

## CURRENT AFFAIRS - CAPSULE

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#### OCTOBER

#### BANKING

- **State Bank of India** has lowered **daily ATM cash withdrawal limit** on its Classic Debit Card to **Rs20,000 a day, from Rs 40,000 previously**. The lower limit will be effective from **October 31** .
- **Alibaba and SoftBank**-backed **Paytm** registered over **137 million UPI** transactions, becoming the leading contributor to **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** payments with over 33 per cent of the overall market share.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has decided to infuse **Rs. 36,000** through open market purchase of bonds as liquidity has tightened due to an uptick in loan demand in the festive season.
- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has launched a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign '**UdyamAbhilasha**' to promote entrepreneurship in the **115 aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog**.
- **MobiKwik** announced the launch of its breakthrough product called '**Boost**' that offers instant loan approval and disbursement to **MobiKwik** users.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** gave its nod to start that **Kerala Bank**, a venture proposed by the Kerala government. The bank will be formed by consolidating **State Cooperative Bank** and the 14 district cooperatives. It will have a net deposit amount of **Rs 650 billion**.
- Sound-based payment services provider **ToneTag** has tied up with **First Abu Dhabi Bank**, the largest bank in the UAE to deploy sound based contactless payments. ToneTag is backed by Amazon, Mastercard and Reliance Capital.
- 4th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17.
- The Monetary Policy Committee of **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** changed its stance from '**neutral**' to '**calibrated tightening**'.
- **4th Bi-monthly policy rates:**

Category	Policy Rates in percentage
CLR	4.00
SLR	19.50
Repo Rate	6.50
Reverse Repo Rate	6.25
MSF	6.75
Bank Rate	6.75

- The **Reserve Bank of India** issued guidelines for operating **Electronic Trading Platforms (ETPs)** to transact in eligible instruments.
- Private sector **HDFC Bank** announced the launch of **instant renewal of insurance for cars and two-wheelers**. The bank claimed that it is the **first one to**

**offer a bouquet of digital payment options for customers to renew their vehicle insurance in a few clicks.**

- As a step to attract long-term overseas money in debt, the **Reserve Bank of India** will open “**voluntary retention route**” (VRR), giving **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI)** more flexibility in choice of instruments and leeway in regulatory provisions.
- The **World Bank** has announced that it will provide around **USD 195 million** concessional loan to **Nepal** to reform the country's financial and energy sectors.
- Taking advantage of tax sops, **IFC**, the World Bank's lending arm, has launched its **\$1 billion masala bond** programme in the **US** and **Europe**. These bonds are aimed at funding the rapidly expanding investment activities of **IFC** in **India**.
- **State Bank of India** has launched “**SBI Wealth Hub**” in **Lalbhag Branch, Mangaluru**. **SBI** is the first bank to introduce wealth business services for its customers.
- **Paytm** has launched a **QR-based smartphone payment** settlement service **PayPay' mobile wallet** in **Japan** in collaboration with **SoftBank** and **Yahoo Japan Corporation**.
- **IDFC Bank** has proposed to change its name to '**IDFC First Bank Ltd**' as it is in the process of amalgamating non-banking financial company Capital First with itself. The Board of Directors of **IDFC Bank** at its meeting decided to seek approval of the **Reserve Bank of India** to rename the bank as '**IDFC First Bank Limited**'.

### ECONOMY

- **Bombay Stock Exchange** became the first stock exchange in the country to launch commodity derivatives contract in gold and silver. Till date, commodity derivatives contract are available only on **MCX and NCDEX**, the two specialised commodity derivatives exchanges in the country.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** signed **\$150 Million** Loan to finance continued improvements to road connectivity and efficiency of the **International Trade Corridor** in West Bengal and North-Eastern Region of India.
- **India** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a **\$110 million** loan agreement to upgrade all-weather rural roads in **Madhya Pradesh** under the **Prime Minister's Rural Roads Programme (PMGSY)**.
- **Anil Ambani-led Reliance Health Insurance**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Capital, has received final approval from the **insurance regulator** to start operations.
- **World Bank** in its **South Asia Economic Focus 'Budget Crunch'** report released the projection of GDPs of various countries. It stated that India's GDP growth is expected to touch **7.3%** in 2018-19. Also, India's GDP projection for 2019 & 2020 has been projected to **7.5%**.
- **The International Monetary Fund (IMF)** forecasted a growth rate of **7.3** per cent for **India** in the current year of 2018 and that of **7.4** per cent in 2019. In 2017, India had clocked a **6.7** per cent growth rate.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** was allowing eligible foreign entities (EFEs) to trade in commodity futures. However, there is a minimum net worth requirement for such EFEs, at **\$500,000**. Such an EFE may approach an authorised stock broker with a minimum net worth of **Rs 250 million** for registration. The regulator has authorised the exchanges to frame any other criteria, too, for entry of EFEs into commodity derivatives.

