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NATIONAL NEWS

September 1

1. 'Mobility Week' is organized between:

Answer : 31 August to 6 September 2018

Explanation :

- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman **Dr. Rajiv Kumar**, and Chief Executive Officer Shri. **Amitabh Kant**, unveiled a series of events to take place in the 'Mobility Week' from **31 August to 6 September 2018**, in the run up to **MOVE: The Global Mobility Summit 2018 on 7 and 8 September 2018** at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**. The Summit will be inaugurated by **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India**.

2. Which state launched -MIL-Banche?

Answer : Madhya Pradesh

Explanation :

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, in a **first** of its kind initiative, —**Mil -Banche**, an interactive programme between schools and society is being organized in all government **schools of the state**.
- This programme is being organized in the state for multi-dimensional development of **children** through language **skill up-gradation**, reading other **books in addition to textbooks**, developing interest in understanding and other **co-curricular activities in government schools**.

3. What is the aim of National Mission?

Answer : cashless, contactless and paperless transaction

Explanation :

- The National Mission on Government e Marketplace (**GeM**) will be launched on **5th September 2018** to accelerate the adoption and use of GeM by major central Ministries, State Governments and their agencies. e Marketplace is an online marketplace to **facilitate procurement of goods and services** by various Ministries and agencies of the Government.
- The aim of the **National Mission** is to promote **inclusiveness, transparency and efficiency in public procurement and achieve cashless, contactless and paperless transaction**.

4. Which project **ADB** and **India** signed \$346 million?

Answer : 400 kilometers of state highways (12 districts in Karnataka)

Explanation :

- The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) and the Government of **India** signed a \$346 million loan to finance improvement of over **400 kilometers** of state

highways that will enhance connectivity and access to economic centers across **12 districts in Karnataka.**

5. Which Airport renamed as Maharaj?

Answer : Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport

Explanation :

- Nearly two years after a resolution was passed in the **Maharashtra** Assembly, **Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport** has finally been rechristened as **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport**. Confirming the development, Union Civil Aviation Minister **Suresh Prabhu** said the long-pending demand of the state had been fulfilled.
- **Mumbai's** airport was formerly known as **Sahar International Airport**. It was renamed as **Chhatrapati Shivaji** International Airport in **1999**.

6. ARIIA full form?

Answer : Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements

Explanation :

- To promote a culture of innovation and research in higher education, the human resource development (**HRD**) ministry launched the **Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)**, Union minister **Prakash Javadekar** announced.
- Named after former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, the **ARIIA** "will rank educational institutions for innovation output based on all major indicators and parameters used globally".

7. How much state-of-the-art ship designed by the IWAI?

Answer : 13

Explanation :

- Inland Waterways Authority of India (**IWAI**) made public **13 standardised** state-of-the-art ship designs suitable for large barge haulage on river **Ganga (National Waterway-1)**. This marks attaining a critical milestone in the growth of the country's Inland Water Transport (**IWT**) sector.

September 2

1. At which place inaugurate the 'Krishna Kutir' program?

Answer : Vrindavan, in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

Explanation :

- Minister for Women & Child Development, Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Adityanath Yogi inaugurated '**Krishna Kutir**', a home for widows, at an event at Vrindavan, in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- Krishna Kutir is a special home that will offer shelter and protection to 1000 helpless widows. It has been set up by the Ministry of Women & Child Development under the Ministry's **Swadhar Greh** scheme.

2. Narendra Modi launched the IPPB in which city on September 1, 2018?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launches **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** to ensure **speedy financial inclusion** for people across the country with the leverage of a vast network of the postal department.
- With the launch at an event organised at **Talkatora Stadium**, the IPPB will have 650 branches and 3,250 access points across the country.

3. Which city launch 'One District One Product' scheme?

Answer : Odisha

Explanation :

- To provide market link to farmers and make small industries successful in the state, Union MSME Minister **Giriraj Singh** announced the launch of '**One District One Product**' scheme in **Odisha** at a function of the **SC-ST State Conclave cum Exhibition** under **National SC-ST Hub**.

4. Which projects resolve hydroelectric issues in India and Pakistan?

Answer : Indus Waters Treaty

Explanation :

- To resolve issues on the various hydroelectric projects, **India and Pakistan** agreed to undertake the Indus Waters Treaty tours in the Indus basin on both sides.
- This agreement came after the two-day high-level bilateral talks on the Indus Waters Treaty in Lahore in August 18, 2018.

Indus Water Treaty:

- Under the provisions of the Indus Water Treaty **1960**, waters of the eastern rivers – Sutlej, Beas and Ravi – had been allocated to India and the western rivers – the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab – to Pakistan, except for certain non-consumptive uses for India.

5. Which village fully digital under Digital India Programme?

Answer : Pindara Thakur village in Amethi

Explanation :

- **Pindara Thakur** village in **Amethi** was made fully digital under **Digital India Programme** of the Union government. It will have access to 206 government services digitally.
- Union Minister of Textiles Mrs. Smriti Irani inaugurated the '**Digital India Banking Service**' at the head post office of Amethi.

6. National REDD + strategy released by ?

Answer : Harsh Vardhan

Explanation :

- The national **Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)** strategy for India prepared by **Indian Council of Forestry and Education, Dehradun** for the Government was released in New Delhi by **Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Harsh Vardhan**.

September 3

1. Vibrant Gujarat 2019 will be held in ?

Answer : Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Explanation :

- Gujarat Government has partnered with a **top India-centric American advocacy group** for the **9th edition of 'Vibrant Gujarat'**, the annual industry summit, which will be held from **18th to 20th January 2019 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- John Chambers, chairman of **US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)**, will lead a high-level **CEO** delegation to **Vibrant Gujarat 2019**.

2. 47th DG-level conference between?

Answer : Indian and Bangladeshi

Explanation :

- The bi-annual talks between **Indian and Bangladeshi** border forces have begun in **New Delhi**. Director General of Border Security Force (**BSF**) **KK Sharma** represented the **Indian side while Director General** of Border Guard Bangladesh (**BGB**) Major General **Md Shafeenul Islam** led the Bangladeshi side in the talks.
- This is the **47th DG-level** conference between the two sides since it began in **1975**.

3. PUDA 360 meant?

Answer : e-properties module

Explanation :

- Punjab Chief Minister **Amarinder Singh** launched **PUDA 360**, an **e-properties module** to facilitate online property transactions. It is aimed at bringing greater efficiency and transparency in the functioning of Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (**PUDA**).
- The online process would also make **e-auction** more convenient and give a **common platform to the promoters**, builders, individuals for advertising their projects.

4. National Nutrition Week?

Answer : September 1-7

Explanation :

- Observing the **National Nutrition Week**, West Bengal chief minister **Mamata Banerjee** said that the state government has adopted a multi-sectoral strategy to

reduce **under-nutrition and anaemia** among **women and children** in a targeted manner by **2020**.

- The **National Nutrition Week** was started by the **Central government in 1982** to curb malnutrition and is observed every year from **September 1-7**.

September 4

1. Who inaugurated 71st WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri J P Nadda** inaugurated the '**71st Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia**', in **New Delhi**.
- India would work with member countries on Regional and Global health agenda for common goal of Health for All.

2. Who flagged off Delhi Moveo Cyclothon?

Answer : Kiren Rijiju

Explanation :

- The **Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju** flagged off **Delhi Moveo Cyclothon** in the national capital, New Delhi. Delhi Moveo Cyclothon was organised by **NITI Aayog at India Gate**. The main aim of the event was making cycling a part of everybody's life and also spreading the message of environmental awareness.

3. Which government has declared Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary as an elephant reserve?

Answer : Nagaland

Explanation :

- The **Nagaland** government has declared the **Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary** as an elephant reserve making it the 30th reserve for jumbos in the country. The Singphan Elephant Reserve is located in Mon district of Nagaland.

4. On which new class the Census 2021 will collect data?

Answer : Other Backward Classes

Explanation :

- **Census 2021** will for the first time collect data on Other Backward Classes (OBC), the Centre said. The decision to count the OBCs in the next Census was to get a correct perspective on the social status in the country. The 2011 Census collected information in 29 categories that included a separate column for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes. The OBCs would also be an option in the column in 2021.
- The enumerators will start —**house listing** in 2020 and the headcount will begin from February 2021

5. Bhamashah Yojana?

Answer : Free mobile phones to women of BPL families

Explanation :

- In a bid to boost Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship '**Digital India**' campaign, Rajasthan government will soon distribute **mobile phones to women under the Bhamashah Yojana**. Focused on women who fall under the **Below Poverty Line (BPL)**, the scheme aims to transfer financial and non-financial benefits of government schemes in a transparent manner.

September 5

1. Who announced India will shortly unveil a **One Nation-One Card** policy?

Answer : Amitabh Kant

Explanation :

- **NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer Amitabh Kant** announced that **India will shortly unveil a One Nation-One Card policy** for public transport that will entail connectivity between various modes of transport. The announcement was made at a function on **Future Mobility Summit-2018** in New Delhi.
- The road transportation segment alone contributes to around 4% of country's GDP with the segment still being heavily dependent on fossil fuels.

2. IOWave18 stands for?

Answer : Indian Ocean Wave Exercise 2018

Explanation :

- **Indian Ocean Wave Exercise 2018 (IOWave18)** began in the Indian Ocean. It is a major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock drill consisting of evacuation of residents of coastal areas, in the 2018 version, **India** along with **23** nations is participating in it.
- It is being organized by **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)** of UNESCO.

3. What is the aim of MAYA?

Answer : attract the rural youth under the age of 35 years in agriculture

Explanation :

- The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR** has organized a two-day conference on **Motivating & Attracting Youth in Agriculture (MAYA)**. Under this scheme, special efforts are being taken up **to attract the rural youth under the age of 35 years in agriculture** so that the increase in the migration of rural youth towards cities is controlled.

4. International Aviation Summit begins in which city?

Answer : attract the rural youth under the age of 35 years in agriculture

Explanation :

- **The International Aviation Summit** began in New Delhi, India. The seminar has been jointly organised by the **Airports Authority of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation and International Air Transport Association (IATA)**.
- **Union Minister for Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu** announced that the Civil Aviation Ministry is coming up with **Vision 2035** under which it plans to build 100 new airports across India in the next 10-15 years with an investment of **USD 60 billion** and address the major issues concerning aviation industry such as airport infrastructure, taxation and use of technology.

September 6

1. Japan India Association– how many years old?

Answer : 115-year-old

Explanation :

- **Japan and Gujarat** has signed agreements to promote **bilateral cooperation in culture, business** and interaction between the academia. These agreements were signed during the ongoing visit of a delegation from **Gujarat** led by Deputy Chief Minister **Nitin Patel** to **Japan**.
- The MoUs were signed between **115-year-old** Japan India Association (**JIA**) on the Japanese side and Ahmedabad Management Association (**AMA**) and **Indo Japan Friendship Association**.

2. How much percentage wages increased for artisans?

Answer : 36 percentage

Explanation :

- The Government has approved a proposal by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (**KVIC**) to increase **wages of artisans by over 36 percent**, from **five rupees 50 paise per hank to seven rupees 50 paise**. The enhancement in wages will draw youth towards taking up spinning as a profession. It was announced by **KVIC Chairman V K Saxena**.

3. Who are signed MOU for —Adobe Digital Disha?

Answer : Adobe and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Explanation :

- **Software major Adobe** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to launch an —**Adobe Digital Disha** programme across vocational institutes in **India**. The programme is focused on helping vocational institutes leverage the power of a **free online and mobile graphic design app –Adobe Spark** to integrate **creativity and digital literacy into classrooms and curriculum**.

4. Who released draft “Charter of Patients“?

Answer : Health and Family Welfare

Explanation :

- Union Ministry of **Health and Family Welfare** released draft ' **Charter of Patients** ' Rights for proper health care by medical establishments. This was prepared by National Human Rights Commission (**NHRC**). Under the draft the patients have **17 rights**.

5. PMJDY overdraft facility?

Answer : Rs. 5,000 to Rs.

10,000 **Explanation :**

- The Government has decided to make the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (**PMJDY**) an **open-ended scheme** and added more incentives to **encourage** people to **open bank accounts**. The Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** stated that the overdraft facility has been doubled from **Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000** under the Yojana.

6. Which section says –Homosexuality Not a Crime in India Any more?

Answer : Section 377

Explanation :

- The **Supreme Court abolished Section 377** of the Indian Penal Code (**IPC**), the **1862 law** which criminalised homosexuality. The **Delhi High Court** had decriminalised homosexuality in **2009**, but the decision was overturned by the **Supreme Court in 2013**. According to **Section 377**, consensual **sexual acts** are also considered unnatural and are punishable.
- The **Supreme Court decriminalised** a portion of **Section 377** of the **Indian Penal Code**, a colonial era provision that criminalises private consensual sexual acts between same sex adults. The judgment was delivered by a Bench of Chief Justice of **India Dipak Misra** and Justices **Rohinton Nariman, AM Khanwilkar, DY Chandrachud** and **Indu Malhotra**

September 7

1. Where did held "Defence & Homeland Security Expo and Conference – 2018"?

Answer : New Delhi.

Explanation :

- The Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **3-day Defence & Homeland Security Expo and Conference – 2018**, organised by **PHD** Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSME**) in **New Delhi**.

2. Where did held "Leveraging IT for Mobility" Seminar?

Answer : New Delhi.

Explanation :

- **Ministry of Railways & Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)** organised a seminar on —**Leveraging IT for Mobility** in **New Delhi**. Minister of Railways & Coal, **Shri Piyush Goyal** graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Shri Goyal also launched a **new app** – **AAPOORTI** mobile App of **Indian Railways e-procurement system** (IREPS).

3. Who is the president of Bulgarian?

Answer : Rumen Radev

Explanation :

- **India and Bulgaria** has signed MoUs, including **one on civil nuclear cooperation**, as President **Ram Nath Kovind** held talks with his **Bulgarian counterpart Rumen Radev**. The **four MoUs** between **India and Bulgaria** are investment, tourism, civil nuclear cooperation and the establishment of **Hindi Chair at Sofia University**.

4. Which country hold '2 + 2' dialogue?

Answer : US and India.

Explanation :

- The US Secretary of State, **Michael R Pompeo**, and US Defence Secretary, **James N Mattis**, met their **Indian** counterparts **Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** in the **first 2+2 dialogue in New Delhi**.
- According to the joint statement, the two sides signed the **Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)** that will facilitate access to advanced defence systems and enable India to optimally utilise its existing **US-origin platforms**.

5. What is the website address for Kumbh Mela, 2019?

Answer : kumbh.gov.in

Explanation :

- Rail Minister **Piyush Goyal** along with Chief Minister of **UP Yogi Adityanath** launched the official **website and app** for **Kumbh Mela, 2019** in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.

6. Development of Rural Circuit: **Malanad Malabar Cruise** Tourism Project scheme name

Answer : Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

Explanation :

- Minister of State for Tourism (I/C) **Shri K.J. Alphons** announced the sanction of **Rs. 80.37 Crores** for —**Development of Rural Circuit: Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project** in **Kerala** under **Swadesh Darshan Scheme**.

September 8

1. Where is world's first thermal battery plant?

Answer : Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- The **world's first-ever facility** to create thermal batteries will be inaugurated in **Amaravati**, Andhra Pradesh. The Thermal batteries will be manufactured by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (**BEST**).
- These batteries are based on alternative sources of energy production, and their presence is expected to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels. Energy can be stored in it that can power telecommunications, commercial enterprises, electric vehicles as well as charging systems.

2. Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling: Policy Prescriptions held at

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **NITI Aayog's International Conference on —Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling : Policy Prescriptions** was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Road Transport, **Highways & Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi.**
- It is expected that the deliberations at the conference will provide inputs for the policy formulation on various aspects related to material recycling.

3. National Green Tribunal committee head :

Answer : Allahabad High Court judge

Explanation :

- The **National Green Tribunal** constituted a committee, to be headed by a former **Allahabad High Court judge**, for monitoring the rejuvenation project of **Ganga from Haridwar to Unnao in Uttar Pradesh.**

4. Who is the author of "A Painter of Eloquent Silence"?

Answer : Ganesh Pyne

Explanation :

- The **National Academy** of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi (**LKA**) celebrated its **64th Foundation Day** and the event was inaugurated by Minister of State for Culture(I/c), Dr. **Mahesh Sharma.**
- A book on eminent artist Ganesh Pyne— **A Painter of Eloquent Silence** written by Pranav Ranjan Ray was launched.

5. Where is world's first thermal battery plant?

Answer : Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- The Union Ministry of Water Resources, the **NABARD** and the National Water Development Agency (**NWDA**) signed a revised Memorandum of Agreement (**MoA**) for funding of central share of **99** prioritised irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (**PMKSY**).

6. What it means GOAMILES?

Answer : Goa Tourism Development Corporation's app-based taxi service

Explanation :

- Goa Chief Minister **Manohar Parrikar** and Tourism Minister **Manohar Ajgaonkar** flagged off the Goa Tourism Development Corporation's **app-based taxi service** called **GOAMILES** in Panaji.
- It would ensure that commuters are not cheated as there would be transparency in fares for the customers. It will also ensure the increase in earnings of taxi drivers by **—two to three** times.

September 9

1. What is the theme of —International Geriatric Orthopaedic Society of India Conference?

Answer : Increased Longevity with Reduced Fragility and Enhanced Mobility

Explanation :

- The Union Home Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **6th International Geriatric Orthopaedic Society of India Conference** at the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi**.
- The theme of the conference is: **—Increased Longevity with Reduced Fragility and Enhanced Mobility**.
- This was organized by **Geriatric Orthopaedic Society of India**.

2. Which city is top in pollution emission?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- The **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)** in its study reported that the pollution by particulate emission from commuting in **Delhi** is **highest** among **14 major cities** in the country.
- The study was discussed on the first day of an international conclave on **Towards Clean and Low Carbon Mobility**.

3. Contributions to 'Bharat Ke Veer' exempted from which tax?

Answer : income tax under 80(G)

Explanation :

- **Home Minister Rajnath Singh** announced that all contributions to home ministry's **Bharat Ke Veer** fund have been exempted from the income tax under **80(G)**. It has been formalised into a registered trust.

4. What are the countries participate in Yudh Abhyas?

Answer : India and US

Explanation :

- Aim to enhance inter-operability between the two forces , After the 2+2 dialogue, the armies of India and the US decided to hold an annual combat exercise —**Yudh Abhyas**— at **Chaubatia in Uttarakhand** from **September 16 to 29, 2018**.
- This happened after the agreement of '**The Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)**' was signed between the two countries.

5. Who did inaugurate 4th Annual Sustainable Smart Cities India Conference?

Answer : A.B. Ibrahim

Explanation :

- To work on reforms, development and barriers taking place in the Smart Cities India projects, the **4th Annual Sustainable Smart Cities India Conference** was inaugurated by **A.B. Ibrahim**, IAS, Mission Director, Smart City Mission, Karnataka in **Bengaluru**.

6. Which state allows leprosy affected people in panchayat elections?

Answer : Rajasthan

Explanation :

- The **Rajasthan Assembly** passed the **Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2018**, The bill contains:
- Relaxation of the -two-child provision for those aspiring to contest panchayat elections provided one of the children is differently-abled,
- Allowing people suffering from leprosy to contest panchayat elections.

