

CURRENT AFFAIRS - CAPSULE

NOVEMBER

BANKING

- **Fitch ratings** affirmed IDBI Bank's long-term issuer default rating (IDR) at 'BB+' and its viability rating (VR) at 'ccc'.
- **The Kirloskar group** had announced that it has **received** licence from the Reserve Bank to launch a **non-banking finance company (NBFC)**, **Kirloskar Capital**, which will be headed by industry veteran **Vimal Bhandari**.
- The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) cut listing time for an IPO to **3 days from 6 at present**.
- **ICICI Bank** announced partnership with '**Amazon Pay**' to launch a co-branded credit card, '**Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card**'.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has liberalized norms governing **external commercial borrowings (ECBs)** for infrastructure creation.
- Centre to infuse **Rs 3,054 crore** into Allahabad Bank as investment.
- **Enforcement Directorate (ED)** flagged the RBI about the activities of a Karnataka-based firm charging it with running a **ponzi scheme** "in the name of Islamic banking or halal investment".
- Reserve Bank of India **cancelled** the certificate of registrations of as many as **31 non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)** for unspecified reasons.
- **Union Bank of India** on 11 Nov 2018 celebrated its **100th Foundation Day** in Mumbai.
- **IDFC First Bank**, the new entity formed after the amalgamation of Capital First with IDFC Bank, is set to launch operations from the New Year.
- IndusInd Bank has launched **first interactive Credit Card** in India with buttons called IndusInd Bank Nexxt Credit Card.
- **Reserve Bank of India** pumped in **Rs 12,000 crore** into the system through purchase of government securities.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a Rs.3-crore fine each on two lenders **Deutsche Bank and Jammu and Kashmir Bank**.
- IndusInd Bank has launched a credit card Named **Nexxt Credit Card** which is India's first Interactive card with buttons.
- Sunil Mehta committee incorporated '**Sashakt India AMC**' for large NPAs over 500 crore rupees.
- **1st offshore wind investment conference** held in New Delhi, During which the **European Investment Bank (EIB) and State Bank of India (SBI)** agreed to cooperate on financing renewable energy and wind energy projects across India.
- The Reserve Bank relaxed norms for **external commercial borrowings (ECBs)** by reducing the mandatory hedging provision to 70 per cent from the current 100 per cent.

ECONOMY

- RBI has initiated the process to set up a **digital Public Credit Registry** to capture all the details of borrowers, wilful defaulters and also the pending legal suits in order to check financial delinquencies.
- The US International Trade Commission (USITC) ruled against anti-dumping duty on the imports of a synthetic fluoropolymer, a key ingredient in non-stick coating for pans and other cookware, from India and China.
- **Moody's Investor Service** in its report titled '**Global Macro Outlook 2019-20?**' stated that Indian economy will slow down to 7.3% in 2019.
- The **UN World Food Programme** and Chinese e-commerce giant **Alibaba Group** have formed a strategic partnership to support efforts eliminate hunger globally by 2030.
- The United States has **exempted India** from **the imposition of certain sanctions for the development of the strategically-located Chabahar Port** in Iran, along with the construction of the railway line connecting it with Afghanistan.
- Export of raw sugar from India to China will begin early next year. A contract for exporting 50,000 tonnes of raw sugar has been entered to by the **Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) and COFCO**.
- Natural Gas to Overtake Coal by 2030
- The Indian unit of China's largest bank, **the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China** has set up \$ 200 million fund for investing in the promising Indian micro, small and medium enterprises and ventures.
- **Online fashion retailer Myntra** will integrate its sister firm **Jabong** with itself and the two will, however, continue to operate as separate brands.
- The **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** has decided to snap ties with **S&P Dow Jones**, which manages and operates the Sensex. BSE plans to develop its own indices with the help of its in-house development team.
- **BlackBerry Ltd** will acquire **Cylance**, an artificial intelligence (AI) and cyber security company, for \$1.4 billion in cash to help expand its QNX unit that makes software for next-generation autonomous cars.
- **Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited)** has partnered with the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** to offer online insurance premium payments on its platform.
- SEBI Unveils Rules For **Reclassification of promoter as Public Investor**.
- **Casio India** Presents the **World's First GST Calculator** - Customized and Loaded With Features Made Just for the Indian Market.
- The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** has acquired **IDFC Infrastructure Finance (IDFC-IFL)**, an infrastructure debt fund.

NATIONAL

- The State Administrative Council (SAC) of Jammu has approved "**The Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018**".
- **Malayalam film Olu** will be the opening film at the 49th **International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2018 in Goa**.
- **Andaman and Nicobar Island** union territory falls under jurisdiction of **Calcutta High Court**.
- An **aggressive ten day long Clean Air Campaign** from 01st to 10th November, 2018 was launched in Delhi.
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga partnered with UN Habitat to organize a

policy dialogue- '**Urban Cafe: River for Habitat**' in New Delhi on the occasion of World Cities Day 2018.