- Former India captain **Anil Kumble's** technology start-up **Spektacom Technologies** on launched the "**Power Bat**" - a unique tool powered by **Microsoft's Azure Cloud** platform and its **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **Internet of Things (IoT) services**.
- **TCS** has displaced Accenture as the world's largest pure-play IT firm servicing banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) sector. **TCS** got **\$2.07 billion** in business from the sector in the July-September period as compared to **Accenture's \$2.01 billion** in the June-August period.
- Virtual currency exchange **Unocoin** set up a first of its kind kiosk — **Bitcoin ATM** at Kemp Fort mall in Bengaluru.
- **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** formed a panel to examine claims in installments. This panel is headed by Suresh Mathur, ED (Health), IRDAI.
- **Tata Consultancy Services** or **TCS** is the only **Indian company** among top 10 firms to get **foreign labour certification** for the **H-1B visas** for the fiscal year 2018, according to data from the US Department of Labour.
- State-owned **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)** has won an additional **\$777 million** contract to supply **LRSAM air and missile defence systems** to seven ships in the Indian navy.
- ABB invests \$150 million in robot factory in Shanghai
- Software giant **Microsoft** has reclaimed its spot as the world's second most valuable company after overtaking e-commerce giant **Amazon** in market value.
- America's IBM has acquired software company Red Hat in a \$34 billion cash and debt deal
- The Republic of Seychelles launched the world's first Sovereign Blue Bond.

### NATIONAL

- **National Khadi Festival 2018** to promote Khadi products has been inaugurated on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti 2018, by Union Minister for Micro Small & Medium Enterprises, Shri Giriraj Singh. The fest is being organised by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) at Mumbai.
- Alphonso from Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Palghar, Thane and Raigad districts of Maharashtra, is registered as Geographical Indication (GI).
- Government constitutes a High Level Committee for proper management of water resources in North Eastern Region under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, Niti Aayog.
- United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres's Three-day Visit To India.
- **Namrup-based Assam Petrochemicals Limited (APL)** rolled out the country's first methanol-based cooking fuel, which will be 30% cheaper than conventional LPG fuel, cleaner and greener and easily transportable.
- **India's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) & Russia's SIRIUS** sign MoU for promotion of innovative cooperation between students of India & Russia.
- Election Commission has announced the poll schedule for Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Telangana.
- Sumitra Mahajan inaugurated **Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference** of India Region, Zone III in **Guwahati**.
- On the occasion of 86th anniversary, the Indian Air Force has launched an innovative mobile health App named '**MedWatch**' in keeping with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Digital India, Ayushman Bharat and Mission Indradhanush'.
- Central University of Jammu signs MoU with ISRO to set up Space Applications Center

- Microsoft India signs pact with NITI for AI tools in agri, healthcare.
- **Microsoft India** it has signed an agreement with **NitiAayog** to deploy artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to address challenges in agriculture and healthcare, and promote adoption of local language computing, among others.
- The SRiX Agri-Business Academy, India's first agri and food business online learning platform, at SR Innovation Exchange (SRiX) Campus, Warangal in Telangana.
- Govt announces Rs 100 crore award for states completing household electrification early under Saubhagya scheme.
- PM inaugurates revamped National Police and a museum in Chankayapuri.
- India's First Domestic Cruise 'Angriya' Flagged Off From Mumbai
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour has also decided to review the implementation of labour laws, social security and welfare scheme for workers. The panel will be headed by BJP MP Kirit Somaiya.
- India and Croatia have signed an agreement to boost bilateral trade and enhance economic cooperation. The agreement was signed by Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Croatia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy Martina Dalic.
- India, China sign first security cooperation agreement to strengthen and consolidate assistance in counter-terrorism, organised crimes, drug control, human trafficking and exchange of information, marking a new beginning between the two countries.
- The government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM), headed by home minister Rajnath Singh, to strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks to deal with and prevent sexual harassment at the workplace.
- Bharat stage emission standards are standards instituted by the government to regulate the output of air pollutants from motor vehicles. The Bharat Stage VI (or BS-VI) emission norm would come into force from April 1, 2020, across the country for using a cleaner fuel.
- PM Modi addresses IT professionals, launches 'Main Nahi Hum' portal which works on the theme "Self for Society" will enable IT professionals and organizations to bring together their efforts towards social causes, and service to society, on one platform.
- Prime Minister of Italy, Giuseppe Conte arrived in New Delhi on a day-long official visit to India. During the visit, the Italian Prime Minister will hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- PM Modi Unveils World's Tallest Statue Measuring 600 feet (182m) Called the Statue of Unity In Gujarat, in tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The 182m-tall statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was inaugurated to coincide with the 143rd birth anniversary of Patel, India's first home minister.