7. Where is -Hazratganj Chauraha?

Answer : Lucknow

Explanation :

- **Lucknow's famous Hazratganj Chauraha** will be renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee as **Atal Chowk**. Sharing details of the decision, city Mayor Sanyukta Bhatia told that they will also build a memorial named —Atal Smriti Upvan for the late veteran leader, who was a five-time Member of Parliament (MP) from Lucknow.

8. What did focus — World Summit on Accreditation?

Answer : challenges and opportunities in outcome-based accreditation

Explanation :

- The **World Summit on Accreditation** pertaining to educational institutes got underway in **New Delhi** on 8th September. The three-day Summit will focus on challenges and opportunities in outcome-based accreditation.
- The theme this year is –“ Challenges and Opportunities in Outcome-Based Accreditation.”
- To encourage **Ratings and Rankings** for educational institutions, Union Minister for HRD Shri **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated **2-day 4th** World Summit on Accreditation (**WOSA-2018**) organized by NBA in New Delhi.
- The theme of WOSA 2018 was —**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUTCOME BASED ACCREDITATION.**

September 10

1. What are the country participate in MYC to reduce their GHG?

Answer : India and France

Explanation :

- **India and France** have signed an implementation agreement on —**Mobilise Your City (MYC)** to reduce their Green House Gas (**GHG**) emissions. It aims at implementing sustainable urban planning.

2. What is the full form of MGISC?

Answer : Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention

Explanation :

- Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation will organise a global sanitation convention 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.**
- Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention (**MGISC**) will be held in New Delhi from **September 29 to October 2, Mr. Parameswaran Iyer**, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation said.

3. Which organisation conducts PISA every three years?

Answer : Organisation for Economic Cooperation Development

Explanation :

- India has decided to participate in the Programme for International Student Assessment (**PISA**), which tests the learning level of **15 year olds**, after a gap of nine years, a senior **HRD** Ministry official said.

- The Organisation for Economic Cooperation Development (**OECD**) conducts **PISA** every three years.

4. Which river utilize by the Shahpur Kandi project?

Answer : Ravi

Explanation :

- Border States **Punjab & Jammu and Kashmir** signed an agreement to re-start work on the **Rs 2,793-crore Shahpur Kandi** project. The project, when implemented, will enable the country to fully utilize the **Ravi water** as per the **Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan**.

September 11

1. Who will launch “Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS)”?

Answer : Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will launch “Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS)”, a jan andolan for swachhata (cleanliness) on September 15 in the run-up to the **4th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)**. The SHS aims at accelerating the Jan-Andolan for realizing the vision of a Clean India, further reinforcing the belief that “**Sanitation is everyone’s business**”.

2. Where did MILEX-18 held?

Answer : Aundh in Pune

Explanation :

- BIMSTEC Military Exercise (**MILEX-18**), the first edition of Military Field Training Exercise for the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) nations, started at **Aundh in Pune**.
- Aim of MILEX-18: to practice the BIMSTEC Nations in planning and conduct of counter terrorist operations.

3. WHIS is maintained by whom?

Answer : International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)

Explanation :

- **Sadarmatt Anicut and Pedda Cheruvu irrigation tank** of Telangana are the first from India to secure a place in the register of **World Heritage Irrigation Structures (WHIS)**. WHIS is maintained by the **International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)**.

4. Where did **first** regional workshop on RERA held?

Answer : Pune

Explanation :

- To **provide positive solution to the problems of home buyers**, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing and Urban Affairs, **Hardeep Singh Puri** inaugurated **first** regional workshop on RERA in Pune.
- It allows states to set up the **Regulatory Authority** and the **Appellate Tribunal** for transparency.

5. Where is National Academy of Indian Railways?

Answer : Vadodara

Explanation :

- **National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI)**, the first of its kind university on the transport sector in India, started has started functioning. At present it is functioning at the National Academy of Indian Railways, **Vadodara**.

6. How many projects are inaugurate in Bangladesh?

Answer : 3

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina**, and Chief Ministers of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee and Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb jointly inaugurated three projects in Bangladesh via video conferencing. These include:
 - **500 MW additional power supply from India to Bangladesh,**
 - **Akhaura – Agartala Rail Link, and**
 - **Rehabilitation of the Kulaura-Shahbazpur section of Bangladesh Railways.**

7. Which aircraft is developed by mid-air refueling technology?

Answer : Tejas

Explanation :

- The first **ever mid-air refuelling of the indigenously developed light combat aircraft Tejas** was successfully carried out, placing **India in an elite group of countries having air-to-air refuelling capacity** for military planes.

8. Which state celebrates the **Marbat festival**?

Answer : Maharashtra's **Nagpur**

Explanation :

- Thousands of people thronged the streets of Maharashtra's **Nagpur** city to celebrate the **Marbat festival**. As per the tradition, the devotees took out a procession carrying effigies that represent evil forces. The clay effigies or

Marbats of Kali (black) and Pivli (Yellow) were the main attraction of the procession

September 12

1. ICTAI stands for

Answer : International Center for Transformative AI

Explanation :

- To develop and deploy AI-led application-based research projects, **NITI Aayog, Intel and TIFR** collaborated to set up a Model **International Center for Transformative AI (ICTAI) in Bengaluru**. It is a part of NITI Aayog's plan on **National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence**.
- It would conduct advanced research to produce AI-led solutions in three important areas – **healthcare, agriculture and smart mobility**.

2. 'Rail Sahyog' made for?

Answer : Indian Railway stations - infrastructure, technology, hygiene

Explanation :

- To enable Corporates and PSUs to contribute to upgradation through Corporate Social Responsibility funds, the **Minister of Railways and Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal** launched a web portal called **Rail Sahyog** to rope in corporate collaborations.
- The Webportal is : **www.railsahyog.in**. This has been made for the Indian Railway stations for upgrading its **infrastructure, technology, hygiene** among other things.

3. What is the latest coverage of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana?

Answer : childhood cancer

Explanation :

- **NITI Aayog** announced that **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** will cover treatment of **childhood cancer**. It was announced by NITI Aayog member **Vinod Kumar Paul**.

4. Where did the held -Regional Conference on Good Governance held ?

Answer : Bhopal

Explanation :

- To create a common platform to implement Best Practices in Citizen Centric Governance, 2 day **Regional Conference on Good Governance with Focus on Aspirational Districts** was held in **Bhopal**.

- It was organized by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DAR&PG)**, Government of India and Government of **Madhya Pradesh**.

5. GVK-EMRI operated helpline number is-----?

Answer : 181

Explanation :

- The **Women and Child Development** ministry of **Goa** launched a helpline service for women in distress in the state. The helpline number is : **181** and will be operated by **GVK-EMRI** along with the ministry.
- It would provide counselling, guidance, information, as well as deal with cases of domestic violence.

6. How much outlay for ethanol plant in Panipat?

Answer : Rs 900 crore

Explanation :

- The **Haryana government** on September 10 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** to set up an **ethanol plant in Panipat** with an outlay of over **Rs 900 crore**.
- For the first time, **bus services between Bihar and Nepal** have started. The bus service was flagged off from Patna by the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The bus services have been commissioned following the agreement between India and Nepal.

7. Which is first airport in Asia use face recognition as boarding procedure for passengers?

Answer : Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru

Explanation :

- The **Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru** is set to become the **first airport in Asia next year** to use **face recognition as the boarding procedure for passengers** to board flights and move across different sections of the airport.

September 13

1. Which government launched-Rythu

Answer : Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- The **government of Andhra Pradesh** launched a mobile platform, **e-Rythu (e-farmer in Telugu)** which will enable small-scale farmers to market their produce at reasonable prices. The platform has been developed by global payments and

technology company Mastercard and aims to digitize agriculture marketplaces, payments, workflows, and provide farmers an easy and secure way to buy, sell and receive payments for agricultural products via their feature phones.

2. PM-AASHA stands for

Answer : Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved new Umbrella Scheme '**Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan, PM-AASHA**'. The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce as announced in the Union Budget for 2018 the announcement was made by the **Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh in New Delhi**.

3. When did increase remuneration for ASHA and Anganwadi workers?

Answer : October 2018

Explanation :

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi announced increase in remuneration for **ASHA** and **Anganwadi workers**. This would be effective from October 2018.
- Providing free insurance cover under **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana** and **Prime Minister Suraksha Bima Yojana**.

4. Where is Arunachal Pradesh's first Sainik School?

Answer : Niglok

Explanation :

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu dedicated **Arunachal Pradesh's first Sainik School at Niglok** in East Siang district to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

5. Who approved MoU between India & Malta in the field of tourism?

Answer : Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Malta** for strengthening cooperation **in the field of tourism**.

6. Which corporation launched **Khule me shauch ki ghanti bajao – siti bajao** campaign

Answer : Lucknow Municipal Corporation

Explanation :

- The Lucknow Municipal Corporation launched an anti-open defecation campaign, titled —**Khule me shauch ki ghanti bajao – siti bajao** (whistleblowing campaign against open defecation), in line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision to make the capital city Open Defecation Free (ODF) by October 2.

7. Who are signed Ayushman Bharat Yojana?

Answer : Tamil Nadu and Central government

Explanation :

- The **Tamil Nadu** government said it had signed an **MoU** with the **Central government** to implement **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** in association with state-run Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS).
- In a statement here the state said that its insurance scheme for the poor will be dovetailed into the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (National Health Protection Scheme) under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

September 14

1. Which committee approved electrification of un-electrified broad gauge routes in Indian Railways?

Answer : Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

Explanation :

- To reduce the use of imported fossil fuels & improve energy security, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has also approved electrification of remaining un-electrified broad gauge routes of **Indian Railways**.

2. Which organisation released the report —HIV Estimations 2017?

Answer : National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)

Explanation :

- **The National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)** released the **report HIV Estimations 2017**. The HIV Estimations 2017 is the 14th round in the series of HIV Estimations under **National AIDS Control Programme (NACP)**.
- NACO undertakes HIV estimations biennially in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS).

3. Where was held Global Climate Action Summit 2018?

Answer : San Francisco, California

Explanation :

- **The Global Climate Action Summit 2018** was held at San Francisco, California, United States. Over 4000 businesses, cities, states and civil society delegates attended the summit and showed their commitments to achieve the goals set by the **Paris Agreement**.

- The co-chairs of the Summit, **Governor of California Edmund G. Brown Jr.** and UN's Special Envoy for Climate Action Michael R Bloomberg, **unveiled** new report demonstrating how cities, states, and businesses can help the US in achieving its 2025 emissions reduction target.

4. Where did implement country's first tribal circuit project?

Answer : Chhattisgarh

Explanation :

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

5. What is the purpose of NSP mobile app?

Answer : ensure smooth access of scholarship(students from poor and weaker sections)

Explanation :

- **Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** launched the country's first "**National Scholarship Portal Mobile App**" (**NSP Mobile App**) in **New Delhi**. This "National Scholarship Portal Mobile App" will ensure a smooth, accessible and hassle-free scholarship system for students from poor and weaker sections.

6. What is India's biggest travel trade association?

Answer : Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO)

Explanation :

- The 34th annual convention of one of India's biggest inbound travel trade associations, **the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO)**, started with a grand opening in **Visakhapatnam**. Arriving on time for the inauguration, **K J Alphons**, Minister of State (IC) for Tourism, Govt of India, graced the event that saw an overwhelming attendance from IATO members pan India.

7. Where did the **Global Investors Meet 2019** held?

Answer : Tamil

Nadu Explanation :

- The **Tamil Nadu** government formally launched its investment promotion campaign for **Global Investors Meet 2019** to be held in January next year.
- The roadshow organised here to woo investors ahead of the state government's second edition of the two-day meet in Chennai on 23-24 January was led by Tamil Nadu Industries Minister Thiru M C Sampath.

8. Who inaugurates trade centre on India-Bhutan border?

Answer : Sarbananda Sonowal

Explanation :

- To strengthen bilateral trade with the neighbouring country, Chief Minister of Assam **Sarbananda Sonowal** inaugurated the **Indo-Bhutan Border Centre** at **Darranga** in Assam's **Baksa district**.

September 15

1. How much amount outlay for DIDF?

Answer : Rs 10881 crore

Explanation :

- To help double the income of dairy farmers, **Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh** launched **Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)** with an outlay of **Rs 10881 crore**.
- This was done in the inauguration of **Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)** in **New Delhi**.

2. Where was the National Conference of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres' held?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)**, Ministry of Social Justice Empowerment organized a **1-day National Conference of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres'** at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, **New Delhi**.
- The aim of the conference was to let DDRCs play a crucial and central role for the wellbeing of Divyangjan.

3. What is the second project of -Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

Answer : country's first tribal tourism circuit in Dhamtari district of Chhattisgarh

Explanation :

- To showcase the state's rich and diverse tribal culture and traditions to the tourists, Union Minister of State for Tourism **K J Alphons** inaugurated the country's **first tribal tourism circuit** in **Dhamtari district of Chhattisgarh**.
- This is the **second project** under the **Swadesh Darshan Scheme** being inaugurated in the country.

4. Ayushman Bharat – National Health Protection Mission coverage limit?

Answer : **5 lakh** rupees per family per year

Explanation :

- The **Tamil Nadu** government signed an MOU with the centre to implement **Ayushman Bharat** along with state's **Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS)**.
- **NOTE:**
- **Ayushman Bharat – National Health Protection Mission** is a scheme that was announced by the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley while presenting the General Budget 2018-19 that will cover over **10 crore** poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) providing coverage upto **5 lakh** rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.

5. Which state celebrates Harvest Nuakhai‘?

Answer : Odisha

Explanation :

- In western **Odisha**, the festival of **Harvest Nuakhai** is being celebrated. After harvest of new paddy of this season, rice has been processed and offered to Goddess Samaleswari in Sambalpur. People of western Odisha have also arranged Nuakhai Vetghat programs in Capital city Bhubaneswar

September 16

1. Where is held –Revitalising India as a Heritage Destination?

Answer : Rajasthan

Explanation :

- To promote heritage tourism and preserve heritage, Rajasthan government held a **two-day** convention on **Revitalising India as a Heritage Destination‘** to focus on preserving heritage properties in **Bharatpur**, Rajasthan.
- It was organized by **Indian Heritage Hotels Association**. **Rajendra Singh Pachar** was the convention chairman.

2. Where is India‘ s first dog park?

Answer : Hyderabad

Explanation :

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

3. Where is India‘ s first underwater robotic drone?

Answer : Maker Village in Kochi

Explanation :

- India‘ s first **underwater robotic drone** developed at Maker Village in Kochi, which can send real-time video of ships and other underwater structures to help with their repair and maintenance, was launched.
- The first commercial remotely operated vehicle (ROV)/ underwater drone, **Eyerovtuna**, was developed by EyeROV Technologies, a company incubating at Maker Village which is the largest hardware incubator in the country.

4. Which state has highest number of people living with HIV in India?

Answer : Maharashtra

Explanation :

- **Maharashtra** has the highest number of people living with **HIV** in India which is around 3.30 lakh, contributing 15 per cent of total immunodeficiency virus-affected people in the country which is 21.40 lakh, according to the latest data by Health and Family Welfare Ministry. Nationally, around 69.11 thousand PLHIV died of AIDS-related causes in 2017.
- The report –**HIV Estimations 2017** released compiled by the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS) is the 14th round in the series of HIV Estimations under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP).

5. When UP to become ODF?

Answer : October 2, 2019

Explanation :

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** said that the state would become **open defecation free by October 2, 2019**, with his government constructed over 1.36 crore toilets in the last 17 months. The Chief Minister said that the coverage of the cleanliness in Uttar Pradesh was only 23 per cent.
- He said that after the base line survey for the small families, by October 2, 2019 no families would left without toilets in the state.

6. What is the aim of **Swachh Dhara' programme**?

Answer : clean drinking water across the state.(Andhra Pradesh)

Explanation :

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Chandrababu Naidu** flagged off the **Swachh Dhara' programme** in **Amravati**, with an aim to provide clean drinking water across the state.
- As part of the scheme, tankers providing water across the state will be cleaned periodically through a six-layered cleaning process which involves the use of ultraviolet radiation to kill bacteria.

September 17

1. Where will the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference be held in January 2019?

Answer : Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Explanation :

- **External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj**, along with **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** inaugurated the **website for the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019**, www.pbdindia.gov.in. The online registration for participation has started for this biennial event.
- The convention **15th PBD 2019** will be held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from January 21 to 23, 2019.
- **Guests at the PBD 2019:**

- Prime Minister of Mauritius **Pravind Kumar Jugnauth** will be the Chief Guest.
- Member of Parliament of Norway **Himanshu Gulati** will be the Special Guest.
- Member of Parliament of New Zealand **Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi** will be the Guest of Honor.

2. Where did first ever dedicated dog park was constructed?

Answer : Hyderabad

Explanation :

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

3. What is the aim of the Swayangsiddha?

Answer : self-reliance (empower young boys and girls)

Explanation :

- In an attempt to combat human trafficking, the **West Bengal government has rolled out a scheme, Swayangsiddha**, in different districts of the State. **Swayangsiddha, which means self-reliance**, will be executed by the West Bengal Police.
- The scheme aims to empower young boys and girls to make informed choices so that they are less vulnerable to trafficking and child marriage. As per the NCRB data, **West Bengal has highest recorded case of trafficking among the States.**

4. Which state maximum number of roads under the PMGSY?

Answer : Uttarakhand

Explanation :

- **Uttarakhand** has been ranked the **best among states** in the country for the construction of **maximum number of roads under the PMGSY** during 2017-2018.
- The state constructed a maximum of 1,839 kilometre roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana against a target of 1,500 km set for the year 2017-18.

5. Which state 100 % toilet coverage and has become ODF one year in advance?

Answer : Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation :

- **Jammu and Kashmir** Governor Satya Pal Malik has declared the state **open defecation free (ODF)** and congratulated the state administration for this

achievement. He said, due to sustained efforts of all the stakeholders, Jammu and Kashmir has achieved 100 per cent toilet coverage and has become ODF one year in advance.

- Governor also launched the **Swachhta Hi Seva** – a fortnight-long cleanliness campaign for public awareness and involvement of community in Srinagar.

6. MPATGM stands for

Answer : Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile

Explanation :

- **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully tested a low-weight indigenously developed **man-portable anti-tank guided missile (MPATGM)** at its Ahmednagar range.
- Indigenously developed weapon system **Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)**, was successfully flight tested for the second time from the **Ahmednagar range, Maharashtra**. All the mission objectives have been met. The two missions have been successfully flight tested for different ranges including the maximum range capability.

7. What is the aim of **Siddhi**?

Answer : Farmers and dealers of agricultural equipment under one roof

Explanation :

- The app **Siddhi**, was unveiled by a **Mumbai-based start-up** earlier this year is bringing farmers and dealers of agricultural equipment under one roof. It was launched on July 1 by **DestaGlobal**. It is an agritech e-commerce company, which has been working with farmers in the State since 2011.

September 18

1. Where did launch India's first 'smart fence' pilot project?

Answer : Indo-Pak border

Explanation :

- India's first **smart fence** pilot project was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh along the Indo-Pak border at the Border Security Force (BSF) frontier headquarters in Ploura, Jammu. The pilot project has been launched as a part of the **Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS)** programme of BSF.
- The Smart fencing uses various devices for surveillance, communication and data storage. It will provide 24×7 surveillance on the border irrespective of the weather condition.

