

Important Current Affairs - July 2nd Week 2018

8th July - 15th July, 2018

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018:

- FIFA Full Form - Fédération Internationale de Football Association
- FIFA 2018 Host country - **Russia**
- **France** defeated first-time finalists **Croatia** 4-2 in the final match and won FIFA World Cup after 20 years.
- France became the first team since Brazil in 1970 to score four goals in a World Cup final.
- Previously, France won FIFA World Cup in 1998.

2018 Champions	France
Runners-up	Croatia
Third place	Belgium
Fourth place	England

FIFA World Cup 2018 Award Winners:-

Award	Player	Country
Golden Boot award (Top Scorer)	Harry Kane	England (Captain) - 6 goals
Golden Ball award (Best Player)	Luka Modric	Croatia

Golden Glove award (Best goalkeeper)	Thibaut Courtois	Belgium (Goalkeeper)
Tournament's best young player	Kylian Mbappe	France (19-year-old)
Fair play award	Spain	

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Mark Zuckerberg becomes the 3rd richest person in the world:

- According to Bloomberg, **Facebook's** 34-year-old CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** became the World's **third**-richest person with \$81.6 billion wealth.
- Amazon's **Jeff Bezos** remains the world's richest, while Microsoft's **Bill Gates** **second**-richest.
- Previously, the world's third-richest person was Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett.
- It's the first time that the three wealthiest people on the ranking made their fortunes from technology.

India surpassed France to become world's sixth largest economy:

- According to World Bank data on a gross domestic product (GDP) of countries for 2017, India has recorded a GDP of **USD 2,597,491 million**, followed by USD 2,582,501 of France.
- **United States** has **topped** the list recording a GDP of USD 19,390,604 million, followed by **China** with USD 12,237,700 million.

World Cities Summit 2018 held in Singapore:

- The **6th** edition of biennial '**World Cities Summit**' was held in **Singapore** from July 8 to 12, 2018, with the **theme** of "Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration".
- The summit will be held together with the Singapore International Water Week and the CleanEnviro Summit Singapore.

Iceland replaced US and joined as new member of UN Human Rights Council:

- The U.N. General Assembly has elected **Iceland** for the U.N. Human Rights Council (UNHRC), filling the seat vacated by the United States, which withdrew from UNHRC last month.
- Iceland was nominated by the group of Western nations and received **172 votes**.
- Iceland's term begins immediately and it will serve until December 31, 2019.

Forbes released 2018 List of America's Richest Self Made Women:

- **Diane Hendricks**, co-founder and chairman of ABC Supply, reclaims the top position on Forbes 2018 list of America's most successful women entrepreneurs, with a net worth of \$4.9 billion.
- 20-yr-old **Kylie Jenner** youngest among US richest self-made women, with a net worth of \$900 million.
- **Two Indian-origin** women featured on this list are Computer networking company Arista Networks CEO, **Jayshree Ullal** (ranked 18th with a fortune of \$1.3 billion) and IT consulting firm Syntel Co-Founder **Neerja Sethi** (ranked 21st with \$1-billion).

- The 60 women on the list have a record combined fortune of \$71 billion.

Global Innovation Index: Switzerland Tops, India Ranks 57th:

- This year, **India** ranked as the **57th** most innovative nation in the world, and has improved its ranking from 60th position last year.
- Since 2011, **Switzerland** has been ranked at the **top** every year.
- Top 10 Countries in Global Innovation Index 2018 are:
 1. Switzerland,
 2. The Netherlands,
 3. Sweden,
 4. The United Kingdom,
 5. Singapore,
 6. United States of America,
 7. Finland,
 8. Denmark,
 9. Germany,
 10. Ireland.

Mukesh Ambani set to become Asia's richest person, Now Jack Ma is at Second Spot:

- According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Reliance Industries Ltd chairman **Mukesh Ambani** overtakes China's Alibaba Group founder **Jack Ma** to become **Asia's richest person**.
- Ambani's net worth now stands at **\$44.3 billion** as compared to Jack Ma's \$44 billion wealth.
- Ambani has added \$4 billion to his fortune this year as Reliance doubled its petrochemicals capacity.

UN Security Council adopted a resolution 2427 to protect children in armed conflict:

- By the terms of resolution **2427** (2018), the **15-member UN Security Council** committed to taking concrete action in response to **serious abuses and violations of human rights** - including those of children - which could constitute early indications of descent into conflict.
- The Council strongly condemned attacks against schools and hospitals, which impede children's access to education and health care, as well as violations involving the recruitment and use of children, rape, sexual violence and abductions, among other crimes.
- **About UN Security Council (UNSC):-**
 - ◆ UNSC is most powerful and one of the six principal organs UN.
 - ◆ It has 15 members, including five permanent members which are China, France, Russia, UK and US.
 - ◆ It's primary responsibility is to maintain international peace and security.

PM Modi became third most followed world leader on Twitter:

- BCW's (Burson Cohn & Wolfe) Twiplomacy study 2018 identified PM **Narendra Modi** as the **third** most followed world leader on Twitter with 42 million followers on his personal account @NarendraModi, while **Sushma Swaraj** is the most followed **female** world leader, with 11 m followers.
- **US President Donald Trump** is the most followed world leader on Twitter, with 52 million followers on his @realDonaldTrump account.

