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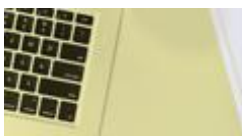
**Weekly GK Blaster** is a collection of **Current Affairs** news and events that occurred from **22-31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**. This file is important for all **SSC & Railway Exams**.

**Important News – India**

1. The committee has submitted its report to Finance minister Piyush Goyal with some recommendations to tackle Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and creating credit capacity\_\_\_ **Sunil Mehta committee**.  
**Note:**
  - The Sunil Mehta panel presented project '**Sashakt**' and recommended a five-pronged strategy to deal with stressed assets.
  - The plan focuses on turning around assets in a manner that will create additional jobs by reviving businesses and prevent job losses from foreclosures.
2. Facebook is working on a new satellite project to provide broadband internet connections to rural and underserved areas \_\_\_**Athena**.  
**Note:**
  - In 2016, Facebook's internet satellite for Africa was lost when SpaceX's rocket exploded.
  - Facebook appears to have filed with the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under the name Point View Tech LLC.
3. According to the **Public Affairs Index 2018 released** by the think tank **Public Affairs Centre (PAC)**, The state stands as the best-governed state in the country\_\_\_ **Kerala**.  
**Note:**
  - Telangana, Karnataka, and Gujarat are ranked third, fourth and fifth respectively among the top five states delivering good governance.
  - Public Affairs Index 2018 released annually (since 2016), the index examines governance performance in the states through a data-based framework.
4. The **19th Kargil Vijay Diwas** celebrated at the Drass War Memorial in \_\_\_**Jammu and Kashmir**.  
**Note:**
  - 500 war heroes paid tributes to the War Heroes by laying wreath at the memorial in Kargil town.
  - The Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year for three days till 26th July to commemorate India's emphatic victory against Pakistan.
  - It remembers the supreme sacrifice of 500 heroes who laid down their lives and those who are still alive.
5. Renowned historian and author has penned a new book on Mahatma Gandhi "Gandhi: the years that changed the world (1914-1948)" \_\_\_ **Ramachandra Guha**.  
**Note:**
  - The book will not only tell the story of Gandhi's life, from his departure from South Africa to his dramatic assassination in 1948, but also the history of our freedom movement and its many strands.
6. The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference of young Superintendents of Police (SP) in\_\_\_ **New Delhi**.  
**Note:**
  - The theme of the conference is, '**Predictive Policing and Contemporary Challenges for Indian Police Forces**'.



- The objective is to generate awareness among young SPs and commandants in the areas of artificial intelligence, cyber-crime and surveillance tracking for effective delivery of services to citizens.
7. President Ram Nath Kovind has launched the Chhattisgarh government's Yogna at Jagdalpur, Bastar \_\_\_ **Sanchar Kranti Yojna**.
- Note:**
- Under the scheme, 50 lakh smartphones will be distributed free of cost to the people.
8. The Human Resources Development (HRD) Minister Prakash Javadekar has chaired a three-day National Conference of Vice-chancellors and Directors in \_\_\_ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- It is time to show India's prowess to the world in the field of education.
  - The country hosts many world-class educators who are working in silos and they need to break walls and come forward to share their knowledge.
9. India's Union Minister has attended the Global Disability Summit in London, UK \_\_\_ **Thaawarchand Gehlot**.
- Note:**
- The motto of the Conference was to firm up the commitments of the country leaders towards the cause of persons with disabilities.
  - The participants in the summit appreciated the efforts of the Government of India towards empowerment and inclusion of PwDs.
10. The ministry has organized 2nd meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission) in New Delhi \_\_\_ **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.
- Note:**
- September-2018 will be celebrated as National Nutrition Month and this will be celebrated every year.
11. India's first three-day International Blockchain Congress (IBC) in India will be held at \_\_\_ **Hyderabad**.
- Note:**
- The objective of the IBC is to bring thought-provoking conversations on blockchain for next-generation financial services.
  - The first two days of the IBC will be organised at Hyderabad and the third day will be hosted in Goa.
12. The Department of Telecom (DoT) has given final approval to the merger of \_\_\_ **Vodafone India & Idea Cellular**.
- Note:**
- Idea Cellular and Vodafone India jointly paid Rs. 7,268.78 crore 'under protest' to the DoT.
  - The entities will approach Registrar of Companies (RoC) for stipulated filings for approval, completing the last leg of formalities.
  - Now, Vodafone Idea will create India's largest mobile-phone company and help the firms compete with billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.
13. Who formed a monitoring committee on the cleaning of the Yamuna River \_\_\_ **National Green Tribunal (NGT)**.
- Note:**
- The green panel has appointed B S Sajwan (retired expert member) and Shailaja Chandra (former Delhi chief secretary) as members of the committee.
  - The Committee will submit a detailed report on the issue by 31st December 2018.
14. The Indian Railways has launched a 'Mission' at National Rail Museum, New Delhi \_\_\_ **Mission Satyanishtha**.
- Note:**
- To train every employee to understand the need and value of ethics in Personal and Public life.
  - To deal with ethical dilemmas in life and Public Governance.
  - To help understand the policies of Indian Railways on ethics and integrity and the employee's role in upholding the same.
  - To develop inner governance through tapping inner resources.



