

Important Current Affairs - October 1st Week 2018

October 1st - October 7th

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

UN asked India to refrain the deportation of 7 Rohingya refugees

- India plans to deport the seven Rohingya illegals who entered via Assam to Myanmar.
- But two United Nations (UN) agencies have urged the Indian government to refrain from doing anything that would endanger the lives of the deportees as the current conditions in Rakhine State in Myanmar are not conducive for safe, dignified and sustainable return.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned the government that sending the Rohingya refugees back to an unsafe situation in Myanmar would violate UN principles on refoulement.
- Also, Shirin Sharmeen Chaudhury, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh, asked countries to exercise caution and ensure the safety of the deportees before sending them to Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Aung San Suu Kyi, first Person To Lose Honorary Canadian Citizenship

- **Aung San Suu Kyi** became the first person to be stripped of the honorary Canadian citizenship for her role in gross human rights violations against the Rohingya people.
- The Canadian Senate formally revoked the symbolic honour that was bestowed on Suu Kyi in 2007.

Donald Trump ranked number 259 on Forbes list

- U.S. President Donald Trump ranked **number 259** on the list released by Forbes's wealthiest 400 billionaires.
- In 2017, he ranked number 248.
- Mr. Trump's net worth has flatlined at \$3.1 billion. In 2015, Forbes valued his net worth at \$4.5 billion.
- Forbes attributes his declining wealth to deeper reporting about his assets, the decline in brick-and-mortar retail, the slowdown in real estate, particularly in the luxury sector, and how being President affects the brand.

Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi for the annual summit

- Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi for the annual summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- The will discuss the Key regional and global issues including US sanctions on the import of Iranian crude oil and S-400 missile deal.
- It is expected that Russia and India will be signing the S-400 air defence system deal and other pacts in the key sectors.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Narendra Modi and Putin to discuss S400, Kamov at the summit in New Delhi

- Before the bilateral summit that is to be held in the first week of October between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin, the discussions are still underway between the two sides to conclude a final deal for 200 Kamov-226T utility helicopters.
- India and Russia have already concluded an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for 200 helicopters estimated to cost over \$1 billion.
- Under the deal, 60 helicopters will be imported from Russia and at least another 140 will be built in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) with technology transfer. As

part of this, a joint venture was set up in India which will build the helicopters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurated Parakram Parv Exhibition In Jodhpur

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhamre, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and commanders of all three wings of Indian armed forces are also participating in the conference.

Locate Public Toilets On Google Maps With LooReview Campaign

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM – U) partnered with Google to launch the Loo Review campaign to encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.
- Around 3400 cities already having achieved ODF status, and other cities are gearing up towards the same.

Kolkata launched India's first flood forecast system with USD 1 mn assistance from ADB

- Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) launched a Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System (FFEWS) for Kolkata City. It is also India's first comprehensive city-level FFEWS.
- It will reduce economic loss and impacts on livelihood and improve flood awareness and safety at the community level.

Petroleum Minister Launches SATAT Initiative

- Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched an innovative initiative titled SATAT (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation).
- This initiative would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs.
- It has been launched with PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

Assam, 1st State To Launch Wage Compensation Scheme For Pregnant Women In Tea Gardens

- The scheme will be launched by **Assam** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in Guwahati.
- The announcement was made by the state's Health and Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.12,000 will be given to the pregnant women so that they can take care of themselves and the unborn baby.

Odisha government launched own food security scheme

- Odisha government launched its own food security scheme on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the scheme at four different districts through video conferencing from the State Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
- This scheme will benefit 25 lakh people who were left out of the **National Food Security Act (NFSA)**.
- The beneficiaries will get 5 kg of rice per person per month at the rate of Rs.1 per kg.
- The State government will spend Rs.443.5 crore per annum to support the scheme and Rs.221.75 crore in the current financial year.
- This move is after the refusal of the Centre to its request to add additional beneficiaries under the NFSA.

Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani launches digital platform for Ekta Yatra

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched a digital platform for state government's mass outreach drive Ekta Yatra.
- Making the occasion of Sardar Patel's birth anniversary, the state-wide Yatra will cover near about 10,000 villages between October and November.

Bihar government issues fresh directives on mobile phones

- Bihar government issued an interesting directive for the state officials.
- From now, bureaucrats will not be able to access the facility of mobile phones while attending key deliberations with top authorities like Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers or chief secretary.
- An order issued by Aamir Subhani, principal secretary general administration says that all principal secretaries and police officials should refrain from the use of cell phones while attending internal meetings.