- Modi has announced **59-minute loan portal** for sanction of up to **one crore rupees** for **small and medium enterprises (MSME)**.
- President Kovind inaugurated **Gyan Kumbh in Haridwar**.
- **Israel is the focus country at the International Film Festival(IFFI). Jharkand is the focus state.**
- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has announced **Swachh Bharat World Toilet Day Contest**.
- **Vision Document 2030 is long-term vision for the Forest Department.**
- The Election Commission has set up '**Sangwari**' polling booths in various constituencies of Chhattisgarh to encourage women, voters, to exercise their franchise in the Assembly elections.
- **India** has been elected as a member of the **International Telecommunications Union (ITU)** for another **4 years** till **2022**.
- 24th **Kolkata International Film Festival** begins at **Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata**.
- The Prime Minister inaugurated **first multi-modal terminal on Ganga river in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Twitter India has launched **#PowerOf18 campaign** aimed at encouraging youth to contribute in public debates and participate in this campaign.
- PM Modi Inaugurates Projects Worth Over **Rs 2,400 crore in Varanasi**.
- **PepsiCo** becomes **1st company to use the country's inland waterways** for container movement by transporting products.
- Government Sets Up **State Of-The-Art National Data Repository**.
- Union HRD Ministry launches two new initiatives –**LEAP(Leadership for Academicians Programme)** and **ARPIT(Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching)**.
- **A Rs 75 commemorative coin** on the occasion of **75th anniversary of hoisting of Tricolor** for the first time by **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** at Port Blair.
- **A Rs 1000 crore start-up scheme** to encourage youth to join cooperative business ventures in **agriculture and allied sectors** launched by Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh.
- **NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and UNICEF India**, have come together on Children's Day, to provide an open platform to young children of India, to contribute towards sustainable development.
- The fifteen days **Aadi Mahotsav festival** has begun in the national capital Delhi. The theme of the festival is '**celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce**'.
- The Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC), is hosting **KONNICHI WA PUNE - a first of its kind business festival in Pune**.
- **Jashne Bachpan**: 14th edition of international children's theatre festival held in New Delhi.
- The **Winter session of Parliament** will commence on 11th of December and the Session will conclude on 8th January 2019.
- A report on **Industrial Park Rating System** in New Delhi is released. It would help increase competitiveness of industries and promotion of the manufacturing sector as it would assess the parks against global standards
- The **Union Government** has asked the social media platform, **Twitter** to ensure

24x7 mechanism for prompt removal of objectionable content from their platform as per requirement of law enforcement agencies.

- HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the **Institution's Innovation Council** through video conferencing in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the Foundation Stones of **City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects in 65 Geographical Areas (GAs) in 129 Districts**.
- India is **the only country to have recorded a substantial decline in malaria cases in 2017** out of the 11 highest burden countries worldwide according to WHO.
- According to the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** report, it has found **44 new coal blocks** in four states of Eastern India.
- The United Nations (UN) has selected Uttar Pradesh's **Noida** and **Greater Noida** to participate in its **Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative**.
- **National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC)** has been conferred with the status of **Miniratna**.
- The first edition of '**Arunachal Literature Festival**' is being organized at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre in Itanagar.
- A non-profit organization named the India Autism Center (IAC) in association with the state government will build a **world-class autism township near Kolkata** at a cost of Rs 500 crore.
- Government brought **2000 Public Authorities** under the purview of **RTI Act 2005**.
- Government launches new initiative to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages. This initiative, which is a part of the **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme**.
- **Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences** has launched a campaign to spread a pan-India awareness about **hepatitis disease**.
- 8 more States achieve 100% household electrification under **Saubhagya scheme**. The states are Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana and West Bengal.
- The **High Level Empowered Committee (HLEC)** chaired by **Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha** released its recommendations for stressed thermal power projects.

CABINET APPROVALS

- **leasing out of six airports** — Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru under the Public Private Partnership (PPP).
- India joining as **Member of Advanced Motor Fuels Technology Collaboration Programme** under International Energy Agency.
- **Setting up of a Central Tribal University** in Andhra Pradesh.
- Strategic disinvestment of 100% Govt. of India's equity in the **Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. (DCIL)**.
- Procurement Quota to M/s ITI Ltd. in procurements made by BSNL, MTNL and BBNL.
- Opening up of **International Solar Alliance membership** to all UN countries.
- more than Rs. 113 crore to six border states under Border Area Development Programme (BADP).
- Amended its Haj policy to **make the differently abled people** perform the annual pilgrimage.
- Renaming Of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha As "**Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda**".

- An additional assistance of **Rs. 546 crores** from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Karnataka.
- A **Safe City project** for Lucknow at a total cost of Rs.194.44 crore under the Nirbhaya Fund Scheme.
- 100 per cent stake sale in state-owned airline Air India's ground-handling company **Air India Air Transport Services Limited (AIATSL)**.

AGREEMENTS

Countries/ Organisations	Agreements –Fields	Importance
India & China	Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)	for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion
India & Romania	External Affairs	Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Melescanu is on an official visit to India
India & Maldives	Foreign Affairs	Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid on a 4-day visit to India after new govt in Maldives
India & Nepal	Transport- hotline	To combat smuggling, improve border management and facilitate trade.
India & France	security	Combating terrorism
India & Morocco	extradition and defence cooperation	to jointly fight threats from ISIS
India & UK	Department of Biotechnology and Cancer Research UK (CRUK)	the Cancer Research Initiative
India & China	Digital connectivity	to cyber-connect with Eurasia
Morocco & India	Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters.	in Civil & Commercial Courts.
NMCG & HCL Foundation	Ganga	to scale up afforestation.
Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL) & Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)	Crude Oil	to explore the possibility of storing ADNOC crude oil.
Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) & US-based Research Institute for Fragrant Materials (RIFM)	Fragrant oils	for improving the quality of fragrant oils.
India & South Korea	Sports	Sports and Tourism of South Korea Minister Do Jong-hwan is on a visit to India

India & Republic of Korea	Tourism	--
India & Malawi	Extradition Treaty, Atomic Energy cooperation and VISA Waiver for Diplomatic and Official Passports	--
India & Zimbabwe	Mining, Information and communications technology (ICT), visa waiver and traditional medicine	It was during the visit of Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu.
India & Japan	Hydel power project	for the construction of the Turga pumped storage hydel power project at Purulia in West Bengal.
GoI & ADB	Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program	\$169 Million Loan
GoI & ADB	Bihar's state highways.	\$200-million loan
GoI & ADB	Hydropower Transmission in Himachal Pradesh	\$105 Million Loan
GoI & ADB	India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)	a \$300-million loan to support lending by IIFCL
GoI & World Bank	Jharkhand Power System Improvement Project	\$310 million Loan to provide 24x7 electricity to the citizens of Jharkhand
India & Russia	Two missile frigates in Goa for the Indian Navy	USD 500 million deal
Andhra Pradesh and World Bank	Agricultural Productivity and Climate resilience	\$172 Million Project

