

Important Current Affairs - September 2nd Week 2018

10th September - 16th September

US Open Tennis 2018 Highlights:

Date	August 27 – September 9
Edition	138th
Location	New York, United States
Venue	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center

US Open Tennis 2018 Winners List:

Category	Winner
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)
Men's Doubles	Mike Bryan (United States), Jack Sock (United States)
Women's Doubles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia), CoCo Vandeweghe (United States)
Mixed Doubles	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (United States), Jamie Murray (United Kingdom)

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

India PM Modi, Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina launched 3 key projects via video conferencing:

The three projects are:

- 15km **Akhaura-Agartala rail** link which will be operational in next two years;
- Rebuilding **Kulaura-Shahbazpur** section of Bangladesh Railways.
- The third project is the additional **500MW** power supply from India to Bangladesh via **Bheramara-Baharampur** interconnection.

India, U.S. signed COMCASA agreement:

- **Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)** will facilitate access to advanced **defence systems** and enable India to optimally utilise its existing US-origin platforms.
- The 2+2 ministerial dialogue between the two countries was attended by U.S. Secretary of State **Michael R. Pompeo** and Secretary of Defense **James N. Mattis** and their Indian counterparts **Sushma Swaraj** and **Nirmala Sitharaman**.

Indian American scientist awarded USD 6.5 million for cancer biomarkers:

- **Arul Chinnaiyan**, an Indian-American scientist and professor at the University of Michigan, has been awarded an “**Outstanding**

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Investigator Award” along with a grant of **\$6.5 million** by the U.S. National Cancer Institute.

- This grant is aimed at identifying cancer biomarkers which may improve diagnosis and help develop new targeted therapies for the deadly disease.

UN Security Council held first-ever meeting on corruption:

- UN Secretary-General **António Guterres** said that corruption is linked to illicit trafficking of arms, drugs and people as well as terrorism.
- As per the estimates by the World Economic Forum, the global cost of corruption is at least **\$2.6 trillion**, or 5 percent of the global gross domestic product (GDP).
- According to the World Bank, businesses and individuals pay more than **\$1 trillion** in **bribes** every year.

Nepal to join military drill with China after snubbing India:

- Nepal will take part in a 12-day-long '**Sagarmatha Friendship-2**' military exercise with China. The exercise will be held from September 17 to 28 in China's **Chengdu** city.
- This comes after Nepal withdrew from the first-ever Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (**BIMSTEC**) military drill in India.

First ever bus services between Bihar and Nepal flagged off:

- Bihar Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** flagged off the first bus service between Bihar and Nepal.

- Four buses will ply from **Bodhgaya to Kathmandu** via Patna, Raxaul and Birgunj. Similar four buses will ply from **Patna to Janakpur** that will go via Muzaffarpur and Sitamarhi.

India, Afghanistan, Iran hold first-ever trilateral meeting:

- The meeting was chaired by Afghanistan's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Hekmat Khalil Karzai**.
- The Indian delegation was led by Foreign Secretary **Vijay Gokhale**.
- The Iranian team was headed by Deputy Foreign Minister **Abbas Araghchi**.
- Implementation of the **Chabahar port project** and a host of other issues including ways to deepen counter-terror cooperation were discussed.
- The Chabahar port is being considered a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India, Iran and Afghanistan with central Asian countries besides ramping up trade among the three countries in the wake of Pakistan denying transit access to New Delhi.

India to supply 160 railway coaches to Sri Lanka:

- The agreement to supply the railway passenger coaches custom-made in India, valued at around **\$82.64 million**, was signed between RITES Limited of India and Sri Lankan government in Colombo.
- India has already completed projects close to **1 billion US dollars** under concessional financing in the **railway sector** in Sri Lanka including railway lines to **Jaffna and Thalai Mannar**.

Pakistan could become World's 5th largest nuclear weapons state:

- According to the recent report, Pakistan could become world's **5th** largest nuclear weapons state after Russia, United States, France and China in terms of possession of total nuclear warheads.
- Pakistan currently has **140 to 150 nuclear warheads** and the stockpile is expected to increase to 220 to 250 by 2025.