BANKING & FINANCE NEWS:

RBI Slaps Rs 5 Crore Penalty On Karur Vysya Bank

- Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of Rs 5 crore on Karur Vysya Bank for non-compliance of its directives.
- About Karur Vysya Bank:
 - Headquarters: Karur, Tamil Nadu
 - MD & CEO: PR Seshadri

Union Government Cuts Gross Borrowing Estimate For Current Fiscal By Rs 70,000 Crore

- The Union Government announced a reduction in gross borrowing estimate for the current fiscal by 70,000 crore rupees and maintained that the government will contain fiscal deficit target at 3.3%.
- Mr.Garg gave the details about the borrowing programmes for the second half of the fiscal and announced that the government would be borrowing around 2 lakh 50,000 crore rupees as compared to 2 lakh 88,000 crores during April-September of 2018-19.

State Bank of India Reduces ATM Withdrawal Limit

- State Bank of India slashed the daily withdrawal limit on its classic debit card from Rs.40,000 to Rs.20,000.

- There is no change in the daily withdrawal limits on other cards.
- The new limit will be effective from October 31st 2018.

India and ADB Sign \$240 Million Loan For Safe Drinking Water Service For West Bengal

- The Indian Government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed \$240 million loans for providing safe and sustainable drinking water to about 1.65 million people in three districts of the state of West Bengal affected by arsenic, fluoride, and salinity.
- The signatories to the West Bengal Drinking Water Sector Improvement Project were Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary (Fund Bank and ADB), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance; and Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director of ADB India Resident Mission.

India and ADB Signs \$110 Million Loan To Improve Rural Connectivity In MP

- The government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$110 million loan to finance the upgrade of 2,800 kilometres all-weather rural roads in the State of

Madhya Pradesh under the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Program (PMGSY).

- Tranche 2 loan is part of the \$500 million Second Rural Connectivity investment Program for India approved by the ADB Board in December 2017.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

Scientists found 59 Indian plant species under IUCN threat categories

- Scientists have found that 59 Indian plant species are under threat status based on criteria used by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Dr.S.K.Barik, Director of Lucknow's CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute and experts from several institutes selected 59 plant species that are at risk of elimination if the threat levels they face are not assessed soon.
- Based on their assessment they assigned each species a threat status based on IUCN criteria.
- This included the extent and area of each plant's geographical range, which revealed that 10 species are critically endangered, 18 endangered, 6 vulnerable, 5 near

threatened and one species each are data deficient and least concern.

Three scientists, laser pioneers, won Nobel Physics prize

- Three scientists, Arthur Ashkin of the U.S., Gerard Mourou of France and Donna Strickland of Canada, won the Nobel **Physics Prize** for inventing optical lasers that have paved the way for advanced precision instruments used in corrective eye surgery.
- Arthur Ashkin won one half of the 9 million Swedish kronor (about \$1.01 million) prize, while Gerard Mourou of France and Donna Strickland of Canada shared the other half.
- Mr. Ashkin invented optical tweezers that grab particles, atoms, viruses and other living cells with their laser beam fingers.
- He made this discovery while working at AT&T Bell Laboratories from 1952 to 1991.
- Mr. Mourou and Ms. Strickland won for helping develop a method to generate ultra-short optical pulses that are the shortest and most intense laser pulses ever created by mankind. Their technique is now used in corrective eye surgery.

- Ms.Strickland is the only the third woman to win the Physics Prize.

DST boosts solar cooking

- In order to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) introduced a project to boost the solar cooking.
- DST has instituted Grand Challenge Awards for the design of solar cooking solutions at both household and community levels to empower rural people.
- The government has been encouraging the use of solar cookers.
- Financial incentives of 30% of the cost of the solar cooker all over the country and 60% to special category States (hilly and northeastern States) are already in place.

Ministry of Science and Technology:

- **Organisation:** Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
- **Minister:** Dr.Harsh Vardhan
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Formed:** May 1971

Bacteria in Bellandur lake develop resistance to drugs

- A study done in Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), lead by researcher Priyanka Jamwal showed a combination of industry effluents, rampant use of antibiotics and raw sewage may be the cause for certain types of bacteria developing resistance to drugs in the severely-polluted **Bellandur lake**.
- It also showed that bacteria had developed more resistance to more drugs in Bellandur lake compared to the relatively-cleaner waters of Jakkur lake.
- They had compared 10 bacteria species with 10 commonly used antibiotics found in the city's lakes.
- Bellandur had 14 cases of increased bacteria-drug resistance as compared to Jakkur.
- There is a real possibility of infection or outbreak of diseases in the community.

Researchers developed spacesuits for microbes

- Researchers from the University of California (UC) Berkeley developed spacesuits, a patchwork of mesh-like pieces called a **Metal-Organic Framework (MOF)**, for bacteria which might allow the microbes to survive space environments that would otherwise kill them. The protective suits pair up with a living bacteria with

light-absorbing semiconductors in order to capture carbon dioxide and convert it into chemicals that can be used by industry or, someday, in space colonies.

