

Important Current Affairs - August 4th Week 2018 20th August - 26th August 2018

Forbes released its 2018 top 10 lists of World's highest paid Actors, Sportswomen and Actresses:

World's Top 10 Highest Paid Actors 2018:

- **Akshay Kumar** has emerged as the **seventh** highest-paid actor in the world by earning **USD 40.5 million** in 2018.
- **Salman Khan** ranked **ninth** place with **USD 38.5 million**.
- Hollywood star **George Clooney** **tops** the list of 'World's Highest-Paid Actors 2018' with \$239 Million.

Rank	Actor
1	George Clooney
2	Dwayne Johnson
3	Robert Downey Jr
4	Chris Hemsworth
5	Jackie Chan
6	Will Smith
7	Akshay Kumar
8	Adam Sandler

9	Salman Khan
10	Chris Evans

World's Top 10 Highest Paid Sportswomen:

- With earnings of **\$8.5 million (nearly ₹60 crore)**, Rio Olympic silver medallist **PV Sindhu** is the only Indian to feature in Forbes' list of top 10 highest-paid female athletes of 2018.
- Placed **seventh**, Sindhu is the only badminton player in the list, which features eight tennis players and one race car driver- Danica Patrick.
- Twenty-three-time Grand Slam champion **Serena Williams tops** the list, with \$18.1-million total earnings.

Rank	Sportswomen
1	Serena Williams
2	Caroline Wozniacki
3	Sloane Stephens
4	Garbine Muguruza
5	Maria Sharapova
6	Venus Williams
7	P.V. Sindhu
8	Simona Halep

9	Danica Patrick
10	Angelique Kerber

World's Top 10 Highest Paid Actresses:

Rank	Actress
1	Scarlett Johansson
2	Angelina Jolie
3	Jennifer Aniston
4	Jennifer Lawrence
5	Reese Witherspoon
6	Mila Kunis
7	Julia Roberts
8	Cate Blanchett
9	Melissa McCarthy
10	Gal Gadot

Asian Games 2018 - India's Medal Winners (till 26th August, 2018)

- India is currently competing at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta and Palembang, **Indonesia** from **18th August to 2nd September**.

- **Neeraj Chopra** was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony.
- India secured a bronze medal in the Men's Team **Regu** event which was the country's first medal in **sepak takraw** since the debut of the sport in the 1990 Asian Games.

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS From India in Asian Games 2018:

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS	Sport	Event
Bajrang Punia	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 65 kg
Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 50 kg
Saurabh Chaudhary	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air pistol
Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting	Women's 25 metre pistol
Sawarn Singh, Dattu Baban Bhokanal, Om Prakash, Sukhmeet Singh	Rowing	Men's Quadruple sculls
Rohan Bopanna, Divij Sharan	Lawn Tennis	Men's Doubles
Tajinder Pal Singh Toor	Athletics	Men's shot put

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Scott Morrison elected as New Prime Minister Of Australia:

- Scott Morrison was sworn in as Australia's **seventh** prime minister in 11 years after a stunning party revolt against **Malcolm Turnbull**.

Emmerson Mnangagwa was sworn in as President of Zimbabwe:

- It was the country's first bitterly-contested election since the ousting of strongman **Robert Mugabe**.

- In the election held on July 30, Mr. **Mnangagwa** won and was challenged by the main Opposition leader **Nelson Chamisa**.
- He hailed his victory as a new “dawn” for Zimbabwe after years of repression and economic mismanagement.

Ten day long 'Esala Maha Perahera' festival celebrated in Sri Lanka:

- The **Kandy Esala Perahera** also known as '**The Festival of the Tooth**' is a grand festival celebrated in July or August in Kandy, **Sri Lanka**.
- This historical procession is held annually to pay homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord **Buddha**, which is housed at the Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy.
- This year, Esala Maha Perahera' festival was celebrated from 16th August to 26th August.

