

Monthly Current Affairs for CDS (I) 2019

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- The Cyclone **Phethai** rose in Bay of Bengal and hit the state of **Andhra Pradesh** on 16th December 2018.
- The Union Govt has released commemorative coin of **Rs. 100** in the honour of former PM Shri **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- The memorial "**Sadaiv Atal**" of former PM Shri **Atal Bihar Vajpayee** which was dedicated to the nation by the government of India.
- The **Bogibeel Bridge** on Brahmaputra river in Dibrugarh, Assam spanning 4.94 km is the **longest railroad bridge** in India. It is the 4th longest bridge in India after Bhupen Hazarika Setu, Mahatma Gandhi Setu and Bandra-Worli Sea Link.
- Three islands of Andaman and Nicobar is being renamed on 75th Anniversary of Tricolour hoisting by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. **Port Blair** was the **first territory** to be freed from British rule.
 - ❖ **Ross Island** renamed as **Netaji Subhas Chandra Dweep**
 - ❖ **Neil Island** renamed as **Shaheed Dweep**
 - ❖ **Havelock Island** renamed as **Swaraj Dweep**
- **GSAT-7A** is the 39th Indian communication satellite of ISRO to provide services to the users in Ku-band over the Indian region. The launch vehicle is **GSLV – F11** and was launched from **Satish Dhawan Space Station, Sriharikota**. It is also known as "**Angry Bird**" and will act as Force Multiplier for the **Indian Air Force**.
- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** has approved registration of record 15 new breeds of livestock and poultry this year.
 - ❖ Two cattle breeds - Ladakhi (J&K) and Konkan Kapila (Maharashtra & Goa)
 - ❖ Three buffalo breeds - Luit (Assam & Manipur), Bargur (Tamil Nadu), Chhattisgarhi (Chhattisgarh) One sheep breed – Panchali (Gujarat)
 - ❖ Six goat breeds – Kahmi (Gujarat), Rohilkhandi (UP), Assam Hill (Assam & Meghalaya), Bidri (Karnataka), Nandidurga (Karnataka), Bhakarwali (J&K)
 - ❖ One pig breed – Ghurrah (UP)
 - ❖ One donkey breed – Halari (Gujarat)
 - ❖ One chicken breed – Uttara (Uttarakhand)
- South African President **Cyril Ramaphosa** will be the Chief Guest at the **70th Republic Day** celebrations on 26 January 2019.
- **Andhra Pradesh** gets its own **High Court** in Capital **Amaravati**. **Justice Ramesh Ranganathan**, who is at present the Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court, will head the new high court. The total number of HC in India now has reached to **25**.
- FIH (International Hockey Federation) **Hockey World Cup 2018** was held in Kalinga Stadium, **Bhubaneswar, Odisha** from 28 Nov to 16 Dec 2018. The **Mascot** was **Oilly**, an Olive Ridley turtle.

- The Winners of the tournament was **Belgium** and the Runners-up was **The Netherlands**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** forest department has declared **Kuno** as a '**National Park**'. The move is expected to pave way for translocation of **lions** from Gir in Gujarat to Kuno, Madhya Pradesh.
- **India's 1st Private UAV Factory** Comes Up in **Hyderabad**. It is built by the **Adani Group** and Israel-based **Elbit Systems**.

Newly appointed Chief Ministers:

Telangana	-	K. Chandrasekhar Rao
Rajasthan	-	Ashok Gehlot
Madhya Pradesh	-	Kamal Nath
Chhattisgarh	-	Bhupesh Baghel
Mizoram	-	Mr. Zoramthanga

Awards and Honours:

- The Sitar player, **Manju Mehta** has been awarded the **Tansen Samman** by the Madhya Pradesh Govt for her contribution to music.
- The English novelist, **Amitav Ghosh** is chosen for **2018 Jnanpith Award**. He has become the first writer in English language to be given this award.
- The Saudi Arabian dissident, author, columnist for the Washington Post, **Jamal Khashoggi** assassinated on 02 Oct 2018 has been chosen to be the **Time magazines Person of the Year 2018**.

Person in News:

- **Shaktikanta Das** is the new **Governor of Reserve Bank of India** who has been appointed after the resignation of **Dr. Urjit Patel**.
- **Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramaniam** is the new **Chief Economic Advisor** to the Government of India after **Arvind Subramaniam**.
- **Mrinal Sen**, legendary **filmmaker** and **Dada Saheb Phalke** Awardee passed away on 30 Dec 2018.

Defence:

- **Russia** recently tested its intercontinental, **nuclear hypersonic** missile, **Avangard** from a base in the southern Ural Mountains which has an operational range of **16000 km**.
- The **Indian Navy** recently inducted its **first flyaway Deep-sea Submarine Rescue System** (DSRV) which was manufactured by Scotland based **James Fisher and Sons**. It is currently deployed on mother ship INS Sabarmati and is based in **Mumbai**.

Military Exercises:

- Indian Air Force and **Japanese Air Self-defence Force – Shinyuu Maitri** (Agra Air Force Base). It was held from 3 – 7 Dec 2018.
- Indian Air Force and **US Air Force – Cope India** (Kalaikunda & Panagarh Air Force, West Bengal). It was held from 3 – 14 Dec 2018.
- Indian Navy and **Russian Federation Navy - Indra Navy 2018** (off coast of Visakhapatnam). It was held from 09 – 16 Dec 2018.
- Indian Air Force and **Russian Air Force - Aviandra 2018** (Jodhpur Air Force base). It was held from 10 to 21 Dec 2018.
- Indian Army and **Peoples Liberation Army** (Sino-India) – **Hand in Hand** (Chengdu). It was held from 10 – 23 Dec 2018.

Places in News:

- Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal** inaugurated **India's first railway university** in Vadodara, Gujrat. It is the third in the world after **Russia and China**.
- **Qatar** has decided to leave **the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries** (OPEC) in **January 2019**. Qatar joined the OPEC in **1961** and is one of the first Gulf country to leave the bloc of oil-producing countries.
- The **2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference** was **24th Conference of Parties** to the UNFCCC (the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**). It was held between 2 and 15 December 2018 in **Katowice, Poland**.

Sports:

- **PV Sindhu** became the **first Indian to win the BWF Tour Finals Women's Singles title** defeating **Nozomi Okuhara** in the finals. It was held in **Tianhe, Guangzhou, China**.
- Croatian footballer (club Real Madrid) **Luca Modric** was chosen for annual football award **Ballon d'Or 2018**.
- The 9th Edition of **Admiral's cup Regatta 2018**, the prestigious international military sailing event hosted annually by **Indian Naval Academy** (INA), Ezhimala at Ettikulam Bay from 02 December to 06 December 2018 was won by **Italy**.
- **Mary Kom** has been conferred with the title "**Meethoileima**" by the **Manipuri government** for exceptional achievement in the field of **boxing**.

Important Days in December:

World AIDS day: 01 December 2018

Organisation – World Health Organisation

Theme – Know your status

United Nations Human Rights Day: 10 December 2018

Organisation – United Nations General Assembly

Theme – Stand up 4 human rights