- The system mimics the photosynthesis process in plants. The hybrid system captures CO₂ and light to make a variety of carbon compounds, depending on the type of bacteria.
- The bacteria used in the experiment are anaerobic, which means they can live in environments without oxygen.
- The MOF suit is impermeable to oxygen and reactive oxygen molecules, like peroxide, that shortens bacteria's lifespan.
- With the suit, the bacteria live five times longer at normal oxygen concentrations, 21% by volume, than without the suits.

SPORTS NEWS:

Raegan and Ishita won junior titles in East Zone National ranking table tennis tournament

- The top seed, Albuquerque Raegan claimed the junior boys crown and Ishita Gupta won the junior girls' title in the

East Zone National-ranking table tennis tournament at the R.G. Baruah Sports Complex Indoor Stadium.

- Raegan outplayed Manush Shah of Gujarat, seeded two, and secured 11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 3-11, 11-9, 11-8.
- Ishita, seeded eighth, put it across the top seed Prapti Sen of West Bengal 11-3, 11-8, 11-8, 11-6.

Adithya and Pranathi bagged titles in Sub junior boys and girls singles titles

- Adithya Joseph, Ernakulam K.R. Pillai Academy's and Pranathi P. Nair, Thiruvananthapuram YMCA Academy, won the Sub-junior boys and girls singles titles in the Thiruvalla YMCA-P.O. John memorial all Kerala table tennis tournament at the YMCA.
- Palakkad's Muhammed Nafil and Alappuzha SDV Academy's B. Sheethal bagged the cadet boys and girls titles.

India Defeats Bangladesh To Win 7th Asia Cup Title

- It was the second successive Asia Cup final where India took on Bangladesh.
- In 2016, India had decimated Bangladesh in the final (of the Asia Cup T20).

- Overall, this was India's seventh Asia Cup triumph.

Yuvraj Wadhvani Lifts Asian Junior Squash Title

- He defeated Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan by 13-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10 in the final in Chennai.
- He is the second Indian to win the Under-13 title after Veer Chotrani.

Eighth Asian Yoga Sports Championship Begins In Thiruvananthapuram

- Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will formally inaugurate the event.
- Nearly 450 participants representing 12 Asian countries showcasing their yoga skills will take part in the four-day event.
- Yogaratna Awards will be given away to foreign delegates who were instrumental in popularising yoga in their respective countries.

Manu Bhaker named as India's Flag-Bearer at Youth Olympic Games

- Manu Bhaker was named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the 3rd Youth Olympic Games to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 6-18.
- Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President Narinder Batra announced that the 16-year-old Bhaker will lead the Indian team in the opening ceremony.

Thirty Six National Games To Be Held Next Year in Goa

- The 36th National Games in Goa will be held from March 30 to April 14 next year.
- Sports Authority of Goa (SAG) Executive Director V.M.Prabhudesai made the announcement in Panaji after a meeting with visiting officials of the Indian Olympic Association.
- Shooting and cycling events will be held in New Delhi as Goa does not have facilities for these two sports.

QUIZ CORNER:

1) What is the estimated cost for the 200 helicopters that India has planned to buy from Russia under the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)?

- A.\$1 billion**
- B.\$5 billion**
- C.\$10 billion**
- D.\$100 billion**

Answer: A

2) Which of the Chinese manufacturer developed FTC-2000G, China's indigenously built new multi-role combat aircraft?

- A.China Aviation Industry**
- B.Aviation Industry Corp of China**
- C.Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China**
- D.China's Civil Aviation Authorities**

Answer: B

3) What type of fighter jets will India be gifting to Russia?

- A.MiG-21**
- B.MiG-23**

C.MiG-25

D.MiG-29

Answer: D

4) Which state India's first Corn Festival Started ?

A.Madhya Pradesh

B.Tamil Nadu

C.Kerala

D.Bihar

Answer: A

5) Which company combines with Indian Railways for Rail Heritage Digitisation Project' recently?

A.Google

B.Samsung

C.Apple

D.Verizon

Answer: A

6) Who won Asian Junior Squash Title?

A.Naresh Karthick

B. Yuvraj Wadhwani

C.Vignesh Kumar

D.Shekar Rajan

Answer: B

7) Which is the 1st State To Launch Wage Compensation Scheme For Pregnant Women In Tea Gardens?

A.Assam

B.Arunachal Pradesh

C.Manipur

D.Meghalaya

Answer: A

8) Which bank got slapped from Reserve Bank of India?

