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Dear readers,

Monthly GK Blaster is a collection of **BEST 200+ Current Affairs** news and events that occurred in the month of **April 2018**. This file is important for all **SSC & Railway Exams**.

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1. What is the rank of India in World Press Freedom Index 2018? **138**

**Note:**

- India ranked at **138 positions** in World Press Freedom Index 2018.
- Last year in 2017 India stood at **136<sup>th</sup>** in the index.
- Norway topped the World Press Freedom Index 2018.
- Sweden and Netherlands stood on the second and the third rank respectively.
- The Press Freedom Index is an annual ranking of countries published by Reporters Without Borders.

2. Which country is the highest recipient of remittances in 2017, as per World Bank (WB)'s latest report "Migration and Development Brief"? **India**

**Note:**

- As per the Migration and Development report of World Bank, **India** has retained top position as recipient of remittances with about \$69 billion in 2017.
- China with (\$64 billion) stood on the second positions followed by Philippines (\$33 billion), Mexico (\$31 billion), Nigeria (\$22 billion) and Egypt (\$20 billion).
- Remittances means a sum of money sent in payment or as a gift by a foreigner to an individual in his/her home country.

3. Which country officially changed its name to the 'Kingdom of eSwatini'? **Swaziland**

**Note:**

- The king of Swaziland **King Mswati III** changed the name of his country to the

"Kingdom of eSwatini" to mark the 50th anniversary of independence -- and to avoid confusion with **Switzerland**.

- The name "Swaziland", the King said, had caused confusion. "Whenever we go abroad, people refer to us as Switzerland.

4. Which smart city became the first city in India, that runs on 100% renewable energy during the daytime?

**Diu**

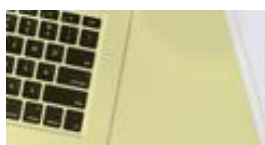
**Note:**

- **Diu smart city** became the first city in India, that runs on 100% renewable energy during the daytime
- According to Urban Affairs Ministry, **Diu smart city** developed a 9-MW solar park which spread over 50 hectares rocky barren land.
- With this, city is saving about **13,000 tonnes of carbon emissions** every year.
- Diu is a town in Diu district in the union territory of **Daman and Diu, India**.
- Daman and Diu is an union territory in Western India which was established in 30 May 1987.
- **Daman** is the capital of Daman and Diu.

5. Under the 'Adopt a Heritage' project, Dalmia Bharat Ltd a corporate house signed MoU to maintain which historic site in Delhi? **Red Fort**

**Note:**

- The Dalmia Bharat Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Union Tourism Ministry to take up **Red Fort (Delhi)** and **Gandikota Fort (Andhra**



**Pradesh)** under the 'Adopt a Heritage' project.

6. Who became the longest serving Chief Minister of India? **Pawan Chamling**

Note:

- Sikkim Chief Minister '**Pawan Chamling**' (68-year) is the longest-serving Chief Minister in India after India's independence.
- The tenure of his service is 23 years 4 months 19 days.
- He governed the Sikkim state for five successive terms (1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014) since 12th December 1994.
- He surpassed the record of **Mr. Jyoti Basu**.
- Mr. Jyoti Basu was the chief minister of West Bengal for five consecutive terms from June 21, 1977, to November 6, 2000.

7. Which company became the first listed Indian IT firm to hit \$100 billion market capitalisation (m-cap)?

**Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**

Note:

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) created history by becoming the first listed Indian IT company to hit the \$100 billion market capitalisation (m-cap) mark.
- On April 23, 2018, the market value of the company stood at Rs 6.53 lakh crore. TCS breached the Rs 3,500 (\$52.87) per share mark for the first time, reaching \$100 billion in market capitalisation.
- Reliance with a market capitalization of ₹5,92,428 crore and HDFC Bank (₹5,01,644 crore) is at second and third position respectively.

8. Uttarakhand state government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed how much loan agreement for infrastructure development and creation of sewerage treatment facilities in urban areas? **1,700 crore rupees**

Note:

- In April 2018, Uttarakhand state government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed **1,700 crore rupees** agreement for infrastructure development and creation of sewerage treatment facilities in urban areas.

9. India and the World Bank signed USD 210 million loan agreement to improve the rural road network in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**

Note:

- The Government of India, Madhya Pradesh state govt. and the World Bank signed **USD 210 million** loan agreement for the **Madhya Pradesh Rural Connectivity Project**.

10. The Union Government signed an agreement with which organisations for a flexible financing arrangement to accelerate research towards early development for biopharmaceuticals? **World Bank**

Note:

- The mission has been approved at a cost of **USD 250 million** for five years.

11. India signed an agreement with which countries to develop a new pollution-forecast system? **US & Finland**

Note:

- India signed an agreement with US & Finland to develop a new pollution-forecast system.
- The new system will jointly develop with expertise from Finnish Meteorological Institute, US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

12. The Haryana state government appointed which Indian shooter as the brand ambassador of Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign? **Gauri Sheoran**

Note:

- The decision was announced by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar at the launch of MR vaccination campaign.
- Under the campaign, around 80 lakh children — in the age group of nine months to 15 years — would be vaccinated.

13. Which state Gram Panchayat (GP) won the Centre's award for the best Gram Panchayat in the country?

**West Bengal**

Note:

- **West Bengal** once again topped in the country with **Digambarpur Gram Panchayat (GP)** bagged the Centre's award for the best GP in the country.
- According to the Ministry of Panchayati Digambarpur Gram Panchayat at Patharpratima block in South 24-Parganas in West Bengal state stood best GP out of 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats in the country.

14. The Shirui Lily Festival 2018 was celebrated in which state? **Manipur**

Note:



- The 2nd edition of Shirui Lily Festival 2018 was held at Ukhrul district in Manipur.
- The festival is organized to spread awareness about conservation of the endangered Shirui Lily and promote the district of Ukhrul as a tourist destination in Manipur.

15. The Union Home Ministry totally removed AFSPA from all areas of Meghalaya state. Here what is the full form of AFSPA? **Armed Forces Special Powers Act**

Note:

- **AFSPA** stands for - Armed Forces Special Powers Act.
- In April 2018, the Union Home Ministry totally removed AFSPA from all areas of **Meghalaya** state and from eight out of 16 police stations in Arunachal Pradesh.
- In 2015, the **Tripura** government had lifted **AFSPA** from the state after 18 years.
- **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Acts (AFSPA)**, are Acts of the Parliament of India that grant special powers to the Indian Armed Forces in what each act terms "disturbed areas."

16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan' from which district of Madhya Pradesh? **Mandla**

Note:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan' at Ram Nagar in **Mandla district** of Madhya Pradesh.
- The objective of the scheme is to enhance capacities and effectiveness of Panchayats and the Gram Sabhas.

17. NITI Aayog launched Atal New India Challenge under Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) with an aim to bring-in innovations and technologies relevant to the people. Under this mission how much grants will be awarded to the potential applicants? **up to Rs 1 crore**

Note:

- On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, **NITI Aayog** launched **Atal New India Challenge** under Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) with an aim to bring-in innovations and technologies relevant to the people.
- Under the Atal Innovation Mission grants of **up to Rs 1 crore** will be provided to the applicants showing capability, intent, and potential to productize technologies.

- The objective of this initiative is to solve problems in different 17 areas, which would have direct impact on improving lives of citizens and also generate employment.

**Under this new initiative**, Atal Innovation Mission has partnered with the Ministries of Road Transport and Highways, Housing and Urban Affairs, Agriculture and Family Welfare, Drinking Water & Sanitation and the Railway Board.

**17 identified focus areas listed below:**

1. Climate-smart agriculture
2. Fog vision system for road and rail
3. Prevention of Rail failure using emerging technologies
4. Predictive maintenance of Rolling Stock
5. Alternate fuel based transportation
6. Smart Mobility
7. Electric Mobility
8. Safe transport
9. Instant Portable Water Quality Testing
10. Affordable Desalination / Recycling Technology
11. Waste management recycling / reuse
12. Garbage composition devices
13. Quality of compost
14. Decentralized composting
15. Mixing blades for composting
16. Waste in public spaces
17. Dissuading public littering

18. Which ministry launched the second edition of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan in New Delhi? **Ministry of Human Resource Development**

Note:

- The **Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD)** launched the second edition of the **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan** in New Delhi.
- The objective of this mission is to students from 750 colleges and universities across the country will adopt the nearby villages and visit them to get familiar with the life of the village people and the problems faced by them in the day to day life.

19. Who became the new Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir? **Kavinder Gupta**

Note:

- **Kavinder Gupta** became the new Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir.
- He replaced Nirmal Singh.



20. Who has been elected as the next President of Paraguay? **Mario Abdo Benitez**

Note:

- **Mario Abdo Benitez (46-yr)** won the president elections and take charge as the new president of Paraguay in August 2018.
- The capital of Paraguay is **Asunción**.
- The currency of Paraguay is **Guaraní**.