- **Facebook** is the second most popular platform among government leaders followed by **Instagram**.

Delhi's Connaught Place ranked world's 9th most costliest office location:

- According to American property consultant CBRE, New Delhi's **Connaught Place** is the **9th** most expensive location globally to set up or rent an office, with an annual rent of ₹10,512 per square feet.
- **Hong Kong** (Central) is at the **first** position with an annual rent of \$306.57 per square feet, followed by London (West End), Beijing (Finance Street) in China, Hong Kong (Kowloon) and Beijing (CBD) in China.
- **Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex** (BKC) slipped to **26th** position with an annual prime rent of USD 96.51 per sq ft from 16th rank.

India became vice chair of Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation:

- **India** has become the Vice-Chair, Regional head, of the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO) for a period of **two years**, from July 2018 to June 2020.
- The underlying **Theme** of the Inaugural Ceremony is “Customs - Fostering Trade Facilitation”.
- WCO represents 182 Customs administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade.
- Being the Vice Chair of the Asia-Pacific region of WCO, India will be able to take on the leadership role at the WCO.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Venkaiah Naidu becomes first Chairman of Rajya Sabha to sign MoU:

- The Rajya Sabha, for the **first** time in **76 years** since it came into being, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Senate of **Rwanda** for promoting inter-parliamentary dialogue.
- **Venkaiah Naidu** became the **first Chairman** of Rajya Sabha to sign such MoU with the visiting President of the Senate of Rwanda **Bernard Makuza**.
- The MoU with 6 articles of cooperation seeks to promote Inter-Parliamentary dialogue, capacity building of parliamentary staff, organisation of conferences, forums, seminars, staff attachment programmes, workshops and exchanges.
- **Facts About Rajya Sabha:-**
 - ◆ Rajya Sabha was duly constituted for the first time on **April 3, 1952** and it held its first sitting on May 13, that year.
 - ◆ The Rajya Sabha or Council of States is the upper house of the Parliament of India with a maximum of 250 members for six-year terms.

Haryana became top state in Per Capita Revenue collection under GST:

- Haryana is also the **fourth** highest generator of **e-way bills** in the country. About 1.12 crore e-way bills were generated in Haryana between April 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.
- Haryana has widened the tax base by 82.22 per cent and logged 19 per cent hike in revenue collections.

Semi high speed train named 'Train 18' built by India's Integral Coach Factory:

- India's much-awaited indigenously manufactured semi high-speed train called "**Train 2018**", code-named "**Train 18**", is expected to be rolled out in **September**.
- It is built by Integral Coach Factory (ICF) of Chennai to promote Make in India, and is capable of running at a speed of 160 km per hour.
- **Important Key features of Train 18:-**
 - ◆ Train 18 doesn't require an engine to run as it will be self-propelled on electric traction like the metro trains.
 - ◆ Onboard Wi-Fi and infotainment.
 - ◆ All coaches are AC chair-car type (executive class as well as second class) including the driving cab.
 - ◆ Automatic doors with retractable footstep.
 - ◆ The executive class will have rotating seats which can be aligned in the direction of travel.

First meeting of e-commerce Task Force held in New Delhi:

- Rita Teatia, Commerce Secretary, chaired the meeting.
- The suggestions were on wide-ranging issues such as cross-border data flows, taxation, trade facilitation and logistics, consumer confidence, IPR and future tech, FDI and competition issues.

HRD Minister inaugurated 17th World Sanskrit Conference in Canada:

- Human Resource Development Minister **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated the **17th** World Sanskrit Conference held at **Vancouver, Canada**, from July 9-13, 2018.
- There will be a special panel discussion on topics such as - History and Education of Women in Vedic Literature, Sanskrit Buddhist Manus, Mimamsa Beyond the Yagasala, the Yuktidipika forging a place for Sankhya, introducing Bhagavata Purana Commentaries and research on the Gargiya Jyotisa.
- The World Sanskrit Conference is being held in various countries across the globe **once in every three years** and so far it has been held thrice in India.

East Coast Railway built 6 limited height subways in less than 5 hours, sets Record:

- With the aim of eliminating all unmanned Level Crossing Gates over Sambalpur Division, **East Coast Railway** launches highest ever 6 (six) Limited Height Subways (LHS) in Sambalpur Division and completed it in a single block of **four and half hours**.
- As a result these 6 LHS, seven unmanned Level Crossing gates will be totally closed in Bhawanipatna-Lanjigarh Road Section of Kalahandi area of **Odisha**.
- This achievement has set up a new milestone in the history of Indian Railways.

NITI Aayog proposed National Health stack:

- NITI Aayog has disclosed the blueprint of National Health Stack (NHS), a shared digital **healthcare** infrastructure usable by both the Centre and states across public and private sectors.
- **AIM:-** To implement the scheme 'Ayushman Bharat' and other public healthcare programmes in the country.