Ambani's Reliance Jio tops Fortune's 'Change the World' list:

- Mukesh Ambani-led telecom company **Reliance Jio** secured the **top** spot in Fortune's global 'Change the World' list released on August 20.
- American pharma company **Merck** ranked **second** while **Bank of America** ranked **third** on the list.
- Chinese group **Alibaba** is ranked **5th** on the list.

Greece exits eurozone bailout programme after 8 years:

- Greece emerged from the eurozone bailout programme after eight years, successfully completing its **third bailout programme** worth **€61.9 billion**.

- The European Union, European Central Bank and IMF had loaned Greece **€289 billion** under the three bailout deals, in support of macroeconomic adjustment and bank recapitalization.
- According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), only four countries have shrunk economically more than Greece in the past decade: Yemen, Libya, Venezuela and Equatorial Guinea.

European Union announced Euro 190,000 to flood hit Kerala:

- The European Union announced an offer of **€190,000** (Rs.1.53 crore) in aid funding to the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS).
- It is to provide immediate relief to flood-affected people in Kerala.

Misa Matsushima became the first woman fighter pilot in Japan:

- **First Lieutenant Misa Matsushima**, 26-year-old, of Japan Air Self Defence Force, finished her training to fly F-15s. She is the **first woman fighter pilot in Japan**.
- The Japan Air Force decided in 1993 to open all positions to women, except for pilots of fighter jets and reconnaissance aircraft. But the limit was lifted in 2015, opening the way for Matsushima to join the elite group of fighter pilots, with three other women now going through training.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Reliance becomes 1st Indian company to hit Rs. 8 trillion market cap:

- Mukesh Ambani-led **Reliance Industries** (RIL) became the first Indian company to hit **₹8 trillion** or **₹8 lakh crore** in market capitalisation.

- This comes after Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) data showed that Reliance Jio continued to add more subscribers. RJio added 9.71 million users in June, taking its subscriber base above 215 million.
- The Market capitalisation (m-cap) of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) stood at **₹7.79-lakh crore**.

Chhattisgarh renamed 'Naya Raipur' as 'Atal Nagar':

- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister Raman Singh announced the renaming of some other institutions and projects after the demise of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The **Bilaspur University** will be known as Atal Bihari Vajpayee University.
- Renowned **Rajnandgaon Medical College** will also be renamed after Vajpayee.

NOTA Option Not Applicable For Rajya Sabha Elections: Supreme Court:

- The ruling of '**None of The Above**' (NOTA) option was made by a bench of Justices comprising CJI **Dipak Misra** and Justices AM Khanwilkar and DY Chandrachud.
- The NOTA option is meant only for universal adult suffrage and direct elections and not for the polls held by the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as done in the Rajya Sabha.

UAE offers Rs.700 crore in aid to Kerala:

- The **UAE government** extended its hand to offer **Rs.700 crore** to assist Kerala in its distress.

- Kerala State government sought **Rs.2,600 crore** from the Centre due to the disaster caused by the flood. The Centre has offered **Rs.600 crore** to the Kerala government.
- Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** thanked and appreciated the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander **Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan** who had communicated the decision to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also added that the offer shows the concern that Gulf nations have for Kerala.

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport is now the World's second fastest growing airport:

- As per the RoutesOnline company report, Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru is next to **Tokyo's Haneda Airport** which is the world's fastest growing airport, in terms of actual growth in number of passengers.
- KIA opened in May **2008** was initially named **Bangalore International Airport**.
- The Government of India has granted Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) to operate KIA airport for 30 years.

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated International Buddhist Conclave in New Delhi:

- The theme of the conclave is **Buddha Path - The Living Heritage**.
- **Main aim**:- To showcase Buddhist Heritage in India and boost tourism to the Buddhist sites in the country.
- This year **Japan** is the partnering country for the Buddhist conclave.

Government to set up Cyclone Warning Centre in Kerala:

- The Ministry of Earth Sciences has proposed to set up a Cyclone Warning Centre (CWC) in **Thiruvananthapuram** following unprecedented flooding in Kerala.
- The Ministry is also planning to set up another **C-Band Doppler Weather Radar** at **Mangalore** by end of **2019**, which will cover the northern parts of Kerala.
- At present, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has cyclone warning centres only at Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Mumbai.

