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IMPORTANT DAYS

APRIL 2 - WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Established by : United Nations
First Observed : 2007
Theme : Empowering Women and girls with Autism

APRIL 4 - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MINE AWARENESS

Established by : United Nations General Assembly
First observed : 2006
Theme : Advancing Protection, Peace and Development

APRIL 5 - NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

Established by : United Kingdom
First Observed : 1919
Theme : Indian shipping an ocean of opportunity

APRIL 6 - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Established by : United Nations
First observed : 1978
Theme : Sport is an Important enabler of sustainable development

APRIL 11 - The 63rd Railway Week Function of Railway Board Was Organized

APRIL 12 - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

Established by : United Nations General Assembly
First observed : 1961

APRIL 18 - WORLD HERITAGE DAY

Established by : International council for monuments and sites (ICOMOS)
First observed : 1982
Theme : Heritage for generations

WORLD CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DAY

Established by : UNESCO
First observed : 2002
APRIL 22 - WORLD EARTH DAY

Established by : United Nations General Assembly
First observed : 1969
Theme : End Plastic Pollution

APRIL 24 - NATIONAL PIGS IN A BLANKET DAY

Established by : USA
First Observed : 1972
Theme : Pigs in blankets

APRIL 25 - WORLD MALARIA DAY

Established by : World Health Organisation
First Observed : 2007
Theme : Ready to beat Malaria

APRIL 28 - INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Established by : International Theatre Institute
First Observed : 1982
Theme : Dance is the hidden language of the soul of your body

APRIL 24 - NATIONAL PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY

Established by : Government of India
First Observed : 1993
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

INDIA RANKS 37TH IN GLOBAL STARTUP ECOSYSTEM IN 2017: REPORT

* A **startup ecosystem** is formed by people, startups in their various stages and various types of organizations in a location (physical or virtual), interacting as a system to create and scale new startup companies.

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NEPAL LAUNCHES ITS FIRST ACCESSIBLE TREKKING TRAIL

* The trail was inaugurated as a part of International Conference on Accessible Tourism (held for the first time in Nepal) in Pokhara, Nepal.

NOTES ABOUT NEPAL

- Capital – Kathmandu
- Currency – Nepalese Rupee
- Current Prime Minister – Khadga Prasad Oli
- Neighbouring Countries – India and China

CHINA SET TO UNVEIL WORLD’S LONGEST SEA BRIDGE

* This cross-sea bridge will be 55km-long and six lanes wide, comprising of four tunnels and four artificial islands.
* It is a multi-billion dollar project, which took seven years to complete.

GK ABOUT CHINA

- Capital – Beijing
- Currency – Renminbi
- Current President – Xi Jinping
- Important Rivers – Yangtze, Yellow River
UZBEKISTAN TO JOIN TURKMENISTAN-INDIA $8 BILLION GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

- Pakistan, India, Turkmenistan & Afghanistan had gathered at Turkmenistan’s border with Afghanistan to inaugurate a section of the 1,840-km pipeline.
- Uzbekistan plans to join an $8 billion project to build a natural gas pipeline from Turkmenistan to India, Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said on Monday, although it was unclear whether Tashkent might eventually ship gas through it.

The Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Pakistan–India Pipeline (TAPI), also known as Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline, is a natural gas pipeline being developed by the Galkynysh – TAPI Pipeline Company Limited with participation of the Asian Development Bank. The pipeline will transport natural gas from the Galkynysh Gas Field in Turkmenistan through Afghanistan into Pakistan and then to India.

IAF TO CONDUCT BIGGEST COMBAT EXERCISE ALONG PAKISTAN, CHINA BORDERS

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is going to conduct its biggest ever combat exercise named Gagan Shakti, 2018 along Pakistan and China borders.
- Depending upon the order of the Air Force Chief, the Air Force will mobilize its assets in the war scenario within 48 hours of the orders.

For the first time, the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Tejas will be taking part in the exercise and will perform both the offensive and defensive roles.

INDIA AND NEPAL AGREE TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL RELATIONS IN KEY AREAS

- India and Nepal have agreed to further strengthen bilateral relations in key areas of border security, connectivity, trade and agriculture.
- The rail line will connect the border city of Raxaul in India to Kathmandu in Nepal.

The two countries agreed to develop inland waterways for overall economic development of the region. Aiming to expand cross-border rail linkages, the two sides have also decided to construct a new electrified rail line, with India’s financial support.

CHINA WILL LAUNCH TWO REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES FOR PAKISTAN IN JUNE

- China will launch two remote sensing satellites for Pakistan in June, the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALVT).
- It will be the first international commercial launch for a Long March-2C rocket after it carried Motorola’s Iridium satellites into orbit in 1999.

- The rocket will also carry the China-France Oceanography Satellite into space in September this year, state-run Xinhua news agency reported quoting CALVT.
- China had launched Pakistan’s communication Satellite PAKSAT-1R.
SINGAPORE AND CHINA SIGNED MOU ALONG BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

- Under the MOU, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), NDRC (China's lead agency for BRI) and Enterprise Singapore will form a working group to identify sectors and markets of mutual interest, and organise business matching activities and forums to facilitate third-party market cooperation between Singapore and Chinese companies along the Belt and Road.

**The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)** is a development strategy proposed by the Chinese government that focuses on connectivity and cooperation between Eurasian countries, primarily the People's Republic of China (PRC), the land-based Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB) and the ocean-going Maritime Silk Road (MSR). The initiative was known in English as the One Belt and One Road Initiative (OBOR) until 2016.

INDIA THIRD MOST VULNERABLE COUNTRY TO CYBER THREATS

- U.S. has been ranked as the top most vulnerable country to such attacks with 26.61% attacks.
- It is followed by China in the second position with 10.95% attacks. This global threat ranking is based on eight factors: malware, spam, phishing, bots, network attacks, web attacks, ransomware and cryptominers.

**ABOUT SYMANTEC (SOFTWARE COMPANY TO DETECT CYBER SECURITY)**
- CEO – Greg Clark
- Headquarters – California, US

IRAN BANS BANKS FROM USING CRYPTOCURRENCIES

- Iran banned the use of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies by its banks and financial institutions.
- As per the central bank of Iran, the ban was necessary since all cryptocurrencies have the capacity to be turned into a means for money-laundering and financing terrorism and in general can be turned into a means for transferring criminals' money.

DELHI’S IGI AIRPORT RANKED AMONG WORLD’S TOP 20 BUSIEST AIRPORTS

- As per Airport Council International's preliminary report on airport traffic, Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has ranked as 16th busiest airport in the world.

QATAR INTRODUCES NATIONAL SERVICE FOR WOMEN

- Qatar has introduced national service for women for the first time as per a law issued by Qatar's Emir Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani.
- Women above the age of 18 can volunteer for national service. Men between the ages of 18 and 35 are required to perform compulsory military service, and now the service period has been increased from three months to one year.

**About Qatar:**
- Prime Minister – Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani
- Capital - Doha
INDIA RANKS 9TH GLOBALLY IN CRYPTOJACKING ACTIVITIES

- India has become the ninth most affected country in the world and second most affected country in Asia-Pacific Japan region in cryptojacking activities, as per the ‘Internet Security Threat Report’ presented by Symantec.

**Cryptojacking Activities:**

The Secret use of a computing device to mine cryptocurrency with the use of malware is called cryptojacking.

- According to the’ Internet Security Threat Report by Symantec,Cryptojacking increased by 8,500% throughout world in 2017.
- India is one among the top five countries as a source for IoT (Internet of Things attacks)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) AND MALAYSIA CONCLUDED JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE “DESERT TIGER 5”

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Malaysia concluded joint military exercise “Desert Tiger 5” aimed at sharing expertise and enhancing joint military actions in Dubai, UAE
- The military exercise was aimed at raising the level of performance and combat efficiency and working together between both countries based on the strategy to improve the overall ability and combat readiness of ground forces.

GOOGLE ACQUIRES GIF SEARCH PLATFORM TENOR

- Technology giant Google acquired US-based Tenor, a GIF platform for Android, iOS, and desktop.
- Tenor’s GIF-searching functionality will be integrated into Google Images and Gboard, the company’s virtual keyboard.
- However, Tenor will continue to operate as a separate brand and Google will invest in their technology

INDIA AND MOROCCO SIGN MOU TO PROMOTE COOPERATION IN MINERAL EXPLORATION

- The MoU envisages strengthening geological research and evaluation of the potential of mineral resources, development of the geological infrastructure for Geo science Maps and geochemical maps and promoting exploration and mining through participation of both public & private sector.
INDIA AND PERU TO HOLD NEXT ROUND OF FTA

- Senior officials of India and Peru will hold next round of negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) in the South American nation this week to boost two-way commerce between the countries.
- In an FTA, two countries significantly reduce or eliminate duties on most of the goods traded between them besides relaxing norms and rules to promote trade in services and increase bilateral investments.

CHINA'S 7000-KG SPACE STATION TIANGONG-1 TO CRASH INTO EARTH

- Chinese space station weighing over 7 tonnes will crash into our planet on or around April 1.
- Chinese authorities are monitoring its move, it could crash in a northern US state such as Michigan.
- The European Space Agency most of the Tiangong-1 (Heavenly Palace) will burn up even before hitting the land and the extent of human casualty is receding.

WORLD'S FIRST LONG-DISTANCE ELECTRIC BUS LINE TO BEGIN IN PARIS

- This bus line has been presented by Flixbus, a brand which offers intercity bus service in Europe.
- It was undertaking a 160 kilometres journey within two hours. Boost two-way commerce between the countries.

WORLD'S LARGEST SOLAR PARK TO COME UP IN GUJARAT

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani approved setting up a 5,000 MW capacity solar park at the Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR), which would be the largest such entity in the world after its completion.

BANGLADESH ENDS RESERVATION IN GOVERNMENT JOBS

- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has decided to scrap the quota system in government services after thousands of students marched across the country in protest against a controversial policy of setting aside jobs for special groups.

US DROPS LARGEST NON-NUCLEAR BOMB IN AFGHANISTAN AREA POPULATED ISIS MEMBERS

- US drops largest nuclear bomb in Afghanistan area populated ISIS members.
- The US has dropped the “mother of all bombs” – the largest non-nuclear weapon.
UN LAUNCHES ROAD SAFETY TRUST FUND

- The fund has been launched in wake of tragic road accidents in Canada and India.
- UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, around 1.3 million drivers, passengers and pedestrians die each year, and up to 50 million are injured on the world’s roads.

INDIA REJECTS CHINA’S LATEST OFFER TO JOIN BRI

- India has rejected China’s latest overture to join the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- It says that it won’t take sides in the ongoing trade dispute between Beijing and Washington.

IRELAND’S TALLEST TOWER REOPENS TO PUBLIC AFTER 47 YEARS

- Ireland’s tallest tower has reopened to the public from 47 years after a bomb attack.
- Hundreds of tourists, both local and foreign, are coming in from different corners of the city to visit the O’Connell Tower.

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING BEGINS IN LONDON

- The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2018) begun in London, the UK.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take part in the event on 19th and 20th of April.
  