2. What is **AB-NHPM help line number**?

Answer : 14555

Explanation :

- A website and a helpline number of the **Ayushman Bharat — National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM)** was launched to check the enrolment of the beneficiaries. The website is: **mera.pmjay.gov.in** & the helpline is : **(14555)**. This was launched by the **National Health Agency (NHA)**, the apex body implementing the scheme.
- Additionally, **Ayushman Mitras** would assist patients and hospitals to to verify the eligibility and enrolment to the scheme.

3. What is the rank of India in gender inequality index?

Answer : 130

Explanation :

- India climbed **one spot to 130 among 189 countries** in the latest human development index released by the **United Nations Development Programme**. Within South Asia, India's **human development index (HDI)** value is above the average of **0.638** for the region, with Bangladesh and Pakistan, countries with similar population size, being ranked 136 and 150 respectively.
- **Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Ireland and Germany** led the ranking, while Niger, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Chad and Burundi have the lowest scores in the HDI's measurement of national achievements in health, education and income.

4. Where was the first ever 'India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018) held?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **The Union Minister for Railways and Coal, Piyush Goyal** inaugurated the **first ever 'India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018)** in the presence of **Union Tourism Minister, K J Alphons and the Tourism Minister of Morocco, Mr. Mohamed Sajid, in New Delhi.**

5. Who is the Minister of State for Tourism (IC), Government of India?

Answer : K. J. Alphons

Explanation :

- A bilateral meeting on **Tourism Cooperation between India and Morocco** led by the Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Handicraft and Social Economy, Kingdom of Morocco, **Mohamed Sajid** and the Minister of State for Tourism (IC), Government of India, **K. J. Alphons**, held in New Delhi.
- This meeting was followed by **signing of an agreement of cooperation between the India Tourism Development Corporation and La Societe Marocaine D'Ingenierie Touristique**, also known as Moroccan Agency for Tourism development (SMIT).

6. Which state/union territory signed a —Friendship and Cooperation Agreement?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

The Delhi government signed an MoU with the **Seoul Metropolitan Government** to work closely in the fields of environment, tourism, wastewater and solid waste management, infrastructure and public health.

- The MoU on the '**Friendship and Cooperation Agreement**' was signed by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Seoul mayor Park Won-Soon in Seoul.

September 19

1. Where is ISRO's first Space Technology Incubation Centre?

Answer : Agartala

Explanation :

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

2. Where did inaugurate **India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline**?

Answer : New Delhi and Dhaka

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Bangladeshi counterpart **Sheikh Hasina**, jointly inaugurated the **India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline** projects through video conferencing. Modi and Hasina inaugurated the work of the pipeline from their respective capitals, New Delhi and Dhaka.
- They also inaugurated the construction of the third and fourth dual gauge rail lines in Dhaka-Tongi and Tongi-Joydevpur sections of Bangladesh Railway.

3. What is the aim of **e-Sahaj**?

Answer: Security Clearance

Explanation :

- **The Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba** launched an online **e-Sahaj** portal for grant of Security Clearance. The portal will facilitate an applicant to submit application online and also to view the status of his application from time to time. With the introduction of online portal, the process has become standardized, resulting in a process which will be faster, transparent and easy to monitor.

4. LOTUSHR abbreviation?

Answer : Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse

Explanation :

- To re-convert waste water to clean water and contribute in cleanliness drive of Swachh Bharat, **Union Science & Technology minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated 2 projects at **Sun Dial Park** in **New Delhi**.
 - The 2 projects are: **Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse (LOTUSHR)** project and
 - 2 bio toilets supported by **DBT-BIRAC** and the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**.

5. What is the objective of UKWDP?

Answer : to improve the quality and relevance of training at priority ITIs

Explanation :

- **A Loan Agreement for IBRD Credit of US\$74 million** equivalent for the **Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP)** was signed between India and the World Bank. The Project objective is to improve the quality and relevance of training at priority Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and to increase the number of labor-market-relevant workers through short-term training in Uttarakhand.

6. How many kilometer cover CIBMS project?

Answer : two 5.5 kilometre-stretches in Jammu

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of Home Affairs Rajnath Singh** inaugurated **two Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) pilot projects** along the **India-Pakistan border in Jammu region**. The pilot project includes **two 5.5 kilometre-stretches in Jammu**, the performance of which will be monitored, and based on the feedback improvements will be made for the rest of the system.

7. Where did launch Integrated Power Development Scheme?

Answer : Puraani Kashi

Explanation :

- **The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi** inaugurated and laid the Foundation Stone for several important development projects, at a public gathering **in Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi**. Among the projects inaugurated are the **Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)** for Puraani Kashi; and an **Atal Incubation Centre at BHU**.

8. What is Salman Khan inaugurated special children's centre?

Answer : Umang

Explanation :

- **Salman Khan** will officially inaugurate –**Umang**–, a centre for special children in **Jaipur**. After unveiling the plaque, he will meet the children and see the services provided by the centre for rehabilitating them.

9. Which city is Peace Palace to Grote Kerk‘?

Answer : Hague, Netherlands

Explanation :

- President Ram Nath Kovind launched a **logo and web portal** for the upcoming celebrations of the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**. The portal – **gandhi.gov.in** is participatory in nature and all participating organisations will be able to upload their activities regarding the commemoration of the occasion.
- India will organise ‘**Gandhi March**‘ from the iconic **Peace Palace at the Hague to Grote Kerk** to launch the two-year long celebrations of the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**. The **Gandhi March**‘ will see participation of people of all nationalities and around 20 ambassadors of different countries.
- **Special commemorative stamps** issued by the Indian postal department will also be released. A ‘**Gandhi Walk**‘ will also be held in Amsterdam.

September 20

1. Where did launch **Star Rating program** first in India?

Answer : Odisha

Explanation :

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched a **Star Rating program**‘ for industries to support State Pollution Control Board’s (SPCB) regulatory efforts to reduce pollution. This program is the first in India to use continuous monitored emissions data obtained in real time from major industrial plants.

2. Which state has decided to set up Cyber University to deal with cyber threats?

Answer : Maharashtra

Explanation :

- To mitigate cyber threats, the **Maharashtra** government announced the proposal of construction of new **Cyber University**. This is a part of the state’s aim to set up Indian Computer Emergency Response Team.
- According to Symantec’s analysis in April, India is the 3rd most vulnerable country for risk of cyber-attack.

3. Is the **triple talaq a punishable offence** cleared in Lok Sabha?

Answer : Yes

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance making **triple talaq a punishable offence**. The Supreme Court had in a verdict in August last year declared it illegal and unconstitutional. It was cleared by the Lok Sabha but was stuck in the Rajya Sabha. Though the ordinance has been cleared, for now, it must be placed before the Parliament and the bill would still need to be passed.
- The ordinance will have similar provisions as the Muslim Women Protection of **Rights in Marriage Act**.

4. How many state government and FAO launch green agri project?

Answer : 5 (Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.)

Explanation :

- The government along with UN body **FAO** launched an agricultural project worth **USD 33.5 million** on conservation of biodiversity and forest landscapes. This project is being funded by **Global Environment Facility (GEF)**. The project, to be implemented in five landscapes in **Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand**.
- The project would involve: Biodiversity conservation, land degradation, climate change mitigation and sustainable forest management.

5. Who is Afghanistan President?

Answer : Ashraf Ghani

Explanation :

- **Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani** was recently in India for visit. During a day-long visit, he reviewed and positively assessed the progress of the multi-faceted bilateral strategic partnership. Both leaders (**Narendra Modi and Ashraf Ghani**) expressed determination to strengthen connectivity, including through Chabahar port and Air-Freight Corridor.

6. Which it will pay cash relief to insured persons during the period of unemployment?

Answer : Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna

Explanation :

- **The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** has approved a new scheme- **Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna** for Insured Persons covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act. This scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their Bank Account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement.
- The ESIC also approved the proposal for increasing the funeral expenses **from existing 10 thousand rupees to 15 thousand rupees** being paid on the death of Insured Person.

September 21

1. Which is second airport in Odisha renamed as Biju Patnaik International airport?

Answer : Jharsuguda airport

Explanation :

- The state assembly of **Odisha** passed a unanimous resolution to name the newly-built **Jharsuguda airport** after noted freedom fighter **Veer Surendra Sai**. Jharsuguda airport will be the second airport in Odisha to be renamed after **Biju Patnaik International airport in Bhubaneswar**.

2. DRDO successfully flight tested the PRAHAR on Sep 20, 2018. What is PRAHAR?

Answer : Tactical Missile

Explanation :

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight tested the indigenously developed **surface-to-surface tactical missile Prahar**, from Launch Complex-III, ITR, **Balasore, Odisha**.
- Range stations and electro-optical systems tracked the missile throughout its flight. Prahar' is a contemporary weapon system capable of carrying multiple types of warheads and neutralizing a wide variety of targets.

3. At which place did lay the foundation of IICC?

Answer : Dwarka

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stone of India **International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) in Dwarka**. It will be used for offering setting for international and national events, meetings, conferences, exhibitions and trade shows.
- It will have facilities like exhibition halls, convention centre, open exhibition spaces, mixed use commercial spaces like star hotels (5, 4 and 3 star).

4. Name the monthly e-Newsletter of MSME?

Answer : MSME Insider

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Giriraj Singh**, launched **MSME Insider** – a monthly e-newsletter of the Ministry. The e-newsletter would be distributed to about **50 lakh MSMEs** registered on the **Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum Portal**.

5. Who chaired 28th meeting of the Southern Zonal Council?

Answer : Rajnath Singh

Explanation :

- Union Minister **Rajnath Singh** chaired the 28th meeting of the **Southern Zonal Council in Bengaluru**. The council took up issues related to Pulicat lake dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu fishermen.

6. Which are best locations for tech enterprises in Asia?

Answer : Bengaluru, Singapore and Shenzhen

Explanation :

- **Bengaluru**, along with **Singapore and Shenzhen**, figure in the list of **best locations for tech enterprises in Asia** according to a research report “**Top Locations in Asia: Technology Sector**”, released by Colliers Research.

7. Which organisation provide a technological platform for nationwide prevention, control, screening and management program of NCD?

Answer : Tata Trusts and Dell

Explanation :

- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, exchanged the MoUs with the Tata Trusts and Dell to provide a technological platform for nationwide prevention, control, screening and management program of **Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)**.
- Aimed at bringing healthcare technology transformation in Comprehensive Primary Health Care NCD program under Ayushman Bharat, the Health Ministry is working with **Dell as a technology partner and the Tata Trusts as deployment partner**.

September 22

1. At which place lay the foundation for IICC?

Answer : Dwarka, New Delhi

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** laid the **foundation stone of India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) in Dwarka, New Delhi**. The facilities provided at the centre will be on par with the best in the world in size and quality, offering setting for international and national events, meetings, conferences, exhibitions and trade shows.
- It will rank among the top 10 in the world and the biggest indoor exhibition space in India.

2. ISRO has signed MOU for setting up ICR-ER in which ministry?

Answer : Ministry of Home Affairs

Explanation :

- In a big push to modernise India's emergency response infrastructure, the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** and **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**, **Department of Space** are collaborating together to set up an advance **Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER)**.
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** regarding the same was signed **between ISRO and MHA** which will enable setting up of a state-of-the-art

Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER) in Ministry of Home Affairs.

3. How many portal launched for strengthen Women Safety by Rajnath Singh?

Answer : Two

Explanation :

- The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh has launched two separate portals **to strengthen Women Safety**. The portal **-cybercrime.gov.in** will receive complaints from citizens on objectionable online content related to child pornography, child sexual abuse material, sexually explicit material such as rape and gang rape.
- The second portal unveiled by the Union Home Minister today relates to the **National Database on Sexual Offenders (NDSO)**. It is a **central database of —sexual offenders** in the country which will be maintained by the NCRB for regular monitoring and tracking by the State Police.

4. Which is Neela Kurinju native place?

Answer : Western Ghats

Explanation :

- **Tamil Nadu** government announced scheme for the protection of the exotic **Neela kurinji** (*Strobilanthus kunthianus*) plants in Nilagiri district of Tamilnadu. This came after the complaints of packaging and selling them on commercial basis. The Neela Kurinju is a native to the Western Ghats.

5. Which country named the cyclone Daye that made landfall in Odisha?

Answer : Myanmar

Explanation :

- Cyclonic storm “**Daye**” is likely to cause damage to the road, rail and communication channels in various districts of **Odisha**. The cyclonic storm has caused heavy rains along with the high-speed wind in various parts of the region.

6. Which state has become the first State in North East India to introduce Smart e-PDS developed by the Madras Security Printers?

Answer : Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Arunachal Pradesh** becomes the **first State in North East** India to introduce Smart **e-Public Distribution System (e-PDS)**, a solution developed by the Madras Security Printers, a company specializing in system integration and solutions for e-governance projects.
- The End-to-end e-PDS system provides centralized online real-time electronic PDS to improve efficiency in supplying commodities to the beneficiaries.

7. What are the organisations put MOU for free news exchange?

Answer : ANI and Emirates News Agency, WAM

Explanation :

- **Asian News International, ANI and Emirates News Agency, WAM**, the official news agency of the **UAE government** has signed an MoU, for bilateral cooperation in the area of the free news exchange in **Abu Dhabi**.

September 23

1. What is Kumbh Mela of the Himalayas?

Answer : Naropa festival

Explanation :

- To mark the end of —**Naropa Festival** total of 299 women dressed up in traditional Ladakhi wedding attire danced together making it to the Guinness World Records and **declared the dance performance as the —Largest Ladakhi Dance**. Celebrated every 12th year of the Tibetan calendar, the Naropa festival, also known as the “Kumbh Mela of the Himalayas”

2. Which government has signed MOU with NIC to provide medical facilities?

Answer : Jharkhand

Explanation :

- The **Jharkhand government** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **National Insurance Company Ltd** to provide medical facilities to the people of the state under the Centre’s flagship health scheme – **Ayushman Bharat Yojana**.

3. Which airport recently developed under **UDAN scheme**?

Answer : Jharsuguda Airport

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated a new airport at **Jharsuguda**, which will attract investors to the mineral-rich area. **The Jharsuguda Airport** has been developed by the Airports Authority of India in collaboration with Odisha government at an estimated cost of Rs 210 crore, with Rs 75 crore contributions from the state. The airport has been developed under the **Centre's UDAN scheme**.

4. Name the monthly e-Newsletter of MSME?

Answer : MSME Insider

Explanation :

- Union Minister of State for Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, **Giriraj Singh**, launched **MSME Insider** – a monthly **e-newsletter** of the Ministry.

- Speaking on the occasion, Giriraj Singh said that the e-newsletter will give information of the activities undertaken by the Ministry and also act as a bridge between the Ministry and the millions of MSME units spread across the country.

5. Which is the highest volcanic peak of Asia?

Answer : Mount Damavand

Explanation :

- **Mousumi Khatua** became the first woman from **Kalyani City, West Bengal** to climb Asia's highest volcanic **peak Mount Damavand**. Mousumi along with ace mountaineer, Satyarup Siddhanta, and Bhaswati Chatterjee began the expedition to Mt. Damavand, the highest peak in Iran and a potentially active volcano.

6. Who is the chairman of the parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence?

Answer : Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri

Explanation :

- A Former minister in the Narendra Modi government, **Kalraj Mishra**, replaced former Uttarakhand chief minister Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri as the **chairman** of the **parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence**.
- Parliamentary Standing Committees were introduced in 1993 to ensure legislative oversight over the executive functioning of each ministry.

September 24

1. Which is the world's largest government-funded healthcare scheme?

Answer : Ayushman Bharat

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched **Ayushman Bharat**, world's largest government-funded healthcare scheme in **Jharkhand's capital Ranchi**. With the roll out of the Centre's flagship scheme which has been renamed as **PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)**, the Narendra Modi-led NDA government aims to provide healthcare facilities to over **10 crore** families covering urban and rural poor.
- The scheme will become operational from **September 25** on the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay**. The ambitious scheme offers an insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh, which will cover 10 crore poor families or almost 50 crore persons.

2. Where did inaugurat first General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- The **first General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance, ISA**, will be inaugurated on the 2nd of October in **Delhi**. The Ministerial level Assembly will be held in Greater Noida. The ISA is a major initiative of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi in contributing to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through the rapid and massive deployment of solar energy.

3. On which date we celebrate “Haifa Day”?

Answer : September 23

Explanation :

- Centenary celebrations to commemorate hundred years of liberation of **Haifa** in Israel by the Indian troops in 1918 culminates with a grand function in New Delhi. The Battle of Haifa is being commemorated in Israel, Delhi and Jaipur.
- **The Indian Army** commemorates **September 23 every year as Haifa Day** to pay its respects to the two brave Indian Cavalry Regiments, Mysore and Jodhpur Lancers, that helped liberate the city following a dashing cavalry action by the 15th Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.

4. Which city celebrates World Rhino Day?

Answer : Assam

Explanation :

- **World Rhino Day** is being celebrated in **Assam**. State Forest minister Parimal Suklabaidya along with others will take part in the main event to be held in Guwahati. There are over 2600 rhinos that have been found in Assam as of now.

5. Which airport is the hilly state's first and only airport?

Answer : Pakyong Airport

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Pakyong Airport** in Sikkim on September 24, nine years after the foundation stone was laid. The airport is the hilly state's **first and only airport**. Currently, the nearest airport for the people of Sikkim is 124 kilometre (km) away in Bagdogra, West Bengal.
- The airport is located around 60 km from the **Indo-China border**. It is constructed by the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.

September 25

1. Which state was ranked first in the ‘Ease of Living Index 2018’?

Answer : Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh** were awarded the **best performing states** in terms of —**Ease of Living Index** under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018, in New Delhi.

- The **MoHUA** released the first ever Ease of Living Index‘ covering 111 Indian cities, which serves as a litmus test to help assess the progress made in cities through various initiatives.

2. Who did inaugurate Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha?

Answer : Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation :

- **President Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated the centenary celebrations of the **Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha in New Delhi**. This emphasized India’s diversity and multiculturalism.
- **Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha:** It is an organization whose main goal is to improve Hindi literacy among the non-Hindi speaking people of South India. Headquarters: Chennai.
- Founder: M. K. Gandhi and Annie Besant.
- Founded: 1918.

3. What is the project cost of NeVA?

Answer : Rs.739 Crore (approx.)

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal** inaugurated the two-day National Orientation workshop on **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)**. This workshop was organized by **Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs**.
- It is a part of the e-Vishan mission on **One Nation One Application‘** and the project cost is : **Rs.739 Crore (approx.)** .

4. What does WAYU stand for?

Answer : Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit

Explanation :

- Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate change, **Dr Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated air pollution control device **WAYU(Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit)** for traffic junctions at ITO intersection and Mukarba Chowk in **Delhi**.
- WAYU is developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (**CSIR-NEERI**) as a part of Technology Development Project being funded by Department of Science and Technology.

5. Who chaired the central Zonal Council in Lucknow?

Answer : Rajnath Singh

Explanation :

- **Home Minister Rajnath Singh** has chaired a meeting of the central Zonal Council in **Lucknow**. **Chief minister Yogi Adityanath** was vice chairman of the council and the host. The meeting comprised of the states of **Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand**.

- Under the **State Reorganization Act, 1956**, **5** Zonal Councils — **central, western, northern, southern and eastern** — have been established.

6. Which is nation's 100th operational airport:?

Answer : Pakyong Airport in Sikkim.

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** reached **Sikkim** and was received by Governor **Ganga Prasad**, Chief Minister **Pawan Chamling**. He inaugurated **Sikkim's first airport** and **nation's 100th** operational airport: **Pakyong Airport** in Sikkim.
- The Pakyong airport is located around **60 km** from the **Indo-China border** and about 30 km from the state capital of Gangtok.