15. Electronics and IT (Information Technology) Secretary has launched a desktop software to enable editing of text printed on scanned documents\_\_ **e-Aksharayan**.

**Note:**

- "e-Aksharayan" is a desktop software for converting scanned printed Indian language documents into a fully editable text format in Unicode encoding.
- The software supports editing in seven Indian languages (Hindi, Bangla, Malayalam, Gurmukhi, Tamil, Kannada & Assamese).
- It can be downloaded for free from its website.

16. The ministry of women and child Development (WCD) has launched a contest to share images of the Childline\_\_ **#Childline1098**.

**Note:**

- The contest invites people to share images of the Childline 1098 logo that they spot at unique locations and send it with a tagline.
- The contest has been organized to mark 'World Day against Trafficking in Persons' on 30th July.

### Important Day

1. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated to honour the Kargil War's Heroes\_\_ **26th July**.

**Note:**

- On 26th July,1999, India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been lost to Pakistani intruders.
- The three-day celebrations already began (on 24th July) at the Drass War Memorial in Kargil town in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days, 527 soldiers from Indian Armed Forces sacrificed their lives during the war.

2. The World Hepatitis Day is being observed worldwide to raise global awareness of Hepatitis and encourage prevention, diagnosis, and treatment\_\_ **28th July**.

**Note:**

- The Theme of this year is " Test. Treat. Hepatitis".
- World Hepatitis Day is one of eight official global public health campaigns marked by the WHO.

3. The International Tiger Day (ITD) is observed globally to raise awareness for tiger conservation\_\_ **29th July**.

**Note:**

- The goal of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues.
- In 2010, 29th July was decided to be celebrated as Tiger day during the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit.

4. The World Day against Trafficking in Persons is observed every year on \_\_ **30<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Note:**

- The day raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.
- The 2018 theme "Responding to the trafficking of children and young people" highlights the fact that almost a 3rd of trafficking victims are children.

### States News

1. The state govt. will implement the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission for its employees in November 2018 \_\_ **Maharashtra**.

**Note:**

- The decision will benefit 19 lakh government employees across the state and put a financial burden of Rs. 21,530 crores on the state exchequer.
- In March 2018, the finance department has made provisions of Rs. 10,000 crores in its annual budget.

