



# Important Summits & Conferences 2018 for PCS Exam

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## List of Important Summits & Conferences 2018

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### Summits & Conference

#### November

##### 1. APEC Summit 2018 held in - Papua New Guinea

- The summit was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinean capital.
- This is the first time Papua New Guinea (PNG), has hosted the summit.
- APEC stands for - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is an inter-governmental forum for **21 Pacific Rim member economies** that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

##### 2. 9th Session of India-Kyrgyz IGC held in New Delhi

- The 9th Session of the India-Kyrgyz Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IK-IGC) was held in New Delhi.
- The IK-IGC was co-chaired by The Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, and Mr. Kosmosbek Cholponbaev, Minister of Health, Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

##### 3. 33rd ASEAN Summit held in Singapore

- Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong hosted the summit.
- The 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit 2019 will be held in Thailand.
- The ASEAN members are Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, The Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, Brunei and Laos.

##### 4. FinTech Festival held in Singapore

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first head of a country who has been invited to give the keynote address.

##### 5. 13th East Asia Summit held in Singapore

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 13th East Asia Summit.
- It was Prime Minister Modi's 5th East Asia Summit.
- India has been participating in the East Asia Summit since its very inception in 2005.
- The first summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14 December 2005.



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**6. 2nd Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) held in Singapore**

- PM Modi attended the second RCEP Summit in Singapore with 16-member states.

**7. ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit held in Singapore**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit in Singapore

**8. The 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held in Singapore**

- The meeting was attended by the ASEAN Economic Ministers and AEC Ministers.

**9. The second edition of 'INSPIRE 2018' held in New Delhi**

- The second edition of INSPIRE was inaugurated in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Shri R K Singh, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy.
- INSPIRE stands for - International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency.
- It was jointly organized by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and the World Bank.

**10. 26th Conference of Central and State Organizations held In Himachal Pradesh**

- The 26th edition of Central and State Statistical Organizations(COCSSO) Conference was organized by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in collaboration with Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.
- The theme of the 26th Conference was "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics".

**11. 1st WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health held in Geneva**

- The First WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health took place at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

**12. First-ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property held in New Delhi**

- The first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property was held in Delhi to deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy.
- The dialogue was launched by US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) and FICCI in partnership with the US-India Business Council.

**13. India Mobile Congress held in New Delhi**

- India Mobile Congress is one of the biggest marquee Mobile, Internet, and Technology event for South-East Asia organized by COAI and DoT. IMC 2018 was held in Aerocity, New Delhi.
- The congress was held under the theme of NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS.

**14. Netherland to be partner Country for 25th DST-CII Technology Summit 2019**

- The Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country 25th DST – CII Technology Summit to be organized in 2019, announced Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

**15. 4th NITI Aayog- DRC Dialogue Held in Mumbai**

- The Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayog – Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council, Peoples' Republic of China was held in Mumbai.

**16. World Tolerance Summit held in Dubai, UAE**

- The theme of the Summit was 'Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration'.



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## October

### 1. India Mobile Congress 2018 held in New Delhi

- The second edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC-2018) was held New Delhi.
- It was organised by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). The theme was “New Digital Horizons. Connect. Create. Innovate”.

### 2. 25th DST – CII Technology Summit 2019

- The Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country 25th DST – CII Technology Summit to be organized in 2019 in India.

### 3. 5th National Summit on Public Health Care held at Kaziranga in Assam.

### 4. The 22nd National Level Meeting between India and Myanmar was held in New Delhi.

### 5. Gandhian Thought and Swachhata Seminar Organized in Wardha

- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has organised a seminar on Gandhian thoughts and Swachhta to make India a Swacch Bharat by 2019 -150 the birthday celebration of Mahatma Gandhi.
- It was being organized in the Wardha district of Maharashtra with a focus on achievement of the objectives of sanitation and Gandhian thoughts via Swacch Bharat Mission.

#### About Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA)

- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) was launched on 2 October 2014 with two submissions, SBA (gramin) and SBA (urban).
- The mission is jointly managed Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) (for gramin) and the Ministry of Urban Development (for urban).

### 6. North East Festival and Experiencing the North East held in New Delhi

- The sixth edition of North East festival is organized in New Delhi and the 15th edition of Indian International Centre festival is also held in New Delhi.
- The festival is organised by Indian International Centre as 15th anniversary of its annual festivals.
- The theme for this year is “**Experiencing the North East**”.