Government unveiled draft UDAN scheme for international route:

- The objective of the UDAN International scheme is to enhance international air connectivity between Indian states and select international destinations through the provision of financial support to airlines.
- Under the scheme, the **state governments** will be responsible for **funding** the financial benefits.
- The **Assam** government has committed to fund the subsidy amount of **Rs 100 crore** per annum for three years.
- **Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik** (UDAN) scheme was launched in **2016** to provide affordable air travel at **Rs 2,500 per hour** of flight for people through subsidised ticket rates and to provide air connectivity to smaller towns.

International Water Colour Festival in Ranchi:

- Five-day long 'International water colour festival' is held in **Ranchi** at Audrey House, to promote the rich art and culture of **Jharkhand**.
- This is the first time in the country that international artists will paint together.
- In this program 24 countries of the world, 25 states of India and 24 districts of the state are participating.
- On this occasion, the artist **Victoria** from Ukraine and artist **Uttam Karmakar** from Italy did the live painting and presented it to the Chief Minister **Raghubar Das**.

Former President Pranab Mukherjee Launches NETA App To Rate MPs And MLAs:

- **NETA National Electoral Transformation** (NETA) Leaders Report Card App, the brainchild of 27-year-old entrepreneur **Pratham Mittal** is a platform where voters can review and rate their elected representatives and hold them accountable as well.

BANKING, BUSINESS & FINANCE NEWS:

HAL becomes first public sector enterprise to transact on TReDS:

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** (HAL) has become the first public sector enterprise to make a transaction on the "**TReDS platform**", which is an **online electronic institutional mechanism** for facilitating the financing of trade receivables of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) through multiple financiers.
- TReDS refers to **Trade Receivables Discounting System**.

- During October 2017, the central government mandated all major PSUs to join TReDS platform to facilitate payments to MSME vendors.
- **RXIL** (Receivables Exchange of India) is **India's first** TReDS platform operating since January 2017 and is promoted by the National Stock Exchange, Small Industries Development Bank of India, State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and Yes Bank.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch India Post Payments Bank on September 1:

- The launch of **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** was recently rescheduled in the wake of seven-day national mourning declared after the demise of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- IPPB has permission to link around 17-crore **postal savings bank (PSB) accounts** with its account.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

Chandrayaan-I data confirms presence of ice on Moon:

- Using data from the Chandrayaan-I spacecraft, Scientists have found frozen water deposits in the darkest and coldest parts of the Moon's polar regions.
- **M3**, aboard the Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft, launched in **2008** by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), was uniquely equipped to confirm the presence of solid ice on the Moon.

NASA introduced two apps to take space selfies:

- **NASA** has introduced two virtual reality apps which will allow users to take selfies in front of gorgeous cosmic locations.
- The two apps, **the Selfies app and Exoplanet Excursions virtual reality app**, were released to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the launch of NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope.
- The app will let you take snapshots of yourself in a virtual spacesuit, posing in front of gorgeous cosmic locations, like the Orion Nebula or the centre of the Milky Way galaxy. It also provides information about the science behind these stunning images.

DEFENCE NEWS:

Iran unveiled its first domestic fighter jet named 'Kowsar':

- The aircraft is nicknamed '**Kowsar**', which in Islam is a **river in paradise** and also the title of a chapter in the Koran.
- This defence programme was motivated by repeated threats from Israel and the US.
- Iran celebrates National Defence Industry Day on August 22.
- Iran President - **Hassan Rouhani**

First-ever IAF-RMAF joint air exercise begins in Malaysia:

- Bilateral exercise between **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)** was inaugurated by Gp Capt CUV Rao, team leader IAF & Col Mahadzer, Ex director of RMAF.
- It is the first ever bilateral exercise launching two Sukhoi Su-30MKM and Su-30MKI Flankers each from Subang airport.

