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Dear readers,

Monthly GK Blaster is a collection of **BEST 150 current affairs** news and events that occurred in the month of **January 2018**. This file is important for all **SSC & Railway Exams**.

**GK Blaster**

1. Which commodity exchange has launched **India's first Agri-commodity options contract in Guar seeds? National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX).**

**Note:**

- NCDEX is **second exchange** after Multi Commodity exchange (MCX) to launch **options trading** in commodities.
- In October 2017, MCX had launched **gold options**.
- NCDEX headquarter is in – **Mumbai**.

2. What is the rank of India in the **Global Manufacturing Index 2018? ---- 30**

**Note:**

- India was ranked at 30th position among **100** countries in Global Manufacturing Index 2018.
- The report has been developed by World Economic Forum in collaboration with A T Kearney.
- **Japan topped the index** followed by **South Korea and Germany**.

3. As per the survey conducted by **National Family and Health Survey (NFHS-4)**, the richest state in India is: **Delhi**.

**Note:**

- **Bihar** is the **poorest** state.
- **Punjab** is the other state that is featured at top in the list in terms of richest states of the country.
- The survey was conducted on more than 6 lakh households of country.
- **According to report, 29%** of the **rural population is poor**, whereas the percentage of poor people in urban areas is just 3.3%.

4. Yara International ASA has acquired 'Tata Chemicals Urea Plant in India. This plant is located in \_\_. **Babrala, Budaun district, Uttar Pradesh**

**Note:**

- Yara International is **Norway** based chemical company.
- It is India's first-ever FDI in **Fertilizer sector**.

5. Which bank become the first Indian bank to cross Rs. 5 trillion market capitalization?

Ans - **HDFC Bank Ltd.**

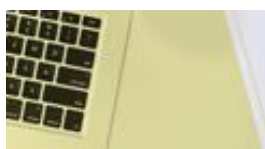
**Note:**

- HDFC bank became third Indian company to achieve this milestone after TCS & Reliance Industries.
- **Reliance Industry Ltd** remained the most valued company with a market cap of **Rs. 5.82 trillion**, followed by **Tata Consultancy Services Ltd** with a market cap of Rs. 5.57 trillion.

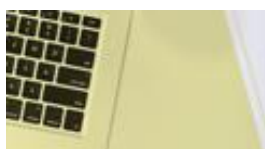
6. According to the Reserve Bank of India report - Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Indian Direct Investment Companies 2016-17, the largest source of FDI in India comes from \_\_.

Ans – **Mauritius**.

- **Mauritius** was the largest source of FDI in India in 2016-17.
- Mauritius followed by the USA, the UK, Singapore, and Japan.



- In **Overseas Direct investment (ODI) Singapore** was the major ODI destination, followed by the Netherlands, Mauritius, and the USA.
7. **Raghunath Jha** passed away - Senior Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and former Union Minister  
**Note:**
- He was elected Member of Parliament twice from Gopalganj and Bettiah Lok Sabha constituencies in Bihar.
8. **Gnani Sankaran** passed away - Veteran Tamil writer, journalist and theatre personality.
9. **Dr. N.K. Trikha** passed away - Veteran journalist & author.  
**Note:**
- Mr. Trikha had worked at Hindi newspaper Navbharat Times for a long time and was also the editor of its Lucknow edition.
10. **Charu Rohtagi** passed away – Veteran TV actress.  
**Note:**
- She was known for her roles in other TV shows namely **Uttaran, Pratigya, Trideviyaan**, and others.
11. **Pandit Buddhadev Dasgupta** passed away - Sarod maestro.  
**Note:**
- He is the genres of Hindustani Classical Music. He is recipient of **Padma Bhushan Award**. He was also awarded Sangeet Mahasamman.
12. New Chief Election Commissioner of India – **Om Prakash Rawat**  
**Note:**
- He replaces Achal Kumar Joti.
  - Former finance secretary **Ashok Lavasa** was appointed as **election commissioner**.
13. New Madhya Pradesh Governor - **Anandiben Patel**.  
**Note:**
- She will replace Gujarat governor **Om Prakash Kohli** who currently holds additional charge of the office of Governor of **Madhya Pradesh**.
14. New Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Director (CEO) of National Commodity and Derivative Exchange (NCDEX) - **Vijay Kumar Venkataraman**.
15. New CMD of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCL) - **S Selvakumar**.  
**Note:**
- He will replace Anurag Agarwal.
16. Indian architect has been conferred France's top cultural award Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres \_\_\_ **Aishwarya Tipnis**.
17. The 63<sup>rd</sup> Filmfare Awards 2018 – Here is the complete list of those who won big at the **63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018**.
- Best Film: '**Hindi Medium**'
  - Best Actor Female: **Vidya Balan** for 'Tumhari Sulu'
  - Best Actor - Male: **Irrfan Khan** for 'Hindi Medium'
  - Best Director: **Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari** for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'
  - Best Debut Director: **Konkona Sensharma** for 'A Death in the Gunj'
  - Best Actor In A Supporting Role (Male): **Rajkummar Rao** for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'
  - Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female): **Meher Vij** for 'Secret Superstar'
  - Best Original Story: **Amit Masurkar** for 'Newton'
  - Best Actor (Male) in a Short Film: **Jackie Shroff** for 'Khujli'
  - Best Actor (Female) in a Short Film: **Shefali Shah** for 'Juice'
  - Best Short Film (Fiction) : '**Juice**'
  - People's Choice Award for Best Short Film: '**Anahut**'
  - Lifetime Achievement Award: **Mala Sinha and Bappi Lahiri**
18. According to the International Air Transport Association which country has topped the domestic **air passenger traffic demand in 2017?** ----- **India**.