21. Who has been appointed as 70th US Secretary of State? **Mike Pompeo**

Note:

- **Mike Pompeo** was sworn in as the 70th US Secretary of State after the US Senate confirmed his nomination.
- He is the former director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- He replaced Rex Tillerson.
- The Secretary of State is a senior official of the federal government of the United States of America, and as head of the U.S. Department of State and considered to be the U.S. government's equivalent of a Minister for Foreign Affairs.

22. Who became the first woman lawyer to be directly promoted as a judge of the Supreme Court (SC)? **Indu Malhotra**

Note:

- Indu Malhotra, a renowned arbitration expert, became the first woman lawyer to be directly promoted as a judge of the Supreme Court (SC).
- She took oath of office and secrecy as Supreme Court judge in New Delhi on April 27, 2018.

23. Who has been chosen for 2017 Saraswati Samman? **Sitanshu Yashaschandra**

Note:

- Eminent Gujarati poet and playwright '**Sitanshu Yashaschandra**' is the winner of the 2017 Saraswati Samman.
- He won the Saraswati Samman for his collection of verses titled '**Vakhar**' (published in 2009).
- He is the recipient of awards such as - Sahitya Akademi, Kabir Samman, and Padma Shri awards.

- The Saraswati Samman is an annual award for outstanding prose or poetry literary works in any Indian language listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India.
- The Saraswati Samman was instituted in 1991 by the K. K. Birla Foundation.

24. Who has been conferred with Col. CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award? **Pankaj Roy (posthumous) & Anshuman Gaekwad**

Note:

- Former Indian batsman and two-time national coach **Anshuman Gaekwad** and former opener, the late **Pankaj Roy**, have been recommended for the prestigious Col. CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award.
- Former India women's team captain **Diana Edulji**, and former India batter and coach **Sudha Shah** has been selected for the BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award (women).

25. Who has been honoured with the 26th P C Chandra Puraskar 2018? **Asha Bhosle**

Note:

- The award is a tribute to the founding father of the P. C. Chandra Group, the late Shri Purna Chandra Chandra.
- It carries an honorarium of Rs 10 lakh which is tax exempted.

26. Who won the 2018 UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize? **Mahmoud Abu Zeid**

Note:

- **Egyptian** photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid, known as Shawkan, won the 2018 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- He has been selected by an independent international jury of media professionals as the laureate of the 2018 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize.
- Shawkan, a photojournalist, has been in jail since 14 August 2013 when he was arrested while covering a demonstration at Rabaa Al-Adawiya Square in Cairo.

27. Which organisation bagged the 2018 National Intellectual Property award? **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**

Note:



- The **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** (CSIR) bagged the National Intellectual Property (IP) Award 2018.
  - **CSIR** won the award in the category “Top R&D Institution / Organization for Patents and Commercialization.
  - It has been ranked 9th in the world amongst the 1207 government institutions, with an overall global ranking of 75 in the world, covering 5250 institutions.
- 28.** Who won the 2018 French Open Wild Card tournament? **Siddhant Banthia**  
Note:
- **Siddhant Banthia** won the 2018 French Open Wild Card tournament. He defeated Mann Maulik Shah by 6-4, 2-6, 7-6.
  - Siddhant Banthia is a native of Pune city.
- 29.** Who won the 2018 Barcelona Open tennis title? **Rafael Nadal**  
Note:
- Rafael Nadal won the 2018 Barcelona Open tennis title. He defeated Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas by 6-2 6-1 in the final.
  - With this win, Nadal lifted his 11th Barcelona Open tennis title.
  - Barcelona Open is an annual tennis tournament (since 1953) for male professional players held in Barcelona, Spain.
  - It is Spain's second most important tournament on the ATP tour after the Madrid Open.
- 30.** Prajnesh Gunneswaran clinched his first ever singles title on the ATP Challenger circuit. He is a native of which city? **Chennai**  
Note:
- Prajnesh Gunneswaran (28-year) clinched his first ever singles tennis title on the ATP Challenger circuit in Kunming Open at Anning, China.
  - He defeated Egypt's Mohammed Safwat in three sets 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.
  - He is a native of **Chennai**, Tamil Nadu.
- 31.** Nitu Ghanghas is in news recently. She is associated with which sports? **Boxing**  
Note:
- Nitu Ghanghas recently won a gold medal in **48kg women's category** in Asian Youth boxing championship in Bangkok.
- In the Asian Youth boxing championship tournament Indian players Nitu Ghanghas, Manisha and Lalita won three gold medals.
- 32.** Who won the Men's Singles title of Monte Carlo Masters Tennis tournament? **Rafael Nadal**  
Note:
- **Rafael Nadal** defeated Kei Nishikori (Japan) by 6-3, 6-2 in the final.
  - With this win Nadal became the first man to win the Monte Carlo title **11 times**.
- 33.** Which country hosted 8th South Asian Judo Championship 2018? **Nepal**  
Note:
- India won total **10 gold medals** at 8th South Asian Judo Championship 2018.
  - The 8th South Asian Judo Championship was held in **Lalitpur, Nepal**.
- 34.** G Sathiyam is in news recently. He was associated with which sports? **Table Tennis**  
Note:
- G Sathiyam is an Indian Table Tennis sports player.
  - Currently he is at 46<sup>th</sup> rank in International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) ranking.
  - G Sathiyam Gnanasekara won the three medals at 2018 Commonwealth Games (CWG).
  - He won the silver medal silver in the men's doubles Table Tennis partnering A Sharath Kamal.
  - He won a bronze medal in the Table Tennis mixed doubles with Manika Batra.
  - Also, he won the Gold medal in the men's team event at 2018 CWG.
- 35.** Who claimed India's first medal at the 2018 International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) at Changwon, South Korea? **Shahzar Rizvi**  
Note:
- Shahzar Rizvi claimed India's first medal at the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) at Changwon, South Korea.
  - He won the silver medal in the 10-meter air pistol event.
- 36.** Which country will host 2021 Champions Trophy? **India**  
Note:
- **India** will host 2021 Champions Trophy.



- According to ICC Chief Executive Dave Richardson, the International Cricket Council (ICC) decided to convert the 2021 Champions Trophy into a World T20 event scheduled in **India**.

37. All India Tennis Association (AITA) nominated which tennis players for the Arjuna award? **Yuki Bhambri and Rohan Bopanna**

Note:

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) nominated Yuki Bhambri and Rohan Bopanna for the Arjuna award.

- Yuki Bhambri recently reclaimed his place in top-100 (career-best rank - 83) after a string of impressive performances.
- Rohan Bopanna won the French Open mixed doubles title last year.
- The Arjuna Awards are given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India to recognize outstanding achievement in sports.

38. Who won the silver medal in the sabre event of the Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland? **C A Bhavani Devi**

Note:

- Indian fencer C A Bhavani Devi won a silver medal in the sabre event of the Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland.
- She went down 10-15 to USA's Alexis Browne in the final.
- Earlier, Bhavani Devi had won a gold medal at the Reykjavik tournament to become the first Indian win to do so in an international fencing event.

39. Next year Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in which city? **Varanasi**

Note:

- 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"**.
- The event will be organised by Ministry of External Affairs in association with the Uttar Pradesh government.

- Prime Minister of **Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth** will be the **Chief Guest** at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019.

- The event would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mauritius Prime Minister.

- In 2018 Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) was held in **Singapore on 6 and 7 January 2018**.

40. International Buddhist Conference 2018 was held in \_\_\_\_\_. **Nepal**

Note:

- International Buddhist Conference was held in **Lumbini, Nepal**.
- In the event of 2562nd Buddha Jayanti celebrations, the conference was organised in Lumbini which is the birthplace of Gautama Buddha.

41. In September 2018, the first women's foreign ministers' meeting will host by the European Union and which country? **Canada**

Note:

- **Canada and the European Union** will host the world's first 2-Day female foreign ministers' meeting in September 2018 in **Canada**.
- In the first meeting Female foreign ministers from about 30 countries will be invited to the gathering, which is aimed at deepening global discussion on women's empowerment.

42. The 2018 Informal Summit between India and China was held in \_\_\_\_\_. **Wuhan**

Note:

- The 2018 Informal Summit between India and China was held in **central Chinese city, Wuhan**.
- The meeting was held between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's President Xi Jinping.
- The aim of the meeting was to share views on "solidifying" the India-China relationship and to elaborate their respective visions and priorities for national development in context of current and future international situation.
- First informal meeting between the two leaders was held in 2014 when Indian Prime Minister at the Sabarmati Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi in Gujarat hosted Chinese President.



43. What is the name of the first commercial satellite of Bangladesh? **Bangabandhu-1**

Note:

- The name of the first commercial satellite of Bangladesh is **Bangabandhu-1**.
- Bangladesh's first commercial satellite "**Bangabandhu-1**" to be launched on 7th May 2018.
- The satellite will be launched from Florida's Cape Canaveral (US).
- The Bangabandhu Satellite-1 (BS-1), will be the first Bangladeshi geostationary communications satellite operated by Bangladesh Communication Satellite Company Limited (BCSCL).