INS Vikramaditya to have marine hydraulic systems for the first time:

- For the first time, India's only aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya** will be fitted with a marine hydraulic system to boost the air operations of the ship.
- **Technodinamika**, a subsidiary of Russia's Rostec State Corporation, will install the system in the Indian Navy ship by May **2019**.
- The INS Vikramaditya worth \$2.3 billion, came to India from **Russia** in January **2014**.
- INS Vikramaditya is 284 metres long and 60 metres high -- that's about as high as a 20-storey building. The ship weighs **40,000 tonnes** and is the **biggest and heaviest ship** in the Indian Navy.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

FIFA's legal chief Marco Villiger leaves governing body:

- **Marco Villiger**, the man who was the key link between FIFA and U.S. anti-corruption investigators, has left the FIFA organisation.
- Villiger was FIFA's **Deputy Secretary General** and Chief Legal and Integrity Officer.

President Ram Nath Kovind appointed New Governors for 7 states:

Newly Appointed Governors	Respective State	Previous Governors
Satya Pal Malik	Jammu & Kashmir	NN Vohra

Tathagata Roy	Meghalaya	Ganga Prasad
Lalji Tandon	Bihar	Satya Pal Malik
Ganga Prasad	Sikkim	Shriniwas Patil
Kaptan Singh Solanki	Tripura	Tathagata Roy
Satyadev Narayan Arya	Haryana	Kaptan Singh Solanki
Baby Rani Maurya	Uttarakhand	K K Paul

Retd Judge TP Sharma appointed as New chief of Chhattisgarh Lokayukta:

- Sharma will head the **Chhattisgarh** Lok Ayog, set up to deal with **corruption cases** against public servants.
- Sharma, the state's fourth chief Lokayukta, will succeed Justice (retired) Shambhu Nath Shrivastava, who was appointed to the post on August 14, 2013.
- Sharma previously holds the post of Chairman, Chhattisgarh Law Commission.

Arun Jaitley resumed charge as Finance Minister three months after kidney transplant:

- The 65-year-old BJP leader, **Arun Jaitley** has resumed charge as the **Finance Minister and Minister of Corporate Affairs** after taking a break for three months to undergo a kidney transplant.
- In Jaitley's absence, Railways Minister **Piyush Goyal** held additional charges of his ministry.

Actor Raveena Tandon becomes brand ambassador of SGNP:

- The **Maharashtra** government has appointed Bollywood actor Raveena Tandon as the brand ambassador of the city-based **Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP)**.

G. Satheesh Reddy appointed as New DRDO Chairman:

- The Centre appointed renowned aerospace scientist, Dr **G Satheesh Reddy**, as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for a period of **two years** and will succeed **S Christopher**, who retired in June.
- He is also appointed as Secretary in the Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D).

U K Varma appointed as Assocham Secretary General:

- He succeeds DS Rawat who held the position for nearly 14 years.
- The **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)** is one of the apex trade associations of India.
- The organization represents the interests of trade and commerce in India and acts as an interface between issues and initiatives.

AWARDS:

Indra Nooyi to get Asia Game Changer of the Year award:

- **PepsiCo's** India-born Chairman and CEO **Indra Nooyi** will be honoured with the 2018 **Asia Game Changer of the Year** award by global cultural organisation **Asia Society**, in recognition of her business achievements, humanitarian record and advocacy for women and girls around the world.

S.K. Arora bagged WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award:

- Delhi government's additional director of health S.K. Arora has been awarded the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards **tobacco control**.
- Tobacco prevalence in **Delhi** has come down by 6.5% in the past six years, which is more than the rest of India average figures.

SPORTS NEWS:

Virat Kohli reclaims no.1 Test ranking 10 days after losing it:

- India Captain Virat Kohli, who had become the top-ranked Test batsman for the first time on **August 5**, reclaimed the spot after scoring 200 runs in the third (Trent Bridge) Test against England.
- Kohli also reached a personal best of **937** rating points, which is the 11th best ever in terms of rating points.
- **Cheteshwar Pujara** remains the second highest ranked India batsman in the list, in **sixth** position.