September 26

1. Who is the committee head of jail reforms?

Answer : Amitava Roy

Explanation :

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

2. Who is the China's Minister for Public Security?

Answer : Zhao Kezhi

Explanation :

- For the first time, **India and China** will sign an **internal security cooperation agreement** during the forthcoming visit of China's Minister of Public Security, marking a new beginning in bilateral relations. The proposed pact is expected to cover areas of intelligence sharing, exchange programme, sharing of best practices, cooperation in disaster mitigation besides others.
- **Zhao Kezhi, China's Minister of Public Security**, is expected to visit India next month and hold meetings with **Home Minister Rajnath Singh** during which they will discuss various aspects of security cooperation between the two countries.

3. What is Jan Dhan Darshak?

Answer : mobile app (guide for the common people in locating a financial service)

Explanation :

- **Department of Financial Services (DFS)**, Ministry of Finance and **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** have jointly developed a mobile app called **Jan Dhan Darshak** as a part of financial inclusion (FI) initiative. This app will act as a **guide for the common people** in locating a financial service touch point at a given location in the country.

- While over **5 lakh** FI touch points (**Bank branches, ATMs, Post Offices**) have been mapped on this App, approx. **1.35 lakh** Bank Mitras would be on-boarded by 01.12.2018.

4. Where did proposed Ratnagiri refinery project?

Answer : Maharashtra

Explanation :

- State-run **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** said that a high-level **committee** of experts has been set up to draw a roadmap for settlement of land acquisition issues facing the proposed **\$44 billion Ratnagiri refinery project** in Maharashtra.
- The panel will be headed by former Maharashtra Chief Secretary **D.M. Sukthankar**.

September 27

1. Which is policy approved broadband to all?

Answer : National Digital Communications Policy 2018

Explanation :

- The **Union Cabinet** approved a new telecom policy, **National Digital Communications Policy 2018**, designed to provide **broadband to all**, Union Communications Minister **Manoj Sinha** announced. The policy, aimed at providing universal availability of 50 megabits per second (Mbps) and attracting investments worth \$100 billion.
- Further, the policy aims at providing 1 Gbps (gigabits per second) connectivity to all Gram Panchayats by 2020 and 10 Gbps by 2022.

2. Who set up Ayush Information Cell at its embassy premises in Romania?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- To encourage practice of ayurveda, **India** has set up an **Ayush Information Cell** at its embassy premises **in Romania** to create awareness about the traditional Indian system of medicine. The cell would organise lectures, consultations, conduct seminars and training courses among the public in Romania.

3. What is the theme of –Odisha Conclave 2018?

Answer : I am Odisha

Explanation :

- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** unveiled the **theme** of **Odisha Conclave 2018**. The flagship biennial business event of the Government of Odisha will be themed on **I am Odisha**. The event celebrates the success of the state and the people in creating a vibrant ecosystem for business.

4. What does BVRAAM stand for?

Answer : Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile

Explanation :

- **Astra**, the indigenously developed **Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)**, was successfully test-fired by the Indian Air Force from **Su-30 aircraft from Air Force Station, Kalaikunda**.
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** played a role in modifying the aircraft for weapon integration. More than 50 public and private industries have contributed in building the “Astra” weapon system.

5. What is Jan Dhan Darshak?

Answer : locator app guiding common people to find financial service

Explanation :

- For Financial Inclusion, Finance Ministry launched mobile application — **Jan Dhan Darshak**. It will act as a locator app guiding common people to find financial service touch point at a given location in the country.
- The mobile app has been developed by: **Department of Financial Services(DFS), Ministry of Finance and National Informatics Centre(NIC)**.

6. Who conferred FICC safety systems excellence awards?

Answer : Santosh Kumar Gangwar

Explanation :

- Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurated the **7th National Conference on Excellence in Workplace Safety and Occupational Health in New Delhi**. He also conferred FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) safety systems excellence awards for the industry to various units, like power generation, manufacturing, construction, Mining etc.

7. Which section of the Indian Penal Code, that criminalizes adultery, was scrapped by the Supreme Court on September 27, 2018?

Answer : Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code

Explanation :

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

8. Which section denote Aadhaar Act?

Answer : Section 57

Explanation :

- Supreme Court declared Centre's **Aadhaar scheme as constitutionally valid**. The five-judge constitution bench was headed by **Chief Justice Dipak Misra**. The bench stated that Aadhaar would remain **mandatory** for filing **IT returns** and allotment of **Permanent Account Number (PAN)**.
- But, it will **not be mandatory** to **link Aadhaar to bank accounts**. Telecom service providers cannot look for linking it with mobile connections. **Section 57** of Aadhaar Act that permits private entities to avail Aadhaar data has been struck down.

September 28

1. Where was Smart City Expo India-2018 held from 26th to 28th September 2018?

Answer : Jaipur

Explanation :

- **Vice president M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated three days long **Smart City Expo India-2018 in Jaipur**. Near about **6000** delegates from MNC's of different countries, researchers, CEO's of different Smart cities, Mayors and corporates participated in the expo.
- They had discussions related to: Benefits of new technology, town planning, capacity management, challenges before socio-economic development and development of networking in the Smart City sector.

2. At which place did inaugurate "Lok Manthan 2018"?

Answer : Ranchi

Explanation :

- **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated a national literary and intellectual conference- —**Lok Manthan 2018** at **Khel Gaon in Ranchi**. The event witnessed discussions on present social and cultural issues facing the country.
- The four-day event was organised by **Department of Culture of Jharkhand Government** in association with a NGO.

3. Which is India's second-largest metro network?

Answer : Hyderabad Metro Rail's (HMR) 46-km

Explanation :

- **The Hyderabad Metro Rail's (HMR) 46-km Corridor One** became India's **second-largest metro network** after **Delhi**. It is also the world's largest metro project under the public-private-partnership (PPP) worth over **Rs 20,000 crore**.
- It is originally a 72 km of elevated metro line which is being built by L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad in the three dense traffic corridors of the city, of which 46 km is now operational.

4. Which government decided to adopt **-No Work No Pay?**

Answer : Odisha

Explanation :

- **Odisha** government has decided to adopt the **No Work No Pay** policy with regard to the strike by the block grant teachers and lecturers.
- Teachers, lecturers and other employees of 4,000 block grant schools and 1500 colleges on September 24 resumed duty after a 42-days of strike.

5. How many member present in –search committee?

Answer : eight member

Explanation :

- **The Modi government** constituted an **eight-member search committee**, to be headed by former Supreme Court judge **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai**, to recommend the chairperson and members of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal.
- The decision to constitute the search committee comes four years after the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, which envisages establishment of anti-graft body Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayuktas in states to look into cases of corruption against certain categories of public servants, was passed in 2013.

6. Which country signed MOU for USAID-India End TB Alliance?

Answer : US and India

Explanation :

- **The US and India** has formed an alliance comprising leading experts in public and private sectors to combat the menace of **tuberculosis**. **US Agency for International Development (USAID)** administrator Mark Green announced the formation of **USAID-India End TB Alliance** at an event in New York in presence of Union Health Minister J P Nadda.

7. Which city will host the 8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship?

Answer : Thiruvananthapuram

Explanation :

- **Thiruvananthapuram** is all set to play host to the **8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship**, which will be held at the **Jimmy George indoor stadium** from September 27 to 30. The event will witness around 500 participants representing 14 Asian countries showcasing their yoga skills.

8. Why armed forces to celebrate 'Parakram Parv'?

Answer : Surgical Strikes

Explanation :

- **The Parakram Parv** will be celebrated from september 28-30 to showcase **the courage, valour and sacrifice of Indian Armed Forces**. The main event is planned at India Gate Lawns, Rajpath in New Delhi. This event is to mark the second anniversary of the surgical strikes against terror camps across the **Line**

of Control (LoC). The term Line of Control refers to the military control line between the **Indian and Pakistan.**

- Similarly, 53 locations in 51 cities across the country will be showcasing the events highlighting valour of Indian Armed Forces in general and Special Forces in particular.

9. What is the theme of **IISF**?

Answer : Science for Transformation

Explanation :

- **The President Ram Nath Kovind** will inaugurate the **fourth —India International Science Festival (IISF) on October 6.** IISF 2018 is being organized by **Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences** in association with **Vijnana Bharati or VIBHA**, an RSS-linked science organisation at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow.
- The IISF-2018 with its focal theme of **Science for Transformation™** will have 23 special events.

September 29

1. Who did inaugurate Parakram Parv?

Answer : PM Modi

Explanation :

- **PM Modi** inaugurated an Army exhibition named **Parakram Parv** in **Jodhpur, Rajasthan.** This was done to mark the second surgical strike anniversary when the Indian Army went across the Line of Control (LoC) and destroyed terrorist launch pads of Pakistan.
- He also laid the wreath at **Konark War Memorial** and was honoured with **guard of honour**.

2. Who launched -Digi VAARTA?

Answer : Ravi Shankar Prasad

Explanation :

- **Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad** launched **Centre of Excellence for Data Analytics (CEDA)** in **New Delhi.** This Centre of Excellence was set up by **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** and **National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI)** jointly. NIC also will play an important part in the establishment of judicial data collection.
- The minister also launched an app named **Digi VAARTA (Vehicle to Accelerate Access and Reach to Transformational Action)** for this purpose.

The interactive inclusion through Digi VAARTA would be available in two channels and two languages (Hindi and English and a toll free number: **14444**).

3. Who is United Nations Resident Coordinator in India?

Answer : Yuri Afanasiev

Explanation :

- **CEO NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant** and **United Nations** Resident Coordinator in India, **Yuri Afanasiev**, will sign the Government of India-**United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF)** for 2018-2022.
- The signing ceremony would be presided over by Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Members of NITI Aayog and will be attended by the heads of UN agencies in India.

4. What are the three events inaugurated in a common function by PM Modi in Delhi?

Answer : ISA, IORA, REINVEST- 2018

Explanation :

- **The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** is organising the First Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA); the **2nd Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)** Renewable Energy Ministerial Meeting and the 2nd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo, (**REINVEST- 2018**) from 2nd to 5th October 2018 in **New Delhi**.
- The three events will be inaugurated in a common function by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in the presence of Mr Antonio Guterres, Secretary General, United Nations on 2nd October 2018 in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

5. What was the theme of World Tourism Day (September 27th) 2018?

Answer : Tourism and digital transformation

Explanation :

- Union **KJ Alphons** presented the **National Tourism Awards 2016-17** and launched the **Incredible India** mobile app and the —Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification programme on the occasion of World Tourism Day.
- He said **India** will be the host country for official World Tourism Day celebrations for the **UNWTO, in 2019**.

6. How many way divide the project **The Railways-Lifeline of a Nation**?

Answer : Journeys, People, Heritage and Engineering

Explanation :

- In a first-of-its-scale heritage mapping and digitisation project, **Google and Ministry of Railways** launched a project that aims to preserve the cultural

heritage of the Indian Railways. The two-year digitisation project — **The Railways-Lifeline of a Nation** is a comprehensive digital document viewable on Google's Arts and Culture website. It was launched at the National Rail Museum in **New Delhi**.

- The project is divided into Journeys, People, Heritage and Engineering sections, each containing visual and textual narratives that rail enthusiasts can access for free.

September 30

1. Who Inaugurates Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention?

Answer : Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation :

- To mark the beginning of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi and Swachh Bharat Mission, the President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention in New Delhi**. It was organised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

2. Which government launch Universal Pension scheme?

Answer : Assam

Explanation :

- The **Assam government** will launch the **Universal Pension scheme** in the state on the 2nd October, the birth anniversary of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. The State Cabinet also decided to exempt small tea growers from the levy of cess amounting to 10 paise per kilogram.
- Under the scheme, the pension will be given to citizens over **60 years** of age. The Cabinet also sanctioned an amount of **50 lakh** rupees to filmmaker **Rima Das** whose movie **Village Rockstar** has been nominated for Oscars.

3. What is the purpose of SOUVAGYA scheme?

Answer : electricity connection to all households by December 31(Assam)

Explanation :

- **The Assam government** will provide **electricity connection** to all households **by December 31st** this year under **SOUVAGYA scheme**. Over 13 lakh families remaining will get connection by this year and 40 thousand solar connection would be given at difficult areas.

4. Where did inaugurate Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence Conference??

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence** in New Delhi in which the Vice-Chancellors, Directors from more than 350 universities participated.
- The theme of the conference is to deliberate on challenges facing the Indian education system and to work out a plan for a paradigm shift both in terms of achieving academic outcomes and also in the regulation of education.

5. Which state celebrates first corn festival?

Answer : Madhya Pradesh

Explanation :

- **In Madhya Pradesh**, the first corn festival of the country is being held in Chhindwara. The festival is one of a kind international event. **Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest corn producing states** in India, with Chhindwara being the highest corn producing district.

6. What is the purpose of **Loo Review** campaign?

Answer : encourage guides to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.

Explanation :

- **The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission, has partnered with **Google** to launch the **Loo Review campaign** to encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.
- Google is a committed partner in achieving the Government's vision of a Swachh Bharat. **Public toilets near me** is a feature that is supported across Google Maps, Search and the Assistant.

7. Which organization signed the UNSDF for 2018-2022' on behalf of India?

Answer : NITI Aayog

Explanation :

- NITI Aayog on behalf of government of India signed the '**Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) for 2018-2022**'. It was signed between: CEO NITI Aayog, **Amitabh Kant** and United Nations Resident Coordinator in India, **Yuri Afanasiev**.
- It comprises of **seven priority areas** that outline the work that UN agencies will undertake jointly or individually, fully aligned with the priorities of the GoI. NITI Aayog is the national counterpart for the UN in India for the operationalization of the UNSDF.

8. What are the countries signed loan Agreement for Construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (I) ?

Answer : India and Japan

Explanation :

- India and Japan sign Loan Agreement for Construction of **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (I)** and **Kolkata East West Metro Project (III)** with **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**, in **New Delhi**.
- Objective of the individual projects: Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (I) will construct high speed rail between **Mumbai and Ahmedabad** with Japanese technology for mass transportation. Kolkata East West Metro Project (III) will reduce traffic demand in Kolkata metropolitan area.

9. What is the purpose of SATAT?

Answer : benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs

Explanation :

- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** will kick off an innovative initiative in **New Delhi on 1st October, 2018**. Titled **SATAT**, the initiative is aimed at providing a **Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT)** as a developmental effort that would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs.
- It will be initiated with **PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs ,i.e. IOC, BPCL and HPCL)** inviting **Expression of Interest (EoI)** from potential entrepreneurs to set up Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) production plants and make available CBG in the market for use in automotive fuels.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

September 1

1. How many ASEAN countries participate in the RCEP?

Answer : 10 ASEAN countries

Explanation :

- The Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation **Suresh Prabhu** is leading the Indian delegation for the **6th RCEP Trade Ministers' Meeting** which begins in **Singapore**.
- The Minister will participate in the **RCEP** (Regional Comprehensive Economic

Partnership) meeting consisting of **10 ASEAN** countries and **six ASEAN FTA** partners namely, **India, China, Japan, Korea, Australia** and **New Zealand**.

2. When was the exercise KAKADU was started?

Answer : 1993

Explanation :

- The **Indian naval stealth warship Sahyadri** entered the **Port of Darwin in Australia** to take part in the maritime exercise KAKADU. It is held biennially in Darwin and the Northern Australian Exercise Areas (**NAXA**).
- The exercise **KAKADU** was started in **1993**, is a premier multilateral regional maritime engagement hosted by the Royal Australian Navy (**RAN**) and supported by the Royal Australian Air Force (**RAAF**).

September 2

1. Who did inaugurate the Fourth International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC)?

Answer : AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik

Explanation :

- Minister of State, (IC), for **AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik** inaugurated the Fourth International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC) at **Netherlands**. The congress would focus on promotion and propagation of Ayurveda in Netherlands and its neighboring countries of Europe.
- A special Seminar is also organized by the Indian Embassy titled —**India-Netherlands collaboration in Healthcare, including Ayurveda**.

2. Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey on Broad Gauge Rail Line between?

Answer : Raxaul (Bihar) and Kathmandu

Explanation :

- **India and Nepal** have signed an MoU on **Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey** on Broad Gauge Rail Line **between Raxaul (Bihar) and Kathmandu**. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri and Nepal's Secretary of Ministry of Physical Planning and Works, Madhusudan Adhikari signed the MoU in Kathmandu.

September 3

1. Which country has become the 5th **BIMSTEC** summit?

Answer : . Sri Lanka

Explanation :

- The **4th BIMSTEC** summit successfully concluded with **Nepal** prime minister **KP Sharma Oli** handing over the **chairmanship** of the grouping to **Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena**. Sri Lanka has become the **new chair of the BIMSTEC**. The Nepalese Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli handed over the

chairmanship of BIMSTEC to the President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena.

2. What is the record for international tourism across the globe in 2017?

Answer : high of 1,323 million

Explanation :

- According to a report by the UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), international tourism hits a record **high of 1,323 million international tourist arrivals** across the **globe in 2017**. India leads the chart of growth in the **South Asian region** with a total of **15.54 million in 2017**.

September 4

1. How much fund has pledge from china to bolster industry, counter hunger, and enhance security in Africa?

Answer: \$60 billion

Explanation :

- **China** has pledged a **\$60 billion fund** to bolster industry, counter hunger, and enhance security in Africa. China would also support Africa to achieve —**general food security by 2030**. A China- Africa environmental cooperation centre will be set up where research on environmental issues will be conducted.

2. When did India and Pakistan signed the Indus Waters Treaty?

Answer : 1960

Explanation :

- **India and Pakistan** have agreed to undertake the **Indus Waters Treaty** mandated tours by their Commissioners in the Indus basin on both sides to resolve issues on the various hydroelectric projects, including the **Pakal Dul and Lower Kalnai in Jammu and Kashmir**.
- The Indian Water Commission led by Commissioner **P K Saxena** reviewed Pakistan's objections minutely. The Pakistani side was led by Commissioner for Indus Waters Syed **Meher Ali Shah**. India and Pakistan signed the **Indus Waters Treaty in 1960** after nine years of negotiations, with the World Bank being a signatory.

3. What is the name of annual joint military exercise launched by Ukraine?

Answer : Rapid Trident

Explanation :

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

September 5

1. What is the Abbreviation for 'KAZIND'?

Answer : Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise

Explanation :

- **Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise 'KAZIND'** will be conducted between the **Indian and Kazakhstan Army** from 10 to 23 Sep 2018 in **Otar region, Kazakhstan**. This is the **third joint military exercise** between the two countries which have a history of extensive cooperation in the defence arena. The second edition of the exercise was held in India.
- The aim of the exercise is to build and promote bilateral Army to Army relations and exchange skills and experiences between Kazakhstan Army and the Indian Army.

2. What is the theme of the 3-day event in –The International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018?

Answer : –Equality begins with Economic Empowerment.

Explanation :

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

September 6

1. KAZIND‘ commencement announced between?

Answer : Indian and Kazakhstan Army

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Defence announced the commencement of the **Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise KAZIND‘** between the **Indian and Kazakhstan Army** from **10 to 23 Sep 2018** in **Otar region, Kazakhstan**.
- This is the third joint military exercise between the two countries. The **second edition** was held in **India in 2017**.