### 7. 7th Meeting of Education Ministers of SCO Member States held in Astana, Kazakhstan

### 8. 12th ASEM Summit held in - Brussels, Belgium

- The theme of summit was ‘Global Partners for Global Challenges’.
- It was chaired by European Council President Donald Tusk.
- The summit was attended by heads of state of 51 European and Asian countries, representatives of European Union and Secretary General of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- India was represented by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.

### 9. 13th India-Japan Annual Summit – Tokyo, Japan

- The annual bilateral summit of India –Japan held on 28, 29 October 2018 in Japan.
- The Indian prime minister visited Japan to attend the summit.
- Japan-India Investment Promotion Roadmap enhanced the contribution of Japan in India’s Make in India initiative with establishment of Business Support Centre in Ahmedabad.

### 10. 2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care, Kazakhstan

- The second conference on PHC inaugurated on 25 October 2018 in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- The conference is a collective initiative of Government of Kazakhstan, WHO and UNICEF.



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- From India J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the conference.

#### 11. 20th Edition of WETEX 2018 held in Dubai

- The 20th Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) 2018 was held at Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- WETEX is organized by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) every year.
- WETEX 2018 is the largest edition in the 20 year-history of WETEX.

#### 12. India hosts the highest number of outward international migrants in 2017

- The Asian Economic Integration Report 2018 was presented by Asian Development Bank.
- The report is an annual publication of ADB with a focus on progress in cooperation and migration.
- The report revealed that India hosts the highest number of outward international migrants in 2017. It was followed by China and Bangladesh.
- About one third of international migrants were from Asia in 2017.

#### 13. 2018 UN Day Concert Held in New York

- The 2018 United Nations Day Concert was held in the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- The theme of this year's concert is "Traditions of Peace and Non-violence".

#### 14. 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting and 5th ADMM-Plus – Singapore

- The 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) and 5th ADMM-Plus was held on October 19 and 20, 2018 Singapore.
- The conferences were attended by defence ministers from India, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and US. India was represented by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

- This was second time Singapore has chaired ADMM since its establishment in 2006 and first time to chair ADMM-Plus since its establishment in 2010.

#### 15. PM Modi Inaugurated Krishi Kumbha in Lucknow

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a farmers' conclave 'Krishi Kumbh 2018' in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Kumbh witnessed two of the world's top economies, Israel and Japan, as official partners while Haryana and Jharkhand as partner states.

#### 16. 10th Nuclear Energy Conclave held in New Delhi

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

#### 17. Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018 held in New Delhi

- The Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018 held in New Delhi.
- The theme of the 2-day summit is, 'Connecting Farmers to Market'.
- The summit was inaugurated by the Secretary Agriculture and Co-operation, Sanjay Agrawal.

#### 18. 1st Trilateral meeting among India, Afghanistan & Iran held in Tehran

- The first trilateral meeting among India, Afghanistan and Iran of the Coordination Council of the Chabahar Agreement took place in Tehran, Iran.
- The Indian delegation was led by Secretary (Economic Relations) TS Tirumurti.

#### 19. 27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

- The 27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2018) was held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.



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- The Chair of the Board of IAEA for 2018-2019 is Ambassador Leena Al-Hadid of Jordan.
- 20. India to host 4th Edition of Global Partners' Forum in December 2018**
- India will host the fourth edition of Global Partners' Forum in December 2018 in New Delhi.
  - The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) will unite over 100 countries' representatives to discuss issues, strategies and solutions to women's, children's and adolescents' health.
  - It will be co-hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and PMNCH. Dr Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile is the chair of PMNCH.
- 21. 12th Asia Europe Meeting Summit held in Brussels**
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu attended the 12th Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit Brussels, Belgium.
  - Mr Naidu lead the Indian delegation at the Summit.
  - The theme of this year's ASEM Summit is "Global Partners for Global Challenges".
- 22. 6th Meeting of UAE-India High-Level Joint Task Force held in Mumbai**
- 23. 6th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting (IMM) – Singapore**  
**Note:** The Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution C. R. Chaudhary, attended the event.
- 24. The 46th edition of world's largest IHGF-Delhi Fair was held at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.**
- It was inaugurated by Union Minister of State (MoS) for Textiles Ajay Tamta.
- 25. 17th Council of Heads of Government, CHG, meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization - Dushanbe, Tajikistan**
- 26. 2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products – New Delhi**
- 27. India–West Africa Conclave held in - Abuja, Nigeria.**
- 28. India International Science Festival (IISF-2018) - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**
- Theme - "Science for Transformation"
- 29. First Uttarakhand Investors Summit – Dehradun, Uttar Pradesh.**
- 30. 10th Biennial International Exhibition & Conference held in - Mumbai**
- 31. First Regional Conference on 'Women in Detention and Access to Justice – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**

