impaired range of movement.

Rahul Aware was awarded the Best Sportsperson of the Year by SJAM

- Wrestler **Rahul Aware**, the Commonwealth Games gold medallist, was awarded the Best Sportsperson of the Year award at the annual **Sports Journalists' Association of Mumbai (SJAM)** award function
- The awards function was sponsored by Star Sports. Other awardees of SJAM are listed below:

Awards	Name
Sportsman of the year	Rahul Aware
Sportswomen of the year	Heena Sidhu Tejaswini Sawant
Junior Sportsman of the year	Kisan Tadvi
Junior Sportswoman of the year	Durga Deore
Sportsman of the year, Indian Games	Rishank Devadiga
Cricketer of the year	Prithvi Shaw
Ranji Trophy Cricketer of the year	Siddhesh Lad
Woman Cricketer of the year	Jemimah Rodrigues
Junior Cricketer of the year	Yashasvi Jaiswal
Team of the year	Maharashtra kabaddi team
Best Co-Ed school	Jamnabai Narsee School, Bandra
Best boys' school	Don Bosco High School, Matunga
Best Girls school	J. B. Petit High School, Fort
Lifetime Achievement Award	
Football & Basketball	SS 'Babu' Narayan
Athletics	Mary D'Souza
Cricket	Ramakant Achrekar

Para-sport

Murlikant Petkar

International Olympics Committee picks Senegal as first African Host for Youth Olympics

- International Olympics Committee (IOC) picked its first African host of any Olympics, formally awarding the 2022 Youth Games to Senegal.
- Senegal will host the youth games in three places: Dakar; a new city of Dianniadio, close to the capital; and the coastal resort of Saly.

Mumbai beat Delhi to lift Vijay Hazare Trophy title for third time

- **Mumbai** defeated Delhi by four wickets to win their third **Vijay Hazare Trophy title** at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru
- He won the trophy way back in 2006-07 when they defeated Rajasthan
- Aditya Tare struck a fluent half-century

Bajrang Punia won silver in World Wrestling Championship

- Bajrang Punia won silver in the 65 kg Freestyle final at World Wrestling Championships in Budapest
- Nineteen-year-old Ootoguro beat Punia and secured 16-9
- Ootoguro became Japan's youngest World Champion at the age of 19

DANISA Denmark Open 2018: Complete list of winners

- This tournament was organized by Badminton Denmark, and sanctioned by the **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** This international tournament was held at Odense Sports Park in Odense, Denmark

Sl. No.	Event	Winner
1	Men's Singles	Kento Momota (Japan)
2	Women's Singles	Tai Tzu-ying (Chinese Taipei)
3	Men's Doubles	Marcus Fernaldi Gideon, Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)
4	Women's Doubles	Shiho Tanaka, Koharu Yonemoto (Japan)

Virat Kohli becomes fastest to reach 10,000 runs in history of ODI cricket

- **Virat Kohli** scored his 37th ODI hundred, reaching the landmark in 116 fewer innings than Sachin Tendulkar
- He scored his 37th ODI hundred in his 205th innings, while Sachin had reached the milestone in his 321st innings against Pakistan in 2004

Pooja Dhanda wins bronze medal in World Wrestling Championships

- **Pooja Dhanda** joined the elite company of Indian women grapplers who have won the **bronze** medal at the **World Championships at Budapest, Hungary**

- Dhanda defeated Grace Bullen of Norway 10-7 in the 57kg Freestyle category to secure the bronze medal at the Papp Lszlo Sport Arena.
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1) What is the estimated cost for the 200 helicopters that India has planned to buy from Russia under the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)?

- (a) \$1 billion
- (b) \$5 billion
- (c) \$10 billion
- (d) \$100 billion

Answer: a

2) Which of the Chinese manufacturer developed FTC-2000G, China's indigenously built new multi-role combat aircraft?

- (a) China Aviation Industry
- (b) Aviation Industry Corp of China
- (c) Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China
- (d) China's Civil Aviation Authorities

Answer: b

3) What type of fighter jets will India be gifting to Russia?

- (a) MiG-21
- (b) MiG-23
- (c) MiG-25

(d) MiG-29

Answer: d

4) Which Indian state started the first Corn Festival?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Bihar

Answer: a

5) Which company combined with Indian Railways for Rail Heritage Digitisation Project' recently?

- (a) Google
- (b) Samsung
- (c) Apple
- (d) Verizon

Answer: a

6) Who won Asian Junior Squash Title 2018?

- (a) Naresh Karthick
- (b) YuvrajWadhwani
- (c) Vignesh Kumar
- (d) ShekarRajan

Answer: b



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7) Which is the 1st state to launch wage compensation scheme for pregnant women in Tea Gardens?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Meghalaya

Answer: a

8) Which of the following bank did the RBI impose a Rs.5 crore penalty for non-compliance of its directives recently?

- (a) Yes Bank
- (b) Karur Vysya Bank
- (c) Dena Bank
- (d) South Indian Bank

Answer: b

9) Madhya Pradesh Gaupalan Evam Pashudhan Samvardhan (MPGEPS) Board is replaced by _____.

- (a) Ministry of cows
- (b) Ministry of fertilizers
- (c) Ministry of aviation
- (d) Ministry of Coal

Answer: a

10) Which of following campaign can help to locate public toilets in Google Maps?

- (a) Loo review
- (b) Pub-toilets locate
- (c) Loo-location
- (d) Pub locator

Answer: a

11) Who is named as IMF Chief Economist recently?