MRF Tyres ICC Test Player Rankings (as on 23 August, following the Trent Bridge Test):-

Rank	Player	Team	Points	Avg	Highest rating
1	Virat Kohli	Ind	937!	54.49	937 v Eng at Trent Bridge 2018
2	Steve Smith	Aus	929	61.37	947 v SA at Durban 2018
3	Kane Williamson	NZ	847	50.35	893 v Aus at Perth 2015

4	David Warner	Aus	820	48.2	880 v NZ at Perth 2015
5	Joe Root	Eng	818	51.27	917 v Aus at Trent Bridge 2015

Kho-Kho gets recognition from Olympic Council of Asia (OCA):

- **Kho-Kho** will be included as an exhibition game in Asian Indoor Games by this decision.
- Also, it has the possibility to be included as a discipline in the next Asian Games.
- Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) - Rajeev Mehta
- Union Sports Minister - Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.

Pacer Jhulan Goswami announced her retirement from Women's T20 Internationals:

- Goswami is currently the leading **wicket-taker** in the women's ODI format and also the **first woman** to pick up **200** ODI wickets.
- She played 68 T20 Internationals and took 56 wickets at an economy rate of 5.45.

OBITUARY:

Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader Gurudas Kamat passes away at 63:

- Gurudas Kamat who was an **advocate** by profession, was also served as Union Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology.

- Kamat was a **Member of Parliament** for the Mumbai North-West constituency in 2009 and the Mumbai North East constituency in 1984, 1991, 1998 and 2004.

Veteran Journalist Kuldip Nayar passes away at 95:

- The veteran journalist had started his career with an **Urdu** newspaper.
- Nayar was also an **author**, with 15 books to his name, and was appointed as **High Commissioner of India** to the United Kingdom in **1990**.
- He was also nominated as a Member of Parliament (**MP**) in the Rajya Sabha in **1997**.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

August 20: Sadbhavana Diwas:

- Sadbhavana Diwas or **Harmony Day** is celebrated on August 20 each year all over India to commemorate the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister of India named **Rajiv Gandhi**.
- Sadbhavana meaning - having good feelings for others.
- On this day, Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award is presented to commemorate the contribution made by Rajiv Gandhi for promoting the communal harmony, peace and national integration.
- **Gopalkrishna Gandhi** was declared as the winner of Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award for the year 2018. He is a retired IAS officer and was 22nd **Governor of West Bengal** served from 2004 to 2009.
- This is the 24th edition of Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award.

World Mosquito Day observed on 20th August:

- World Mosquito Day is a commemoration of British doctor **Sir Ronald Ross**'s discovery in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.
- Mosquito name comes from Spanish word meaning "little fly".
- Around **6 million deaths** every decade occur owing to **malaria**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS:

VVS Laxman wrote down his autobiography titled '281 and Beyond':

- The autobiography will be released by the **Westland Publications** on **November 20**, 2018.
- Indian cricketer VVS Laxman who announced his **retirement** from international cricket in **2012**, played 134 Tests, scoring 8,781 runs at an average of 45.97.
- He also played in 86 ODIs for an aggregate of 2338 and average of 30.76 in the shorter format.

Shane Warne autobiography No Spin to be released in October:

- Australian cricketer Shane Warne's autobiography “**No Spin**” will have a global release on October 4. The memoir is written with cricketer and TV presenter Mark Nicholas.
- Warne played his first Test match in 1992, and took over **1,000** international **wickets** (in Tests and One-Day Internationals).
- He also captained the Rajasthan Royals to victory in the IPL in 2008.
- He officially **retired** from all cricket formats in **2013**.