2. Name the typhoon held in Japan?

Answer : Indian and Kazakhstan

Army Explanation :

- A powerful typhoon –**Jebi** slammed into western **Japan**. Jebi, reportedly the strongest typhoon to make landfall in **Japan since 1993**.

September 7

1. Where did the SLINEX-2018 held?

Answer : Trincomalee

Explanation :

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

September 8

1. When did the Exercise Maitree ceremony conduct?

Answer : August 6-19th 2018.

Explanation :

- The opening ceremony of Exercise Maitree, a joint military exercise between **Indian Army and Royal Thai Army**, was held in **Chachoengsao** province, **Thailand**. It will be conducted between **August 6-19th 2018**.
- It is an annual reciprocal training event. Earlier it took place in **Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh** in **2017**.

2. Name the latest version of Android Operating System released by Google?

Answer : Android9 Pie

Explanation :

- **Google** has released its latest version of **Android Operating System — Android 9 Pie**, which harnesses the power of Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) to predict how users would like to experience their devices while offering a smoother navigation system and an easier way to track and limit usage of apps

September 9

1. Which is the Partner country in the 87th Izmir International tradeshow?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- India launched a mega business pavilion named '**Source India**' in the **87th Izmir International tradeshow** which is held from 7th to 11th September, 2018, in **Izmir, Turkey**.
- **India** is the **Partner Country** in the 87th Izmir International tradeshow. Source India aims for tie-ups to increase India's exports to Turkey and other neighbouring countries.

September 11

1. Indo-Mongolia joint Exercise Nomadic Elephant-2018 commenced at?

Answer : Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF)

Explanation :

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

2. Who is the high level delegate to the G-20 Education Ministers' Meeting & Joint Ministerial Meeting?

Answer : Dr. Satya Pal Singh

Explanation :

- The **Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Dr. Satya Pal Singh** lead a high level delegation to the **G-20 Education Ministers' Meeting** as well as **Joint Ministerial Meeting** held at **Mendoza, Argentina**. It was the first ever meeting of Education Ministers in the history of G-20.
- G20 is an international forum for the governments and central bank governors from **19-member states and European Union**.

September 12

1. Where did A two-day India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS) held?

Answer : Dubai

Explanation :

- A two-day **India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS)** will be held in **Dubai** from October 30. We are delighted to support the second IUPS being organised by the Business Leaders Forum (BLF). Its objectives and agenda fit perfectly into efforts to promote the strategic partnership between India and the United Arab Emirates.

2. Which country did **Nomadic Elephant-2018** joint exercise?

Answer : Indo Mongolia

Explanation :

- **Indo-Mongolia** joint exercise **Nomadic Elephant-2018**, commenced at Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.
- Exercise Nomadic Elephant is an annual, bilateral exercise since 2006 which is designed to strengthen the partnership between Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces.

September 13

1. Where did the first tripartite meeting held?

Answer : India, Iran and Afghanistan

Explanation :

- To deepen counter-terror cooperation and trade, **India, Iran and Afghanistan** held their first tripartite meeting chaired by **Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Hekmat Khalil Karzai in Kabul.**

2. What is the theme of Asean World Economic Forum 2018 in the context of 4.0?

Answer : -Entrepreneurship and the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Explanation :

- **Asean World Economic Forum** commenced in **Hanoi, Vietnam.** The 2018 World Economic Forum on ASEAN is in the context of the 4.0 era themed: —**ASEAN 4.0: Entrepreneurship and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.**
- The ASEAN nations participating in the event are: **Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand.**

September 14

1. Who is the Indian delegate for the 23rd (IRIGC-TEC)?

Answer : External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj

Explanation :

- **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** led the Indian delegation at the **23rd meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC)** to discuss the expansion of Russia-India relationship across all sectors. The meeting was chaired by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov.

2. Who said the term the edge of the abyss for the climate change?

Answer : UN chief Antonio Guteress

Explanation :

- Asserting that climate change is pushing the world towards -the edge of the abyss, **UN chief Antonio Guteress** has said that he will convene a meeting in September 2019 to bring climate action to the top of the international agenda.
- The UN Secretary General also announced the appointment of **Luis Alfonso de Alba**, a former Mexican diplomat, as his Special Envoy to lead the preparations of the summit.

September 15

1. Who was participated in G-20 trade at Mar del Plata in Argentina?

Answer : Suresh Prabhu

Explanation :

- Commerce and Industry Minister **Suresh Prabhu** participated in **G-20 trade and investment ministerial meeting at Mar del Plata in Argentina**. Issues including increasing protectionism challenges to promote global commerce and the new industrial revolution were discussed at the meeting.

2. Who was chaired by **IRIGC-TEC**?

Answer: Sushma Swaraj and Yuri Borisov

Explanation :

- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** led the Indian delegation at the **23rd meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC)** to discuss the expansion of Russia-India relationship across all sectors. The meeting was chaired by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov.

September 16

1. What is the theme of the fourth Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)?

Answer : —The Far East: Expanding the Range of Possibilities

Explanation :

- World leaders and business tycoons gathered in Russia's Far Eastern port city of Vladivostok to discuss cooperation at the fourth **Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)**.
- The three-day forum under the theme of **—The Far East: Expanding the Range of Possibilities** has attracted thousands of attendees from more than 60 countries.

2. Which country was affected by Typhoon Mangkhut?

Answer : Philippines

Explanation :

- **Typhoon Mangkhut** has left multiple dead as the storm pummelled the northern **Philippines** with ferocious wind and rain that set off landslides, damaged an airport terminal and ripped off tin roofs.
- Mangkhut slammed ashore before dawn in Cagayan province, in the northeast, and is on target to hit southern China.

3. Which space agency launched Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2, or ICESat-2?

Answer : Philippines

Explanation :

- In a bid to understand Earth's ice sheets, glaciers, sea ice, snow cover and permafrost, **NASA** successfully launched its **Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2, or ICESat-2**. The satellite with a three-year mission was launched with liftoff aboard a Delta II rocket from Space Launch Complex-2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

September 17

1. Where was the '**Jaipur Literature Festival**' held?

Answer : Houston, Texas, United States **Explanation :**

- **Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF)** was held in **Houston, Texas, United States**. Jaipur Literature Festival which is conducted since 2006, is held in Jaipur every year. This is the first time it is held in Houston.
- Congress leader and writer Shashi Tharoor and Indian ambassador to the US, Navtej Sarna, took part in the festival.

2. What is the rank of India globally in terms of number of family-owned companies as per '**Credit Suisse Family 1000 in 2018**' study, published by (CSRI)?

Answer : third

Explanation :

- According to the '**Credit Suisse Family 1000 in 2018**' study, published by **Credit Suisse Research Institute (CSRI)**, India ranked **third** globally in terms of number of family-owned companies.
- India has a total of **111** companies and **\$839 billion** total market capitalization. India follows **China (159)** companies and the US (121 companies).

3. Who is the new Prime Minister of Sudan in 2018?

Answer : Philippines

Explanation :

- **Moutaz Mousa Abdallah** has become **Sudan's new Prime Minister**. A 21-member cabinet was sworn in at the presidential palace in Khartoum. Mousa Abdallah is also holding the finance portfolio in a bid to revive the country's ailing economy.

September 18

1. Where did the "Mt Everest Friendship Exercise" began?

Answer : Sichuan province of China

Explanation :

- With a special focus on combating terror, the **second** edition of **Nepal-China** joint military exercise '**Mt Everest Friendship Exercise**' (**Sagarmatha Friendship-2018**) began in southwestern **Sichuan province** of **China**. It is the second time

that the Nepal Army is participating in a joint military drill with People's Liberation Army.

September 19

1. Which country rolled out the world's first hydrogen-powered train?

Answer : Germany

Explanation :

- **Germany** rolled out the **world's first hydrogen-powered train**, signalling the start of a push to challenge the might of polluting diesel trains with costlier but eco-friendly technology. Hydrogen trains are equipped with fuel cells that produce electricity through a combination of hydrogen and oxygen, a process that leaves steam and water as the only emissions.

2. Who will prepare a detailed project report for development of Palaly airport in Sri Lanka?

Answer : Airports Authority of India (AAI)

Explanation :

- State-owned **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** will prepare a detailed project report for development of **Palaly airport in Sri Lanka**. This would be the first project for the AAI in the island nation.

September 20

1. What are the countries signed the revised Air Services Agreement to enable greater connectivity?

Answer : India and Morocco

Explanation :

- **India and Morocco signed the revised Air Services Agreement** between the two countries enabling greater connectivity through a modernized agreement. The delegation of the two countries have met three times in the past years wherein they have worked towards liberalization of markets between the two countries and updating of the existing Air Services Agreement.

2. What are the countries have agreed to intensify cooperation at the United Nations and other multilateral fore to address global challenges?

Answer : India and Romania

Explanation :

- **India and Romania** have agreed to intensify **cooperation at the United Nations and other multilateral fore in order to address global challenges**. It was issued in a statement after one to one talks **between Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and President of Romania, Mr. Klaus Werner Lohannis in Bucharest**.

3. Who are inaugurated the Dhaka-Tongi-Joydebpur Railway Project?

Answer : Narendra Modi & Sheikh Hasina

Explanation :

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina** inaugurated the **Dhaka-Tongi-Joydebpur Railway Project**. It will strengthen national and urban transport in Bangladesh

September 21

1. Where did the Exercise Aviaindra 18 is being conducted?

Answer : Lipetsk, Russia & Jodhpur, India

Explanation :

- The **exercise Aviaindra** is an **Air Force level exercise between India and the Russian Federation**. First Aviaindra was conducted in 2014 and has been planned as a bi-annual exercise. The aim of the exercise is focused towards anti-terrorist operations in a bi-lateral scenario.
- Exercise Aviaindra 18 is being conducted at **Lipetsk, Russia** from 17 Sep to 28 Sep 18 and will be conducted in **Jodhpur, India** from 10 Dec to 22 Dec 18.

2. What are the countries signed an MOU for establishment of the Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre in Niamey?

Answer : India and Niger

Explanation :

- **India and Niger** signed an MOU for establishment of the Mahatma **Gandhi International Convention Centre in Niamey, Niger**. The Convention Centre is being established in the context of the **African Union (AU) Summit** that Niger is to host in 2019.
- India has offered to establish Mahatma Gandhi Convention Centres in more than 20 countries in Africa, of which Centres in 9 countries are being taken up in the immediate phase.

September 22

1. What amount did India contribute for installation of solar panels on the roof of the imposing UN building in New York, on 20th September 2018?

Answer : one million US dollars

Explanation :

- To reduce carbon footprint and promote sustainable energy, **India** contributed **one million US dollars** for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the imposing UN building in **New York**.

2. What is the vision of -2030 in the 7th UNWTO Global Summit on Urban Tourism?

Answer : in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Explanation :

- **The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** is organizing the **7th UNWTO Global Summit on Urban Tourism: A 2030 Vision for Urban Tourism**, in **Seoul, Republic of Korea**.
- The Summit provides a unique platform to discuss the key issues shaping the future of urban tourism in the context of the 2030 Urban Agenda.

3. Where & when will be the 3rd edition of acclaimed International Business Conference ‘**MahaBiz2018**’ will be held?

Answer : Dubai on 12th and 13th October 2018

Explanation :

- The **3rd edition of acclaimed International Business Conference MahaBiz 2018** will be held in **Dubai** on 12th and 13th October 2018. MahaBiz is considered a bridge for business opportunities between **Maharashtra state and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region**.
- GCC is a **political and economic alliance of six middle eastern countries**. It includes Saudi Arabia , UAE , Kuwait , Oman , Bahrain and Qatar.

September 23

1. What are the countries have agreed to explore the possibility of using high-resolution satellite?

Answer : India and Nepal

Explanation :

- India and Nepal have agreed to explore the possibility of using high-resolution satellite images in boundary survey work. This decision was taken during the **5th meeting of Nepal-India Boundary Working Group (BWG)** held in **Kathmandu** from 19th to 21st September 2018.
- India and Nepal also agreed to continue mapping of No man’s land encroachment and cross-border occupation.

2. Who visit to the Serbia, Malta and Romania to launch two books on Ayurveda?

Answer : The Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- **The Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu** was on an official Visit to **Serbia, Malta and Romania** and returned after a successful official visit. The visit was characterised by extremely cordial discussions with Heads of Governments, PMs and other senior political leaders.
- In all the three countries, there was considerable interest in Yoga and Ayurveda and in Romania, the Vice President launched two books on Ayurveda and inaugurated an Ayurveda Information Centre.

September 24

1. Who won the Maldives' presidential election?

Answer : Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Explanation :

- Opposition leader **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih** won the Maldives' presidential election, a surprise defeat for **President Abdulla Yameen**. Results released by the Elections Commission showed Solih had secured **58.3%** of the popular vote.
- The poll is being closely watched by regional rivals India and China, who are jostling to influence Indian Ocean nations.

2. National Conservation Day held on?

Answer : 23 September

Explanation :

- **Nepal** is likely to be the first country in the world to double its tiger population. On the occasion of **National Conservation Day** on **23 September**, Nepal announced that there are now an estimated 235 wild tigers in the country, nearly doubling the baseline of around 121 tigers in 2009.

3. Who has arrived in New York to represent India at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly?

Answer : Sushma Swaraj

Explanation :

- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** has arrived in **New York** to represent India at the **73rd session of the UN General Assembly** and hold several bilateral and multilateral meetings with her global counterparts.

September 25

1. Which the 16th busiest Airport in the world According to **The Annual World Airport Traffic Report 2018**?

Answer : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI)

Explanation :

- According to **The Annual World Airport Traffic Report 2018** by **Airport Council International (ACI)**, **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI)** is the **16th busiest** in the world. It jumped **6** places from **22nd** position in **2016**.
- The first place was held by **Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson** in the **US** handling **103.9 million** passengers in 2017, followed by **Beijing** with **95.8 million** passengers.

2. Name the two rovers launched by JAXA & the third rover launched by Hayabusa2?

Answer : MINERVA-II1 & MASCOT

Explanation :

- **The Japanese space agency JAXA** made history by successfully landing two unmanned rovers on an asteroid. The two rovers are in good condition and are transmitting images and data. The rovers are collectively known as **MINERVA-II1**. The space agency reported that **MINERVA-II1** is the world's first mobile exploration robot to land on the surface of an asteroid.

- The **Hayabusa2(spacecraft)** began its approach to **Ryugu** from an orbiting altitude of around 20 kilometers (12.4 miles). A third rover called **MASCOT** will be launched from Hayabusa2 in early October.

September 26

1. What is the first summit of Women Foreign Ministers meeting?

Answer : women's perspective

Explanation :

- **Women Foreign Ministers meeting** for the first summit of its kind vowed to bring a women's perspective to foreign policy. The two-day meeting began in **Montreal**.
- It brought together more than half of the world's top women diplomats, focussed on topics such as conflict prevention, democratic growth and eliminating gender-based violence.

2. What is the rank of India According to a study by Seattle-based Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation published in The Lancet?

Answer : 158

Explanation :

- According to a study by Seattle-based Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation published in **The Lancet**, India ranks **158th** in the world for its investments in education and healthcare. According to the survey, **Finland tops** the list in the two key sectors.

3. Which country donated the statue in commemoration of a 100-years since Mandela's birth ?

Answer : South Africa

Explanation :

- **A statue of Nelson Mandela** has been unveiled at the **United Nations to honour the late South African leader's birth**. The country of South Africa donated the statue in commemoration of a **100-years since Mandela's birth**.
- This year marks the **100th anniversary of Mandela's birth**, and the U.N. is declaring 2019-2028 the —**Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace**.

September 27

1. Where did the famous Indra Jatra festival commence?

Answer : Kathmandu, Nepal

Explanation :

- The famous **Indra Jatra festival** commenced in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. It is an eight day long annual festival is observed to worship Indra, the lord of rain and good harvest. It also marks end of monsoon and beginning of harvest season and festivity.

2. Which country has become the first and only SAARC country to have a quit-line number on tobacco products?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** has become the **first and only SAARC country** to have a **quit-line number on tobacco products**. The Union Health Ministry has already made **85%** pictorial health warning mandatory on both sides of packets containing cigarettes, bidis, and chewing tobacco. The quit-line number will be printed on all tobacco products manufactured after September 1, 2018.
- India is the **fourth** country in Asia after Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore to have this government helpline for those looking at quitting tobacco.

3. Who conferred the title of **world's largest bird** to Vorombe titan?

Answer : ZSL's (Zoological Society of London) Institute of Zoology

Explanation :

- **ZSL's (Zoological Society of London) Institute of Zoology** conferred the title of world's largest bird to Vorombe titan. Vorombe titan (meaning big bird in Malagasy and Greek) is believed to have weighed up to **800 kg** and was **three metres** tall.
- Elephant birds (belonging to the family Aepyornithidae) are an extinct group of colossal flightless birds that roamed **Madagascar**.

September 28

1. What is the rank of India out of 162 countries in economic freedom according to (CCS) ?

Answer : 96

Explanation :

- According to a study named **Economic Freedom in the World by Centre for Civil Society (CCS)** along with Canada's Fraser Institute, India stands at 96th rank out of 162 countries in economic freedom.
- The index measures 5 areas of economic freedom. They are: Size of Government, Legal System and Property Rights, Sound Money, Freedom to Trade Internationally and Regulation. India ranked 98th in the previous year.

2. Who has signed an MoU for deepening cooperation between MSME sectors of the two countries in Rabat, Morocco?

Answer : 96

Explanation :

- **India and Morocco** has signed an MoU for deepening cooperation between **MSME sectors of the two countries** in Rabat, Morocco. The MoU was signed by CMD, National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), **Ravindra Nath and Director General, Maroc PME, Mr. Rabri Barrazouka**.

- Through this MOU, the NSIC and Maroc PME will work together to enhance cooperation opportunities for MSMEs of both countries. It will facilitate transfer of Indian technologies and products to Morocco.

September 29

1. Which day is coincides with the Interfaith Alliance Forum on 20th November?

Answer : World Children's Day

Explanation :

- The UAE will host the **Interfaith Alliance Forum** in **Abu Dhabi** on 19th and 20th November. The **Interfaith Alliance Forum** coincides with **World Children's Day**, celebrated on **20th November**, highlighting the importance of unifying views among religions and cultures to ensure the protection of children.

2. Where did -The first ever United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on tuberculosis held?

Answer : New York

Explanation :

- The **first ever United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on tuberculosis** was held in New York. It aims to accelerate efforts in ending TB and reach all affected people with prevention and care. **J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare** addressed the Meet.
- The theme of the meeting is —**United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to a global epidemic**. India has allocated **US\$ 430 million** for implementation of the Plan in the current year, which is an increase of **54% over last year**.

September 30

1. What is the speed of Typhoon Trami hit Japan's southern island of Okinawa?

Answer : 216 kilometres per hour

Explanation :

- **Typhoon Trami** hit **Japan's** southern island of **Okinawa** with a maximum speed of 216 kilometres per hour. Some 600 people have been evacuated to shelters and at least 386 flights have been cancelled mainly in western Japan.

2. Who will hold the fifth World Internet Conference (WIC) in its river town of Wuzhen in November?

Answer : China

Explanation :

- **China** will hold the **fifth World Internet Conference (WIC)** in its **river town of Wuzhen in November**. This year's WIC will be held in China's

Zhejiang province under the theme of —**creating a digital world for mutual trust and collective governance** — **towards a community with a shared future in cyberspace.**

SPORTS

September 2

1. Who is the eighth Indian boxer to win a gold medal at the Asian Games?

Answer : Amit Panghal

Explanation :

- Amit Panghal defeated reigning Olympic Champion Hasanboy Dusmatov from Uzbekistan 3-2 and won gold medal in Men's 49kg Boxing. He is the eighth Indian boxer to win a gold medal at the Asian Games.