  - The theme of the summit is 'Towards a Common Future'. The biennial event has brought together delegates from 53 Commonwealth nations.
  - The summit will focus on addressing common challenges across the Commonwealth for a more prosperous, secure and sustainable future.

BRITISH COUNCIL TO CONDUCT ENGLISH CLASSES

- The British Council teaches over 30,000 students annually which means we understand the needs of our students and the challenges they face.
- We aim to create an environment that is fun and interactive because we believe that if learners enjoy their classes, they are more motivated to progress in their studies.

  THEME: Explorers and media magic would help in developing skills related to speaking, writing, reading and listening along with enhancing grammar.

INDIA FOURTH MOST TOLERANT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

- On the global map, India is the fourth most tolerant country after Canada, followed by China and Malaysia, suggests a new survey.
- According to the survey, 63 percent Indians think that people in their country are tolerant of each other when it comes to people with different backgrounds, cultures or points of view.
CHINA CONDUCTS FRESH DRILLS NEAR TAIWAN

- China confirmed that it had put into a service a new missile that Chinese media has dubbed the “Guam killer” for its ability to hit the U.S. Pacific Ocean base with a conventional or nuclear weapon.

Capable of hitting targets 3,400 miles away, China's "Guam killer" missile is raising new fears of a growing Chinese threat to major U.S. military installations and stability in the Pacific Rim.

KIM JONG-UN, MOON JAE-IN PROMISE AN END TO KOREAN WAR

- The leaders of North and South Korea embraced after pledging to work for the “complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula” on a day of smiles and inter-Korean handshakes at the first Inter Korean summit in more than a decade.

PAKISTAN TO LAUNCH NEW SPACE PROGRAMME

- In the next fiscal year, Pakistan will launch an ambitious space programme to reduce its dependence on foreign satellites for civil and military purpose and will also keep an eye on the Indian side.

Pakistan is also planning to initiate several other projects to focus on reducing its dependence on foreign satellites, especially the US and French satellites for civil and military communications, a news agency PTI quoted.

INDIA AND UK SIGNED TEN AGREEMENTS IN SEVERAL SECTORS

- India and the UK today agreed to develop new trading arrangements and reaffirmed the crucial role of rules-based multilateral trading system, said a joint statement of the two countries.
- Modi urged the commonwealth to put sustainable development and climate change, particularly of small island states, at the heart of its agenda, as India announced an increased funding for various commonwealth initiatives and sought to take leadership role in a renewed group.

Major MoUs/Agreements Signed
- Cyber-relationship framework
- Rejuvenation of Ganga
- Skill Development, Vocational education and Training.
- Regulation of safe nuclear energy use for peaceful purposes.
- Explore potential technology co-operation in various areas.
- Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Sectors.
UNION MINISTER SMRITI IRANI INAUGURATES 7TH EDITION OF HOME EXPO INDIA 2018

- The seventh edition of Home Expo India 2018, organized by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), was inaugurated at India Expo Centre & Martin Greater Noida.
- Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani inaugurated the fair, while Ajay Tamta, Minister of State for Textiles, was the guest of honor.
- Home Expo India 2018 is expected to generate business deals for direct import.

VICE PRESIDENT VENKAIAH NAIDU INAUGURATES SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION ON WORLD HOMEOPATHY DAY

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a scientific convention on the World Homeopathy Day in New Delhi.
- The day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of Homoeopathy founder Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann (10 April 1755).

The theme of the two-day convention is Innovate: Evolve, Progress: Exploring Science since 40 years.

PATNA TOPS IN 4G CONNECTIVITY AMONG 20 LARGEST CITIES

- Patna tops in 4G connectivity among 20 of India’s largest cities. It has emerged ahead of the likes of Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi, according to the report of OpenSignal, a wireless coverage mapping company.

CLEAR QUOTA BILL, SAYS TELANGANA

- The Telangana government made another request to the centre to clear a state legislation that proposes to enhance reservation for Muslims and Scheduled tribes to 12% and 10% respectively for admission into educational institutions and for state services.

INDIA RECEIVES FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF LNG FROM UNITED STATES

- India's first liquefied natural gas cargo from the United States landed at the Dabhol regasification terminal in Maharashtra.
- Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan received the first-ever shipment of 1.2 lakh tonne LNG under the long-term contract of 20 years.
ITDC BAGS ₹5.50 CRORE PROJECT FOR DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

- India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Hyderabad based firm Member Suraas Impex Pvt. Ltd. for developing a Mega Tourism Destination project in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.

2ND INDIA MOBILE CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN NEW DELHI

- Second edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) will be hosted by the Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).

THE FIRST INDIA MOBILE CONGRESS (IMC) ‘to bring together all stakeholders from the domain of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and take the Indian telecom industry at par with its international counterparts’ will be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

FIRST EVER “VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRA” TO COME UP AT BIJAPUR, CHHATTISGARH

- The first “Van Dhan Vikas Kendra” in Bijapur District of Chhattisgarh will provide skill upgradation and capacity building training and will have primary processing and value addition facility.
- Initially, this Kendra will have processing facility for Tamarind brick making, Mahua flower storage facility and chironjee cleaning and packaging.

ABOUT VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRA:
- Van Dhan Vikas Kendra will be an important part of Central Government’s scheme of “Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support price (MSP) and development of Value chain for MFP.”
- This scheme is for socio economic development of tribals living in forests, for whom, collecting Minor Forest Produce (MFP) is a major source of livelihood.

KERALA GOVT TO LAUNCH ‘COMMUNITY RADIO’ TO UPDATE FARMERS

- The farm radio will start broadcast from Kuttanad in Alappuzha district of Kerala and will serve farmers in a 20 square kilometre radius in the region.
- Kuttanand was once popularly known as the ‘rice bowl of Kerala.’

MADHUBANI RAILWAY STATION IN BIHAR GETS MAKEOVER WITH MITHILA PAINTINGS

- Mithila art, also referred to as Madhubani art is practiced in the Mithila region (in Bihar).
- These paintings constitute geometrical patterns drawn with twigs, fingers, brushes, nib-pens, and matchsticks, using natural dyes and pigments.
TRIPURA CM Biplab Kumar Deb launches state component of PMKVY in Agartala

PMKVY is a skill development initiative of Government of India aimed at encouraging aptitude towards employable skills and increasing working efficiency of probable and existing daily wage earners, by providing quality training to them.

PRADHAN MANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

WALMIKI AND MALHAR: 2 UNKNOWN LANGUAGES DISCOVERED

- These languages were discovered by Prof Mohanty as a part of the research activity of the Centre for Endangered Languages and Mother Tongue Studies.
- These languages were unknown to linguists so far. Walmiki is spoken in Koraput of Odisha and in the bordering districts of Andhra Pradesh.

ASSAM SPRING FESTIVAL ORGANISED AT MANAS NATIONAL PARK

- The Assam Spring Festival was organized by Indian Weavers’ Association and the Swankar Mithinga Onsai Afat. Swankar Mithinga Onsai Afat is an association of reformed poachers who are now involved in wildlife conservation in Manas.

MODI LAUNCHES INDIA’S MOST POWERFUL ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE IN BIHAR

- This locomotive, which is so far India’s most powerful locomotive has been developed at Madhepura’s Electric Locomotive Factory and is the first big Make-in-India project completed by Alstom of France.

INDIA SIGNED LOAN AGREEMENT WITH WORLD BANK FOR USD 48 MILLION FOR MEGHALAYA

- A Loan Agreement for IBRD (Indian Bank for Reconstruction and Development) loan of USD 48 million for the “Meghalaya Community - Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP)” was signed with the World Bank.

- The main Objective of the Project is to strengthen community-led landscapes management in selected landscapes in the State of Meghalaya.
- The Project consists of three components: (i) Strengthening Knowledge and Capacity for Natural Resource Management; (ii) Community-led landscape planning and implementation and (iii) Project Management and Governance.
LOGO AND WEBSITE OF 11TH WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE RELEASED

- The eleventh edition of World Hindi Conference will be hosted by Mauritius in its capital city Port Lois in August 18-20, 2018.
- The conference provides common platform to several Hindi scholars, writers and laureates from different parts of the world to contribute the language.
- It will be organised by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in association with Government of Mauritius. The theme of the Conference is “Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti”. The venue of Conference is Swami Vivekanand International Convention Centre, Pailles Mauritius.
- Education Minister of Mauritius, Leela Devi Dookhun Luchoomun released the logo and website of 11th World Hindi Conference in New Delhi.

- The First World Hindi Conference was held from 10 to 12 January 1975 in Nagpur and was inaugurated by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
- Since then, ten such Conferences have been held in different parts of the world.
- In the first conference, then Prime Minister of Mauritius Seewoosagur Ramgoolam was Chief Guest and it was attended by 122 delegates from 30 countries.
- Since then every year 10th January is being observed as World Hindi Day. The 10 edition of World Hindi Conference was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (India) in 2015 with the theme of Hindi Jagat-Vistar and Sambhavnaye.

INDIAN CONSORTIUM AND SAUDI ARAMCO SIGN MOU FOR RATNAGIRI MEGA REFINERY IN MAHARASHTRA

- Indian Consortium consisting of IOCL, BPCL and HPCL signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil company of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia joined to develop and build Ratnagiri Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (RRPCL), an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex, in the State of Maharashtra.

Notes about Saudi Aramco:
- Operating as Saudi Aramco since – 1988
- Headquarters – Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
- Products – Petroleum, Natural Gas and other Petrochemicals

IIT-DELHI INSTALLS INDIA’S FIRST 5G LAB

- Massive Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO) technology lab, India’s first-of-its-kind 5G radio laboratory will be inaugurated at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.
HARYANA GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES WATER ATM POLICY FOR URBAN AREAS

- Distance between two water ATMs within a city would be 400 metres, which could be adjusted according to convenience of people.

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INDIA HOSTS 16TH INTERNATIONAL ENERGY FORUM (IEF) MINISTERIAL MEETING

- IEF16 was the largest gathering of Energy Ministers from across the globe.
- From the Indian side, the ministerial was attended by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI INAUGURATES DR AMBEDKAR NATIONAL MEMORIAL

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Dr Ambedkar National Memorial in New Delhi.
- The memorial is dedicated to the life and contributions of Dr. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Constitution.

IIIT TO START CLASSES IN TRIPURA THIS YEAR

- The Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) will start its classes here from this academic session in Tripura Agartala campus.
- Education minister Ratan Lal Nath said the IIIT will function from the NIT’s Agartala campus as of now.

DIGAMBARPUR OF WEST BENGAL : INDIA’S BEST GRAM PANCHAYAT

- The central government has declared Digambarpur gram panchayat of west Bengal in south 24 Parganas district as the best panchayat in the country.
HARYANA TO INTRODUCE CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

- Haryana soon to give relax to the undergraduate students as it is going to introduce a unique way which will bring a smile on their faces that is Choice based credit system (CBCS).
- The Haryana government decided to introduce choice-based credit system (CBCS) and also revise the syllabus and workload in eleven subjects at the undergraduate level "in keeping with global scenario".