44. 'HARIMAU SHAKTI' 2018 is a joint military exercise between India and which country? **Malaysia**

Note:

- The joint training exercise will be held from April 30 to May 13, 2018 in the dense forests of Sengai Perdik in Hulu Langat district of **Malaysia**.

45. The multi-nation counter-terrorism exercise "Peace Mission 2018" will be held in which country? **Russia**

Note:

- The multi-nation counter-terrorism exercise "Peace Mission" will be held at the Ural mountains of **Russia** in September 2018, which will take place under the framework of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- The purpose of the exercise will be to enhance counter-terror cooperation among the 8 SCO member countries.
- It will be for the first time since Independence that India and Pakistan will both be part of a military exercise.

46. The Coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' was held in which state? **Kerala**

Note:

- The exercise was held to strengthen and assess the loopholes in the coastal security mechanism.

47. Who is the author of the book 'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism'? **C H Hanumantha Rao**

Note:

- **C H Hanumantha Rao** is the author of the book 'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism'.

- He is a former Planning Commission and Finance Commission member.
- The book was released by Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

48. Who is the author of the book 'Smart Cities Unbundled'? **Dr. Sameer Sharma**

Note:

- The Vice President of India, Shri **M. Venkaiah Naidu** released the Book 'Smart Cities Unbundled'.
- The book is authored by **Dr. Sameer Sharma**.
- The book tells India and the world what an Indian Smart City is and what constitutes Smart Cities Mission of India.

49. The World Book & Copyright Day observed every year on which date? **23rd April**

Note:

- The objective of this day is to raise awareness about the importance of reading and promote publishing and the protection of copyright around the globe.
- The capital of Greece '**Athens**' has been chosen '**World Book Capital 2018**', for the quality of its activities, supported by the entire book industry.

50. The United Nations English Language Day observed every year on which date? **23rd April**

Note:

- The day is observed across the world to entertain as well as inform people about the culture, history, and achievements associated with the English language.

51. National Panchayati Raj Diwas observed every year on which date? **24th April**

Note:

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj organises National Conference on 24th April every year to commemorate the National Panchayati Raj Diwas.
- 24 April 1993 was a significant trail in the field of Panchayati Raj in India because on this day the Panchayati Raj institutions got constitutional status through the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 and thereby transform the dream of Mahatma Gandhi's village Swaraj into reality.





- Since 2010, National Panchayati Raj Day is being celebrated on 24th April.

52. What is the theme of the 2018 World Malaria Day? **Ready to beat malaria'**

Note:

- The 'World Malaria Day observed every year across the world on 25th April.
- The theme of the World Malaria Day 2018 is **'Ready to beat malaria'**.
- The day is observed to create awareness among the people about this vector-borne disease.
- The 2018 Global Malaria Summit was held in **London, United Kingdom**.

53. What is the theme of the 2018 World Intellectual Property Day? **Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity'**

Note:

- The theme of the 2018 World Intellectual Property Day is **'Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity'**.
- The 'World Intellectual Property Day' is observed every year on **26th April**.
- The headquarter of WIPO is in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

54. World Day for Safety and Health at Work observed every year on which date? **28th April**

Note:

- The theme of this year is 'Occupational safety health (OSH) vulnerability of young workers'
- The day is observed mainly by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as an awareness-raising campaign to raise awareness of safety in the workplace.

55. The 2018 Ayushman Bharat Diwas celebrated on which date in India? **29 April**

Note:

- On April 29, 2018, as part of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat Diwas has celebrated across the country
- During the event, information regarding Ayushman Bharat Scheme is being provided to people during health camps organised in rural areas.

56. The 2018 International Dance day is observed on which date? **29th April**

Note:

- The International Dance Day (IDD) is observed every year on April 29 to recognise the value of the art form across the world.

57. Noted poet composer Balantrapu Rajanikantha Rao recently passed away. He belonged to which state? **Andhra Pradesh**

Note:

- Noted Telugu poet-composer, musicologist and artist Balantrapu Rajanikantha Rao (98-year) passed away in **Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh** due to old age.

58. The world's oldest person Nabi Tajima (117-year) passed away in April 2018. She belonged to which country? **Japan**

Note:

- The world's oldest person Nabi Tajima (117-year) of **Japan** passed away in April 2018.
- She became the world's oldest person seven months ago after the death of Violet Brown (also at 117-year) in Jamaica.

59. Amita Udgata who passed away recently, was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_. **TV Actor**

Note:

- Amita Udgata was a veteran TV actor who passed away due to lung failure.
- She became a household name after playing the role of 'Amma' in Star Plus' popular social drama Mann Ki Awaaz Pratigya.

60. Francis Regis Campos who passed away recently was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_. **Brigadier**

Note:

Indo-Pak 1971 war veteran Brigadier Francis Regis Campos, VSM, AVSM, passed away at Secunderabad on April 23, 2018.

61. Tony Daniel, who passed away recently, was associated with which sports? **Athletics**

Note:

- Tony Daniel (66) is the technical committee chairman of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and the executive vice-president of Kerala State Athletics Association (KSAA).

62. As per IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) for April 2018, what is India's position in the world in terms of economy? **sixth**

Note:

- India is now the world's **sixth** largest economy with a GDP of 2.6 trillion in 2017.
- India displaced **France** to stand firm on this position.



- The data was released by the International Monetary Fund's in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) for April 2018.
- The five economies ahead are **United States, China, Japan, Germany and United Kingdom.**

63. The Government of India (GoI) launched which initiative to attract international students to study in India? **Study in India**

Note:

- In April 18, the Government of India (GoI) has launched its flagship 'Study in India' programme to attract international students to study in India.
- It was jointly launched by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Minister of State for Human Resources Development Satya Pal Singh in New Delhi.

64. What is India's rank in the 2018 Commonwealth Innovation Index (CII- 2018)? **10<sup>th</sup>**

Note:

- India ranked at 10<sup>th</sup> positions in the **2018 Commonwealth Innovation Index (CII-2018).**
- The index was launched as part of a new Commonwealth Innovation Hub on the sidelines of the 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2018).

65. The Government of India (GoI) has launched the FIEO GlobalLinker for MSME exporters to digitise their businesses. What does "FIEO" stands for? **Federation of Indian Export Organisations**

Note:

- The government has launched the FIEO GlobalLinker, a digital platform for Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- The main objective of this digital platform is to digitise MSME businesses and join global community of growing businesses.
- It was launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- It has been developed by Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).

66. The Union Government constituted Defence Planning Committee (DPC) to facilitate comprehensive planning for the defence forces. Who is the head of the committee? **Ajit Doval**

Note:

- The Union Government constituted a Defence Planning Committee (DPC) to facilitate comprehensive planning for the defence forces besides focusing on military doctrines to deal with emerging security challenges. It will be chaired by National Security Advisor (NSA) **Ajit Doval.**

67. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) gave approval to open two representative offices in London and Singapore to which bank? **Yes Bank**

Note:

- In April 2018, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) gave approval to open two representative offices in **London** and **Singapore** to **Yes Bank.**
- Yes Bank opened its first representative office in **Abu Dhabi** in **2015.**
- Yes Bank is the only Greenfield Bank license awarded by the RBI in the last one decade.

68. Which country becomes the signatory member of International Solar Alliance (ISA)? **United Kingdom**

Note:

- The United Kingdom has formally joined the India-led International Solar Alliance (ISA) on April 17, 2018.
- With this, **UK became the 62nd signatory** member of the ISA.
- ISA is an inter-governmental treaty-based organisation that aims to mobilise \$1 trillion in funds for the future solar generation, storage and technology across the world by 2030.
- ISA headquarter is in **Gwalpahari, Gurugram, India**

69. In April 2018, E-Way Bill was rolled out in six more states Bihar, Haryana, Jharkhand, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The E-Way Bill is required for all inter-State movement of goods valued over \_\_. **Rs. 50,000**

Note:

- In April 2018, E-Way Bill was rolled out in six more states Bihar, Haryana, Jharkhand, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand.



- As per the rules, E-Way bill is required for all inter-State movement of goods valued over **Rs. 50,000**.

**70.** Which among the following ministries launched the DARPAN-PLI App? **Ministry of Communications**

Note:

- **Minister of Communications** Manoj Sinha launched the **DARPAN-PLI App in New Delhi**.
- The DARPAN-PLI App will help in the collection of a premium for PLI and RPLI policies at Branch Post Offices anywhere in India.
- DARPAN stands for - Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for a New India.

**71.** International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) report forecast India's GDP growth rate for 2019-20 at \_\_\_\_ **7.8%**

Note:

- In April 2018, International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) report forecast India's GDP growth rate for **2019-20 at 7.8%**.
- **For 2018-19**, IMF projected India's GDP growth rate to grow at **7.4%**.