2. Which year Indian women's hockey team won the gold medal in Asian Games?

Answer : 1982

Explanation :

- India won silver medal in the women's hockey event after it lost 1-2 to Japan in the final. Indian women's hockey team won gold in the 1982 Asian Games. After that, they haven't won a gold medal.

September 3

1. How many medals india won in 2018 Asian Games?

Answer : 69 medals

Explanation :

- On **2nd September 2018**, **Asian Games 2018** concluded. **India** achieved its **highest ever medal tally at the Asian Games**. India won a total of 69 medals which comprises: **15 gold, 24 silver and 30 bronze** medals, and **ranked 8th** in the medals tally. China finished on top of the medal tally with **289 medals**.

September 4

1. Who claim the gold with a dominating victory over Nikolina Cacic of Croatia in Budapest?

Answer : Boxer Sakshi Choudhary

Explanation :

- Former junior world champion boxer **Sakshi Choudhary** added the youth crown to her cabinet, claiming the **gold** with a dominating victory over Nikolina Cacic of Croatia in Budapest.
- However, Asian champions Manisha and silver-medallist Anamika settled for silver medals.

2. Which racer won the Italian Grand Prix on 2nd September 2018?

Answer : Lewis Hamilton

Explanation :

- **Lewis Hamilton** delivered one of his greatest races when he wrecked Ferrari's homecoming party as he stormed to a record-equalling fifth Monza victory at the **Italian Grand Prix**.

September 5

1. Who clinched gold in the men's 50m pistol event at Changwon (South Korea)?

Answer : Om Prakash Mitharval

Explanation :

- India's **Om Prakash Mitharval** clinched **gold** in the **men's 50m pistol** event at Changwon (South Korea), claiming his country's third gold medal at the **ISSF World Championships in Changwon, South Korea**.

2. Who are the first Indian shooters to secure quota places for the 2020 Olympics?

Answer : Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela

Explanation :

- **Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela** became the first set of Indian shooters to secure quota places for the 2020 Olympics by winning a **silver** and finishing **fourth** respectively in the **women's 10m air rifle** event of the **ISSF World Championship in Changwon, South Korea**.

3. Who is the first female athlete to be named the Most Valuable player in the 18th Asian Games by the (OCA)?

Answer : Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee

Explanation :

- **Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee** became the **first female** athlete to be named the **Most Valuable player** in the **18th Asian Games** by the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)**.

September 8

1. What is the rank of Indian Women's hockey team?

Answer : 9th position

Explanation :

- **Indian men's hockey team** has improved one rank and has reached the **5th spot** in the latest **FIH rankings** chart released on **7th August 2018**.
- **Men's FIH rankings** released on 7th August 2018

- **Australia**
- **Argentina**
- **Belgium**
- In the women's rankings, the Indian team improved one spot to and reached **9th position**. Netherlands remained in the top position of women's **FIH rankings**.

September 9

1. Who claim the men's double trap **gold** medal in the ISSF World Championship?

Answer : Ankur Mittal

Explanation :

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

2. Who is the first Japanese woman to win a Grand Slam title?

Answer : Naomi Osaka

Explanation :

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

September 10

1. Who won the Men's singles final In the US Open Tennis?

Answer : Novak Djokovic

Explanation :

- In the **US Open Tennis**, **Novak Djokovic of Serbia** won the Men's singles final. He defeated **Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina** in straight sets. It was Djokovic's 14th **Grand Slam title** and the **third US Open title**. With this win, he has equalled **Pete Sampras's mark of 14 Grand Slams**.

2. Who has create history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the IAAF Continental Cup?

Answer : Triple jumper Arpinder

Explanation :

- **Triple jumper Arpinder** Singh has created history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the **IAAF Continental Cup**. At Ostrava in the **Czech Republic**, he clinched a bronze. The **25-year-old Arpinder** was representing the **Asia-Pacific team** in the meet, held once every **four years**.

September 12

1. Who decide to accord One-Day International status to India and Pakistan's group league matches against Hong Kong in the upcoming Asia Cup?

Answer : ICC

Explanation :

- The **ICC** has decided to **accord One-Day International status to India and**

Pakistan's group league matches against Hong Kong in the upcoming Asia Cup, starting September 15. Hong Kong, an ICC associate member, is yet to get ODI status but have beaten UAE, who recently earned the ODI status, to qualify for the Asia Cup.

September 13

1. Who is the chairman of the 11-member selection **committee** to pick this year's Dronacharya and Dhyanchand awardees?

Answer : Justice Mukul Mudgal

Explanation :

- Justice **Mukul Mudgal**, who headed the Supreme Court-appointed probe into the 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal, has been named **chairman** of the 11-member selection **committee** to pick this year's **Dronacharya and Dhyanchand awardees**.
- The panel **headed by Mudgal**, the retired Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, has been picked by the Sports Ministry.

September 14

1. Name the India's oldest female athlete who won a gold medal at the World Masters Athletics Championships ?

Answer : Man Kaur

Explanation :

- India's oldest female athlete **Man Kaur** has won a **gold medal** at the **World Masters Athletics Championships in Malaga, Spain**.

2. Who won an individual Gold Medal in Junior Men's 25 metre pistol event in the World Shooting Championships in South Korea?

Answer : Udhayveer Singh

Explanation :

- **Sixteen-year-old Udhayveer Singh** has won an **individual Gold Medal in Junior Men's 25 metre pistol event** in the **World Shooting Championships in South Korea**. He also spearheaded India to the team Gold. Singh shot a score of 587 in the individual competition to grab the Gold ahead American Henry Leverett and Korean Lee Jaekyoon.

September 17

1. Who clinch the 13th International Silesian Women's Boxing Championships in Gliwice, Poland?

Answer : M C Mary Kom

Explanation :

- **M C Mary Kom** lived up to her favourites tag to clinch **gold** in the **13th International Silesian Women's Boxing Championships** in Gliwice, Poland.
- Mary Kom (48kg) prevailed 5-0 against Kazakhstan's Aigerim Kassanayeva in the final of the boxing event to win her third gold medal this year.

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

2. Who won the Singapore Grand Prix?

Answer : Lewis Hamilton

Explanation :

- **Lewis Hamilton** won the **Singapore Grand Prix** with a strong run from pole position to increase his world championship lead over Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel. It is Hamilton's fourth win at the Singapore Grand Prix, equalling Vettel as the most successful driver at the race and the 69th of his career.

September 18

1. Where did the 32nd Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament was held?

Answer : Istanbul, Turkey

Explanation :

- **32nd Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament** was held in **Istanbul, Turkey**. Indian women boxers won a total of **7 medals**: 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze. Indian women's team finished **second** in the tournament.
- India's **Bhagyabati Kachari** received the **most scientific boxer of the tournament** award.

September 21

1. Where did the third Asian Para Games 2018 will be held?

Answer : Jakarta, Indonesia

Explanation :

- The **Asian Paralympic Committee** (APC) has confirmed that **Hangzhou in China** will host the fourth edition of **Asian Para Games in 2022**. The confirmation came following a visit to Hangzhou in July by APC President Majid Rashed and CEO Tarek Souei.
- The third Asian Para Games will be held in **Jakarta, Indonesia in 2018**.

September 23

1. Where did the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- **The Women's Boxing World Championships**, to be hosted by **India** after more than a decade, will be held in **New Delhi**. The AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships will be held in New Delhi in November 13-25.

2. Which country won the silver medal in Asian Team Snooker Championship in Doha?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** settled for the **silver** medal after losing to Pakistan 2-3 in the final of the **Asian Team Snooker Championship in Doha** after Babar Masih put a fluent 81 break to win the first frame against Pankaj Advani.

3. Who is the first Indian female to be part of the International Braille Chess Association (IBCA)?

Answer : Vaishali Narendra Salavkar

Explanation :

- Blind chess player **Vaishali Narendra Salavkar** will become the **first Indian female** to be part of the **International Braille Chess Association (IBCA)** team at the world chess Olympiad, starting September 23 at **Batumi in Georgia**.
- Forty-five year old Vaishali from Maharashtra has been playing chess for the past 20-25 years. She is an eight-time national champion.

September 24

1. Who has joined France in number one position on the FIFA 2018 ?

Answer : Belgium

Explanation :

- **Belgium** has joined **France** in **number one** position on the FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) rankings released on 20th September 2018. This is the first time in the 25-year history of FIFA rankings, the first spot is shared.

September 25

1. Who broke a decade of award dominance by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi in FIFA?

Answer : Luka Modric

Explanation :

- **Luka Modric** broke a decade of award dominance by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi after being crowned world footballer of the year by **FIFA**. Modric beat out Liverpool's Egyptian forward **Mohamed Salah and Ronaldo**.
- Modric was voted FIFA's best player in the **2017-18** season after winning the Champions League for a fourth time in five seasons with Real Madrid and leading Croatia to its first **World Cup final** where it lost to France.

2. Who beat China's Chen Yufei to take the women's singles title in Badminton?

Answer : Spain's Carolina Marin

Explanation :

- In Badminton, **Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting** beat **Japan's Kento Momota** to take the Men's singles China Open title in Changzhou. **Spain's Carolina Marin** beat **China's Chen Yufei** to take the women's singles title. The **3rd** seed, Momota who took the Japan Open title on home ground last week, was beaten by world number **13th** Ginting.

September 29

1. Where did the 58th National Open athletics championships Venue?

Answer : Spain's Carolina Marin

Explanation :

- Railways athlete **Sharmila Kumari** produced the first upset in the **58th National Open athletics championships** by pipping national record holder Annu Rani to the **gold** medal in the women's **javelin throw**.
- **58th National Open athletics championships Venue: Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

September 2

1. Which scientists have detected signs of water above Jupiter's deepest clouds?

Answer : NASA

Explanation :

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) scientists have detected **signs of water above Jupiter's deepest clouds**. This will supplement the information collected by **NASA's Juno spacecraft** as it circles Jupiter from north to south once every 53 days.

September 7

1. Who are announced a working group for Gaganyaan?

Answer : India and France

Explanation :

- India and France announced a working group for Gaganyaan, **ISRO's first manned mission** at the **sixth edition of Bengaluru Space Expo**. India plans to **send three humans** to space before **2022**.

2. Who conducted mid-air refuelling of Tejas MK I fighter jet?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- Indian Air Force for the first time successfully conducted mid-air refuelling of **Tejas MK I fighter jet** by **Indian Air Force's Russian built Il-78 tanker**. Dry link up means no fuel was transferred between the **2 aircrafts**.
- The tanker was launched from **IAF's base in Agra** while **LCA Tejas** fighter was launched from **Gwalior**.

3. Who developed a —**space elevator** 2018?

Answer : Japanese researchers

Explanation :

- **Japanese** researchers have developed a —**space elevator**. Its first trial will be conducted on **11th September 2018**, by launching a miniature version on satellites.
- The test equipment has been developed by researchers at Shizuoka University. It will be launched on an **H-2B rocket** by **Japan's** space agency from **Japan's Tanegashima Space Center**.

September 8

1. What is the weight of satellite GSAT-11 from French Guiana?

Answer : over 5.7 tonnes or 5700 kg

Explanation :

- **ISRO** announced that it would launch the heaviest communication satellite **GSAT-11** from **French Guiana** on **November 30, 2018**. This satellite weighs over 5.7 tonnes or **5700 kg**. It will be launched from the **European spaceport Arianespace**.
- This will help in increasing internet speed of the country of **14 gigabit per second data transfer speed**.

September 9

1. Name the a new marine satellite launched by China?

Answer : HY-1C

Explanation :

- To better monitor its maritime waters and study the impact of climate change, **China** successfully launched a new marine satellite called **HY-1C** aboard a **Long March-2C** rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's **Shanxi Province**.

2. What is the focus of NASA for took its -third flight from the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico?

Answer : Focusing Optics X-ray Solar Imager or FOXSI

Explanation :

- **NASA's Focusing Optics X-ray Solar Imager, or FOXSI** took its **third** flight from the White Sands Missile Range in White Sands, **New Mexico**.
- It is the **first** instrument built specially to image high-energy X-rays from the Sun. It will capture **nanoflares** — miniature explosions invisible to the naked eye.

September 16

1. Who developed the India's first underwater robotic drone?

Answer : EyeROV Technologies at Maker Village

Explanation :

- **India's** first underwater robotic drone –**EyerovTUNA** was launched and handed over to the **Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL)** of **DRDO**. It was developed by **EyeROV Technologies** at **Maker Village**.
- It is the first commercial **Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)**/ underwater drone and was supported by **Kerala Start up Mission (KSUM)**.

2. Who designed and built the Indian Coast Guard Ship Vijaya?

Answer : Larsen & Toubro

Explanation :

- **Indian Coast Guard Ship Vijaya**, the **second** in the series of **98 m offshore patrol vessels (OPVs)**, was commissioned by **Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra** in **Chennai**. It has been designed and built indigenously by **Larsen & Toubro**.

3. Name the laser in Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2, launched by NASA?

Answer : **ATLAS (Advanced Topographic Laser Altimeter System)**

Explanation :

- NASA launched its **Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2**, known as **ICESat-2**, which will use an extremely precise laser to collect measurement data to track the Earth's shrinking polar ice from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.
- The laser, known as **ATLAS (Advanced Topographic Laser Altimeter System)**, splits into six beams and fires 10,000 pulses per second to collect very precise measurements for scientists to analyze. The ATLAS will focus on two areas: **changes to the earth's ice sheet and sea ice thickness change**.

4. Name the satellite launch by ISRO from Sriharikota in 2018?

Answer : (PSLV) C42

Explanation :

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will launch its **polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV) C42 from Sriharikota**. PSLV-C42 is scheduled to be launch from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre. It will carry two earth observing satellites – **NovaSAR and S1-4 of Surrey Satellite Technology Limited, UK**.

September 18

1. Who did inaugurate an S–band Polarimetry Doppler Weather Radar at SDSC/ISRO, Sriharikota?

Answer : **Dr. K Sivan**, Secretary, DOS/Chairman, ISRO

Explanation :

- **Dr. K Sivan**, Secretary, DOS/Chairman, ISRO inaugurated an **S–band Polarimetry Doppler Weather Radar** at SDSC/ISRO, Sriharikota. This is the **7th** Radar manufactured in the country under —**Make in India** Concept. It was indigenously developed by **Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore** under Technology Transfer from ISRO.

2. Which countries are inked pact for maritime surveillance through a constellation of 8-10 satellites on the Indian Ocean region?

Answer : India and France

Explanation :

- To monitor sea traffic management, **India and France** inked pact for maritime surveillance through a constellation of **8-10** satellites on the **Indian Ocean** region. **India and France** inked pact for maritime surveillance through a constellation of **8-10** satellites on the **Indian Ocean** region.

3. Who developed man-portable anti-tank guided missile (MPATGM)?

Answer : Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Explanation :

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** successfully tested a low-weight indigenously developed **man-portable anti-tank guided missile (MPATGM)** at its **Ahmednagar** range. It was the second MPATGM test as the DRDO tested the first one on September 15 in **Maharashtra**.

September 22

1. Name the two new earth-like exoplanets discovered by NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)?

Answer : –super-Earth and –hot Earth.

Explanation :

- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)'s Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) has discovered two new earth-like exoplanets namely: –**super-Earth** and –**hot Earth**.
- Super-Earth: It is named as **Pi Mensae c**. It is 60 light-years away. It orbits its sun every 6.3 days. Hot-Earth: It is named as **LHS 3844 b**. It is 49 light-years away. It orbits its sun every 11 hours. Both the planets are too hot to support life.

2. Who will be the first private moon tourist to fly on Big Falcon Rocket (BFR) of SpaceX around the Moon in 2023?

Answer : Yusaku Maezawa

Explanation :

- **Yusaku Maezawa**, a Japanese businessman, will be the first private moon tourist, to fly on Big Falcon Rocket (BFR) of SpaceX around the Moon in 2023.
- The Big Falcon Rocket (BFR) is in development. It is 118 meters long. It will comprise a first stage with engines and fuel systems, and a second stage with the spacecraft where the passengers will ride.

AWARDS

September 1

1. Who got the prestigious Dr B.C. Roy National Award in 2018?

Answer : Dr B.K. Misra

Explanation :

- Eminent neurosurgeon **Dr B.K. Misra** has been named for this year's prestigious **Dr B.C. Roy National Award** as an **Eminent Medical** Person of the Year award.
- The highest medical honour of India, instituted by the Medical Council of India in **1962**, it will be given away by President **Ram Nath Kovind** on July 1 next year, the **National Doctors Day**.

2. Name the Two Indian nationals **got** the Ramon Magsaysay award ?

Answer : Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk

Explanation :

- **Two Indian nationals, Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk**, were given the **Ramon Magsaysay award**, popularly known as **Asia's Nobel Prize**.

September 4

1. Who is crowned as Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Universe 2018?

Answer : Nehal Chudasama

Explanation :

- **Nehal Chudasama** is thrilled to be crowned as Yamaha Fascino **Miss Diva Universe** and says the feeling will take some time to settle as this was her long standing dream.
- The **22-year-old Mumbai girl** was declared as the winner of **Miss Diva Miss Universe 2018**. She will now be representing India at Miss Universe.

September 10

1. Who will be honoured with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for poetry collection 'Misra Dhrupad'?

Answer : Satrugna Pandav

Explanation :

- **Noted Odia poet Satrugna Pandav** will be honoured with the prestigious '**Sarala Puraskar**' for his poetry collection '**Misra Dhrupad**'.
- The '**Sarala Puraskar**', instituted by eminent Odia industrialist late **Dr Bansidhar Panda** and late **Ila Panda in 1979** and awarded by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust(**IMPACT**) will be presented to **Pandav on October 26**.

September 11

1. Who was honoured at the Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Awards?

Answer : Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Explanation :

- **Aishwarya Rai Bachchan** has been honoured at the **Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Awards**. The award has been established to honour the best female talent in Bollywood and Hollywood.
- Apart from the actor, director **Zoya Akhtar** and —**Dhadak star Janhvi Kapoor**, among others, were also honoured at the event.

September 12

1. Who is the winner of Young Scholar Award for her outstanding research work in detecting life-threatening symptoms using smartphones?

Answer : Nandakumar Rajalakshmi

Explanation :

- An India-born woman research scholar from the University of Washington won the **Paul Baran Young Scholar Award for 2018** for using smartphones to detect life-threatening symptoms, the California-based Marconi Society.
- **Nandakumar Rajalakshmi** is the winner of this year's **Young Scholar Award** for her outstanding research work in detecting life-threatening symptoms using smartphones.

2. Who got the —Outstanding Investigator Award by The US National Cancer Institute ?

Answer : Professor Arul Chinnaiyan

Explanation :

- The **US National Cancer Institute** has give the —**Outstanding Investigator Award** to Professor **Arul Chinnaiyan**, from the University of Michigan, and \$6.5 million in funding over seven years, to identify cancer biomarkers to improve diagnosis and develop new targeted therapies.

September 14

1. Who got the UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Award?

Answer : Manoj Jhalani

Explanation :

- **Manoj Jhalani**, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (National Health Mission), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has been conferred the **UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Award** for his contribution towards

prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and associated Sustainable Development Goals.