HCL gets government approval to set up SEZ in Andhra Pradesh:

- The commerce ministry has approved a proposal of **HCL Technologies** to set up a new IT Special Economic Zone (**SEZ**) in **Vijayawada**, Andhra Pradesh, with a proposed investment of Rs 408.48 crore.
- **About SEZs:-**
 - ◆ To boost the India's exports and the manufacturing sector, the government in **2005** passed a law for SEZs, which contribute about 25 per cent in the country's total exports
 - ◆ There are 223 operational SEZs with 5,146 units from various sectors such as IT, pharma, textile, food processing, leather, biotechnology and diamond polishing.
 - ◆ Most of these zones are operational in states, including Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

First ever 'India Tourism Mart' to be hosted in New Delhi:

- **Tourism** Ministry in partnership with the FAITH (Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality), will organize the 'first ever' **India Tourism Mart (ITM)** from **16th to 18th September**, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- **Aim:-** To boost the tourism sector in the country and to double the foreign tourist arrival in the next three years.

Indian Railways introduced first Double Stack Dwarf Container Service from Rajkot Division:

- Due to this Double Stacked Dwarf Container Service, Indian Railways received increased revenue of **Rs. 18.50 lakhs**.
- 82 containers loaded with Polypropylene Granules, this train was booked from the Reliance Rail Siding at Kanalus to Rewari in the state of **Haryana**.
- The Double Stacked Containers can hold a capacity of **30,500 kgs**.
- Presently, Reliance Industries plans to book 2-3 trains per month from Rajkot Division and is expected to increase in the near future.

Government sets noise standards for airports across India:

- According to the rules, a civil airport with more than 50,000 aircraft movements per year should not exceed noise levels beyond **75 dB(A) Leq** (decibels) during the daytime (6am to 10pm) and **65 dBA** during the **night** (10pm to 6am).
- The limits, however, exclude defence aircrafts, and those that are landing and taking-off.
- All other airports - an airport having more than 15,000 but less than 50,000 movements annually - should not exceed levels beyond 65 dBA during the day and 60 dBA during the night.

Infosys Foundation contribute Rs 200 crore to the Bengaluru Metro:

- For the construction of **Konappana Agrahara** Metro Station (Electronics City) as well as for laying railway tracks, Infosys Foundation would contribute **Rs 200 crore** to the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.

- Both parties would sign an MoU on July 19.
- The estimated cost of the elevated rail network project is **Rs 1,794 crore** and it is expected to be completed by mid-2021.

Central government granted 'Institution of eminence' status to 6 institutes:

- IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IISc Bangalore, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, BITS Pilani and Jio Institute have been granted '**Institution of eminence**' tag by Human Resource Development Ministry.
- Government institutions with this tag will get special funding of **Rs 1,000 crore** over the next five years.
- The aim of the "Institutions of Eminence" scheme is to bring selected higher educational institutions in top 500 of world ranking in the next 10 years and in top 100 eventually overtime.
- The scheme has been launched with an objective to provide **world class teaching and research facilities** to Indian students within the country and enhance general level of education of the country.

Andhra Pradesh tops Ease Of Doing Business Ranking:

- Andhra Pradesh with a score of 98.42 per cent, has topped the ease of doing annual business ranking of states and Union Territories, prepared by the **World Bank** and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).
- Others in the top ten are:
 2. Telangana,
 3. Haryana
 4. Jharkhand,
 5. Gujarat,

6. Chhattisgarh,
7. Madhya Pradesh,
8. Karnataka,
9. Rajasthan
10. West Bengal.

Indian Railways to start Shri Ramayana express from November

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- The **Indian Railways** is planning to start a special train, ‘**Shri Ramayana Express**’, which will cover important destinations related to the epic in a 16-days journey in the month of November. The train will begin its journey from Delhi’s Safdarjung railway station on November 14, 2018.
- The cost of the trip will be Rs.15,120 per person, which will cover all meals, accommodation, wash and change facilities in Dharmashalas, all transfers, sightseeing arrangements and a dedicated tour manager.

International Conference on 'Data for New India' held in New Delhi:

- The Round Table Conference was inaugurated by **D.V. Sadananda Gowda** (Union Minister of Statistics & Programme) and was organised by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- **Objective:-** To discover innovative ideas for improving the statistical system in India, taking cue from the best practices followed in advanced countries like Canada, UK and Australia.

Rajasthan government signed MoU with Microsoft:

- Rajasthan government signed a MoU with Microsoft to provide digital training to **9,500 students** of government colleges. It will also train 500 faculty members.
- The initiative is to enhance the **youth's employability** and empower them with technical education and to improve the standards of digital literacy in Rajasthan.

The 67th Plenary meeting of the North Eastern Council held in Meghalaya's Shillong:

- This Meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** and attended by Union Minister of Development of NER (North Eastern Region) and Governors and Chief Ministers of the north-eastern States.
- It stressed on livelihood programmes, management of water resources, afforestation and doubling farmer's income, by 2022, road connectivity, Implementation of Poshan Abhiyan and Ayushman Bharat etc.

Madhya Pradesh CM inaugurated NTPC's Rs 1,500 crore solar plant:

- Under the "**Make in India**" initiative, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chauhan** dedicated the state-run power giant **NTPC's 250 MW Solar Power Plant** in Suwasra, District **Mandsaur**.
- With this plant at an investment of about **Rs 1,500 crore**, generation of electricity has been achieved without affecting the natural ecosystem with zero carbon emission.

