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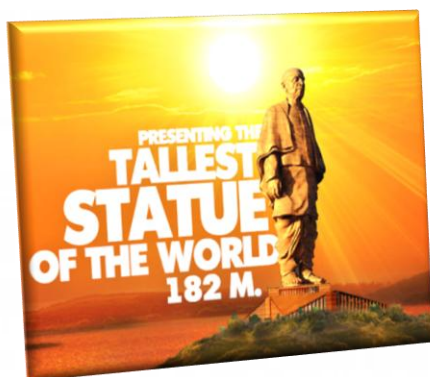
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NATIONAL NEWS

October 1

1. Who launched a Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System (FFEWS) for Kolkata City?
Answer : Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)

Explanation :

- **Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** launched a **Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System (FFEWS)** for Kolkata City. It is also India's first comprehensive city-level FFEWS. It will reduce economic loss and impacts on livelihood and improve flood awareness and safety at the community level.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** funded the design and implementation of the FFEWS through a **\$1 million technical assistance to KMC** from its Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund under the Urban Financing Partnership Facility.

2. Who is the head of a seven-member ministerial panel to examine modalities for revenue mobilization?

Answer : Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi

Explanation :

- The Government constituted a **seven-member ministerial panel headed by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi to examine modalities for revenue mobilisation in case of natural calamities and disasters.**
- The panel would look into five issues flagged by the Council, including whether the new tax should be levied only in the state concerned or should it be an all-India levy, and that should it be on specified luxury or sin goods only.
- In pursuance of its **objective of ensuring that Legislation is in sync** with the needs of strong economic fundamentals, the Government has constituted a Competition Law Review Committee to review the **Competition Act. The Committee will be headed by Injeti Srinivas**, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

3. Name the new district created by the Madhya Pradesh government?

Answer : 'Niwari'

Explanation :

- The **Madhya Pradesh** government announced the creation of a new district '**Niwari**'. The new district would include three tehsils of the present Tikamgarh district – Niwari, Orchha and Prithvipur. The government's decision will come into effect from **October 1.**

4. Who is the partner of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM – U)?

Answer : Google

Explanation :

- The **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. his would encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.

- 500+ cities in India with more than 30,000 toilets with the name of “**SBM Toilet**” are currently live on Google Maps.

5. Who inaugurate the Conference on Organic Farmers Co- operatives?

Answer : Shri Jual Oram

Explanation :

- **Shri Jual Oram, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs** inaugurated the “**Conference on Empowerment of Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) & Organic Farmers Co-operatives from Dantewada, Bastar Region**” in New Delhi. This was aimed to give market opportunities team members of Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) & Organic Farmers Co-operatives from **Dantewada, Bastar Region** to showcase their products in urban areas.
- The Ministry also launched “**Punch Tantra Collection**” which included Punchtantra tribal artefacts including handlooms and handicrafts.

October 2

1. Who inaugurated the Sustainable Alternative towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative?

Answer : Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Explanation :

- To boost availability of more affordable transport fuels with better usage of agricultural residue, cattle dung and municipal solid waste, **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated the **Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative.**
- It was launched as a part of **Swachhta Hi Seva** movement. This practice of using bio gas as a fuel would help provide an additional revenue source to farmers and vehicle-users.

2. On which day did the Antonio Guterres attend the ‘Champions of Earth’ ceremony in New Delhi?

Answer : October 3,2018

Explanation :

- United Nations Secretary General **Antonio Guterres** arrived in New Delhi on his maiden visit to India as the head of the world body that coincides with the commencement of events marking the **150th** birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The UN chief will meet the top leadership of the country including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and is likely to discuss key global issues such as climate change and terrorism during his three-day visit. On **October 3**, Guterres will attend the ‘**Champions of Earth**’ ceremony in New Delhi.

3. Which state passed a resolution to declare cow the 'Rashtra Mata'?

Answer : Uttarakhand

Explanation :

- The **Uttarakhand** Assembly unanimously passed a resolution to declare cow the '**Rashtra Mata**' or the mother of the nation. State Animal Husbandry Minister Rekha Arya, who moved the resolution in the Assembly, said that considering it a request from Uttarakhand Assembly, the Centre must grant the status of mother of nation to the cow.

4. Where did the Regional Research & Technology Transfer Station (RRTTS) located?

Answer : Bhawanipatna

Explanation :

- Inaugurating the three-day conclave **Kalahandi Dialogue**, Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** announced that the **Regional Research & Technology Transfer Station (RRTTS), Bhawanipatna**, will henceforth be the Centre of Excellence for cotton, tropical fruit, crops and aromatic rice.
- He also announced opening of five PG departments on Agronomy, Soil Science & Agriculture, Chemistry, Entomology, Plant Physiology and Plant Pathology in the College of Agriculture.

5. Who inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention in New Delhi?

Answer : Shri Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation :

- The **President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention in New Delhi**. India is striving to eliminate **open defecation in its entirety by October 2, 2019**.
- The Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention is being organised by the **Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation** to mark the beginning of the **150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi**, also coinciding with the fourth anniversary of the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission.

6. Who has signed an agreement with hospital chain Apollo Hospitals?

Answer : NITI Aayog

Explanation :

- **NITI Aayog** has signed an agreement with **cloud services provider Oracle, hospital chain Apollo Hospitals, and pharmaceutical manufacturer Strides Pharma Sciences**. The agreement aims to curb the distribution of fake drugs using new technologies.
- The partners will pilot a real drug supply chain using **blockchain decentralised ledger and IoT software**.

October 3

1. Who launch the own food security scheme?

Answer : Odisha government

Explanation :

- **Odisha government** launched the **State's own food security scheme** to cover the poor people. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the scheme via video conferencing at the State Secretariat in Bhubaneswar.
- As per the provisions of the scheme, **25 lakh poor people left out from the benefits of the National Food Security Act**, will get rice of **5 kg per month for one rupee**.

2. Who inaugurated the first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance in New Delhi?

Answer : Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, **inaugurated the first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance** in New Delhi. The same event also marked the inauguration of the **second IORA Renewable Energy Ministerial Meeting**, and the **2nd Global RE-Invest (Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo)**.
- The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, was present on the occasion. As per the PM, India is also working on biomass, bio-fuel and bio-energy.

3. Who is the top appellate body in RTI matters?

Answer : The Central Information Commission (CIC)

Explanation :

- **The Central Information Commission (CIC)** brought the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) under the RTI (Right to Information) Act**. The commission, which is the top appellate body in RTI matters, went through the laws and orders of the Supreme Court, the Law Commission of India report, submissions of the Central Public Information Officer in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to come to a conclusion that the characteristics of the BCCI fulfil the required conditions of Section 2(h) of the RTI Act.

4. What is the objective of Wage Compensation scheme for Pregnant Women?

Answer : To reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in the tea growing areas

Explanation :

- To reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in the tea growing areas, **Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** launched **Wage Compensation scheme for Pregnant Women** in tea gardens of the state in **Guwahati**.
- According to the scheme, the pregnant woman would receive an amount of **Rs. 12,000** given in **4** installments.

5. Where did the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit VII to be held?

Answer : Shimla

Explanation :

- Deliberations on ecological, social and economic drivers of change will mark the **Sustainable Mountain Development Summit VII** to be held in **Shimla** from **October 3** to **5**.

- It will integrate viable recommendations for policies that enable sustainable agricultural development. The delegates will also discuss the role of mountain farmers in adding value to ecosystem services.

6. Who meet Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House in New Delhi?

Answer : Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Explanation :

- **Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev** met **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** at Hyderabad House in New Delhi. The two sides took stock of the bilateral relationship across several sectors during the delegation-level talks.
- **17 agreements and MoUs** were signed in the field of law, tourism, military education, agriculture, science and technology, commerce and industry, pharmaceutical, national security and illicit trafficking besides others. Uzbek President supported India's bid for permanent membership of UN Security Council.

October 4

1. Name a joint exercise commenced off Chennai coast between Vietnam and India?

Answer : Sahyog-Hop Tac 2018

Explanation :

- A joint exercise of '**Sahyog-Hop Tac 2018**' commenced off Chennai coast between **Vietnam and India**. In this bilateral exercise, **Vietnam Coast Guard ship CSB 8001** took part in it for the first time. A vessel '**Sagar Manjusha**', owned by **National Institute of Ocean Technology** and vessels from Indian coast guard took part in it as well.
- This exercise enhance cooperation between the two Coast Guards in areas of maritime safety and security.

2. Who declared Manipur as the 23rd state in the country to become Open Defecation Free (ODF) in India?

Answer : Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh

Explanation :

- **Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh** declared Manipur as the 23rd state in the country to become Open Defecation Free (ODF) in India. It is the 5th North-Eastern state to get the tag.
- This announced during the celebration of National Cleanliness Day at Gandhi Memorial Hall in Imphal. He also launched the Google Toilet Locator to enable locating nearest public toilet for use.

3. How much loan has been given to three districts of West Bengal by India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) to provide safe drinking water?

Answer : \$240 million

Explanation :

- **India and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a **\$240 million** loan agreement to provide safe drinking water to about 1.65 million people in three districts of West Bengal.

- The agreement was signed by Ministry of Finance Additional Secretary Sameer Kumar Khare for the Indian government and ADB's India Resident Mission Country Director Kenichi Yokoyama for the multilateral lending agency.

4. Name the national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign launched by SIDBI ?

Answer : Udyam Abhilasha

Explanation :

- **SIDBI** has launched a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign '**Udyam Abhilasha**', in 115 aspirational districts identified by **NITI Aayog** in 28 States reaching to around 15,000 youth.
- SIDBI has partnered with Common service centres, e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle, set up by the Ministry of Electronics and IT for implementing the campaign.

5. Which University has been ranked at the top among non-residential campuses of private universities ?

Answer : Raipur's ITM

Explanation :

- **Haryana's Maharshi Dayanand University** has been declared the cleanest government varsity by the HRD Ministry, followed by Guru Nanak Dev University in Punjab's Amritsar. Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar announced the "**Swachh Campus rankings**" under different categories.
- The Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in the national capital has been ranked third among the government institutions. Raipur's ITM University has been ranked at the top among non-residential campuses of private universities.

6. Name the Project launched by Indian Railways?

Answer : 'Utkrisht'

Explanation :

- **Indian Railways** launched its **Project 'Utkrisht'** to upgrade 140 rakes of Mail/Express trains in the first phase. The project aims to do Installing 'Swachh Rail Toilet', Fitting of energy-efficient LED lights – in the main interior, doorway, gangway and inside toilets and Health faucets, auto janitors, odonil containers, big size mirror etc.

7. Who inaugurated National Khadi Festival 2018 in Mumbai?

Answer : Shri Giriraj Singh

Explanation :

- To promote Khadi products, **Union Minister for Micro Small & Medium Enterprises, Shri Giriraj Singh** inaugurated a month long- **National Khadi Festival 2018 in Mumbai**. This event was organized by **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**.
- At the Event, the various programs included were: Khadi Sangam (under which exhibitions will be organized in 300 districts to promote Khadi products), e-commerce tie-ups, designing competitions for youngsters, World Khadi Congress, Gandhi Parv.

8. Which institute was named the national coordinating institute of the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)?

Answer : IIT-Kharagpur

Explanation :

- **IIT-Kharagpur** was named the national coordinating institute of the **Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)** under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- The Ministry also launched a dedicated web portal for SPARC- www.sparc.iitkgp.ac.in, which will be active from **October 4** to November 15.

October 5

1. What is the feature of a new collection of stamps issued by the UN postal agency?

Answer : 'The Knotted Gun' (the message of peace and non-violence)

Explanation :

- In commemoration of the **International Day of Non-violence**, marked on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, the **UN postal agency** issued a **new collection of stamps** featuring artistic interpretation of 'The Knotted Gun', an iconic global sculpture giving the message of peace and non-violence.
- The stamps in the collection feature artistic interpretation of '**The Knotted Gun**,' and have been issued by the **UNPA** in celebration of the International Day of Non-violence to spread the message of non-violence and the universal desire of a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding.

2. Who approved the establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) in Sehore district?

Answer : Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- **The Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the establishment of **National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) in Sehore district** instead of earlier approved Bhopal location.
- The **NIMHR** will be now established in the **Sehore** district on the Bhopal-Sehore highway in **Madhya Pradesh**. **NIMHR** will be the first of its kind in the country in the area of **mental health rehabilitation**.

3. Who approved two Metro rail projects in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh in Indore and Bhopal?

Answer : The Union Cabinet

Explanation :

- The **Union Cabinet** approved **two Metro rail projects** in poll-bound **Madhya Pradesh in Indore and Bhopal**. The **Indore project** will run along the **Ring Line** (Bengali Square – Vijay Nagar – Bhawarsala – Airport – Patasia – Bengali Square). The total number of stations on the line is **30**. The **Bhopal project** comprises **two** corridors of total length 27.87 Km Karond Circle to AIIMS and Bhadbhada Square to Ratnagiri Tiraha.
- A special purpose vehicle, **Madhya Pradesh Metro Rail Co Ltd. (MPMRCL)**, has been constituted to implement both these projects.

4. Who has inaugurated the world's largest dome and Peace Center at the Maharashtra Institute of Technology?

Answer : India's Vice President Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- **India's Vice President Venkaiah Naidu** has inaugurated the **world's largest dome and Peace Center at the Maharashtra Institute of Technology, Vishwarajbaug**, in Pune, India.
- The imposing monumental dome, clad in the finest marble, is the vision of Dr. Vishwanath Karad, founder-president and director general of the World Peace Center.

5. Where did the India Chem 2018, the 10th Biennial International Exhibition & Conference began ?

Answer : Mumbai

Explanation :

- **India Chem 2018, the 10th Biennial International Exhibition & Conference** began in Mumbai. The largest event of Chemicals and Petrochemical Industry in India is a two-day event. Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the conference.

October 6

1. Who are a state-owned company for launched Asia's first cannisters based and India's first "Methanol Cooking Fuel Program"?

Answer : Northeast and Assam Petro-chemicals

Explanation :

- In a historic day for India, **Northeast and Assam Petro-chemicals**, a state-owned company for launched **Asia's first cannisters based and India's first "Methanol Cooking Fuel Program"**. The program was inaugurated by Dr V K Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog and Chairman at Namrup.
- 500 households inside the Assam Petro Complex will be the first pilot project, scaling it to 40,000 households in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Goa and Karnataka.

2. What is the policy of "Digi Yatra"?

Answer : biometric based digital processing of passengers at airports.

Explanation :

- The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation, Shri Suresh Prabhu released **"Digi Yatra", a policy on biometric based digital processing of passengers at airports**. DigiYatra Central Platform will be operational by end of **February, 2019**.
- **Bangalore & Hyderabad** International Airports are the first **2** to implement it by the end of February 2019. . Airport Authority of India (AAI) will roll out the programme initially at **Kolkata, Varanasi, Pune & Vijayawada by April, 2019**.

3. Name of the king of mangoes, Alphonso in Maharashtra?

Answer : 'Hapus'

Explanation :

- **Alphonso** from **Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Palghar, Thane and Raigad** districts of **Maharashtra**, got registered as Geographical Indication (GI). The king of mangoes, Alphonso, better known as '**Hapus**' in Maharashtra.
- It is one of the world's most popular fruit and is exported to various countries including Japan, Korea and Europe. The first GI tagged product of India was the **Darjeeling tea** in **2004**.

4. Who signed the USD 5.4 billion S-400 air defence system deal in New Delhi?

Answer :

Explanation :

- After wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin, Indian and Russia signed the **USD 5.4 billion S-400 air defence system** deal in New Delhi.
- Modi and Putin also signed **eight** pacts, including on cooperation on India's ambitious human space mission project Gaganyaan, at the **19th India-Russia annual bilateral summit**.

5. Name the latest nuclear power project in India?

Answer : VVER-1200 type reactors

Explanation :

- **India and Russia** signed a document for cooperation on a new nuclear power project in India with the latest VVER-1200 type reactors powered by advanced fuel. The action plan document was signed by India's Department of Atomic Energy Secretary Kamlesh Vyas and Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev on the sidelines of 19th India-Russia annual bilateral summit in New Delhi.

6. What is the theme of the India International Science Festival (IISF)?

Answer : "Science for Transformation"

Explanation :

- The fourth edition of the **India International Science Festival (IISF)** began in **Lucknow**. A number of conferences and exhibitions showcasing of the work of young scientists were held. He will inaugurate the Mega Science Expo on 6 October.
- The four-day festival with focal theme "**Science for Transformation**" features 23 special events.

7. Where did the 46th edition of Cervantino International Festival held?

Answer : Mexico

Explanation :

- The 46th edition of **Cervantino International Festival**, to be held in **Mexico**, will see **India** participating as a **guest of honour**, with an elaborate programme of performing arts. The nearly three-week long festival will kick off on **October 10** in the heritage city of Guanajuato in Mexico.

October 7

1. What is focus of GCA Jaipur 2018 conference?

Answer : ‘Digital Inbound: Internet Communications and Beyond’

Explanation :

- **Global Communication Association (GCA)**, a not-for-profit body of media and communication professionals, is organizing its 14th international conference of communication experts and specialists, in India, **on 11-12 October 2018**, in the historic ‘Pink City’ of **Jaipur**.
- **GCA Jaipur 2018** conference focusing on ‘**Digital Inbound: Internet Communications and Beyond**’, has aroused keen interest amongst many participants from around the globe coming from different academic and industry backgrounds.

2. Where did the Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things launched by Nasscom?

Answer : Haryana

Explanation :

- In collaboration with the **Haryana government**, Indian IT industry’s apex body **Nasscom** launched in **Haryana** its **Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (CoE – IoT)**.
- The aim of Nasscom’s Centre of Excellence is to act as a perfect collaboration for innovation and high-end technologies.

3. Who are signed MoU for promotion of innovative cooperation?

Answer : India’s Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and the Russian Federation’s SIRIUS

Explanation :

- To promote innovative cooperation between students of **India and Russia**, a Memorandum of Understanding was exchanged between **India’s Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** and the **Russian Federation’s SIRIUS** Educational Foundation in the presence of the PM Narendra Modi and the President of Russia Vladimir Putin, in New Delhi.
- The MoU hopes to remove cultural and language barriers between students of Russia and India.

4. Which scheme was launched by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik?

Answer : “Nirman Kusuma Yojana”

Explanation :

- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched the “**Nirman Kusuma Yojana**” to provide financial assistance to children of construction workers for pursuing technical education.
- An ITI student will be entitled to get financial assistance of **Rs 23,600**, while a diploma student to get **Rs 26,300** per annum. A total of 1878 students will get benefit from the programme.

5. Where did the 2nd edition of India Skills 2018 held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- **2nd edition of India Skills 2018**, India's biggest skill competition, was conducted in **New Delhi**. India Skills 2018 was organized by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. It aimed to identify, promote and reward the best talents in different skills.
- Persons with disabilities also participated. These winners will participate at the World level competition in Abilympics in China.

6. Where did held "International Conference on Women's Health, Wellness and Empowerment"?

Answer : Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Explanation :

- **International Conference on Women's Health, Wellness and Empowerment** was held in **Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh**. The conference was organised by the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India and the Kanpur Obstetric and Gynaecological Society.
- Theme of the conference was: **"Give her wings and let her soar."** President Ram Nath Kovind addressed the conference.

7. Who signed a deal worth \$5.43-billion to buy five Russian S-400 Triumf missile shield systems?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** signed a deal worth **\$5.43-billion to buy five Russian S-400 Triumf missile shield systems** at the **19th India-Russia annual bilateral summit at the Hyderabad House**. Apart from the **S-400 missile deal, India and Russia** also signed an agreement on space cooperation and an Indian monitoring station will be built near the **Russian city of Novosibirsk in Siberia**.
- The S-400 Triumf missiles are extremely efficient to track and hunt down combat aircraft, even stealth planes, at unprecedented ranges.

October 8

1. Where did the third edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX) commenced?

Answer : Visakhapatnam

Explanation :

- **Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) Ships Kaga**, an Izumo Class Helicopter Destroyer and Inazuma – a Guided Missile Destroyer arrived at Visakhapatnam to participate in Maritime Exercise Between Japan and India '**JIMEX 18**'.
- The JMSDF Ships would be participating in the third edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX) with the ships of Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy. JIMEX-18 is aimed to enhance interoperability, improve understanding and imbibe the best practices of each other.

2. Who inaugurated the 2-day First ever Regional Conference on 'Women in Detention and Access to Justice'?

Answer : Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Acharya Devvrat

Explanation :

- To devise strategies and programs for bettering conditions of Women Prisoners and upholding their Fundamental Rights, the **Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Acharya Devvrat** inaugurated the **2-day First ever Regional Conference on 'Women in Detention and Access to Justice'** at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- It was organized by the **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs** in collaboration with **Prison Department, Himachal Pradesh**. This will further help in better implementation of Prison Reform and Rehabilitation Program.

3. Name the website launched by The Maharashtra Government for analysing the rainfall?

Answer : 'Maha Madat'

Explanation :

- The Maharashtra Government has launched a website and an application '**Maha Madat**' for **collectively analysing the rainfall, crop situation and underground water level using modern technology**.
- The website has been created by the Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry with the help of the Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre (MRSAC).

4. What is the aim of the Rajasthan government to increase farmer's income?

Answer : free electricity

Explanation :

- To increase farmer's income, the **Rajasthan** government launched a scheme aimed to provide **free electricity** to farmers of the state having electric connections in general category for specific limit.
- According to the scheme, more than **12 lakh** farmers of the state will receive free electricity up to **Rs 10,000** for a year on their agricultural electricity connection. It will be effective from **November 2018**.

5. Which government unveils the Unnati scheme?

Answer : Karnataka state government

Explanation :

- The Objective is to deliver sustainable development and social welfare which will **identify, mentor, and promote young entrepreneurs from the SC/ST communities**, Karnataka state government, unveils the **Unnati scheme**, which will invest up to **Rs 20 crore** to create end-to-end support infrastructure for startups and entrepreneurs from a marginalised 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

6. Where did the first Uttarakhand Investors Summit held?

Answer : Dehradun

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **first Uttarakhand Investors Summit in Dehradun**. All the leading business firms and industrial houses participated in the two-day event to explore investment opportunities in the hill state in **12 major sectors, including tourism and hospitality**.
- PM stated that, in Uttarakhand any **MSME loan up to 1 crore** will be sanctioned fast. Mr Modi introduced a new meaning to SEZ, that is Spiritual EcoZone and said Uttarakhand Government should focus in this Sector.

October 9

1. Where did the India's and Asia's first National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) was established?

Answer : Patna

Explanation :

- The **National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC)**, India's and Asia's first is set to be established in **Patna**. It will play an important role in strengthening conservation efforts and research to save the endangered mammal. Sinha is the chairperson of the working group for dolphin conservation set up by the central government.
- Presently the dolphin population in India is estimated to be merely 2000 with a major chunk present at the **Vikramshila Dolphin sanctuary in Bhagalpur district of Bihar**.

2. Who will working together on the Gaganyaan mission?

Answer : ISRO & ROSCOSMOS

Explanation :

- An MoU was inked between **ISRO and the Federal Space Agency of Russia 'ROSCOSMOS'** for joint activities in the field of Human Spaceflight Programme. The Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will be working together on the **Gaganyaan mission**.
- Indian Space research Organisation (ISRO) aims to **complete Gaganyaan mission** before **2022**.

3. Who launch the task force for closing the Skills Gap in India?

Answer : Dharmendra Pradhan

Explanation :

- A task force was constituted by the **Union ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship** in collaboration with **World Economic Forum** for addressing the skill gap in the country. This task force is called: **Closing the Skills Gap Task Force in India** and will be co-chaired by the **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** along with **Infosys MD and CEO Salil Parekh**.

4. Name the 2 schemes launched by Arunachal Pradesh Government To double the income of the farmers in the country by 2022?

Answer : Chief Minister's Sashakt Kisan Yojana & Krishi Samuh Yojana

Explanation :

- To double the income of the farmers in the country by **2022**, **Arunachal Pradesh** Government launched **2** schemes called- the **Chief Minister's Sashakt Kisan Yojana** and **Chief Minister's Krishi Samuh Yojana** in **Itanagar**.
- The **Chief Minister's Krishi Samuh Yojana** aims at: Providing timely supports and marketing interventions of the government for better price realization and doubling farmers' income.

5. Where did the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of India Region, Zone III held?

Answer : Guwahati

Explanation :

- **Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan** inaugurated the **Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of India Region, Zone III** in **Guwahati**. Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference plays an important role in promoting democracy. It provides a platform to the legislators to interact with domain experts and their peers.

6. Which is the headquarters of Kavach?

Answer : Gurugram.