- The subjects are economics, political science, psychology, mathematics, physics, chemistry, computer science, botany, zoology, commerce, and geography, said an official spokesperson of the higher education department.
- They would review the existing syllabi in the universities of Haryana, the neighboring states as well as the model curriculum of UGC to make an assessment of the workload and evolve choice-based credit system.

UNION GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES FIRST TRANCHE OF SOVEREIGN GOLD BONDS FOR FY19

- The Union Government (Finance Ministry) in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the first tranche of sovereign gold bonds (SGBs) for Background Households in India hold a large amount of their savings as physical assets such as gold, silver and other precious metals and real estate.

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme:
- This scheme aims to reduce the demand for physical gold, thereby keeping a tab on gold imports and utilising resources effectively.
- With the Reserve Bank of India issuing these gold bonds, it brings in transparency and trust, providing an avenue wherein people can own gold without having to worry about its storage or safety.

GUJARAT LAUNCHES POCKET COP PROJECT

- Chief Minister Vijay Rupani , who launched this project in a function held at the state capital,that this project will help to bring down the crime rate in the state and install fear among criminals.
- In an initiative , the Gujarat government launched the Pocket Cop project in the state capital , which will provide Gujarat’s policemen with smartphones that will be pre-loaded with data of people with criminal past and applications that would help the cops in passport verification and find missing people and vehicles.
DARPAN-PLI APP LAUNCHED BY COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

- Minister of Communications Manoj Sinha launched here the DARPAN (Advancement of Rural Post Office for a New India)-PLI App, which will help in collection of premium for Postal Life Insurance (PLI) and Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) policies at Branch Post Offices anywhere in India, with online upgradation of the policies.

**DARPAN PLI:** Under the IT Modernisation Plan, Department of Posts has launched DIGITAL ADVANCEMENT OF RURAL POST OFFICE FOR A NEW INDIA (DARPAN) Project, which aims to connect all 1.29 lakh Rural Branch Post Offices in the country, to enable them to do online Postal and Financial Transactions.

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES ‘STUDY IN INDIA’ TO ATTRACT FOREIGN STUDENTS

- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj launched the Study in India website, marking the setting in motion of an ambitious scheme to attract foreign students to study in good Indian higher educational institutions.

1200-YEAR-OLD BUDDHA CLIFF CARVINGS FOUND IN TIBET

- The regional cultural relics protection research institute said that, the Cliff carvings of Buddha were found in Acur township in Chagyab County of the Qamdo City.

UTTARAKHAND CM LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO CONNECT WITH YOUNGSTER

- Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a campaign called “devbhoomi dialogue”, calling upon youth to look for self-employment opportunities in their chosen fields.

**Devbhoomi dialogue:** Seeking valuable suggestions from youth, Mr. Rawat stated that a search for self-employment opportunities can help check the perennial problem of migration from the remote hill areas

PM MODI AWARD FOR MANIPUR’S KARANG – INDIA’S FIRST CASHLESS ISLAND OF THE COUNTRY

- Karang island, a remote and backward region.
- It was separated from the Bishnupur district. Incentives were provided for training towards digital payments and five POS machines were installed on the island.

Modi awarded civil servants for smooth implementation of four priority programmes – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan mantri awas yojana (urban and rural), deen dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya yojana, and for promoting digital payments.
GOOGLE RANKED AS MOST TRUSTED INTERNET BRAND IN INDIA: REPORT

- Online search engine Google is the most trusted Internet brand in India, followed by Facebook, as per the TRA Brand Trust Report 2018.
- With 1.2 trillion searches per year, Google has become the first port of call for all things on the Internet. Google was followed by Facebook, Amazon and eBay.

AADHAAR NUMBERS OF 89 LAKH RURAL WORKERS PUT UP ONLINE

The Aadhaar numbers of more than 89 lakh individuals enrolled in the MGNREGA scheme in Andhra Pradesh were made available in the public domain by the state government.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (NREGA) is a social security scheme that attempts to provide employment and livelihood to rural labourers in the country. In an effort to make inclusive and overall development a reality, the NREGA was passed as a labour law and implemented across 200 districts in 2006.

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN DROUGHT PRONE AREAS OF MAHARASHTRA

- Expenditure Finance Committee of Union Finance Ministry accepted the proposal of Union Ministry of Water Resources to provide Central Assistance for completion of 8 Major/Medium Irrigation projects and 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) projects in Vidarbha, Marathwada and drought prone areas of rest of Maharashtra.

SIDDARAMAIAH’S GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED WELFARE SCHEME

- Siddaramaiah government’s has been launched ‘Bhagya’ for good fortune. This scheme is to provide free rice, was announced by Mr. Siddaramaiah within hours.

This list has steadily grown to meet various needs of a poor family: health care, shoes, textbooks, milk, housing, bicycles, laptops, cattle, cooking gas and even dentures for the aged.

DELHI GOVT TO SET UP ROGI KALYAN SAMITI IN EVERY ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY

- Delhi government will set up ‘Rogi Kalyan Samitis’ in each Assembly constituency and ‘Jan Swasthya Samitis’ in state-run dispensaries, poly clinics and mohalla clinics in order to provide support to the health institutions in the national capital.

‘Assembly Rogi Kalyan Samitis’ will have an advisory role in assisting health facilities, develop and customise strategies. The ‘Jan Swasthya Samitis’ will be set up as its sub-committee.

INDIA BECOMES WORLD’S SECOND LARGEST MOBILE PHONE PRODUCER

- India is now the second largest mobile phone producer in the world after China, as per information shared by Indian Cellular Association with Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad says India replaced Vietnam to become second largest producer of mobile phones in 2017.
**INDIAN POLITY**

**UAE APPROVES LAW ON EQUAL WAGES FOR MEN, WOMEN**

- This decision is a part of UAE Government efforts to narrow the gender gap.
- It is important to note that UAE ranked 120 out of 144 countries overall in the 2017 World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Report.

**ARUN JAITLEY TO TAKE OATH FOR FRESH SIX-YEAR TERM IN RAJYA SABHA**

- Mr. Jaitley took oath in Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu’s chamber in Parliament, in presence of Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Ananth Kumar and Leader of Opposition in the Upper House, Ghulam Nabi Azad.

**ARTICLE 370 HAS ACQUIRED PERMANENT STATUS: SUPREME COURT**

- The Supreme Court on Tuesday said Article 370 of the Constitution, conferring special status on Jammu and Kashmir had acquired permanent status through years of existence.

**ARMY MEDICAL CORPS CELEBRATES 254TH RAISING DAY**

- The history of the Indian Medical Services dates back to 1612 when on the formation of the East India Company.
- The Corps was renamed as “Army Medical Corps” (AMC) on adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 January 1950.

**NALSAR RANKED 3RD BEST LAW INSTITUTE**

- The Nalsar University of Law was ranked third among the top 10 law institutions in the country in the National Institutional Ranking Framework.
- The top spot was bagged by the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru which was followed by the National Law University, New Delhi.

**‘GRAMPRENEURS‘ ARE EFFECTIVE JOB CREATERS : GOVERNOR**

- Governor Banwarilal Purohit stated that One possible way to address youth unemployment is to support young people in creating their own business

International mentoring summit , empowering young grampreneurs to create jobs organised by Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust in Association with the confederation of Indian Industry.

**J&K FIRST STATE TO APPROVE 7TH PAY COMMISSION**

- “The cabinet decision will benefit around five lakh employees and pensioners in the state.
- The financial implications will be Rs 4,201 crore per year while one-time arrears would cost the government Rs 7,477 crore,” J&K by finance minister Altaf Bukhari.

**THE TELANGANA JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE (TJAC)**

- The Telangana Joint Action Committee (TJAC), which spearheaded the agitations for Telangana state between 2009 and 2014, transformed into a political party with the sole objective of dethroning the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and establishing a ‘Samajika Telangana’ (Telangana with social justice).

Telangana Jana Samithi is an Indian regional political party based in Telangana, India founded by Telangana activist, M. Kodandaram. He is also the chairman of all-party Telangana Political Joint Action Committee (T-JAC), which is formed for fighting for separate Telangana state.
TAMILNADU

TENTH DEFEXPO INDIA BEGINS IN TAMIL NADU

- The tenth edition of a biennial exhibition of weapons and military hardware - DefExpo India2018 begun at Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu.
- The four-day long defense expo was formally inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Indigenously developed military helicopters, aircraft, missiles and rockets, capabilities to manufacture submarines, frigates and corvettes would be showcased at the event.
- Over 700 exhibitors from over 50 countries are participating in the Defence Expo.

TAMIL NADU TO ERADICATE HEARING IMPAIRMENT

- In a bid to eradicate hearing impairment from the state, the Tamil Nadu government has decided to set up 162 centres to identify hearing problems in newborns using Oto Acoustic Emission (OAE).
  "The OAE is used to identify hearing impairment in newborns. The state is aiming to eradicate hearing impairment."

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES MOBILE APP BI-LINGUAL 'UZHAVAN' FOR FARMERS

This technology for farmers' benefit, Tamil Nadu government come out with a mobile application named 'Uzhavan' (farmer) app that will allow ryots to have access to nine types of services including details about their crop insurance

TN GOVERNMENT ROLLS OUT AMMA FREE WI-FI ZONES

- The Tamil Nadu government launched Amma Free Wi-Fi zones in 5 cities of Tamil Nadu.

AMMA FREE WI-FI ZONES
  i. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami launched the Amma Free Wi-Fi zones initiative.
  ii. This scheme was announced by former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa in September 2016. It was said that Wi-Fi zones will be set up in 50 spots, mainly in larger bus terminals, parks and commercial complexes.
  iii. Amma Free Wi-Fi zones have been introduced at the following five locations:
      - Labour Statue at Marina, Chennai
      - Central Bus stand at Salem
      - Central Bus stand at Tiruchirappalli
      - Gandhipuram Bus Stand in Coimbatore
      - Mattu Thavani Bus Stand in Madurai
  iv. Users of Amma Free Wi-Fi zones will be offered 20 minutes of free internet service per day. After that the users will be charged Rs 10 per hour.
  v. This scheme will be implemented in 50 spots by Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation (TACTV). Cost of this project is Rs 8.50 crore.
ECONOMY

RBI ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST BI-MONTHLY MONETARY POLICY FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement for financial year 2018-19. This time too, the Policy Repo Rate has been kept unchanged.

- Monetary Policy is the process by which monetary authority of a country, generally central bank controls the supply of money in the economy by its control over interest rates in order to maintain price stability and achieve high economic growth.
- In India, the central monetary authority is the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It is so designed as to maintain the price stability in the economy.

INDIA SIGNED LOAN AGREEMENT WITH WORLD BANK FOR USD 48 MILLION FOR MEGHALAYA

- A Loan Agreement for IBRD (Indian Bank for Reconstruction and Development) loan of USD 48 million for the “Meghalaya Community - Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP)” was signed with the World Bank.

  - The main Objective of the Project is to strengthen community-led landscapes management in selected landscapes in the State of Meghalaya.
  - The Project consists of three components: (i) Strengthening Knowledge and Capacity for Natural Resource Management; (ii) Community-led landscape planning and implementation and (iii) Project Management and Governance.