VISITS:

Chinese defence minister Wei Fenghe visited India:

- Chinese Defence Minister Lieutenant General **Wei Fenghe** has landed in **New Delhi** on August 21st for a four-day visit, with an aim to improve bilateral relations, especially on **military ties**.
- He met India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**.
- This was the first formal bilateral meeting between the two ministers since the **Doklam standoff** on the Bhutan China border during June to August last year.

Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera visited India for 2 days from 19 to 20 August 2018:

Objective:

- To further strengthen defence and security cooperation under the 'Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership',
- To work on Japan's 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy' with India's 'Act East Policy'

Japan:

- ◆ Capital: Tokyo.
- ◆ Currency: Japanese Yen.
- ◆ Prime Minister: Shinzo Abe.

Rahul Gandhi's two-day trip to Germany - HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Congress chief Rahul Gandhi spoke at the **Bucerius Summer School** in Hamburg on August 22, 2018.

- Then, He addressed the Indian Overseas Congress in **Berlin**.
- He will then visit the **UK**, where he will address an event organised by the Indian Overseas Congress in collaboration with local Indian-origin parliamentarians.
- Gandhi's visits are a part of the Congress' NRI outreach programme ahead of the **2019 Lok Sabha elections**.

QUIZ CORNER:

1) Where will be the BIMSTEC Summit 2018 held?

- A. Kathmandu, Nepal**
- B. Kabul, Afghanistan**
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh**
- D. Delhi, India**

Answer:- A

2) World Mosquito Day is observed annually on

- A. 22 August**
- B. 19 August**
- C. 21 August**
- D. 20 August**

Answer:- D

3) Who bagged India's 1st shooting Gold medal at Asiad 2018?

- A. Lakshay Sheoran**
- B. Deepak Kumar**

- C. Saurabh Chaudhary**
- D. Abhishek Verma**

Answer:- C

4) Who is the first women wrestler ever in India to win gold in Asian games?

- A. Yuki Irie**
- B. Vinesh Phogat**
- C. Pooja Dhanda**
- D. Sakshi Malik**

Answer:- B

5) Which company secured the top spot in Fortune's global 'Change the World' list?

- A. Reliance Jio**
- B. Alibaba**
- C. Bank of America**
- D. Merck**

Answer:- A

6) Book titled '281 and Beyond' is the autobiography of

- A. Kapil Dev**
- B. Sourav Ganguly**
- C. Sachin Tendulkar**
- D. VVS Laxman**

Answer:- D

7) Australian cricketer Shane Warne's autobiography titled _____ will have a global release on October 4.

- A. High wicket**
- B. No Spin**
- C. No Pitch**
- D. Hat-Trick**

Answer:- B

8) Greece emerged from the eurozone bailout programme after eight years, successfully completing its third and last bailout programme worth

- A. €61.9 billion**
- B. €51.9 billion**
- C. €41.9 billion**
- D. €71.9 billion**

Answer:- A

9) Who tops the Forbes' list of top 10 highest-paid female athletes of 2018?

- A. Caroline Wozniacki**
- B. Serena Williams**
- C. Maria Sharapova**
- D. Danica Patrick**

Answer:- B

10) Who is the only Indian to feature in Forbes' list of World's top 10 highest-paid female athletes of 2018?

- A. Dipika Pallikal**
- B. Mithali Raj**
- C. Saina Nehwal**
- D. PV Sindhu**

Answer:- D

11) Iran recently unveiled its first domestically built fighter jet named

- A. Saeqeh**
- B. Sukhoi**
- C. Kowsar**
- D. Qaher**

Answer:- C

12) Who set the new world record in 50m backstroke swimming in Asian Games 2018?

- A. Zhao Jing**
- B. Kliment Kolesnikov**
- C. Daichi Suzuki**
- D. Liu Xiang**

Answer:- D

13) What is Sepak Takraw?

- A. Sport**
- B. Magazine**
- C. Defence Mechanism**
- D. A Space program**

Answer:- A

14) Which of the following is the first river inter-linking project in India and perceived by the government as a model plan for similar interstate river transfer missions?