### **STATES**

- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched scheme '**NirmanKusuma**' for providing financial assistance to the children of construction workers for their technical education in the State.
- **Karnataka** Unveils Unnati Scheme **To Help Entrepreneurs From SC/ST Communities.**
- **Maharashtra** launches website, app **Mahamadat** to analyse drought situation. The site will help in an accurate analysis of drought-like situation in villages.
- Arunachal Pradesh govt launches Chief Minister's **SashaktKisanYojana** and Chief Minister's **KrishiSamuhYojana** in **Itanagar.**
- **Jharkhand** to become partner state at **Goa International Film Festival**

- **Haryana** govt to set up anti-terrorist force '**KAVACH**'
- **Haryana's first National autism research centre** opens in **Gurugram**
- **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee**, on the occasion of World Food Day, launched 'KhadyaSathi' scheme, a food security scheme.
- Kerala is set to **become the first smoke-free State with public sector oil companies eyeing 100% LPG penetration**.
- Assam celebrated its **3rd Bihu festival** known as the 'Kati Bihu' festival across the state.
- **Haryana to introduce PashuSanjeevniSewa**. Under which **free of cost quality veterinary services and health care facilities** for the livestock would be made available at the doorstep of livestock farmers through mobile veterinary clinics.
- **Tamil Nadu** creates record by opening over **16 lakh postal savings accounts** under **SukanyaSamridhiYojana**
- **Gujarat's first mega foodpark** inaugurated in **Surat**
- The country's first gallery on Robotic dinosaurs was opened to the public at the **pushpaGujarat Science city**,Kapurthala.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched **India's first automatic Early Warning Dissemination System (EDWS)**.
- **Andhra Pradesh government** is building a world-class and India's first 'Justice City' within its **new capital Amaravati** with the vision to provide a state-of-the-art ecosystem built on latest technology for supporting the judicial system in the state.

### INTERNATIONAL

- The **6th edition of IBSAMAR**, a joint Multi – National Maritime Exercise between the **Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies**, is being held at **Simons Town, South Africa**
- **India** has launched a **Operation SamudraMaitri** to provide assistance to the earthquake and **tsunami** victims in **Indonesia**
- Russian President Vladimir Putin will be on a two-day visit to hold the annual India-Russia summit with Prime Minister NarendraModi, with a focus on further boosting bilateral ties and deliberate on a range regional and global issues including US sanctions on the import of Iranian crude oil.
- **India and Kazakhstan agree to boost Defence and Military Technical Cooperation**, Both countries successfully conducted a company level joint military exercise '**KAZIND-2018**' in **South Kazakhstan**.
- **President Kovind on a 3-day visit to Tajikistan**.
- **The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** and the **UN Environment** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development.
- Indian grant of **20 million US dollars** was announced for Tajikistan to finance development projects.
- **UNICEF, NASSCOM** will work collaboratively on two key areas including **national sensitisation on 'child online protection'** and '**encouraging innovations for child rights**' in the country.
- Malaysia's new government has announced it will **abolish the death penalty for all crimes and halt pending executions**.
- India has won the seat to Human Rights Council at United Nations with **the highest votes among all candidates receiving 188 votes**.
- The World Bank announced **funding of up to \$1 billion** to the Government of Indonesia for relief and reconstruction efforts in the disaster-affected areas of Lombok and Sulawesi.