September 15

1. What is the highest award in the Handicraft sector in India?

Answer : Shilp Guru

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Zubin Irani** presented **Shilp Guru‘ and National Award to Master craft persons** at a function held at Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. **Eight Shilp guru and 25 National awards** were presented for the year 2016. **Shilp Guru is the highest award in the Handicraft sector in India.**

2. Who will be honoured with Meera Puruskar by Rajasthan Sahitya Academy for the contribution to Hindi literature?

Answer : Sawai Singh Shekhawat

Explanation :

- **Jaipur-based poet and writer Sawai Singh Shekhawat** will be honoured with **Meera Puruskar** by Rajasthan Sahitya Academy for his contribution to Hindi literature.

September 16

1. Which airport received the **Airports Council International Airport Service Quality** World no.1 airport award trophy for the second consecutive year 2018?

Answer : GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd

Explanation :

- **GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd** received the **Airports Council International Airport Service Quality** World no.1 airport award trophy for the second consecutive year. This was under the category of: **5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA).**
- The award ceremony was organised at the **2018 ACI Customer Excellence Global Summit‘ at Halifax in Canada.**

September 18

1. For Which Award All-women crew of INSV Tarini has bagged?

Answer : Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award

Explanation :

- **All-women crew of INSV Tarini** has bagged the **prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award** for beating the odds in water with their enduring skills and sailing across the world for eight long months.
- The award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air. The crew was also bestowed with Nav Sena Medal on the occasion of 72nd Independence Day.

2. Who has won two prestigious gold awards of the **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** for its innovative marketing campaigns in 2018?

Answer : Kerala Tourism

Explanation :

- **Kerala Tourism** has won two prestigious gold awards of the **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** for its innovative marketing campaigns. The awards were presented at a glittering function in **Langkawi, Malaysia** during **PATA Travel Mart 2018**.
- Kerala Tourism got the **first gold for its Yalla Kerala travel advertisement print media campaign** in the Gulf countries.

September 19

1. Which airport has bagged the title of **Best Airport** by the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2017?

Answer : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)

Explanation :

- The national capital's **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)** has bagged the title of **Best Airport** to handle over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA) by the **Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2017**.
- **Delhi airport** is now the **seventh** busiest airports in Asia and among the top 20 busiest airports across the world.
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2. Who was awarded the Mexican order of the Aztec Eagle by the Mexico?

Answer : Dr. Raghupati Singhania

Explanation :

- **Dr. Raghupati Singhania** was awarded the **Mexican order of the Aztec Eagle** by Her Excellency Ms. **Melba Pría**, Ambassador of Mexico to India on the eve of **128th National Day of Mexico**. It is the highest honour given to non-nationals by the **Government of Mexico**.

September 21

1. Who conferred the Arjuna award 2018?

Answer : para shuttler Raj Kumar

Explanation :

para shuttler Raj Kumar was conferred the **Arjuna award** by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Rajyavardhan Rathore. Raj Kumar had filed a case against the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, citing that his name had not been considered for the Arjuna Award by the selection committee.

September 22

1. Who received the Smita Patil award for best actor?

Answer : Anushka Sharma

Explanation :

- Union Transport Minister felicitated Bollywood actor **Anushka Sharma** during the 34th anniversary of Priyadarshni Academy Global Award, in Mumbai. She received the **Smita Patil award** for best actor.
- She is gearing up for the release of her film Sui Dhaaga which is inspired by the Make in India campaign that was launched by the government in 2014.

2. Who are receive the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award- India's highest sports honour?

Answer : Virat Kohli and weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

Explanation :

- The **National Sports Awards 2018** were officially announced. The full list of National Sports Awards winners was released by Press Information Bureau (PIB). **Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli and weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** will receive the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award- India's highest sports honour.
- Kohli will become the third Indian cricketer after legendary **Sachin Tendulkar (1997) and the talismanic former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (2007)** once the sports ministry officially accepts the committee's recommendation.

3. Who will receive the Arjuna award 2018?

Answer : Smriti Mandhana

Explanation :

- CWG and Asiad gold medalist javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra**, Asiad double medalist sprinter **Hima Das** and Indian batswoman **Smriti Mandhana** will receive **Arjuna award 2018**.

4. Who is the first woman from Kalyani City, West Bengal to climb Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount Damavand?

Answer : Mousumi Khatua

Explanation :

- **Mousumi Khatua** made it a philosophy of her life and scripted history as she became the first woman from Kalyani City, West Bengal to climb **Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount Damavand. Mt. Damavand**, the highest peak in **Iran** and a potentially active volcano.

September 23

1. Which film has been selected to represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the 91st Academy Awards 2019 by FFI ?

Answer : —Village Rockstars

Explanation :

- Film Federation of India (FFI) announced that, Assamese movie –**Village Rockstars** has been selected to represent India in the **Best Foreign Language category** at the **91st Academy Awards 2019**.

September 27

1. Who has been awarded with the UN's **highest environmental honour**?

Answer : Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Explanation :

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

2. Who has been jointly recognised in the Policy Leadership category for their pioneering work in championing the International Solar Alliance?

Answer : French President Emmanuel Macron and Mr. Modi

Explanation :

- **French President Emmanuel Macron** and Mr. Modi have been jointly recognised in the Policy Leadership category for their pioneering work in championing the **International Solar Alliance** and promoting new areas of levels of cooperation on environmental action.
- **Cochin International** Airport was given the award for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy.

3. Who is the only sportsperson to feature in the Forbes India's first tycoons of tomorrow'?

Answer : PV Sindhu

Explanation :

- Badminton player and Olympian PV Sindhu is the only sportsperson to feature in

the Forbes India's first tycoons of tomorrow' list of 22 young achievers in the fields of business, acting and sports. Tycoons of tomorrow' is not a ranking. It is a qualitative selection prepared by Forbes India team and a six-member jury.

September 28

1. Who is the 2018 winner of the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award?

Answer : Evan Atar Adaha

Explanation :

- **Evan Atar Adaha, surgeon and medical director** at a hospital in **north-eastern South Sudan**, is the 2018 winner of **the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award**. The award is in recognition of Dr. Atar's outstanding commitment and self-sacrifice in providing medical services to more than 200,000 people, including approximately 144,000 refugees from Sudan's Blue Nile state.

2. Who has been awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology by CSIR?

Answer : Dr Thomas Pucadyil

Explanation :

- **The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** on its foundation day released the list of awardees for **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2018**. **Dr Thomas Pucadyil** from the **Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Pune** has been awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology by CSIR.
- He was conferred with the honor for his research in the discipline of **Biological Sciences** on membrane **biochemistry and vesicular transport**.

September 29

1. Who will be conferred with The Maharashtra governments prestigious Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2018?

Answer : Vijay Patil

Explanation :

- The **Maharashtra governments prestigious Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2018** will be conferred on **Vijay Patil**, of the music director duo **Raam-Laxman**. The annual award is declared on the birthday of the legendary singer, Bharat Ratna **Lata Mangeshkar**.

September 30

1. Which place bagged an award for being the best monument for differently-abled?

Answer : Qutub Minar

Explanation :

- Tourism Minister **K J Alphons** presented **National Tourism Awards 2016-17** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The awards were given in various segments of the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Industry. **Qutub Minar** bagged an award for being the **best monument for differently-abled**, while **Ahmedabad** and **Mandu** were jointly declared the **Best Heritage City** in the country.
- **Andhra Pradesh** bagged the **first** prize in state category for **comprehensive development of tourism**. It got the prize for promoting Andhra Pradesh Tourism as a global tourism brand whereas **Kerala** bagged the **second** prize for comprehensive development of tourism and **Rajasthan & Goa** jointly shared the **third** prize
- **INTACH Heritage Walks Delhi** along with **Indore Heritage Walk** were together announced winners in the category of **Best Heritage Walk**.

APPOINTMENTS

September 2

1. Who is the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) 2018-19?

Answer : Sunil Mehta

Explanation :

- **Managing Director and CEO, Punjab National Bank, Sunil Mehta** was elected as the **Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** for the year **2018-19**.

2. Who is the next Chief Justice of India?

Answer : Ranjan Gogoi

Explanation :

- **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** will take charge as the **next Chief Justice of India** on 3rd October 2018. Current Chief Justice of India Deepak Misra will retire on 2nd October 2018. As per convention, the senior-most judge is eligible to be the Chief Justice of India.

September 3

1. Who is the first woman chief justice in Pakistans Balochistan High Court?

Answer : Tahira Safdar

Explanation :

- **Justice Tahira Safdar** was sworn in as the **first woman** chief justice in **Pakistans Balochistan High Court**. She is the **first woman ever to take the**

position of a chief justice in a Pakistan high court.

2. When did —Ranjan Gogoi appoint as the new Chief Justice of India?

Answer : October 3, 2018

Explanation :

- **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** is set to take over as the **new Chief Justice of India on October 3, 2018**. His name has been **recommended** for the post by Chief Justice of **India Dipak Misra** to the government. As per convention, the senior most **judge of the Supreme Court** is appointed the Chief Justice of India and **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** by virtue of his seniority should be next in line. He is expected to take oath on **October 3**.

September 5

1. Who is the 13th President of Pakistan?

Answer : Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi

Explanation :

- **Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi** was elected as the **13th President of Pakistan**, the result data from the **Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP)** confirmed. The elections were held simultaneously at the Parliament House and the four provincial assemblies, with 27 of the total votes cast being annulled.

September 6

1. Who is the first woman elected to the position of Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia Region?

Answer : Dr.Poonam Khetrapal Singh

Explanation :

- **Dr.Poonam Khetrapal Singh** was unanimously re-elected as Regional Director of **WHO** for another five-year term beginning **February 2019**. She is the first woman to have been elected to the position of Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia Region.

2. Who is the 46th Chief Justice of India?

Answer : Ranjan Gogoi

Explanation :

- The Chief Justice Dipak Misra has recommended the **Justice Ranjan Gogoi** as his successor. He would take charge as the **46th Chief Justice of India**. The Supreme Court of India is the **highest judicial** forum and final court of appeal under the **Constitution of India**.

September 7

1. Who is the acting chief justice of the Gauhati High Court in 2018?

Answer : Arup Kumar Goswami

Explanation :

- **Justice Arup Kumar Goswami** has been appointed the acting chief justice of the Gauhati High Court with effect from **6th September 2018**. His appointment has been made following the retirement of **Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Ajit Singh**.

September 9

1. Who is the Sports Ambassador of Assam?

Answer : Hima Das

Explanation :

- **Assam government** has made Asian Games medalist **Hima Das as the Sports Ambassador** of the state. Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal announced to develop 500 village stadiums in the state.

September 11

1. Who was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kyrgyz Republic?

Answer : Alok Amitabh Dimri

Explanation :

- **Alok Amitabh Dimri** was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Kyrgyz Republic**. He is presently the **Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs**.

2. Who is the new Chief Justice of Nepal?

Answer : Om Prakash Mishra

Explanation :

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

September 14

1. Sumitra Mahajan renominate L K Advani as the chairman to which Committee?

Answer : Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha

Explanation :

- **L K Advani**, senior BJP leader, has been renominated as the **chairman** of the **Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha** by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

September 19

1. Who are signed to the Skill India Mission?

Answer : Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma

Explanation :

- Actors **Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma** have been signed on to promote and endorse the **Skill India Mission**, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The actors through their film **Sui Dhaaga – Made in India** are saluting India's entrepreneurs and skilled workforce, especially homegrown artisans, craftspeople and weavers.

September 20

1. Who was appointed as the Secretary of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)?

Answer : Anindo Majumdar

Explanation :

- Financial Commissioner of Delhi **Anindo Majumdar** was appointed Secretary, **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)**. Earlier, he was the chief secretary of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He is a 1985-batch IAS officer of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Mizoram Union Territories (AGMUT cadre).

2. Who is the Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission?

Answer : Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas

Explanation :

- Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) **Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas** has been appointed **Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy and Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission.**

September 23

1. Who is the Goodwill Ambassador of Nepal tourism?

Answer : Jaya Prada

Explanation :

- Former Member of Parliament of India and cine artist **Jaya Prada** has been appointed **Goodwill Ambassador** for the promotion of **Nepal tourism**.
- The government has decided to observe the year **2020** as the **Visit Nepal Year** campaign and has set a target of welcoming two million tourists at home.

September 24

1. Who is the new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd?

Answer : Anil Kumar Chaudhary

Explanation :

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved **Anil Kumar Chaudhary** name as the new **Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd.** His tenure as CMD of SAIL is likely to be for a little over 2 years.

September 25

1. Who was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Republic of Guatemala?

Answer : B. S. Mubarak

Explanation :

- **B. S. Mubarak** was appointed as next Ambassador of India to Republic of **Guatemala**. Presently he is the **Joint Secretary in** the Ministry of External Affairs. He would be replacing **Mr. Rajeev Babu Kurup** who has been the ambassador of India to Guatemala since **2015**.

September 26

1. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force ?

Answer : Anil Khosla

Explanation :

- Air Marshal **Anil Khosla** will be appointed as the **new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force**. Air Marshal R Nambiar, who is currently serving as the Deputy Air Chief, is all set to be designated as the Commander-in-Chief of Eastern Air command which is headquartered at Shillong.
- The position of Commander-in-Chief of Western Air Command, on the other hand, will be handed over to Air Marshal HS Arora.

September 28

1. Who is the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guatemala?

Answer : S. Mubarak

Explanation :

- **S. Mubarak (IFS:2001)**, presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guatemala.

September 29

1. Who is the Director-General of BSF in 2018?

Answer : Rajni Kant Mishra

Explanation :

- The government appointed **Rajni Kant Mishra** as the **Director-General of Border Security Force (BSF)**. Rajni Kant Mishra replaces K.K. Sharma. K.K. Sharma is superannuating on 30th September 2018.

2. Who was announced as Brand Ambassador of —Tribes India, on 27th September 2018?

Answer : Ms. Mary Kom

Explanation :

- **Tribes India** and **TRIFED** under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched —**Punch Tantra Collection** and **Ms. Mary Kom** as **Brand Ambassador of Tribes India**.
- Shri **Jual Oram**, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs introduced the Indian Sporting Legend and the World Boxing Champion Ms. Mary Kom as the Brand Ambassador of —Tribes India and launched the —Punch Tantra Diwali collection.

September 30

1. Who was appointed as the India's next ambassador to China?

Answer : Senior diplomat Vikram Misri

Explanation :

- **Senior diplomat Vikram Misri** has been appointed as **India's next ambassador to China**. He will replace **Gautam Bambawale**. Misri, a 1989-batch India Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is presently serving as Indian envoy in Myanmar.
- He has served in various Indian Missions in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. Misri had taken charge as India's Ambassador to Myanmar on August 31, 2016.

IMPORTANT DAYS

September 3

1. Which day is celebrated as the world coconut day?

Answer : 2nd September 2018

Explanation :

- **2nd September 2018, World coconut day** was celebrated all over the world. World Coconut Day is celebrated every year on 2nd September. It was established in **2009 to commemorate the formation day** of Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- Coconut Development Board celebrated the World Coconut Day 2018 along with the Department of Horticulture, Government of Chhattisgarh with the theme **Coconut for Good Health, Wealth & Wellness**.

September 5

1. National Nutrition Week?

Answer : from 1st to 7th September

Explanation :

- **National Nutrition Week is observed every year from 1st to 7th September** all over the country to spread awareness regarding importance of nutrition.
- To evaluate the appropriate techniques to prevent and control the nutritional problems through deep research and monitor the condition of the country for the diet and nutrition. To aware people through the orientation training about health and nutrition.
- **Theme of the year 2018 is – Go Further With Food**

September 6

1. Which day is celebrated as the International Day of Charity?

Answer : 5th September

Explanation :

- **International Day Of Charity: 5 September**
- **September 5** was declared the **International Day of Charity** by the United Nations since **2012**. The declaration was proposed by Hungary which suggested **September 5** as the date of the death of **Mother Teresa in 1997**.
- According to the 2017 **World Giving Index**, the people of **Myanmar** are more likely to show charity to others than any other country. **Indonesia, Kenya, New Zealand and the USA** come next.

2. Which day is celebrated as the **National Nutrition Week**?

Answer : 1st to 7th September

Explanation :

- **National Nutrition Week – 1st to 7th September**
- **National Nutrition Week 2018** begins from **September 1** and will run through **September 7**. This week is observed in order to raise concerns about the importance of good nutrition and healthy eating.
- The theme of National Nutrition Week 2018 is **Go Further with Food.**

September 11

1. Which day is celebrated as the World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)?

Answer : 10th September

Explanation :

- **World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)** is an awareness day observed on **10 September** every year, in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides, with various activities around the world since 2003. The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to host World Suicide Prevention Day.
- **The theme for this year's World Suicide Prevention Day is Working Together to Prevent Suicide.**

September 15

1. Which day is celebrated as the Hindi Diwas day?

Answer : 14th September

Explanation :

- **Hindi Diwas** is an annual day celebrated on **September 14**. On this day in **1949**, Hindi written in **Devanagari script** became the official language of India under the **Article 343**.
- Vice president Venkaiah Naidu gave away **Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar 2017-18** on Hindi Diwas 2018. Union minister of state for home affairs Kiren Rijiju and Home Minister Rajnath Singh were present with him on the occasion.

September 16

1. Which day is celebrated as the International Day of Democracy?

Answer : 15th September

Explanation :

- The **International Day of Democracy** was observed across the world on **September 15, 2018**. The day provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. It was observed for the first time in 2008.
- The **theme** of the 2018 International Day of Democracy was **Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World**.

September 17

1. Which day is celebrated as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer?

Answer : 16th September

Explanation :

- **16th September** 2018, International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed throughout the world. This day aims to create awareness on issues related to climate change and ozone depletion.
- In **1994, United Nations General Assembly** declared **16 September** as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, which marks the date of the signing the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1987.
- Theme: for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2018 is 'Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol'.

September 21

1. Which day is celebrated as the International Day of Peace?

Answer : 21 September

Explanation :

- Each year the **International Day of Peace** is observed around the world on **21 September**. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.
- The theme for International Day of Peace 2018 is —**The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70**. The theme celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

September 22

1. World Alzheimer's Day in 2018 ?

Answer : 21st September

Explanation :

- **21st September** 2018, **World Alzheimer's Day** was observed all over the world. On this day, Alzheimer's organizations throughout the world create awareness about Alzheimer's disease.
- World Alzheimer's Day is observed on 21 September since 2012. Also, **September** is observed as **World Alzheimer's Month**.

September 24

1. The First International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) was observed on?

Answer : 23rd September

Explanation :

- On **23rd September** 2018, the **first International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL)** was observed throughout the world.

- United Nations General Assembly declared 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages. 23 September was chosen to commemorate the formation of World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) on 23 September 1951.
- **Theme:** for International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) 2018: **With Sign Language, Everyone is Included!**

September 26

1. On which day the Annual Antyodaya Divas organize?

Answer : September 25

Explanation :

- **Annual Antyodaya Divas organized across the country on September 25.** It is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**. This year it was celebrated as part of fortnight Swachhata Hi Sewa movement that was launched in September 15, 2018.
- As a part of this, work will be done on ODF and ODF activities in the villages, depending on the ODF status of the villages.

September 27

1. When was International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons observed throughout the world?

Answer : September 26

Explanation :

- To create public awareness on nuclear disarmament matters, educate people on the potential threat by nuclear weapons and the need for their total elimination, **26th September 2018, International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons was observed throughout the world.**
- In 2013, United Nations General Assembly declared 26 September as International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. It has been observed every year since 2014.