INTERNATIONAL

- Tourism minister KJ Alphons attended the 109th session of **United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council in Manama, Bahrain.**
- The **18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting** was held in Durban, South Africa.
- North Korea has Warned the United States it will “Seriously” Consider Returning to a State Policy Aimed at building nuclear Weapons if Washington does not end Tough economic Sanctions against the Impoverished Regime.
- **Prime Minister of Italy Prof. Giuseppe Conte** on an official visit to India.
- Minister Sushma Swaraj is on a 4-day visit to Qatar, Kuwait
- India took part in 1st China International Import Expo inaugurated in Shanghai
- A sculpture in honour of **Indian soldiers who fought during the First World War** was unveiled in the town of Smethwick in the West Midlands region of England.
- India, China among eight countries exempt from US sanctions on Iran oil.
- **Twitter** removed thousands of accounts discouraging U.S. vote participation.
- The UK India Business Council Launches New Report - **‘Beyond the Top 200’**

- The UN Postal Administration issues special postal stamps to commemorate Diwali, the Indian festival of lights.
- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurates **first India-built war memorial in France** in a 3-day visit to France.
- Bangladesh for the first time will **use electronic voting machines** on a limited scale in general elections in December.
- **Scotland will become the first country in the world** to embed the teaching of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex rights in the school curriculum.
- 5th World Internet Conference (WIC), also known as the **Wuzhen Summit**, was held in Wuzhen, China.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** on a seven-day 3-South African nation visit to **Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi**.
- **World's First AI News Anchor** Debuts In China
- 7th RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) Inter-Sectional Ministerial Meeting Concludes in Singapore.
- PM Modi Addresses **World's Largest Financial Technology Festival Fintech In Singapore**
- 2-Day Annual Meeting of **WEF (World Economic Forum's) Global Future Councils** Held in Dubai.
- The **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** has unanimously agreed **to lift sanctions against Eritrea after nine years**.
- **President of India Ram Nath Kovind** has paid State Visit to **Vietnam and Australia**
- **French President Emmanuel Macron and Morocco's King Mohammed VI** have inaugurated Morocco's first high-speed rail line, the first ever such line in Africa.
- 3 Educational institutions which are built with Indian assistance of 126.60 million Nepali rupees have been inaugurated in Kaski district of Nepal.
- The **Maldives cabinet** has approved **to rejoin the Commonwealth**, two years after withdrawing from the 53-nation grouping.
- Shanghai unveiled **the world's first underground hotel**, the InterContinental Shanghai Wonderland, buried 90 metres deep in an old quarry.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj is on a 2-day visit to **Laos**
- **Iran's Rouhani** calls for Muslims to unite against United States
- Spain threatens to reject **Theresa May's Brexit deal** over Gibraltar.
- The **'Oscars of sports', the Laureus World Sports Awards 2019** will be held in Monaco next year.
- **Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)** Indian Navy is on a visit to Russia. The visit aims to consolidate bilateral defence relations with Russia.
- **Ukraine** Declared **Martial Law** After Russian Naval Attack
- Nepal government has launched a **Social Security Scheme** for formal sector workers
- **India, China** ink protocol on **hygiene & inspection requirements for exports**.
- India welcomed the release of Joint Communication by the European Commission on India-EU partnership with theme of 'A Partnership for Sustainable Modernisation and Rules-based Global Order'.
- 3rd **Inclusive Wealth Report 2018** released by the UN Environment in Paris, France
- **Piece of Eiffel Tower staircase** fetches \$190K in Paris auction.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Signature Bridge** inaugurated along the Yamuna Expressway. It is being projected as **India's first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge**.
- **Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH)** to be redeveloped into World's largest 5462-Bed Hospital.
- **Guwahati** will be connected with air Route with Six South Asian Countries by January 2019.
- **Bhubaneswar** to have over 500 Wi-Fi hot spots with 1800 access points.
- The **Ekana International Cricket Stadium** in Lucknow was renamed as the **Bharat Ratan Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium** ahead of hosting its first-ever international match.
- **Palau** became the first country in the world to impose a **ban on sunscreens toxic to coral reefs**.
- **Goa government** announced ban on import of fish for 6 months.
- North East's first **'water handloom hut'** inaugurated in Manipur.
- The Uttar Pradesh Government has approved renaming of Faizabad and Allahabad divisions as **Ayodhya** and **Prayagraj** respectively.
- **Sri Ramayana Express** was flagged off from **Safdarjung Railway Station** in New Delhi.
- India's **first elephant hospital** opens in **Mathura** designed to treat injured, sick or geriatric elephants and is equipped with a medical hoist for lifting elephants.
- **Andhra Pradesh is building a world-class and India's first 'Justice City'** within its new capital Amravati with the vision to provide a state-of-the-art ecosystem built on latest technology for supporting the judicial system in the state.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur project is to induce **artificial rain via cloud seeding** to clear smog in Delhi.
- **80-foot Buddha statue** planned in Gujarat
- Uttarakhand cabinet approved renaming of **Dehradun's Jolly Grant airport after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- **A 221-metre long statue of Lord Ram** to be built in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled a **70-foot tall statue of Lord Buddha** at Rajgir in Nalanda district, Bihar.
- West Bengal Green varsity to be renamed as **Rani Rashmoni Green University**.
- **Uttarakhand adjudged 'best state', Himachal pavilion gets 'silver medal'** at India International Trade Fair, New Delhi.

STATE

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the **Soura Jananidhi scheme** that aims to **increase use of solar energy** for helping farmers in irrigating their land.
- **Madhya Pradesh** is celebrated its **63rd Foundation Day**.
- The Uttar Pradesh government in assistance from Japanese government will develop **'Food Value Chain'** in the state.
- The **Samruddhi** scheme, targeted at socially marginalized communities to provide them with skill development in Karnataka.
- **'Small and Medium Industries Leveraging Experiential' Tourism (SMiLE)** virtual tour guide to give the fillip to Malabar tourism in Kerala.