19. Who launched the “**Operation Digital Board**”? ---- **Cabinet Advisory Board of Education (CABE)**

**Note:**

- The 65th Cabinet Advisory Board of Education (CABE) meeting held in Delhi under the chairmanship of Human Resource & Development (HRD) Minister – Prakash Javedkar.
- The idea of Operation Digital Board is aimed at providing better digital education in all schools.

20. ‘**Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat**’ launched by HRD Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar in ----- **Kochi, Kerala.**

**Note:**

- ‘The programme is an initiative of **Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan** to prepare a **physical Health and Fitness Profile Card** for more than 12 lakhs of Kendriya Vidyalaya students.

21. Which ministry has launched the ‘**Saksham-2018**’ campaign to promote energy efficiency in various sector of Indian Economy? ----- **Ministry of Petroleum.**

22. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs (MoHUA) launched the Liveability index to rate how many Indian cities? ---- **116 Indian cities**

**Note:**

- It will be funded by the World Bank.

23. Government of India has approved **2018 as National Year of \_\_\_ Millets**

24. India’s first automatic **Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS)** will be commissioned by March 2018 in\_\_.

**Odisha**

**Note:**

- It will provide **Odisha’s entire population** residing on 480 km length coastline a pre-warning siren in event of occurrence of natural disasters **like tsunami or cyclone.**

25. India announced setting up of \_\_\_ **Solar Development Fund** for financing solar projects under the International Solar Alliance (ISA). - **\$350 million**

**Note:**

- ISA headquarters at **Gurugram, India.**

26. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Israeli counterpart **Benjamin Netanyahu** inaugurated **iCREATE facility** at \_\_\_ **Deo Dholera Village in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**

**Note:**

- **iCreate** aims to develop an ecosystem in India to generate **quality entrepreneurs.**

27. The iconic **Teen Murti Chowk** in central New Delhi was renamed as \_\_. **Teen Murti Haifa Chowk.**

28. The NITI Aayog has launched first course under GIAN on Sustainable Urban planning at IIT Kanpur’s outreach centre in Noida. Here ‘**GIAN**’ stands for ---- **Global Initiative on Academic Network (GIAN)**

**Note:**

- **GIAN is a Higher Education scheme** of HRD Ministry that aims to boost the quality of the country’s higher education through international collaboration.

29. Which ministry has launched the ‘**Cyber Surakshit Bharat**’ initiative to strengthen cybersecurity ecosystem in India? **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**

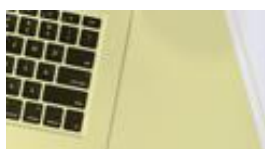
**Note:**

- **Cyber Surakshit Bharat is first public-private partnership of its kind.** It will leverage the expertise of the IT industry in cybersecurity.
- The founding partners include leading IT companies such as Microsoft, Intel, WIPRO, Redhat and Dimension Data.

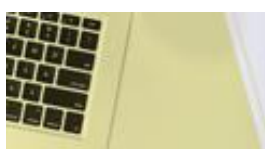
30. The Army Day 2018 (70th edition) has been celebrated in India\_\_\_ **15th January.**

**Note:**

- The day is celebrated to pay homage, salute to the courageous and brave Indian soldiers who have been sacrificing their lives for protecting the country.



31. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Rajasthan's first Oil Refinery** at \_\_\_ **Pachpadra, Barmer District**.
32. The **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** to set up **biogas and bio-CNG plants** in which state? --- **Punjab**.
33. Which state has launched the '**Mukhya Mantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana**' for the welfare of the artist in the state?  
**Odisha**.  
**Note:**
- Under **MMKSY Scheme**, artists across the state will get a monthly assistance of **Rs. 1200**.
34. Which state has launched the **Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjivani Yojana** for promoting climate-resilient agriculture?  
**Maharashtra**.  
**Note**
- The total budget of the project is **Rs.4,000-crore**.
35. Which state has become the first state in the country to achieve the **100 per cent door-to-door garbage collection target in urban bodies?** ----- **Madhya Pradesh**.
36. Which state government has approved **1% reservation** for orphans in government jobs under general category?  
**Maharashtra**.
37. Which country has commissioned the indigenously developed **Missile Frigate 'Rizhao'**? --- **China**.
38. India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country to enable the return of illegal Indian migrants abroad and sharing of criminal records? -- **United Kingdom**.  
**Note:**
- Indian agencies have found nearly **2000 Indians illegally staying in UK**.
39. India became the \_\_\_ member of the Australia Group. --- **43<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Note:**
- Australia Group is an informal forum of countries which seeks to ensure that **exports do not contribute to the development of chemical or biological weapons**.
40. Which country has designed the world's biggest air purifier? - **China**.  
**Note:**
- China has designed the world's biggest air purifier at a height of over **100 meters to fight air pollution**.
41. World Future Energy Summit 2018 held in\_\_\_ **Abu Dhabi, UAE**.
42. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the '**Economic Democracy Conclave**' at \_\_\_ **Thane, Maharashtra**.
43. The third edition of the geo-political conference - **Raisina Dialogue** was held in - New Delhi.  
**Note:**
- It was inaugurated by Israeli **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu**.
  - The theme of the conference for this year is '**Managing Disruptive Transitions: Ideas, Institutions and Idioms**'.
44. The International Workshop on **Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (IWDRI)** was held in - **New Delhi**.  
**Note:**
- It was inaugurated by **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh**.
45. Sanjay Manjrekar autobiography launched titled '**Imperfect**'  
**Note:** The book was released by **Dilip Vengsarkar**, Manjrekar's first international captain.
46. Which country won the Blind Cricket World Cup 2018? - **India**  
**Note:**
- India defeated Pakistan in the final of Blind Cricket World Cup 2018 held in Sharjah.
47. Who has been selected for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year Award? -- **Virat Kohli**  
**Note:**
- ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year - **Steve Smith (Australia)**
  - ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year - **Virat Kohli (India)**
  - ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year - **Hasan Ali (Pakistan)**
  - ICC Men's T20I Performance of the Year - **Yuzvendra Chahal (6-25 v England) (India)**
48. **Brazilian Football player** has been formally confirmed his retirement from football\_\_\_ **Ronaldinho Gaucho**.  
**Note:** x`
- Ronaldinho started his career with Gremio and spent five years with Barcelona (2003-2008).
49. The Joint Military Exercise "**Vajra Prahar 2018**" conducted between India and \_\_\_ **USA**.  
**Note:**
- The Joint Military Exercise was held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) in Seattle, USA.



50. India has successfully test-fired indigenously developed long range **Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missile** \_\_**Agni-V**.

**Note:**

- Agni-V missile has a strike range of **5000 Kilometres** and can carry a nuclear warhead of more than one tonne.

51. Who has been selected for **Yash Chopra memorial award 2018?** - **Asha Bhosle** (Legendary playback singer)

- She is the **fifth winner** of the award.
- Earlier, recipients of the Yash Chopra Memorial Award are Lata Mangeshkar, Amitabh Bachchan, Rekha and Shah Rukh Khan.

52. International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected India's GDP growth to grow how much percent in 2018? - **7.4%**

- In its **World Economic Outlook** Update, it also estimated that the Indian economy would grow by **7.8 per cent** in **2019**.

53. Who appointed as the new **Foreign Secretary** of India? - **Vijay Keshav Gokhale**

- He succeeded **S Jaishankar**.
- He was **India's Ambassador to China** from January 20, 2016 to October 21, 2017.
- He played a key role in resolving the **Doklam standoff between India and China**.

54. Who has been appointed as the **first woman Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?** - **Usha Ananthasubramanian**

- She is a Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Allahabad Bank.
- Chairman of State Bank of India **Rajnish Kumar** has been elected Deputy Chairman of IBA.