- A. Godavari-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link project**
- B. Par-Tapi-Narmada link project**
- C. Damanganga-Pinjal link project**
- D. Ken-Betwa link project**

Answer:- D

15) Arun Jaitley has resumed charge as the Finance Minister and Minister of Corporate Affairs after taking a break for three months to undergo a kidney transplant. In his absence, who held additional charges of his ministry?

- A. Prakash Javadekar**
- B. Piyush Goyal**
- C. Dharmendra Pradhan**
- D. Suresh Prabhu**

Answer:- B



16) Which of the following International Airport in India is now the World's second fastest growing airport?

- A. Goa International Airport**
- B. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport**
- C. Kempegowda International Airport**
- D. Indira Gandhi International Airport**

Answer:- C

17) Who is appointed as the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Satyapal Malik**
- B. N.N.Vohra**
- C. Saroj Pandey**
- D. V.P.Singh**

Answer:- A

18) The Ministry of Earth Sciences has proposed to set up a Cyclone Warning Centre (CWC) in Kerala's

- A. Kottayam**
- B. Kochi**
- C. Thrissur**
- D. Thiruvananthapuram**

Answer:- D

19) UDAN scheme was launched to provide affordable air travel at Rs 2,500 per hour of flight for people through subsidised ticket rates and to provide air connectivity to smaller towns. UDAN stands for?

- A. Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik**
- B. Ude Dhanush ka Aish Nagrik**
- C. Urad Desh ka Aam Namta**
- D. Umesh Disa ka Aam Naam**

Answer:- A

20) Which of the following became the first Indian company to hit ₹8 trillion (₹8 lakh crore) in market capitalisation?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)**
- B. Infosys**
- C. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**
- D. Reliance Industries (RIL)**

Answer:- D

21) Who tops the Forbes list of 'World's Highest-Paid Actors 2018' with \$239 Million?

- A. George Clooney**
- B. Dwayne Johnson**
- C. Robert Downey**
- D. Jackie Chan**

Answer:- A

22) Who became the brand ambassador of Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) ?

- A. Kangana Ranaut**
- B. Radhika Apte**



- C. Raveena Tandon**
- D. Tapsee Pannu**

Answer:- C

23) Chinese Defence Minister, who visited India recently is

- A. Ryamizard Ryacudu**
- B. Wei Fenghe**
- C. Itsunori Onodera**
- D. Dasho Tshering Tobgay**

Answer:- B

24) Which pair won Gold medal in Tennis mixed doubles at the Asian Games 2018?

- A. Ramkumar Ramanathan and Sumit Nagal**
- B. Leander Paes and Rohan Bopanna**
- C. Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan**
- D. Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Divij Sharan**

Answer:- C

25) The INS Vikramaditya worth \$2.3 billion, came to India from _____ in January 2014.

- A. Russia**
- B. Canada**
- C. Germany**
- D. Japan**

Answer:- A

26) Who has been elected as New Prime Minister of Australia recently?

- A. Malcolm Turnbull**
- B. Scott Morrison**
- C. Julie Bishop**
- D. Marise Payne**

Answer:- B

27) Hima Das became the first Indian sprinter since Manjit Kaur in 2006 to bag silver medal in the women's 400m event at Asian Games. Hima set a new national record by clocking _____ seconds in the final.

- A. 49.69**
- B. 48.49**
- C. 47.59**
- D. 50.79**

Answer:- D

28) Who will be honoured with the '2018 Asia Game Changer of the Year' award by global cultural organisation Asia Society?

- A. Indra Nooyi**
- B. Jack Ma**
- C. Mukesh Ambani**
- D. Sundar Pichai**



Answer:- A

29) Who won India's 1st Athletics gold medal at Asiad 2018?

- A. Seema Poonia**
- B. Hima Das**
- C. Tejinder Pal Singh Toor**
- D. Neeraj Chopra**

Answer:- C

30) Who is appointed as New Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

- A. G. Satheesh Reddy**
- B. Sandeep Jajodia**
- C. S Christopher**
- D. Uday Kumar Varma**

Answer:- A

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