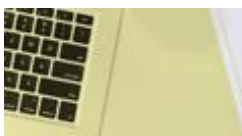
2. The state govt. has launched 'e-Pragati core platform' to connect all departments and stand alone to resolve the issues \_\_\_  
**Andhra Pradesh.**  
**Note:**
- e-Pragati is aimed at connecting the citizen to 34 departments, 336 autonomous organisations and 745-plus services.
  - Through this project, the State government intends to realise the vision of 'Sunrise AP 2022'.
3. The state police launched drive to bust an international smuggling racket of pangolin \_\_\_\_ **Odisha.**  
**Note:**
- The Odisha police has launched a drive to bust an international syndicate that peddles "endangered" pangolin, one of the world's most illegally traded mammals.
4. The state assembly has passed a bill to amend some of the stringent provisions of the prohibition law in order to prevent its misuse and make the quantum of punishment proportionate to the nature of offence \_\_\_ **Bihar.**  
**Note:**
- Changes in the excise law enacted in 2016 are being brought after the state received complaints of widespread misuse of the provisions by police and excise officials.
  - Now, first-time offenders will have to pay a fine of 50,000 rupees, failing which, they will have to undergo a prison term of three months.
  - Those violating the law for the second time and more will be liable to 10 years of imprisonment and fine of five lakh rupees.
5. The state govt. has decided to set up a separate directorate for the 'Divyangs' \_\_\_ **Assam.**  
**Note:**
- According to the Social Welfare minister Pramila Rani Brahma, the Social Welfare department to give 1 thousand rupees per month to all Divyangs as stipend.
  - Divyang is a Hindi word meaning the one with a divine body.
6. The state govt. has decided to introduce a mobile app for farmers to register their complaint regarding defunct transformers \_\_\_  
**Rajasthan Govt.**  
**Note:**
- The transformer would be replaced within six hours of the complaint.
  - Earlier, the scheme was being launched on a pilot basis from Jhalawara.
7. Who will launch India's first public sector hotel 'Hostess' run entirely by women for women in Thiruvananthapuram \_\_\_ **Kerala**  
**Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC).**  
**Note:**
- The hotel will come up at the KTDC complex at the main bus station in the heart of Thiruvananthapuram.
  - Hostess's will offer state-of-the-art facilities, including automated security features, technology-oriented check-ins and check-outs, laundry service, complimentary breakfast, microwave oven and fitness centre.
8. The Odisha govt. has launched a plantation drive to stop soil erosion on river banks and recharge the groundwater reserve \_\_\_ **Green Mahanadi Mission.**  
**Note:**
- Under the 'Green Mahanadi Mission' around 2 crores saplings will be planted along the Mahanadi river and its tributaries.
9. The West Bengal Governor 'K N Tripathi' has inaugurated the 18th International Children's Film Festival in \_\_\_ **Kolkata.**  
**Note:**
- Bouquet of 32 offerings from 17 countries would be screened.
  - The Governor also called for screening of one children's film in every cinema hall of the state every month.
10. The state Govt. will observe Independence Day eve as Shahid Samman Divas to honour 'martyrs' \_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**  
**Note:**
- It will be a comprehensive program and spread across all the villages, blocks and districts of Madhya Pradesh, where rallies will be organized.
  - The martyrs will be paid homage and the relatives of the martyrs will also be honored on the day.



11. The state Government has announced an 'Urban Sanitation and Cleanliness Policy' for better management of solid and liquid waste in cities \_\_\_ **Gujarat**.  
**Note:**
  - The policy aims at complete abolition of manual scavenging.
  - The policy also puts a thrust on recycling of drainage water.
12. The state Government has announced to replace the health insurance scheme conceived by the previous regime with a new one \_\_\_ **Arunachal Pradesh**.  
**Note:**
  - The new Chief Minister's Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) will enable citizens to avail cashless health services in empaneled hospitals.
  - The vision is to accord quality and cashless healthcare services to the people of the state envisaging universal health care to all by 2020.
13. The state Govt. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a private trust Sohanlalji Buladevi Ojha Gaushala Samiti to build its first 'Cow Sanctuary' \_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.  
**Note:**
  - In June 2018, the state government introduced a 20 percent surcharge on liquor to use the proceeds for protection of cows in the state.

### Important News – World

1. The first meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Committee on Border Haats was held in \_\_\_ **Agartala, Tripura**.  
**Note:**
  - Both sides noted the positive impact of Border Haats on the livelihoods of the people living in areas adjoining the Haats.
  - They agreed that the next meeting would be held in Bangladesh on mutually agreed dates.
2. India and Rwanda signed agreements after delegation-level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Paul Kagame in Kigali \_\_\_ **eight**.  
**Note:**
  - Two countries signed agreements in the fields of Defence, Trade, Agriculture, Leather and allied products and Dairy.
  - India also extended two Lines of Credit of 100 million US dollars each - one for development of industrial parks and Kigali Special Economic Zone, and the other for three agricultural projects in Rwanda.
3. An Indian Air Force contingent landed at the Darwin Air Force Base in Australia to participate in a multinational air exercise \_\_\_ **Ex Pitch Black**.  
**Note:**
  - The IAF contingent comprised of Su-30 MKI fighter jets (4), C-130 (1) and C-17 transporter aircraft (1).
  - The objective the exercise is to practice Offensive Counter Air (OCA) and Defensive Counter Air (DCA) combat, in a simulated war environment.
  - The first Pitch Black exercises took place on 15-16 June 1981 between different RAAF units.
4. The country will host the next Asean Education Ministers Meeting (ASEM) in October this year to boost its education sector \_\_\_ **Myanmar**.  
**Note:**
  - The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) partner countries include India, China, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia, the US, and Australia.
  - The first ASEM was held in Singapore (in 2006) and last in Malaysia.
5. Under the Rwandan Government's Girinka Programme, Prime Minister Modi has gifted 200 cows to Rwanda's villagers \_\_\_ **Rweru Model**.  
**Note:**
  - Under this scheme, poor families are gifted dairy cows and the first female calf born of the cow is gifted to the neighbor.
  - The word Girinka can be translated as 'may you have a cow' and describes a centuries-old cultural practice in Rwanda.
6. The country will organize the International Congress of Parliamentary Women's Caucuses (IWPC) \_\_\_ **Ireland**.  
**Note:**
  - The event will be attended by an estimated 300 delegates from over 27 countries and regions.
  - The conference will conclude with a Dublin Declaration.
7. The BRICS Summit 2018 held in \_\_\_ **Johannesburg**.