Explanation :

- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** said an anti-terrorist force '**Kavach**' — will be set up to further strengthen the security arrangements in the state. The **headquarters** of Kavach would be at **Gurugram**.

October 10

1. Who inaugurated the '2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products'?

Answer : J P Nadda

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, J P Nadda** inaugurated '**2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products: Achieving the SDGs 2030**' in **New Delhi**.
- At the function, Shri J P Nadda released the Position Paper and launched the Information Sharing Platform Gateway for South-East Asia Regulatory Network (**SEARN**) developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, which will promote regulatory and health collaboration among the countries of the **South-East Asia Region**.

2. Name the App launched by the Indian Air Force On the occasion of 86th anniversary?

Answer : 'MedWatch'

Explanation :

- On the occasion of **86th anniversary**, the **Indian Air Force** has launched an innovative mobile health App named '**MedWatch**' in keeping with the Prime Minister's vision of '**Digital India, Ayushman Bharat and Mission Indradhanush**'.
- 'MedWatch' is the **first mobile health app** in the three Armed Services and was launched by Air Chief Marshal **BS Dhanoa**.

3. Who is the founder for various development projects at Basti in Uttar Pradesh?

Answer : Shri Nitin Gadkari

Explanation :

- Union Minister for Shipping, Road Transport & Highways and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation **Shri Nitin Gadkari** laid foundation stone for various development projects at **Basti in Uttar Pradesh**. This project undertakes development work of **354 km stretch of Ghagra river** under the **Sagarmala Programme of Ministry of Shipping**.
- In 2016, the waterway from **Manjhighat at Ganga-Gaghra** river confluence to **Faizabad/Ayodhya** along **Gaghra River** was declared as **NW-40**.

4. Name the Auditorium built with Indian grant assistance of Rs. 300 million at the **University of Ruhuna**?

Answer : Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Auditorium

Explanation :

- The **Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Auditorium** built with Indian grant assistance of **Rs. 300 million** at the **University of Ruhuna, Matara** in the **Southern Province**, was dedicated to the people of **Sri Lanka**.
- The auditorium named after **Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore** is a symbol of cultural links with India.

5. Which state is the partner for this year Goa International Film Festival?

Answer : Jharkhand

Explanation :

- This year **Goa International Film Festival** from **20th to 28th of November** will have Jharkhand as a partner state. It was also decided to organize **Jharkhand Film Festival**, under Indian Panorama, in two towns of Jharkhand in the **first month of next year**.

6. Who launched 'India for Humanity'?

Answer : Sushma Swaraj

Explanation :

- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** launched 'India for Humanity' initiative in **New Delhi**. It is a part of **150th Birth Anniversary** celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi being held over the next one year.
- For this, MEA had collaborated with charitable organization **Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, BMVSS**.

7. Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority is headed by?

Answer : Bhure Lal

Explanation :

- To tackle air pollution in the **National Capital Region**, Centre reconstituted **20-member Environment Pollution** (Prevention and Control) Authority or the **EPCA**.

- The authority is headed by Former secretary **Bhure Lal**. The EPCA is mandated to enforce Graded Response Action Plan (**GRAP**) in the city as per the pollution levels. The tenure of the last EPCA expired on **October 3**.

8. Which foundation signed an MOU to strengthen child rights?

Answer : UNICEF and NASSCOM

Explanation :

- To create awareness and use technology in the right way to protect children's rights **UNICEF and NASSCOM** Foundation signed **an MOU** to strengthen child rights through meaningful business interventions.
- According to the MOU, they will focus on **2 areas: National sensitisation on 'child online protection'** and Encouraging innovations for child rights.

9. Who laid the foundation stone on country's first 58-acre Second Generation (2G) Ethanol Bio-Refinery plant?

Answer : Ganeshi Lal

Explanation :

- Governor of Odisha Prof Ganeshi Lal laid the foundation stone on country's **first 58-acre** Second Generation (2G) Ethanol Bio-Refinery plant at **Baulsingha** village in **Bargarh district of Odisha**.
- This was announced in the presence of Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas **Dharmendra Pradhan**.

October 11

1. Name the agency the IIT-Madras will collaborate to enhance data-driven governance?

Answer : Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)

Explanation :

- IIT-Madras will collaborate with **Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)** to enhance data-driven governance. Through this engagement, the Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RBC DSAI) at IIT-Madras has agreed to support the State government on various data science and ICT-related challenges.
- The collaboration is expected to contribute towards various aspects of governance, including (but not limited to) education, healthcare, and agriculture, says a press release from **IIT-Madras**.

2. Where did the second generation (2G) ethanol bio-refinery will happen?

Answer : Baulsingha village in Bargarh district of Odisha

Explanation :

- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** will complete commissioning of its **second generation (2G) ethanol bio-refinery at Baulsingha village in Bargarh district of Odisha by 2020**.

- The proposed plant will see an investment of Rs 1000 crore, the foundation stone of which was laid. This is the first biofuel plant in the country where **ethanol will be produced from rice straw**.

3. What is the theme of the 29th Accountants General Conference?

Answer : “Auditing and Accounting in a Digital Era”.

Explanation :

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the **29th Accountants General Conference** at the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) building, at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, in New Delhi. This conference provides an opportunity to discuss on efforts needed to enhance accountability, transparency and good governance.
- The theme of this year’s conference is: “**Auditing and Accounting in a Digital Era**”. Accountants General from all over India are taking part in the conference.

4. Name the cyclonic storm in which the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a red alert for Odisha and Andhra Pradesh?

Answer : ‘Titli’

Explanation :

- **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** issued a red alert for **Odisha and Andhra Pradesh** as a cyclonic storm called ‘Titli’ is advancing in the eastern coasts of the these states. The Cyclone has formed due to depression in the Bay of Bengal region which is intensifying and may have strong winds reaching 100 kmph along the Odisha coast.

5. Who organized the 17th edition of Old World Theatre festival?

Answer : India Habitat Centre

Explanation :

- **The 9-day 17th edition of Old World Theatre festival** was announced to commence from **October 20, 2018**. It will be organized by India Habitat Centre. It will showcase 15 plays on a pan-Indian constellation of original scripts from **Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Pune, Mumbai, and Kerala**.
- It has been recognised by UNESCO as a “**Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity**”.

6. Who inaugurated 2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products?

Answer : Shri J P Nadda

Explanation :

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J P Nadda inaugurated ‘**2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products: Achieving the SDGs 2030**’ in New Delhi.
- The main objective of the 2nd World Conference 2018 is to take forward the recommendations from the 1st World Conference 2017 and build on the work done for access to medical products in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in line with General Programme of Work (GPW 13) of WHO.

October 12

1. The National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) and the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) was merged as?

Answer : National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET).

Explanation :

- The **Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has approved the merger of the existing regulatory institutions in the skills space – **National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT)** and the **National Skill Development Agency (NSDA)** into the **National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)**.
- NCVET will regulate the functioning of entities engaged in **vocational education and training**, both long-term and short-term and establish minimum standards for the functioning of such entities.

2. Where did the second CHG, meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to be held?

Answer : Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Explanation :

- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** will be participating in the **17th Council of Heads of Government, CHG, meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization** to be held in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan** on 11th to 12th of this month. This will be the **second** CHG meeting since India became a full member of SCO in June 2017.
- The leaders will be discussing prospects for further development of SCO and will exchange in-depth views on current international and regional issues.

3. What is the height of peasant leader Sir Chhotu Ram statue?

Answer : 64-feet-tall

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** unveiled a **64-feet-tall statue of peasant leader Sir Chhotu Ram** at his native village **Sampla in Haryana's Rohtak district**. The 64-feet-tall statue has been sculpted by renowned sculptor and Padma Bhushan-recipient Ram Vanji Sutar.
- Besides unveiling the statue, Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated a **rail coach factory in Haryana's Sonapat**.

4. Where did the India's first India-Israel Innovation Centre (IIIC) launched?

Answer : Bengaluru

Explanation :

- **India's first India-Israel Innovation Centre (IIIC)**, an entrepreneurial technology hub, was launched in **Bengaluru**. The IIIC is a significant step towards facilitating penetration of Israeli companies in India and aims to forge local partnerships and joint ventures between companies from the two countries.
- The launch of IIIC, at the IoT India Congress in Bengaluru, the first ever in India that aims to meet the long pending need **to connect the start-up ecosystems of Israel and India to improve quality**.

5. When did the World Post Day celebrated by the Department of Posts?

Answer : October 9

Explanation :

- The Department of Posts will celebrate the National Postal Week between October 9 and 15 to highlight its role and contribution in the lives of people.
- The department also celebrated the **World Post Day** on October 9 to commemorate the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (**UPU**) in 1874 in the Swiss capital Berne.

6. Who signed an MoU with the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) for setting up of the Satish Dhawan Center?

Answer : ISRO

Explanation :

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) signed an **MoU** with the Central University of Jammu (**CUJ**) in Jammu for setting up of the **Satish Dhawan Center** for Space Science in the University. Another MoU was signed between **CUJ** and the Central Scientific Instruments Organization (**CSIR-CSIO**).
- To create awareness about space research and to motivate young minds to take up research related to space, astronomy, geology, atmospheric sciences and related fields, a two day workshop was also inaugurated at the CUJ campus.

7. Name the agreement signed by Delhi government with the Moscow government for the next 3 years?

Answer : twin-city agreement

Explanation :

- **Delhi** government signed a **twin-city agreement** with the government of **Moscow** for cooperation in various fields like environment, culture and education, for the next 3 years. The agreement will also help in enhancing friendship and cooperation between the two cities and maintain regular contacts between the two governments.
- The two governments have mutually agreed to extend the Twinning Agreement for a period of 3 years, from November 1, 2018, in environmental protection and air pollution control, cultural and tourism, healthcare, education, sports, transport management and e-governance

October 13

1. Who organized a workshop on Best Practices in International Arbitration in New Delhi?

Answer : NITI Aayog and ICC International Court of Arbitration

Explanation :

- The **NITI Aayog** and **ICC International Court of Arbitration** organized a workshop on **Best Practices in International Arbitration** in **New Delhi**. It would help in institutionalising and streamlining dispute resolution to make India a hub for doing business.

- It was an inaugural Training-cum-Brainstorming Workshop which emphasizes in ‘**Make in India**’ vision & ‘**Resolve in India**’ which encourage the **Ease of Doing Business** and **Ease of Living in India**.

2. Name the campaign against the sexual harassment?

Answer : #MeToo

Explanation :

- **The women and child development ministry** plans to set up a **panel** of legal experts to look into the allegations of sexual harassment that have surfaced in the **#MeToo campaign**.
- WCD minister **Maneka Gandhi** said women could complain through the **She Box** (www.shebox.nic.in), which provides a single window access to every woman, irrespective of her work status to register complaints related to sexual harassment.

3. Who has approved the setting up of a political training institute in Ghaziabad?

Answer : Uttar Pradesh government

Explanation :

- In a first, the **Uttar Pradesh** government has approved the setting up of a **political training institute in Ghaziabad**. The institute will give political training to public representatives and political workers, and will professionally groom political leadership in the country.

4. Who will inaugurate “13th Annual Convention of Central Information Commission”?

Answer : President Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation :

- President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the **13th Annual Convention of Central Information Commission (CIC)**. The convention is organised on the topic “Data Privacy and Right to Information, Amendment in the RTI Act and Implementation of the RTI Act”.
- The convention is aimed at recommending measures for improving the transparency and accountability with a view to improve governance. The **Central Information Commission (CIC)** set up under the **Right to Information Act is the authorised body, established in 2005**, under the Government of India.

5. What is the index score of Singapore & India in 2018?

Answer : 0.88 & 0.44

Explanation :

- **Singapore** with an index standing at 0.88 tops the **World Bank Group’s Human Capital Index** released on 11th October. **South Korea, Japan and Hong Kong** follow Singapore on the index. Other countries like Chad, South Sudan and Niger took the lowest three spots. India ranked **115th with an index** score of 0.44.

- This index creates a direct line between improving outcomes in health and education, productivity, and economic growth.

6. Where did the 'Geopolitical Impact of Sea Power' commenced?

Answer : Indian Naval Academy (INA)

Explanation :

- The fifth edition of the annual Dilliseminar on '**Geopolitical Impact of Sea Power**' commenced at the Indian Naval Academy (INA). The two day seminar is being attended by several serving senior Naval officers, eminent academicians and distinguished luminaries.

7. Where did the first National Autism Intervention Research Centre launched?

Answer : Haryana, Gurugram

Explanation :

- First of its kind in **Haryana, National Autism Intervention Research Centre** was launched in Gurugram at Fortis Memorial Research Institute by state's Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, R.R. Jowel. The centre, dedicated to people suffering from Autism, has been started in association with Behaviour Momentum India.

8. Name the **service** launched by Inland Water Authority of India (IWAI) from Neamati to Manjuli island in Assam?

Answer : Roll-on-Roll-off (RO-RO)

Explanation :

- **Inland Water Authority of India (IWAI)** launched a **Roll-on-Roll-off (RO-RO) service** from **Neamati to Manjuli island** in **Assam**. It will reduce the road route distance of 423 km to **12.7 km** via river route. Earlier, IWAI had started a similar Ro-Ro service between **Dhubri and Hatsingimari** with 190 km of reduced distance.

October 14

1. Who was elected to the United Nations' top human rights body for a period of three years?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** was elected to the **United Nations' top human rights body** for a period of **three** years beginning 1 January 2019, getting 188 votes in the **Asia-Pacific category**. The 193-member **UN General Assembly** held elections for new members to the **UN Human Rights Council**. The 18 new members were elected by absolute majority through a secret ballot.
- India was vying for a seat in the Asia Pacific category. Along with India, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Fiji and Philippines had also staked a claim in the same regional group.

2. How many projects are approved by Central Government to promote leather industry in Tamil Nadu ?

Answer : four projects

Explanation :

- **The Central Government** has approved a **special package for employment generation in leather and footwear sector**. Centre has approved **four** projects worth over **105 crore** rupees to promote **leather industry in Tamil Nadu**. The projects, under the Central Sector Scheme, **Indian Footwear, Leather and Accessories Development Programme (IFLADP)**, aims to facilitate upgradation of infrastructure, job creation and environmental sustainability.
- **The Commerce and Industry Ministry** said that in-principal approval has also been given to **mega leather cluster** at **Bantala in West Bengal**.

3. Where did the 25th anniversary of the founding of the National Human Rights Commission held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** said **National Human Rights Commission** has an important role to play in government's efforts to achieve sustainable development goals. Addressing an event in **New Delhi** to mark the **25th** anniversary of the founding of the **NHRC**, he said the government is committed to improve the lives of people by ensuring their rights.

4. Name the System, To create transparency in assurance process in Parliamentary affairs?

Answer : Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS).

Explanation :

- To create transparency in assurance process in Parliamentary affairs, **Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel**, inaugurated the **Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS)**.
- It will help in information regarding assurances given on the floor of the Houses of Parliament paper less and in digital format.

5. Who inaugurated the 32nd world conference of World Union of Wholesale Markets?

Answer : Purushottam Rupala

Explanation :

- To exchange information and knowledge between members regarding wholesale and retail markets, **Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Purushottam Rupala** inaugurated the **32nd world conference of World Union of Wholesale Markets, WUWM at Gurugram, Haryana**.
- The theme for the conference is : **'The Wholesale Markets in the Digital Era: Challenges and Opportunities.'**

6. How much fund will release for the construction of a textile tourism complex in Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya?

Answer : 7.8 crore rupees

Explanation :

- **Minister of State for Textiles, Ajay Tamta** has stated that the Ministry will release **7.8 crore rupees** for the construction of a textile tourism complex in **Nongpoh**, Ri-Bhoi district of **Meghalaya**.
- The Union Minister visited different weaving centers in Shillong. The NBCC has completed construction of an apparel center worth **14 crores rupees in the State**.

7. What is the rank of India, According to the RTI rating by Access Info Europe and the Centre for Law and Democracy?

Answer : 6th rank

Explanation :

- According to the **RTI rating** by **Access Info Europe and the Centre for Law and Democracy**, **India** ranked at **6th** position out of **123** countries, after a downfall of 4 positions from the previous year. The survey was carried by **Transparency International India**.
- Among other countries, **Afghanistan** topped the chart with a score of 139 out of 150 whereas, **Austria** scored lowest with just 33 points. In 2011, 2012 and 2013 when the global RTI agency was launched, India was at **the 2nd rank**.

October 15

1. Who are announced India's status as a polio-free country?

Answer : UNICEF & WHO

Explanation :

- The **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** and the **World Health Organization (WHO)** announced India's status as a polio-free country. The risk of children getting vaccine derived poliovirus was "minimal" in India which came up in the backdrop of oral polio vaccine vials being found contaminated with the type-2 polio virus.
- This was achieved by high routine immunization coverage being achieved in India **under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP)**.

2. Who support NITI Aayog in preparing a blueprint for AI-led Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programs?

Answer : Microsoft

Explanation :

- **Microsoft India & NITI Aayog** signed a MOU to deploy artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to address challenges **in agriculture and healthcare**. In the health sector, Microsoft will also support NITI Aayog in preparing a blueprint for **AI-led Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programs**.
- Additionally, a **Microsoft – NITI Aayog Problem to Solution Incubation Test Bed** will be set up within its premises in **Bangalore** to develop AI driven solutions for societal problems identified by NITI Aayog.

3. Who released an Analytical Report of the National Health Profile-2018?

Answer : Ashwini Kumar Choubey

Explanation :

- Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, released an **Analytical Report of the National Health Profile-2018**. It covers demographic, socio-economic, health status and health finance indicators, comprehensive information on health infrastructure and human resources in health.
- The report was prepared by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), under the administration of the Directorate General of Health Services at Patna.

4. Where did the 46th edition of world's largest IHGF-Delhi Fair held?

Answer : India Expo Centre & Mart at Greater Noida

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of State for Textiles, Ajay Tamta**, inaugurated the **46th edition of world's largest IHGF-Delhi Fair** at India Expo Centre & Mart at Greater Noida. This Fair has played a vital role in increasing exports of handicrafts from the country and has acquired a special importance for the handicrafts sector.

5. What is the name of India's first agri and food business online learning platform?

Answer : SRiX Agri-Business Academy

Explanation :

- India's first agri and food business online learning platform was launched at the **SR Innovation Exchange (SRiX) Campus, Warangal in Telangana**. The name of the platform is: **SRiX Agri-Business Academy**.
- It is an Indo-UK collaborative initiative and a technology business incubator under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. It will focus on start-ups of agriculture, cleantech and IoT.

October 16

1. Who launched the Youth Road Safety Learners Licence programme in New Delhi?

Answer : Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Explanation :

- **Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya**, Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Chemical & Fertilizer launched the **Youth Road Safety Learners Licence programme** in **New Delhi**. This programme will be run in collaboration with **Diageo India** and the **Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE)**. It will provide structured training program for young, first-time drivers.

2. How many Special forces announced in the first Indo-US tri-services exercise?

Answer : 3 Special forces

Explanation :

- Inclusion of all **3** Special forces in the **first Indo-US tri-services exercise** was announced. The first such exercise involving all the 3 forces will be in **India**, and it will

take place in **2019**. It will focus on United Nations-based scenario and the over-arching mission of humanitarian assistance, disaster relief measure.

- In the exercise, the Indian Army will have **Para SF**, the Navy will have **Marcos** while the Air Force's **Garud** will be their respective Special Forces.
- The three forces of India and the US already take part in bilateral exercises separately – **Armies** participate in an annual drill called **Yudh Aabyas**, The **Air forces** take part in a bilateral drill called **Cope India** and The **Navies** participate in an exercise in **Malabar**, involving Japan.

3. Which Programme was announced by Delhi government, To attract young leaders to address serious urban challenges ?

Answer : Chief Minister's Urban Leaders Fellowship Programme

Explanation :

- To attract young leaders to address serious urban challenges, the **Delhi** government announced **Chief Minister's Urban Leaders Fellowship Programme**. According to the scheme, the selected candidates will work with Ministers or Senior Officials of Education, Health, Water, Environment, Transport, etc.
- Under this, a total of **30** young professionals, under **35** years age, have been invited with **#DelhiGovernanceRevolution**.

4. Which is the 2nd largest producer of silk in the world?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani**, inaugurated the **6th edition of India International Silk Fair (IISF)** in New Delhi. Minister of State for Textiles, **Ajay Tamta** was also present on the occasion. India is the 2nd largest producer of silk in the world.
- Over 108 exhibitors of silk and blended silk products manufactured in different parts of the country will display their products during the three-day event, **organized by the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC)** at Pragati Maidan.

5. Name the unique internet based mobile app introduced by The Election Commission of India?

Answer : C-vigil

Explanation :

- **The Election Commission of India** is introducing the unique internet based mobile app **C-vigil** in the upcoming assembly polls. The **'CVIGIL'**, which stands for **'citizens' vigil'**, will be operationalised for the first time as a pilot project.
- Using which a person can secretly send to it geo-tagged videos and photos of illegal money being distributed or a hate speech being made during polls.

6. What is the new name of the Allahabad approved by CM Yogi Adityanath?

Answer : Prayagraj

Explanation :

- **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet led by CM Yogi Adityanath** has **approved the proposal to rename Allahabad, which will be called Prayagraj** with immediate effect. **Uttar**

Pradesh Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh informed the media regarding the decision.

- The new name derives from a place in the city called Prayag, where three rivers flowing across the state meet.

October 17

1. Name the scheme did the West Bengal government has ensured food security to more than 85 million people?

Answer : 'Khadya Sathi' scheme

Explanation :

- The **West Bengal government** has ensured food security to more than 85 million people of the state under the '**Khadya Sathi**' scheme. Special assistance is also being given to the people of Jangalmahal and Hill areas besides Aila-affected areas and farmers of Singur, tea garden workers as well as the Toto tribe.
- It has implemented on behalf of World Food Day.

2. What is the name of the website dedicated by Nirmala Sitharaman to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam?

Answer : DRDO website - 'The Kalam Vision – Dare to Dream'

Explanation :

- The Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has dedicated a **DRDO website - 'The Kalam Vision – Dare to Dream'** – to former president and 'Missile Man' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. The website was launched on the 87th birth anniversary of the former president and it focuses on subjects such as artificial intelligence, robotics, autonomous systems and cyber security. Kalam's birthday is on **15 October**.

3. Where did A Korean War memorial will built?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- A **Korean War memorial** will be built in **New Delhi** to commemorate India's role in the war that ended in an armistice in 1953. "**India and South Korea** have agreed to build a war memorial. The idea was proposed by the Korean War Veterans Association in India. The Delhi government had identified the land for the memorial in central Delhi.

4. Who inaugurated a two-day Agri-startup and Entrepreneurship event?

Answer : Radha Mohan Singh

Explanation :

- On the occasion of World Food Day, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated a two-day **Agri-startup and Entrepreneurship event, in New Delhi**. The theme of the event was Unleashing potentials in agriculture for young agri-preneurs. More than 100 agri-preneurs participated in the event.
- These models would help in increasing agricultural production and farmer's income in spite of adversity of climate change.

5. What is the theme of the Mahila Kisan Diwas programme?

Answer : ‘Securing Rights of Women Farmers: Developing a Roadmap for Action’

Explanation :

- **Minister for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Radha Mohan Singh** announced that 30% government’s policies have been formulated to enhance women participation in the agriculture sector. Speaking at the **Mahila Kisan Diwas programme** in **New Delhi**, he said that the involvement of women in the sector has risen to 18% according to a **NSSO (National Sample Survey Office)** report.
- The theme of the event was: ‘**Securing Rights of Women Farmers: Developing a Roadmap for Action**’.

6. Who inaugurated The Goa Maritime Symposium – 2018?

Answer : Admiral Sunil Lanba

Explanation :

- To promote maritime security in **the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**, **Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba** inaugurated **The Goa Maritime Symposium – 2018**, the second edition of the Goa Maritime Symposium (GSM) at INS Mandovi at Goa.
- The theme of the seminar was “**Building Stronger Maritime Partnerships in IOR**”.

7. Name a 24 hour state-of-the-art centre to support women and children?

Answer : Bharosa

Explanation :

- ‘**Bharosa**’, a 24 hour state-of-the-art centre to support women and children afflicted by violence was inaugurated by **Hyderabad Police Commissioner V C Sajjanar**. The centre would help these women along with dealing in POCSO cases.
- It would ensure speedy justice to women in distress and has facilities to record statements of children in POCSO cases.

8. Who launched the air quality early warning system for Delhi?

Answer : Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan** launched the air quality early warning system for **Delhi**. It has been designed with the help of American and Finnish models to predict extreme air pollution levels.