Bihar to get world's cheapest clean drinking water:

- Sulabh International introduced the concept of '**Sulabh Sauchalya**' in India, which is cost-effective innovative water project to provide the cheapest drinking water in the world, only in **50 paise**/litre.
- The first of such a water project was launched in Bihar's **Darbhanga** district, Haribol Pond.
- The '**Sulabh Jal**' project converts contaminated pond and river water into safe drinking water.
- The total cost of installing this project would cost around Rs 20 lakhs.
- The Sulabh International Social Service Organisation (SISSO) and the French companies installed Rs 20-lakh pond-based water treatment plant in Madhusudan Kanti Village of North 24 Parganas district, located some 100 km from Kolkata.

SCHEMES:

PM Modi inaugurated 13 projects worth Rs. 2,100 crore in Rajasthan:

- He inaugurated **Integrated Structural Planning** in Udaipur and schemes for Ajmer, Ajmer, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Hanumangarh, Sikar and Mount Abu.
- Around 4.5 crore people of Rajasthan have benefitted from around **160** government schemes.

Under PMAY Urban Scheme, 51 Lakh houses sanctioned in three years:

- **Global Housing construction** technology has been proposed to ensure delivery of houses at a minimum cost, in minimum time under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY Urban).
- On the **completion of 3rd year** of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Urban, The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) conducted its 35th Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) meeting, where a total of **3,18,900 houses** from 6 States/UTs were approved.
- **About PMAY:-**
 - ◆ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is an initiative by Government of India in which affordable housing will be provided to the urban poor with a target of building 20 million affordable houses by 31 March **2022**.
 - ◆ Launch year: 2015
 - ◆ Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - ◆ Key people: Hardeep Singh Puri

Five initiatives launched under AMRUT and Sensible Cities Mission:

- Ministry of Housing and City Affairs, **Hardeep S Puri** launched a number of new initiatives below **AMRUT** and the "Sensible Cities Mission" namely,
 - ◆ India Sensible Cities Fellowship (ISCF) Program,
 - ◆ India Sensible Cities Internship (ISCI) Program,
 - ◆ The Sensible Cities Digital Funds Awards (SCDPA) 2018,
 - ◆ Cities Funding To Innovate, Combine and Maintain (CITIIS) problem below the Sensible Cities Mission and

◆ the Native Space Plan (LOCAL AREA PLAN - shortly LAP)/City Planning Scheme (TOWN PLANNING SCHEME - shortly TPS) to be carried out in 25 cities on pilot foundation below AMRUT.

◆ **Objective:**

These initiatives and internship program will provide the youth an opportunity to experience the aspects of Urban planning and governance.

About AMRUT:-

- ▶ AMRUT Full form - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- ▶ Launched by - Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 24 June, **2015**.
- ▶ Aim:- To establish infrastructure that could ensure adequate robust sewage networks and water supply for urban transformation by implementing urban revival projects.

Maharashtra will launch 'One farmer one transformer' scheme from 15th August:

- In order to reduce electricity losses, the Maharashtra government will launch a new scheme allocating "one transformer per farmer".
- **Two lakh farmers** will be given electricity connection for high voltage distribution line which will ensure **uninterrupted power** supply.
- Farmers who lose their cattle in attack by wild animals will now get **Rs 40,000**, up from Rs 25,000 earlier.
- **Rs 2 lakh hike** in the compensation given to the kin of people killed in an attack by wild animals was announced. Each affected family will now get Rs 10 lakh instead of Rs 8 lakh earlier.

Andhra govt launched 'Anna Canteens', meals at just Rs 5:

- Andhra Pradesh government launched **60 'Anna' canteens** serving breakfast, lunch and dinner at **just ₹5**, in nearly 25 municipalities across the state in the first phase, and will be run by Akshaya Patra Foundation.
- Chief minister N. **Chandrababu Naidu** inaugurated a canteen in Vijayawada.
- In the second phase of the project worth **₹83 crore**, another 103 canteens would be inaugurated by August 15.

Himachal CM announced Rs 1.55 crore cow sanctuary project:

- Himachal Pradesh CM **Jairam Thakur** announced a ₹1.55-crore project to set up a cow sanctuary at **Kotla Barog**, near Rajgarh in Sirmour district.
- Here the animals will be free to roam in the fenced area.
- This sanctuary provides grazing facility to **500 animals**, mostly stray cows.
- **Madhya Pradesh** is the only state which till now had introduced the concept of cow sanctuaries.

Gujarat approved Rs 39 crore 'Seema Darshan' Project for infra development:

- Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** gave in-principal approval for the project "**Seema Darshan**", which is also referred as border tourism project at Nadabet near Suigam in Banaskantha district.
- The approval was given at a review meeting held in Gandhinagar, which entails development of an **exhibition hall** and a **parade ground** with an amphitheatre for 5,000 people, under phase-2 of the project.

- An investment of **Rs 22 crore** was made into the phase-1 of the project that was launched on December 24, 2016.
- The project will encourage local economic activity in the **Rann of Kutchh** region and in adjoining flamingo and wild ass sanctuaries.

PM Narendra Modi laid foundation stone for various development projects in Varanasi:

- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for important projects, cumulatively worth over **Rs. 900 crores** in Varanasi.
- The projects inaugurated were Varanasi City Gas Distribution Project, Varanasi-Ballia MEMU train, Panchkoshi Parikrama Marg, several projects under the Smart City Mission and Namami Gange.
- The Prime Minister also laid the Foundation Stone for an **International Convention Centre** in Varanasi and **Purvanchal Expressway** in Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh.