## September

1. Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence - New Delhi
2. High Level Meeting on Tuberculosis at 73rd session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at **New York**'.
3. India-Morocco Tourism Bilateral Meeting held in New Delhi
4. 23rd Meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission held in Moscow
5. The Global Climate Action Summit 2018 was held at **San Francisco, California, United States**
6. G-20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting held in Argentina.
7. The Jaipur Literature Festival held in Houston at the Asia Society of Texas.
8. **4th World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2018):** New Delhi  
**Note:** WOSA is a biennial Summit organised by National Board of Accreditation (NBA).
9. **World Hindu Congress** - Chicago, the USA



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**Note:** The theme of World Hindu Congress is '**think collectively, achieve valiantly**'.

**10. India's first Global Mobility summit 'MOVE'** - New Delhi.

**Note:**

- It was inaugurated Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The summit was organised by NITI Aayog.
- The main focus of the summit is to make cities of India pollution free.
- The Summit includes three designated components – The Conclave, Digital Exhibition, and Featured Events.

**11. 87th Izmir International tradeshow** – Izmir, Turkey.

**Note:** India is the partner country in the tradeshow.

**12. Defence & Homeland Security Expo & Conference** – New Delhi.

**13. India and the US hold the first edition** of the two-plus-two talks in New Delhi.

**14. International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018** - Kathmandu, Nepal.

**Note:** The theme is “Equality begins with Economic Empowerment”.

**15. International Aviation Summit** - New Delhi, India.

**16. 6th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers’ Meeting** - Singapore

**17. 15th India-ASEAN Economic Ministers’ Meeting** - Singapore

**18. 4th International Ayurveda Congress** - Netherlands

**Note:** Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the event.

## August

**1. 4th BIMSTEC Summit** - Kathmandu, Nepal

**Note:**

- The theme of the summit is 'Towards a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable Bay of Bengal region'
- Sri Lanka has become the new chair of the BIMSTEC. Hence, Sri Lanka will host the fifth summit of the BIMSTEC.

**2. International Buddhist Conclave 2020** - India will host the Conclave in August 2020.

**3. First SAARC Agri Cooperative Business Forum Begins** – Kathmandu, Nepal

**4. G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting** - Salta, Argentina.

**Note:** The theme of the meeting was 'Building consensus for fair and sustainable development'.

**5. The 8th meeting of India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee** - Nairobi, Kenya.

**6. Fourth Asian electoral stakeholder’s forum (AESF-IV)** – Colombo, Sri Lanka

**7. India Banking Conclave 2018** - New Delhi.

**Note:** The India Banking Conclave 2018 was organized by Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

**8. International Buddhist Conclave 2018** – New Delhi, India

**Note:**

- The theme of the conclave is 'Buddha Path – The Living Heritage'
- This year Japan is the partnering country for the Buddhist conclave.

**9. 11th World Hindi Conference** - Port Louis, Mauritius.

**Note: Theme** – ‘Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti’

**10. The 24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP)** - Beijing, China.

**Note:** Theme was “Learning To Be Human”.

**11. ‘One District One Product’ Summit** - The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the ‘One District One Product’ Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

**Note:**

- Uttar Pradesh contributes around 44% in the total handicraft exports of the country.



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- Under the 'One District One Product' scheme, the state government has set a goal of providing employment to 25 lakh people in five years through the financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 crores.