- The third edition of the **India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018** was held in **Shillong**.
- Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik flags off '**Saubhagya Raths**' to achieve **100 per cent electrification**.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has awarded the **Assam Police** for "good practices" under the **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS)**, an e-governance project.
- The technology-driven and citizen-friendly '**Mo bus**' service launched in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- West Bengal government has decided to set up **development boards** (Namasudra Welfare Board and West Bengal Matua Welfare Board) for the **Matua and Namasudra communities**.
- Odisha Sports Dept. releases '**Cheer-Up Song**' of **Hockey Men's World Cup 2018**.
- The **Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple** of Srirangam in Tamil Nadu won **UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit 2017** for the cultural heritage conservation program.
- The **Kerala** government has initiated a **scheme to provide free education and vocational training to the children** of those fishermen who died or went missing in the 2017 Ockhi cyclonic storm.
- The Bihar cabinet approved to pay **Rs 25,000 to every girl graduating in 2018** and onwards.
- Tamil Nadu launches its **State Shelter Fund** for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment after receiving nod from SEBI.
- North East's first '**floating water handloom huts**' were inaugurated at Loktak Lake in Bishnupur district of Manipur.
- The Supreme Court has given nod for a separate High Court for Andhra Pradesh and it will start functioning from January 1 next year.
- Goa has **banned importing/bringing fish** from outside.
- "**Rosogolla Dibas**" was celebrated in West Bengal to commemorate the first anniversary of the sweetmeat getting Geographical Indication (GI) tag as 'West Bengal's Rosogolla'.
- **Biotechnology Policy 2018** launched by Odisha government to promote biotechnology investments.
- The Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan has launched the '**Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme**' to provide insurance coverage to dairy farmers in the state.
- Andhra govt revealed its State Emblem inspired by Amaravati art consisting of "**Dhamma Chakka**" - "**the Wheel of Law**" embellished with a ring of Triratnas alternating with pinnate leaves and precious stones.
- **Nongkrem dance festival**, was celebrated by the people of the Khasi Hills, in Meghalaya.
- The Home Ministry set up a tribunal to decide on **banning 2 militant groups from Tripura**. The 2 concerned militant groups are: the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF).
- **Namami Barak festival** begins in Silchar, Assam.
- Maharashtra government passed the **Maratha Reservation Bill**. The bill titled

SEBC (Socially and Economically Backward Category) as per the recommendation of Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission.

- Punjab becomes **third state in the country** after Maharashtra and Gujarat to **ban hookah bars or lounges** through law after President Ram Nath Kovind gave assent to Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Bill, 2018.
- **Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal** withdrew the “general consent” granted to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), effectively curtailing the agency’s powers in the State without prior permission.
- The central government announced setting up of **Animation, Gaming and Visual effects Institute in Mumbai**.
- Tamil Nadu announced a **relief package of one thousand crore rupees** for people affected by Cyclone Gaja.
- A first-of-its-kind institute of **Inter-Faith Studies** in Punjab to promote brotherhood and diversity setup in Punjab to **commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak**.
- Andhra Pradesh has launched a web portal “**Bhudaar**” which makes land records available to people with unique identification numbers.
- The Himachal Pradesh government in the cabinet meeting approved to implement **Sashakt Mahila Yojna** in the state with a vision to empower rural women by providing them an interface for organization and socio-economic development.
- **Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan or Women Empowerment** campaign launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow.
- West Bengal Assembly unanimously passed **West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendments) bill, 2018** to give land rights to enclave dwellers in north Bengal ending an era of uncertain future of people living in those areas.
- Gujarat government has launched a Rs 351-crore project for **the conservation of the Gir lions**.
- The annual **Sangai Festival** was celebrated in northeastern state of **Manipur**. It is grandest festival of state named after state animal, Sangai, the critically endangered brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.
- Maharashtra government passed the bill to amend **the anti-adulteration law** to make it more stringent, prescribing life imprisonment and heavy penalty to curb food and milk adulteration.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) **cancelled the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) licence** of low-cost carrier Air Odisha for seven airports for poor and irregular services.
- **A stadium of international standard for differently abled persons** (estimated cost of over Rs 200 crore) will be set up in Meghalaya.
- Odisha government released **lexicons of 21 tribal languages** for multilingual education (MLE) purposes for elementary schools in tribal dominated districts.
- Himachal Pradesh becomes **first state to launch single emergency number 112**. The project was approved budgetary provision of Rs.321.69 crore under the Nirbhaya Fund.
- CSIR to establish a **High-End Skill Development Centre in Chandigarh**.
- The **International Gita Festival 2018** will be organised in Kurukshetra in Haryana from December 7 to 23, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the organization	Name of the Person
PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) Associate Director	Nitin Bhatnagar
Sikkim High Court chief justice	Justice Vijay Kumar
HDFC Bank MD & CEO	Aditya Puri
Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) chief	S S Deswal
Mahendra Singh Foundation India brand ambassador	Aishwarya Sharma
Director General (Wks & Cer) of Indian Air Force	Air Marshal MSG Menon
Chief Justice of Uttarakhand	Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
UCO Bank, MD & CEO	Atul Goel
Indian Bank, MD & CEO	Padmaja Chundururu
International Boxing Association (AIBA) president	Gafur Rakhimov
Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Congo	Nina Tshering La
Ambassador of India to Japan	Sanjay Kumar Verma
India's Ambassador to Iran	Gaddam Dhamendra
Finance Secretary	Hasmukh Adhia
Member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council	India
Citi group Chairman	John C. Dugan
Tesla	Robyn Denholm
first Meghalaya Lokayukta chair	Pranoy Kumar Musahary
Lok Sabha Secretary General	Snehlata Shrivastava
Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)	Siddharth Tiwari
Union minister of chemicals and fertilisers ministry	D V Sadananda Gowda
High Commissioner of India to the Federal Republic of Nigeria	Abhay Thakur
Brexit Secretary	Stephen Barclay
CEO of Google Cloud	Thomas Kurian
OYO, CEO for India	Aditya Ghosh
Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) Chairman	Jalaj Srivastava
Revenue Secretary	Ajay Bhushan Pandey
Director of Enforcement Directorate	Sanjay Kumar Mishra
Coal Secretary	Sumanta Chaudhuri
Fiji PM	Bainimarama
Interpol President	Kim Jong-yang
UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador	Millie Bobby Brown
Brand ambassador, Apollo Tyres	Sachin Tendulkar
CEO of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)	Rahul Johri
Chief Election Commissioner	Sunil Arora
Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) chief	Nageshwara Rao Guntur
UPSC Chairman	Arvind Saxena
Mobile Business President, LG	Brian Kwon
Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation	A.M. Naik