55. According to the World Steel Association (WSA) India becomes \_\_\_largest producer of crude steel in 2017. **Third**

- India has overtaken **US to become the world's third largest steel producer in 2017**.
- Top 2 largest producer of crude steel: **China & Japan**.
- WSA headquartered is in Brussels, Belgium.

56. World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meet held in – **Davos, Switzerland**.

- The summit's theme of this year is '**Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World**'.

57. Who is the new Director General (DG) of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)? - **Dilip Chenoy**

58. **National Girl Child Day** observed every year on - **24<sup>th</sup> January**

59. Uttar Pradesh foundation Day observed on - **24<sup>th</sup> January**

- On 24th January 1950, the state renamed as **Uttar Pradesh** from **United Provinces**.

60. What is the name of the autobiography of the former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit? "**Citizen Delhi: My Times, My Life**".

61. India to host **16th International Energy forum** meet in April in - **New Delhi**.

- It will be co-hosted by the Government of **China and South Korea**.
- India had last hosted the IEF ministerial conference in 1996.

62. 4<sup>th</sup> India **International Science Festival** to be held in - **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.

63. National Voters Day observed on - **25<sup>th</sup> January**

64. Himachal Pradesh celebrates its 48th Statehood Day on - **25<sup>th</sup> January**

65. Who has been appointed new Director General of National Security Guard? - **Sudeep Lakhtakia**

66. Who became the new President of Liberia? - **George Weah** (former football star)

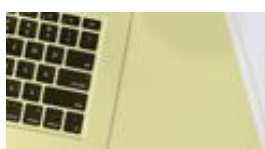
- He succeeds **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**.

67. India's first garbage festival '**Kachra Mahotsav 2018**' held in - **Raipur, Chhattisgarh**.

- The objective of the festival is to increase awareness of use the waste generated in the city creatively and to showcase multiple techniques for reusing things that are labeled as garbage.

68. Who is the winner of the **Mumbai Marathon 2018?** - **Soloman Deksisa** (Ethiopia)

69. Which Indian won the World Economic Forum's 24th Crystal Award? - **Shah Rukh Khan**



70. AYUSH Minister **Shri Shripad Yesso Naik**, laid the foundation stone for Homeopathy Research Institute in - **Jaipur, Rajasthan.**
71. Which country will host 2018 Women's World T20? - **West Indies**
- **Australia** will host - World T20 in 2020 for both the men's and the women's event
72. 7th Asia **Steel International Conference** to be held in - **Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**
73. **Rakhi Halder** was in news. She is related to which sports? **Weightlifting**
74. Who became the new director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)? - **S Somanath.**
- He succeeded **K Sivan** who became new chairman of **ISRO**
75. Which state has become the first state to enforce the ban on the sale of tobacco in shops selling FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) items like chocolates, chips and other edible items? - **Maharashtra**
76. The union govt. has announced how much capital infusion in 20 public sector banks under its recapitalization plan? - **Rs. 88,139 crore**
- Banks **include IDBI Bank** (Rs. 10,610 crores), State Bank of India (Rs. 8,800 crores), Bank of India, UCO Bank, BOB (Rs. 5375 crores) and Punjab National Bank (Rs. 5473 Crore).
77. Who has been honored with Ashok Chakra posthumously? - **Jyoti Prakash Nirala**
78. **Shri Ghulam Mustafa Khan** selected for **Padma Vibhushan Award** 2018. He is related to which field? - **Classical Music**
- He is an Indian classical musician in the Hindustani classical music tradition.
  - The year Padma Awards comprises of - 3 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 73 Padma Shri Awards.
79. India first floating market to set up in - **Kolkata.**
80. Which state has launched the '**Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojana**'(MGSVY)? - **Punjab**
81. India and which country released the **first-ever Memorial Stamps** to mark the long-term friendly bilateral relationships between the two countries. - **Vietnam**
- The two set of stamps released carry picture of **Sanchi Stupa and Thien Mu Pagoda.**
82. Supriya Devi passed away. She was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_. **Actress (Bengali film)**
83. Who won the **Australian Open 2018** men's title? - **Roger Federer**
- He defeated **Marin Cilic** (Croatia) in five sets 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
  - Roger Federer the first man in tennis history to win **20 career Grand Slam titles.**
  - He won the **six Australian Opens** (2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2017 and 2018) titles.
84. Who won the **Australian Open 2018** women's title? - **Caroline Wozniacki**
- She became the first player from Denmark to win a Grand Slam title.
  - She defeated **Simona Halep (Romania)** by 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.
85. Which state government has launched the '**Shakti**' app for women's safety in the state? - **Himachal Pradesh**
86. The International Custom Day has been observed across the world\_\_\_\_ **26<sup>th</sup> January.**
- Theme - "**A secure business environment for economic development.**"
87. Who was the Chief Guest at 26<sup>th</sup> Republic Day 2018? **ASEAN leaders of all 10 countries**
88. According to the Economic Survey 2017-18, India's GDP growth prediction for FY19 is? - **7 to 7.5 percent**
- The survey was prepared by the by the Chief Economic Adviser **Arvind Subramanian**
89. Indian Overseas Bank has signed an agreement with which bank for the Rural Housing Interest Subsidy Scheme (RHSS)? **National Housing Bank**
90. What is the name of the new app which was introduced by the Google which allows anybody to submit stories for and about their communities? - "**Bulletin**"
91. This year Anti-Leprosy Day observed on - **28<sup>th</sup> January**
- World Leprosy Day is observed internationally on January 30 or its nearest Sunday.
92. Who got RBI clearance to register and function as a non-banking finance company (NBFC) \_\_\_\_ **Telangana Industrial Health Clinic Ltd (TIHCL).**
- Note:**
- TIHCL will be the first state promoted and co-financing NBFC.