**Note:**

- The theme for the summit is "BRICS in Africa - collaboration for inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the 4th industrial revolution.
  - The BRICS Summit has been attended by the heads of the five BRICS nations that comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
8. According to a report led by Italian researchers in the US journal Science, a massive underground lake has been detected for the first time on \_\_\_ **Red Planet Mars**.

**Note:**

- It is the largest body of liquid water ever found on the Red Planet.
  - It is believed that the planet was home to plenty of liquid water and lakes at least 3.6 billion years ago.
  - Scientists are eager to find signs of contemporary water because such discoveries are key to unlocking the mystery of whether life ever formed on Mars in its ancient past.
9. The 6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) meeting held to discuss a range of issues on S&T cooperation in \_\_\_ **New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The union minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Mr. Sam Gyimah (Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, UK) led the Indian and UK delegations respectively.

### Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The union Government has reduced the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) to \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs. 250**.

**Note:**

- The interest rate on **Sukanya Samriddhi account** is revised every quarter (for the July-September quarter fixed at 8.1%).
- Under the **Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana** (SSY) scheme, a parent or legal guardian can open an account in the name of the girl child until she attains the age of 10 years.

2. Who has launched the South East Asia's first-ever Centre for Climate Change (CCC) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh \_\_\_ **NABARD**.

**Note:**

- The purpose of the centre is to accelerate concerted climate action by various stakeholders in government, private, financial, and non-government actors.

3. The Central Government has extended the due date for filing income tax returns for certain taxpayers till \_\_\_ **31st August, 2018**.

**Note:**

- Earlier the date for filing income tax returns for assessment Year 2018-19, was 31st of this month.

4. Who has constituted a 16-member committee to examine motor third party insurance pricing aspects and make recommendations on the premium rates for 2019-20 \_\_\_ **IRDAI**.

**Note:**

- This is for the first time the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has formed such a committee.
- IRDAI Member P.J. Joseph will be the chairman of the committee.

5. The bank has been awarded for the best performing primary lending institution in credit linked subsidy scheme (CLSS) for the EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and LIG (Low Income Group) category \_\_\_ **HDFC bank**.

**Note:**

- During FY18, HDFC bank has approved 38% of home loans in volume terms and 19% in value terms to customers from the EWS and LIG segment.
- CLSS was introduced in June 2015 under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for home loans to customers.

6. The bank has signed an agreement to roll out the Branchless Banking services, using Oxigen's flagship Point of Sale device \_\_\_ **Oxigen and Fincare Small Finance Bank**.

**Note:**

- The event graced by Brand Ambassador Grand Master Viswanathan Anand.

7. Private Sector Lender has received the regulatory nod to open offices in Bahrain, Kuwait and Singapore, but is awaiting local clearances before it starts operations\_\_\_ **Federal Bank**.

**Note:**

- Federal Bank already has representative offices in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and its desire to expand comes even as a majority of its larger peers are downsizing their overseas presence.

### Obituaries

1. Pulitzer Prize-winning restaurant critic passed away due to pancreatic cancer\_\_\_ **Jonathan Gold**.

**Note:**

- In 2007, when he was writing for L.A. Weekly, Gold became the first restaurant critic to win the Pulitzer Prize for criticism.

2. Veteran sports journalist passed away due to diabetic complications\_\_\_ **Swapan Sarkar**.

**Note:**

- In mid 1990's, he was the Delhi sports correspondent of Ananda Bazaar Patrika (ABP).

3. The world's oldest person Japanese woman has passed away at her home state south of Tokyo\_\_\_ **Chiyo Miyako**.

**Note:**

- Miyako (2nd May 1901) became the world's oldest person in April after Nabi Tajima from the Kikai island in southern Japan died at age 117.