9. Where did the sixth meeting of the UAE – India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments was held?

Answer : Mumbai

Explanation :

- The sixth meeting of the UAE – **India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments** (‘the Joint Task Force’) **was held in Mumbai** to review the progress being made in addressing the agreed actions of the previous meeting held in Abu Dhabi in January 2018 and to elaborate a number of new key issues of mutual importance.

- The two sides noted the positive outcomes achieved by the Joint Task Force to date and agreed upon the need to further explore ways to facilitate investment in key Indian and UAE sectors with the potential for economic growth.

October 18

1. Who released model guidelines for Public – Private partnership (PPP) in Non- Communicable Diseases(NCD)?

Answer : NITI Aayog

Explanation :

- NITI Aayog released model guidelines for Public – Private partnership (PPP) in Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). According to the guidelines, the private partner will invest in upgrading, building and deploying human resources and hold the responsibility for operational management and service delivery.
- State governments will offer necessary physical space. Tariff structure for services offered under NCD care facility could be linked to the existing state and Central Government Health Insurance scheme. All service under NCD care facility will be offered by a single entity: a trust, company or consortium under the PPP arrangement.

2. Name the national campaign launched by The government on the World Food Day?

Answer : ‘Swasth Bharat Yatra’

Explanation :

- **The government** launched a national campaign ‘**Swasth Bharat Yatra**’ on the **World Food Day** under which a pan-India cycle rally is being organised to sensitise people about eating safe food and be healthy.
- The ‘Swasth Bharat Yatra’ was launched simultaneously at Leh (in Jammu & Kashmir), Panaji (Goa), Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Puducherry, Ranchi (Jharkhand) and Agarthala (Tripura).

3. What is the measurement of A big Indian tricolour unfurled at the majestic Haj House in Mumbai?

Answer : 20×30 feet and 350 feet

Explanation :

- **A big Indian tricolour** measuring 20×30 feet and 350 feet above the ground was **unfurled at the majestic Haj House in Mumbai** by Union Minister for Minority Affairs **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**.
- **Naqvi** also inaugurated a special ‘**viewers gallery**’ atop the Haj House that offers a panoramic view of south Mumbai with several renowned monuments like CSMT, the BMC Buildings, the Gateway of India, the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco district which secured a UNESCO world heritage tag last July.

4. What is the rank of India as most competitive economy on the World Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness Index for 2018?

Answer : 58th rank

Explanation :

- **India** has been ranked as the **58th** most competitive economy on the **World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index for 2018**, which was **topped by the US**. India's rank rose by five places from 2017, the largest gain among G20 economies.
- On the list of 140 economies, the US is followed by Singapore and Germany at the second and the third positions respectively

5. Who attend the 12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit to Belgium?

Answer : M Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** will be on a three-day visit to Belgium later this week to attend the **12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit**, the first multilateral dialogue that he will attend after taking office. Naidu will lead an Indian delegation to the summit, scheduled to be held on **October 18-19** in Brussels.

6. Which country is the world's most depressed country, According to a WHO report?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- According to a **World Health Organization report**, **India** is the **world's most depressed country**, closely followed by China and the US. According to the 2015-16 **National Mental Health Survey (NMHS)**, every sixth person in India needs mental health help of some sort. **The United Kingdom** remains the most breached country in the region.
- The Aadhaar custodian **UIDAI** had **denied any breach of data** but it had also filed police complaint against the journalist Rachna Khaira and people to whom she reached out as part of her investigation.

October 19

1. Who is the chairperson for sixth meeting of National Disaster Management Authority?

Answer : Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** chaired the **sixth** meeting of **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** at **New Delhi**. Other delegates present in the meeting were: Home Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** and Agriculture Minister **Radha Mohan Singh** and officials of **NDMA**.

2. What is the percentage of litchi grown in the Bihar?

Answer : 40 percent

Explanation :

- The famous **Shahi litchi of North Bihar** has got the **4th Geographical Indication (GI) tag**. Earlier, **Jardalu mango**, **Katarni rice** and **Magahi paan** from the state got the GI tag. Bihar produces **40 per cent of the litchi grown in the country** on 38 per cent of the area.
- According to agriculture scientists, due to high calcium content in the soil, litchi is better in these areas.

3. Who inaugurated the first-ever corporate social responsibility (CSR) summit?

Answer : Manohar Lal Khattar

Explanation :

- **Haryana** organised its **first-ever corporate social responsibility (CSR) summit in Gurugram** on November 12 and it was inaugurated by Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar**. During the summit, 16 state CSR Awards would be conferred. The nominations procedure for the CSR Awards was started on **October 20** and continue till **October 31**.
- A total of 600 guests from the corporate world would be invited to take part in the summit.

4. Name the first-ever joint military exercise set by India and Japan?

Answer : 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018'

Explanation :

- To promote Military cooperation, India and Japan are all set to hold the **first-ever joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018'** involving the Indian Army and Japan Ground Self Defence Force in Mizoram, India.
- The Indian contingent will be represented by 6/1 GORKHA RIFLES while the Japanese contingent will be represented by 32 Infantry Regiment of the Japanese Ground Self Defence Force. Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018' will be yet another step in deepening strategic ties including closer defence cooperation between the two countries.

5. Who approved extension of the enhanced 50 per cent reservation for women?

Answer : Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh

Explanation :

- The **Punjab Cabinet** chaired by **Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh**, approved extension of the enhanced **50 per cent** reservation for women the office of the chairperson of panchayat samitis and zila parishads. Earlier, the reservation for women in these bodies are **33%**.
- Along with this, reservation in subsequent elections will start from the first non-reserved constituency in this roster in the order **Scheduled Caste-Scheduled Caste Women-Women**.

6. Which policy has decided to amend by Punjab government?

Answer : Industrial and Business Development Policy 2017

Explanation :

- **Punjab** government has decided to amend the **Industrial and Business Development Policy 2017** to give investment incentive through 'Net SGST (Net State Goods And Services Tax) **Incentive**' on intrastate sale.

7. Which government signed a MoU with the Centre to implement the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)?

Answer : Punjab

Explanation :

- **Punjab** government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre to implement the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (**PMJAY**) in Punjab. By implementing PMJAY in Punjab, the scheme will be extended to cover more than 43 lakh families, instead of the proposed 14.96 lakh families.

8. How much percent for sub-quota in recruitments for sportspersons was announced by Edappadi K Palaniswamy?

Answer : 3 percent

Explanation :

- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy** announced **3** percent sub-quota in recruitments for sportspersons in a function organized jointly by sports associations in **Chennai**.
- Earlier in the Independence Day, he had announced to provide 2% reservation for the sportspersons which has been increased to 3% due to requests from various organizations.

October 20

1. Name the two mobile apps launched by Rajiv Chaudhry of North Central Railways?

Answer : 'NCR RASTA' and 'Yatri RASTA'

Explanation :

- The General Manager **Rajiv Chaudhry** of **North Central Railways (NCR)** launched two mobile apps, 'NCR RASTA' and 'Yatri RASTA'. The 2 apps are: **NCR RASTA (Railway assets Summerised Tracking Application)** and **Yatri RASTA (Railway Approach to Station Tracking Application)**. The 'NCR RASTA' app is for the use of railway officers and staff and has exact mapping of all railway assets.

2. Who has reiterated government's aim to ensure that all the homeless get shelter by 2022?

Answer : Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has reiterated government's aim to ensure that all the homeless get shelter **by 2022**, when India celebrates **75** years of Independence. He was speaking at a function marking the launch of several projects **at Sai Mandir Complex at Shirdi in Maharashtra**.

3. Which is the first state in the country to have 100% penetration of LPG in public sector oil companies?

Answer : Kerala

Explanation :

- To make the state smoke-free, **Kerala** became the **first** state in the country to have 100% penetration of LPG in public sector oil companies. With three bottling plants **at Kochi, Kozhikode, and Kollam**, LPG is being brought to 49.79 lakh customers through 308 distributors.

4. Name the 3rd Bihu festival celebrated by Assam?

Answer : 'Kati Bihu'

Explanation :

- **Assam** celebrated its **3rd** Bihu festival known as **the 'Kati Bihu'** festival across the state. The name of the other 2 Bihu festivals are: **Rongali and Bohagi Bihu**. The festival derives its name from the Assamese month of Kati.

- The festival is held at this time of the year since the granaries of the farmers usually remain empty and therefore it is known as **Kongali (poor) Bihu**.

5. Who is arriving in New Delhi this evening on a three-day visit to India?

Answer : Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe

Explanation :

- Sri Lankan Prime Minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe** is arriving in New Delhi this evening on a three-day visit to India. He will hold wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his stay. Both leaders are likely to review the status of the India-assisted housing projects in Sri Lanka's Jaffna.
- The investments are in diverse areas including petroleum retail, IT, financial services, real estate, and telecommunication.

6. Who organised the 4th International Film Festival of Shimla "IFFS 2018"?

Answer : Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Explanation :

- The 4-day **4th International Film Festival of Shimla "IFFS 2018"** concluded in **Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**. It was organised by the **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** in collaboration with **Himalayan velocity, Department of Language & Culture (LAC) & Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation**, Government of Himachal Pradesh.

7. Which countries signed two MoUs for 9th Session of Joint Commission on Economic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation?

Answer : India and Tanzania

Explanation :

- **India and Tanzania** has signed **two Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs)** in presence of External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Tanzanian Foreign Minister **Dr. Augustine Mahiga** in New Delhi. The MoUs are between Foreign Service Institute of India and Centre for Foreign Relation, Tanzania and National Research Development Corporation and Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Corporation
- The agreements were signed following India-Tanzania **9th Session of Joint Commission on Economic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation in New Delhi**.

8. What is the cash award for states that would complete the household electrification early under the Saubhagaya scheme?

Answer : 100 crore rupee

Explanation :

- Government has announced **100 crore rupee award for states** that would complete the household electrification early **under the Saubhagaya scheme**.
- Apart from discoms, employees would also collectively get **50 lakh rupees award** for completing the task of electrifying households under the scheme which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September last year.

9. Which country will host the fourth edition of Global Partners' Forum in December 2018 in New Delhi?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** will host the **fourth edition of Global Partners' Forum** in December 2018 in New Delhi. The **Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH)** will unite over 100 countries' representatives to discuss issues, strategies and solutions to women's, children's and adolescents' health.
- It will be co-hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and PMNCH. Dr Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile is the chair of PMNCH.

October 21

1. Name the railway station named by India for the first time having tunnel at a height of 3,000 metres?

Answer : Keylong station

Explanation :

- **India** for the first time announced a railway station named, **the Keylong station**, to be built inside a tunnel at a height of **3,000 metres** in **Himachal Pradesh**. This will be built along the **Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line** close to the **Sino-India border**. The station will be at a height of around **3,000 metres** and will be inside a **27-km-long tunnel**.
- Keylong is the administrative centre of Lahaul and Spiti district, 26 km north of Manali and 120 km from the Indo-Tibetan border.

2. Which council announced its order to make it mandatory for medium and large enterprises in key sectors to set aside funds for research and development?

Answer : Prime Minister's Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council

Explanation :

- The **Prime Minister's Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC)** announced its order to make it mandatory for medium and large enterprises in key sectors to set aside funds for **research and development**. The high-level panel wants the private sector to have a share of at least **1% of GDP by 2022**.
- **An Advanced Mission Mode Innovation and Research (ADMIRE)** is proposed to be launched by line ministries to provide direct R&D grants to industry on a 50-50 model through competitive bidding.

3. Which is the country's best developed village according to Rural Development Ministry survey?

Answer : Kuligod in Karnataka's Belagavi district

Explanation :

- **Kuligod in Karnataka's Belagavi district** is the **country's best developed village**, but more than a third of the gram panchayats ranked in the top 10 are in Andhra Pradesh, according to the findings of an ongoing **Rural Development Ministry survey**.
- There are 97 panchayats in the top 10 ranks. Of these, 37 panchayats are in Andhra Pradesh while 24 are in Tamil Nadu. The **Rural Development Ministry** has done a gap

analysis of more than 3.5 lakh villages, in more than 1.6 lakh panchayats under the Mission **Antyodaya convergence scheme**.

4. Who has made the man-animal conflict a 'State Declared Disaster'?

Answer : Uttar Pradesh government

Explanation :

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has made the **man-animal conflict** a '**State Declared Disaster**' bringing such incidents under the ambit of **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** to ensure better coordination and relief during such mishaps in the state.
- Taking the historical decision to this effect, the state government has issued orders which will enable faster monetary relief to the victims of attack of wild animals.

5. Who is the head of the **parliamentary panel** for **EPFO**?

Answer : BJP MP Kirit Somaiya

Explanation :

- A **parliamentary panel** will examine the functioning of retirement fund body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (**EPFO**), its coverage and recovery of arrears. The parliamentary standing committee on labour has also decided to review the implementation of labour laws, social security and welfare scheme for workers.
- The panel will be **headed by BJP MP Kirit Somaiya** and has selected a wide range of subjects related to labourers.

October 22

1. What was the theme of NITI Lecture Series?

Answer : "AI for ALL: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Inclusive Growth".

Explanation :

- **NITI Aayog** has organized the **fourth edition of NITI Lecture Series** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 4th edition of NITI Lecture series in which the keynote address was delivered by **Jensen Huang, President and Co-Founder, NVIDIA Corporation**.
- The theme for this year is "**AI for ALL: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Inclusive Growth**".

2. Who were dedicated the National Police Memorial to the nation?

Answer : Shri Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- On **Police Commemoration Day**, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, dedicated the **National Police Memorial** to the nation. He also announced an annual award in the name of **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**, to honour the police and paramilitary personnel, involved in disaster response operations.
- PM Modi also commemorated the **75th anniversary** of Netaji's declaration of the formation of India's first independent government- the **Azad Hind Government on October 21, 1943**.

3. Which is India's longest river?

Answer : Brahmaputra river

Explanation :

- **India's longest river bridge to be built on Brahmaputra river in Assam.** It was announced that 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, four-lane** bridge that will cut road travel by **203 km**.
- Currently, the longest river bridge in India, at **9.15 km**, is the **Dhola-Sadiya Bridge** which was opened in 2017.

4. Where was held "The 27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2018)"?

Answer : Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Explanation :

- A **parliamentary panel** will examine the functioning of retirement fund body **Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**, its coverage and recovery of arrears. The panel will be headed by BJP MP **Kirit Somaiya**.
- Earlier, the panel had suggested that the EPFO should **act as the sole regulator** for all categories of provident funds, particularly **private PF trusts**.

5. Where was India's first luxury cruise ship inaugurated?

Answer : Mumbai

Explanation :

- **Angria, India's first luxury cruise ship**, has been inaugurated at **Mumbai**. Union minister for shipping Nitin Gadkari and Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis flagged-off the cruise which will operate between **Mumbai and Goa**.
- Named after the first Maratha Navy **Admiral Kanhoji Angre** and the Angria bank coral reef near Vijaydurg, the luxury ship has 104 rooms, divided into eight different categories.

October 23

1. Where was held "The 27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2018)"?

Answer : Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Explanation :

- **The 27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2018)** has started in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The FEC 2018 aims to provide a forum for the discussion of key physics and technology issues as well as innovative concepts of direct relevance to the use of nuclear fusion as a source of energy.
- **The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** fosters the exchange of scientific and technical results in nuclear fusion research and development through its series of Fusion Energy Conferences.

2. How far away Satana taluka from Nashik?

Answer : 125 kilometres

Explanation :

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** arrived at **Nashik** to inaugurate the three-day “**Vishwa Shanti Ahimsa Sammelan**” at Mangi Tungi in Satana taluka, about 125 kilometres from Nashik.
- After inaugurating the “Vishwa Shanti Ahimsa Sammelan”, organised by the **Bhagwan Rishabhdev Murti Nirmaan Samiti**, Kovind will present the first international “**Bhagwan Rishabhdev Award**” to **Teerthanker Mahaveer University**, based in **Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh**.

3. Which is one of the largest handmade carpet fairs in Asia?

Answer : India Carpet Expo

Explanation :

- **India** will be the global host of **UNICEF’s Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health stakeholders meeting**, including participation from nearly hundred countries, this December.
- The Forum will be hosted by **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** in collaboration with the **Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)**.
- The **36th** edition of **India Carpet Expo**, organised by **Carpet Export Promotion Council** at Trade facilitation Center and Craft Museum, **Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)** was inaugurated by **Narandra Modi**, Prime Minister through video conferencing at Amphitheatre near the museum.
- With the participation of over 305 exhibitors, **India Carpet Expo is one of the largest handmade carpet fairs in Asia** with a unique platform for the buyers to source the best floor coverings under one roof.

4. Who is 14th Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister?

Answer : Marija Pejcinovic Buric

Explanation :

- **India and Croatia** signed two agreements during the **14th Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister Marija Pejcinovic Buric** one day visit to India. This is the first Croatian foreign minister to visit the country after 17 years.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and her Croatian counterpart Marija Pejcinovic Buric signed two agreements to facilitate cultural exchange and diplomatic cooperation.

5. What was the title of 4-day international dance festival?

Answer : Udbhav Utsav.

Explanation :

- The six-day **27th International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2018)** started in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. It is organised by IAEA. It

is hosted by the Department of Atomic Energy and Gandhinagar-based Institute of Plasma Research.

- It aims to provide a platform for discussion of major physics and technology issues and innovative concepts related to the use of nuclear fusion as a source of energy.
- Uzbekistan Ambassador to India Farhod Arziev inaugurated a 4-day international dance festival titled “**Udbhav Utsav**” in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**. This dance festival is sponsored by the Greenwood group of schools. This is the 15th year for this festival.

October 24

1. What is the objective of the portal and the app ‘Mai Nahi Hum’?

Answer : social causes, and service to society, on one platform

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** interacted with IT and electronic manufacturing professionals and key industry leaders from across the country **in New Delhi**. Professionals from about 100 locations across India joined the event through video-conference. The Prime Minister launched the “**Main Nahin Hum**” **Portal and app on the occasion**.
- The portal which works on the theme "Self for Society" will enable IT professionals and organizations to bring together their efforts towards social causes, and service to society, on one platform.

2. NABARD has signed a MoU with ARF to facilitate several collaborative initiatives for integrated agricultural and rural development of which state?

Answer : Haryana

Explanation :

- The **Haryana regional office of Nabard has signed an MoU with Delhi-based Ayurvet Research Foundation (ARF)** for facilitating various collaborative initiatives, especially **in the resource-poor districts of Haryana, for the integrated agricultural and rural development of the state**.
- The MoU will facilitate in finding practical solutions to the problems and challenges coming in the way of integrated development of some districts.

3. Which Ministry launches Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali campaign?

Answer : Environment Ministry

Explanation :

- **Environment Ministry** launched the **2nd edition of Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali** campaign. It was initiated in **2017-18** and is aimed at pledging to minimize bursting of crackers. This edition has been merged with “**Green Good Deed**” movement for conservation and protection of environment.
- It has been extended **Pan-India** and will last till the **1st week of November**.

4. Which countries signed a MoU for Operation and Maintenance of Sittwe Port?

Answer : India and Myanmar

Explanation :

- **India** and **Myanmar** signed a MoU for the appointment of a private Port Operator for the Operation and Maintenance of **Sittwe Port**, Paletwa Inland Water Terminal and associated facilities included in the Kaladan Multi Model Transit Transport Project in implementation of India's Act East Policy.

6. Where did held TECH 2018?

Answer : Novotel, Vizag City, Andhra Pradesh.

Explanation :

- **UNESCO MGIEP** in association with **Government of Andhra Pradesh** announces **TECH 2018**, an international conference which aims to showcase the role of games and digital learning to create peaceful and sustainable societies. TECH 2018 will feature speakers from the fields of digital learning, artificial intelligence, games for learning and more. The three day event will be held from 15-17 November **at Novotel, Vizag City, Andhra Pradesh**.
- **TECH 2018** aims at drawing a blueprint for harnessing pedagogical possibilities opened up by digital technologies, in order to contribute to enabling a revolutionary shift in education from individual content acquisition to collaborative intelligence.

7. Which state Hosts 4-Day International Dance Festival?

Answer : Reef

Explanation :

- Uzbekistan Ambassador to India **Farhod Arziev** inaugurated a four-day international dance festival titled "**Udbhav Utsav**" in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**.
- The dance festival was sponsored by the **Greenwood group of schools**. Dance troupes from Bulgaria, Turkey and Sri Lanka, apart from 25 teams from India, participated in the event.

8. How many county participate **Sagar conference**?

Answer : 15

Explanation :

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** will inaugurate the **second** edition of the **Sagar conference at Bambolim, Goa**. It is being organised by the Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS). The conference aims to highlight the technological, economic and developmental opportunities with opening up of space and how efficiently the potential can be explored.
- Delegates including scientists and researchers from around 15 countries will participate in the conference.

October 25

1. What is the theme STAPCOR – 2018?

Answer : Reef for Life

Explanation :

- **International Conference on Status and Protection of Coral Reefs (STAPCOR – 2018)** was held at **Bangaram coral Island of Lakshadweep**. The conference was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- Theme for the conference was: “Reef for Life”. Nearly 150 delegates from India and other countries participated.

2. Which organisation releases ‘Asian Economic Integration Report 2018’ report?

Answer : Asian Development Bank

Explanation :

- **Most of the international migrants in 2017 were from India**, followed by China and Bangladesh, an **Asian Development Bank (ADB) report** titled ‘**Asian Economic Integration Report 2018**’ said. The report further said as many as one third of international migrants were from Asia in 2017.
- According to the report, Asia continued as the largest source of international migrants globally although the number of Asian migrants headed to regional destinations declined slightly.

3. Where was the Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018 organized?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **The Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018** opened in **New Delhi**. The **theme** of the 2-day summit is, ‘**Connecting Farmers to Market**’. Inaugurating the summit, Secretary Agriculture and Co-operation Sanjay Agrawal said, several measures are being taken to double farmers’ income by 2022.
- Pioneer of India’s green revolution Professor MS Swaminathan was also present on the occasion.

4. Which bench clarified that BS-VI compliant vehicle?

Answer : Madan B Lokur

Explanation :

- **The Supreme Court** ruled that **no Bharat Stage-IV vehicle shall be sold across the country** with effect from April 1, 2020. The **Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI)** emission norm would come into force from April 1, 2020 across the country.
- The ruling was made by a three-judge bench headed by **Justice Madan B Lokur**. The bench clarified that only BS-VI compliant vehicle will be sold in India from April 1, 2020.

5. What is the purpose of “Pashu Sanjeevni Sewa” service?

Answer : free of cost quality veterinary services and health care facilities

Explanation :

- **Haryana Government** has decided to introduce “**Pashu Sanjeevni Sewa**” in the state under which free of cost quality veterinary services and health care facilities for the livestock would be made available at the doorstep of livestock farmers through mobile veterinary clinics. To begin with, this service would be started in all blocks of three districts namely Jind, Yamunanagar and Nuh .
- It was informed that the livestock farmers would be able to avail the service of mobile veterinary clinics 24×7 after giving a call on toll free number **1962**.

6. Where did launch ICGS Varuna?

Answer : RNEL at the Pipavav Port in Amreli district of Gujarat.

Explanation :

- Anil Ambani-led shipbuilder **Reliance Naval and Engineering (RNEL)** launched a 3,000-tonne training ship for the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**, which will be delivered in May next year.
- The **105-metre** long training vessel, the **largest ship** ever built for the ICG, at the cost of Rs 220 crore, is named ‘**ICGS Varuna**’, and was launched at the shipyard of RNEL **at the Pipavav Port in Amreli district of Gujarat**.

October 26

1. Name the farmers’ conclave inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi??

Answer : Krishi Kumbh 2018

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a farmers’ conclave ‘**Krishi Kumbh 2018**’ in **Lucknow**, Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing. The three-day ‘**Krishi Kumbh**’ is being organized to promote modern technique and diversification in agriculture that could help in doubling farmer’s income.
- The Kumbh witnessed two of the world’s top economies, **Israel and Japan**, as official partners while **Haryana and Jharkhand** as partner states.

2. The International Arya Mahasammelan – 2018 inaugurated by whom?

Answer : Krishi Kumbh 2018

Explanation:

- **The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the International Arya Mahasammelan – 2018** in Delhi. Mahasammelan discussed on the issues such as prevention of superstition, modernization, women empowerment, tribal welfare, and management of natural calamities.

3. Where was the 10th Nuclear Energy Conclave inaugurated?

Answer : New Delhi.

Explanation:

- The **10th Nuclear Energy Conclave** was inaugurated by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, in **New Delhi**.
- Theme of the conclave was: “Nuclear **Power: Towards A Clean And Base Load Energy**”. Dr Jitendra Singh announced that, “Hall of Nuclear Power”, India’s first permanent exhibition on nuclear power, has been built in New Delhi.