- Telangana launches India's 1st co-financing NBFC for MSMEs

93. What is the base colour of new 10 rupees banknotes? **Chocolate Brown**

**Note:**

- The new denomination has motif of Sun Temple, Konark on the reverse and the base colour of the note, **Chocolate Brown.**
- The dimension of the banknote will be **63 mm x 123 mm.**

94. World Bank projects India's growth rate in 2018 \_\_ **7.3%**

95. Which bank has signed a MoU with National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation to provide financial assistance to Scheduled Castes families living below Double Poverty Line? **Punjab National Bank.**

96. Doodhnath Singh passed away. He was a famous \_\_. **Hindi story writer**

97. John Young passed away. He was a veteran and famous \_\_. **Astronaut & scientist.**

**Note:**

- He flew the first space shuttle mission and walked on the moon.
- He became the first human to fly in space six times.

98. Peter Sutherland passed away. He was the former Director General of \_\_. **World Trade Organization.**

99. Who became the new Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)? - **K Sivan.**

- He succeeds **A S Kiran Kumar.**

100. Who became the new MD & CEO of NPCI? – **Dilip Abse**

101. Who became the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court? **Indu Malhotra.**

102. Who became the new ambassador of Sikkim? **A R Rahman**

103. Who has won the 'Golden Globe 2018' for best actor in a drama television series? **Sterling K Brown**

- He became the first African-American to win the 'Golden Globe 2018' for best actor in a drama television series.
- He bagged the accolades for his role as Randall Pearson on NBC's breakout hit 'This is Us'.

104. Who is the head of the committee which will recommend changes in the existing laws of playing of the National Anthem in cinema halls and public places? **B. R. Sharma.**

105. Indian Railways have launched app for freight managers \_\_. **SFOORTI.**

- **The Smart Freight Operation Optimization and Real Time Information (SFOORTI)** app provides features for monitoring and managing freight business using Geographic Information System (GIS), Views and Dashboard.

106. Which patrol vessel commissioned by Indian Coast Guard at Karaikal in the Union Territory of Puducherry? - **Charlie-435.**

107. Which railway station figured in the 'Limca Book of Records 2018' for having an all-woman staff? **Matunga Rly station (Mumbai)**

108. Election Commission (EC) of India constituted a 14-member committee to suggest changes to Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act. The committee will be headed by - **Umesh Sinha.**

109. The 18th All India Whips' Conference held in \_\_. **Udaipur**

110. National Youth Day observed every year on \_\_. **12<sup>th</sup> January**

111. International Dharma-Dhamma Conference held at \_\_. **Rajgir (Bihar).**

112. Which state topped in the logistics index chart, an indicator of the efficiency of logistical services necessary for promoting exports in particular, and economic growth in general? **Gujarat.**

- Gujarat is followed by Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.

113. Which state became the first Indian state to launch High Risk Pregnancy (HRP) Portal? **Haryana**

114. Which country filed a comprehensive complaint with the World Trade Organization (WTO) accusing the United States of breaking international trade rules? **Canada**

115. First 'Baby Olympics Games' will be held in \_\_. **Bahrain**

- This event will feature five different sports (athletics, gymnastics, football, basketball and weightlifting) and targets 2 to 4 years children.