**72.** Which among the following international organisations launched the '**Road Safety Trust Fund**' to improve road safety worldwide? **United Nations**

Note:

- In April 2018, United Nations (UN) launched the '**Road Safety Trust Fund**' to improve road safety worldwide.
- The initiative was launched by the **Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed**.
- As per the UN data, more than 1.3 million drivers, passengers, and pedestrians die each year on the roads.

**73.** Which country announced to contribute \$61.9 million humanitarian aid for Syria? **France**

Note:

- French President **Emmanuel Macron** announced that France will contribute 50 million euros (\$61.9 million) toward urgent humanitarian aid for Syria.

**74.** The famous 'Bisket Jatra' festival marks the beginning of a new year of which country? **Nepal**

Note:

- The famous '**Bisket Jatra**' festival marks the beginning of a Nepali new year.
- The festival 'Bisket Jatra' is being celebrated in Bhaktapur and the other parts of Kathmandu valley in Nepal.
- The main attraction of Bisket Jatra is chariot procession of Lord Bhairavanath.

**75.** India signed how much amount loan agreement with World Bank for Meghalaya Community - Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP)? **USD 48 million**

Note:

- India signed **USD 48 million loan agreement** with World Bank for Meghalaya Community - Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP).
- The main aim of this agreement is to strengthen community-led landscapes management in selected landscapes in the State of Meghalaya.

**76.** Which state government launched the '**Pocket Cop**' project with an objective to provide smartphones of pre-loaded data of people with criminal past and other information's to the policemen? **Gujarat**

Note:

- The Gujarat government launched the **Pocket Cop project** in the state.
- The objective of the **Pocket Cop project** is to provide 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.

**77.** The river bridge 'Ib Setu' recently opened for public in which state? **Odisha**

Note:

- The river bridge 'Ib Setu', which is built over the Ib river in Sambalpur district opened for the public by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.
- The 'Ib Setu' is 2.5-km-long bridge, which is the state's second longest bridge.



78. Which state announced to distribute smartphones to over 55 lakh people for free under the Sanchar Kranti Yojana (SKY)? **Chhattisgarh**

Note:

- In 20 April 2018, Chhattisgarh state announced to distribute smartphones to over 55 lakh people for free under the Sanchar Kranti Yojana (SKY).

79. Which state ordered all govt hospitals to establish the 'SHISHU SWAGAT KENDRA- PALNA' in April 2018, to tackle the problem of abandoning the infant at the roadside? **Uttar Pradesh**

80. Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu launched an ambitious health assurance scheme 'Atal Amrit Abhiyan' in which state? **Assam**

Note:

Key points

- The scheme will offer free medical care of up to **2 lakh rupees** for every individual from Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families.
- The scheme will cover 92% of the state's population with annual income below 5 lakh rupees.
- The Assam govt. earmarked 400 crore rupees for the scheme in the financial year 2018-19.

81. The 2018 Islands Tourism Festival was celebrated in which State/ Union Territory of India? **Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

Note:

- The 2018 Islands Tourism Festival was celebrated at **Port Blair in Andaman & Nicobar Islands**.

82. Who became the new President of Cuba? **Miguel Diaz-Canel**

Note:

- **Miguel Diaz-Canel** named as the new President of Cuba. He replaced **Raul Castro**.
- The capital of Cuba is **Havana**.
- The currency of Cuba is **Peso**.

83. Who appointed as the next 'Head of the Commonwealth'? **Prince Charles**

Note:

- In April 2018, Britain's **Prince Charles** appointed as the next 'Head of the Commonwealth'.

- He replaces his mother **Queen Elizabeth II** as the Head of the Commonwealth.

84. Who became the new Chief of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)? **Jim Bridenstine**

Note:

- U.S. President Donald Trump appointed US Navy veteran **Jim Bridenstine** (42-year) as the 13th administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- Previous full-time administrator of NASA's former astronaut '**Charles Bolden**' resigned In January 2017.

85. Who became the new Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC)? **PP Malhotra**

Note:

- **PP Malhotra** is the current Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC).
- The NCC is the Indian military cadet corps with its headquarters at New Delhi.

86. Who won the Icrisat's highest award for research Doreen Margaret Mashler Award for 2018? **Mamta Sharma and Pooja Bhatnagar Mathur**

Note:

- Mamta Sharma and Pooja Bhatnagar Mathur won the Icrisat's highest award for research Doreen Margaret Mashler Award for 2018.
- **Mamta Sharma** works on epidemiology of plant diseases and pathogens, focussing on disease-resistant breeding in chickpea and pigeonpea.
- **Pooja Bhatnagar-Mathur** was part of a land-mark research to combat aflatoxin in groundnut using a 'double-defense' approach
- The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (**Icrisat**) is an International organization which conducts agricultural research for rural development.
- Icrisat headquarter is in **Patancheru, Telangana**.



87. Who won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction?

**Andrew Sean Greer**

Note:

- Andrew Sean Greer won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for his novel '**Less**'. He is an American novelist and short story writer.

The list of other winners of-

- Martyna Majok won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for '**Cost of Living**'.
- Kendrick Lamar won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for **music** for his album '**Damn**'.
- Frank Bidart won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his collected poems '**Half-light**'.
- The **2017 Pulitzer Prize** awarded to **Colson Whitehead** for his novel '**The Underground Railroad**'.
- Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 in United States by **Joseph Pulitzer**.
- Pulitzer Prize awarded for excellence in newspaper, journalism, literary, achievements, musical composition.

88. Who was selected for the Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award at the 55th Maharashtra State Marathi Film Festival? **Dharmendra**

Note:

- Veteran Actor Dharmendra has been selected for the Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award.
- On the other hand, Director Rajkumar Hirani has been selected for the Raj Kapoor Special Contributions Award.
- Veteran Marathi actor Vijay Chavhan has been selected for the prestigious V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement award at the 55th Maharashtra State Marathi Film Festival.
- Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award is instituted by the Maharashtra state government.

89. The Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) recommended which player for the prestigious Arjuna Award? **Manika Batra**

Note:

- The Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) recommended **Manika Batra** for the prestigious Arjuna Award?

- Manika Batra created history by winning the Gold medal in the women's singles Table Tennis at the 21st Commonwealth Games.
- She became the first Indian woman to win gold in the TT women's singles event at the Commonwealth Games.

90. Who won the 2018 Santaizi ATP Challenger tournament in Taipei? **Yuki Bhambri**

Note:

- Yuki Bhambri from India has won the 2018 Santaizi ATP Challenger tennis tournament by defeating his compatriot Ramkumar Ramanathan in the final of the event by 6-3 6-4 in Taipei, Taiwan

91. Which team won the Super Cup football tournament 2018? **Bengaluru FC**

Note:

- Bengaluru FC won the inaugural edition of the Super Cup football tournament at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- They defeated Kolkata football giants **East Bengal** by a convincing margin of 4-1.

92. Which of the following games excluded from 2022 Commonwealth Games? **Shooting**

Note:

- Shooting game has been excluded from **2022 Commonwealth Games**. The Birmingham Organising Committee of Commonwealth Games decided not to pick shooting game for 2022 Games.
- The 2022 Commonwealth Games will be held in **Birmingham, England** from 27 July to 7 August 2022.
- In 2018 Commonwealth Games, India won a total **15 medals** in Shooting which includes 7 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.
- In 2014 Commonwealth Games, India won a total of **17 medals**, which included four golds.

93. Who won the 2018 Formula One Chinese Grand Prix tournament? **Daniel Ricciardo**

Note:

- Daniel Ricciardo, an Australian racing driver won the 2018 Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix tournament at the Shanghai International Circuit in Shanghai, China.



94. The 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup will be held in \_\_\_\_\_. **China**

Note:

- **China** will host the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup. It will be the 18th edition of the FIBA Basketball World Cup for men's national basketball teams.
- The Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 is '**Son of Dreams**'.
- The 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup was held in **Spain**.
- **United States** men's national basketball team was the champion in 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup.

95. The 16th Federation Cup Junior (under-20) National athletics championship hosted by which state? **Tamil Nadu**

Note:

- The 16th Federation Cup Junior (under-20) National athletics championship was held in **Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu**.
- It was organised by the Tamil Nadu Athletics Association (TNAA) which served as the selections trials for the 18th Asian Junior Athletic Meet to be held at Gifu, Japan, in June 2018.

96. Who represented India in the first meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors?

**Subhash Chandra Garg**

Note:

- The first meeting of the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors was held in the sidelines of the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings on **19th April 2018 in 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).

97. Which country hosted the India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018? **India**

Note:

- The India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 was held in New Delhi on April 16-17.
- The title of the Conference is 'Securing Global Supply Chains through Government-

Industry Partnerships towards Effective Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540'.

98. The 2018 Global Malaria Summit was held in which country? **United Kingdom**

Note:

- The 2018 Global Malaria Summit was held alongside the 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London, United Kingdom.
- The objective of the summit is to make game-changing commitments towards beating malaria at a time when efforts to end the preventable disease had stalled.