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **Sanjoy Gaddipati**, Founder, CEO & MD of International CryptoX Pte. Ltd, INCX, receives **FINEXT Award 2018**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** awarded with **Amir Abdulla Khan Award** of Afghanistan
- Harsimrat Kaur Badal confers 'Swachhta' awards.
- First prize - **M/s. Patanjali Food and Herbal Park (P) Ltd.** in Haridwar
- Second prize -**Satara Mega Food Park (P) Ltd.** Satara District, Maharashtra
- Third Prize- **Pagro Frozen Foods Pvt.(P) Ltd**, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab
- CSIR-ICT Scientist **S. Venkata Mohan** has been selected for **Vasvik Award 2018**
- Malayalam Writer **Mukundan** selected for **Ezhuthachen Award**.
- Actor **Anupam Kher** has been honoured with **Distinguished Fellow Award**
- **Dr. Ramdas M Pai**, MAHE Chancellor, conferred '**Lifetime Achievement Award 2018**' by FICCI.
- **International Hockey Federation (FIH) Honorary Awards 2018** ceremony held at the Lalit Hotel in **New Delhi**.
- "**Mere Pyaare Prime Minister**" is the only Asian Film screened at Rome Film Festival.
- Argentine fan Santiago Lopez **names rose after Lata Mangeshkar**.
- Veteran journalist and the Hindu Group of Publications Chairman N Ram has been chosen for the prestigious **Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award**, presented by the Press Council of India, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.
- **Arunima Sinha** World's first Indian woman amputee to scale Everest **gets honorary doctorate in UK**
- **Jawahar Lal Sarin** conferred with France's highest civilian honour '**Knight of the Legion of Honour**'.
- Indian Journalist **Swati Chaturvedi** wins 2018 **London Press Freedom Award for Courage** in UK.
- **Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) World Tour Awards 2018** presented by Moët & Chandon.
- Comeback Player of the Year- Novak Djokovic
- Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award- Rafael Nadal
- Fans' Favourite (Singles)- Roger Federer
- Mountaineer **Satyarup Siddhanta** became **1st Indian to scale Mt Giluwe** second highest mountain **in Papua New Guinea**
- **Young writer-critic** Dr Debabhuson Borah announced winner of **Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018 in Assam**
- Amnesty International strips Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi of 'Ambassador of Conscience' Award
- **Rock and Roll singer Elvis Presley** among recipients of the **Presidential Medal of Freedom**
- **Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati** conferred with **Global Education Leaders Award 2018**
- **Ustad Amjad Ali Khan** Presented '**Sumitra Charat Ram Lifetime Achievement Award**' In Delhi
- UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group) confers **Universal Acceptance Thought Leader** award to **Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje**
- **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)** bags **Indira Gandhi peace prize 2018** for environment protection
- 100-Year-old WWII veteran **Retired Lt. Col. William Pollard** awarded **French Legion of Honor**.
- United Nations Environment Program(UNEP) has selected Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and its enforcement officer **RS Sharath** for 2018 Asia Environmental Enforcement Awards.

- Film superstar **Amitabh Bachchan** receives **Sayaji Ratna Award**
- **Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle**, the highest civilian honour given to a foreigner by Mexico, was awarded to **Professor Shyama Prasad**. He was the first Indian Academician to receive such honour.
- **Azim Premji**, chairman of Wipro, has won **Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018, Lifetime Achievement**.
- **A.N. Patil** to be conferred with **Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Award** for his life time achievement
- The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has nominated 12 movies for this year's International Council for Film, Television and Audio-visual Communication (ICFT) UNESCO Gandhi Medal.
- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, first PSU, won **CII-Exim Bank Business Award** in Bengaluru
- Indian Social Entrepreneur **Sanjay Kumar** won the **First UN Geospatial Ambassador Award**
- Maharashtra names **Raam-Laxman** for **Lata Mangeshkar Award**
- 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2018 concluded in Goa: Donbass Wins The Golden Peacock
- The Festival opened with World Premiere of 'The Aspern Papers'.
- The Closing film of IFFI 2018 was World Premier of 'Sealed Lips'.
- Israel was the country of focus for the 49th edition of IFFI.
- Jharkhand was selected as the State of Focus.
- **Nandita Das, Nawazuddin Siddiqui** Awarded at **12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards** for 'Manto'

PERSONS IN NEWS

- Actor **Anupam Kher** resigned as chairperson of FTIL.
- South Korea's First Lady **Kim Jung-Sook** attends Uttar pradesh's Deepotsav
- Former SEBI Chairman **G.N Bajpai** resigned from the board of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services(IL & FS)
- Cricketer **Ambati Rayudu** has retired from 1st-class cricket.
- **Jeff Sessions** resigned as US Attorney General
- Ashok Leyland MD and CEO **Vinod Dasari** stepped down
- **Binny Bansal** resigned as Chairman & Group CEO of Flipkart
- **Ashok Chawla** stepped down as Yes Bank Chairman
- **Australia all rounder John Hastings retired from International Cricket**
- **OP Bhatt resigned from External Expert of Search & Selection Committee of Yes Bank**
- **World T20 Ireland's Joyce twins bid adieu to international cricket**
- **Music composer A.R Rahman makes the Anthem for upcoming promo video of the Hockey World Cup 2018.**
- Fortune names Adobe CEO **Shantanu Narayen** in 2018 Business Person of the Year list
- **Bulgaria's Petkov** becomes oldest European international goalkeeper
- Uber Eats appointed **Alia Bhatt** as its first brand ambassador of India
- **Shilpa Shetty Kundra** leads India to set new Guinness World Record with plankathon
- **Neeraj Arora** Resigned as Chief Business Officer from WhatsApp
- Tribes India launched "Punch Tantra Collection and **Ms Mary Kom** as Brand Ambassador."
- **South Korean First Lady Kim Jung-sook** arrived in New Delhi. She inaugurated **the Queen Huh Memorial** at Queen Huh Park in Ayodhya and participated in diwali festivities.