BANKING & FINANCE NEWS:

Reliance Industries becomes India's largest taxpayer in the private sector:

- Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries limited (RIL) is India's largest payer of Goods and Services Tax (GST), Excise and Customs Duty, and Income Tax in the private sector.
- RIL's consolidated net profit for the fourth-quarter (January-March) of fiscal 2017-18 stood at Rs. 9,435 crore, up by 17.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

RBI cancelled licence of Alwar Urban Co operative Bank:

- Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Alwar, **Rajasthan** is prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits.
- On liquidation, every depositor is entitled to repayment of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of **Rs 1,00,000** from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).
- **About DICGC:-**
 - ◆ Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is a subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India.
 - ◆ It was established on 15 July 1978 under Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961.
 - ◆ **Purpose:-** providing insurance of deposits and guaranteeing of credit facilities.
 - ◆ DICGC insures all bank deposits, such as saving, fixed, current, Recurring deposit for up to the limit of Rs. 100,000 of each deposits in a bank.

Asian Development Bank approved 503 million US Dollar project for Bihar:

- This loan is used for the lining project of the **Son canal** in Shahabad-Bhojpur region of Bihar which would benefit the agriculture sector immensely in the region.
- The estimated cost of the project is US \$503 million out of which 352 million dollars is being provided by ADB (Asian Development Bank).
- **About Asian Development Bank:-**
 - ◆ Established on:- 19 December 1966
 - ◆ Headquartered in:- Manila, Philippines

- ◆ President: Takehiko Nakao
- ◆ Membership: 67 countries
- ◆ Purpose: Economic development

HDFC securities enable MF transactions through Facebook messenger:

- A subsidiary of HDFC Bank, **HDFC securities** launched Mutual Funds (MF) transactional capabilities on Facebook Messenger through their virtual assistant, **Arya**.
- **hdfcsec.Arya** also facilitates a quick overview of total portfolio holding, getting the latest stock quotes and opening an account.

DEFENCE NEWS:

BHEL to partner Ukraine's Zorya to revamp Warship Turbines:

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) is setting up a joint venture (JV) in India with the manufacturer, **Zorya Mashproekt**, to overhaul turbines, to power **Indian Navy warships**.
- The Indian navy will soon have **34 warships** driven by Zorya turbines, with four turbines per vessel, adding up to 136 in-service turbines.

Indian warship INS Trikand reached Sri Lanka in goodwill visit:

- India's latest frontline warship **INS Trikand** has reached **Sri Lanka** in a **goodwill visit**. Sri Lanka Navy ceremonially welcomed the warship in accordance with naval traditions.

- Both the Indian and the Sri Lankan officers held discussions on matters of mutual interest with their Lankan counterparts.
- INS Trikanth is a state-of-the-art warship of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors capable of addressing threats in all three dimensions - air, surface, and subsurface.

For the first time, Indian Naval aircraft deployed for RIMPAC exercise:

- Indian Navy's **P8I** long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft from Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Rajali** has inducted at Hawaii for participating in the **Rim of Pacific Multinational Naval exercise (RIMPAC-18)**.
- RIMPAC is the **world's largest international maritime exercise**.
- 26 countries will take part in the drill this year and will undertake tactical exercises, including anti-submarine warfare and maritime reconnaissance missions.

India's first private UAV factory will be set up in Kota:

- DCM **Shriram Industries Group** will set up India's first private sector unit for **manufacturing** Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) and **Light Bullet Proof Vehicles (LBPV)**, on the campus of Shriram Rayons in **Kota**, under 'Make in India' initiative of the union government.
- Total 3000 LBPVs and 500 UAVs will be manufactured annually once the plant is set up and starts its manufacturing.
- These UAVs and LBPVs are likely to be used by defence and para-military forces in India.

Indian Army signed MoU with SBI on the Defence Salary Package:

- Defence Salary Package will include free personal accident death, free permanent total disability cover and other accidental benefits to the deceased soldier and family.
- The first MoU between **SBI** and the **Indian Army** was signed in 2011 and was renewed in February 2015.
- The renewed MoU will be valid till **January 3, 2019**.

SPORTS NEWS:

Indian goalkeeper, Sreejesh is to lead Indian Hockey Team at Asian games 2018:

- Indian goalkeeper **PR Sreejesh** will lead the 18 member Indian men's **hockey** squad and Chinglensana Singh Kangujam will serve as his deputy in the 18th Asian Games.
- It will begin in Jakarta and Palembang, **Indonesia** in August 2018.
- Coach - Harendra Singh
- Captain - PR Sreejesh
- Deputy Captain - Chinglensana Singh Kangujam

Dipa Karmakar clinched gold medal at gymnastics World cup:

- Dipa Karmakar clinched the gold medal at the FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup in Mersin, **Turkey**.
- She scored 14.150 to win the top prize.
- she is now the first Indian gymnast to win a gold in a world level event.

Anuj Khosla, 52 year old Indian woman, completed ironman triathlon in Austria:

- The 52-year-old Indian **Anju Khosla**, from New Delhi, has become the oldest Indian woman to complete an **Ironman Triathlon** which is one of the toughest one-day sporting events.
- Triathlon comprises swimming, mountain biking and trail running.
- It comprises 3.86 km swimming leg, 180.25 km bike leg followed by a marathon 42.2 km, to be completed without a break. She completed her first full Ironman Triathlon, in Carinthia, Austria, in 15 hours, 54 minutes and 54 seconds.