4. What is the use of web portal scheme launched by Mr.Prakash Javadekar?

Answer : Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)

Explanation :

- Minister of Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar launched the **web portal** of the “**Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)**” in New Delhi.
- The web portal is available at: at www.sparc.iitkgp.ac.in. SPARC scheme aims to improve the research ecosystem of India’s higher educational institutions by enabling academic and research collaborations between Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world

5. Who are called as GoM?

Answer : Union Home Minister, highways minister, defence minister, women and child development minister

Explanation:

- The government constituted a group of ministers (GoM) headed by **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh** to prevent and deal with sexual harassment of women in workplaces. The other members of the GoM are road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari, defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and women and child development minister **Maneka Sanjay Gandhi**.
- The group will examine and recommend further measures required to strengthen and make the existing provisions for the safety of women within three months.

6. What is the theme of 10th Nuclear Energy Conclave?

Answer : Nuclear Power - Towards a Clean & Base Load Energy’

Explanation :

- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurates **10th Nuclear Energy Conclave** in **New Delhi** on the theme: ‘**Nuclear Power – Towards a Clean & Base Load Energy**’. Dr Singh stated that the

Cabinet has given its approval for construction of 10 units of India's indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR).

October 27

1. What is the theme for STAPCOR - 2018?

Answer : Reef for Life

Explanation :

- The International Conference on **Status and Protection of Coral Reefs (STAPCOR – 2018)** with the **theme “Reef for Life”** was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** at Bangaram coral Island of Union Territory of **Lakshadweep**.
- About 150 delegates both International and National, are participating in this mega event at Bangaram Island.

2. Which vehicle shall not be sold across the country from April 1, 2020?

Answer : Bharat Stage IV

Explanation :

- The **Supreme Court** said that no **Bharat Stage IV** vehicle shall be sold across the country with effect from **April 1, 2020**. The Bharat stage emission standards are standards instituted by the government to regulate output of air pollutants from motor vehicles.
- The **Bharat Stage VI** (or BS-VI) emission norm would come into force from **April 1, 2020** across the country. In 2016, the Centre had announced that the country would **skip the BS-V norms** altogether and adopt BS-VI norms by 2020.

3. Who did the 5th edition of Women of India National Organic Fest 2018 inaugurate?

Answer : Maneka Gandhi

Explanation :

- Women and Child Development Minister **Maneka Gandhi** inaugurated the **5th edition of Women of India National Organic Fest 2018** in New Delhi. The fest will continue till 4th of next month. She said, for the first time vegan food and food court have been introduced in this edition of the festival.

4. What is India's First Rooftop Solar Powered Cinema?

Answer : METRO INOX

Explanation :

- **Mumbai's** iconic heritage cinema **METRO INOX** is **India's First Rooftop Solar Powered Cinema** and South Mumbai's Largest Multiplex. It has launched two **INSIGNIA** screens which are 100% solar powered. It has become the first multiplex in India to join the solar revolution.

- The iconic Metro Cinema has celebrated the glorious cinematic history of our country since 1938. It was recently completely refurbished rekindling its heritage features by INOX Leisure Ltd, India's leading multiplex chain.

5. What is the major theme of 10th Edition of BIOFACH INDIA?

Answer : "Enhancing export of organic products trade from India – strategies and synergies"

Explanation :

- Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, **Suresh Prabhu** inaugurated the **10th Edition of BIOFACH INDIA**, the largest show on the "Organic Sector" in India. Being organized by NuernbergMesse India and APEDA(Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and supported by the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, BIOFACH INDIA is taking place in Pragati Maidan from **October 25th** till 27th.
- One of the major attraction of BIOFACH INDIA is the conference, the **theme** being **"Enhancing export of organic products trade from India – strategies and synergies"**.

6. Who inaugurated the 11th Global Agriculture Summit 2018?

Answer : Sanjay Agrawal (Secretary Agriculture and Co-operation)

Explanation :

- The **2-day 11th Global Agriculture Summit 2018** concluded in **New Delhi**. It aimed to provide the platform towards facilitating farmers connect with the technologies, markets, industry, institutions and the Governmental programs.
- It was inaugurated by Secretary Agriculture and Co-operation, Sanjay Agrawal. The theme of the summit was: **'Connecting Farmers to Market'**.

October 28

1. With which country India have signed research on different aspects of the Ganga delta region and the Bay of Bengal?

Answer : United Kingdom

Explanation :

- **India and the United Kingdom** will collaborate on research on different aspects of the **Ganga delta region and the Bay of Bengal**. The two countries are also collaborating in several areas of earth sciences and weather, like the monsoon.

2. Who inaugurated three-day long Krishi Kumbh 2018 in Lucknow?

Answer : Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- To enable technology driven solution to farmers and double their income, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated **three-day long Krishi Kumbh 2018 in Lucknow** through video conferencing. Krishi Kumbh is having: **Haryana and Jharkhand** as partner states and **Japan and Israel** as partner countries.

- **Indian railways** plans to connect **New Delhi with Ladakh region** through the **world's highest railway line** that will run along the India-China border. The national transporter plans to build a strategically-important **Bilaspur-Manali- Leh line** along the Indo-China border.
- The rail line will have a highest road point of **5,360 metres** above mean sea level that is comparable only to the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Line in China, which is at a height of around 2,000 metres.

3. How much amount sanctioned for “**Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries**”

Answer : 51 crore rupees

Explanation :

- **Meghalaya** launched the flagship scheme “**Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries**”. For this, the Central Government has sanctioned **51** crore rupees. This would enable self-sufficiency in fish production.

4. Which organization was compiled and published the “Naandi Foundation” report?

Answer : The Teen Age Girls (TAG) Report

Explanation :

- According to survey findings of **The Teen Age Girls (TAG) Report**, conducted by **Project Nanhi Kali, Kerala** topped the TAG index, which compares the performance of each State based on the status of their teenage girls. This is the nation's first report on what it means to be a teenage girl in India.
- This report was Compiled and published by the **Naandi Foundation**, with grant support from **Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.** It was conducted by an all-women team of **1000** surveyors, covering over **74,000 girls** across the country and traversed **30 States** and **600 districts**.

5. What is the theme of GIFF 2018?

Answer : Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

Explanation :

- The second edition of the **Guwahati International Film Festival (GIFF 2018)** began in Assam. The week-long festival will witness the screening of more than 100 films from 50 countries. The theme of GIFF 2018 is: ‘**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**’. The focus region of GIFF 2018 is the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region.
- The opening film of GIFF 2018, was ‘**Bhoga Khiriki**’ (**Broken Window**) by filmmaker Jahnu Barua.

6. Which is the second largest solar market in the world?

Answer : India installed 4.9 GW of solar power

Explanation :

- **India installed 4.9 GW of solar power**, consolidating its position as the **second largest solar market in the world**, during the first half of the calendar year 2018, according to a report by Mercom Communications India.
- According to the report, China topped the list. Adani remained the largest project developer in terms of total cumulative installations and top installer in terms of capacity installed through the end of the first half.

October 29

1. Whose are signed a MoU to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation?

Answer : Arunachal Pradesh government & The British Council

Explanation :

- The **Arunachal Pradesh** government signed a **MoU** with **The British Council** in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation.
- The MoU was signed by Tayek Talom, Director of Higher and Technical Education of Arunachal Pradesh, and Alan Gemmell, Director, British Council India, on the sidelines of the **Tawang Festival**.

2. Name the new web portal launched by Naveen Patnaik in Bhubaneswar?

Answer : Odia Virtual Academy

Explanation :

- Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched a new web portal of '**Odia Virtual Academy**' (**www.ova.gov.in**) to promote the Odia language and literature at the Secretariat in Bhubaneswar. The new website will be helpful in the promotion of Odia language at the international level, especially for the Non Resident Odias (NROs).
- **Three** memoranda of understanding (MoUs) were signed by the **Odisha Government** with the **University of Chicago library**, CDAC and Centre for Internet and Society, Bengaluru to expedite digitisation of Odia literature and development of Odia software.

3. How much amount have donated by Indo-Canadian expatriates to a Toronto-based non-profit organisation?

Answer : more than \$7 million dollars

Explanation :

- **Indo-Canadian** expatriates have donated more than **\$7 million dollars** to a Toronto-based non-profit organisation which builds and runs education hostels in rural India. The non-profit AIM for SEWA (Canada) builds hostels in far-flung, rural areas of India to educate children from poor families.
- At this year's annual gala dinner in Toronto attended by former Miss India Pooja Batra, many Indo-Canadians pledged donations to AIM for SEWA to take its collections to over \$7 million dollars to promote education of poor rural kids in India.

4. Which report is used to agriculture for doubling farmer's income?

Answer : Approach to Agriculture: A Holistic Overview

Explanation :

- Panel of governors constituted by **President Ram Nath Kovind** submitted its report '**Approach to Agriculture: A Holistic Overview**' on approach to agriculture for **doubling farmer's income**.
- The committee was headed by **Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik**.

5. Name the seminar organized by MDWS in Maharashtra

Answer : Gandhian Thoughts and Sanitation

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) organized a seminar in Wardha district of Maharashtra.
- The seminar, titled "**Gandhian Thoughts and Sanitation**", was centered on the Gandhian ideology on sanitation and the implementation of the same through the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).
- The seminar ended with a visit to Sevagram, to experience and learn from Gandhiji's time there.

6. Which is organized '**Young Innovators Programme YIP 2018**'?

Answer : Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur

Explanation:

- To make the younger generation more oriented towards scientific and technological innovations, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur organised a science and technology competition for students of class 8 to 10.
- The competition called the '**Young Innovators Programme YIP 2018**' was attended by many schools in the country and also from Singapore.

October 30

1. Who inaugurated the first Mega Food Park in Gujarat?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal** inaugurated the **first Mega Food Park- The Gujarat Agro Mega Food Park, in Surat, Gujarat**. It is promoted by M/s **Gujarat Agro Infrastructure Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd** and is located at Village Shah and Vasravi, Taluka Mangrol, District Surat. Additionally, a **2nd Mega Food Park** has been sanctioned by the Ministry in **Mehsana District** of Gujarat.

2. What is the Speed of semi-high speed train?

Answer : 160 kmph

Explanation :

- **India** released its **first semi-high speed train** called- Train 18. It is a 16-coach prototype without a locomotive (engine) that will travel at a speed of up to 160 kmph. It was developed by the city-based **Integral Coach Factory, Chennai in 18 months** as part of the '**Make In India**' initiative.

3. Where was the conference on Innovation in Cyberspace, Cyber Security – Challenges and Innovations held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- **Defence Research and Development Organization**, DRDO organized a day-long conference on Innovation in Cyberspace, Cyber Security – Challenges and Innovations, held in DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Secretary, Department of Defence, Research and Development, and Chairman, DRDO, **Dr G Satheesh Reddy** stressed on work on the cyberspace area.

4. What are the six local languages announced by Facebook for the Digital Literacy Library ?

Answer : Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

Explanation :

- As part of its efforts to train 3,00,000 people in India on digital literacy by end of 2018, **Facebook** has announced the launch of the **Digital Literacy Library**, a collection of lessons in six local languages – **Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam**.
- This was announced at **Facebook's South Asia Safety Summit** where the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** together with Facebook convened a group of leaders in safety and technology and was joined by over 70 organizations from five countries, including India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan.

5. What is the theme of this year's India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2018?

Answer : New Digital Horizons – Connect. Create. Innovate.

Explanation :

- **India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2018**, a marquee event which provided a peep into the exciting future in the rapidly evolving area of digital communications ended on 29 October. This year's event theme was "**New Digital Horizons – Connect. Create. Innovate.**"
- The mega 3-day event was inaugurated on **October 25** by Shri **Manoj Sinha**, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications.

6. Where did the country's first gallery on robotic dinosaurs was opened?

Answer : Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala

Explanation :

- **The country's first gallery on robotic dinosaurs** was opened to the public at the **Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala**. A joint initiative of the Union and state governments, the science city is the biggest project of its kind in northern India and has been set up in 72 acres of land in the heart of Punjab, on Jalandhar-Kapurthala road.

7. Who launched India's first automatic Early Warning Dissemination System (EDWS)?

Answer : Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

Explanation :

- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched **India's first** automatic **Early Warning Dissemination System (EDWS)**. The inauguration coincided with Odisha Government observing **Disaster Preparedness Day**. On this day, 19 years ago, the state was left devastated by **"Super Cyclone" in 1999**.
- In total **122** alert towers have been set up under the **National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP)** along the coastal line of Odisha to give early warning on the risk in impending natural calamities like tsunami, cyclone and flood.

8. Who inaugurated the CCTNS conference?

Answer : Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir

Explanation :

- The Union Minister of State for Home , Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir inaugurated the two-day conference on **"CCTNS--Good practices and Success Stories"** organised by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). MoS (Home) Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir also released a Compendium of **"CCTN--Good practices and Success Stories"**.

October 31

1. What is the height of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel statue at Kevadia in Narmada district?

Answer : 182

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil the bronze statue of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Kevadia in Narmada district, on the 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Patel**.
- At 182 metres, the 'Statue of Unity', facing the Sardar Sarovar Dam, is nearly double the height of the Statue of Liberty in New York and taller than the Spring Temple of Buddha in China, which had held the record at 153 metres.

2. Name the new Science Centre launched by Dr Jitendra Singh in Assam?

Answer : TFC

Explanation :

- The **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)**, Dr Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone of new Science Centre, the **"Technology Facility Centre" (TFC) in Jorhat, Assam**. These will help in improving livelihood opportunities for unemployed youth, farmers, women and artisans.
- This will be established in the premises of the **CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology (NEIST)**. This will work as a Center of Excellence for all the eight States of Northeast for promoting research as well as job creation.

3. Who is the founder of India's largest Dry Dock at Cochin Shipyard?

Answer : Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan

Explanation :

- The **Union Minister for Shipping , Road Transport and Highways, Mr Nitin Gadkari** and **Kerala Chief Minister Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan** laid foundation of India's largest **Dry Dock** at **Cochin Shipyard**. It will have a **water treatment plant** and **Green Belt Development**.
- It will be used to build specialized and technologically advanced large vessels like LNG Carriers, drill ships etc for the Indian Navy.

4. Where was the seminar on “Gandhian Thoughts and Sanitation” organized by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, recently?

Answer : Wardha district, Maharashtra

Explanation :

- A seminar titled “**Gandhian Thoughts and Sanitation**” was organized by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in **Wardha district, Maharashtra**. The seminar was focused on the Gandhian ideology on sanitation and its implementation through Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).
- Topics like appropriate technologies in rural sanitation, organic waste management, and preventive sanitation linked with Nai Talim and industrialization: Gandhi's concept of Swachh evam Swavalambhi Sankul, were discussed.

5. Where did the 5th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care Systems in India, held from 30th October to 1st November 2018?

Answer : Kaziranga in Assam

Explanation :

- The **5th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care Systems** in India began at Kaziranga in Assam. The objective of the summit is to share and learn the good practices being implemented by several states and organizations for the betterment of the health sector.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

October 1

1. Where is an AYUSH Information Cell?

Answer : Romania

Explanation :

- **Ministry of AYUSH** has set up an **AYUSH Information Cell at the premises of the Indian Embassy in Romania** to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH system of medicine and encourage Ayurveda practice in Romania.
- The AYUSH Information Cell, Romania will help to organise lectures, consultation, conduct seminars, training courses and facilitate associations of AYUSH stakeholders for networking conducting meetings, develop awareness of AYUSH system among public in Romania.

2. When India plans to eliminate TB?

Answer : 2025

Explanation :

- **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**’.
- 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**.

October 2

1. Where did plans to build biggest water treatment and supply plants?

Answer : Selaulim and Opa in Goa

Explanation :

- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between the **Portuguese Environment Ministry and the Public Works Department of Goa**. It will help the State manage its water resources better. Goa Public Works Department Minister **Sudin Dhavalikar** and Portugal's Minister of Environment **Joao Pedro de Matos Fernandes** signed the MoU in the field of water supply, waste water management and sanitation to be implemented in the state.
- As part of the MoU, the assessment of two of the biggest **water treatment and supply plants at Selaulim and Opa in Goa** would be undertaken. The MoU is for a period of **two years**.

2. Who agreed to provide loan for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project?

Answer : Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Explanation :

- The **Indian Government** has signed an agreement with the **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**. JICA has agreed to provide an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of around **Rs 5,500 crore (89,547 million Japanese Yen)** as **Tranche 1** for the the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project.

October 3

1. Which countries participate in IBSAMAR a joint Multi-National Maritime Exercise?

Answer : Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies

Explanation :

- **The sixth edition of IBSAMAR**, a joint **Multi-National Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies**, is being held at Simons Town, South Africa.
- The last edition of IBSAMAR (IBSAMAR V) was conducted off Goa, from 19 – 26 Feb 16. The aim of the exercise is to undertake collective training for participating navies, building interoperability and mutual understanding as well as sharing of best practices.

2. NIOT stands for

Answer : National Institute of Ocean Technology

Explanation :

- The **Indian and Vietnamese** Coast Guards will take part in joint exercises off **Chennai** to promote interoperability between the two maritime forces. The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) vessel **Sagar Manjusha** will participate in the exercise.

3. Which deal renamed as USMCA?

Answer : NAFTA

Explanation :

- **Canada agreed to sign a trade deal with the United States and Mexico**, revamping the **North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)** after almost a year of negotiations. The new deal has been named the **United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**.
- The trilateral pact is expected to be signed by the three North American countries, after which it would be submitted to Congress.

October 4

1. Who elected as the President of Iraq?

Answer : Barham Salih

Explanation :

- Veteran Kurdish leader **Barham Salih** has been elected as the President of Iraq. Iraq's **Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK)** selected Salih to take over from Fuad Masum.

2. Where did India launch 'Operation Samudra Maitri' to help Tsunami hit victims?

Answer : Indonesia

Explanation :

- **India** has launched a massive **operation** to provide assistance to the earthquake and tsunami victims **in Indonesia**, dispatching two aircraft and three naval ships carrying relief material to the country.
- '**Operation Samudra Maitri**' for humanitarian assistance was launched on **October 1**, and following Indonesia's acceptance of international aid.

October 5

1. Who get top rank in GEAR?

Answer : Norway

Explanation :

- In the **2018 Government E-Payments Adoption Ranking (GEAR)**, compiled by **The Economist Intelligence Unit** commissioned by payments company **Visa** ranked India as **28th** country to progress in the digital transformation journey.
- The survey is a **73-country** ranking survey with Norway leading the pack followed by France and Denmark. India moved up to **28th in 2018**, from **36th in 2011**.

October 6

1. Which countries participate KAZIND-2018' joint military exercise?

Answer : India and Kazakhstan

Explanation :

- **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** completed her 3-day visit to **Astana, Kazakhstan**. She visited Kazakhstan at the invitation of Minister of Defence of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr. **Nurlan Yermekbayev**.
- India and Kazakhstan jointly completed a company level joint military exercise '**KAZIND-2018**' in South Kazakhstan in September 2018. The two countries had renewed the Memorandum of Cooperation on defence in January 2017. Both countries are 'strategic partners' since 2009.

2. Which country launch world's first full-sized Hyperloop passenger capsule?

Answer : Spain

Explanation :

- The world's first full-sized **Hyperloop passenger capsule** has been unveiled **in Spain** giving those in attendance a glimpse of the future. California based company Hyperloop

Transportation Technologies (Hyperloop TT) revealed the slimline capsule, which can reach speeds of **1,220** kilometres per hour.

October 7

1. How many countries are member in IORA?

Answer : 21

Explanation :

- Nearly 21 countries in the **Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA**, adopted the Delhi Declaration on Renewable Energy in the Indian Ocean Region. It was held at the 2nd IORA Renewable Energy Ministerial Meeting, the **2nd Global Re-Invest India-ISA Partnership Renewable Energy Investor's Meet & Expo** in Greater Noida.
- The declaration also calls for promotion of **technology development and transfer, strengthening of public private partnerships in renewable energy and collaboration** among IORA member states and the member nations of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). IORA member countries also resolved to collaborate with the **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**.

October 8

1. Who is USA 114th Justice of the Supreme Court?

Answer : Brett Kavanaugh

Explanation :

- In USA, President Donald Trump's controversial nominee **Brett Kavanaugh** was sworn in as the **114th Justice of the Supreme Court**.
- Kavanaugh was officially sworn by **outgoing Chief Justice John Roberts** who administered the Constitutional Oath, hours after the 53-year-old judge was confirmed by a bitterly divided Senate by 50-48 votes.

2. What is the aim of the environmental dimension of sustainable development ?

Answer : environment, climate change, renewable energy, energy efficiency, resource conservation and management, water sanitation, smart cities and urban infrastructure

Explanation :

- The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** signed a MoU with the **UN Environment** for **coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development**. The agreement aims to cover all major areas of interest common to both **CII and UN Environment**.
- It aims to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate cooperation in areas including environment, climate change, renewable energy, energy efficiency, resource conservation and management, water sanitation, smart cities and urban infrastructure.

October 9

1. Which countries participated in Kamandag joint military exercise?

Answer : Japan and US

Explanation :

- **Japan** joined the joint exercise codenamed- '**Kamandag**'(venom) with **US** and **Filipino** troops in the **Philippines** for the first time since World War II. This marked the first time Japanese armoured military vehicles were used on foreign soil since 1945.
- This exercise consists of about **150** US, Filipino and Japanese troops participating in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief training.

2. Who is the President of Tajikistan?

Answer : Emomali Rahmon

Explanation :

- **President Ram Nath Kovind** had a meeting with his **Tajikistan counterpart Mr. Emomali Rahmon** in Dushanbe. On this occasion, both countries signed MoUs in various fields including political relations, strategic research, agriculture, renewable energy, traditional medicine, space technology, youth affairs, Culture and Disaster Management.

3. Who test-fired Ghauri ballistic missile?

Answer : Pakistan

Explanation :

- **Pakistan** has successfully test-fired **Ghauri ballistic missile** capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads up to a distance of **1,300 kilometres**. The launch was conducted by Army Strategic Forces Command and was aimed at testing the operational and technical readiness.
- In April, Pakistan successfully test-fired an enhanced version of the indigenously-built **Babur cruise missile** that can deliver conventional and non-conventional weapons with a range of **700 kilometres**.

October 10

1. What is the rank of India in world's Powerful Passport?

Answer : 81

Explanation :

- **Japan's** passport has been named the most powerful in the world, overtaking Singapore, according to the **Henley Passport Index 2018**.
- The Indian passport has secured the 81st rank with visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 60 destinations.

2. Which countries participate in Kamandag joint military exercise?

Answer : Japan and US

Explanation :

- To secure air sovereignty and promote peace and security, Ukraine along with United States and other NATO countries launched “**Clear Sky 2018**” war games, which will run until **October 19, in western Ukraine.**
- 700 troops are participating with **NATO** countries such as the United States, Britain, the Netherlands, Poland and Romania. US will be represented by **F-15C Eagle fighter planes and C-130J Super Hercules.**

3. Who is the US Ambassador to the UN resigned directly to President Donald Trump?

Answer : Nikki Haley

Explanation :

- US Ambassador to the United Nations **Nikki Haley** resigned directly to President Donald Trump. She served as US Ambassador to the **United Nations since 2017.**
- At United Nations, she has been a vocal critic of **Russia** and a supporter of US sanctions. She will continue as the US Ambassador to the United Nations till the end of the year.

October 11

1. What is the rank of India in Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI)?

Answer : 147

Explanation :

- UK-based charity ‘**Oxfam International**’s report named ‘**Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI)** Index was released. India ranked 147th among 157 countries analysed and was labeled a “a very worrying situation” with respect to the rising inequality in the country.
- Out of 157 countries measured, **Denmark topped** the list based on its high and progressive taxation, high social spending and good protection of workers.

2. Who is Defence Minister?

Answer : Nirmala Sitharaman

Explanation :

- **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** has left for Paris on a three-day visit to France. Ms Sitharaman will hold wide-ranging talks with her French counterpart Florence Parly on ways to deepen strategic cooperation between the two countries and also deliberate on major regional and global issues of mutual interests.

October 12

1. “IND-INDO CORPAT” stands for

Answer : India – Indonesia coordinated patrol

Explanation :

- **Indian Naval Ship Kulish**, a **Kora class missile corvette**, commanded by Commander **Deepak Bali** and an **Indian Dornier** (naval maritime time patrol aircraft) from Andaman and Nicobar command entered Belawan harbour, Indonesia for the opening ceremony of the 32nd edition of India – Indonesia coordinated patrol (**IND-INDO CORPAT**), to be held from 11 – 27 Oct 2018.

October 13

1. What is the rank of India in Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI)?

Answer : 147

Explanation :

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is on maiden official visit to France on the invitation of French Defence Minister Ms Florence Parly from **October 10 - 13, 2018**. Nirmala Sitharaman addressed ‘**India-France Defence Engagement in a Multipolar World**’ at the Institute of Strategic Research (IRSEM) in Paris.
- She said that her visit is a reaffirmation of India’s commitment to the strategic partnership with France, especially in the critical areas of defence cooperation.