12. **51st ASEAN Foreign Ministers meeting** - Singapore
13. **Indo-US Military Cooperation Meeting** – New Delhi, India

## July

1. 1st Nepal-India Think Tank Summit – Kathmandu, Nepal.
2. **10<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit 2018** - Johannesburg, South Africa.  
**Note:**
  - The theme of BRICS Summit 2018 was 'BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution'.
  - **11th BRICS Summit 2019** - Brazil
3. The 6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) meeting - **New Delhi, India.**
4. **Global Disability Summit 2018** – London, UK
5. **The 8th BRICS Health Ministers' meeting** - Durban, South Africa.
6. **India and Japan fourth round of Maritime Affairs Dialogue** - New Delhi, India
7. **8th India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting** - Muscat
8. **17th World Sanskrit Conference** - Vancouver, Canada.
9. 6th edition of biennial World Cities Summit – Singapore.

**Note:** The theme was “Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration“

10. **India to host International Union of Food Science and Technology 2018** – India to host 19th edition of its prestigious global event to be held in Navi Mumbai, India in October 2018.
11. **17th World Sanskrit Conference held in Canada:** Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 17th World Sanskrit Conference held at Vancouver, Canada.
12. **6th edition of biennial World Cities Summit held in Singapore:** The sixth edition of biennial World Cities Summit was held in Singapore from July 8 to 12, 2018. Its theme was “Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration“.
13. The 5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional ministerial meeting was held in Tokyo, Japan. It was first RCEP ministerial gathering to be held outside ASEAN countries.



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## June

- 1. Haryana** to host World Union of Wholesale Markets Conference.
  - Haryana Government is going to host 2018 World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) Conference at Gurugram in 10-13 October 2018.
- 2. World Environment Day 2018: India**
  - India hosted 2018 World Environment Day on June 5, 2018.
  - With “**Beat Plastic Pollution**” as the theme for this year’s edition, the world is coming together to combat single-use plastic pollution.
  - India ranks at 177 positions out of 180 in Environmental Performance Index 2018.
- 3. The 11th edition of Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018 – New Delhi.**
  - The 11th edition of Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018 was held at Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, India.
  - The aim of the event was to provide platform to showcase innovative applications of Geospatial technologies.
- 4. 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit 2018 - China**
  - The 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO-2018) was hosted by China in the city of **Qingdao** in June 2018.
  - 17th SCO summit 2017, was held in Astana, Kazakhstan in June 2017.
  - **Kyrgyzstan** has taken over the SCO rotating presidency, and the **19th SCO summit will be held in Kyrgyzstan next year.**
- The SCO is consisting of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.
- 5. 44th G7 Summit 2018 – Canada**
  - The **44th G7 summit** was held on June 8–9, 2018, in **Quebec, Canada.**
  - This was the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings.
  - The **45th G7** summit or next G7 summit will be held in **2019 in France.**
  - The Group of Seven (G7) is a group consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- 6. An International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - Kathmandu, Nepal**

**Explanation:**

  - The International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) was held in **Kathmandu, Nepal.**
  - The Theme of the two-day conference is “**Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society**”.
  - The conference is organised by the Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN).
- 7. 11th World Hindi Conference - Mauritius**
  - The 11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius in August 2018 with an aim to increase the popularity of Hindi globally.
  - The main theme of the Conference is ‘**Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti**’.