Satyarup Siddhanta became second Indian to climb world's highest volcano:

- Satyarup Siddhanta has become the **second Indian mountaineer** after Malli Mastan Babu to climb **Mt Ojos del Salado**, the highest volcano in the world.
- Satyarup is also set to be the first Indian to climb Mt Sidley, the highest volcano of Antarctica.
- Mount Ojos del Salado is a stratovolcano (a volcano built up of alternate layers of lava and ash) in the Andes on the **Argentina-Chile border** and the highest active volcano in the world at 6,893 metres (22,615 ft).

Dipika Pallikal to represent Asia in CGF Athletes Advisory Commission:

- India's **ace squash** player **Dipika Pallikal** has been appointed as Asia's representative in the prestigious Athletes Advisory Commission of the **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**.

- ◆ The CGF Athletes Advisory Commission is the body that represents and speaks on behalf of all Commonwealth athletes.
- ◆ CGF president - Louise Martin
- ◆ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) secretary general - Rajeev Mehta

India bagged 4 medals in the Asia Cup World Archery Ranking Tournament:

- India has bagged **3 silver medals** and a **bronze** in the Asia Cup World Archery Ranking Tournament Stage 3 in Taipei, **Taiwan**.
- India also finished joint **third** with Iran in the championship.
- India ended their campaign behind toppers Korea and hosts Chinese Taipei.
- Korea topped the tally with 14 medals, 8 of them being gold. Taipei bagged 5 medals, two of them being gold.

Hima Das becomes first woman to win gold in World Jr Athletics C'ships:

- Hima Das, 18-year-old from Dhing village in **Assam** is first Indian woman to win gold at the **IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships**.
- She won the women's **400 metres** final competition in Tampere, Finland, clocking 51.46 seconds.
- Andrea Miklos of Romania clocked a personal best of 52.07 seconds to finish second while Taylor Manson of the United States was third in 52.28 seconds.

Entire Men's Hockey Team Included In TOP Scheme:

- In a departure from the norm, the Mission Olympic Cell included the **entire Indian hockey team** in the **Target Olympic Podium (TOP)** scheme, rewarding the players for their silver medal-winning performance at the Champions Trophy.
- Athletes from different sports have been included in TOP Scheme individually but it is the first instance that an entire team has been made beneficiary of the financial assistance scheme.
- Each of the 18 members of the hockey team will now get a **monthly allowance of Rs 50,000**.

Djokovic clinched his 4th Wimbledon title, 13th Grand Slam:

- Ex-world number one Novak Djokovic defeated **Kevin Anderson** to clinch his **fourth men's singles** Wimbledon title and overall 13th Grand Slam.
- Djokovic became the **fourth** player after Roger Federer (8), Pete Sampras (7) and Björn Borg (5) to win Wimbledon men's title four or more times in Open Era.

Mohammad Kaif retires from competitive cricket:

- Indian **cricketer** Mohammad Kaif announced his retirement from all forms of competitive cricket.
- The 37-year-old Kaif played 13 Tests and 125 ODIs for India and will always be remembered for his match-winning knock of 87 at the Lord's during the epic NatWest Trophy final in 2002.
- Kaif was the captain of Under 19 cricket team that **won the U-19 World Cup in 2000** against Sri Lanka.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

BSNL launched India's first internet telephony service, to enable making calls without SIM:

- Now BSNL customers will be able to make calls using the company's mobile app "**Wings**" to any phone number in the country.
- Registration for the service will start this week and the services will be activated July 25 onwards.
- Telecom Commission, the highest-decision making body of the Department of Telecom, had allowed companies who hold valid telecom licence, to provide **app-based calling service** even by using wi-fi connection.

World's first ever Colour X-Ray performed on a Human:

- **New Zealand** scientists have performed the first-ever **3-D, colour X-ray** on a human, using **particle-tracking** technology, which could produce clearer and more accurate pictures and help doctors give their patients more accurate diagnoses.
- According to the CERN, the images very clearly show the difference between bone, muscle and cartilage, but also the position and size of cancerous tumours.
- The technology is being commercialised by New Zealand company **MARS Bioimaging**, linked to the universities of Otago and Canterbury which helped develop it.

Mumbai based automaker unveiled India's first hypercar 'Shul':

- At the 2018 Goodwood Festival of Speed, **Vazirani Automotive** has unveiled **India's first** turbine-electric hypercar called '**Vazirani Shul**'.
- This car is propelled by four separate electric motors located beside every wheel, hence enabling torque vectoring.
- It has a regenerative braking technology that transfers power to the battery whenever the brakes are applied.

VISITS:

South Korean President Moon Jae-in visited India:

- South Korean President Moon Jae-in arrived in Delhi, India on July 8, for his four-day visit.
- **PM Modi and Moon Jae-in inaugurated world's largest mobile factory in Noida:**
 - PM Narendra Modi and **South Korean President Moon Jae-in** visited Noida and inaugurated the 35-acre New Mobile manufacturing plant of **Samsung** at Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
 - It will be the **world's largest** mobile factory.