STATE BANK OF INDIA LAUNCHES UK SUBSIDIARY WITH 225 MILLIONS POUNDS CAPITAL

- State Bank of India SBI announced the launch of its UK subsidiary, SBI (UK) Limited, with an initial capital commitment of 225 million pounds from its parent entity.

  - India’s largest state-owned bank, which celebrated the new subsidiary with a special event in London, becomes the first foreign bank in the UK to ring fence its retail division from its wholesale business.

INDIAN BANK LAUNCHED ‘BHARAT QR’, A MOBILE PAYMENT COLLECTION

- Indian Bank has introduced Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and has launched ‘Bharat QR’ facility.

Indian Bank launches PFMS & ‘Bharat QR’:

  i. Indian Bank has introduced public financial management system aimed to benefit government agencies for utilising payment service.

  Bharat QR is an integrated payment system. It uses your mobile phone to pay through your debit or credit card by scanning a code at the merchant’s place. ... As of now, RuPay, MasterCard, VISA and American Express cards can be linked to pay through Bharat QR
INDEX OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM 2018: INDIA RANKS 130TH, HONG KONG TOPS

- India jumped 13 places in the last one year to a 130th spot in the latest annual Index of Economic Freedom released by a top American think-tank the Heritage Foundation.

- The Index of Economic Freedom is an annual index and ranking created by The Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal in 1995 to measure the degree of economic freedom in the world’s nations.

- The creators of the index took an approach similar to Adam Smith’s in The Wealth of Nations, that "basic institutions that protect the liberty of individuals to pursue their own economic interests result in greater prosperity for the larger society"

GST COLLECTIONS DURING FY18 REACH 7.19 LAKH CRORE

- Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections during financial year 2017-2018 stood at ₹7.19 lakh crore.

- This collection includes the August 2017 to March 2018 period and ₹1.19 lakh crore of Central GST, ₹1.72 lakh crore of State GST and ₹3.66 lakh crore of Integrated GST.

- Goods and Service Tax (GST) is an indirect tax (or consumption tax) levied in India on the sale of goods and services.

- GST is levied at every step in the production process, but is refunded to all parties in the chain of production other than the final consumer.

- Goods and services are divided into five tax slabs for collection of tax - 0%, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%.

- Petroleum products, alcoholic drinks, electricity, and real estate are taxed separately by the individual state governments.

- There is a special rate of 0.25% on rough precious and semi-precious stones and 3% on gold.

- In addition a cess of 22% or other rates on top of 28% GST applies on few items like aerated drinks, luxury cars and tobacco products.

- Pre-GST, the statutory tax rate for most goods was about 26.5%, Post-GST, most goods are expected to be in the 18% tax range.

- The tax came into effect from July 1, 2017 through the implementation of One Hundred and First Amendment of the Constitution of India by the Modi government.

- The tax replaced existing multiple cascading taxes levied by the central and state governments.
GOVERNMENT COLLECTS RS 7.41 TRILLION FROM GST

- India collected Rs 7.41 trillion in taxes in the first year of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) with revenues for a good part of four months not being accounted for because of the mid-year rollout and an accounting lag.
- The government had last reported a GST collection of Rs 7.17 trillion for the first eight months since the new tax regime that subsumed 17 central and state taxes on sale of goods and rendering of services was rolled out in July.

ECONOMIC GROWTH LIKELY TO HIT 7.5 PC IN FY19: NITI VC RAJIV KUMAR

- As per Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar, Indian economy is expected to grow by at least 7.5 per cent in 2018-19.
  - Mr. Rajiv Kumar believes that India’s economic growth in 2018-19 will come on back of improvement in investment cycle and capacity utilisation.
  - He added that overall economic environment has become extremely positive, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in India is increasing and capacity utilisation has risen to 74%.

RIVIGO TIES UP WITH IDFC, YES BANK, FOR TRUCK LOANS

- Rivixo, a homegrown logistics start-up that owns as well as acts as an aggregator of trucks is tying up with YES Bank, IDFC, and 10 other financial institutions to make cheaper funds available to truck owners and operators on its platform.
- The funds will be available at an interest rate of 1-2 percent per month, lower than the usual industry standard of 2-3 percent.

GOOGLE MOST LIKELY TO LAUNCH MID-RANGE PIXEL BOOK IN INDIA

- Google may also launch a premium laptop Pixelbook along with intelligent home automation products such as doorbell, camera, alarm system and a smoke detector, sold under the Nest brand along with its Wi-Fi system – Google WiFi.

FLIPKART SIGNED A PACT WITH MAKEMYTRIP

i. Various brands of MakeMyTrip like MakeMyTrip, Goibibo, and redBus, will utilize the customer base of Flipkart to increase online travel bookings.
ii. Initially, domestic flight booking will be made available in Flipkart, which will be launched soon. Later hotel booking and bus ticket booking will also be made available on Flipkart.

About MakeMyTrip:
- Founder and group CEO – Deep Kaira
- Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana
INDUSIND BANK TO USE WHATSAPP FOR BASIC SERVICES

- IndusInd Bank has become the first lender to start using WhatsApp enterprise solution to provide basic banking services to customers.

INDIA'S GDP TO GROW 7.3% THIS FISCAL, 7.6% IN NEXT: ADB

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) projected that India’s economic growth is set to rise to 7.3% this fiscal and further to 7.6% in the next financial year, on back of GST and banking reforms.

INDIA PIPS JAPAN, BECOMES SECOND LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF CRUDE STEEL

- China is the current largest producer of crude steel in the world. It contributes to more than 50% of steel production in the world.

About Steel Users Federation Of India (SUFI)
- President – Nikunj Turakhia
- Location – Mumbai

CHETAN BHAGAT SEALS BIG DEAL WITH AMAZON – WESTLAND

- Bhagatt deals with Westalnd publications, an Amazon-owned publishing firm, is for five books, three of which are to be novels.

NABARD TO EXPAND ITS LONG-TERM LENDING TO RS 80,000 CRORE IN FY19

- NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) announced that, it has aimed to raise its long-term on-lending or refinance portfolio to nearly Rs 80,000 crore in the current fiscal year in a move to improve rural economy.

WORLD BANK LOAN FOR BIOPHARMA MISSION

- The government has secured a loan of about 1,600 crore from the World bank to develop new vaccines, medical devices and medicines.
- The money will be disbursed over five years and is party of the Department of Biotechnology-led National Biopharma Mission.

The National Biopharma Mission has been launched by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology on 30th June 2017 in New Delhi.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MISSION:

i. Development of products from leads that are at advanced stages in the product development lifecycle and relevant to the public health.

ii. Strengthening and establishing shared infrastructure facilities for both product discovery validation and manufacturing.

iii. Developing human capital by providing specific training to address the critical skills gaps in researchers, nascent biotech companies across the product development value chain, including in business plan development and market penetration.

iv. Creating and enhancing technology transfer and intellectual property management capacities and capabilities in public and private sector.
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CHINA’S TIANGONG-1 SPACE LAB SET TO HIT EARTH

- Launched in September 2011, Tiangong-1, represented China’s goal to establish a permanent space station.
- It is likely to burn up in the atmosphere during its re-entry and would thus not pose any risk.

ISRO LAUNCHED THE NAVIGATION SATELLITE IRNSS-1L

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the IRNSS-1L navigation satellite aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)-C41.
- It was launched from the first launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. IRNSS-1L is expected to replace IRNSS-1A, the first of the seven navigation satellites that were rendered ineffective after its three rubidium atomic clocks failed.
- The seven satellites are part of the NavIC navigation satellite constellation.

EARTH’S BEDROCK: NEW SOURCE OF GLOBAL NITROGEN DISCOVERED

- National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded researchers at the University of California (UC), Davis, states that more than a quarter of total available nitrogen is derived from the weathering of Earth’s bedrock.

FSSAI LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS VITAMIN D DEFICIENCY

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched ‘Project Dhoop’, an initiative aimed at shifting the school assembly time to noon to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.
  - The project was launched in New Delhi and saw the participation of around 600 students from NCERT, NDMC and North MCD Schools.
  - Project Dhoop’s Noon Assembly is an innovative and effective concept to ensure that school students get adequate Vitamin D

NEW FROG SPECIES TAKES HISTORICAL NAME OF GOA

- In the highland Plateaus of the Western Ghats part of Goa, scientists have identified a new species of frog called Fejervarya Geomchi
SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN TO ATTEND MOSCO CONFERENCE IN RUSSIA

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is in Russia to attend the 7th Moscow Conference on International Security. This is her first visit to Russia in her capacity as the Defence Minister.
- During her three-day tour, she will meet her Russian counterpart Army General Sergei Shoigu and other senior leaders.

THE BI ANNUAL ARMY COMMANDERS’ CONFERENCE

- The biannual Army Commanders’ Conference chaired by Army Chief Bipin Rawat was addressed by Minister of State for Defence Subhash Ramrao Bhamre.
- Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award to be conferred on veteran Bollywood actor Dharmendra

TURKEY HOSTS CRITICAL SUMMIT ON SYRIA WITH RUSSIA, IRAN

- The presidents of Iran, Turkey and Russia met for their tripartite summit, aimed at speeding up the peace process for Syria and establishing their influence in Syria.

GLOBAL LOGISTICS SUMMIT 2018 HELD IN NEW DELHI

- The Global Logistics Summit was organised by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, along with FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) and the World Bank Group.

SUSHMA SWARAJ ATTENDED NAM MID-TERM MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN BAKU

- Union External Affairs Minister, Sushma Swaraj embarked on a three-day official visit to Azerbaijan’s capital city Baku to participate in Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Conference.

Information about NAM Mid-Term Ministerial Conference in Baku:

i. NAM Mid-Term Ministerial Conference was held in Baku on 5th and 6th April 2018.
ii. Theme of this conference was “Promoting international peace and security for sustainable development”. This was the first-ever bilateral visit of an Indian External Affairs Minister to Azerbaijan.

Quick Facts about Non-Aligned Movement (NAM):
- Established in – 1961
- Headquarters – Jakarta, Indonesia
- Current Presidency – Venezuela
- Membership – 120 Member countries

- Government constitutes committee to regulate news portals Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting constituted a 10-member committee to regulate online portals, including news websites, entertainment sites and media aggregators.
HONOURS AND AWARDS

DEEPIKA PADUKONE, VIRAT KOHLI AMONG TIME’S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

- The TIME Magazine released the 100 Most Influential People List of 2018 designating individuals whose time is now.
- The 2018 list features the names of four self-made Indians- Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli, Ola co-founder Bhavish Aggarwal and Microsoft’s CEO Satya Nadella.

MADHYA PRADESH CONFERRED MOST FILM FRIENDLY AWARD

- The Most Film Friendly State Award was announced by the Chairman of the Jury, Shri Ramesh Sippy.
- State of Madhya Pradesh conferred the award for the Most Film Friendly State for its efforts towards easing filming in the State by creating a well-structured website and film-friendly infrastructure. Total 16 states have participated in this award.
- The State of Uttarakhand is given a Special Mention Certificate to recognize the efforts made by the State of Uttarakhand towards creating a film-friendly environment.
- The award will be conferred by the President of India in May 2018.