2. Who is the Chairman of “20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting 2018” were held on 11th -12th **October 2018**

Answer : South African

Explanation :

- The Final **G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting** under the 2018 Argentine Presidency and the final BRICS Deputies Meeting under the 2018 South African Chairmanship were held on 11th -12th **October 2018 in Bali**, Indonesia on the sidelines of the IMF/Fund Bank Annual Meetings.
- The deliberations in the G-20 FMCBG meeting centered on key risks facing the global economy, enhancing a resilient international financial architecture, financing infrastructure development, progress on compact with Africa as well as streamlining of the GPFI process.

October 14

1. Which edition was 2018th held India-Azerbaijan Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Economic, Science and Technology Cooperation?

Answer : 5th

Explanation :

- **India and Azerbaijan** have agreed to take measures to enhance bilateral trade relations. The two countries signed protocol on trade and economic, science and

technology cooperation at the **5th meeting of India-Azerbaijan Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Economic, Science and Technology Cooperation.**

2. Who launched Global Risk Financing Facility (GRiF)?

Answer : World Bank

Explanation :

- To support vulnerable countries to climate and disaster shocks, the governments of **Germany** and the **UK**, with support from the **World Bank** launched a new **Global Risk Financing Facility (GRiF)**.
- It will primarily focus on climate and disaster risk but eventually the financing will be extended to projects and instruments to help wider crises and in humanitarian emergencies.

October 15

1. Where did held “The Indian Ocean: Defining our Future”?

Answer : Sri Lanka

Explanation :

- **“The Indian Ocean: Defining our Future” Conference** was held for 2 days till **October 12, 2018** held at **Temple Trees, in Colombo, Sri Lanka**. It is aimed to explore strongest challenges in the Indian Ocean region.
- This would lead to a multilateral diplomatic Conference to be held early 2019 in Sri Lanka to work on the conference that would contribute towards greater peace, security and prosperity in the Indian Ocean.
- India was represented by Indian Deputy National Security Advisor **Pankaj Saran**, in the Inaugural Panel titled **“Navigating Challenges and Prospects in the Indian Ocean: Towards a Shared Understanding”**

2. Who is Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan?

Answer : Vinay Kumar

Explanation :

- **India and China** have launched **their first joint programme for Afghanistan to train its diplomats**. According to the Indian Embassy in Beijing, **Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Vinay Kumar** hosted 10 Afghan Diplomats who will be travelling to India for the 1st India-China joint training programme for Afghan diplomats under the aegis of the Trilateral Cooperation between India, China and Afghanistan.

3. Where did held Next round meeting of Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC)?

Answer : Auckland, New Zealand

Explanation :

- **The Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution C. R. Chaudhary**, attended the **6th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting (IMM) in Singapore**. The Ministers from 16 RCEP countries met in Singapore to discuss a modern, comprehensive and mutually beneficial economic partnership agreement among ASEAN and ASEAN's FTA partners.
- Next round meeting of **Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC)** is scheduled to be held in Auckland, New Zealand.

October 16

1. Which is World's Most Innovative Universities for the third consecutive year?

Answer : Stanford University

Explanation :

- **Stanford University** takes **first** place on **Reuters'** list of the **World's Most Innovative Universities** for the **third** consecutive year, holding fast to its ranking by consistently producing new patents and papers that influence researchers around the globe.

October 17

1. Who is the Tanzanian Foreign Minister?

Answer : Augustine Mahiga

Explanation :

- **India and Tanzania** signed two **MoUs** in presence of External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Tanzanian Foreign Minister Dr. Augustine Mahiga. The MoUs are between **Foreign Service Institute of India and Centre for Foreign Relation, Tanzania and National Research Development Corporation and Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Corporation**.
- The agreements were signed following **India-Tanzania 9th Session of Joint Commission on Economic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation in New Delhi**.

October 18

1. Which is second country after Uruguay to legalise possession and use of recreational cannabis?

Answer : Canada

Explanation :

- **Canada** has become the **second** country after Uruguay to **legalise** possession and use of recreational **cannabis**. Canadian provinces and municipalities have been preparing for months for the end of cannabis prohibition. They are responsible for setting out where cannabis can be bought and consumed. This has created a patchwork of more or less restrictive legislation across the country.

2. Which country set up "Break into India Strategy Committee"?

Answer : Sri Lanka

Explanation :

- **Sri Lanka** has set up a **committee** to formulate a strategy to help **Sri Lankan businesses** invest more into the Indian market. The **‘Break into India Strategy Committee’** appointed **by the Ministry of Development strategies and International trade**.
- Both countries recently held 11th round of talks on **Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement (ETCA)** meant to expand free trade agreement beyond goods, to cover services, investment, etc.

October 19

1. What does Phool and Pati means?

Answer : flower, cannabisleaves and plants

Explanation :

- **Nepal** celebrated the festival of **Fulpati**. In Nepalese, “Phool” means flower and “Pati” means leaves and plants. It is observed on the **seventh** day of **Dashain festival**. The tradition in Nepal is to bring nine types of Fulpati into the home on the seventh day of Navaratri.

2. Which is second country after Uruguay to legalise possession and use of recreational cannabis?

Answer : Canada

Explanation :

- **Canada** has become the **second country after Uruguay** to legalise possession and use of recreational **cannabis**. Medical marijuana has been legal in the country since 2001. Ontario, Canada’s most populous province, will only begin opening retail stores next spring, though residents will be able to order cannabis online.

October 20

1. Which is new government in Bhutan?

Answer : Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT)

Explanation :

- **The Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT)** will form **new government in Bhutan**. The party has won 30 seats in 47 member National Assembly, the lower house of the parliament. The Druk Phuensum Tshogpa (DPT) has got remaining 17 seats. The **Election Commission of Bhutan has formally announced the results** of the parliamentary elections
- According to the commission, **71.46% polling was recorded** in the third general election.

2. What is the moto of “8th European Congress”?

Answer : Science- Business-Self Government TOGETHER FOR ECONOMY

Explanation :

- The **3-day 8th European Congress on SMEs** concluded in **Kotawice, Poland**. The motto of the Congress was: **“Science- Business-Self Government TOGETHER FOR**

ECONOMY”. It would see participation from representatives of Science, Politics and Economy as well as various foreign delegates.

October 21

1. Which is world's longest sea bridge?

Answer : Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (China-Hong Kong)

Explanation :

- The world's longest sea bridge **Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge** between China-Hong Kong will be opened for traffic on **October 24, 2018**. The bridge is **55 kilometers** long. It is situated in the Lingdingyang waters of the Pearl River Estuary.
- The construction of this bridge started in December 2009. It will reduce travel time between Hong Kong and Zhuhai, in China, from 3 hours to 30 minutes. It will also integrate the cities in the Pearl River Delta.

2. Who is the Singapore Defence Minister?

Answer : Ng Eng Hen

Explanation :

- **Singapore Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen** at a gathering of **ASEAN defence ministers in Singapore** announced commencement of **first** joint maritime exercises of **China and ASEAN countries** on last week of October.
- The navies of China and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will hold ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise in the South China Sea near the city of **Zhanjiang**.

October 22

1. How much fund approved by UN-backed for climate change?

Answer : more than 1 billion dollars for 19 new projects

Explanation :

- **A UN-backed fund** has approved more **than 1 billion dollars for 19 new projects** to help developing countries tackle climate change. Officials overseeing the **South Korea-based Green Climate Fund** stated the funding approved at the meeting in Manama includes projects linked to geothermal energy in Indonesia, greener cities in Europe and West Asia, and protection for coastal communities in India.

2. Astana is the capital of which country?

Answer : Kazakhstan

Explanation :

- The **seventh** meeting of education ministers of member states of **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** was held in **Astana, capital city of Kazakhstan**. Participants in the meeting included education ministers from India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India was represented by Minister of State (MoS) Human Resource Development **Satyapal Singh**.

3. Which countries participate 'Cope India' air exercise?

Answer : India, Japan and U.S

Explanation :

- **India, Japan and the U.S.** are set to elevate the bilateral '**Cope India**' air exercise to a trilateral format. The three countries already conduct naval war games under the expanded Malabar naval exercise. The U.S. had proposed a trilateral air exercise between India, Japan and the U.S. For this, the Cope India exercise will be elevated to a trilateral level in phases.
- The next edition is scheduled to be held in December 2018 for which the Final Planning Conference to finalise the modalities of the exercise is scheduled in **Kalaikunda, West Bengal**.

October 23

1. Which countries participate 'Druzhba-III' air exercise?

Answer : Pakistan and Russia

Explanation :

- From 22nd October to 4th November 2018, '**Druzhba-III**', the 3rd edition of joint bilateral military training exercise between **Pakistan and Russia** is held in **Pakistan**. The exercise will be held at the training range in Nowshera district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, in Pakistan. More than 70 soldiers from Russia's southern military district will participate.
- This will be the 3rd joint military drill between Pakistan and Russia under the bilateral training cooperation agreement. This exercise is held since 2016

2. Where did held first India-China high-level meeting on bilateral security cooperation?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- The first **India-China high-level meeting on bilateral security cooperation** held in **New Delhi** recently. During the meeting, the two sides discussed issues of mutual interest including bilateral cooperation on counter-terrorism and welcomed increased cooperation between India and China in the area of security.
- An Agreement on security cooperation was also signed by **Home Minister Rajnath Singh** and **State Councilor and Minister of Public Security of China, Zhao Kezhi**.

October 24

1. What is the aim of Iron Magic 19?

Answer : enhance cooperation, joint actions and exchange of expertise in military areas

Explanation :

- United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and the United States (**US**) started a two-week military exercise named “**Iron Magic 19**” in the **Arabian Gulf**. Iron Magic 19 will be held till November 1, 2018. It is part of a series of joint military exercises throughout the year between the UAE armed forces and the armed forces of other countries.
- This exercise aims to enhance cooperation, joint actions and exchange of expertise in military areas.

2. Who are partnership for creating Japan-India IT Corridor?

Answer : Nasscom and Hiroshima government

Explanation :

- Promoting business-to-business cooperation and talent transfer from India to Japan, Indian IT industry’s apex body **Nasscom** has entered into a partnership with the **Hiroshima government** for co-creating a **Japan-India IT Corridor in Hiroshima**. The project will be formally initiated by early **2019**.
- Indian companies on the software side can help Japanese manufacturing companies adopt digital transformation and create innovative product and solutions lines.

October 25

1. Which is considered a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India, Iran and Afghanistan with central Asian countries?

Answer : Chabahar port

Explanation :

- **India, Afghanistan and Iran** held their **first trilateral meeting on Chabahar port project** during which they reviewed its implementation. The meeting assumes significance as the **strategically-located port on the energy-rich Iran’s southern coast** was coming under the ambit of US sanctions on Tehran.
- The Chabahar port is being considered a **gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India, Iran and Afghanistan with central Asian countries**.

October 26

1. What is the theme of International Conference on Primary Health Care?

Answer : The Future of Primary Health Care

Explanation :

- The **2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC) towards UHC & SDGs**, is held in **Astana, Kazakhstan**. The conference aims to renew the commitment to primary health care to achieve universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. The conference is cohosted by the Government of Kazakhstan, World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund).

- J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the Second Plenary Session of the conference, on the theme “**The Future of Primary Health Care**”.

2. Which countries participate Comprehensive Strategic Partnership?

Answer : Indonesia & India

Explanation :

- **India and Indonesia** decided to boost maritime cooperation by being part of the maritime patrol in the **Malacca Straits**. This was decided on the wide-ranging talks held between **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** and her Indonesian **counterpart Gen (Retd) Ryamizard Rycudu** on the Indian minister's 2-day visit to Indonesia.
- Earlier in May 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Indonesia and signed a MOU on defence cooperation and elevated the ties to **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**.

3. Which country shares a border with Norway?

Answer : Russia

Explanation :

- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO)** biggest military manoeuvres since the **Cold War began in Norway**. Russia, which shares a border with Norway, was briefed by NATO on the **Trident Juncture 2018** drill and invited to monitor it, but Moscow is still angered by the exercise.
- The wargames bring together around 50,000 personnel from all 29 NATO allies, plus partners Finland and Sweden.

October 27

1. Where did open world's largest airport?

Answer : Istanbul, Turkey

Explanation :

- **The world's largest airport terminal “under one roof”** with a capacity to serve 90 million passengers will be officially opened on **October 29 in Istanbul, Turkey**. Dubbed as phase-1A of the project Istanbul New Airport will have a capacity to handle 90 million passenger per year, making it the largest such facility in the world.

2. Which is the largest edition in the 20 year-history of WETEX?

Answer : WETEX 2018

Explanation :

- The **20th Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) 2018** was held at Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**.

- WETEX 2018 is the largest edition in the 20 year-history of WETEX. It was held under the umbrella of the Green Week, in conjunction with the 3rd Dubai Solar Show, and the 5th World Green Economy Summit (WGES).

3. Which country signed agreements for enhancing inland and coastal waterways connectivity?

Answer : India and Bangladesh

Explanation :

- **India and Bangladesh** signed several agreements for enhancing **inland and coastal waterways connectivity** between the two countries for **trade and cruise movements**. The MOUs were signed by: Shipping Secretary **Shri Gopal Krishna**, and his Bangladesh counterpart **Shri Md. Abdus Samadin**.

4. Which organisation release QS Asia University Rankings?

Answer : Quacquarelli Symonds

Explanation :

- According to a report named **QS Asia University Rankings 2019** by **Quacquarelli Symonds**, India doubled their presence in the ranking. India has the third largest number of universities and institutes, after mainland China (**112**) and **Japan (89)**.
- There are **40** new Indian institutions taking the total number to **75** at the top **500 list**. But none made it to the top 20. **IIT-Bombay** remains the highest ranked institution. It moved one place to the **33rd** position.

October 28

1. How many days visit “13th India-Japan Annual summit”?

Answer : three-day

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** embarked on a **three-day visit to Japan**. During his stay, Mr Modi will attend the **13th India-Japan Annual summit** with his counterpart **Mr. Shinzo Abe**. This will be the **fifth Annual Summit meeting** between Mr. Modi and Mr. Abe and their **12th meeting overall**.

2. Where was the two day 22nd National Level Meeting held on 25th and 26th **October 2018**?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- The **22nd National Level Meeting** between **India and Myanmar** was held in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by **Shri Rajiv Gauba**, Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI.
- During the meeting, both sides agreed to take action against insurgent groups operating within their territories and providing of **security cooperation along with international border and facilitating movement of people and trade across the international border**.

October 29

1. Where is UN headquarters?

Answer : New York

Explanation :

- **United Nations (UN)** announced launch of a project on creating an “inventory” on intangible legacy of India. Also the **UN house** has been dedicated for preserving the Indian Heritage and Culture. This project dubbed- A snapshot inventory of intangible cultural heritage, will be launched to protect the disappearing intangible cultural heritage of India.
- For the implementation of the project, UN with its own agencies like **UNESCO and UNDP**, will also collaborate with several ministries, such as the **Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles**.

2. Who is the spokesman for Secretary-General?

Answer : Antonio Guterres

Explanation :

- **India** donated **\$300,000** to a training programme of commanders for **UN peacekeeping**. **This** was announced by **Stephane Dujarric**, the spokesman for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.
- The name of the programme is: **“Pipeline to Peacekeeping Command Programme”** and it is **3 years** training programme.

3. What are the area covered under 13th Annual Summit?

Answer : health, digital technologies, agricultur, food processing, disaster risk reduction

Explanation :

- The **13th Annual Summit between India and Japan** was held in presence of **PM Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe** in Tokyo, Japan. Issues of mutual interest, including forging ties in newer areas were discussed during the talks.
- The areas include health, digital technologies, agriculture and food processing and disaster risk reduction.

October 30

1. Which country signed first time in the areas of Indian traditional medicinal systems?

Answer : India and Japan

Explanation :

- India and Japan has decided to cooperate for the **first time in the areas of Indian traditional medicinal systems such as Yoga and Ayurveda to provide holistic healthcare and wellness in both the countries**.
- The Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India’s Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) and the **Kanagawa Prefectural Government** was signed during the ongoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Japan.

2. Which country signed bilateral currency swap agreement?

Answer : India and Japan

Explanation :

- India and Japan has concluded a **\$75 billion bilateral currency swap agreement**. The move that will help in bringing greater stability in foreign exchange and capital markets in the country.
- The agreement will further strengthen and widen the depth and diversity of economic cooperation between the two countries.

October 31

1. Which country launched the world's first sovereign blue bond?

Answer : Seychelles

Explanation :

- **Republic of Seychelles** launched the world's **first** sovereign **blue bond** worth **US\$15 million** to finance sustainable marine and fisheries projects. The bond was announced at the **Our Ocean Conference in Bali** by the Vice-President of the **Republic of Seychelles, Vincent Meriton**.
- The bond demonstrates the potential for countries to harness capital markets for financing the sustainable use of marine resources.

2. Republic Day of Turkey

Answer : October 29

Explanation :

- The world's largest airport terminal "**under one roof**" with a capacity to serve **90 million** passengers has been officially opened on **October 29** in **Istanbul**, which marks the **Republic Day of Turkey**.
- The airport has been envisioned to have a total capacity of up to **200 million** passengers, once all four phases are completed in the next **10 years**.

SPORTS NEWS

October 1

1. Who won the 25th Asian junior individual squash championship title?

Answer : Yuvraj Wadhwani

Explanation :

- **Yuvraj Wadhwani** has won the **25th Asian junior individual squash championship title**. He defeated **Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan** by 13-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10 in the final in **Chennai**. Yuvraj has become the **second Indian** to win the Under-13 title after Veer Chotrani, who had won the title in 2014 in Iran.

October 3

1. Where did 3rd Youth Olympic Games held?

Answer : Buenos Aires, Argentina

Explanation :

- Teenage shooting star **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. **Goa Olympic Association Secretary Gurudutta D Bhakta** will be the Chef-de-Mission of the contingent.
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President Narinder Batra** announced that the 16-year-old Bhaker will lead the Indian team in the opening ceremony.

October 4

1. Who named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the 3rd Youth Olympic Games?

Answer : Manu Bhaker

Explanation :

- Teenage shooting star **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.

October 5

1. Who named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the 3rd Para Asian Games?

Answer : Thangavelu Mariyappan

Explanation :

- Rio Paralympic gold medal list **Thangavelu Mariyappan** was named as **flag-bearer** of the Indian contingent for the **3rd Para Asian Games** to be held in **Jakarta** from October 6-13.
- India will field its biggest ever contingent of 302 members including athletes, coaches, support staff, escorts and officials.

October 6

1. How old is Manu Bhaker?

Answer : 16-year-old

Explanation :

- The **3rd Youth Olympic Games** has officially begun at **Buenos Aires, Argentina**. India is represented with a contingent of **68 members**, including 46 athletes, will compete in 13 sports during the prestigious event. 16-year-old **Manu Bhaker** is leading the Indian team in the opening ceremony as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the games.

October 7

1. Where will be 36th National Games held?

Answer : Goa

Explanation :

- The **36th National Games** will be held from March 30 to April 14, 2019 in Goa. This announcement was made by Sports Authority of **Goa (SAG)** Executive Director V M Prabhudesai in Panaji. The Opening and Closing ceremonies will be held at PJN Stadium, Fatorda.
- Shooting and cycling events will be held in New Delhi since Goa does not have the facilities for these sports.

October 8

1. Who has clinched the girls' title in the IBSF World Under-16 Snooker Championships?

Answer : Keerthana Pandian

Explanation :

- India's **Keerthana Pandian** has won the girls' title in the **IBSF World Under-16 Snooker Championships**, her maiden international crown. Keerthana won the girls' title by outclassing Belarussian rival Albina Leschuk 3-1 in the final.
- **Deborah Herold** won the **gold** medal in the elite **women's 40 kilometre competition** at Saksham Pedal Delhi, India's Premier Cyclothon.
- The honour in **men's 50 kilometres** was bagged by **Shreedhar Savanur**. Both were criterium races at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

October 9

1. Which game is related to Sandeep Chaudhary?

Answer : Javelin throw

Explanation :

- **Javelin thrower Sandeep Chaudhary** ended India's wait for a **gold** medal at the **2018 Para Asian Games in Indonesia**.
- Chaudhary bagged the top prize in the men's F42-44/61-64 event with a **world record throw of 60.01 metre** at the continental extravaganza.
- While Indian contingent was fighting it out in the 2018 Asian Para Games in Jakarta, the **Indian troika of para shooters** comprising **Harshit Tiwari, Rajveer Singh Sekhon** and **Balendu Singh** scripted history as they clinched India's first medal, a **silver**, in **2018 World Shooting Para Sports Trap Championships** being held in **Lonato, Italy**.

October 10

1. By whom won India's first-ever gold medal at the Youth Olympics?

Answer : Dakar, Senegal (Africa)

Explanation :

- **India** bagged **three** more **gold** with two coming from athletics in a rich haul of **11 medals** to maintain its eighth spot on the third day of competitions at **the Para Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia**.
- **Ekta Bhyan and Narayan Thakur** clinched a gold each in women's club throw event and men's dash respectively while para-shooter **Manish Narwal** bagged the **yellow metal in the men's SH1 10m air pistol event**.
- The International Olympic Committee (**IOC**) had announced that the fourth edition of the Youth Olympic Games will be held in Dakar, Senegal. The **Dakar 2022 Youth Games will be the first-ever Olympic event in Africa**.
- **India** won their **first gold medal** at the **2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina** with **Jeremy Lalrinnunga lifting 150kg in Men's 62kg** weightlifting on his last attempt for a combined 274kg. This is India's first-ever gold medal at the Youth Olympics.

October 11

1. Where will be the 2022 Youth Games held?

Answer : Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly (Africa)

Explanation :

- International Olympic Committee (IOC) has made **Senegal the host of the 2022 Youth Olympic Games**, making it the first African host of any Olympics. Senegal will host the youth games in 3 places: Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly.

October 12

1. Who became the first shooter from India to claim a gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games?

Answer : Manu Bhaker

Explanation :

- **Manu Bhaker became the first shooter from India** to claim a **gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games** taking place in Buenos Aires, Argentina with a spectacular performance in what is being seen as a comeback after a disappointing Asian Games.

2. For which event Mr.Saurabh Chaudhary bagged the Gold Medal?

Answer : 10-meter air pistol event

Explanation :

- **Pistol shooter Saurabh Chaudhary** has bagged the Gold Medal in the 10-meter air pistol event in the ongoing **Youth Olympic Games in Argentina**. In **Buenos Aires**, the 16-year old blew the field away in the final as he finished a massive Seven and a half points ahead of his closest rival.
- It is India's third gold medal in the history of Youth Olympic Games and all three have come in this edition in Buenos Aires.

October 13

1. How many points Bajrang has in ranking list released by United World Wrestling?

Answer : 45 points

Explanation :

- CWG and Asian Games gold medallist **Bajrang Punia** is the **only Indian wrestler** from a strong 30-member squad to get a seeding at the upcoming **World Championships** as he has been seeded third in the **65kg** category in men's freestyle competition.
- **The United World Wrestling (UWW)** has introduced the ranking-points based seeding system for the first time for the World Championships. Bajrang has 45 points in the ranking list released by the world body.

October 14

1. How many medals bagged by India in Asian Para Games?

Answer: 72 medals (15 gold, 24 silver and 33 bronze medals)

Explanation :

- **India** recorded its **best-ever** showing in the **Asian Para Games** by bagging **72 medals**, including **15 gold**, with the shutters' adding two gold on the concluding day of the competitions **in Jakarta**.

2. Which Country is placed the first place in Asian Para Games?

Answer: China

Explanation :

- With **15 gold**, 24 silver and 33 bronze medals, **India** is placed **ninth** in the overall tally. While **China** finished on **top** with **172 gold**, 88 silver and 59 bronze for a whopping total of 319 medals.

October 15

1. IAAF stand for?

Answer : International Association of Athletics Federations

Explanation :

- The **Japan Association of Athletics Federations** announced to be the host of the 2019 edition of 4th International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Relays, beginning May 11, 2019. The 2019 meet will take place May 11 and 12 at Nissan Stadium in Yokohama, near Tokyo.
- The first three editions of the IAAF World Relays, in 2014, 2015 and 2017, were held in the Bahamian capital of Nassau.

2. Who clinch the 2018 Formula Three (F3) European title?

Answer : Mick Schumacher

Explanation :

- **Mick Schumacher**, son of Formula One legend Michael Schumacher, won **the 2018 Formula Three (F3) European title in Hockenheim**, Germany. Mick Schumacher finished at second position in the second race of the day and won his first junior championship with 347 points.