BOOKS & AUTHORS:

The English patient by Michael Ondaatje won the Golden Man Booker International prize 2018:

- Michael Ondaatje's best selling novel 'The English Patient' has been crowned as the winner of the Golden Man Booker Prize at the Southbank Centre in **London**.
- The novel move between large themes of war, loyalty, love. It is set, during World War II, about **Hana**, a nurse, who tends to a horribly burned man who finds himself in an Italian villa with three other unlikely characters. It was picked as the winner by a public poll from a shortlist of five books.

Book titled 'Winning Like Sourav: Think & Succeed Like Ganguly' released:

- This book is written by **Abhirup Bhattacharya** and has an interesting story about Sourav Ganguly gambling on young players like Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Zaheer Khan, Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh to build the concept of '**Team India**' and '**Men in Blue**'.
- The author has previously wrote "Winning Like Virat: Think & Success Like Kohli".

AWARDS:

Ishwar Sharma, 8 year old Indian-origin Boy named 'British Indian of the Year':

- An eight-year-old Indian-origin schoolboy, **Ishwar Sharma** who is the under-11 UK national yoga champion has been named the "**British Indian of the Year**" in the Young Achiever category for his achievements in the field of **Yoga**.
- He has won a gold medal representing Great Britain at the World Student Games 2018 in Winnipeg, Canada.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

Person	Appointed / Resigned	Institution/ Country	Points to be noted
Vidya Balan	appointed as brand ambassador	Muthoot Pappachan Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Muthoot Pappachan Group is into two-wheeler finance, micro-finance, affordable housing finance, health, life and general insurance, precious metals, automotive, realty, hospitality and IT businesses, among others.
Mukesh Ambani	re-appointed as Chairman	Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mukesh Ambani, one of the board member of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) since 1977, was elevated as Chairman of RIL after the death of his father and group patriarch Dhirubhai Ambani in July 2012.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambani will be paid an annual salary of Rs 4.17 crore and Rs 59 lakh of perquisites and allowances.
Jeremy Hunt	appointed as new Foreign Secretary	UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British PM Theresa May appointed Jeremy Hunt as Foreign Secretary. • This appointment has come after Boris Johnson resigned from the post in protest at the government's Brexit plan.
Sandeep Sancheti	took charge as president	Association of Indian Universities (AIU)	Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Vice Chancellor of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) has assumed charge as the 97th President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.
Dominic Raab	appointed as new Secretary	Brexit	British Prime Minister Theresa May appointed Dominic Raab as the new Brexit Secretary after his predecessor " David Davis " quit in protest at the government's plans for a close trading relationship with the European Union.
Tushar Arothe	Resigned from the post of coach	Indian women's Cricket team	Arothe was forced to resign after a few senior players, with reasonable influence, wanted his immediate ouster.
T Latha	appointed as new MD, CEO	Dhanlaxmi Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has taken over from G Sreeram, who has retired from the office on July 1, 2018, on completion of his tenure. • She has 35 years of banking experience with Punjab National Bank (PNB) and was in charge of

			credit operations dealing with large corporate credits.
T.C.A. Raghavan	appointed as the Director General	Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The post of DG is equivalent to the rank of Secretary to Government of India. • Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan has served as India’s High Commissioner to Islamabad and Singapore and has served in India’s missions at London, Thimphu, and Kuwait.

IMPORTANT DAY:

Observed Date	Day	Points to be Noted
11th July	World Population Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every year, July 11, is celebrated as World Population Day, to raise awareness about global population-related issues. • The theme for 2018 World Population Day is 'Family Planning is a Human Right'. • This day was celebrated for the first time in the year 1989.

QUIZ CORNER:

1) Who is selected as the captain of the Indian Hockey Team at Asian games 2018?

A. PR Sreejesh

B. Chinglensana Singh Kangujam

C. Harendra Singh

D. Vivek Prasad

Answer:- A

2) Where is the New Mobile manufacturing plant of Samsung, which was inaugurated by Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, located?

A. Mumbai, Maharashtra

B. Hyderabad, Telangana

C. Noida, Uttar Pradesh

D. Pune, Maharashtra

Answer:- C

3) Which novel has won the Man Booker International Prize Award, 2018?

A. A Brief History of Seven Killings

B. The English Patient

C. The Sellout

D. Lincoln in the Bardo

Answer:- B

4) Recently, RBI cancelled licence of which of the following bank?

A. Kalapur Commercial Co-Op. Bank

B. Ahmedabad Mercantile Co-Op Bank

C. Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank

D. Alwar Urban Co-Op Bank



Answer:- D

5) This year, 17th World Sanskrit Conference is held in

- A. China**
- B. Germany**
- C. Canada**
- D. Bangladesh**

Answer:- C

6) Which of the following Indian warship has recently reached Sri Lanka in goodwill visit?

- A. INS Kalvari**
- B. INS Shalki**
- C. INS Trikand**
- D. INS Vikramaditya**

Answer:- C

7) Who is the current UK Foreign Secretary?