116. World's largest solar thermal plant to be built in \_\_. **Australia**





117. Which country introduced a new law to enforce the equal pay for both men and women? **Iceland**

118. China is planning to build its second Naval Base in the country \_\_\_ **Pakistan**

- China is planning to build its second Naval Base in Pakistan after Djibouti, in Horn of Africa in Indian Ocean.

119. Which country banned the English being taught in the Primary Schools across the country? **Iran**

120. What is Swift-7? – **world's thinnest laptop**

- It is built by Hardware and Electronics Company Acer Inc.

121. India's first ever international medal in skiing (in the slalom race category) won by \_\_\_. **Aanchal Thakur**

- She clinched bronze in the coveted Alpine Ejder 3200 Cup organised by the Federation Internationale de Ski at the Palandoken Ski Centre in Erzurum, Turkey.

122. Who won the **Kolkata Open 2018** International Invitation Snooker Championship? **Aditya Mehta**

123. Who became the new Deputy National Security Adviser of India? **Rajinder Khanna**

124. Anwar Jalalpuri passed away. He was a veteran \_\_\_. **Urdu poet**

125. Radha Vishwanathan passed away. She was a \_\_\_. **Carnatic vocalist**

126. Who became the new MD & CEO of Infosys? **Salil Parekh**

127. Which team won the 2017 Ranji Trophy? **Vidarbha**

- Vidarbha created history by winning the Ranji Trophy for the first time in history.
- Vidarbha defeated Delhi in the final played at the Holkar stadium in Indore.

128. Shiv Kapur was in news. He is associated with which sports? – **Golf**

129. Which Indian became the highest-ranked player in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings? - **G Sathiyan**

- He ranked at 49 positions.

130. Which state to host 39th National Games in 2022? **Meghalaya**

131. Who won the women's Brisbane International title? **Elina Svitolina**

132. Which country won the Hopman Cup title? **Switzerland**

- Switzerland won their third Hopman Cup as Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic beat Germany's Alexander Zverev and Angelique Kerber in the final.

133. Which city emerged as the cleanest city under the cleanliness survey 'Swachh Sarvekshan Survey 2018'? **Indore**

134. Which country withdraws from UNESCO? **Israel**

135. Which two Gulf nations introduced VAT (value-added tax) for the first time? **Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates**

136. Which country allow use of Chinese currency Yuan for bilateral trade & investment activities? **Pakistan**

137. Which six countries joined the ranks of the non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council? **Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Peru, Poland and the Netherlands**

- The six countries who left the UN Security Council recently are Egypt, Italy, Japan, Senegal, Ukraine and Uruguay.

138. The Himalayan Hydro Expo 2018 held in \_\_\_. **Nepal**

139. According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO), India GDP growth likely to grow at **6.5%** in 2017-18.

140. The NABARD sanctioned Rs 372.51 crore loan assistance under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to \_\_\_. **ODISHA**

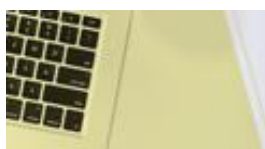
141. The Union Cabinet approved establishment of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at \_\_\_. **Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh**

142. Zojila Tunnel is located in \_\_\_. **Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir**

143. India & which country signed an agreement on Land Border Crossing? **Myanmar**

144. Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) is a \_\_\_ scheme. **Social security**

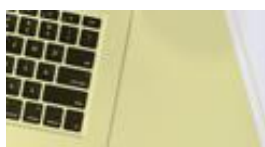
- Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)' aims to provide social security during old age and to protect elderly persons aged 60 and above.
- Minimum purchase price under the scheme is Rs.1,50,000/- for a minimum pension of Rs. 1,000/- per month and the maximum purchase price is Rs.7,50,000/- for a maximum pension of Rs.5,000/- per month



145. The Customers will not have to pay any transaction charges for payments through debit card, BHIM app and other payment made for up to **Rs 2,000**.
146. The 3rd edition of the Science Film Festival of India was held in **Goa**
147. Reliance Industries commissioned the world's largest refinery off-gas cracker (ROGC) complex at **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.
148. The 171st Araadhanai Music Festival (AMF) was held in **Tamil Nadu**
149. The Rajasthan Government tied up with which bank to promote and nurture start-ups in the state **HDFC Bank**.
150. Who became the first batsman to score three hundred in T20 internationals? **Colin Munro (New Zealand)**

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