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1. Global Wind Summit 2018: **Hamburg, Germany.**
  - The first edition of the Global Wind Summit will be held in Hamburg, Germany in September 2018.
  - The conference on wind is the largest and most important meeting of the wind industry worldwide.
  - India is fourth largest country, after China, the US and Germany, in terms of wind energy installation capacity.
2. 9th edition of 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' - **Tehri, Uttarakhand.**
  - Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' was held to promote India's rich cultural Heritage which was organised by the Ministry of Culture.
  - **Mahesh Sharma**, Union Minister of Culture - Minister of State (Independent Charge)
3. The 71st World Health Assembly was held in: **Geneva, Switzerland.**
  - The Union Health Minister Mr. J P Nadda led the Indian Delegation at World Health Assembly.
  - The Event was held under the theme "**Health for All: Commit To Universal Health Coverage**".
4. The 3rd Mission Innovation Ministerial meeting was held at - **Malmo, Sweden.**
  - The Indian delegation was led by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science, Technology and Earth Sciences.
  - The 'Mission Innovation' is a global platform of 23 countries and European Union aimed at accelerating clean energy innovations through enhanced Government funding, greater public-private sector partnership and enhanced global cooperation.
5. Climate summit 2019 – **New York**
  - Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced to hold a climate summit in September 2019 in **New York** to review the commitments of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
6. The third edition of 'United Nations Peacekeeping course for African Partners(UNPCAP)' - **New Delhi**
  - The third edition of 'United Nations Peacekeeping course for African Partners(UNPCAP)' was held in New Delhi.
7. **15th Asia Media Summit 2018 - India**
  - India hosted 15th Asia Media Summit 2018 in **New Delhi.**
  - The theme of this summit is "**Telling our Stories Asia and More**".
  - The AMS 2018, an annual summit of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) Kuala Lumpur, is a prestigious summit in the Asia Pacific Region and India hosted the **event for the first time.**
8. **2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) – China**
  - China will host the 2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) in August 2018.
  - The theme of the conference is - **Creating new intelligent power and sharing the new opening-up era.**
  - It will offer a venue where academic thoughts can be exchanged at high levels and the latest achievements demonstrated.
9. **2018 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Tourism Ministers' conference - China**
  - China hosted the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Tourism Ministers' conference in Wuhan, on 9th May 2018.
  - From India, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, K. J. Alphons attended the conference.



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- It was the first meeting of SCO tourism ministers since the organization was established in 2001 in Shanghai.
10. First meeting of the **BIMSTEC Working Group on Customs Cooperation - India**
    - The first meeting of the BIMSTEC Working Group on Customs Cooperation was held in New Delhi, **India on 10-11 May 2018.**
    - Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is an international organization involving a group of countries in the South Asia and South-East Asia namely, **Myanmar, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Bhutan, Nepal & Sri Lanka.**
    - BIMSTEC was established on 6 June 1997 through the Bangkok Declaration. It is headquartered in Dhaka, **Bangladesh.**
  11. 2018 Bay of **Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)** summit – **Nepal**
    - Nepal will host the 2018 Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit.
  12. First-ever joint **conference of Indian Customs and Department of India Posts - New Delhi**
    - The first-ever joint conference of Indian Customs and Department of India Posts at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi to deliberate on streamlining of imports and exports by post.
  13. India- South Africa Business Summit 2018 was held in - **Johannesburg**
    - India- South Africa Business Summit 2018 was held in Johannesburg.
    - Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu attended the event.
    - The tag line of the India- South Africa Business Summit is – **United by Legacy, Unified for Prosperity.**
  14. The 4th Regional Conference on ‘Futuristic, Resilient and Digital Infrastructure’ 2018 was held in - **Bengaluru**
    - The conference was organised by the Ministry of Finance.
    - The conference was held to discuss three broad areas which include -
    - the Challenges as well as Opportunities in the context of need for Futuristic,
    - Resilient and Digital Infrastructure,
    - Resource Mobilisation and Emerging Challenges among others.
  15. The 12<sup>th</sup> informal meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers 2018 was held in **Manila.**

Note:

    - The twelfth informal meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers was held in Manila, the capital of Philippines.
    - Finance Minister of **Nepal Yuba Raj Khatiwada** chaired the meeting.
    - The meeting was held on the side-lines of the 51st Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank (ADB). Finance Ministers/Heads of Delegations from the SAARC member states attended the meeting.



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## April

### 1. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019 - **Varanasi**

Explanation:

- The next Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held on **21-23 January 2019**, in the holy city of **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh.
  - The **theme** of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is **“Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India”**.
  - Prime Minister of **Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth** will be the **Chief Guest** at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019.
2. The India Mobile Congress will be held from 25th – 27th October 2018 in **New Delhi**
- The theme of the 2018 India Mobile Congress is - **“NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS: Connect. Create. Innovate,”**.
3. The first ‘Happy Cities’ Summit - **Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh**
4. 7th edition of Home Expo India 2018 - **Greater Noida**
5. The 10th edition of “DefExpo India- 2018” - **Tamil Nadu**
- The theme of the expo is **“India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub”**.
6. The World Expo 2020 - **Dubai**
7. First International conference on ‘Water, Environment and Climate Change: Knowledge Sharing and Partnership’ - **Nepal**
8. The 18<sup>th</sup> Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Mid-Term Ministerial conference - **Baku, Azerbaijan**
- The theme of the conference is - **“Promoting International Peace and Security for Sustainable Development”**.
  - External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** attended the meeting.
9. International Buddhist Conference 2018 **Lumbini, Nepal**
10. First meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors - **Washington D.C.**
- Ministry of Finance, Government of India was represented in the meeting by **Shri Subhash Chandra Garg**, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs (EA).
11. The 2018 Global Malaria Summit - **United Kingdom**
- The 2018 Global Malaria Summit was held alongside the 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London, United Kingdom.
12. 25<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2018 - **United Kingdom**
- The 25<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2018 is being hosted by United Kingdom from **16-20 April 2018**.
  - The theme of the CHOGM 2018 is **“Towards a Common Future”**.
  - Rwanda has been selected as host of the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), to be held in **2020**.