A.Yes Bank

B. .Karur Vysya Bank

C.Dena Bank

D.South Indian Bank

Answer: B

9) Madhya Pradesh Gaupalan Evam Pashudhan Samvardhan (MPGEPS) Board is replaced by _____.

- A.Ministry of cows**
- B.Ministry of fertilizers**
- C.Ministry of aviation**
- D.Ministry of Coal**

Answer: A

10) How many cities have been Locate Public Toilets On Google Maps With LooReview Campaign ?

- A.560**
- B.850**
- C.2500**
- D.3600**

Answer: D

11)Who Inaugurated Parakram Parv Exhibition In Jodhpur ?

- A.Shri Narendra Modi**
- B.Shri Suresh Raina**
- C.Shri Vignesh Sharma**
- D.Shri Arun Jaitley**

Answer: A



12) Who published the first version of the tamil literature Tirukural with commentaries?

- A.Sivalayam J.Mohan**
- B.Vedagiri Mudaliar**
- C.Ku.Ma.Balasubramaniam**
- D.Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai**

Answer: B

13) Which of the following State's team won the 24th Senior Women's National football championships?

- A.Maharashtra**
- B.Tamil Nadu**
- C.Odisha**
- D.Manipur**

Answer: D

14) What is the name of the new species of hummingbird that has been found in the provinces of Loja and El Oro?

- A.Oreotrochilus cyanolaemus**
- B.Selasphorus sasin**
- C.Amazilia beryllina**
- D.Archilochus alexandri**

Answer: A

15) Which of the following laser pioneers won Nobel Physics Prize 2018?

- A.Arthur Ashkin**
- B.Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland**
- C.Both A and B**
- D.Only B**

Answer: C

16) What are the two places to be announced as goeparks by Geological Survey of India (GSI) in India?

- A.Varkala cliff and Carnic Alps**
- B.Magma and Oki Islands**
- C.Lonar Lake and St.Mary's Island**
- D.Batur Global and English Riviera**

Answer: C

17) Who is appointed as UNICEF special representative ?

- A.Ravi Venkatesan**
- B.Dinesh Kumar**
- C.Rajesh Kumar**
- D.Vignesh Raj**

Answer: A

18) In which place does the World Peace Monument located?

- A.Nalanda University, Bihar**
- B.MIT's World Peace University (MIT-WPU), Maharashtra**
- C.Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**
- D.Aligarh Muslim University, Uttar Pradesh**

Answer:B

19) Which country ranked 5th in pictorial warnings on cigarette packets: Canadian Cancer Society ?

- A.India**
- B.Pakistan**
- C.Indonesia**
- D.South Africa**

Answer:A

20) Who is named as IMF Chief Economist recently ?

- A.Gita Gopinath**
- B.Shreenidhi Raj**
- C.Sriradha Kumar**
- D.Vijaya Kumar**

Answer: A

21) To which of the following company did Bangalore International Airport (BIAL) give its Bengaluru airport T2 project?

A.Hindustan Construction

B.L&T Construction

C.Tata Projects Ltd

D.Nicco Group

Answer: B

22) Who is Named India's Flag-Bearer At Youth Olympic Games ?

A.Manu Bhaker

B.Lakshya Sen

C.Jyoti Gulia

D.Tababi Devi

Answer: A

23) Which state MDU Declared Cleanest Government University By HRD Ministry?

A.Haryana

B.Odisha

C.Andhra Pradesh

D.Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

24) Under which scheme does the Centre plan to introduce facial recognition technology in airports?

- A.E-air service**
- B.Make in India**
- C.Fac-tech scheme**
- D.Digi Yatra**

Answer : D

25) Indian International Science Festival Begins In -----?

- A.Lucknow**
- B.New Delhi**
- C.Chennai**
- D.Hyderabad**

Answer : A

26) Which country ranked 28th among 73 countries in govt e-payment adoption according to 2018 Visa Survey?

- A.Pakistan**
- B.Indonesia**
- C.India**

D.Saudi Arabia

Answer : C

27) Who Partnered With TSAF To Launch “Mission Gange”?

A.National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)

B.Indian Agricultural Research Institute

C.Indian Institute of Science

D.Indian Agricultural Research Institute

Answer : A

28) Which is the nodal agency of Election commission?

A.Law Ministry

B.Ministry of election

C.Judiciary

D.None of the above

Answer : A

29) From which state did Indian Railway withdraw its first Diesel Electrical Mainline Unit (DEMU) train service?

A.Karnataka

B.Andhra Pradesh

C.Uttar Pradesh

D.Kerala

Answer : D

30) Who is the designated as the CEO of the firm ?

A.Ravi Viswanath

B.Suresh Rajan

C.Naresh iyer

D.Dinesh Karthik

Answer : A

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