- A. Theresa May**
- B. Maverick Johnson**
- C. Boris Johnson**
- D. Jeremy Hunt**

Answer:- D

8) Satyarup Siddhanta becomes second Indian to climb world's highest volcano named:

- A. Mt Mauna Kea
- B. Mt Ubinas
- C. Mt Llullaillaco
- D. Mt Ojos del Salado

Answer:- D

9) Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), housing will be provided to the urban poor with a target of building 20 million affordable houses by

- A. 2022
- B. 2020
- C. 2021
- D. 2019

Answer:- A

10) HCL Technologies gets government approval to set up Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Hyderabad

Answer:- C

11) First ever 'India Tourism Mart' to be hosted in

- A. Hyderabad**
- B. New Delhi**
- C. Mumbai**
- D. Kolkata**

Answer:- B

12) Indian Railways introduced first Double Stack Dwarf Container Service from

- A. Vijayawada Railway Station**
- B. Char Bagh Railway station**
- C. Chennai Central railway station**
- D. Rajkot railway station**

Answer:- D

13) Who has been appointed as new Brexit Secretary by British Prime Minister?

- A. Jeremy Hunt**
- B. Boris Johnson**
- C. David Davis**
- D. Dominic Raab**

Answer:- D

14) Government sets noise standards for airports across India. According to the rules, a civil airport with more than 50,000 aircraft movements per year should not exceed noise levels beyond (during the daytime)

- A. 75 dBA
- B. 65 dBA
- C. 60 dBA
- D. 70 dBA

Answer:- A

15) Who has been appointed as Asia's representative in the prestigious Athletes Advisory Commission of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)?

- A. Dipa Karmakar
- B. Dipika Pallikal
- C. Saina Nehwal
- D. P.V. Sindhu

Answer:- B

16) Which of the following institution have been granted 'Institution of eminence' tag by Human Resource Development Ministry?

- A. Birla Institute of Technology and Science
- B. APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. AIIMS Bhopal

Answer:- C

17) For the construction of Konappana Agrahara Metro Station (Electronics City) as well as for laying railway tracks, Infosys Foundation would contribute

- A. Rs 300 crore
- B. Rs 150 crore
- C. Rs 250 crore
- D. Rs 200 crore

Answer:- D

18) Which state has topped the ease of doing annual business ranking of states and Union Territories, prepared by the World Bank and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Haryana
- C. Telangana
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Answer:- D

19) According to World Bank data on a gross domestic product (GDP) of countries for 2017, which country tops the list?

- A. Britain
- B. China
- C. United States
- D. France

Answer:- C

20) International Round Table Conference on 'Data for New India' was held in

- A. New Delhi

- B. Hyderabad**
- C. Bengaluru**
- D. Mumbai**

Answer:- A

21) The 67th Plenary meeting of the North Eastern Council held in

- A. Shillong**
- B. Agartala**
- C. Lucknow**
- D. Patna**

Answer:- A

22) Every year, World Population Day is celebrated on

- A. July 10**
- B. July 9**
- C. July 11**
- D. July 12**

Answer:- C

23) For the first time, Indian Naval aircraft is deployed for RIMPAC exercise. Which of the following aircraft is participating in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise 2018?

- A. Kamov Ka-31**
- B. HAL HT-2**
- C. Dornier Do 228**
- D. P-8I**



Answer:- D

24) World Cities Summit 2018 held in

- A. Japan**
- B. China**
- C. Singapore**
- D. Germany**

Answer:- C

25) Which country topped in Asia Cup World Archery Ranking Tournament?

- A. India**
- B. Russia**
- C. Germany**
- D. Korea**

Answer:- D

26) India's first private sector unit for manufacturing Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) and Light Bullet Proof Vehicles (LBPV) will be set up in

- A. Kota**
- B. Pune**
- C. Nagpur**
- D. Tiruchirappalli**

Answer:- A

27) Which Mobile Network Operator launched India's first "Internet telephony" service, to enable making calls without SIM?

- A. Tata Docomo**
- B. Jio**
- C. Airtel**
- D. BSNL**

Answer:- D

28) What is the position of India in Global Innovation Index 2018?

- A. 43**
- B. 57**
- C. 35**
- D. 60**

Answer:- B

29) Recently, Which state government announced a ₹1.55-crore project to set up a cow sanctuary?

- A. Madhya Pradesh**
- B. Bihar**
- C. Assam**
- D. Himachal Pradesh**

Answer:- D

30) Who topples Jack Ma as Asia's richest person?

- A. Li Ka-Shing**

- B. Azim Premji**
- C. Ma Huateng**
- D. Mukesh Ambani**

Answer:- D

31) Which of the following place in India is ranked World's 9th most costliest office location?

- A. Gachibowli**
- B. Nariman Point**
- C. Bandra Kurla Complex**
- D. Connaught Place**

Answer:- D

32) For the first time in 76 years, Rajya Sabha entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Senate of

- A. Chile**
- B. Rwanda**
- C. Belize**
- D. Liberia**

Answer:- B

33) Who is appointed as the Director-General of “Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)”?

- A. Raju Iyer**
- B. Niranjan Mishra**
- C. Amit Anand Apte**



D. T.C.A. Raghavan

Answer:- D

34) Which player won “Golden Boot award” in 2018 FIFA World Cup?

A. Harry Kane

B. Thibaut Courtois

C. Luka Modric

D. Kylian Mbappe

Answer:- A

35) Who becomes first woman to win gold in IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships?

A. Navjeet Kaur Dhillon

B. Neeraj Chopra

C. Hima Das

D. Sonia Baishya

Answer:- C

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