SEMINARS AND MEETINGS

Seminars and Meetings	Place
19th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)	New Delhi
Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayog – Development Research Centre (DRC) and Peoples' Republic of China	Mumbai.
13th Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee Meet	Mantripukhari Garrison in north Imphal.
DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018	Mizoram
Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue- 2019	New Delhi
India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS) 2018	Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
78th annual conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics	New Delhi
National Seminar on Entrepreneurship & Business Development in Ayurveda	New Delhi
1st WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution & Health	Geneva
International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Eciency (INSPIRE)	New Delhi
Global Cooling Innovation Summit	New Delhi
ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting	Singapore
RCEP Inter-Sessional Ministerial Meeting	Singapore
13th East Asia Summit	Singapore
ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit	Singapore
International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine	New Delhi.
India-Taiwan SME Development Forum	Taipei, Taiwan
9th Annual Defence and Security Dialogue	Beijing, China
National Conference of Women in Police (NCWP)	Ranchi, Jharkhand.
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation(APEC)Summit 2018	Port Moresby, Papua NewGuinea.
BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change	New Delhi.
General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM)	Versailles (Paris), France
World Congress on Mountain Medicine	Kathmandu
International Tourism Mart	Agartala
India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue	Visakhapatnam
Union World Conference on Lung Health	Hyderabad
ConMac 2018	Bhaktapur, Kathmandu, Nepal.
India Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue	St. Petersburg in Russia.
Sustainable Blue Economy Conference	Nairobi (Kenya)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- IIT Madras have designed and booted up India's first indigenously developed **microprocessor named 'Shakti.'**
- NASA has **retired Kepler space telescope** after it ran out of fuel needed for further science operations.
- India successfully conducted **night trial of Agni-I short-range nuclear-capable ballistic missile.**
- China has launched an '**Oceanography satellite 2018' - The China-France Oceanography Satellite (CFOSAT).**
- China launches new high-orbit satellite to boost its **BeiDou global satellite navigation system.**
- A DNA read that is **nearly 10,000 times longer than normal** is produced by a team of UK scientists at Nottingham University.
- The '**Unreserved Mobile Ticketing' facility (UTS on Mobile)** to enable seamless booking of unreserved tickets in all Zonal Railways launched.
- Through **Arunachal Suraksha App**, users can find the nearest police station and contact details and make direct call to police by pressing a button.
- New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) has launched **quick response (QR)-enabled fridge magnets for digital payment of bills.**
- Indian Coast Guard has launched a new offshore patrol vessel named **ICGS Varaha** from Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Odisha Government launched **Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Policy 2018.**
- China has unveiled its new-generation stealth combat **unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) UAV - CH7**, stated to be the most advanced drone developed so far by the country.
- China has unveiled a replica of its **first permanently crewed space station**, which would replace the international community's orbiting laboratory, ISS.
- The Women and Child Development Ministry has set up an online marketing portal "**Mahila-E-Haat**" for unique organic products of the women farmers and entrepreneurs.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has invited international proposals for **scientific payloads for its second interplanetary mission to Venus** in mid-2023, which is planned within a year of the first planned human spaceflight mission in 2022.
- **GSAT-29 communication satellite** carried by ISRO GSLV-Mk III was launched into space.
- Navy Bilateral Exercise between **Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy, 'Samudra Shakti'.**
- The joint military exercise between Indian and Russia **EXERCISE INDRA 2018** on combating insurgency under the aegis of United Nations (UN).
- **India Post** announced the soft launch of its e-commerce portal.
- China builds an '**artificial sun**' that reaches temperatures six times that of Sun
- The **0.7 m GROWTH-India telescope** located at Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh has made its **first observation** which is a follow-up study of a nova explosion.
- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) launched a mobile app **NSE goBID** and web based platform for **retail investors to buy government securities.**
- '**Vajra Prahar**'- the 12-day long joint military exercise between India and the United States held at Jaipur.
- World's first medical imaging scanner "**Explorer**" that can capture a 3D picture of the whole human body at once in 20-30 seconds, has produced its first scans.
- The world's standard definition of **the kilogram (kg), the Ampere (A), the Kelvin (K), and the mole** has been changed, after 130 years.
- SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has announced that he is changing the name of "**BFR**" **rocket to "Starship."**
- **Google's Next Billion Users (NBU)** has announced the rollout of its **Neighbourly** app across India.
- A massive star system in the Milky Way Galaxy that **challenges the existing theories related to the death of big stars** was discovered.
- '**Impact Based Forecasting Approach**' to assess rise of water level in rivers and