October 16

1. Which medals are clinched by The Indian Under-18 men's and womens Hockey team in 2018 Youth Olympic Games?

Answer : silver

Explanation :

- The **Indian Under-18 men's and womens Hockey** team finished their **2018 Youth Olympic Games** campaign with **silver** medals at **Buenos Aires, Argentina**. While the women suffered a heart-breaking 1-3 loss against hosts Argentina, the men were handed a 2-4 loss by Malaysia in their respective final of the Hockey 5s competition.

2. Fourth Shanghai Masters title over 13th-seeded Borna Coric is won by whom?

Answer : Novak Djokovic

Explanation :

- **Novak Djokovic** won a record **fourth Shanghai Masters title** over 13th-seeded Borna Coric. The second-seeded Djokovic has won all four Shanghai finals he's contested in his career. He previously shared the record of winning three Shanghai titles with Andy Murray.

October 17

1. Where did the triangular series for blind cricket team held?

Answer : Goa

Explanation :

- **The Indian blind cricket team** has won **the triangular series** after beating Sri Lanka by 10 wickets in the final in Goa. India skipper Ajay Reddy was adjudged Man of the Final for his bowling efforts against the Lankans in the final game of the series which also involved England.
- Indian skipper Ajay Reddy was adjudged man of the match for his fabulous bowling efforts.

October 18

1. Who won India's first medal in athletics for men's 5000m race walk?

Answer : Suraj Panwar

Explanation :

- **Suraj Panwar** won **India's first medal in athletics** at the **Youth Olympic Games 2018** after claiming the silver medal in the **men's 5000m race walk** event. The 17-year-old's silver was India's third overall medal in athletics in the history of the Youth Olympic Games.

October 19

1. Who became the first Indian to win a silver medal in archery at the Youth Olympic Games?

Answer : Akash Malik

Explanation :

- **Akash Malik**, became the **first Indian** to win a **silver medal in archery** at the **Youth Olympic Games**. The 16-year-old suffered a defeat in the final to USA's Trenton Cowles 0-6 in the men's recurve event.
- The archer, who achieved his training at the Army Sports Institute in Pune, started of brilliantly in the final, as he shot a 10 in his first attempt.

October 20

1. In which place World Wrestling Championship has begun?

Answer : Budapest, Hungary

Explanation :

- **World Wrestling Championship** has begun in **Budapest, Hungary**. Asian Games gold medallist **Bajrang Punia** will be India's best bet for a medal as a 30-member team seeks a strong performance in the flagship event.
- Already a bronze winner at the 2013 World Championship, Bajrang has come a long way in last five years, establishing himself as a force to reckon with in the 65-kilogram category.

October 21

1. Which position has Sergio Perez in the 2018 championship standing?

Answer : 7

Explanation :

- **Force India** has announced a one-year extension for 2019 for Formula One Mexican driver Sergio Perez. **Sergio Perez** has been with Force India since 2014. He is in 7th position in the 2018 championship standings. He has held the 7th position since 2016.

October 22

1. How many times Mumbai has got Vijay Hazare Trophy?

Answer : 3

Explanation :

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

2. MotoGP world champion Mr.Marc Marquez belongs to which country?

Answer : Spain

Explanation :

- **Spain's Marc Marquez** won MotoGP world champion for the fifth time in six years in the Japanese MotoGP. Honda factory rider becomes the youngest rider to win five premier class titles.
- Marquez's Repsol Honda teammate Cal Crutchlow of Britain finished second.

October 23

1. In the 2018 Denmark Open final match, Saina Nehwal fight with whom?

Answer : world number one Tai Tzu Ying

Explanation :

- In Badminton, a valiant **Saina Nehwal** went down fighting to **world number one Tai Tzu Ying in the 2018 Denmark** Openfinal match. Saina last defeated Tai Tzu in 2013. This year, world number 10 Saina has lost all her four matches against Tai Tzu before this final, the last being the semifinal clash in the Asian Games in Jakarta in August.

2. Who won the United States Grand Prix, his first Formula One victory?

Answer : Kimi Raikkonen

Explanation :

- **Kimi Raikkonen** won the **United States Grand Prix**, his first Formula One victory since 2013, from Ferrari put on hold Lewis Hamilton's bid for a fifth career championship. Red Bull's Max Verstappen finished second while Hamilton finished third.

3. Wrestler Bajrang Punia belongs to which country?

Answer : Japan

Explanation :

- Wrestler **Bajrang Punia** won the **silver medal** after he went down against Japan's **Takuto Otoguro** in the 65kg final of the **Wrestling World Championships in Budapest, Hungary**. It is his second medal at the Worlds. Only the fourth Indian ever to make it to the World Championship gold medal match, 24-year-old Bajrang was rattled by the 19-year old Otoguro.

October 24

1. FICCI stands for?

Answer : Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Explanation :

- **Athletics Federation of India** will be awarded the **FICCI** (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) **India Sports Awards 2018** for the category of Best National Sports Federation (NSF).

2. Who is the sports head of FICCI?

Answer : Pankaj Singh

Explanation :

- The award will be presented at the India Sports Awards ceremony, at Federation House, New Delhi. The Jury for the awards was chaired by Justice (ret'd) Mukul Mudgal. Pankaj Singh is the sports head of FICCI.

October 25

1. Who is the second only to Tendulkar in the list of most century-scorers in one-day internationals?

Answer : Virat Kohli

Explanation:

- **Virat Kohli became only the fourth batsman** to score **10,000 ODI runs for India** and in the process, he also broke Sachin Tendulkar's record to become the fastest to reach the milestone. While Tendulkar took **259 innings to get there, Kohli got to the landmark in a mere 205 innings.**
- Kohli is also second only to Tendulkar in the list of most century-scorers in one-day internationals.

2. Which place the first edition of North East Olympic Games 2018 is being held?

Answer : Imphal, Manipur

Explanation :

- Manipur Chief Minister **N Biren Singh** declared open the **first edition of North East Olympic Games 2018** at **Main Stadium Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal.** The Games is being organized by the MOA under the aegis of the North East Olympic Association.

3. Who is promoted as FIH International Technical Official by the FIH Officials Committee?

Answer : Rohini Bopanna

Explanation :

- **Hockey India** congratulated **Rohini Bopanna** on being promoted as **FIH International Technical Official** by the FIH Officials Committee.
- Earlier this year, Bopanna was also appointed as a technical official for the 5th Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2018 held in Donghae City, South Korea.

October 26

1. Pooja Dhanda gain bronze medal for which event?

Answer : women's freestyle 57kg weight class (Wrestling World Championships)

Explanation :

- **In Wrestling World Championships, Pooja Dhanda won a bronze medal in the women's freestyle 57kg weight class** in Budapest, Hungary last night. Dhanda defeated Grace Bullen of Norway 10-7. This was India's second medal at the 2018 Championships.
- Before Pooja, only three Indian women grapplers (Alka Tomar, Geeta Phogat and Babita Phogat) had won a bronze medal each at the Worlds Championships.

October 27

1. Who has regained World No.2 status in the BWF rankings?

Answer : PV Sindhu

Explanation :

- Olympic and world championship silver medallist **PV Sindhu** has once again regained her **World No. 2 status** in the latest **BWF rankings**. She is behind **Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying**, who continues to dominate the rankings.

2. Saina Nehwal gained which position in the BWF rankings?

Answer : 9

Explanation :

- Saina Nehwal gained 9th position. In the men's singles, Kidambi Srikanth remained static at world no 6.

3. Which spot, the Indian men's football is ranked?

Answer : 97th spot

Explanation :

- The **Indian men's football** ranking is unfazed, as it continues to be placed at the **97th** spot in the latest rankings released by Federation International de Football Association (**FIFA**). **Belgium** have retained the **pole position** ahead of World Cup champions France. Brazil is placed third, followed by Croatia.

October 28

1. What are the medals won by Wheelchair shuttler Sanjeev Kumar?

Answer : 2 gold medals and one bronze medal

Explanation :

- Wheelchair shuttler **Sanjeev Kumar** has won **two gold medals** and a **bronze medal** at the **Denmark Open** held in Odense, Denmark recently. Sanjeev Kumar is an international para shuttler from Punjab.
- He won a gold medal in the men's singles event, a gold medal in the men's doubles event, and a bronze medal in the mixed doubles event.

2. How many medals won by Wheelchair shuttler Sanjeev Kumar?

Answer : 3 (2 gold medals and one bronze medal)

Explanation :

- India's **Sourav Kothari** won the **2018 WBL World Billiards Championship** title in **Leeds, England**.

October 29

1. Who clinched the Panasonic Open India title at the Delhi Golf Club?

Answer : Indian golfer Khalin Joshi

Explanation :

- **Indian golfer Khalin Joshi** clinched the **Panasonic Open India title** at the Delhi Golf Club. With this win, Joshi became the **seventh Indian to win the Panasonic Open India title** in the last eight editions of the tournament.

2. Mr. Ayhika Mukherjee has won a silver medal under which category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open?

Answer : Under-21 women's singles category

Explanation :

- **Indian table tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee** has won a **silver medal in the under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open**. She lost to Korea's Youjin Kim in the final. In the semifinals, Ayhika had defeated Hong Kong's Chengzhu Zhu to enter the finals.

October 30

1. In Men's Hockey, Which two countries were declared joint winners of the Asian Champions Trophy?

Answer : India and Pakistan

Explanation :

- In Men's Hockey, India and Pakistan were declared joint winners of the Asian Champions Trophy at Muscat in Oman. The tournament director declared both teams as winners after the summit clash was called off due to heavy rain.
- Defending champions India, thus, ended the tournament unbeaten. Before this edition, both India and Pakistan had won the tournament twice each.

2. Which title won by archer Atanu Das ?

Answer : Men's recurve title

Explanation :

- India's highest **ranked archer Atanu Das won the men's recurve title** while Asian Games silver medallist **Rajat Chauhan** emerged on top in the **men's compound section** in the first invitational **Indian Open Indoor Archery tournament** that concluded at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata.

October 31

1. Who won his 5th drivers' world championship?

Answer : Lewis Hamilton

Explanation :

- **Lewis Hamilton** won his **5th drivers' world championship** and equaled Juan Manuel Fangio's Formula One record. **Max Verstappen** won the **Mexican Grand Prix**, in Mexico. Lewis Hamilton finished in the 4th position in the Mexican Grand Prix. This is the 3rd time he has won the drivers' world championship title without finishing on the race podium.

2. Who is called as Swiss tennis star?

Answer : Roger Federer

Explanation :

- Swiss tennis star **Roger Federer** won his **99th career title** after winning the **Basel Open** for the **ninth time** in his career. Federer, who was born in the Swiss city of Basel, won his fourth title of the year in the form of the Basel Open. Federer is now just 10 titles short of the all-time record holder **Jimmy Connors**, who leads with **109**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

October 2

1. Who have sent first video images from the surface of asteroid Ryugu?

Answer : Japan's two Minerva-II-1 rovers

Explanation :

- Japan's two **Minerva-II-1 rovers** have sent first video images from the surface of asteroid Ryugu. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) has released a 15-frame clip and new photographs taken by the two Minerva-II-1 rovers. The rovers were deployed by unmanned spacecraft **Hayabusa2** about 60 metres on to Ryugu's surface after a 3.5 year journey. Ryugu is 280 million km away from Earth.
- This is the world's first moving, robotic observation of an asteroid surface. The rovers can jump upto 15 m across the asteroid's surface and stay airborne for 15 minutes.

2. What is the second commercial launch by the Kuaizhou-1A rocket?

Answer : Centispace-1-s1 satellite

Explanation :

- China launched its **Centispace-1-s1 satellite** on a **Kuaizhou-1A** low-cost solid-fuel carrier rocket from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China. This is the second commercial launch by the Kuaizhou-1A rocket. The Kuaizhou-1A rocket is a low-cost solid-fuel carrier rocket.

October 11

1. Who launch the satellites which find out electromagnetic environmental probes?

Answer : China

Explanation :

- China successfully launched **two remote sensing satellites** belonging to the Yaogan-32 family by a Long March-2C rocket with an upper stage on its top, from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in China. The remote sensing satellites have been launched to conduct electromagnetic environmental probes.
- The satellites have entered the planned orbits. They will be involved in electromagnetic environment surveys and related technology tests.

October 14

1. How many year Voyager 2 will be in service?

Answer : 2020

Explanation :

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s **Voyager 2 probe** is on its way outside the influence of the Sun and it could be close to **interstellar space**.

Voyager 2 could be the second space probe to reach interstellar space after Voyager 1 which crossed into interstellar space in 2014.

- Voyager 2 probe is the only man-made probe to have crossed past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. It used the gravitational pull of the four planets, on its way to interstellar space. Voyager 2 will be in service till 2020.

October 15

1. Which is world's fastest camera?

Answer : T-CUP

Explanation :

- Scientists have developed a new camera called **the T-CUP**, which **might be the world's fastest camera**. T-CUP can capture 10 trillion frames per second. It can freeze time to see light in extremely slow motion.
- It was developed by researchers at INRS (Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique) led by Lihong Wang of California Institute of Technology, US.

October 17

1. How many years old Hubble & Chandra?

Answer : . Hubble - 28 and Chandra – 19

Explanation :

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced that its **Chandra X-ray Observatory** went into safe mode on 10th **October 2018**, possibly due to a gyroscope problem. NASA's Hubble Space Telescope also went offline on 5th **October 2018** due to a gyroscope failure. Flight controllers are trying to bring back both to operation.
- Both the orbiting observatories are old and are in well-extended missions. Hubble is 28 and Chandra is 19 years old

2. Which satellites strengthen China's satellite navigation network?

Answer : twin BeiDou-3

Explanation :

- **China** successfully launched **twin BeiDou-3 navigation satellites** into space from a Long March-3B carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan province of China. The satellites were launched to strengthen China's satellite navigation network which aims to surpass the US' Global Positioning System (GPS).

October 18

1. Which Journal published nanogenerator?

Answer : Materials Chemistry A

Explanation :

- Chinese scientists have developed a new **nanogenerator** that can apply **energy from human motions** to continuously **power wearable electronic devices**. Scientists of Zhengzhou University have developed a washable and wearable nanogenerator based on hydrophobic nanofiber.
- It has a woven structure. It can be attached to clothes to convert mechanical energy generated by human activities into electrical energy. This research was published in the Journal of Materials Chemistry A.

October 19

1. Who is the head of Canara Robeco Mutual Fund?

Answer : Nimesh Chandan

Explanation :

- **Canara Robeco Mutual Fund** elevated **Nimesh Chandan** as the **Head – Investment, Equity** with immediate effect. This position has been newly created. In this role, Nimesh Chandan will guide the equity team in providing a strategy for equity funds.

October 20

1. GPS stands for?

Answer : Global Positioning System

Explanation :

- China successfully **launched twin BeiDou-3 navigation satellites** into space to strengthen its satellite navigation network being built to rival the US' Global Positioning System (GPS).
- The satellites were launched from a **Long March-3B carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan province**. It will work with the 14 BeiDou-3 satellites already in orbit.

2. Which two countries launched Ariane 5 rocket successfully?

Answer : European and Japanese

Explanation :

- European and Japanese space agencies stated that an **Ariane 5** rocket successfully lifted a spacecraft carrying two probes into orbit for a joint mission to **Mercury**, the closest planet to the sun. The unmanned **BepiColombo spacecraft** successfully

separated and was sent into orbit from **French Guiana** as planned to begin a **seven-year** journey to Mercury.

October 21

1. Chinese Kunlong (AG600) successfully carried out its first take off and landing tests on October 20, 2018. What is Kunlong?

Answer : World's largest amphibious aircraft

Explanation :

- **China's** home-grown amphibious aircraft **AG600**, claimed by Beijing as the **world's largest**, carried out its first take-off and landing on waters.
- Developed and built by the state-owned aircraft giant **Aviation Industry Corporation of China**, the seaplane took off from the Zhanghe Reservoir in Jingmen, Hubei's province.

2. The European and Japanese space agencies launched their first joint mission 'BepiColombo' on **October 19, 2018** for which planet?

Answer : Mercury

Explanation :

- The **European Space Agency and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency** as successfully lifted a spacecraft through **Ariane 5 rocket** carrying two probes into orbit for a joint mission to **Mercury, the closest planet to the sun**. The unmanned **BepiColombo spacecraft** successfully separated and was sent into orbit from French Guiana as planned to begin a seven-year journey to Mercury.
- When it arrives, BepiColombo will release two probes — **Bepi and Mio** — that will independently investigate the surface and magnetic field of Mercury.

October 26

1. How many years operation celebrated by Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope?

Answer : 10

Explanation :

- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has used the names of modern mythical characters "**Hulk**" and "**Godzilla**", to name its new set of **21 gamma-ray constellations** to celebrate its Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope's 10th year of operations.
- Since 2008, Fermi's Large Area Telescope (LAT) has been scanning the sky every day. It maps and measures sources of gamma rays, the highest-energy light in the universe.

October 27

1. Who launch Soyuz-2.1B rocket?

Answer : Russia

Explanation :

- **Russia** successfully launched **Soyuz-2.1B rocket** carrying a satellite for the Russian military, from northern Plesetsk launch pad, Russia. Russia has successfully launched a Soyuz rocket for the first time since the failure of a similar rocket aborted a manned take-off to the International Space Station (ISS) on **October 11, 2018**.
- The failed launch involved an older Soyuz-FG rocket. Russia will switch to the Soyuz-2.1 series for launches to the ISS by 2020, replacing the Soyuz-FG.

October 28

1. SUPARCO stands for?

Answer : Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission

Explanation :

- **Pakistan** announced that it would send a **human to space** for the **first time in 2022** with the help of China. Pakistan's first space mission has been planned for 2022. This plan was approved at the federal Cabinet meeting chaired by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on 25th **October 2018**.
- An agreement has been signed between Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) and a Chinese company.

2. What is the purpose of 'Odia Virtual Academy' portal?

Answer : promote the Odia language and literature

Explanation :

- Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched a new web portal of '**Odia Virtual Academy**' to promote the **Odia language and literature**. The portal is: (www.ova.gov.in).
- This will be helpful in the promotion of Odia language at the international level, especially for the Non Resident Odias (NROs).

October 29

1. Where is the Ojhar Air Force station located?

Answer : Maharashtra

Explanation :

- The first indigenously overhauled **Sukhoi Su-30MKI** fighter jet was handed over to the **IAF**. It was built by the **11 Base Repair Depot (BRD)** of the Indian Air Force at **Ojhar** in **Maharashtra's Nashik district**. It will be deployed with the Air Force base in **Pune**.
- The first Su-30MKI overhauled by 11 BRD took off on **April 24**.

2. United States military successfully tested a medium-range ballistic missile aboard the USS John Finn using a SM-3 Block IIA missile, off the west coast of Hawaii on 28th **October 2018**. It was co-developed with which country?

Answer : Japan

Explanation :

- The US military aboard the **USS John Finn** successfully detected, tracked and targeted and a medium-range ballistic missile off the west coast of Hawaii. It was done by an **SM-3 Block IIA** missile and is the 3rd attempt so far.
- The Standard Missile-3 Block IIA is a part of the **US-Japan Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense system**.

October 30

1. Name United Arab Emirates' first locally made satellite that was launched aboard a Japanese rocket on 29th **October 2018**?

Answer : KhalifaSat

Explanation :

- A Japanese rocket lifted off the United Arab Emirates' first locally made satellite, the **KhalifaSat** Earth observation satellite, into orbit. The launch was done by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries from the Tanegashima Space Center.
- The rocket named: H-2A, also carried an Ibuki-2 greenhouse gas observation satellite for Japan. UAE aims to send its first two astronauts to the International Space Station in 2019.

October 31

1. With which social media network CII collaborated to train SMEs, entrepreneurs in India?

Answer : WhatsApp

Explanation :

- **WhatsApp** has partnered with **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** to train **small and medium enterprises (SMEs)** and **entrepreneurs** on using the messaging platform to connect with customers and growing their businesses. WhatsApp and CII will work to **enhance business communication for Indian SMEs** through CII's SME Technology Facilitation Centre.
- They will also develop **informative content** to be distributed among entrepreneurs both in physical and digital formats.

AWARDS

October 2

1. For which work The 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology was awarded?

Answer: Work on unleashing the immune system's ability to attack cancer

Explanation:

- The 2018 Nobel Prize in **Physiology or Medicine** was awarded to **James P. Allison of the United States and Tasuku Honjo of Japan**. It has been given for their work on **unleashing the immune system's ability to attack cancer**, a breakthrough in developing new cancer treatments.
- Dr. Allison and Dr. Honjo, working separately, showed in the 1990s how certain proteins act as "brakes" on the immune system's T-cells, limiting their ability to attack cancer cells, and that suppressing those proteins could transform the body's ability to fight cancer.

October 3

1. Who will be award the Prize "for the optical tweezers and their application to biological systems?"

Answer: Dr. Ashkin

Explanation:

- **American** scientist **Arthur Ashkin**, French engineer **Gerard Mourou** and **Canadian** professor **Donna Strickland** have been awarded the **Nobel Prize in Physics** for their work in the field of **laser physics**.
- **Dr. Ashkin** has been awarded the Prize "for the optical tweezers and their application to biological systems."
- **Dr. Mourou** and Dr. Strickland have been awarded "for their method of generating high-intensity, ultra-short optical pulses."

October 4

1. Who decides the award "Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2018 with one half to Frances H"?

Answer: Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Explanation:

- **The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** has decided to award the **Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2018 with one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA)"for the directed evolution of enzymes"** and the other half jointly to **George P. Smith (USA) and Sir Gregory P. Winter (UK) "for the phage display of peptides and antibodies"**.

2. Who wins the "Congressional Gold Medal"?

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

Explanation:

- US lawmakers, including four Indian Americans, have moved a resolution in the US House of Representatives to posthumously award the prestigious **Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi** in recognition of his promotion of peace and non-violence.

3. What is the expansion of UNCHR?

Answer: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Explanation:

- UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) conferred 2018 **Nansen Refugee Award to Dr. Evan Atar Adaha** in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Evan Atar Adaha is a surgeon from South Sudan. He was awarded for his 20-year medical service to refugees of Sudan and South Sudan.

October 5

1. When 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign is launched?

Answer: 2017

Explanation:

- **Ministry of Railways** was named the **best department** for its contribution to "Swachhta Pakhwada" under the "**Swachhta Hi Seva**" category of awards. This was declared in an inter-ministry initiative organised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation to encourage cleanliness in government offices and health facilities.
- The award was presented to the Railway Ministry on the 4th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (**October 2**). 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign was launched in 2017 to promote the public to involve in building toilets and cleaning public places.

2. Who runs a remote hospital in South Sudan?

Answer: Evan Atar Adaha

Explanation:

- **Evan Atar Adaha**, a surgeon who runs a remote hospital in South Sudan, received the prestigious **2018 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award**. He was chosen for his 20-year commitment to providing medical services to people forced to flee conflict and persecution in Sudan and South Sudan.

October 6

1. Who became the first UN goodwill ambassador for survivors of human trafficking?

Answer: Ms Murad

Explanation:

- **Congolese doctor Denis Mukwege** and **Yazidi** campaigner **Nadia Murad** won the **2018 Nobel Peace Prize**.
- Dr Mukwege, a 63 year-old gynaecologist has been associated with treatment of various sexual assault victims in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Ms Murad, 25, became a victim of war crimes herself and became the first UN goodwill ambassador for survivors of human trafficking.

2. Who bagged an award at the recently concluded Mid-day Young Achiever Icons Award 2018 ?

Answer : Ruhaan Rajput

Explanation :

- **Ruhaan Rajput**, a multi-talented young actor bagged an award at the recently concluded **Mid-day Young Achiever Icons Award 2018**. The event took place at the Grand Hyatt,

Mumbai. The award was presented to him in the film and television category for his work in the industry in a short span of time.

October 7

1. Which was ranked as the best State by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation?

Answer : Haryana

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** gave awards to top Ranked State, District and State with maximum citizen participation based on the **National Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018** commissioned by **Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation**.
- **Haryana** was ranked as the **best State** while **Satara District of Maharashtra** was ranked as the **best district** as per the ranking undertaken by Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018. **Uttar Pradesh** was rewarded for **maximum citizens' participation**.
 - **Top 3 States-** 1) Haryana, 2) Gujarat 3) Maharashtra
 - **Top 3 Districts** 1) Satara, Maharashtra 2) Rewari, Haryana 3) Pedapalli, Telangana

October 8

1. Who will be posthumously honoured as 'Legend' by Sport Australia Hall of Fame?

Answer : Richie Benaud

Explanation :

- **Richie Benaud** will be posthumously honoured as '**Legend**' by **Sport Australia Hall of Fame**. Benaud, a former Australia captain who became one of the most loved voices of cricket after his playing days.
- He will be the **40th Legend of Australian Sport and the third cricketer** to be bestowed the prestigious annual honour.