MITHALI RAJ ADJUDGED ‘SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR’

- Mithali Raj’s parents received the Sportsperson of the Year award on her behalf from BV Papa Rao, Advisor to the Telangana government.
- The ‘best senior male athlete’ award was presented to shuttler Kidambi Srikanth by former BCCI president N Shivlal Yadav.
- The ‘best senior female athlete’ award was handed to shuttler P V Sindhu by tennis player Sania Mirza.
- The ‘best coach of the year’ award was given to Pullela Gopichand for the second consecutive time, by former Indian cricketer VVS Laxman.

THE DADASAHEB PHALKE EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2018 IS BEING AWARDED TO BOLLYWOOD ACTOR ANUSHKA SHARMA

- Anushka Sharma is an actor and producer in the Bollywood film industry.
- She has been promoting content-driven or experimental cinema, and encouraging fresh talents, through her production company Clean Slate Films.

The DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD is India's highest award in cinema. It is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony by the Directorate of Film Festivals, an organisation set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The recipient is honoured for their "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema"

MANIKA RECOMMENDED FOR ARJUNA AWARD

- The table tennis federation of India recommended Manika Batra, the country’s only quadruple medallist at the Commonwealth Games, for the prestigious Arjuna Award.
SINDHU AND SRIKANTH BAG TOP HONOURS AT ESPN MULTI-SPORT AWARDS

ESPN Multi-Sport Awards recognised achievements across 11 categories.
The winners were selected by an independent 14-member jury comprising eminent sports personalities – Somdev Devvarman, Abhinav Bindra and Bhaichung Bhutia.

DHARMENDRA TO RECEIVE RAJ KAPOOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Director Rajkumar Hirani will get the Raj Kapoor Special Contributions Award, veteran Marathi actor Vijay Chauhan will get Chitrapati V Shantaram Jivangaurav Puraskar (Lifetime Achievement Award) and actress-director Mrinal Kulkarni will get Chitrapati V Shantaram Vishesh Yogdaan Puraskar (Special Contributions Award).

LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award to be conferred on veteran Bollywood actor Dharmendra
- Raj Kapoor special contributions award to be conferred on film maker Rajkumar Hirani

NEERAJ RECOMMENDED FOR KHEL RATNA AND ARJUNA AWARD

Recently crowned commonwealth Games Javelin champion Neeraj Chopra has been recommended by the Athletics Federation of India for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, officially known as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games, is the highest sporting honour of the Republic of India. The award is named after Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India who served the office from 1984 to 1989

The Arjuna Awards are given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India to recognize outstanding achievement in sports. Started in 1961, the award carries a cash prize of ₹ 500,000, a bronze statue of Arjuna and a scroll.

PARIJAT INDUSTRIES WINS PRESTIGIOUS NSCI SARVASHRESTHA SURAKSHA PURASKAR

Parijat Industries (India) Pvt Ltd, an Indian agrochemical company, has been conferred the “Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar” gold award for the year 2017.

Parijat Industries wins prestigious NSCI Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar:

i. The award was given away by Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, at an event in New Delhi.

ii. The award was given for consistent and effective operational safety, performance and executing occupational safety and health (OSH) management system procedures at Parijat Industries (India)’s manufacturing plant at Ambala.
INDU MALHOTRA FIRST WOMAN LAWYER APPOINTED AS SC JUDGE

- Senior lawyer Indu Malhotra was sworn in as the judge of the Supreme Court in the presence of Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra.
- The appointment was made by the President Ram Nath Kovind. Malhotra has now become the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a Supreme Court judge.

In 2007, Mrs Malhotra was only the second woman to be appointed a senior advocate by the apex court, three decades after Leila Seth first made history.

MARIO ABDO BENITEZ ELECTED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY

- Mario Abdo Benitez won the presidential election conducted in Paraguay.
- Mario Abdo Benitez 5-year term begins on 15th August 2018.

BCCI APPOINTS FORMER RAJASTHAN DGP AJIT SINGH AS HEAD OF ITS ANTI CORRUPTION UNIT

- Ajit Singh will replace former Delhi Police Commissioner Neeraj Kumar, who has been assigned advisory role in the ACU till May 31, 2018.
- Mr. Singh has served in Indian Police Service (IPS) for 36 years. He is experienced in anti-corruption operations, investigative work and field policing.
- He has also been the head of Rajasthan’s anti-corruption bureau.
- Mr. Singh’s appointment has been made just ahead of Indian Premier League (IPL), scheduled to commence from April 7, 2018.

SRIPRIYA RANGANATHAN APPOINTED AS THE NEXT AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

- Sripriya Ranganathan is an Indian Foreign Service Officer (IFS) of 1994 batch.
- She is at present Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

VINEET JOSHI’S APPOINTED AS DG OF NTA

- Central Government appointed former chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Vineet Joshi as the Director General (DG) of the National Testing Agency (NTA), which will conduct various entrance examinations across India.
UN CHIEF APPOINTS CHRISTINE SCHRANER BURGENER AS SPECIAL ENVOY ON MYANMAR

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland as his new special envoy on Myanmar.
- Until her appointment, Burgener was the Ambassador of Switzerland to Germany since 2015.
- Peru, Kuwait and the United Kingdom will co-lead the visit to Bangladesh and Myanmar.

M L SRIVASTAVA APPOINTED PRO TEM CHAIRMAN OF LALIT KALA AKADEMI

- M L Srivastava is Joint Secretary (Akademies) at the Ministry of Culture.
- He has been appointed the Protem Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi with immediate effect by the President based on the recommendation of the Minister of Culture.

About Lalit Kala Akademi
1. Location – New Delhi
2. Inaugurated – 1954

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA TAKES THE APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

- He took over as the interim president of BAI last year after the demise of former president Akhilesh Das Gupta.
- Former Tamil Nadu Badminton Association president and former Union minister, Anbumani Ramadoss was elected as the treasurer uncontested.

JULIUS MAADA BIO ELECTED AS SIERRA LEONE’S PRESIDENT

- National Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone announced that Julius Maada Bio won the presidential elections with 51.8 percent votes. He belongs to the Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP).

About Sierra Leone
- Capital – Freetown
- Official language – English
- Currency – Leone

MANU BHAKER WILL BE THE BRAND AMBASSADOR OF HARYANA’S MEASLES AND RUBELLA (MR) VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

- This campaign will be launched by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Vaccination for around 85 lakh children aged between nine months and 15 years will be done in this campaign.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar will hold additional portfolio of Information, Public Relations and Languages department.
AIIMS PROFESSOR BALRAM BHARGAVA APPOINTED AS DG OF ICMR

- Balram Bhargava is currently Professor/Senior Consultant Cardiologist at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). He has been appointed the DG of ICMR (Indian council of Medical Research) for a 3 year term or until 60 years of age, as per an order issued by the Personnel Ministry.

BAN KI-MOON ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF BOAO FORUM

- Ban Ki-moon replaces Japan’s Yasuo Fukuda. His appointment took place at the annual session of the forum named the “Asian Davos”.
- Also, former governor of the People’s Bank of China Zhou Xiaochuan was appointed vice-chairman of Boao Forum for Asia.

BOAO FORUM FOR ASIA is a non-profit organisation that hosts high-level forums for leaders from government, business and academia in Asia and other continents to share their vision on the most pressing issues in this dynamic region and the world at large.

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (UPSC)

- U P Singh has been given additional charge as secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- He is a senior IAS officer. He is currently secretary in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

KR NAUTIYAL APPOINTED AS COAST GUARD COMMANDER (EAST)

- Inspector General KR Nautiyal has been appointed as the new Coast Guard Commander (Eastern Seaboard)
- The Flag Officer relinquished the command of Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (West), Mumbai.

IG VIJAY CHAFEKAR APPOINTED AS FLAG OFFICER OF ICG WEST

- Inspector General Vijay Chafekar took charge as the new Flag Officer, Indian Coast Guard (West Region) from IG K.R. Nautiyal.

RISHAD PREMJJI APPOINTED AS NASSCOM CHAIRMAN FOR 2018-19

- Rishad Premji is Wipro’s Chief Strategy Officer and Board member. Also, Keshav Murugesh, CEO of WNS Group, has been appointed the vice chairman for 2018-19.

- The NATIONAL Association of Software and services Companies (NASSCOM) is a trade association of Indian Information Technology (IT) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) indutry, established in 1988 , NASSCOM is a non-profit organisation.
- NASSCOM is a global trade body with over 2000 members , of which over 250 are companies from China , EU,Japan, the US and the UK .NASSCOM’s members companies are in the business of software development , software services , software products, IT-enabled /BPO services and E-commerce.
FORMER DoPT SECRETARY BHANU PRATAP SHARMA APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF BANK BOARD BUREAU (BBB)

- Farmer DoPT (Department of Personnel and Training) Secretary Bhanu Pratap Sharma was appointed the Chairman of Banks Board Bureau (BBB) by the government.

CHANDRA SHEKHAR GHOSH RE-APPOINTED AS MD & CEO OF BANDHAN BANK

- Chandra Shekhar Ghosh has been re-appointed as managing director and CEO of Bandhan Bank for a three year

Bandhan Bank Ltd. is an Indian banking and financial services company headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal. Bandhan, which started as a micro-finance company in 2001, received banking licence by Reserve Bank of India in 2014. Bandhan Bank became the 8th largest bank in India.

IPS OFFICER RAJESH RANJAN APPOINTED AS DG OF CISF

- Senior IPS officer Rajesh Ranjan was appointed as Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

AMRESH PUJARI IS PROMOTED TO ADGB-CB-CID

- The state government has ordered promotion, transfer and postings of five IPS officers
- Amresh pujari, additional Director general of police, crime, Chennai has been posted to ADGB, CB-CID

GOVT REPLACES GOPAL SINGH AS COAL INDIA CHIEF WITH SURESH KUMAR

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has removed Gopal Singh from the position of acting Chairman of Coal India Ltd (CIL).
- Suresh Kumar, Additional Secretary of Coal, has been handed the charge of handling the responsibility on a temporary basis.
PERSONALITY

INDIGO PRESIDENT GHOSH QUITS

- IndiGo announced that its President Aditya Ghosh has resigned from the company and promoter Rahul Bhatia would serve as interim CEO. Mr. Ghosh also resigned from the board.

VETERAN JOURNALIST S NIIHAL SINGH PASSES AWAY

- Veteran journalist S Nihal Singh passed at the age of 88 following an illness.
- He was suffering from kidney-related ailments.

FILMMAKER BHIMSAIN KHURANA DIES AT 81

- Acclaimed animator Bhimsain Khurana died on Tuesday night at the age of 81 in Mumbai. He is survived by his wife Neelam and sons Himaanshu and Kireet.

WORLD’S OLDEST PERSON DIES IN JAPAN AT AGE OF 117

- Nabi Tajima has died in southern Japan. She became the world’s oldest person seven months ago after the death of Violet Brown in Jamaica.
SCHEMES

SIDBI FOUNDATION DAY LAUNCHES 'SAMRIDHI- VIRTUAL ASSISTANT' & 'BANKABILITY KIT'

- SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) celebrated its foundation day (2nd April 1990) as the day of Sampark (connect), Sanwad (interaction), Suraksha (security) and Sampreshan (disseminate).
- He also launched ‘Samriddhi- the virtual assistant’ on banks revamped universal loan portal www.udyami mitra.in. During the day, a ‘Bankability Kit’ (brought in partnership with Bank of Baroda and IDBI Bank) was also launched.