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1. The first G20 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors held in \_\_\_**Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**Note:**

- The 2018 G20 summit will be the 13th meeting of Group of Twenty (G20).
- The summit will be held on 30 Nov – 1 Dec 2018 in the city of **Buenos Aires, Argentina**.
- It will be the first-ever G20 summit to be hosted in **South America**.
- G 20 Summit in 2017 was held in **Hamburg, Germany**.

2. **106th edition** of the Indian Science Congress will be held in \_\_\_**Jalandhar, Punjab**.

**Note:**

- The event will be from January 3-7, 2019 at Barkatullah University Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The **theme** for 2019 ISC will be “**Future India: Science & Technology**”.
- **105<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress** was held at Manipur University, Imphal.
- The **theme** for 2018 ISC is “Reaching the Unreached Through Science & Technology”.
- **104<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress 2017** was held in **Tirupati** (S. V. University), **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **103<sup>rd</sup> Indian Science Congress 2016** was held in **Mysore**.

### February

1. Global Investment Summit held in - **Assam**
2. 7th India Energy Congress – **New Delhi**
  - The theme of the summit is '**Energy 4.0: Energy Transition Towards 2030**'.

3. 7th Asia Steel International Conference – **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.
4. International Bird Festival will be held at the Dudhwa National Park, Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh in February 2018.

### January

1. **16th International Energy Forum (IEF)** Ministerial meeting will be held in New Delhi in April 2018.
2. World Economic Forum Summit held in – Davos, Switzerland
3. **India-ASEAN business** and investment conference held in **New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The theme of the conference was “Shared Values, Common Destiny”.
- The conference was held to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of sectoral dialogue between two sides.

4. The first **International Dam Safety Conference-2018** was held in Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
5. India has announced to host informal Ministerial meeting of **World Trade Organisation (WTO) in March 2018** in New Delhi to muster support for issues and help to multi-lateral process.
6. The 10th edition of Global Forum for Food & Agriculture was held in Berlin, Germany.
  - The theme of this year’s event is “Shaping the future of livestock – sustainably, responsibly, efficiently”.
7. **The first-ever Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)** Parliamentary Conference was held in the Pravasi



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Bharatiya Kendra (PBK) in New Delhi on the occasion of Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas (PBD).

**Note:**

- This year's PBD celebrated ASEAN-Indian partnership and was themed *Ancient Route, New Journey: Diaspora in the Dynamic ASEAN INDIA Partnership*.
  - The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated every year on January 9 to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India.
8. 7th International Coffee festival – Bengaluru.
  9. World Future Energy Summit held in - Abu Dhabi.
  10. India-Israel Business Summit held in Mumbai.
  11. India for the first time took part in a meeting of the international military cooperation departments of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in **Beijing, China**.
  12. 3rd edition of the Geo-Political conference, 'Raisina Dialogue' held in New Delhi.
    - This year's topic of Raisina Dialogue is 'Managing Disruptive Transitions - Ideas, Institutions and Idioms.'
    - The conference was inaugurated Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.
  13. International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (IWDR) held in New Delhi.
  14. 4th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture & Forestry held in New Delhi.
  15. 5th Bilateral Technical Meeting on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine India and Malaysia held in New Delhi.
  16. 4th International Dharma Dhamma Conference held in Rajgir in Bihar.
  17. The 105th Indian Science Congress (ISC) will be held from March 16 to 20 at Manipur University in Imphal.

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