4. Veteran filmmaker and former director of Film and Television Institute of India passed away in Thiruvalla, Kerala\_\_\_ **John Sankaramangalam**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Sankaramangalam had directed a handful of films and documentaries in his career.
- "Aval Alpam Vaikippoyi", "Janmabhoomi" and "Samantharam" were among his directorial ventures.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed non-executive Chairman of Max Financial Services\_\_\_ **Analjit Singh**.

**Note:**

- Max Financial Services has named its sponsor and founding shareholder Analjit Singh as nonexecutive chairman of the company.
- Max Life Insurance Company is the largest non-bank private life insurer in India and contributes over two-thirds of Max Group's revenues.

2. The National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) has appointed as its executive director\_\_\_ **Arman Ali**.

**Note:**

- He would assume charge from 1st October 2018.
- The National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) is trust established in 1996.

3. The Union government has set up a high-level committee to formulate appropriate measures to deal with mob lynching incidents\_\_\_ **Rajiv Gauba**.

**Note:**

- The committee will make its recommendations to the Government in four weeks.

4. Who was named as the first-ever woman Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court\_\_\_ **Justice Tahira Safdar**.

**Note:**

- In 1982, Justice Safdar had made history when she became the first woman civil judge in Balochistan.
- Currently, Justice Tahira Safdar is a member of the three-judge special court conducting the trial of former President Pervez Musharraf for committing treason by proclaiming a state of emergency (November 2007).





5. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) has appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for HSBC India \_\_\_ **Surendra Rosha**.

**Note:**

- Rosha succeeds Jayant Rikhye, who is taking a leave of absence for medical reasons.
- Currently, Rosha is the HSBC's Head of Financial Institutions Group (FIG) for Asia-Pacific.

### Honor & Awards

1. Indian personality has been crowned the Miss Asia (Deaf) 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ **Deshna Jain**.  
2. Two Indians among six who have been declared winners of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award \_\_\_ **Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk**.

**Note:**

- Bharat Vatwani (psychiatrist) who works for mentally-ill people living on the streets.
- Sonam Wangchuk, known for his reforms in the education sector in Ladakh, started a movement to help poor village student clear examinations.
- Youk Chhang (Cambodia), Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz (East Timor), Howard Dee (Philippines) and Vo Thi Hoang Yen rom (Vietnam) are other winners of the award.

3. The West Bengal Assembly has passed a resolution to rename the State as \_\_\_ **Bangla**.

**Note:**

- The move is aimed at climbing the alphabetical sequence of State names in which West Bengal appears last in the list now.
- The State will have to wait for the nod from the Union Home Ministry for the final approval of the resolution.

4. According to the US-based Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) report, the state is the new national leader in renewable energy generation \_\_\_ **Karnataka**.

**Note:**

- It has overtaken Tamil Nadu that had long been India's top renewables market.
- Karnataka has a sum of 12.3 gigawatts (GW) of renewable capacity installed till March 2018, after having added five GW in 2017-18 alone.

5. Who has been awarded the 'Marketer of the Year' award by the International Advertising Association of India \_\_\_ **GCMMF**.

**Note:**

- Amul is marketed by the GCMMF (Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd.), the biggest cooperative owned by 36 lakh farmers of Gujarat with the brand worth Rs 41,000 crore.
- Amul also known for its marketing and advertising strategies.

### Sports News

1. The Sports India (SI) has shortlisted **734 youngsters** for scholarship under the talent Development Scheme to nurture sporting talent \_\_\_ **Khelo India**.

**Note:**

- Through this programme, the athletes will get training at government-accredited residential academies.
- An annual stipend of Rs. 1.2 lakhs will be given to each selected player (quarterly basis) to meet their out of pocket expenses, treatment of injuries and other expenses.

2. Who beat first-time ATP finalist Ramkumar (India) to win Newport title 2018 \_\_\_ **American Steve Johnson**.

**Note:**

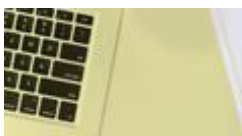
- Steve Johnson defeated Ramkumar Ramanathan (from Chennai) 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 on Newport's grass court for his fourth career ATP title.

3. India won 8 medals in the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship in \_\_\_ **New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- Sachin Rathi (74-kilogram category) Deepak Punia (86-kilogram category) won the gold.
- Iran (189 points) topped the team championship.
- India (173 points) finished second while Uzbekistan (128 points) came third.