- Canada has become the second country after **Uruguay** to legalise possession and use of recreational cannabis.
- **Fulpati, the seventh day of 10-day long Dashain festival celebrated in Nepal**
- IT industry body **National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)** has signed an MoU with **Dubai Internet City (DIC)**, to help Indian SMEs to expand their operations in the **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region**.
- Pakistan and Russia have begun annual joint military drill "**Druzhba-III**" (**Friendship-III**) to boost counter terrorism cooperation to tackle the growing threat of **Islamic State stemming from neighboring Afghanistan**.
- The eleventh session of India – Czech Republic Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held at Prague.
- The European Commission proposed **new EU-wide rules aimed at reducing plastic pollution in cities and oceans by banning several plastic products**.
- **India Donated 3 lakh Dollars For Peacekeeping Initiative At UN**.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj reached Doha, Qatar on the first leg of her 2-nation visit to West Asia.
- **Bolsonaro Elected Brazil President** Gets 55% Of Votes, to take Office on January 1 next Year.

### PERSONS IN NEWS

- The **UNICEF** has appointed **Ravi Venkatesan** as its special representative of young people
- **Chanda Kochhar** quits as **CEO of ICICI Bank**, **Sandeep Bakhshi** to take over
- Interpol Chief **Meng Hongwei** Resigns After Detention In **China**
- **US** Ambassador to the United Nations **Nikki Haley** resigned who **served as US Ambassador to the United Nations since 2017**.
- **MJ Akbar** quits as **union minister** over **#MeToo** allegations, **Akbar** became the first minister in the NDA government to resign for reasons of impropriety.
- **Canelo Álvarez** has signed the largest contract in the history of sport, agreeing a five-year, 11-fight deal worth at least **\$365m** with streaming service **DAZN**
- **EU** rebukes **Putin with human rights** European parliament's prestigious **Sakharov prize** to jailed Ukrainian film-maker **Oleg Sentsov**
- Actor **Anupam Kher** resigned as Chairperson of the **Film and Television Institute of India**.
- **Angela Merkel** to step down as **German Chancellor in 2021**

### PLACES IN NEWS

- **Niwari** will become the **52nd** district of **Madhya Pradesh**, with effect from October 1
- **National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC)**, India's and Asia's first such centre would be soon opened on the banks of river Ganga river in the **Patna University premises, Bihar**.
- The Severe Cyclonic Storm '**TITLI**' over the west-central Bay of Bengal moved **northwards with a speed of about 14 kmph** over West central Bay of Bengal near latitude 16.5°N and longitude 85.8°E, about 320 km south-southeast of Gopalpur (Odisha) and 270 km southeast of Kalingapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
- The country's first **India-Israel Innovation Centre (IIIC)**, an entrepreneurial technology hub, was launched in Bengaluru.
- **Sikkim** is 2018's winner of the "**Oscar for best policies**", beating 51 nominated policies from 25 countries, the international non-government body **World Future Council (WFC)** announced.
- **Yogi Adityanath** cabinet passes resolution to rename **Allahabad** to **Prayagraj**.

- **A "Museum on Prime Ministers of India"** to be set up in **New Delhi**
- The GI registration was done in the name of **Litchi Growers Association of Bihar, which had applied for the tag.**
- **India's highest tricolour** unfurled at **Haj House** in **Mumbai**
- **India's first railway station** inside tunnel to come up in **Himachal Pradesh**
- **World's longest sea crossing: Hong Kong-Zhuhai bridge** opens
- **Mumbai's METRO INOX** is now South Mumbai's largest cinema and **India's First Rooftop Solar Powered Cinema.**
- **Indian Railways** to build world's highest railway line **in Ladakh** region that will run along the India-China border.
- Government to set up **National Sports Stadium for differently-abled in Meghalaya**
- **Assam** Government has become the **first Indian state** to offer a Wage Compensation Scheme for **pregnant women** working in the tea gardens of the state.
- **Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)** hosts **4-day international dance festival**