- reservoirs by rain, a new technology developed by India Meteorological Department(IMD).
- **Roscosmos, or Russia's state space corporation**, has planned to venture into the Internet of things (IoT) with the launch of a new satellite system named **'Marathon'**.
 - NASA is all geared up **to send humans for the first time in eight years** through **SpaceX Crew Dragon**.
 - A geo- engineering technique known as **Stratospheric Aerosol Injection (SAI)** which might half the rate of global warming was discovered.
 - **'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti'** launched by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman.
 - A Smart toilet named **"FitLoo"** which can detect diseases like Cancer and Diabetes by screening the Urine and directly share the data on users' smartphone developed by MIT and European Space Agency.
 - **Konkan-2018**, the joint naval exercise by the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy held at Goa.
 - He Jiankui, a Chinese scientist announced creation of the **world's first genetically edited babies** at Hong kong, China.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book	Author	About
Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman	Krishna Trilok	A.R. Rahman
Arivu	Dr Murali Mohan Chuntharu	Mouth Cancer
Yoga and Mindfulness	Mansi Gulati	Yoga
A Great Association- Glimpses into the Life of Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha	Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha	Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha
EVM Electronic Voting Machines	Alok Shukla	Electronic Voting Machines
Radio Kashmir in Times of Peace & War	Dr Rajesh Bhat	Kashmir
The Velvet Gloves	Balakrishna Kamath	Spy thriller- undercover life
The Illustrated History of Indian Hockey: A Saga of Triumph, Pain and Dreams	V Krishnaswamy	Hockey
Fables of Fractured Times	Manish Tewari	a compilation of articles written by Manish Tewari between 2017 and 2018 which have appeared in the columns of leading newspapers.
Making of New India: Transformation under Modi Government	Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley	
The Betrayer of Telangana	Congress MP Rajeev Gowda	on Telangana CM

SPORTS

- **Tata Steel** Named **Official Partner** of FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2018 to be staged at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- Sri Lanka's bowling coach **Nuwan Zoysa** suspended by ICC and charged with match fixing
- **Qatar** will host the **23rd edition of the World Corporate Games 2019**.
- **Mary Kom** Named **Brand Ambassador Of 2018 Women's World Boxing Championships**.
- Pakistan cricketer **Azhar Ali Announces Retirement** From ODIs.
- **Badminton player P.V Sindhu** will be the brand ambassador of the inaugural edition of pro volleyball league along with legendary **American spiker David Lee**.
- Former Indian cricket captain **Rahul Dravid** was formally inducted into **the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame**.
- **Vietnam** will host **Formula 1 race** in its capital city Hanoi for **the first time** in April 2020.
- 5th **SAFF U-15 Championship 2018** was held at the ANFA Complex, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- **Simone Biles** became the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals.
- The **Ekana International Cricket Stadium** in Lucknow is renamed as the "**Bharat Ratan Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium**."
- Kiwi pair of **Carter and Hampton** smashes List'A record by hitting 43 runs in single over.
- **Rohit Sharma** becomes first batsman to hit **four T20I hundreds**
- **Saurabh Netravalkar**, a former Mumbai medium pacer and India U-19 cricketer, has been appointed **captain of the United States national cricket team**.
- World championships silver medallist wrestler **Bajrang Punia** became the first Indian to secure **the No. 1 slot in the World rankings** in 65kg category
- **2018 Fuzhou China Open badminton tournament** was held in Fuzhou, China.
- The United Nations International Emergency Children's Fund — India (UNICEF—India) has appointed Asian Games gold-medallist sprinter **Hima Das** as **the country's first ever youth ambassador**.
- Polish tennis player **Agnieszka Radwanska** ends her 13 year-long career due to health reasons.

- Australia's biggest stadium **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)** will **host the final match** of both the Men's and Women's world Twenty20 cricket in 2020.
- India's professional golfer **Shubhankar Sharma** became the 1st Indian to emerge as the **Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year on the European Tour**.
- **Yonex-Sunrise Hong Kong Open Badminton 2018** was held at Hong Kong Coliseum, in Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- Veteran first-class cricketer **Wasim Jaffer** became the **first Indian batsman** to touch the **11,000-run figure** in the Ranji Trophy.
- FIG **Acrobatic Gymnastics world cup** was held at National Gymnastic Arena in **Baku**. For the first time in which India wins two bronze medals in the men's and women's group events.
- MC Mary Kom has created history by becoming **the first woman to win six boxing world titles** by clinching the 48 kg gold at the 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced that it has renamed the ICC World T20 as the **ICC T20 World Cup**. The changes will be applicable to both men's and women's cricket.
- International Boxing Association (AIBA) Organized **Women's World Boxing Championship 2018** at **Indira Gandhi Sport Complex** in New Delhi.
- **Indian Cricketer Pravin Tambe** became the first player to pick up a **hat-trick in the history of cricket's newest format T-10 League**.
- The Sixth Edition of **International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's T20 World Cup** was **hosted by** the defending champion **West Indies**.
- India's batting star **Harmanpreet Kaur** has been named as captain of **the ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI**, which also featured opener Smriti Mandhana and leg-spinner Poonam Yadav.
- Bangladesh Test captain and left arm spinner **Shakib Al Hasan** became the **fastest to complete the double of 200 wickets and 3000 runs** in the Test format of the game.
- 14th edition of **Hockey World Cup 2018** Inaugurated In Odisha.
- **ICC** submits bid to **CWG Federation** to include women's T20Is into 2022 Games in Birmingham
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced **a minimum of two-year suspension** for players found guilty of age fraud.