4. Senior national champions retained the men's doubles title at the Lagos International badminton tournament in Nigeria\_\_\_ **Manu Attri & Sumeeth Reddy.**  
**Note:**
- They defeated Vaibhav and Prakash Raj 21-12, 21-12 in the finals.
  - The Lagos International is an annual open international badminton tournament held in Lagos, Nigeria.
  - The Lagos International organized by the Lagos State Badminton Association (LSBA) and Badminton Federation of Nigeria.
5. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced Rs. 10 lakhs cash reward for young shuttler \_\_\_ **Lakshya Sen.**  
**Note:**
- Lakshya Sen has become the third Indian shuttler to secure a gold medal at the Badminton Asia junior championships.
6. Indian football was named the 2017 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Player of the Year in the men's category \_\_\_ **Sunil Chhetri.**  
**Note:**
- Kamala Devi was adjudged the 2017 AIFF Woman Player of the Year.
  - Young Anirudh Thapa was declared as the 2017 Emerging Player of the Year.
  - Goalkeeper E Panthoi was named as the 2017-woman Emerging Player of the Year.
7. The Men's team event of the World Junior Squash Championships held in \_\_\_ **Chennai.**  
**Note:**
- A total of 24 countries (divided into eight groups) are taking part and two teams from each group will advance to the knock-out phase.
  - India, placed in Group-E alongside Switzerland and Saudi Arabia, is seeded fifth.
8. Indian sprinter has broken his own 400m national record at the Cena Noveho Mesta nad Metuji event\_\_\_ **Muhammad Anas.**  
**Note:**
- He achieved the feat while winning gold with a time of 45.24 seconds in the tournament (earlier national record of 45.31 seconds).
9. Pakistan batsman has become the first player from Pakistan to score a double century in a one-day international (ODI) \_\_\_ **Fakhar Zaman.**  
**Note:**
- Fakhar Zaman also became the quickest player in history to reach 1,000 runs in the ODI format.
  - Fakhar Zaman (takes 18-innings) has broken the record of West Indies cricketer Vivian Richards (takes 21 matches).
10. British racing driver has won the German Grand Prix 2018 held at Hockenheimring track in Germany\_\_\_ **Lewis Hamilton.**  
**Note:**
- Hamilton's recovery drive from P14 to the top step of the podium is already being hailed as one of his best wins in Formula 1.
  - The 2018 German Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held in **Germany.**
11. The union Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore has sanctioned a financial assistance of five lakh rupees to former archer \_\_\_ **Ashok Soren.**  
**Note:**
- Currently he is living in Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) in poor conditions.
  - The financial assistance has been given from Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.
12. Who has won the Hungarian Grand Prix for the sixth time of his career\_\_\_ **Lewis Hamilton.**  
**Note:**
- He finished with 17.123-second lead over Sebastian Vettel (Mercedes), 20 seconds ahead of Kimi Raikkonen of Finland (Ferrari).
  - The 2018 Hungarian Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Hungaroring in Mogyoród, Hungary.
13. Stunning strike against Argentina has been voted the best goal of the FIFA World Cup 2018\_\_\_ **Benjamin Pavard.**  
**Note:**
- Stuttgart defender ran onto a left-wing cross from Lucas Hernandez and sent a right-footed half-volley spinning into the top corner to level eventual champions France's last-16 tie with Argentina.
  - Colombian Juan Quintero's free-kick against Japan was the second-best goal.
14. Indian shuttler has lifted the Russian Open Badminton trophy-2018 at Vladivostok \_\_\_ **Sourabh Verma.**  
**Note:**
- In the title clash, Sourabh beat Japan's Koki Watanabe, 18-21, 21-12, 21-17, and win his first title of the season.



- Indian mixed doubles pair Rohan Kapoor and Kuhoo Garg, suffered a 19-21, 17-21 loss to Russia's Vladimir Ivanov and Min Kyung Kim of Korea to settle for runners-up.

15. The 2018 World Badminton Championships (XXIV) kicked off in \_\_\_\_ **Nanjing, China**.

**Note:**

- The BWF World Championships (also known as the World Badminton Championships) is a badminton tournament sanctioned by Badminton World Federation (BWF).

16. Who won the boy's title at the WSF-World Junior Squash team championship in Chennai\_\_ **Egypt**.

**Note:**

- Czech Republic and US finished third and secured the bronze medal.

17. Who won his second consecutive international gold at the Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul, Turkey\_\_ **Bajrang Punia**.

**Note:**

- Sandeep Tomar had to be content with a silver medal.
- Indian wrestlers returned with 10 medals (Women-7, Men-3) from the ranking event.
- In the women's competition, Pinki was the lone gold medallist in the 55kg category.

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