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES POWER TEX INDIA SCHEME FOR POWERLOOM SECTOR

- Union Textiles Minister, Ms. Smriti Irani launched PowerTex India Scheme on 1 April 2017 at Bhiwandi in Thane district of Maharashtra.
- It is a gamut of scheme aimed at development of powerloom sector in India with a special focus on small powerloom weavers. The scheme was simultaneously launched at 45 locations across India.

GOBARDHAN YOJANA LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT FARMERS

- The Haryana government launched the 'Gobardhan Yojana' to provide for the sale of organic manure and cow urine with an aim to benefit farmers.

- The Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBAR-DHAN) scheme was first announced by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during his budget speech on February 1. According to him, the scheme would focus on managing and converting cattle dung and solid waste in farms to compost, biogas and bio-CNG. “The Gobar-Dhan Yojana will help in keeping the village clean while increasing the income of farmers and cattle herders.
DHARMENDRA PRADHAN LAUNCHES PMUY SCHEME IN DELHI

- During the launch event, Mr. Pradhan distributed about 400 LPG connections to families belonging to below poverty line category.

The objective of this scheme is to provide deposit-free LPG connections with monetary assistance to women from below poverty line (BPL) households, thereby preventing health hazards emanating from usage of unclean cooking fuel and fossil fuel for domestic cooking purpose.

GANGA HARITEEMA YOJANA LAUNCHED IN 27 DISTRICTS OF UTTAR PRADESH

- The scheme was launched by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at Allahabad on the bank of Sangam, the confluence of rivers of Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati.
- It envisages carrying out plantation drives in one-kilometre areas from the banks of river.

GANGA HARITEEMA YOJANA:
- The scheme aims to enhance the green cover in the catchment areas of the river Ganga and to control the land erosion.
- Under the scheme, plantation will be carried out in one-kilometre areas from the banks of river.
- Common people will also encouraged for plantation on their private lands under 'One Person One Tree' slogan.
SPORTS

CWG 2018: MIRABAI CHANU WINS INDIA’S FIRST GOLD MEDAL

- Weightlifter and current world champion Mirabai Chanu has clinched India’s first gold medal of the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Mirabai Chanu becomes the first Indian to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2018. After finishing with the best lift of 86 kg in the snatch round, the 23-year-old finished with a total score of 196 points. Chanu is competing in the 48 kg category.

INDIA WIN BADMINTON TEAM GOLD FOR FIRST TIME IN CWG HISTORY

- India clinched their first-ever badminton mixed team event gold in Commonwealth Games history after defeating defending champions Malaysia 3-1 in the final at Gold Coast.
- India's previous best performance in the mixed team event at CWG was a silver-medal finish in the 2010 edition.
- Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth represented India in singles' matches of the five-member team event.

DEEPAK LATHER BECOMES YOUNGEST WEIGHTLIFTER TO WIN MEDAL

- Teenager Deepak Lather became the youngest Indian weightlifter to claim a Commonwealth Games medal, clinching a bronze in the men’s 69kg category.
- He held the 62kg category national record at 15. He trained at the Army Sports Institute as a diver before being pushed into weightlifting by the coaches there.

WEIGHTLIFTER SANJITA CHANU WON INDIA’S SECOND GOLD MEDAL

- Weightlifter Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu delivered India its second gold medal of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast City, Australia by dominating the women’s 53kg event.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2018 WEIGHTLIFTER P. GURURAJA WON SILVER

- On the first day of competitions at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018, in Australia, India.
- Began their campaign with a Silver Medal in Weightlifting. In the 56 kilogram category, P Gururaja lifted a total weight of 249 kg to finish second in the event.

WEIGHTLIFTER PUNAM YAADHAV WINS 5TH GOLD FOR INDIA

- India’s weightlifter Punam Yadav won gold in the Women’s 69kg weightlifting category.
- He lifted a combined total of 222kg (100 snatches and 122 clean and jerk) and defeated England’s Sarah Davies her closest competitor to take her second medal at the Commonwealth Games.
NADAL DETHRONES FEDERER TO BECOME WORLD NO. 1 AGAIN

Spain’s 16-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal displaced Swiss rival Roger Federer at the top of the ATP men’s singles rankings.
Nadal, who held the number one spot up, is now beginning his fifth stint and 168th week at the top of the men’s singles rankings.

DANIEL RICCIARDO WON CHINESE GRAND PRIX 2018

The 2018 Chinese Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race that took place at the Shanghai International Circuit in Shanghai, China.
Red Bull’s Daniel Ricciardo won the race ahead of Valtteri Bottas and Kimi Raikkonen.

AASHISH KAPOOR REPLACES VENKATESH PRASAD IN BCCI JUNIOR SELECTION PANEL

Former India player Aashish Kapoor was named as a replacement of Venkatesh Prasad in the three-member All-India Junior Selection Committee of the BCCI.

INDIAN TENNIS ACE LEANDER PAES WON DAVIS CUP WHICH IS HIS 43RD WIN

Leander Paes won Davis Cup and secured his 43rd doubles win of his career in the competition, in Tianjin, China.

INDIAN WOMENS TABLE TENNIS TEAM WON GOLD

India bagged three more Gold, one Silver and two bronze medals at the 21st Commonwealth game in gold coast

VELAVAN SENTHILKUMAR WINS MAIDEN PSA WORLD TOUR TITLE

Velavan, who is pursuing a course in statistics at Columbia University in New York, defeated fourth seed Tristan Eysele of South Africa 7-11, 13-11, 12-10, 11-4 in the final of the Madison Open on Sunday after coming through the qualifying rounds.

INDIA TO HOST ASIAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP NEXT YEAR

The country will host the prestigious Asian Championships next year, which will also double up as a qualifying event for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.
A championship was awarded to India at the Executive Board Meeting and Congress of the Asian Weightlifting Federation held on April 22 at Urgench, Uzbekistan.
CWG 2018: RAHUL AWARE WON INDIA'S 1ST WRESTLING GOLD

- Rahul Aware bagged India's first wrestling gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2018 after beating Canada's Steven Takahashi in the final of men's Freestyle 57 kg event.

ANISH BHANWALA BECOMES INDIA'S YOUNGEST CWG GOLD MEDALIST

- Fifteen-year-old shooter Anish Bhanwala became India's youngest gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games, winning the men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Finals with a record score at Gold Coast, Australia.

WINNING MEDALS IN WORLD’S AND ASIAN GAMES

- Sathiyan, who is India’s to – ranked paddler, picked two matches where he felt he excelled on the big stage
- Manika Batra and G. Sathiyan became the first ever Indian pair to win a mixed doubles medal in the history of the CWG

56TH BELGRADE INTERNATIONAL BOXING TOURNAMENT IN SERBIA

- Indian boxers won three gold, five silver and five bronze medals at this championship.
- Among Gold medal winners, Sumit Sangwan won the final bout by defeating Ecuador’s Castillo Torres in 91 kg category.

PRAJNESH WINS CHALLENGER IN CHINA

- Prajnesh Gunneswaran clinched his first ever singles title on the ATP Challenger circuit when he downed Egypt's Mohammed Safwat in the final of the Kunming Open in Anning, a victory which will push him inside top-200.
BOOKS AND AUTHORS

PRESIDENT OF INDIA RECEIVES FIRST COPY OF BOOK ‘DR BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR: VYAKTI NAHIN SANKALP’

- President Ram Nath Kovind received the first copy of the book ‘Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar: Vyakti Nahin Sankalp’ from Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, who formally released it at a function at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

PRESIDENT RECIEVES THE FIRST COPY OF “ADI SHANKARACHRYA : HINDUISM’S GREATEST THINKER”

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, received the first copy of the book “Adi Shankaracharya: Hinduism’s Greatest Thinker”, from the author Shri Pavan Varma, at Rashtrapati Bhavan
- The President said the imprint of Adi Shankaracharya, who was born over 1,200 years ago in Kerala, is still apparent in contemporary India and in fact in all parts of our country.

NITISH KUMAR LAUNCHES THREE BOOKS ON MAHATMA - GANDHI’S CHAMPARAN MOVEMENT

- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar released three books based on Mahatma Gandhi’S Champaran Movement of 1917. The champaran movement is acknowledged as the first Satyagraha movement inspired by Mahatma Gandhi

DEFENCE

MAHINDRA GROUP TIES UP WITH JAPANESE FIRM FOR AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT SHINMAYWA US-2

- Mahindra Defence Systems, part of the Mahindra Group, on Wednesday signed a pact with Japan-based ShinMaywa Industries for manufacturing and assembling of amphibious aircraft ShinMaywa US-2 in India.
- ShinMaywa US-2 an unique aircraft and the only in service open sea capable amphibian aircraft with state of art equipment suitable for rough sea operations.
- Mahindra said that both companies have entered into the partnership with a view to set up maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services in India and also undertake manufacturing, assembling of structural parts & components for US-2 amphibian aircraft etc.
INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO TAKE PART IN WAR GAMES

- India and Pakistan will be part of a multinational counter terror exercise in Russia.
- The exercise will take place under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), a China-dominated security grouping which is increasingly seen as a counterweight to NATO.

L&T, BEL INK MOU FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTS

- In line with the efforts to indigenize the defense sector under the 'Make in India' initiative, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed a MoU to cater to the needs of evolving domestic and export markets for defense products and systems.

> "This MoU offers an opportunity for public-private sector partnership between two industry leaders in defence equipment and systems to synergise their strengths to deliver to the Indian Armed Forces and to the export market contemporary products with high indigenous content," said Jayant Patil, whole-time director (Defence) and member of L&T board.