99. Which country hosted the 29th Arab League Summit 2018? **Saudi Arabia**

Note:

- The 29th Arab League Summit 2018 held in Dahrhan, Saudi Arabia.
- The objective of the summit is to promote Arab joint action to address challenges facing the nation. In the annual gathering of Arab leaders, Saudi Arabia hopes to push for a unified stand against Iran.

100. In which city an event on Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities will be held on November 2018? **New Delhi**

Note:

- An event on Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities will be held on November 2018 in **New Delhi**.
- GITC is being held every year in Asia-Pacific region and such events were held in the past in countries including **Korea, China, Thailand and Vietnam**.

101. Which country hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2018?

**United Kingdom**

Note:

- 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**".
- The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting summit held every two years. It is a



meeting of the heads of government from all Commonwealth nations.

- In 2015, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) summit was held in **Malta**.
- Rwanda has been selected as host of the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), to be held in **2020**.

**102.** Which space agency announced to launch Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) to expand mankind's search for planets beyond the solar system? **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

**Note:**

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced to launch **Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)** which aims to expand mankind's search for planets beyond the solar system

**103.** The World Earth Day (WED) observed every year on which date? **22 April**

**Note:**

- The theme of the 2018 World Earth Day (WED) is **End Plastic Pollution**
- The World Earth Day (WED) is celebrated every year on April 22 worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

**104.** The World Creativity and Innovation Day observed on \_\_. **21 April**

**Note:**

- The first official World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID) was celebrated on **April 21, 2018**.
- The day is celebrated to highlight the importance of using new thinking to create a decent life for all on a sustainable planet.

**105.** The Civil Service Day is celebrated every year on which date? **21 April**

**Note:**

- In India, the Civil Service Day is celebrated on **21 April every year**.
- The day is observed by all Civil Services. The main objective of this day to rededicate and recommit themselves to the cause of the people.

**106.** The UN Chinese Language Day is observed every year on which date? **20 April**

**Note:**

- The UN Chinese Language Day is observed every year on **20th April**.
- The day is celebrated for multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six of its official working languages throughout the organization.

**107.** The World Liver Day observed every year on which date? **19th April**

**Note:**

- The World Liver Day observed every year on **19th April**.
- The theme of the World Liver Day 2018 is - **Riding New Waves in Liver Diagnosis, Staging & Treatment**.

**108.** What is the theme of the World Heritage Day 2018? **Heritage for Generations**

**Note:**

- The theme of the World Heritage Day 2018 is '**Heritage for Generations**'.
- World Heritage Day observed every year on **April 18**.

The day aims to spread awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving various sites around the world that have achieved world heritage status.

**109.** What is the theme of the World Haemophilia Day 2018? **Sharing Knowledge Makes Us Stronger**

**Note:**

- The World Haemophilia Day (WHD) is observed every year on **April 17**.
- The **theme** of the World Haemophilia Day 2018 is "**Sharing Knowledge Makes Us Stronger**".

**110.** T V R Shenoy, who passed away recently, was the veteran personality from which field? **Journalism**

**Note:**

- **TVR Shenoy**, the veteran **journalist** and columnist, has passed away in Karnataka on April 17, 2018.

**111.** Tim Bergling who passed recently, was the celebrity of which field? **Music**

**Note:**

- Tim Bergling, known by his stage name **Dj Avicii** was one of the world's renowned



dance music star passed away on April 2018. He was found dead in Muscat, Oman. He was born in Stockholm, Sweden.

**112.** MS Ravi who passed away recently, was associated with which field? **Journalism**

**Note:**

- MS Ravi (68-year) was the **Chief Editor** of leading Malayalam daily '**Kerala Kaumadi**', passed away at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram.
- He was Son of Kerala Kaumadi's founder editor K Sukumaran.

**113.** Justice Rajinder Sachar, who passed recently was the former Chief Justice of which High Court? **Delhi High Court**

**Note:**

- Justice Rajinder Sachar was the former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court. He passed away in Delhi on 20 April 2018.
- He served as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court from **August to December 1985**.
- He was the chairperson of a committee which was constituted to look into the social, economic and educational condition of Muslims in India.
- He was the son of veteran freedom fighter and former **Chief Minister of Punjab Bhim Sen Sachar**.

**114.** Bhimsain Khurana, who passed away recently, was a pioneer in which field? **Animation**

**Note:**

- Bhimsain Khurana was a pioneer in **animation** field passed away at hospital in Mumbai.
- He was known for his animation shots in films like - **Gharaonda'** (got Film fare Awards) "Ek Anek Ekta' (won him a National Award ) with the unforgettable " Ek **Chidiya akek chidiya**" song.

**115.** Barbara Bush who passed away recently, was the former first lady of which country? **US**

**Note:**

- Barbara Bush, the former US first lady passed away in 18th April 2018.
- She was the wife of **George HW Bush 41st President** of United States and mother of

the George W Bush who is the 43rd President of United States.

**116.** S Nihal Singh who passed away recently, was associated with which field? **Journalism**

**Note:**

- **Veteran journalist S Nihal Singh** was passed away due to illness on April 2018. He was the founding editor of The Indian Post.
- He had worked with leading English newspaper such as The Indian Express, The Statesman.

**117.**What is the rank of India in the 2018 Economic Freedom Index? **130<sup>th</sup>**

**Note:**

- The index was released by top American think-tank the **Heritage Foundation**.
- Top 3 countries in the index are - Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand.
- Last year India was ranked at **143rd** positions.

**118.** Pakistan Supreme Court banned which former Prime Minister of Pakistan from participating in elections for life? **Nawaz Sharif**

**Note:**

- Pakistan's Supreme Court clarified a 2017 disqualification decision under Article 62(1)(f), ruling that former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif cannot participate in politics for the rest of his life.
- He is the President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party.

**119.**The central Government constituted a task force for fast-tracking the roll-out of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle technology. The task force will be headed by \_\_\_\_.

**Jayant Sinha (Minister of State Civil Aviation)**

**Note:**

- An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), commonly known as a **drone**, is an aircraft without a human pilot aboard.
- Suresh Prabhu is a current Union Minister of Commerce and Industry.
- Suresh Prabhu holds an additional charge of Ministry of Civil Aviation





**120.** Recently, which India's neighbour country decided to end reservation in Government jobs? **Bangladesh**

**Note:**

- According to the Bangladesh government's existing quota system, **56% of jobs** in the public sector are reserved for children of freedom fighters, women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and citizens of some backward districts.
- India, Russia and Bangladesh sign pact for Rooppur atomic plant.
- Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant is Bangladesh **first nuclear power plant.**

**121.** India's first 5G radio laboratory was installed by which IIT institute? **IIT Delhi.**

**Note:**

- This will be the first such lab in India.
- It will reduce effects of exposure and radiation compared to the 3G/4G systems.

**122.** To combat 'Vitamin D deficiencies' amongst youngsters in the country an initiative 'Project Dhoop' was launched by \_\_\_\_. **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**

**Note:**

- In order to address rising incidence of Vitamin 'D' deficiencies, particularly amongst the young people, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has launched a unique initiative, 'Project Dhoop' in association with NCERT, NDMC and North MCD Schools.
- This unique initiative urges schools to shift their morning assembly to noon time mainly between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.
- **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** is an autonomous body established under the **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.**
- Current Union Minister of Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda.
- He is a member of Rajya Sabha from Himachal Pradesh.

**123.** Asian Development Bank projected India's GDP growth rate to rise at how much percent in 2018-19? **7.3%**

**Note:**

- ADB projected India's GDP to growth rate to rise 7.6% in 2019-20.
- IMF projected India's GDP to growth rate to rise **7.4% in 2018-19.**
- World Bank projected India's GDP to growth rate to rise **7.3% in 2018-19.**

**124.** Which Indian-origin scientist launched the world's first micro-factory to help tackle e-waste hazard?

**Veena Sahajwalla**

**Note:**

- An Indian-origin scientist in Australia launched the world's first microfactory that can transform the components from electronic waste items such as smartphones and laptops into valuable materials for re-use.
- Veena Sahajwalla, a professor at the University of New South Wales.

**125.** On April 12, India signed an agreement with which country to promote mineral exploration? **Morocco**

**Note:**

- The capital of Morocco is **Rabat**
- The currency of Morocco is **Dirham**

**126.** The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) signed its first international project agreement for upgradation of a highway in which of the following countries? **Myanmar**

**Note:**

- The capital of Myanmar is **Naypyidaw.**
- The currency of Myanmar is **kyat.**

**127.** India's first high-speed electric locomotive has been flagged off from which state? **Bihar**

**Note:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged India's first high-speed electric locomotive from the Madhepura Electric Locomotive Factory in Bihar on April 10, 2018.
- It has a 12000 horsepower (HP) engine with a maximum speed of 110 km per hour.
- The first big Make-in-India project is developed & completed in collaboration with **French firm Alstome.**

**128.** Which state government launched 'Uzhavan' mobile app for the farmers of the state? **Tamil Nadu**

**Note:**

- With the help of 'Uzhavan' app farmers can get information on farm subsidies, book farm



equipment and related infrastructure and get details on their crop insurance, besides receiving weather forecast for the next four days.