Name	Won	Series	Venue -Importance
Esha Singh(India)	3 Gold Medals	National Shooting Championship	New Delhi
Magnus Carlsen(Norwegia)	winner	World Chess Champion	London
Manav Thakkar(India)	bronze	International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Belgosstrakh Belarus Open	Minsk, Belarus
Dipa Karmakar(India)	bronze	Gymnastics World Cup	Cottbus, Germany
Lewis Hamilton(UK)	winner	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix and Brazilian Grand Prix(formula one Racing)	
Sameer Verma(India)	winner	Syed Modi International Badminton Championship Men's single title	Lucknow
Bhavani Devi(India)	gold	Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2018	Canberra, Australia-first Indian
MC Mary Kom	gold	2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing (48kgs)	New Delhi
Shaun Torrente(Abu Dhabi)	winner	UIM (Union Internationale Motonautique) F1H2O Grand Prix of India(inshore powerboat racing)	Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
Alexandar Zverev(Germany)	winner	ATP (men's tennis)	defeated Serbian player Novak Djokovic
Lakshya Sen(India)	winner	Li Ning BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2018	Markham, Canada
Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi(India)	winner	OEC Open trophy (women's tennis)	Taipei
Viswanathan Anand(India)	winner	Tata Steel Chess India Blitz Tournament	Kolkata
Pankaj Advani(India)	winner	IBSF (International Billiards and Snooker Federation) billiards title in the 150-up format	Yangon, Myanmar.
Aabid Hamid(India)	gold	World Kick Boxing Championship	Argentina
Lionel Messi(Barcelona)	--	La Liga league's best player of the 2017-18 campaign(football)	Conducted by Marca.
Marc Marquez	winner	MotoGP Malaysian Grand Prix 2018 (motorcycle racing)	Sepang, Malaysia.
Subhankar Dey(India)	winner	SaarLorLux Open (badminton)	Germany
Croatia	winner	2018 Davis Cup men's tennis	France
Netherlands	winner	FIH Women's Hockey Champions Trophy	Changzhou Wujin, China.
Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP)		Subroto Cup International Football tournament	New Delhi
Australia	winner	Women's World Twenty20 Cricket	Defeated England
Czech Republic	winner	Fed Cup 2018 (tennis) Trophy	Czech Republic
Luksika Kumkhum(Thailand)	winner	WTA (Women's Tennis Association)	Singapore

SURVEYS

- India jumped 23 positions in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index 2019 and is now **ranked 77 out of 190 countries** in 2018, a development that could help the country attract more foreign investments.
- **Pather Panchali Satyajit Ray's epic masterpiece**, has been included in BBCs list of 100 best foreign language films. The film was released in 1955 and the first in Ray's Apu trilogy was placed at number 15 in the list.
- According to '**Ease of Moving Index**' by Ola Mobility Institute, Kolkata topped among all metro cities in public transport.
- **Singapore** has maintained its rank as number one Asian city in the **Sustainability Index** by engineering firm Arcadis. The Sustainability Index assessed cities based on 3 pillars, profit pillar, people pillar and planet pillar.
- **India ranked 12th globally in web-borne threats:** Kaspersky Lab.
- The world's oceans have absorbed 60% more heat than previously thought over the last quarter of a century leaving Earth more sensitive still to the effects of climate change as per **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**.
- **Iceland** is the safest country to visit, while **India is the fourth dangerous**, according to a report by Which? Travel.
- **India** will overtake the U.S. to become the **world's second-biggest emitter of carbon dioxide from the power sector** before 2030 according to International Energy Agency 'World Energy Outlook.'
- **Fitch affirms India's rating at 'BBB-'**
- As per '**UK India Business Council Ease of Doing Business Report**', in the perceptions of corruption as a barrier to operating in India - has halved since 2015.
- **Andhra Pradesh has emerged on top in terms of employability** among the states with the engineering graduates having the highest level of employability, according to India Skills Report-2019.
- UN Environment released the 3rd edition of '**Inclusive Wealth Report 2018**' and an '**Inclusive Wealth Index 2018.**'

SPECIAL DAYS

Date	Special Day	Theme
November 1 st	Andhra Pradesh (AP) Formation Day and Kamataka formation day.	
	International Authors' Day	
	World All Saints Day (All Hallows Day)	
November 2 nd	National Broadcast Traffic Professional's Day	
	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	
November 4 th	King Tut Day	
November 5 th	World Tsunami Awareness Day	
	National Ayurveda Day	
November 6 th	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	
November 7 th	National Stress Awareness Day	
	National Cancer Awareness Day	
November 8 th	World Usability Day	Design For Good Or Evil
	World Radiography Day	
November 9 th	National Legal Services Day (NLSD)	
November 10 th	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Science, a Human Right
November 11 th	National Education Day	
	Veterans Day	
November 12 th	Public Service Broadcasting Day	
November 14 th	World Diabetes Day	Family and Diabetes
	National Children's Day	What inspires you
November 15 th	International Social Enterprise Day	
	World Philosophy Day	
November 16 th	International Day for Tolerance	
	World Philosophy Day	
	National Press Day	
November 17 th	National Journalism Day	
	National Epilepsy Day	Inculcate the latent knowledge in Epilepsy and Neuronal Synchrony
November 18 th	Naturopathy Day	
	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	Roads have stories
	World Adult Day	
November 19 th	World Toilet Day	When Nature Calls
	International Men's Day	Positive Male Role Models
	National Integration Day	

November 20 th	Africa Industrialization Day	Promoting Regional Value Chains in Africa a pathway for accelerating Africa's structural transformation, industrialization and pharmaceutical production
	Universal Children's Day	Children of today, our keepers tomorrow
November 21 st	World Television Day	
	World Fisheries Day	
November 24 th	World Evolution Day	
November 25 th	International Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against The Women	orange the world
November 26 th	National Milk Day	
	National Law Day or Samvidhan Divas	
November 27 th	Formation Day of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)	Early Warning for Disasters
November 29 th	World Electronic Greetings Day	
	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	

DEATHS

Name of the person	Field/importance
Ntozake Shange	African American Playwright
Bernardo Bertolucci	won Oscar for the best director for the Movie "The Last Emperor".
Stephen Hillenburg	SpongeBob SquarePants Creator
Mohammed Aziz	Singer
Iravatham Mahadevan	noted epigraphist
CK Jaffer Sharief	Congress Veteran and Former Railway Minister
MH Ambareesh	Former Union minister and noted Kannada actor
Ustad Imrat Khan	Noted Indian classical musician
William Goldman	Oscar-winning screenwriter and best-selling author
Saint Narayan Das Maharaj	Padma Shri awardee
Alyque Padamsee	called as the 'Brand Father of Indian advertising'
T.S.Kanaka	Asia's first women neurosurgeon
Stan Lee	The legendary comic book writer and former chief of Marvel Comics
T.S.Srinivasan	Economist
Lalan Sarang	Veteran Marathi film actor
M.P. Awati	commanding officer of INS Kamorta during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.
Poongani amma	Villupaattu artist