INDIAN AIR FORCE TO SHOW ITS MIGHT BY CONDUCTING BIGGEST

**Combat Training Exercise**

- The Indian Air Force is planning to have a country-wide war training exercise between April 8th to 22nd. This will be India’s biggest combat exercise along the borders of Pakistan and China ever—something that is being seen as a big signal from India to the neighbouring countries.
- Gaganshakti is a biennial exercise to assess war waging capabilities of IAF. During this exercise, the entire machinery of the IAF will be activated, officials added.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

PLANNING COMMISSION VS NITI AAYOG

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<td>Enjoyed the powers to allocate funds to ministries and state governments.</td>
<td>To be an <strong>advisory body</strong>, or a think-tank. The powers to allocate funds might be vested in the finance ministry.</td>
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<td>The last Commission had eight full-time members</td>
<td>The number of full-time members could be fewer than Planning Commission</td>
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<td>States’ role was limited to the National Development Council and annual interaction during Plan meetings.</td>
<td>State governments are expected to play a more significant role than they did in the Planning Commission.</td>
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<td>Secretaries or member secretaries were appointment through the usual process</td>
<td>Secretaries to be known as the CEO and to be appointed by the prime minister.</td>
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<td>Full Planning Commission had no provision for part-time members.</td>
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The commission reported to National Development Council that had state chief ministers and lieutenant governors.  

| Governing Council has state chief ministers and lieutenant governors. |
| Had deputy chairperson, a member secretary and full-time members | New posts of CEO, of secretary rank, and Vice-Chairperson. Will also have five full-time members and two part-time members. Four cabinet ministers will serve as ex-officio members. |
| Policy was formed by the commission and states were then consulted about allocation of funds. | Consulting states while making policy and deciding on funds allocation. Final policy would be a result of that. |
| Had power to decide allocation of government funds for various programmes at national and state levels. | No power to allocate funds |
| Imposed policies on states and tied allocation of funds with projects it approved. | NITI is a think-tank and does **not have the power to impose policies.** |

**IMPORTANT DATES OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION**

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<td>The constituent Assembly sit for the first time.</td>
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<td>11th December, 1946</td>
<td>Dr. Rajendra Prasad, elected as the president of constituent assembly</td>
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<td>Constituent Assembly approved the Constitution of India.</td>
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<td>1959</td>
<td>Panchayati Raj system introduced in Rajasthan</td>
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<td>Bombay bifurcated to form Maharashtra and Gujarat</td>
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<td>1962</td>
<td>First emergency declared due to Indo-Sino War</td>
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<td>1968</td>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>Emergency declared for internal disturbances</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>Fundamental duties of Indian Citizen was incorporated (42nd Amendment)</td>
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<td>1978</td>
<td>Right to property has been deleted from the lists of fundamental rights</td>
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<td>Voting age reduced from 21 to 18 (61st Amendment Act)</td>
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<td>73rd and 74th Amendment Act has been passed.</td>
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APRIL MONTH QUESTION

1. Which of the following cities has become the India’s first city to switch from BS-IV grade fuels to BS-VI (equivalent to fuel meeting Euro-VI emission norms)?
   (A) Chennai
   (B) Kolkata
   (C) Chandigarh
   (D) New Delhi

2. Who will lead the Indian delegation in the 7th Moscow Conference on International Security (MCIS – 2018)?
   (A) Narendra Modi
   (B) Sushma Swaraj
   (C) Nirmala Sitharaman
   (D) Ajit Doval

3. According to recent data released by Indian Cellular Association (ICA), India has acquired what position in the world in producing mobile phones?
   (A) 1st
   (B) 2nd
   (C) 3rd
   (D) 4th

4. Which football team has won the 72nd edition of Santosh Trophy Football tournament 2018?
   (A) TAMIL NADU
   (B) West Bengal
   (C) Kerala
   (D) Hyderabad

5. Which high-powered committee has been formed by the Union government to examine CBSE’s exam conduct process?
   (A) Nirmal Jain committee
   (B) VS Oberoi committee
   (C) Sundaram Das committee
   (D) Mithali Kumar committee

6. Who is the newly appointed President of National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)?
   (A) Ravi Kumar
   (B) CS Krishna Setty
   (C) R Chandrashekhar
   (D) Debjani Ghosh

7. Which institute has been adjudged the overall best Indian university in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF-2018)?
   (A) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
   (B) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
   (C) AIIMS, New Delhi
   (D) National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

8. Rosemary DiCarlo, who has become the first woman to head UN political affairs, is belong to which country?
   (A) United Kingdom
   (B) Germany
   (C) United States
   (D) France

9. Saikhom Mirabai Chanu has clinched India’s first gold at the 21st Commonwealth Games (CWG-2018). She is related to which weightlifting category?
   (A) 48 kg
   (B) 56 kg
   (C) 42 kg
   (D) 45 kg

10. Which airport has been adjudged as the India’s cleanest airport, as per latest survey conducted by the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?
    (A) Indira Gandhi International Airport
    (B) Goa International Airport
    (C) Mangaluru International Airport
    (D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport

11. Who among the following has become the youngest Indian weightlifter to claim a Commonwealth Games medal by clinching a bronze in the men’s 69kg category?
    (A) P Gururaja
    (B) Sathish Sivalingam
    (C) Ragala Venkata Rahul
    (D) Deepak Lather

12. India’s first multipurpose “Van Dhan Vikas Kendra” will be set up in which state on the pilot basis for value addition of Forest Produce?
    (A) Chhattisgarh
    (B) Bihar
    (C) Madhya Pradesh
    (D) Jharkhand
13. The Government of India has recently signed $420 million loan agreement with which among the following organisations for the benefit of the small and marginals farmers in Maharashtra?  
(A) International Monetary Fund  
(B) World Bank  
(C) Asian Development Bank  
(D) World Economic Forum  

14. Which is the top ranked country of the world in the 2017 internet security report by security solutions provider Symantec?  
(A) China  
(B) Japan  
(C) United states  
(D) Russia  

15. The RBI Data Sciences lab is to be operational from_____  
(A) December 2018  
(B) January 2019  
(C) April 2018  
(D) October 2018  

16. What is the rank of India worldwide in the list of most vulnerable country in terms of risk of cyber threat?  
(A) First  
(B) Second  
(C) Third  
(D) Fourth  

17. Who among the following has won the gold in women’s 53 kg event at the ongoing 2018 Commonwealth Games?  
(A) Ngangbam Soniya Chanu  
(B) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu  
(C) Sanamacha Chanu  
(D) Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu  

18. Name the Prime Minister of Nepal who is on 3 days visit to India for strengthening bilateral relation?  
(A) Khadga Prasad1 Sharma Oli  
(B) Bidhya Devi Bhandari  
(C) Krishna Bahadur Mahara  
(D) Wint Myint  

19. Which team got defeated against India in Gold Coast Commonwealth Games?  
(A) Malaysia  
(B) North America  
(C) South Africa  
(D) Australia  

20. How many percentage of Indian Railway catering services attract a uniform GST in trains and stations?  
(A) 5%  
(B) 15%  
(C) 25%  
(D) 35%  

21. Which among the following financial institutions has signed loan agreement worth $80 million for improving skill development among youth and modernising institutes in Himachal Pradesh?  
(A) World Bank  
(B) International Monetary Fund  
(C) Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
(D) European Investment Bank  

22. Which among the following banks has launched Internet of Things (IoT)-based customer feedback application on pilot basis at one of its branch in a move to increase its customer satisfaction?  
(A) Bank of Baroda  
(B) Bank of India  
(C) Allahabad Bank  
(D) Indian Overseas Bank  

23. Which city of India has emerged as the top ranked city among the 20 largest cities of the country to provide 4G connectivity?  
(A) New Delhi  
(B) Patna  
(C) Bengaluru  
(D) Mumbai  

24. Which among the following states has been conferred with the ‘State of the Year’ Award under the ‘business leader’ category at India Business Leader Awards (IBLA)?  
(A) Maharashtra  
(B) Chhattisgarh  
(C) West Bengal  
(D) Karnataka  

25. The Gobardhan Yojna to convert cattle dung and solid waste into biogas and manure will be launched by the government from which of these places on April 30?  
(A) Karnal, Haryana  
(B) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan  
(C) Ahmedabad, Gujarat  
(D) Amritsar, Punjab
26. Which bank has recently tied up with Samsung to enable its MasterCard and Visa credit card users to use ‘Samsung Pay’?
   (A) State Bank of India
   (B) UCO Bank
   (C) Punjab National Bank
   (D) IndusInd Bank

27. Indian women’s Table Tennis team has clinched its first-ever gold at the 21st Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2018. The team is led by whom?
   (A) Mouma Das
   (B) Madhurika Patkar
   (C) Manika Batra
   (D) Nidhi Desai

28. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated a scientific convention on the World Homoeopathy Day (WHD 2018) in which city?
   (A) Nasik    (B) Udaipur
   (C) New Delhi (D) Raipur

29. Which country is hosting the first International conference on ‘Water, Environment and Climate Change: Knowledge Sharing and Partnership’?
   (A) Sri Lanka    (B) India
   (C) Bangladesh   (D) Nepal

30. Who has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)?
   (A) OP Singh
   (B) Karambir Singh
   (C) Rajesh Ranjan
   (D) Om Prakash Mitharval

31. Who has been appointed as the new Coast Guard Commander (Eastern Seaboard)?
   (A) KR Nautiyal    (B) Vijay Chafekar
   (C) Sunny Rajput   (D) Narendra Singh

32. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) for 2018-19?
   (A) Rishad Premji
   (B) Keshav Muruges
   (C) Raman Roy
   (D) Rajiv Kumar

33. Shreyasi Singh has won gold at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018. She is associated with which sports?
   (A) Wrestling     (B) Shooting
   (C) Boxing       (D) Badminton

34. What is the India’s GDP forecast for FY20, according to latest Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2018?
   (A) 7.3%    (B) 7.6%    (C) 7.5%    (D) 7.4%

35. Which Indian-origin scientist has launched the world’s first microfactory to help tackle e-waste hazard?
   (A) Subhash Khot
   (B) Veena Sahajwalla
   (C) Krishna Chatterjee
   (D) Yadavinder Malhi

36. ISRO has successfully launched navigation satellite IRNSS-1I into the orbit from which launch vehicle?
   (A) PSLV-C41    (B) PSLV-C43
   (C) PSLV-C42    (D) PSLV-C44

37. Which state is hosting the 10th edition of a biennial exhibition of weapons and military hardware “DefExpo India-2018”?
   (A) Madhya Pradesh
   (B) Karnataka
   (C) Andhra Pradesh
   (D) Tamil Nadu

38. Rahul Aware clinched gold in which men’s freestyle wrestling category at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018?
   (A) 53 kg      (B) 74 kg
   (C) 64 kg      (D) 57 kg

39. Who launched Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1L recently?
   (A) ISRO
   (B) NASA
   (C) JAPANESE AEROSPACE EXPLORATION AGENCY
   (D) SPACE STUDIES INSTITUTE (CALIFORNIA)

40. How many percentage did Indian Economy increased according to the survey conducted by ADB?
   (A) 7.2    (B) 4.8    (C) 5.2    (D) 3.6
41. Who won India's 1st Wrestling Gold in Commonwealth Games recently?
   (A) Rahgul aware
   (B) Suresh ayyar
   (C) Naresh kumar
   (D) Dinesh karthik

42. President Ram Nath Kovind has recently returned to India after three African nation's tour of ___________
   (A) Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia
   (B) Equatorial Guinea, Swaziland and Tanzania
   (C) Equatorial Guinea, Swaziland and Zambia
   (D) Uganda, Zambia, and Cameroon

43. Name the Indian shooter who became India's youngest gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games after winning the men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Finals.
   (A) Maheshwari Chouhan
   (B) Arjun Babuta
   (C) Manu Baker
   (D) Anish Bhanwala

44. The National Highways Authority of India has signed an agreement for the upgradation of which of the following section of highway in Myanmar to two lanes with the earthen shoulder?
   (A) Naypyidaw-Bagan
   (B) Yagyi-Kalewa
   (C) Pyay-Kalewa
   (D) Yagyi-Bagan

45. Name the Veteran Hindi film actor who was awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for his contribution to Indian Cinema.
   (A) Sridevi
   (B) Manoj Kumar
   (C) Dev Anand
   (D) Vinod Khanna