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **JIMEX 18** begins in Visakhapatnam: Third edition of India-Japan maritime exercises underway after Japanese ships arrive.
- India and Japan are all set to hold the first-ever joint military exercise '**DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018**' involving the **Indian Army and Japan Ground Self Defense Force in Mizoram, India.**
- US Navy, Indian Navy undertake anti-submarine exercises in Arabian Sea
- **NATO's (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Trident Juncture 2018 military exercise** began in Norway. This is NATO's biggest military exercise since the **Cold War.**
- A series of flight trials of Astra beyond Visual Range **Air-to-Air Missile (BVR-AAM)** was conducted by **Indian Air Force at Integrated Test Range (ITR)**, Balasore as part of final development trials of the missile.
- The **Japanese space** probe has launched a new observation robot **MASCOT**, towards an asteroid to throw light on the origin of the solar system.
- Coast Guards of India, Vietnam hold joint exercise 'Sahyog HOP TAC-2018' at Chennai
- **NASA's Parker Solar Probe** – mankind's first mission to '**touch**' the Sun – successfully completed a flyby of **Venus** at a distance of about 2,415 kilometres during its first gravity assist from the planet, according to the US space agency.
- The **Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will be working together on the first manned space mission.
- India's Strategic Forces Command successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable **surface-to-surface missile "Prithvi-II"**, which has a strike range of **350 km**, was launched from a mobile launcher from launch complex-3 of the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)** at **Chandipur** near **Balasore.**
- **Japan** joined the joint exercise codenamed- '**Kamandag'(venom)** with **US** and **Filipino troops** in the **Philippines** for the first time since **World War II.**
- **China** successfully launched two remote sensing satellites **PRSS-1** and **PakTES-1A** for **Pakistan**, marking the first international commercial launch for the **Long March-2C rocket** in about 19 years.
- **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** has launched **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** powered chatbot- **Ask Disha(Digital Interaction to Seek Help Anytime)** to help its users answer various queries.
- **China** successfully launched twin **BeiDou-3** navigation satellites into space to



strengthen its satellite navigation network being built to rival the **US' Global Positioning System (GPS)**.

- The Election Commission launched an Android-based mobile application named **"cVigil"** for citizens to share proof of malpractices by political parties, their candidates and activists when the Model Code of Conduct is in force.
- **The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR)**, Lucknow has developed an innovative technology for **'Drinking Water Disinfection System' with Trade name "OneerTM"**.
- China-built world's largest amphibious plane Kunlong (Water Dragon) AG600 completes maiden flight test.
- UAE, US kick off two-week joint military exercise.
- Life insurer **PNB Metlife** has unveiled an **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**-powered customer service app **'Khushi'**.
- Union HRD Minister **PrakashJavadekar** launched web portals for two schemes **IMPRESS** and **SPARC** with an aim to build an ecosystem of research in educational institutions.
- **'Train 18'- India's 1st Engineless Train** developed by the **Integral Coach Factory (ICF)** and seen as a successor to the prestigious Shatabdi Express, was unveiled by **Railway Board Chairman AshwaniLohani**.

#### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

<b>BOOKS</b>	<b>AUTHORS</b>
The Paradoxical Prime Minister	Shashi Tharoor
Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior	Rima Hooja
Brief Answers to the Big Questions	Stephen Hawking's

#### **AWARDS & HONORS**

- Hockey player **Lilima Minz**, who hails from Odisha, has been selected for the prestigious **Ekalabya Puraskar, 2018**.
- Prime **Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi**, conferred the **Champions of the Earth Award 2018 for Policy Leadership** by **UN Secretary General, Mr. Antonio Guterres** at a ceremony at **Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra**.
- Maryse Condé, who has been awarded the 2018 New Academy Prize in Literature.
- Prema Gopalan, founder of **Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP)**, was awarded the **8th Social Entrepreneur of the Year award, 2018**, for her work in promoting women's entrepreneurship at the grassroots and ensuring rural livelihood.
- National award-winning music director Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi, famously known as **Khayyam** has been named for this year's **Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement**.
- Author **Anna Burns** has won the Man Booker Prize for her novel 'Milkman', becoming **the first author from Northern Ireland to win the most prestigious English-language literary award**.
- Social Entrepreneur Suheil F. Tandon has won the **International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant Award** for his contribution to sports for development.
- Wildlife Photographer Of The Year 2018 Bagged By Marsel van Oosten of Netherlands.
- Indian-American Minal Patel Davis receives the Presidential Medal for her work against human trafficking.