**129.** Which state became the first Indian state to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for determining brain death cases? **Kerala**

**Note:**

- **Kerala** has become the first Indian state to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for brain death certification in government and private hospitals.

**130.** Which state has bagged the 'State of the Year' Award under the 'business leader' category at the CNBC-TV18's India Business Leader Awards (IBLA) which was held in New Delhi? **Chhattisgarh**

**Note:**

- **Chhattisgarh** bagged the 'State of the Year' Award under the 'business leader' category as part of the India Business Leadership for the remarkable increase in business and services activities in various sectors.
- Union Information Technology and Electronics Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad gave the award at India Business Leader Awards (IBLA) event.
- CNBC-TV18's host – the 'India Business Leader Awards' (IBLA) in New Delhi.
- Outstanding Business Leader of the Year award -- **Kumar Mangalam Birla**

**131.** Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Banks Board Bureau? **Bhanu Pratap Sharma**

**Note:**

- He replaced Vinod Rai who retires on 31 March 2018.
- Banks Board Bureau is an autonomous body of eminent professionals and officials for public sector banks (PSBs).

**132.** Who became the new Chairman of NASSCOM for 2018-19? **Rishad Premji**

**Note:**

- New President of NASSCOM - **Debjeni Ghosh** (She is the first woman President of NASSCOM)
- National Association of Software and Services Companies.

- Rishad Premji is the son of Wipro Chairman Azim Premji.

**133.** Who became the new Director General (DG) of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)? **Rajesh Ranjan**

**Note:**

- The CISF is tasked with providing security to various government installations including the country's airports.

**134.** Who has been elected as the new Chairman of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA)? **Ban Ki-moon**

**Note:**

- Ban Ki-moon, the former United Nations (UN) Secretary-General.
- He succeeded Japanese Prime Minister **Yasuo Fukuda**.
- The 2018 BFA conference, often called **Summer Davos**, was held at southern island province of **Hainan, China** on April 8-11, 2018.
- The theme of the conference '**Open and Innovative Asia for a World of Greater Prosperity**'.
- The BFA is a non-profit organisation i.e. committed to promote regional economic integration and bringing Asian countries closer to their development goals.

**135.** Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Hungary? **Viktor Orban**

**Note:**

- He elected as a PM of Hungary for the third consecutive term.
- The capital of Hungary is - **Budapest**
- The currency of Hungary is - **forint**

**136.** Who has been appointed the new Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)?

**Balram Bhargava**

**Note:**

- He will succeed Soumya Swaminathan, who has been appointed as WHO Deputy Director General for Programmes.

**137.** President Kovind conferred with Order of the Lion award. It is the highest award of which country?

**Swaziland**

**Note:**

- President Ram Nath Kovind recently visited Swaziland.



- India and Swaziland signed two agreements on health and visa waiver.
- The capital of Swaziland is - **Mbabane**: Administrative capital and **Lobamba**: Legislative capital
- The currency of - **lilangeni**
- The **lilangeni** is tied to the South African **rand**.
- Both currencies are tied to each other at a one to one exchange rate.

**138.** Which movie won the best film award at the 65th National Film Awards for 2017? **Village Rockstar**

Note:

- Assamese Film '**Village Rockstar**' bagged the best film award, while '**Newton**' has been selected as the **Best Hindi Film**.
- Best Actress award is given to **Sri Devi posthumously** for her role in the film '**Mom**'.
- Best Actor (Male) award goes to **Riddhi Sen** for his role in Bengali film '**Nagarkirtan**'.

**139.** Who has been conferred with the 2017 Dadasaheb Phalke Award? **Vinod Khanna**

Note:

- Veteran Bollywood actor Vinod Khanna posthumously honoured with the 2017 Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- He is the 49th recipient of the award.
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the highest honour in Indian cinema which is given by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Telugu film director, **Kasinathuni Viswanath** honoured with the **2016 Dadasaheb Phalke Award**.

**140.** Who has been selected for 2018 Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award? **Anushka Sharma**

Note:

- Bollywood female actor Anushka Sharma will be honoured with the 2018 Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award for her successful movies as a producer.
- Ranveer Singh selected for 2018 Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award as Best Actor for his movie '**Padmaavat**'.

**141.** Who became the first Indian woman boxer to win a gold medal at Commonwealth Games? **Mary Kom**

Note:

- M C Mary Kom won the gold medal in the 48-kg category.
- With this, Mary Kom became the first Indian woman boxer to win a Commonwealth Gold.
- Boxer Vikas Krishan won the gold medal in 75 kg category.

**142.** Who became the India's youngest-ever gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games (CWG)? **Anish Bhanwala**

Note:

- Anish Bhanwala (15 years old) won the gold medal in the shooting game in men's 25m rapid fire pistol event.
- Anish Bhanwala is a native of Karnal, Haryana.

**143.** India clinched its first-ever gold in badminton mixed-team event at the 21st Commonwealth Games (CWG) by defeating which country? **Malaysia**

Note:

- **Kidambi Srikanth, Saina Nehwal** and the mixed doubles pair of **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Ashwini Ponnappa** won the mixed badminton final at 21<sup>st</sup> CWG.

**144.** **Heena Sidhu** won the gold medal in the Shooting at which event at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018? **25-metre pistol**

Note:

- Earlier, she won the silver medal in the 10-metre air pistol event.
- Manu Bhaker won the gold medal in the same 10-metre air pistol event.

**145.** **Manika Batra** is in news. She is related to which sports? **Table Tennis**

Note:

- Manika Batra created history by becoming the first Indian **woman table tennis player** to win a singles gold at the Commonwealth Games 2018.
- She defeated **Yu Mengyu** of Singapore.

**146.** **Rahul Aware** clinched gold medal in which men's freestyle wrestling category at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018? **57 kg**

Note:

- **Rahul Aware** has won India's first wrestling gold medal.
- Sushil Kumar clinched gold in the 74 kg category.



**147.** Shreyasi Singh won the gold medal for India at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018. She is associated with which sports? **Shooting**

Note:

- She bagged the gold medal in the **Women's Double Trap event**.
- In the Men's Double Trap, **Ankur Mittal** won the **bronze** medal.

**148.** Bajrang Punia won gold medal in which men's freestyle wrestling category at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018? **65 kg**

Note:

- He is a native of Jhajjar, Haryana.

**149.** Who became the first Indian javelin thrower to win a gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games?

**Neeraj Chopra**

**150.** Who became the oldest athlete to debut in Commonwealth Games history? **Robert Pitcairn**

Note:

- Robert Pitcairn is a 79-year-old full-bore shooter from Canada.
- He debuted at the 2018 Commonwealth Games as the oldest athlete in Commonwealth Games history.

**151.** Who led the Indian contingent at the closing ceremony of the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018?

**Mary Kom**

**152.** Which country tops the medal tally in the 2018 Commonwealth Games? **Australia**

Note:

- Australia tops the medal chart with **total 198 medals** which includes (80 gold, 59 silvers and 59 bronze medals).
- England stood on the second sport with **total 136 medals** which includes (45 gold, 45 silver and 46 bronze medals).

**153.** What is the rank of India in the medal tally of 2018 Commonwealth Games? **Third**

Note:

- India won total 66 medals which include - 26 gold, 20 silvers and 20 bronze medals.
- With the 66 medals India stood on the third positions.

**154.** The India Mobile Congress will be held from 25th – 27th October 2018 in which Indian city? **New Delhi**

Note:

- The theme of the 2018 India Mobile Congress is - "**NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS: Connect. Create. Innovate.**".
- India Mobile Congress is considered as one of the biggest Mobile, Internet and Technology events in Asia.

**155.** The first 'Happy Cities' Summit was held in \_\_\_\_\_. **Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh**

Note:

- A key objective of the summit is to evolve a framework for thinking about and measuring 'city happiness' as well as a declaration and set of principles for guiding policy and action in the development of 'happy cities'.

**156.** Which city hosted the 7th edition of Home Expo India 2018? **Greater Noida**

Note:

- The 7th edition of Home Expo India 2018 was inaugurated by Smriti Zubin Irani, the Union Minister of Textiles and Information and Broadcasting, at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida.

**157.** The 10th edition of "DefExpo India- 2018" was held in which state? **Tamil Nadu**

- It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The theme of the expo is "India: **The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub**".

**158.** The World Expo 2020 will be held in \_\_\_\_\_. **Dubai**

Note:

- The World Expo 2020 will be held in **Dubai, U.A.E**
- India and World Expo 2020 signed participants contract for India's pavilion in the prestigious World Expo 2020.
- The world Expo held once in 5 years.

**159.** The 16th International Energy Forum Ministerial Meeting – IEF16 was held in which country? **India**

Note:

- It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The aim of the 3-day IEF16 is to focus on how global shifts, transition policies and new technologies influence market stability and future investment in the energy sector.