2. Which day is celebrate as the World Tourism Day?

Answer : September 27

Explanation :

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

September 29

2. Which day is celebrated as the World Rabies Day?

Answer : September 28

Explanation :

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

September 30

1. Which day is celebrated as the World Heart Day?

Answer : September 28

Explanation :

- **World Heart Day** is celebrated every year on **September 29**, Organised by the World Heart Federation.
- **Your heart, my heart** is the World Heart Day **Theme** this year.

2. Which day is celebrated as the World Maritime Day?

Answer : September 28

Explanation :

- **World Maritime Day 2018**
- Every year the International Maritime Organization (IMO) celebrates **World Maritime Day on 27 September**.
- The year 2018 marks **70** years of the IMO, and the **theme** for the Day is **IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future**.

ECONOMIC

September 1

1. What is the % in the first quarter of (2018-19) when compared to 2?

Answer : 8.2%

Explanation :

- **India's** economy grew at an impressive 8.2% in the first quarter of **2018-19** financial year ending **June 30** on the back of a strong core performance and a healthy base, government data showed on **31 August**. This is the **highest growth in two years** and

strongest since the first quarter of 2016.

September 2

1. How much fund has been approved by ADB for drinking water service to three districts of West Bengal state?

Answer : \$245 million

Explanation :

- To provide safe, sustainable, and inclusive drinking water service, the Board of Directors of the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a financing package totaling **\$245 million** to **three** districts of **West Bengal** state.

2. According to **NCAER**, India's growth forecast for current fiscal is how much?

Answer : 7.4 %

Explanation :

- According to **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** report for **2018-19**, India's growth forecast for the current fiscal is at **7.4** percent.

September 4

1. Where was the 1st edition of ICT & IOT Startup Tech Expo held ?

Answer : Bengaluru

Explanation :

- To manufacture a wide range of ICT-IOT based solutions, on the sidelines of the **first** edition of **ITI's two-day ICT & IoT Startup Tech Expo in Bengaluru**, **ITI Limited** signed agreements equipment manufacturers and startups.
- It partnered with **Telecommunication Engineering Center (TEC)**, **New Delhi** to establish **telecom testing labs** at its **Bengaluru** plant.

September 5

1. How much amount sanctioned for RIDF?

Answer : 335 crore

Explanation :

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has sanctioned **Rs 335 crore** under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** to **West Bengal**.

2. which country was remain the top source of FDI?

Answer : Mauritius

Explanation :

- **Mauritius** remained the **top source of foreign direct investment (FDI)** into India in 2017-18 **followed by Singapore**, whereas total FDI stood at \$37.36 billion in the financial year, a marginal rise over the \$36.31 billion recorded in the previous fiscal, according to RBI data.

3. How many branches did —The Reserve Bank of India take over under their control to appoint an internal ombudsman?

Answer : 10

Explanation :

- The **Reserve Bank of India** directed all **scheduled commercial banks** with more than **10** branches to appoint an internal ombudsman. **Regional rural banks** are not included in this directive. This was done to ensure that the complaints of the customers are redressed.
- This was done under the **Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018** which gives ombudsman statutory powers under **section 35 A** of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

September 6

1. How many unilateral and bilateral Taxes was released by CBDT?

Answer : 199 unilateral and 20 bilateral

Explanation :

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (**CBDT**) released its annual report on additional tax from **MNCs** through **219 APAs** (199 unilateral and 20 bilateral).
- In **FY18**, **MNCs** have acquired an extra income of **Rs 10,000 crore**, translating into a tax of Rs 3,000 crore.

September 7

1. Who announced that the wings of F-16 Block 70 fighter jets will be produced in India?

Answer : Lockheed Martin

Explanation :

- **Maryland-based Lockheed Martin** announced that the wings of **F-16 Block 70 fighter** jets will be produced in India as a part of Make in **India initiative**. It entered into an agreement with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (**TASL**) for the production of the wings.

2. How much gold was bought by RBI in financial year 2017-18?

Answer : 8.46 tonne of gold

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) bought **8.46 tonne** of **gold** in **financial year 2017-18**. This is the **first purchase** in almost nine years. **Earlier in November 2009**, RBI had bought **200 tonne** of gold from the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**).

September 10

1. How much penalty has imposed on three public sector banks for non-compliance with its directions on —Fraud – Classification and Reporting?

Answer : Rs 1 crore

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has imposed a penalty of **Rs 1 crore** each on three public sector banks for non-compliance with its directions on —**Fraud – Classification and Reporting**.

September 13

1. Who inked partnership with Unlimit for Internet of Things (IoT) solutions?

Answer : Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL)

Explanation :

- State-owned **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** inked partnership with **Unlimit**, the only end-to-end IoT service provider in India for **Internet of Things (IoT) solutions**.

2. How much value-added tax (VAT) on petrol has reduced by Rajasthan?

Answer : 4%

Explanation :

- **Rajasthan** has announced a **4% reduction** in value-added tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel and Andhra Pradesh has announced **Rs 2 reduction** in VAT on petrol and diesel.

September 14

1. What is the budget of the fiscal year ending March 2019 to avoid a twin deficit problem by Govt?

Answer : 3.3 pc of GDP

Explanation :

- Govt decided to contain fiscal deficit at **3.3 pc of GDP** for the fiscal year ending **March 2019** to avoid a twin deficit problem. Excise duty cut on petrol and diesel has been ruled out.
- Further, cutting expenditure, though might bring down the fiscal deficit, would result in a stunted economic growth in the long run. Hence, the share of non-oil tax to GDP has to be hiked.

2. What model is launched by **BEML Limited** to strengthen the Make in India?

Answer : 205T Electric Drive Rear Dump Truck (Model BH205-E)

Explanation :

- To strengthen the Make in India initiative, **BEML Limited** launched country's first **205T Electric Drive Rear Dump Truck (Model BH205-E)**.

3. What is the growth of Index of Industrial production (IIP) in July According to the data released by Central Statistics Office (CSO)?

Answer : 6.6%

Explanation :

- According to the data released by **Central Statistics Office (CSO)**, **Index of Industrial production (IIP)** grew at **6.6% in July** on the back of **good performance by the manufacturing sector and higher offtake of capital goods and consumer durables**.

September 15

1. What is the % of India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-August 2018 19 (as per the RBI Press Release)?

Answer : 20.70%

Explanation :

- **India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-August 2018 19** (as per the RBI Press Release) are estimated to be USD 221.83 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 20.70% over the same period last year. Overall imports in April-August 2018-19 are estimated to be USD 269.54 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 21.01% over the same period last year.

2. How much amount did the Reserve Bank purchase government securities (G- secs) for the inducing liquidity ?

Answer : Rs 10,000

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank to purchase **government securities (G- secs) worth Rs 10,000 crore** on September 19, a move aimed **at inducing liquidity** in the system. The purchase of the government securities will be done through **Open Market Operations (OMO)**.

- When the RBI thinks there is **excess liquidity in the market**, it resorts to the **sale of securities**, thereby decreasing the rupee liquidity. Similarly, when the **liquidity conditions are tight**, it may **buy securities from the market**, thereby increasing liquidity in the market.

September 16

1. What is the % of the Wholesale Price Index-based inflation in August last year?

Answer : 3.24%

Explanation :

- Inflation based on wholesale prices eased to a four-month low of **4.53%** in August on softening of **prices of food articles**, especially vegetables. The Wholesale Price Index-based inflation stood at 5.09% in July and 3.24% in August last year.
- The wholesale price index is an index that **measures and tracks the changes in the price of goods in the stages before the retail level.**

September 18

1. Who announced that no withholding tax will apply on interest payments made by an Indian company?

Answer : The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

Explanation :

- **The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) announced that no withholding tax will apply on interest payments made by an Indian company** or a business trust to a non-resident in respect of offshore rupee-denominated bonds issued between September 17, 2018 and March 31, 2019.

2. Who announced the merger of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank?

Answer : Finance Minister Arun Jaitley

Explanation :

- Moving ahead with consolidation of public sector banks, Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** announced the **merger of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank**. The merged entity or amalgamated bank would be India's **third** largest. There will be no adverse impact on employees of merged entity, the Finance Minister added.

September 19

1. Who is chaired by Defence Acquisition Council?

Answer : Raksha Mantri Smt

Explanation :

- **The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for

the Defence Forces valued at over Rs 9,100 crores. The DAC approved procurement of two Regiments of **Akash Missile Systems under 'Buy (Indian)'** category from M/s BDL.

- The Missile to be procured is an upgraded version of the previously inducted Akash missiles and will include seeker technology, possess 360-degree coverage and will be of compact configuration with reduced signature.

September 20

1. Which bank partnership with BALIC to provide life insurance solutions?

Answer : India Post Payments Bank

Explanation :

- State-owned **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** and **Private Life Insurer Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co Ltd (BALIC)** entered into a strategic partnership to provide life insurance solutions, especially at the doorstep of every household in the country.

2. How much interest rate for Small Savings Schemes ?

Answer : 0.4%

Explanation :

- The government has raised interest rates on **Small Savings Schemes (SSS)**, including **National Savings Certificate (NSC)** and **Public Provident Fund (PPF)** by up to **0.4% for the October-December quarter**, in line with rising deposit rates in the banks. Interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis.

September 21

1. How many year —India Post Payments Bank partnership with —Bajaj Allianz?

Answer : five year

Explanation :

- **India Post Payments Bank** and **Bajaj Allianz** announced a five-year partnership to sell **life insurance products** on a revenue share basis.
- Under the partnership, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will facilitate customers to pay for Bajaj Allianz life insurance products through their accounts.

2. Who endorsed an five-year Country Partnership Framework (CPF)?

Answer : World Bank

Explanation :

- World Bank Board has endorsed an ambitious five-year **Country Partnership Framework (CPF)** for India, which aligns with New Delhi's objectives of high, sustainable and inclusive growth. The framework is expected to bring

between 25 and 30 billion US Dollars in financial support to India.

September 22

1. Where is the headquarters of Fitch?

Answer : New York City and

London **Explanation :**

- **Fitch Ratings** upped India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to **7.8%** from 7.4% earlier, but flagged rising oil bill and higher interest rates as key concerns. Fitch, in its **Global Economic Outlook**, said it expects inflation to rise to the upper end of the central bank's target and on relatively high demand-pull pressures and rupee depreciation.

2. On which board the first IU got registered?

Answer : IBBI

Explanation :

- The **Corporation Bank** has signed an **information utility (IU) agreement** with **National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL)**, the first IU registered with the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)**, to share financial and security information under IBBI (IU) Regulation 2017.

September 23

1. World Bank has endorsed an ambitious five-year framework for which country?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- The **World Bank** has endorsed an ambitious **five-year framework for India** under which it is expected to receive **\$25-30 billion** in financial support for its transition from a low-middle income to a high-middle income country.

2. For which state NDB of the BRICS countries has approved a \$525-million loan for infrastructure projects?

Answer : Madhya Pradesh

Explanation :

- The **New Development Bank (NDB)** of the BRICS countries has approved a **\$525-million** loan to **Madhya Pradesh** for infrastructure projects.
- The Board of Directors of the NDB approved a \$350-million loan for the Major District Roads Project II of Madhya Pradesh and \$175 million for building and upgrading 350 bridges.

September 24

1. Which state is the poorest district of India according to MPI?

Answer : Madhya Pradesh

Explanation :

- **India** has made momentous progress in reducing multidimensional poverty with its incidence almost halving between 2005-06 and 2015-16, climbing down to 27.5 per cent from 54.7 per cent, according to estimates from the 2018 global **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)**.
- **Jharkhand** made **the biggest strides** among all states in reducing multidimensional poverty **while Delhi, Kerala and Goa have the lowest** incidence of multidimensional poverty.

September 25

1. How much million loan approved for the Madhya Pradesh for infrastructure projects?

Answer : \$525-million

Explanation :

- The **New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries** has approved a **\$525-million loan to Madhya Pradesh for infrastructure projects**. The Board of Directors of the NDB has approved a **\$350-million loan** for the **Major District Roads Project II** of Madhya Pradesh and **\$175 million for building and upgrading 350 bridges**.

2. Who undertake an exhaustive study in Uttar Pradesh?

Answer : ADB

Explanation :

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** will undertake an exhaustive study in **Uttar Pradesh** to add value to mango growing, guava, potato and pulse farming, and submit a report to the state government.

3. How much soil health card is ensuring to distribute by the UP?

Answer : Two crore

Explanation :

- The Uttar Pradesh government had ensured distribution of two crore soil health cards, which was the highest in the country.

4. For what reason BSNL has inked with Japan's Softbank and NTT Communications?

Answer : 5G and internet

Explanation :

- **BSNL** has inked a pact with **Japan's Softbank and NTT Communications** to roll out **5G** and internet of things technology in India.

September 26

1. National Mission launched by Whom?

Answer : Suresh Prabhu

Explanation :

- The National Mission on **Government e Marketplace (GeM)**, was launched by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Suresh Prabhu, on 5th of September 2018**. This was followed by the launch of the Mission in 19 States and Union Territories.
- The Government of India decided to launch a six week long National Mission on GeM from **6th Sept. to 17th Oct 2018** in order to increase awareness, accelerate the use of GeM and to further augment the proven benefits of procurement through GeM for all government departments and organisations.

September 27

1. What is the growth rate for Asia in 2019, according to ADB?

Answer : 6 percent

Explanation :

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** announced that it will maintain its growth forecast for this year in Asia at **6 percent** but warned of the fallout of the ongoing trade tensions between China and the US for the region.
- **For 2019**, the ADB has cut its growth prospects slightly to **5.8 percent**, according to the latest update of the bank's annual **Asian Development Outlook**

2. How many engine approved by DAC?

Answer : 1,000 BHP

Explanation :

- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** approved procurement of **1,000** engines for fitment in **T-72** tanks of the Army. . The engines are of **1,000 BHP** (brake horse power) and have been built under Buy and Make' category by **Ordnance Factories Board (OFB)**.

September 28

1. What is India's GDP forecast for FY18, According to ADB?

Answer : 7.3%

Explanation :

- India is expected to grow at a healthy **7.3% in fiscal year 2018**, helped by improved domestic demand and a steady revival in industrial growth, the **Asian Development Bank said in a new report**.
- The ADB kept its growth forecasts unchanged at 7.3% for 2018 and 7.6% for 2019 as the temporary effects of the demonetisation of large bank notes and the

introduction of GST abate as expected.

2. What does FALLCR stand for?

Answer : Facility to Avail Liquidity for Liquidity Coverage Ratio

Explanation :

- The **Reserve Bank of India** will ease the **Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)** norms from October to induce liquidity into the financial system, amid concerns of a credit crunch.
- The increase in **Facility to Avail Liquidity for Liquidity Coverage Ratio (FALLCR)**, will effect from October 1, 2018, from the existing 11 per cent to 13 per cent will take the carve out from SLR available to banks to 15 per cent of their **NDTL (Net Demand and Time Liabilities)**.

September 29

1. How much fund has been approved by ADB for a MFF?

Answer : \$500 million

Explanation :

- The board of directors of the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved **financing of up to \$500 million** for a multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) that will develop climate-resilient water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure in at least 10 cities in Tamil Nadu.
- The country's first solar-powered sewage treatment plant on a pilot basis will also be part of the programme. With almost half of the state population living in cities, **Tamil Nadu is the most urbanised of India's large states**

2. Where is **first multi-skills** park?

Answer : Madhya Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved a **\$150 million** loan to establish the **first multi-skills park in Madhya Pradesh** to boost employment in the state. The facilities will help enhance **Madhya Pradesh's technical and vocational education and training (TVET)** system.

September 30

1. Who release viability rating?

Answer : Fitch

Explanation :

- **Fitch Ratings** placed Bank of Baroda's (**BoB**) **viability rating on rating watch negative** following the government announcement to merge it with

Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank. VRs represent Fitch's view as to the intrinsic creditworthiness of an issuer. BoB's VR stands at **bb** – which denotes moderate prospects for ongoing viability.

BOOKS

September 1

1. Who release the book –Shades of Truth: A Journey Derailed?

Answer : MP Kapil Sibal

Explanation :

- **Congress MP Kapil Sibal** will be releasing a new book titled —**Shades of Truth: A Journey Derailed** arguing that the Prime Minister **Narendra Modi-led NDA government** —**revels in the past** and debunking the claim of —**Acche Din** that the BJP made in the run up to **2014** general elections.

September 3

1. Who is the author of Moving On, Moving Forward – A Year in Office'?

Answer : Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** released the book —**Moving On, Moving Forward – A Year in Office** written by Vice President **Venkaiah Naidu**. Narendra Modi presented the **first copy of the book** to **Venkaiah Naidu**. The book was written by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu to mark his one year in office.

September 7

1. Nai Talim' book based on whose life?

Answer : Mahatma Gandhi

Explanation :

- A book on experiential learning based on Mahatma Gandhi's **Nai Talim**(basic education) was released by **HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar**. It contains basic principles of Gandhi's Nai Talim along with the work and education **curriculum** for **schools, D.Ed, B.Ed** and faculty development programmes for teachers.

September 9

1. Where did release the book –Constitutionalizing India: an Ideational Project?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- The **Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** released a book **Constitutionalizing India: an Ideational Project** authored by **Shri Bidyut Chakrabarty** in New Delhi.

September 13

1. Exam Warriors translated into how many languages?

Answer : 14 languages

Explanation :

- Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar released the Telugu version of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's book, –Exam Warriors. This book has been translated into 14 languages.

2. How many chapters available in the book —The Beauty of All My Days?

Answer : 10 chapters

Explanation :

- Author **Ruskin Bond** has been penning his life experiences — in both fiction and nonfiction — for well over six decades now and is back with a fresh memoir, —**The Beauty of All My Days**. The book has 10 chapters and numerous photographs of the writer's private life, or as Bond describes it, writerly life.

September 17

1. How many books released by Vineet Bajpai?

Answer : 3 (Kashi: Secret of the Black Temple, Harappa: Curse of the Blood River, Pralay: The Great Deluge)

Explanation :

- The book —**Kashi: Secret of the Black Temple** written by **Vineet Bajpai** was launched in New Delhi. The book was launched by BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia and former Chief Election Commissioner of India Navin Chawla.

- This is the 3rd book of Vineet Bajpai's Harappa trilogy. The first two books are: -Harappa: Curse of the Blood River and -Pralay: The Great Deluge.

September 18

1. What is Vineet Bajpai publishing platform?

Answer : Tree Shade Books

Explanation :

- **Kashi: Secret of the Black Temple**, the final book of Vineet Bajpai's Harappa trilogy, was launched in New Delhi
- The **three** books in the series combine mythology, history, fantasy, crime and the modern-day thriller element. The first two books are **Harappa: Curse of the Blood River** and **Pralay: The Great Deluge**.
- The three books have been brought out by Bajpai's publishing platform **Tree Shade Books**.

September 19

1. Whose biography the book -Story so far?

Answer : Dutee Chand

Explanation :

- The incredible story of **Dutee Chand**, who rose from abject poverty to become one of India's biggest sprinting stars, will be brought alive in the form of a book titled as, —**Story so far**. The book is written by journalist, author and filmmaker **Sundeep Misra**, who has previously authored a biography of hockey legend Dhanraj Pillay.
- The book, **Story Do Far** will release in the year **2019**