- Piyush Goyal To Receive Carnot Prize For Rural Electrification Effort.
- Grammy-winning Hindustani classical music **instrumentalist Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt** will be honoured with the annual **Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award**.
- Invest India, **the country's investment promotion body**, has won the UN Award for excellence in promoting investments in sustainable development.
- **PM Modi conferred with Seoul Peace Prize** For his contribution **to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth**.
- Agricultural scientist M.S. Swaminathan received the **first World Agriculture Prize** instituted by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) in New Delhi.
- **Ranbir Kapoor is the Vogue Man of the Year and Alia Bhatt takes home Vogue Youth Icon of 2018**
- World number one **Simona Halep** has become the first recipient of the Chris Evert Women's Tennis Association (WTA) World No.1 Trophy, named after WTA's first-ever world number one, Chris Evert.
- **Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai** will be honored **Gleitsman Award** by Harvard University for her work promoting girls' education.
- **The list of Winners of Nobel Prize 2018**

Field	Winner	Description
Chemistry	one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA)	for the directed evolution of enzymes
	other half jointly to <b>George P. Smith</b> (USA) and <b>Sir Gregory P. Winter</b> (UK)	for the phage display of peptides and antibodies
Economic Sciences	<b>William D. Nordhaus</b> (USA)	for integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis
	<b>Paul M. Romer</b> (USA)	for integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis.
Peace	<b>Denis Mukwege</b> (Congo) and <b>Nadia Murad</b> (Iraq)	for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict
Physics	<b>Arthur Ashkin</b> (USA), <b>Gerard Mourou</b> (France) and <b>Donna Strickland</b> (Canada)	for groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics
Physiology or Medicine	<b>James P Allison</b> (USA) and <b>Tasaku Honjo</b> (Japan)	for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation

**APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name of the Organisation</b>	<b>Name of the Person</b>
Hockey India President	Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad
chairman of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS)	Uday Kotak
chief economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Gita Gopinath
Director General of RPF	Arun Kumar
first chief of National Financial Reporting Authority(NFRA).	Rangachari Sridharan
CMD of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)	Sudhir Garg
CEO of Instagram	Adam Mosseri
president of Iraq	Barham Salih
46th Chief Justice of India	Ranjan Gogoi
Pepsico's Indian-origin CEO	Ramon Laguarta
National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA)	Madan Bhimarao Lokur
Mongolia Prime Minister	Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh
Chairman of International Advertising Association	Srinivasan Swamy
Solicitor General of India	Tushar Mehta
Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).	Shekhar C. Mande
Yemen's New PM	Maeen Abdulmalik
Paytm Payments Bank MD and CEO	Satish Kumar Gupta
Chief Justice of Bombay High Court.	Naresh Harishchandra Patil
President of Brazil	Jair Bolsonaro
First Female President of Ethiopia	Sahle-Work Zewde

**SEMINARS AND MEETINGS**

<b>Seminars and Meetings</b>	<b>Place</b>
India International Science Festival (IISF-2018)	Lucknow,Uttar Pradesh
International conference on the future of the Indian Ocean	Colombo,Sri Lanka
6th India International Silk Fair	New Delhi
12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)	Brussels, Belgium
4th International Film Festival of Shimla	Shimla
7th Meeting of Education Ministers of SCO Member States	Astana, Kazakhstan
27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference	Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018	New Delhi
India Mobile Congress	New Delhi
5th National Summit on Public Health Care	Kaziranga ,Assam
India–West Africa condave	Nigeria
13th India-Japan Summit	Tokyo, Japan
2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care towards UHC & SDGs	Astana, Kazakhstan

### SURVEYS

- **Apple** displaced **Google** to become the **top** brand in the world in 2018 while **Facebook**, mired in data breach controversies, fell to **ninth** place in the top 100 brands globally.
- Reliance Industries' Chairman **MukeshAmbani** has emerged as the richest Indian for the **11th consecutive year** with a net worth of **USD 47.3 billion**, according to Forbes magazine.
- Japan has overtaken Singapore to claim the **world's most powerful passport spot** on the 2018 Henley Passport Index, The **Indian passport has secured the 81st rank** with visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 60 destinations.
- The World Bank ranked **India 115th** among **157** countries in its **first-ever Human Capital Index (HCI)** While **Singapore** top
- **Global Hunger Index 2018: Belarus Tops, India Ranks 103rd**
- **India** ranks **58th** out of **140** economies on **Global Competitiveness Index 2018: World Economic Forum**
- The report titled '**India Solar Market Leaderboard 1H 2018**' by Mercom Communications India, India stands as **the second largest solar market in the world**, while **China** top
- **India** to become **world's 3rd largest aviation** market around 2024: **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**, present **India** is the **7<sup>th</sup>** largest **aviation market**, While **USA** top