**160.** Which country hosted the 2018 International Conference on Human Rights in South Asia? **Nepal**

Note:

- Nepal President - **Bidhya Devi Bhandari** (recently elected for second term) (first woman President of Nepal)
- Nepal PM – **K. P. Oli** (elected on Feb 2018)
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (**SAARC**) Headquarter is in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.



**161.**The first meeting of NITI Forum for North East was held in which state? **Tripura**

Note:

- The first meeting of NITI Forum for North East- a unit of NITI Aayog was held in Agartala, Tripura on April 09, 2018.
- The emphasis in meeting was given on Infrastructure and Connectivity.
- The meeting was inaugurated by Minister of Development of North East Region (DoNER) Dr **Jitendra Singh** and Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog **Dr Rajiv Kumar**.
- CM of **Tripura** - Biplab Kumar Deb
- Governor of Tripura - **Tathagata Roy**
- Rajbari National Park
- Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary, Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary

**162.**Which country hosted the first International conference on 'Water, Environment and Climate Change: Knowledge Sharing and Partnership'? **Nepal**

**163.**ISRO successfully launched navigation satellite **IRNSS-1I** into the orbit from which launch vehicle? **PSLV-C41**

Note:

- On April 2018, ISRO successfully launched the navigation satellite IRNSS-1I into the orbit with the help of PSLV-C41 launch vehicle from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) is a constellation of seven satellites that provides indigenously developed regional GPS services called **NavIC**.

**164.**The joint military exercise "Desert Tiger 5" was held between which country? **United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Malaysia**

Note:

- The joint military exercise "Desert Tiger 5" was recently held between United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Malaysia in Dubai, UAE.

**165.**The National Safe Motherhood (NSMD) day is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_. **April 11**

Note:

- The day is celebrated to create awareness on proper healthcare and maternity celebrities to pregnant and lactating women.
- Theme - **Respectful Maternity Care**

**166.**The World Homoeopathy Day (WHD) is observed every year on which date? **April 10**

Note:

- The day is celebrated to pay tribute to **Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann**, founder and father of Homeopathy system of medicine.

- **Scientific Convention on World Homoeopathy Day** was held in New Delhi.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the event.

**167.**Who authored the book "India's Heritage of Gharana Music: Pandits of Gwalior"? **Meeta Pandit**

**168.**In the 65th National Film Awards for 2017, the Best Book on Cinema award was given to 'Matmagi Manipur-The first Manipuri Feature Film'. Who is the author of the book? **Bobby Wahengbam**

Note:

- The book provides a vivid account of the socio-political scenario in which Manipur regional cinema was born.

**169.**Ram Kumar, who passed recently, was associated with which field? **Painting**

Note:

- Ram Kumar was a noted painter was honored with Padma Shri award in 1972 and Kalidas Samman by the Madhya Pradesh government in 1986.

**170.**Hemchand Yadav, who passed away recently, was associated with which field? **Political**

Note:

- Hemchand Yadav, the former Chhattisgarh minister and senior BJP leader.

**171.**E N Rammohan, who passed away recently, was the former Director General of \_\_\_\_\_. **Border Security Force**

Note:

- He was the DG of the BSF between December 1997 and November 2000.

**172.**According to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), which institutions adjudged as the overall best institution in the country? **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru**

Note:

- As per the ranking released by the national institutional ranking framework (NIRF), the IISc stood first in the **university category**, followed by **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** and **Banaras Hindu University (BHU)**.
- The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 'India Rankings', India's own top university rankings under **9 different categories** is being released by Human Resources Development (HRD) Minister Prakash Javadekar.
- The premier healthcare institute All India Institute of Medical Science (**AIIMS**) Delhi was



ranked **number one** institute under **medical college category**.

- **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras** (IIT-M) has been adjudged the **best engineering college**.
- **Indian Institute of Management- Ahmedabad** (IIM-A) the **best management institution**.

**173.** Which country became the second largest manufacturer of crude steel? **India**

**Note:**

- According to Steel Users Federation of India (SUFI), **India** has overtaken **Japan** to become world's second largest producer of **crude steel in February 2018**.
- China is the largest producer of crude steel in the world.
- Top 3 countries – **China, India and Japan**.
- Earlier in 2017, **India** had overtaken US to become **third largest** producer of crude steel.

**174.** The Union Government constituted a committee to frame regulations for online news portals. Who is the head of the committee? **Narendra Kumar Sinha**

**Note:**

- **Narendra Kumar Sinha** is a Secretary of Information and Broadcasting.
- The current Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting is **Smriti Zubin Irani**.
- **Smriti Zubin Irani** is a Member of Parliament, being elected to the Rajya Sabha from the state of **Gujarat**.

**175.** Jio Payments Bank Limited recently started its operation. Jio Payments Bank is a joint venture between Reliance Industries and \_\_\_\_\_. **SBI**.

**Note:**

- **Jio Payments Bank** is a joint venture between Reliance Industries and the country's biggest lender, **State Bank of India**.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** Ltd is the first payments bank in India.

**176.** What is the rank of India in the world in terms of risk of cyber threats in 2017? **3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Note:**

- As per latest report by security solutions provider 'Symantec' India ranked at **the 3<sup>rd</sup> positions** in most vulnerable country in

terms of risk of cyber threats, such as malware, spam and ransomware, in 2017.

- The list is topped by **U.S., followed by China**.

**177.** Which bank signed USD 930 Million deal to set up the solar venture in India? **SoftBank**

**Note:**

- **Japan's SoftBank Group Corp** has agreed to launch a **\$930 million** Indian joint solar energy venture with Chinese firm GCL System Integration Technology Co as part of its India solar investment roadmap.

**178.** Which committee is constituted by HRD Ministry to examine CBSE board's exam conduct process? **VS Oberoi**.

**Note:**

- The HRD Ministry has set up a "high-powered committee" to examine the process by which the CBSE conducts examinations, following the alleged leak of the Class 10 mathematics and the Class 12 economics papers.

**179.** Which country became the second largest producer of mobile phones in 2017? **India**

**Note:**

- India replaced Vietnam to become the second-largest producer of mobile phones in 2017.
- The top three mobile producing countries are **China, India, and Vietnam**.

**180.** With the help of which country cooperation, the first nuclear power plant is being built in Turkey? **Russia**

**Note:**

- The first nuclear power plant known as **Akkuyu plant** is being built by Russia's nuclear energy agency, **Rosatom**.
- The project is estimated to cost \$20 billion.
- Capital of Turkey - **Ankara**
- Currency of Turkey - **Lira**.
- Currency of Russia - **Ruble**
- Capital of Russia - **Moscow**

**181.** Indian Army signed a MoU with which bank on the Defence Salary Package? **HDFC Bank**

**Note:**

- The MoU will benefit all serving and retired Indian Army personnel who have their accounts with HDFC bank.



**182.**Country's longest elevated road "Hindon Elevated Road" inaugurated in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**

Note:

- India's longest elevated road, which is also known as "**Hindon Elevated Road**" inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Ghaziabad.
- The elevated road expressway is a **10.3 km long**.

**183.**SIDBI celebrates its foundation day on \_\_\_\_ . **April 2.**

Note:

- On April 2, 2018 the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) celebrated its foundation day.
- SIDBI is the principle development financial institution for promotion, financing and development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in India.
- It is headquartered in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.

**184.**Multi Modal Logistic Park launched in \_\_\_\_ . **Goa**

Note:

- Multi Modal Logistics Park launched at **Balli station** near Madgaon in Goa.
- The park is setup as per the agreement made between Konkan Railway & Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR).
- It is located on Konkan Railway route.

**185.**As per the **E-way bill** - the businesses and transporters moving goods worth over \_\_\_\_ from one state to another will have to carry an electronic or e-way bill? **Rs. 50,000**

Note:

- The e-way bill will apply to inter-state transportation of goods worth over **Rs. 50,000** through road, railways, airways and vessels.

**186.**The Government of India and the World Bank signed a US\$ 420 million project to help Small and Marginal farmers of which state? **Maharashtra**

Note:

- The project will help in increasing climate resilient practices in agriculture and ensuring that farming continues to remain a financially viable activity for them.

**187.**The Union Minister for Railways and Coal has launched which app for Coal Quality Monitoring? **UTTAM App**

Note:

- The Union Minister for Railways and Coal Shri Piyush Goyal launched UTTAM App for Coal Quality Monitoring.
- **UTTAM stands for** – Unlocking Transparency by Third Party Assessment of Mined Coal
- UTTAM App ensures accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency in coal ecosystem.
- It provides a platform for monitoring of sampling and coal dispatches.

**188.**Which state launched the 'Rupashree scheme' for the marriage of poor girls of the state? **West Bengal**

Note:

- The scheme proposes to extend one-time financial assistance worth Rs 25,000 to the family of the girl whose annual income is up to Rs 1.5 lakh.
- The state government had earlier introduced a scheme called 'Kanyashree scheme' to promote education among women.

**189.**What is the rank of India in global startup ecosystem in 2017? **37<sup>th</sup>**

Note:

- India has been ranked 37th out of 125 countries in global startup ecosystem in 2017, according to latest report released by global startup ecosystem map Startupblink.
- Top 3 countries – **US, UK & Canada**.