October 9

1. Who won the 50th Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences?

Answer : ISSA Good Practice Award

Explanation :

- **The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** in Stockholm has given the **50th Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences** to **William D. Nordhaus** and **Paul M. Romer**, both from the US, for "integrating climate change and technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis."
- The Nobel Economics Prize was not part of the original line-up of awards as envisaged by Alfred Nobel and is therefore officially known as the **Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences**. It has been issued by Sweden's central bank, the **Riksbank**, since 1969.

2. Which award has won by The Employees' State Insurance Corporation?

Answer : ISSA Good Practice Award

Explanation :

- **The Employees' State Insurance Corporation** has won the '**ISSA Good Practice Award**' for Administrative Solution for Coverage Extension at the "**Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific**" held at **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** recently.
- The award recognises the measures taken by 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.

October 10

1. Whose are nominated for the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Player of the Year award?

Answer : Simona Halep , Japan's Naomi Osaka

Explanation :

- World Number one **Simona Halep** and **Japan's Naomi Osaka** are among the players nominated for the Women's Tennis Association (**WTA**) Player of the Year award.
- Other nominees for the prize are Angelique **Kerber, Petra Kvitova and Caroline Wozniacki**. The winners of the awards will be declared on **19 October**.

2. Which award was presented to badminton coach Pullela Gopichand?

Answer : Ramineni Foundation's outstanding person award

Explanation :

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the '**Ramineni Awards 2018**' in Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh. The Ramineni Foundation's outstanding person award was presented to badminton coach Pullela Gopichand.
- He also presented special awards to: Telugu literary legend **Garikapati Narasimha Rao**, film director Nag Ashwin Reddy and writer **C Venkata Ramana**.

October 11

1. Which world's largest telecom tower company (outside China), won the Deming Prize for 2018?

Answer : Indus Towers

Explanation :

- **Indus Towers**, world's largest telecom tower company (outside China), won the Deming Prize for 2018, being the first Indian company in the service sector and the fifth in the world to achieve this. The Deming Prize was bestowed on Indus Towers for distinctive performance improvements through the application of **Total Quality Management (TQM) practices**.

2. India's first 'Miss Trans Queen Veena Sendre belongs to which state?

Answer : Chhattisgarh

Explanation :

- **Veena Sendre from Chhattisgarh** has been chosen as **India's first 'Miss Trans Queen'**. Veena defeated Namita Ammu of Tamil Nadu to claim the title at the national-level beauty contest organised in Mumbai. Sendre, a former Miss Chhattisgarh, belongs to Mandir Hasaud village in Raipur.

October 13

1. What is the nickname for UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Gold Award?

Answer : Oscar for best policies

Explanation :

- **Sikkim** has won the **UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Gold Award** for its achievement in becoming the **world's first totally organic agriculture state**.
- Nicknamed the **"Oscar for best policies"**, the award is co-organised with the FAO by The World Future Council (WFC) and IFOAM Organics International, and recognises "the world's best laws and policies promoting agroecology".

October 14

1. Who was awarded the New Academy Prize in Literature?

Answer : Maryse Conde

Explanation :

- **Maryse Conde** from the **French Caribbean territory of Guadeloupe** was awarded the **New Academy Prize in Literature**. Conde will win about £87,000 raised from crowd funding and donations. The prestigious literature prize was suspended this year after a scandal at the Swedish Academy, which awards it.

October 16

1. Who win the National Award?

Answer: Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi

Explanation:

- National Award winning music director **Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi**, famous as **'Khayyam'**, has been named for this year's **Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement**.
- Instituted by the **Hridayesh Arts**, the award carries a cash prize of Rs 100,000 and a memento and shall be conferred by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at a function in Mumbai on **October 26**.

October 17

1. Which prize has won by Northern Irish author Anna Burns for her novel 'Milkman'?

Answer: 2018 Man Booker Prize

Explanation:

- **Northern Irish author Anna Burns has won the 2018 Man Booker Prize** for her novel '**Milkman**', which is her third full-length novel. The book is about an 18-year-old girl, known as "middle sister", who is sexually harassed by an older paramilitary figure, called the "milkman". Anna Burns has become the first Northern Irish author to win the Man Booker prize.

2. For which book Sharathchandra Shenoy won Vishwa Konkani best poetry award?

Answer: Idam Na Mama

Explanation:

- '**Beeg Ani Beegath**', a collection of short stories in Konkani by the well-known writer, journalist, and critic H M Pernal bagged the prestigious '**Vimala V Pai Vishwa**' Konkani best book award for the year 2018. H M Pernal is the pen name of Henry M Mendonca, a native of Pernal in Udupi district, who currently lives in Mangaluru.
- Konkani poet **Sharathchandra Shenoy** from Kochi won the Vishwa Konkani best poetry award for his book 'Idam Na Mama,' while Vishwanath M Shet from Uttara Kannada bagged the **Vishwa Konkani lifetime achievement** award. Each award carries a purse of Rs one lakh each, a certificate, memento and shawl.

October 18

1. Who has won the International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant Award ?

Answer: Suheil F. Tandon (Social Entrepreneur)

Explanation:

- Social Entrepreneur **Suheil F. Tandon** has won the **International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant Award** for his contribution to sports for development. The award ceremony was held during the Olympism in Action forum **at Buenos Aires**.

October 19

1. How many eminent people selected for the Rachana Awards 2018?

Answer: 6

Explanation:

- **Rachana – Catholic Chamber of Commerce and Industry** selected **6** eminent people for the **Rachana Awards 2018**. The award ceremony would take place in at Milagres Jubilee Hall on November 17, 2018 in **Mangaluru**.
- The 6 selected awardees are: **Aloysius Richard Lobo** for **Rachana NRI of the Year award**, **Lawrence Pinto** for **Rachana Agriculturist of the Year award**, **Ronald Castelino** for **Rachana Entrepreneur of the Year award**, **Faye D'Souza** from Mirror now for **Rachana Professional of the Year award**, **Sr Maria Jyothi AC** for **Rachana Woman of the Year award**.

2. Who has won "Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018"?

Answer: London's Natural History Museum.

Explanation:

- **Dutch** photographer **Marsel van Oosten** has won **Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018**. It was awarded by **London's Natural History Museum**.

- He got the award for his photo titled “**The Golden Couple,**” which is the striking photo of a pair of endangered **golden snub-nosed monkeys** in central China’s Qin Ling Mountains.

October 20

1. For which Jalandhar’s Arshdeep Singh, 10, has won the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year (Asia) Award?

Answer: Pipe Owls

Explanation:

- **Jalandhar’s Arshdeep Singh, 10, has won the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year (Asia) Award** for his photograph ‘**Pipe Owls**’. The award ceremony was held **at the Natural History Museum, London**. Shot outside Kapurthala city, the winning photograph with two owlets closely sitting inside a pipe, was taken while Arshdeep was travelling with his father

October 21

1. Who is the Railways, Coal and Corporate Affairs minister?

Answer : Piyush Goyal

Explanation :

- Union Minister for Railways, Coal and Corporate Affairs **Piyush Goyal** will receive the prestigious **Carnot prize** for his contribution towards sustainable energy solutions.
- The award in the energy sector is named after French physicist **Nicolas Sadi Carnot** who recognised that the power of the steam engine would “produce a great revolution” in human development.

October 22

1. How many day festival, "Indian classical music festival"?

Answer : 2

Explanation :

- Grammy-winning Hindustani classical music instrumentalist **Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt** will be honoured with the annual **Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award**.
- The two-day **Indian classical music festival** scheduled to be held on **October 21-22**, this year, will be dedicated to saint-musician-composer Pandit Kunwar Shyam, and celebrate the rich ‘Guru-Shishya’ tradition. It will be Organised by the **Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana**.

2. When we celebrate Police Commemoration Day?

Answer : 21st October

Explanation :

- **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced an **annual award in the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** for police and paramilitary forces for commendable

contributions in disaster relief operations. He announced this while dedicating the **National Police Memorial to the nation in New Delhi** on the occasion of **Police Commemoration Day (21st October)**.

October 23

1. Who won Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2018?

Answer : Sujatha Gidla

Explanation :

- A New York subway conductor's story of growing up in a Dalit community in India won the **Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2018**. Fifty-five-year-old **Sujatha Gidla's** electrifying debut, **Ants among Elephant: An Untouchable Family And The Making Of Modern India**, published by **HarperCollins India**, beat five other titles in the shortlist to claim the prestigious award.

2. Nishtha Dudeja belongs to which state?

Answer : Nishtha Dudeja

Explanation :

- **Haryana girl Nishtha Dudeja** has proved that disability cannot come in the way of success. She has won the **18th Miss Deaf Asia 2018 title** at an international pageant held in Prague recently. She is the **first Indian** to have won any title at the Miss Deaf World Pageant.

October 24

1. Who won "19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence 2018"?

Answer : Fali S Nariman

Explanation :

- Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu presented the **19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence 2018 in Public Administration** to senior advocate **Fali S Nariman**. The award has been institutionalized in the name of Lal Bahadur Shastri, the 2nd Prime Minister of India and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress political party.

2. Which state provide Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti Award?

Answer : Karnataka

Explanation :

- Former Prime Minister **HD Deve Gowda** will be conferred with the **Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti Award** on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- HD Deve Gowda is awarded for his contribution to the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes communities. The award will be given by Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy.

3. For what area India receive “UN Investment Promotion Award”?

Answer : renewable energy sector

Explanation :

- **Invest India** has received the top **UN Investment Promotion Award** in recognition of its efforts to boost investments in the renewable energy sector in India.
- The award was presented by Armenian President **Armen Sarkissian** to **Deepak Bagla**, the CEO of Invest India, in Geneva at the inaugurations of the **World Investment Forum** organised by the **UN Convention on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**.

October 25

1. When did establish “Seoul Peace Prize”?

Answer : 1990

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has been conferred with the **Seoul Peace Prize** for 2018 for his **contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth**. The Seoul Peace Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the **24th Olympic Games held in Seoul**.
- The award was established to crystallise Korean people’s yearning for peace on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of the world. He is the 14th recipient of the award and the past laureates included former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and renowned international relief organizations like Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam.

2. Who is the the author of ‘Jasmine Days’?

Answer : Benyamin

Explanation :

- **Benyamin**, the author of ‘**Jasmine Days**’, translated from Malayalam into English by Shahnaz Habib, is the winner of the **first edition** of the Rs 25 lakh **JCB Prize for Literature**, India’s richest literary prize.
- The award was announced at a specially curated dinner event in New Delhi. ‘Jasmine Days’ is published by **Juggernaut Books**.

October 26

1. Who bags prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of excellence award?

Answer : MAHE's Department of European Studies

Explanation :

- The **European Union** announced the selection of **Department of European Studies (DES) of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)** for the prestigious **Jean**

Monnet Centre of Excellence (CoE) Award. It became the only **Centre of Excellence in European Studies** in the country.

2. Which University professor won “Indian National Science Academy Teachers Award (2018)”?

Answer : Indian National Science Academy

Explanation :

- **Indian National Science Academy (INSA)** selected **Tezpur University professor Ashis Mukherjee** for the prestigious “**Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Teachers Award (2018)**” . He was selected for his consistent and high-level of teaching, and inspiration and mentoring students to take up careers in Science and Technology.

October 27

1. Where did provide “Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management Award, 2018”?

Answer : Georgetown, Guyana

Explanation :

- Two initiatives of **India** won the **Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management Award, 2018**, at its Annual General Members Meet, in Georgetown, Guyana.
- The initiative named “Unnayan Banka” – Reinventing Education Using Technology, of Banka District of Bihar was awarded under the Category “**Innovation Incubation**”.

2. What are the awards are won by Unified Agriculture Markets?

Answer : Innovation in Public Service Management, CAPAM Awards

Explanation :

- Another initiative named “Unified Agriculture Markets” of Co-operation Department of Karnataka was selected under the Category ‘**Innovation in Public Service Management**’. This initiative also won the **overall Gold Award for CAPAM Awards, 2018**.

3. Asma Jahangir belongs to which country?

Answer : Pakistan

Explanation :

- **Late Pakistani human rights activist and lawyer Asma Jahangir** was announced as one of the four winners of the **2018 UN Human Rights Prize**. She became the fourth Pakistani woman to be awarded the UN Human Rights Prize.

October 28

1. Which is world’s first intelligent personal assisting system for the visually impaired?

Answer : Manovue

Explanation :

- **Roopam Sharma**, a 23-year old Indian scientist, won the **World Health Summit Startup award, 2018** for his invention, Manovue – the world’s first intelligent personal assisting system for the visually impaired. Sharma was awarded at an annual event of the health summit in Berlin recently.

2. Sakharov human rights prize belongs to which professional?

Answer : Indian

Explanation :

- The **European Parliament** awarded the prestigious **Sakharov human rights prize** to jailed **Ukrainian** filmmaker **Oleg Sentsov**. He was awarded the **50,000 euro (USD 58,000)** prize for an “exceptional contribution” to human rights around the world.

October 29

1. When did celebrate world human rights day?

Answer : December 10

Explanation :

- The **United Nations** has hailed the “inspiring” work of four individuals and organisations as it announced the winners of its Prize in the Field of **Human Rights for 2018**.
- The honour was given to **Asma Jahangir**, the **late Pakistani lawyer** and leading human rights defender, along with **Tanzanian activist Rebeca Gyumi**, **Brazil’s first indigenous lawyer Joenia Wapichana** and **Irish** human rights groups **Front Line Defenders**.

2. Who won 1st runner-up title at Miss Grand International 2018?

Answer : Meenakshi Chaudhary

Explanation :

- Miss Paraguay **Clara Sosa** won the **Miss Grand International 2018** title at the 6th edition of the beauty pageant in Yangon, Myanmar. Clara Sosa succeeds Miss Grand International 2017 Maria Jose Lora of Peru. India’s, fbb Colors Femina Miss Grand India 2018 **Meenakshi Chaudhary** was named **1st runner up**.

APPOINTMENTS

October 1

1. Who was recently elected as the Chairman of the Press Trust of India (PTI)?

Answer: N. Ravi

Explanation:

- **N. Ravi**, Publisher and former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu, has been unanimously elected **Chairman of the Press Trust of India (PTI)**. Also, **Vijay Kumar Chopra**, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers, was elected **Vice-Chairman**.

October 2

1. Who was appointed as chief economist of International Monetary fund (IMF)?

Answer: Gita Gopinath

Explanation:

- **The International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has appointed **Gita Gopinath** as its **chief economist**. India-born Gopinath will succeed Maurice Obstfeld, who announced in July that he would retire at the end of 2018, as Economic Counsellor and Director of the IMF's Research Department.

October 3

1. Who was appointed as the first chairperson of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)?

Answer: Rangachari Sridharan

Explanation:

- The Centre has **appointed former IAS officer Rangachari Sridharan** as chairperson of the **National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)**, an entity which will function as an independent regulator for the auditing profession.

2. Who was appointed as UNICEF's special representative of young people?

Answer: Ravi Venkatesan

Explanation:

- **UNICEF** has appointed **Ravi Venkatesan** as its special representative of young people. He will provide strategic guidance and support UNICEF globally. Prior to this, he was chairman of the Bank of Baroda between 2015-18.

3. Who was appointed as the 46th Chief Justice of India?

Answer: Ranjan Gogoi

Explanation:

- **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** has sworn-in as new **Chief Justice of India**. President Ram Nath Kovind administered him the oath of office at a function in Rashtrapati Bhawan. He is succeeding Justice **Dipak Misra** who retired as Chief Justice of India recently. Justice Gogoi is the 46th Chief Justice of India. He will have a tenure of a little over **13 months** and will retire on **November 17, 2019**.

October 4

1. Who has been named as the event ambassador for the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon?

Answer: Sanya Richards-Ross

Explanation:

- **Athlete Sanya Richards-Ross** has been named as the **event ambassador** for the **Airtel Delhi Half Marathon** that will be held on 21st **October 2018**. Sanya Richards-Ross is a four-time Olympic gold medalist and a seven-time medalist at the World Championships.
- She is the fastest American woman in the history of 400m with her record of 48.70s timing set at the IAAF World Cup 2006.

October 5

1. Who took charge as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA)?

Answer: Madan Bhimarao Lokur

Explanation:

- **Madan Bhimarao Lokur** took charge as the Executive **Chairman** of the **National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA)**. Madan Bhimarao Lokur was appointed to the post by President Ram Nath Kovind. He replaces Justice Ranjan Gogoi.

2. Vikram Limaye has been appointed as the director for which organisation?

Answer: World Federation of Exchanges (WFE)

Explanation:

- **World Federation of Exchanges (WFE)**, has appointed NSE's Managing Director and CEO **Vikram Limaye** as the **chairman** of its working group committee. His name was announced at the **58th General Assembly and Annual Meeting** in Athens, Greece.

October 6

1. Who was appointed as the ambassador and India's permanent representative to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva?

Answer: Pankaj Sharma

Explanation:

- **Pankaj Sharma** has been appointed as the ambassador and **India's permanent representative to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament (UNCD) in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr Sharma will replace Amandeep Gill.** He is currently the joint secretary (Disarmament and International Security Division) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

2. Who has been recently appointed as India's Ambassador to Spain?

Answer: Sanjay Verma

Explanation:

- **Sanjay Verma** was appointed as **India's Ambassador to Spain**. Sanjay Verma is a 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer. He is currently the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

October 7

1. Who took charge as the new chairman and world president of the International Advertising Association (IAA)?

Answer: Srinivasan Swamy

Explanation:

- Indian advertising veteran and RK Swamy Hansa Group chairman **Srinivasan Swamy** took over as **new chairman and world president of the International Advertising Association (IAA)**. He takes over the reins from legendary advertising professional Felix Tataru from Romania.

2. Who was appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor (internal affairs), on 4th **October 2018**?

Answer: RN Ravi

Explanation:

- The government has **redesignated RN Ravi as deputy national security advisor (internal affairs)** from his earlier assignment as the chief of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC).
- Ravi will be third deputy to **NSA Ajit Doval** after former Research and Analysis Wing chief Rajinder Khanna and serving diplomat Pankaj Saran.

October 8

1. Who was appointed as the head of IDBI Bank for a period of six months?

Answer: Rakesh Sharma

Explanation:

- The government appointed former **Canara Bank** managing director **Rakesh Sharma** as head of **IDBI Bank** for a period of six months.
- This comes after the tenure of B Sriram who was appointed as the chief executive of IDBI Bank for three months ended in September 2018.

October 11

1. Who was appointed as the new Solicitor General of India?

Answer: Tushar Mehta

Explanation:

- Senior Advocate **Tushar Mehta** has been appointed as the new **Solicitor General of India**. He is currently serving as the Additional Solicitor General. The Solicitor General of India is the second-highest rank for a law officer of the government.
- The post of the second highest ranking law officer of the government had fallen vacant after senior advocate Ranjit Kumar's resignation in December last year.

2. Who has been appointed as the new Solicitor General of India?

Answer: Pravin Srivastava

Explanation:

- The government appointed **58-year-old Pravin Srivastava**, as the chief statistician of India (CSI). His tenure will be till August 31, 2020. He will be succeeding previous incumbent Mr. TCA Anant.
- He has also served secretary to the Indian Statistical Commission, popularly known as the Rangarajan Commission.

October 12

1. Who was appointed as the Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry?

Answer: Mahesh Y Reddy

Explanation:

- **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)** has announced that **Mahesh Y Reddy has taken over as its Secretary General** with immediate effect. Earlier, Reddy served as Director General of Infrastructure Industry and Logistics Federation of India for eight years.

October 18

1. Which actress was named as “face of Nokia phones” in India?

Answer: Alia Bhatt

Explanation

- **HMD Global**, which designs and sells phones under the **Nokia** brand has appointed Bollywood actress **Alia Bhatt** as the ‘**face of Nokia phones**’ in India. As part of the partnership, a print campaign with Bhatt has been initiated already to mark the festive season.

October 19

1. Who was elevated as the Head of Investment, Equity in Canara Robeco Mutual Fund?

Answer: Nimesh Chandan

Explanation

- **Canara Robeco Mutual Fund** elevated **Nimesh Chandan** as the **Head – Investment, Equity** with immediate effect. This position has been newly created. In this role, Nimesh Chandan will guide the equity team in providing a strategy for equity funds.

October 20

1. Who was appointed as the new Prime Minister in Yemen?

Answer: Maeen Abdulmalik

Explanation:

- **Yemen’s** newly appointed **Prime Minister Maeen Abdulmalik** was sworn in to lead the internationally-backed government in the war-torn Arab country.
- Maeen was appointed as Prime Minister by Yemen’s President Abdu-Rabbu Mansour Hadi earlier this week, replacing his sacked predecessor Ahmed Obeid bin Daghr.

October 24

1. Name the person who won the 7th term as President of Cameroon?

Answer: Paul Biya

Explanation:

- **Paul Biya**, won the 7th term as President of Cameroon. He had won 71.3 % of the ballot in the presidential election held on October 7, 2018. His rival Maurice Kamto came second with 14.2 % of the vote.

October 25

1. Who was appointed as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation by ACC?

Answer: Nageshwar Rao

Explanation:

- The Union Government has sent **CBI Director Alok Verma on leave**. Verma was appointed as CBI Director in 2016 for two years and his tenure ends in December 2018. The decision was taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) issued an order **appointing M Nageshwar Rao as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**.

October 26

1. Who was appointed as the acting chief justice of the Allahabad High Court?

Answer: Govind Mathur

Explanation:

- **Justice Govind Mathur** was appointed as **the acting chief justice** of the **Allahabad High Court**. Justice Govind Mathur replaces Chief Justice D B Bhosale, who retired recently.

October 27

1. Who became the first female President of Ethiopia?

Answer: Sahle-Work Zewde

Explanation:

- Ethiopia's parliament approved appointment of senior diplomat **Sahle-Work Zewde** as the country's first female president. She replaced **Mulatu Teshome Wirtu**.
- Presently, she is the **U.N. under-secretary general** and **special representative of the secretary general** to the **African Union**.

October 28

1. Who was appointed as new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

Answer: Mahinda Rajapaksa

Explanation:

- Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena appointed former President **Mahinda Rajapaksa** as new **Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**.

2. Who was appointed as interim director of the Enforcement Directorate(ED)?

Answer: Sanjay Kumar Mishra

Explanation:

- The government appointed IRS officer **Sanjay Kumar Mishra** as the **Interim Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED)** for three months as incumbent Karnal Singh will retire on **October 28**. The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** also said that it has approved Mishra's appointment to the post of Principal Special Director of the financial probe agency.

October 29

1. Who was re-elected as Irish president for the 2nd term?

Answer: Michael D Higgins

Explanation:

- **Michael D Higgins** has been **re-elected Irish president** after winning a landslide victory with 822,566 votes. The 77-year-old professor and campaigner will serve his second term after first being elected in 2011. Mr Higgins is Ireland's ninth president.

October 30

1. Name the person who won the sweeping victory in Brazil's presidential election?

Answer: Jair Bolsonaro

Explanation:

- Far-right politician **Jair Bolsonaro** has won a sweeping victory in **Brazil's presidential election**. The former army captain won 55.2% of the vote against 44.8% for Fernando Haddad of the left-wing Workers' Party.

IMPORTANT DAYS

October 1

1. On which day International Translation Day is celebrated?

Answer: 30 September

Explanation:

- International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30 September on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators. The celebrations have been promoted by International Federation of Translators (FIT) ever since it was set up in 1953.
- The theme of International Translation Day 2018 is “**Translation: Promoting Cultural Heritage in Changing Times**”.

2. What is the theme of this year’s World Habitat Day?

Answer: Municipal Solid Waste Management.

Explanation:

- The United Nations has designated the **first Monday of October** of every year as **World Habitat Day**. The theme for World Habitat Day 1 **October 2018** is **Municipal Solid Waste Management**.
- World Habitat Day was established in 1985 by the **United Nations General Assembly** through Resolution 40/202 and was first celebrated in **1986**.

October 2

1. What is the theme of this year’s International Day of Older Persons celebrated on 1st **October 2018**?

Answer: Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions.