### SPORTS

- Mercedes teammate **Lewis Hamilton** wins Russian Grand Prix .
- The **Central Information Commission** brought the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** under the RTI (Right to Information) Act.
- **Prithvi Shaw** became the youngest Indian to score a hundred on Test debut against West Indies in Rajkot.
- 36th National Games to be held in March-April 2019 in Goa.
- An icon of the game, **Benaud Richie** will be posthumously honoured as the **40th Legend of Australian sport** at the **Sport Australia Hall of Fame's 34th Induction and Awards**.
- Manu Bhaker claimed India's **first ever gold medal** in shooting at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in the **women's 10m air pistol event**.
- Former Pakistan left-arm spinner AbdurRehman retires from international cricket.
- India recorded its best-ever showing in the Asian Para Games by bagging 72 medals, including 15 gold, 24 silver and 33 bronze in Jakarta. While **China finished on top** with 172 gold, 88 silver and 59 bronze for a whopping total of 319 medals.
- Great Britain lifts Sultan of Johor Cup 2018 in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.
- Novak Djokovic, a Serbian player won a record fourth **Shanghai Masters title** over 13th-seeded BornaCoric.
- SurajPanwar won **India's first medal in athletics** at the Youth Olympic Games 2018 after claiming the silver medal in the men's 5000m race walk event Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Vijay Hazare Trophy: Mumbai beat Delhi to lift title for third time.
- Wrestler BajrangPunia won the silver medal after he went down against Japan's TakutoOtoguro in the 65kg final of the Wrestling World Championships in Budapest, Hungary. It is his **second medal at the Worlds**.
- West Indies allrounder Dwayne Bravo retires from international cricket.
- India's Sourav Kothari defeated **Peter Gilchrist of Singapore** in the 2018 WBL

World Billiards Championship title in Leeds.

- FIFA (**Fédération Internationale de Football Association**) announced that, it doubles the prize money **from \$15 million to \$30 million** for the women's World Cup with 2019 tournament in France from June 7 to July 7.
- **2018 Senior World Wrestling Championships in Budapest, Hungary.** India won 2 medals: **1 bronze medal and 1 silver medal.** India's **Pooja Dhanda from Haryana** defeated Grace **Jacob Bhullen of Norway** and won bronze medal in the 57kg category. India's **Bajrang Punia**, won a silver medal in the 65kg freestyle division. He lost to **Japanese Takuto Otaguro** in the final.
- India and Pakistan jointly won the Asian Hockey Champions Trophy title in Muscat, Oman. India's Akashdeep Singh was adjudged player of the tournament.

### SPECIAL DAYS

Day	Special	Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> October	World Habitat Day	-
1 <sup>st</sup> October	International Day of Older Persons	-
1 <sup>st</sup> October	World Vegetarian Day	-
5 <sup>th</sup> October	World celebrates International Teachers' Day	-
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Air Force Day 2018	-
9 <sup>th</sup> October	World Post Day	-
10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day	-
11 <sup>th</sup> October	International Day of the Girl Child	With Her: A Skilled Girl Force
13 <sup>th</sup> October	International Day For Disaster Reduction	Reducing Disaster Economic Losses
15 <sup>th</sup> October	International Day of Rural Women	Sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls
16 <sup>th</sup> October	World Food Day	Our Actions Are Our Future
17 <sup>th</sup> October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity
20 <sup>th</sup> October	World Statistics Day	Celebrating the many achievements of official statistics
24 <sup>th</sup> October	United Nations Day	-
24 <sup>th</sup> October	World Development Information Day	-
24 <sup>th</sup> October	World Polio Day	-
28 <sup>th</sup> October	National Ayurveda Day	Ayurveda for Prevention and Control of Diabetes'.
29 <sup>th</sup> October-3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Vigilance Awareness Week	Eradicate Corruption – Build A New India
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)	-
31 <sup>st</sup> October	The World's City Day	Better City, Better Life

**OBITUARY**

<b>Name of the Person</b>	<b>Name of the Field</b>
Will Vinton	Oscar-winning animator
Leon Lederman	Father of 'the God particle, Nobel Prize-winning physicist and passionate advocate for science education
Gandhian Natwar Thakkar	Indian social worker (Nagaland's Gandhi)
Annapurna Devi	Musician
Paul Allen	co-founder of Microsoft
N.D. Tiwari	former CM of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand
Osamu Shimomura	Japanese Nobel Chemistry Laureate
Padma Shri Professor Qazi Abdussattar	Urdu Writer