**190.**Which airport named as the **India's cleanest airport**, as per latest survey conducted by the Airports Authority of India (AAI)? **Mangaluru International Airport**

**191.**The **Ganga Hariteema Yojana** (Ganga Greenery scheme) was launched by which state? **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- The main objective of the scheme is to enhance green cover in the catchment areas of the river Ganga and to control the land erosion.



192. Who has been appointed as a whole-time member of market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India? **Santosh Kumar Mohanty**

193. Who became the new President of NASSCOM?  
**Debjani Ghosh**

**Note:**

- She has replaced R.Chandrashekar.
- Debjani is the first woman President of NASSCOM.
- NASSCOM stands for - National Association of Software and Services Companies.

194. Who became the new President of Sierra Leone?

**Julius Maada Bio**

**Note:**

- **Mr Maada Bio** is a former military ruler who briefly ruled the country in 1996.
- The capital of Sierra Leone is **Freetown**.
- The currency of Sierra Leone - **Sierra Leonean leone**

195. Who elected as the new president of Badminton Association of India (BAI)? **Himanta Biswa Sarma**

**Note:**

- Himanta Biswa Sarma elected as the President of Badminton Association of India.
- Badminton Association of India (BAI) is the governing body of Badminton in India formed in 1934.
- It's headquarter is in **Lucknow**.

196. Who appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia? **Subrata Bhattacharjee**

**Note:**

- The capital of Serbia - **Belgrade**
- The currency of Serbia is - **Dinar**

197. What is the Motto of the 2018 Commonwealth Games? "**Share the Dream**".

**Note:**

- **Borobi** was named as the **mascot** of the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- It is for the **5th time** Australia hosted the Commonwealth Games.
- Earlier Australia hosted Commonwealth Games in -1938, 1962, 1982, 2006.

198. Who won the **first gold medal** for India in the 2018 Commonwealth Games? **Mirabai Chanu**

**Note:**

- Mirabai Chanu, won the first gold medal for India in the women's **48 kg category** Weightlifting event.

199. Who claimed the **first medal** for India in Commonwealth Games 2018? **P Gururaja**

**Note:**

- **P Gururaja** won the first medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2018.

- He won the **silver medal** in the men's **56kg weightlifting event**.

200. Sanjita Chanu won the **second gold medal** for India in which category of weightlifting in 2018 Commonwealth Games? **53kg**

**Note:**

- Sanjita Chanu won the second gold medal for India in women's 53kg category weightlifting event.

201. Deepak Lather won the **bronze medal** in 2018 Commonwealth Games in which sports?

**Weightlifting**

**Note:**

- **Deepak Lather** won the bronze medal in 2018 Commonwealth Games in men's **69kg weightlifting** event.
- Deepak Lather is an **18-year-old youngster** from the village of **Shadipur in Haryana**.

202. Sathish Kumar Sivalingam won the gold medal for India in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in which event? **Weightlifting**

**Note:**

- Sathish Kumar Sivalingam clinch the gold medal for India in men's **77 kg category** weightlifting event
- Sathish Kumar Sivalingam belongs to Vellore city of Tamil Nadu.

203. Venkat Rahul Ragala won the gold medal for India in which weightlifting category at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018? **85 kg**

**Note:**

- Weightlifter Venkat Rahul Ragala claimed India's fourth Gold medal in 85-kg category at 21st Commonwealth Games with a total lift of 338 Kg.

204. Punam Yadav won the gold medal for India in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia. She won the gold medal in which game? **Weightlifting**

**Note:**

- She won the gold medal in the women's **69kg category Weightlifting** event.
- She is a native of **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.

205. Manu Bhaker wins India's first medal in Shooting in which event? **women's 10m Air Pistol event**

**Note:**

- 16-year old Manu Bhaker won the gold medal in Shooting in **women's 10m Air Pistol event**.
- She is a native of **Haryana**.
- **Heena Sidhu** won the silver medal in Shooting in **women's 10m Air Pistol event**.
- **Mehuli Ghosh** won the silver medal in Shooting in **women's 10m air rifle event**.





- **Apurvi Chandela** won the bronze medal in Shooting in **women's 10m air rifle event**.
206. India women's table tennis team won which medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games? **Gold medal**  
**Note:**
- India women's table tennis team scripted history as they clinched their first ever gold medal at the Commonwealth Games.
  - They registered a 3- 1 victory over Singapore in the final to clinch the gold medal.
207. **Jitu Rai** won the gold medal for India in men's Shooting in which event? **10m air pistol**  
**Note:**
- **Om Prakash Mitharval** won the bronze medal in men's Shooting in **10m air pistol event**.
  - **Ravi Kumar** won bronze medal in the men's **10m air rifle event**.
208. Which team won the Santosh Trophy 2018? **Kerala**  
**Note:**
- Kerala defeated West Bengal in the final to win the 2018 Santosh Trophy.
  - With this win, Kerala won the Santosh Trophy for sixth time.
  - West Bengal won the 2017 Santosh Trophy.
  - Santosh Trophy is an annual Indian **football** tournament started in 1941.
209. Who won the Miami Open men's single trophy? **John Isner**  
**Note:**
- John Isner(USA) defeated Alexander Zverev(Germany) in the final.
  - **Sloane Stephens (USA)** defeated Jelena Ostapenko(Latvia) to win the Miami Open women's single trophy.
210. Which country won the South East Asian Women Handball Championship? **India**  
**Note:**
- **India defeated Bangladesh** by 27-10 to win the fifth South East Asian Women Handball Championship.
211. 2018 Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) conference was held in \_\_\_\_. **China**  
**Note:**
- The Boao Forum for Asia (BFA), often called Summer Davos.
  - The theme of the conference is '**Open and Innovative Asia for a World of Greater Prosperity**'.
212. The 18<sup>th</sup> Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Mid-Term Ministerial conference was held in \_\_\_\_. **Baku, Azerbaijan**

Note:

- The theme of the conference is - "**Promoting International Peace and Security for Sustainable Development**".
  - External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** attended the meeting.
  - NAM plays an important role in maintenance of international peace and security.
  - The Non-Aligned Movement includes **120 states**.
  - The headquarter of NAM is in \_\_\_\_. **Jakarta, Indonesia**.
  - The Currency of **Azerbaijan** is - **manat**.
213. The Global Logistics Summit was held in \_\_\_\_. **New Delhi**  
**Note:**
- The objective of the summit is to improve logistics and connectivity which are essential for increasing intra-state and international trade flows.
  - Around 14.4% of GDP spend by India on logistics and transportation sector.
214. The joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise 'Chakravath 2018' is organized between Indian Navy and which state government? **Kerala**
215. Gaganshakti 2018 is one of the biggest combat exercises which was conducted by \_\_\_\_. **Indian Air Force**.
216. 'SAHYOG- -HYEOBLYEOG 2018' is a joint exercise between which two countries \_\_\_\_. **India and South Korea**.  
**Note:**
- The Indo-Korean joint anti-piracy exercise 'SAHYOG- HYEBOBLYEOG 2018' was conducted at the Chennai coast.
217. World Autism Awareness Day observed every year on \_\_\_\_. **2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**Note:**
- The 2018 theme for the day is "**Empowering Women and Girls with Autism**".
218. National Maritime Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_. **5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Note:**
- **April 5** is celebrated as the National Maritime Day in India every year.
  - The theme of 55<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Maritime Day 2018 celebrations is "**Indian Shipping – An Ocean of opportunity**".



219. United Nations' (UN) International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed on \_\_\_\_\_. **6<sup>th</sup>**

**April**

**Note:**

- **United Nations General Assembly** decided to commemorate **April 6**, the date when the first modern Olympics started in Greece, as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP).
- Olympics Games in 2020 will be held in – **Tokyo, Japan**.
- Olympics Games in 2016 was held in – **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**.

220. World Health Day observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_. **7<sup>th</sup>**

**April**

**Note:**

- The theme for this year's World Health Day is "**Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere**".

221. Raj Kishore, passed away recently. He was associated with which field? **Film Industry**

**Note:**

- He played the role of one of the prisoners in Ramesh Sippy-directed "**Sholay**".

222. S. Madhavan, who passed away recently, was the veteran politician of which party? **Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)**

- Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, is a state political party in the states of Tamil Nadu.
- M. Karunanidhi is the President of the DMK a political party.

223. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela recently passed away. She was known as the \_\_\_\_\_. **Mother of Nation**.

**Note:**

- She was the ex-wife of the former South African president **Nelson Mandela**.

224. Munin Barua, the noted film-maker has passed away. He belonged to which state? **Assam**

225. Niranjana Thomas Alva, who passed away recently. He was a renowned \_\_\_\_\_. **Lawyer**.

**Note:**

- Niranjana Thomas Alva (78), a Supreme Court lawyer and husband of Congress leader Margaret Alva, passed away.

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