Explanation:

- **International Day of Older Persons – 1 October**
- To create awareness on issues that affect the older persons like health issues and elder abuse. It is also appreciates the contributions of older people to the society, **1st October 2018**, International Day of Older Persons was observed throughout the world.
- In 1990, the United Nations General Assembly declared 1st October as the International Day of Older Persons. It was first observed in 1991.
- **Theme:** for International Day of Older Persons 2018 is “**Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions.**”

October 3

1. On which day World Habitat Day is celebrated?

Answer: First Monday of October

Explanation:

- World Habitat Day 2018
- **World Habitat Day** is celebrated annually on the **first Monday of October**. The event focuses on the state of human settlements and people's right to sufficient shelter.
- This year **theme** is "**Municipal Solid Waste Management**".

October 4

1. When was International Day of Non-Violence observed throughout the world?

Answer: October 2

Explanation:

- **International Day of Non-Violence – October 2**
- **2nd October 2018**, International Day of Non-Violence was observed throughout the world. **October 2** is the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of non-violence. This day aims to propagate non-violence through education and public awareness.
- In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared **October 2** as International Day of Non-Violence.

October 5

1. What is the theme of this year's International Teachers Day?

Answer: The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher

Explanation:

- **World Teachers' Day: 5 October**
- World Teachers' Day is celebrated globally on 5th October. The WTD 2018 will mark the **70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)** that recognizes education as a key fundamental right and establishes an entitlement to free compulsory education, ensuring inclusive and equitable access for all children.
- The theme for this year's WTD is "**The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher,**" has been chosen to remind the global community that the right to education cannot be achieved without the right to trained and qualified teachers.

2. Which day is celebrated as World Animal Day?

Answer: October 4

Explanation:

- **World Animal Day – October 4**
- **World Animal Day** is a social movement charged with the Mission of raising the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.
- World Animal Day was originated by **Heinrich Zimmermann**. He organized the first World Animal Day on 24 March 1925 at the Sports Palace in Berlin, Germany.

October 9

1. When was World Post Day celebrated all over the world?

Answer: October 9.

Explanation:

- **World Post Day** is celebrated each year on **9 October**, the anniversary of the **establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874** in the Swiss Capital, Bern. The theme selected for the 2018 competition is: **"Imagine you are a letter travelling through time. What message do you wish to convey to your readers"**
- It was declared World Post Day by the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969. Since then, countries across the world participate annually in the celebrations.

October 10

1. When was World Mental Health Day observed all over the world?

Answer: 10th **October 2018**

Explanation:

- 10th **October 2018**, **World Mental Health Day** was observed all over the world. This day creates awareness on mental health issues and support needed for mental health. In 1992, World Federation for **Mental Health** declared **October 10** as the **World Mental Health Day**.

2. What is the theme of this year's World Mental Health Day?

Answer: Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World

Explanation:

- **Theme: for World Mental Health Day 2018 is "Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World".**

3. Where did the national program of Wildlife Week held?

Answer: National Zoological Park in New Delhi.

Explanation:

- The national program of **Wild Life Week** concluded at the **National Zoological Park** in **New Delhi**. Wildlife Week is observed every year from **October 2 to 8**. **Wildlife Week** is celebrated since **1952**.

October 12

1. When was the International Day of the Girl Child marked?

Answer: **October 11**.

Explanation:

- **International Day of the Girl Child 2018**
- Since 2012, **11 October** has been marked as the **International Day of the Girl**. The theme for International Day of the Girl Child 2018 is **'With Her: A Skilled Girl Force'**.
- The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

October 13

1. When was World Arthritis Day observed all over the world?

Answer: **October 12**

Explanation:

- **World Arthritis Day 2018** is observed on **October 12**. This day is exclusively meant to raise awareness about arthritis, a condition which affects millions of people across the world.
- This day was started by **World Arthritis Foundation** in order to spread awareness about arthritis and encourage policymakers to help reduce burden of arthritis. The **theme** of World Arthritis Day this year is **“It’s in your hands, take action.”**

October 14

1. What is the theme of this year’s International Day of Disasters 2018?

Answer: Reducing the economic loss of disasters.

Explanation:

- **The International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR)** encourages every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster-resilient communities and nations. The **United Nations General Assembly** designated **October 13** as the **International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction** as part of its proclamation of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.
- The **theme** of 2018 is: **“Reducing the economic loss of disasters”**.

2. When was World Migratory Bird Day observed all over the world?

Answer: October 13.

Explanation:

- **13th October 2018**, World Migratory Bird Day was observed all over the world. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) aims to create awareness on the need for conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. From 2018, World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated twice a year, on the second Saturday in May and in October. In 2018, it was celebrated on 12th May and now on 13th October.
- **Theme:** for World Migratory Bird Day 2018 is **“Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation”**. Also **2018** is the **“Year of the Bird”**.

October 15

1. When was the International Day of Rural Women celebrated all over the world?

Answer: October 15.

Explanation:

- **15th October 2018**, International Day of Rural Women was celebrated all over the world. This day recognizes the role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in agriculture, rural development, food security and eradicating rural poverty.
- In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly, declared **October 15** as International Day of Rural Women. It was first observed in 2008.

2. What is the theme of this year's International Day of Rural Women?

Answer: Sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.

Explanation:

- Theme: for International Day of Rural Women 2018 is “**Sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls**”.

October 16

1. When was World Food Day celebrated all over the world?

Answer: October 16.

Explanation:

- **World Food Day – October 16**
- **16th October 2018**, World Food Day was celebrated all over the world. World Food Day is celebrated every year on **October 16** by 150 countries to support Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations’ mission to create awareness and gather support to end world hunger.
- FAO and World Food Day Committee conducted 2018 World Food Day event, with the theme “**Our actions are our future. A #zero hunger world by 2030 is possible**”.

October 17

1. When was International Day for the Eradication of Poverty themed “Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity” observed?

Answer: October 17.

Explanation:

- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – 17 October**
- **17th October 2018**, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was observed all over the world. This day acknowledges the efforts and struggles of people living in poverty and provides an opportunity to listen to their issues.
- In 1992, United Nations General Assembly declared 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- Theme for International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2018 is “**Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity**”.

October 24

1. When was World Polio Day observed all over the world?

Answer: October 24.

Explanation:

- **World Polio Day – October 24**
- **24th October 2018, World Polio Day** was observed all over the world. World Polio Day was initiated by Rotary International more than a decade ago to commemorate the birth of **Jonas Salk**, who developed a vaccine against poliomyelitis.
- Polio or poliomyelitis is a highly contagious disease caused by poliovirus. It attacks the nervous system. Children less than 5 years of age are highly vulnerable to this disease.

- **India received polio-free** certification along with the entire South-East Asia Region of WHO (World Health Organisation) on **27th March 2014 by WHO**.

October 25

1. When was United Nations Day celebrated all over the world?

Answer: October 24.

Explanation:

- **United Nations Day – 24 October**
- **24th October 2018, United Nations (UN) Day 2018** was celebrated all over the world. This day marks the anniversary of UN Charter's entry into force in 1945. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, the United Nations officially came into force.
- United Nations Day is celebrated on **October 24** since 1948. In 1971, United Nations General Assembly recommended this day to be observed by Member States as a public holiday.
- 2018 UN Day Concert will be in UN Headquarters in New York, with the theme **"Traditions of Peace and Non-violence"**.

October 28

1. When was World Day for Audiovisual Heritage observed?

Answer: October 27

Explanation:

- **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2018**
- **The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage** takes place every **27 October**. This commemorative day was chosen by UNESCO in 2005 to raise awareness of the significance of and preservation risks recorded sound and audiovisual documents. The theme of this year is **"Your Story is Moving"**.

October 29

1. When was International Animation Day celebrated all over the world?

Answer: October 28.

Explanation:

- **International Animation Day 2018**
- **International Animation Day** is celebrated on **October 28**, commemorating the day in 1892 when **Charles-Emile Reynaud's Theatre Optique** made its first public appearance in Paris. The day recognises and celebrates the artists, technicians and scientists behind the art of animation in all its forms and avatars.

October 30

1. What is the theme of this year's Vigilance Awareness Week?

Answer: Eradicate Corruption – Build A New India.

Explanation:

- **The Vigilance Awareness Week** will be observed across the country **from 29 October** to promote probity in public life and achieve a corruption-free society. The theme of the

week this year is, ‘**Eradicate Corruption – Build A New India**’. The observance of the week will commence with pledge taking by public servants in the Ministries, Departments, PSUs, Banks and all other Organisations.

- During the week, several functions will be organized to create awareness against the corrupt practices. The week, in which 31st October, the birthday of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** falls, is observed as **Vigilance Awareness Week every year**.

October 31

1. When was National Unity Day celebrated all over the world?

Answer: October 31st

Explanation:

- **National Unity Day: 31st October**
- **National Unity day (also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas)** is celebrated every year on **31st of October** by the people all through India. It is celebrated to commemorate the **birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** who really unified the country.
- National Unity Day was **introduced by the Government of India in 2014** with the aim of celebrating this event every year on 31st October. It would be celebrated as the **143rd birth anniversary** of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The aim of introducing this event is to pay tribute to the great man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, on his birth anniversary by remembering his extraordinary works for the country. He really worked hard in keeping India united.

ECONOMY

October 1

1. What are the three banks gave their assent for their amalgamation?

Answer : Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, Dena Bank

Explanation :

- The boards of state-run **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** and **Vijaya Bank** gave their assent for their amalgamation with **Dena Bank** to form the **second-largest entity** in the PSU banking space. The amalgamation of the three banks would be through share swap which will be the part of the scheme of merger.

2. RDNA stands for?

Answer : Rapid Damage Assessment and Need Analysis

Explanation :

- The **World Bank (WB)** – **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** team jointly conducted **Rapid Damage Assessment and Need Analysis (RDNA)**. This would help in: Repairing and reconstruction of roads under Public Works Department, local self

government institutions, water supply, flood control and irrigation systems, coastal area protection, rehabilitation of people in coastal stretches, etc.

3. According to RBI, India's external debt?

Answer : 514.4 billion

Explanation :

- **As per the RBI, India's external debt declined 2.8% to USD 514.4 billion at June-end** over the previous quarter on account of a decrease in commercial borrowings, short-term debt and non-resident Indian (NRI) deposits.

October 2

1. Why external debt is declined?

Answer : decrease in commercial borrowings, short-term debt and non-resident Indian (NRI) deposits

Explanation :

- **India's external debt** declined **2.8** per cent to **USD 514.4 billion** at June-end over the previous quarter on account of a decrease in commercial borrowings, short-term debt and non-resident Indian (NRI) deposits.
- At end-June 2018, the external debt was placed at USD 514.4 billion, recording a decrease of USD 14.9 billion over its level at end-March 2018.

October 5

1. Which organisation signed loan agreement for strengthen of KMC?

Answer : India and Asian Development Bank

Explanation :

- **India and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed **\$100 million** loan agreement to strengthen capacity of **Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** for resilient urban services.
- The **\$100 million** loan is the third and final tranche under the **\$400 million Kolkata Environmental Improvement Investment Program** and is aimed at expanding sewerage and drainage coverage and providing sewage treatment in Kolkata.

2. How much percentage Govt meets its direct tax revenue target in Apr-Sept?

Answer : 39%

Explanation :

- **Gross direct tax collection** in the first six months of the financial year grew **16.7 percent** to Rs 5.47 lakh crore.
- Refunds amounting to Rs 1.03 lakh crore have been issued during April 2018 to September 2018, which is 30.4 percent higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year.

October 6

1. UNCTAD stands for?

Answer : United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Explanation :

- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its **Trade and Development Report** predicted the GDP growth of India for 2018 to be at **7%**. Previously in 2017, it was 6.2%.

2. Where is World Bank headquarters?

Answer : Washington

Explanation :

- Developing countries of the **East Asia and Pacific region** will grow at **6.3** per cent in 2018, the World Bank has said. The outlook for the region remained positive despite a lower growth prospect than in 2017 owing to a moderation in China's growth.
- The **October 2018** edition of the **World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update** also warned of uncertainty in the region owing to trade tensions.

October 7

1. What is repo rate and reverse repo rate?

Answer : 6.5 percent, 6.25%,

Explanation :

- The Monetary Policy Committee of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the repo rate unchanged at **6.5 percent**. The MPC changed the stance from '**neutral**' to '**calibrated tightening**'. Consequently, the **reverse repo rate** under the LAF remains at **6.25%**, and the **marginal standing facility (MSF) rate** and the **Bank Rate** at **6.75%**.
- Reserve Bank also retained GDP growth estimate at **7.4 per cent** for the **current financial year**, adding that it is likely to go up to **7.6 per cent in FY20**.

2. How much foreign portfolio investor will be required to invest a minimum?

Answer : 67%

Explanation :

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** proposed new norms for **foreign portfolio investors (FPIs)** to attract long-term and stable FPI investments into debt markets while allowing them operational flexibility. The central bank, in consultation with the government and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has proposed a special route called **Voluntary Retention Route (VRR)** to encourage FPIs willing to make long-term investments in debt.
- A foreign portfolio investor will be required to invest a minimum of **67%** of the committed portfolio size (CPS) within the one-month period.

October 8

1. Which norms issued by RBI for operating Electronic Trading Platforms?

Answer : The Electronic Trading Platforms (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018

Explanation :

- RBI issued norms for operating **Electronic Trading Platforms** to enable transactions in eligible instruments. The directions are thus called: '**The Electronic Trading Platforms (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018**'.
- As per the norms, ETPs will strictly mean any electronic platform except the stock exchange, where transactions of eligible instruments would take place. These come into force with effect from **October 05, 2018**.

October 9

1. Who released 'Budget Crunch' report?

Answer : World Bank

Explanation :

- **World Bank** in its **South Asia Economic Focus 'Budget Crunch' report** released the projection of GDPs of various countries. It stated that India's GDP growth is expected to touch **7.3%** in **2018-19**.
- Also, India's GDP projection for **2019 & 2020** has been projected to **7.5%**. Growth reached **6.7 per cent** in fiscal year **2017/18**.

2. According to World Bank what is India's growth rate?

Answer : 7.3 per cent

Explanation :

- **Growth in India** is firming up and projected to accelerate to **7.3 per cent** in the **2018-19** fiscal and **7.5 per cent** in the **next two years**, the World Bank said.
- Prompted by the adoption of the 'Goods and Services Tax' (GST) and the recapitalisation of banks, growth in India is firming up and it is projected to accelerate further.

October 10

1. Who told India, "world's fastest-growing major economy this year"?

Answer : IMF

Explanation :

- As per the IMF's latest report, India is projected to grow at **7.3% in 2018 and 7.4% in 2019**. The report predicted India to regain the tag of the **world's fastest-growing major economy** this year, crossing China with more than **0.7 percentage points**
- In **China**, growth is projected to moderate from 6.9 per cent in **2017 to 6.6% in 2018 and 6.2 % in 2019**.

October 11

1. How many students selected by the ATAL Innovation Mission?

Answer : 18

Explanation :

- Tech major **IBM India and NITI Aayog** announced an **internship programme** for the top performing under-18 students selected by the ATAL Innovation Mission, a flagship programme of the government to promote entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Over 40 high school students will go through a two-week paid internship at the IBM campus in Bengaluru.

October 12

1. How much percentage reduced excise duty on jet fuel by government?

Answer : 11

Explanation :

- The government reduced **excise duty on jet fuel to 11 %** from current 14 % in order to help the aviation industry that has been affected badly by high fuel prices. The Revenue Department of the Finance Ministry has notified that the excise duty on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) change will come to effect from 12th **October 2018**.

2. How much percentage interest for non government provident, superannuation, gratuity funds?

Answer : 8%

Explanation :

- The Centre has notified a higher interest rate of **8% for the non-government provident, superannuation, and gratuity funds**, effective from **October 1**. The interest rate on these funds has been raised from 7.6%. The move comes on the back of a hike in small savings rates — by up to 40 basis points for some schemes — that were also made effective from **October 1**.

October 13

1. For what reason SBI has signed MoU with NBI?

Answer : Development of human resources

Explanation :

- **State Bank of India** has signed an **MoU** with Kathmandu-based **National Banking Institute (NBI)** for the development of human resources of the latter. SBI signed the three-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with NBI to establish a mutually beneficial strategic alliance for development of NBI's human resources by imparting education, training and research.

October 14

1. What are the areas covered under “non-governmental provident funds, gratuity and superannuation”?

Answer : PPF, Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme, National Savings Certificate and post office time deposits

Explanation :

- The **Finance Ministry** increased interest rates for non-governmental provident funds, gratuity and superannuation to **8 percent** from existing **7.6 percent**. These include: Public Provident Fund (PPF), Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme, National Savings Certificate and post office time deposits.
- The changes are effective from **October 1, 2018** to **December 31, 2018**, for the **3rd** quarter.

2. Where did held annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund?

Answer : Bali in Indonesia

Explanation :

- The **World Bank** announced concessional loan worth **USD 195 million** to **Nepal** to reform the country's **financial and energy sectors**. It was announced during the ongoing annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) at **Bali in Indonesia**.

October 15

1. In which area affected by disaster?

Answer : Lombok and Sulawesi

Explanation :

- The **World Bank** announced funding of up to **\$1 billion** to the Government of Indonesia for relief and reconstruction efforts in the disaster-affected areas of **Lombok and Sulawesi**. It would be guided by a **US\$5 million** grant for technical assistance for resilient and community-led reconstruction detailed planning.

October 16

1. How much percentage government has increased the rate of interest for GPF & other schemes?

Answer : 0.4% points to 8% for the October-December quarter

Explanation :

- The government has increased the rate of interest for **General Provident Fund (GPF)** and other related schemes **by 0.4% points to 8% for the October-December quarter**. The rate is in line with that for Public Provident Fund (PPF). The interest rate on GPF was 7.6% for the July-September quarter of 2018-19.

October 17

1. Who is the chairperson & vice chairperson of AMFI?

Answer : Nimesh Shah, Kailash Kulkarni

Explanation :

- ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Managing Director and Chief Executive **Nimesh Shah** has been elected as the **chairperson** of industry body AMFI. Kailash Kulkarni, CEO of L&T Mutual Fund, continues to be the vice chairperson of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

October 23

1. How many projects approved for developing countries tackle climate change?

Answer : 19

Explanation :

- A U.N.-backed fund has approved more than **\$1 billion** for 19 new projects to help **developing countries tackle climate change**. During a four-day meeting in Bahrain that ended, officials overseeing the **Green Climate Fund** also agreed to start seeking fresh money next year as its initial capital of about **\$6.6 billion** will soon be used up.
- Funding approved at the meeting in Manama includes projects linked to geothermal energy in Indonesia, greener cities in Europe and the **Middle East, and protection for coastal communities in India.**

October 24

1. Who is the second largest insurance gap in the world?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** has the **second largest insurance gap** in the world of \$27 billion **after China**, where the under insurance or insurance gap is over \$76 billion. According to a **Lloyd's of London's report**, global under insurance stands at \$162.5 billion in 2018.

2. Who has unveiled Khushi'?

Answer : PNB Metlife app

Explanation :

- Life insurer **PNB Metlife** has unveiled an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered customer service app '**Khushi**'. The app is designed to be a one-stop shop providing insurance-related information, anytime, anywhere, such as policy features, premium due details besides providing fund value and portfolio details.

October 25

1. The Overseeing Committee (OC) that is formed under the inter-creditor agreement (ICA) for resolution of stressed assets will have how many members?

Answer : 6

Explanation :

- An **overseeing committee (OC)** is set up under the **inter-creditor agreement (ICA)** for resolution of stressed assets and it will have six members. The OC, which is being formed under the aegis of the **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**, will approve resolution plans for stressed assets submitted by lead lenders.
- An inter creditor agreement **is an agreement among creditors** that sets forth the various **lien positions and the rights and liabilities of each creditor and its impact on the other creditors.**

October 26

1. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), at what place will India be in the aviation market by 2024?

Answer : 3

Explanation :

- International Air Transport Association (IATA) stated that, **India** will become **the world's 3rd largest aviation market** around **2024** surpassing the United Kingdom. India is at present, the world's 7th largest aviation market. By 2037, out of 572 million new passengers in the world, India will account for 414 million passengers.

2. Who released "India Solar Market Leaderboard 1H 2018" report titled?

Answer : Mercom Communications India

Explanation :

- According to a report titled '**India Solar Market Leaderboard 1H 2018**' by **Mercom Communications India**, India stands as the **second largest solar market** in the world, during the first half of calendar year **2018**. India installed 4.9 GW of solar power and was the fifth-largest solar market in the world for total installations.
- It follows **China** which topped during the January-June period.

October 27

1. How much Fund issue by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board for infrastructure projects?

Answer : Rs 5,000 crore

Explanation :

- To fund infrastructure projects in the state, the **Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board's** decision to issue '**masala bonds**' worth **Rs 5,000 crore** was announced.

2. Which fertilizer has been ranked as the biggest cooperative in the world according to the 7th edition 'Word Cooperative Monitor' report 2018??

Answer : IFFCO

Explanation :

- According to the **7th** edition '**World Cooperative Monitor**' report 2018, fertilizer major **IFFCO** has been ranked as the biggest cooperative in the world. It has retained this position from **2016**.
- IFFCO has been ranked based on the ratio of turnover over gross domestic product (GDP) per capita. This relates the turnover of the co-operative to the purchasing power of the country in which it operates.

October 30

1. Which country is Asia's most investment savvy economy, according to a new Standard Chartered study??

Answer : India

Explanation :

- According to a new **Standard Chartered study-'The Emerging Affluent Study 2018-Climbing the Prosperity Ladder'**, India is Asia's most investment savvy economy.
- The survey markets were: **China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea, the UAE.**

October 31

1. World Trade Organization's dispute settlement body set up a panel to look into the export-subsidy dispute between India and which country?

Answer : US

Explanation :

- The **World Trade Organization's** dispute settlement body has set up a panel to look into the **India-US** export-subsidy dispute. This was established on the request of the US to examine the allegations on India's export incentive measures.
- The US has challenged India's export subsidy programmes such as **Merchandise Exports from India Scheme** in the WTO, asserting that these initiatives were harming its companies.

2. Which country topped as Asia's most investment savvy economy?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- India is **Asia's most investment savvy economy and more than two-thirds of the country's affluent class** prefer to use various investment products to achieve their financial goals and greater social mobility.
- The study said, **31 per cent of emerging affluents is selecting mutual funds, a quarter (25 per cent) choosing fixed income investments and 22 per cent equity investments.**

BOOKS

October 16

1. What is the highlight of the book “Lalu Leela”?

Answer : RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his family allegedly amassed properties through illegal means when they were in power

Explanation :

- A book titled ‘**Lalu Leela**’, penned by **deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi**, was released in Patna. The book highlights how RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his family allegedly amassed properties through illegal means when they were in power.
- The 200-page book is primarily a compilation of over 40 press conferences held by Modi from April to July last year, in which he highlighted a number of benami deals and shell companies associated with Lalu family.

October 17

1. Whose biography titled ‘Building a Legacy’?

Answer : Anumolu Ramakrishna

Explanation :

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** released a biography of late **Anumolu Ramakrishna**, a pioneer in the application of innovative systems and construction techniques in the Indian construction sector.
- The biography titled ‘**Building a Legacy**’ is authored by city-based Chartered Accountant **V Pattabhi Ram**.

October 18

1. Whose biography titled ‘Brief Answers to the Big Questions’?

Answer : Stephen Hawking

Explanation :

- **Stephen Hawking’s** final work, which tackles issues from the existence of God to the potential for time travel, was launched by his children, who helped complete the book after the British astrophysics giant’s death.
- Hawking was forever being asked the same things and started work on “**Brief Answers to the Big Questions**” last year.

October 19

1. Who released the book title “Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior”?

Answer : Rima Hooja

Explanation :

- A new book on Maharana Pratap named “**Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior**” authored by historian Rima Hooja has been released.
- In Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior, noted historian Rima Hooja describes in detail how Maharana Pratap managed to elude capture by the mighty Mughal army for so long and never bowed down to Akbar.

October 21

1. Who is the author of ‘Yogi Adityanath: The Rise of a Saffron Socialist’?

Answer : Pravin Kumar

Explanation :

- The **biography** of UP Chief Minister ‘**Yogi Adityanath: The Rise of a Saffron Socialist**’ is now amongst best seller books. The book written by **Pravin Kumar**. The life of Yogi Adityanath ji is full of changes. The book traces his fascinating journey and also the history of the Gorakhnath Temple and the Nath sect.

October 22

1. What is Vijayan Bala launched new book?

Answer : Indian Sports: Conversations and Reflections

Explanation :

- Veteran commentator and cricket statistician **Vijayan Bala** launched his new book “**Indian Sports: Conversations and Reflections**”. It is a compilation of interviews of eminent sportspersons he has conducted since **1971**.
- Earlier, he had published a book on Statistics called ‘**Indian Test Cricket back in 1974**’. In 2016, he authored a second book “**The Complete Indian Sports Quiz**” inaugurated by sports minister Rathore.

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