46. Name the country that has retained the top spot in the latest annual Index of Economic Freedom released by a top American think-tank the Heritage Foundation.
   (A) France
   (B) The USA
   (C) Japan
   (D) Hong Kong

47. Which city hosted a scientific convention on the occasion of the World Homoeopathy Day?
   (A) Mumbai
   (B) NewDelhi
   (C) Pune
   (D) Lucknow

48. Which city hosted the first International conference on Water, Environment and Climate Change?
   (A) Tokyo
   (B) Kathmandu
   (C) Bengaluru
   (D) Beijing

49. Which team event was dominated by India in both men's and women's category?
   (A) TableTennis
   (B) Badminton
   (C) Hockey
   (D) Tennis

50. Which sportsperson has been named UN World Tourism organization's tourism ambassador?
   (A) PVSindhu
   (B) LionelMessi
   (C) RafaelNadal
   (D) Serena Williams

51. Which airport entered the club of the top 20 airports across the world, as per the Airport Council International's preliminary report on airport traffic for 2017?
   (A) John F.Kennedy International Airport
   (B) Indira Gandhi International Airport
   (C) Atlanta Airport
   (D) Hong Kong Airport

52. Which navigation satellite was launched by ISRO recently?
   (A) IRNSS-1A
   (B) IRNSS-1H
   (C) IRNSS-1K
   (D) IRNSS-1L

53. FSSAI launched Project Dhoop recently to address deficiency of which Vitamin amongst youngsters?
   (A) Vitamin C
   (B) Vitamin D
   (C) Vitamin K
   (D) Vitamin K12

54. Name the only Indian female badminton player who won singles gold in Commonwealth Games history.
   (A) P V Sindhu
   (B) Jwala Gutta
   (C) Arundhati Pantawane
   (D) Saina Nehwal
55. NSDC stands for ________________.
   (A) National Synthetic Development Corporation
   (B) National Skill Domestic Corporation
   (C) National Skill Development Corporation
   (D) National Software Domestic Corporation
   (E) National Software Development Corporation

56. Name the Bank that has recently launched new products such as pre-approved credit card and UPI solution to mark its 124th foundation day.
   (A) Allahabad Bank
   (B) Canara Bank
   (C) Bank of Baroda
   (D) Punjab National Bank

57. Name the company with which Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed an MoU to cater to the needs of evolving domestic and export markets for defense products and systems.
   (A) Reliance Industries
   (B) Larsen & Toubro
   (C) TATA Steels
   (D) Mittal Steels

58. To which of the following two countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi left on a five-day visit.
   (A) Norway and the UK
   (B) Sweden and the UK
   (C) The UK and Iceland
   (D) Iceland and Singapore

59. In which city, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2018) has begun recently under the theme 'Towards a Common Future'? 
   (A) Jakarta
   (B) London
   (C) Doha
   (D) Riyadh

60. The seventh edition of Home Expo India 2018, organized by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), was inaugurated in ____________.
   (A) Palampur
   (B) New Delhi
   (C) Faridabad
   (D) Greater Noida

61. The 7th edition of Home Expo India 2018 has been inaugurated by which of the following ministers recently?
   (A) Minister of Commerce and Industry – Suresh Prabhu
   (B) Minister of Home Affairs – Rajnath Singh
   (C) Minister of Textiles and Info and Broadcasting – Smriti Irani
   (D) PM Narendra Modi

62. Who will be representing India in the commonwealth heads of governments meeting to be held in London, UK?
   (A) PM Narendra Modi
   (B) Vice President - Venkaiah Naidu
   (C) Minister of External Affairs – Sushma Swaraj
   (D) Minister of Commerce and Industry – Suressh Prabhu

63. Government of India has recently signed a loan agreement of USD 48 Million with which of the following Banks for community led landscape management in Meghalaya state?
   (A) IMF
   (B) World Bank
   (C) International Finance Corporation
   (D) Asian Development Bank

64. Which of the following Indian cities has topped the list has highest paying city for talent across all levels and functions as per the recent report by Randstad India?
   (A) Mumbai
   (B) Hyderabad
   (C) New Delhi
   (D) Bengaluru

65. The World Bank has projected a growth rate of _____________ for India this year and _____________ for 2019 and 2020.
   (A) 7.2%, 7.5%
   (B) 7.3%, 7.5%
   (C) 7.2%, 7.4%
   (D) 7.3%, 7.4%

66. For which of the following state community, a Loan Agreement for IBRD loan of USD 48 million was signed with the World Bank?
   (A) Assam
   (B) Tripura
   (C) Meghalaya
   (D) Sikkim
67. Name the Indian city that has been listed as the highest paying city in the country?
(A) Bengaluru  (B) Pune  
(C) Delhi  (D) Mumbai

68. Bandhan Bank Ltd became one of the top 50 most valuable publicly traded firms in India. It headquarters in ____________.
(A) Gurugram  (B) Jaipur  
(C) New Delhi  (D) Kolkata

69. Name the army officer who has assumed the charge as Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organization in the world.
(A) Lt. General A R Mathur  
(B) Lt. General P P Malhotra  
(C) Lt. General Gurubaksh Chaddha  
(D) Lt. General Sukhbeer Singh

70. World Haemophilia Day is recognized worldwide on __________ to increase awareness of haemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.
(A) 10 April  (B) 12 April  
(C) 14 April  (D) 18 April

71. Veteran personality S Nihal Singh has passed recently at the age of 88. He was ____________.
(A) Writer  (B) Politician  
(C) Journalist  (D) Kathak Dancer

72. On which of the following day, the World Heritage Day is celebrated to create awareness about Heritage among communities?
(A) 18th April  (B) 15th April  
(C) 13th April  (D) 11th April

73. Minister of Communications Manoj Sinha launched here the DARPAN -PLI App. What does ‘D’ stands for in DARPAN?
(A) Diversity  (B) Development  
(C) Dynamic  (D) Digital

74. With which of the following three Nordic countries India has signed important agreements on the visit of PM Modi to Stockholm?
(A) Denmark, Finland, and Iceland  
(B) Norway, Denmark and Iceland  
(C) Sweden, Denmark and Iceland  
(D) Iceland, Norway and Sweden

75. Food and Agriculture organization of the United Nations has Designated fourteen new sites, since 2106 as GIAHS, including the first ones in Europe. What does ‘H’ stands for in GIAHS?
(A) Homage  (B) Horizon  
(C) Heritage  (D) Highway

76. The second longest bridge of Odisha has been built on which of the following river?
(A) Mahanadi River  
(B) Krishna River  
(C) Brahmani River  
(D) Ib river

77. The SIDM of India and GIFAS of France have signed an MoU. What does SIDM stands for?
(A) Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers  
(B) Society of Indian Development of Manufacturers  
(C) Society of Indian Dynamic Manufacturers  
(D) Society of Indian Demo Manufacturers

78. The Ministry of External Affairs in cooperation with which of the following country and the UNODA hosted the India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 in New-Delhi?
(A) USA  
(B) Japan  
(C) Russia  
(D) Germany

79. Who is the present Managing Director of International Monetary Fund?
(A) Margaret Chan  
(B) Takehiko Nakao  
(C) Ban Ki moon  
(D) Christine Lagarde

80. Government of India will be covering how many districts under the second phase of POSHAN Abhiyan?
(A) 550  (B) 450  (C) 235  (D) 150
81. Which of the following states will be conferred as the “Most film friendly award ” which will be presented by President – Ram Nath Kovind at the National Film Awards in May - 2018? (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Telangana (C) Gujarat (D) Maharashtra

82. What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani in the recent published by Forbes list of World’s Greatest Leaders 2018? (A) 8th (B) 24th (C) 55th (D) 32nd

83. Who among the following has recently launched a health scheme of the government of Assam that offers free medical care up to two lakhs for individuals in BPL and APL? (A) PM Narendra Modi (B) Minister of Health and Family Welfare – J P Nadda (C) Vice President – Venkaiah Naidu (D) President – Ram Nath Kovind

84. Which of the following Indian personality was not appeared in 2018 TIME 100 Most Influential People List? (A) Virat Kohli (B) Satya Nadella (C) Bhavish Aggarwal (D) None of these

85. Name the country’s new President Sooronbay Jeenbekov has dismissed the republic’s cabinet of ministers headed by Prime Minister Sapr. (A) Kazakhstan (B) Turkmenistan (C) Kyrgyzstan (D) Uzbekistan

86. Which country has returned the prestigious Légion d'honneur to France presented to its President Bashar al-Assad? (A) Syria (B) Iran (C) Iraq (D) Turkey

87. ________’s King Mswati III announced that his country’s name has been changed to ‘Kingdom of eSwatini’. (A) Lesotho (B) Sierra Leone (C) Malawi (D) None of these

88. Where a high-level Malaria Summit was held on April 18, 2018 to step up action and announce new commitments in the fight against Malaria? (A) New York, US (B) London, UK (C) Berlin, Germany (D) Canberra, Australia

89. Shri. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union health minister has decided to roll out ‘Integrated initiative for prevention & control of _________ with a budget of Rs 517.39 crore for three years. (A) Human papillomavirus (HPV) (B) Viral meningitis (C) Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) (D) Viral hepatitis

90. Which state is observing Khongjom Day to pay tributes to the great warriors of their state? (A) Nagaland (B) Tripura (C) Mizoram (D) Manipur

91. Which of the following kids have been selected as India’s representatives at the global Football For Friendship (F4F) social programme in Russia? (A) Surya Varikuti and Rudresh Gaudnour (B) Avinash Kumar and Pankaj Jain (C) Preeti Desai and Nishad Da (D) K S Parashar and Trilok Chanda

92. Which company has become the first listed Indian IT firm to hit $100 billion market capitalisation (m-cap)? (A) ITC (B) Acenture (C) Reliance Industries Ltd (D) TCS

93. The Government of India (GoI) has celebrated 2018 Civil Services Day (CSD) on which date? (A) April 20 (B) April 22 (C) April 21 (D) April 23
94. Which country has become the world’s largest importer of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), according to Petroleum Planning & Analysis cell?
(A) China  (B) India  (C) Japan  (D) Bhutan

95. Which union ministry has made a provision enabling people to apply online for passports in Hindi?
(A) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs  (B) Ministry of External Affairs  (C) Ministry of Law and Justice  (D) Ministry of Home Affairs

96. Which country is the world’s largest military spender, as per latest report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)?
(A) India  (B) China  (C) United States  (D) Russia

97. Which state government has launched “Kilkari” app to create awareness among pregnant women?
(A) Punjab  (B) Haryana  (C) Assam  (D) Uttar Pradesh

98. Which hospital has become the India’s First public hospital for eye tumours?
(A) Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER)  (B) All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health (AIH&PH)  (C) Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College and Hospital (ANMMCH)  (D) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

99. Which is the largest Stock Exchange in India?
(A) Bombay Stock Exchange  (B) National Stock Exchange  (C) India International Exchange  (D) United Stock of Exchange

100. In which city of China Narendra Modi hold an informal summit recently?
(A) Beijing  (B) Wuhan  (C) Shangai  (D) xian

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