- (a) Gita Gopinath
- (b) Shreenidhi Raj
- (c) Sriradha Kumar
- (d) Vijaya Kumar

Answer: a

21) To which of the following company did Bangalore International Airport (BIAL) give its Bengaluru airport T2 project?

- (a) Hindustan Construction
- (b) L&T Construction
- (c) Tata Projects Ltd
- (d) Nicco Group

Answer: b

22) Who is Named India's Flag-Bearer at Youth Olympic Games?

- (a) Manu Bhaker
- (b) Lakshya Sen
- (c) JyotiGulia
- (d) Tababi Devi

Answer: a

23) Under which scheme does the Centre plan to introduce facial recognition technology in airports?

- (a) E-air service
- (b) Make in India
- (c) Fac-tech scheme
- (d) Digi Yatra

Answer: d

24) Indian International Science Festival will be held in _____.

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Hyderabad

Answer: a

25) Which is the nodal agency of Election commission?



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- (a) Law Ministry
- (b) Ministry of election
- (c) Judiciary
- (d) None of the above

Answer: a

26) What kind of system did Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) launch that can forecast any changes in the environment three days in advance?

- (a) Weather forecast system
- (b) Pollution forecast system
- (c) Meteor forecast system
- (d) Air quality analyzing system

Answer: b

27) _____ shrine board enhanced the free insurance cover to pilgrims to Rs.5 lakh?

- (a) Vaishno Devi
- (b) Sri Dhana
- (c) Shree Vidhya
- (d) SakthiGopalan

Answer: b

28) Who Lifts Santo Domingo Open Trophy ?

- (a) Leander Paes

- (b) Sania Mirza
- (c) Mahesh Bhupathi
- (d) Divij Sharan

Answer: a

29) Which of the following has launched a project to collect the plastic in the middle of the Pacific Ocean?

- (a) Pacific-Ocean Rim Foundation
- (b) United Nations Environment Program
- (c) United Nations Development Program
- (d) Ocean Cleanup Foundation

Answer: d

30) Which state Maritime Symposium 2018 inaugurated by Chief of Naval Staff?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Goa
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: b

31) Who won the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Milkman?

- (a) Rachel Kushner
- (b) Anna Burns

- (c) Esi Edugyan
- (d) Daisy Johnson

Answer: b

32) Who won International Olympic committee (IOC) award?

- (a) Suheil F. Tandon
- (b) Naresh kumar
- (c) Suresh kumar
- (d) Dilip Kumar

Answer: a

33) Who was awarded for Hridaynath Award for lifetime achievement?

- (a) Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi
- (b) VenkatRajan
- (c) Suresh Kumar
- (d) Dinesh Kumar

Answer: a

34) Which won five more gold medals in Asian Para Games 2018?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) SriLanka

Answer: a

35) Who launched 'Indian Sports: Conversations and Reflections'?

- (a) Vijayan Bala
- (b) Dinesh Karthik
- (c) Suresh Kumar
- (d) Venkatesh Kumar

Answer: a

36) Which company ranks 22 in Forbes' global 2000 best employers list?

- (a) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- (b) Reliance
- (c) Ashok Leyland
- (d) Ford Company

Answer: a

37) Which bank launches "Wealth Hub" in Mangalore?

- (a) Yes Bank
- (b) Dena Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) Canara Bank

Answer: c



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38) Which state government stated Man-animal conflict as a 'State Declared Disaster'?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: b

39) Who is the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh?

- (a) Rajeev Bindal
- (b) Gulab Singh Thakur
- (c) Vidya Stokes
- (d) Jai Ram Thakur

Answer: d

40) Which country ranked 9th Most Valuable Nation Brand?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Indonesia

Answer: a

41) Which state Hosts 4-Day International Dance Festival?



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- (a) Bihar
- (b) Gwalior
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Kerala

Answer: b

42) 27th International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Fusion Energy conference was held in _____.

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Kerala

Answer: a

43) Who won the 14th PMC Bank all India Guru Tegh Bahadur Gold Cup hockey tournament?

- (a) Central Secretariat (New Delhi)
- (b) Indian Army (Mumbai)
- (c) Indian air force (Mumbai)
- (d) Indian Navy (Mumbai)

Answer: d

44) Who is awarded the first World Agriculture Prize instituted by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) in New Delhi?

- (a) N.R.Rao
- (b) AbhasMitra
- (c) M.S.Swaminathan
- (d) Jayant Narlikar

Answer: c

45) Who is appointed as the next Editor of 'The Hindu'?

- (a) Suresh Nambath
- (b) Naresh Kumar
- (c) Dinesh Karthik
- (d) Nitish Kant

Answer: a

46) One of the dengue diagnosing method, ELISA stands for _____.

- (a) Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay
- (b) Endocardial Linked Immuno Assay
- (c) Enzyme Linked Intradeficient Assay
- (d) Enzyme Linked Immuno Access

Answer: a

47) Who won Men's single title at DANISA Denmark Open 2018?

- (a) Kento Momota (Japan)
- (b) Lee Chong Wei
- (c) Taufik Hidayat
- (d) Rudy Hartono

Answer: a

48) Which payments bank appointed Satish K Gupta as MD and CEO?

- (a) Fino Payments Bank
- (b) Equitas Payments Bank
- (c) Paytm Payments Bank
- (d) Airtel Payments Bank

Answer: c

49) China and Japan are partnering to develop _____.

- (a) trade and financial purpose
- (b) missile treaty
- (c) infrastructure in Asia
- (d) banking resources

Answer: c

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