China proposes bullet train between Kolkata and Kunming through Myanmar and Bangladesh:

- Chinese Consul General in Kolkata, **Ma Zhanwu**, proposed this bullet train service and suggested that the project once completed, will take only a few hours to complete the **2,800-km** journey.
- Kunming is known as China's transportation hub of the southern Yunnan province.
- The service will give a boost to trade and commerce in the **Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM)** corridor.

Philippines hit by world's strongest storm this year:

- Super Typhoon **Mangkhut**, the world's strongest storm this year, hit the northern coast of the **Philippines**, brought winds of up to 200 kmph and heavy rains.
- The name 'Mangkhut' means **mangosteen fruit** in Thai language.
- The deadliest storm on record in the Philippines was Super Typhoon **Haiyan** in 2013.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

India ranks 130 in United Nation's Human Development Index:

- India climbed one spot to **130** among **189** countries in the latest Human Development Index (HDI) released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- India's HDI value for 2017 moved to **0.640**, up from 0.624 in 2016.
- HDI measures the progress in key dimensions of human development such as education, health and living standards.
- The top five countries in the global HDI ranking were:-
 - ◆ Norway (0.953)
 - ◆ Switzerland (0.944)
 - ◆ Australia (0.939)
 - ◆ Ireland (0.938)
 - ◆ Germany (0.936)

India ranked 3rd globally in terms of number of family-owned businesses:

- According to the 'Credit Suisse Family 1000 in 2018' report, published by the Credit Suisse Research Institute (CSRI), in terms of number of family owned businesses, within the non-Japan Asian region, **China, India and Hong Kong** dominate the list.
- India has a total of 111 companies and \$839 billion total market capitalization.
- **Korea** came in **fourth** place, with 43 companies (USD 434.1 billion market capitalisation), followed by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, each with 26 companies.

President appointed Justice Ranjan Gogoi as next Chief Justice of India:

- Justice **Ranjan Gogoi** has been appointed as the **46th** Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- He would assume office on October 3 after present incumbent **Dipak Misra** retires.
- Gogoi was elevated to the Supreme Court on April 23, 2012.

Jammu and Kashmir becomes 3rd State to adopt RADMS software:

- The **Road Accident Data Management System (RADMS)** software is a Geographical Information System (GIS) solution for identification of black spots, wrong driving practices, overloading issues, driver issues and other factors causing or related to road accidents.
- In **2015**, the 'Supreme Court committee on road safety' had mandated all states to use RADMS.

Kolkata tops in 4G Coverage in India, Jammu and Kashmir ranked last:

- **Kolkata** has topped OpenSignal's list of **4G availability** with over **90.7%** coverage, across all of India's 22 telecom circles for the May-July period this year.
- It is followed by Punjab (89.8%), Bihar (89.2%), Madhya Pradesh (89.1%) and Odisha (89%).
- The Jammu and Kashmir circle comes at the last spot with 80.23 percent 4G availability.

Government bans Saridon and 327 other medicines over safety concerns:

- The government has banned manufacturing, sale and distribution of **328 Fixed Dose Combination (FDC)** drugs including the painkiller **Saridon**, the skin cream **Panderm**, combination diabetes drug Gluconorm, antibiotic Lupidicl, x and antibacterial Taxim AZ with immediate effect citing **safety concerns**.
- The banned FDCs account for about Rs 2,500 crore.

Union Government approved 100% Electrification Of Railways By 2021-22:

- This initiative will cost the government around **Rs 12,134 crore**.
- The main aim is to electrify **108** sections of the railways covering **13,675 route** kilometres of tracks.
- Indian Railways is the largest rail networks in the world with 67,368km of tracks and 22,550 trains that carry 22.24 million passengers and 3.04 million tonnes of freight every day.

Delhi launched 40 government services at doorstep delivery @ just Rs. 50:

- **Delhi government** launched a new project to deliver public services at the doorstep of residents.
- As per the project, the people in Delhi can now apply for **40 government documents** to be delivered to their homes for a fee of **Rs. 50 per service**.
- Delhiites can utilise the facility to apply from driving licences to marriage certificates.

- The customer should **dial 1076** and fix an appointment with a **Mobile Sahayak**, who will go to their home and help with filling forms, payment of fees and collection of documents.

Bengaluru International Airport (BIAL) first in country to roll out facial recognition facility from 2019:

- The first few airlines involved with this are Jet Airways, Air Asia and SpiceJet.
- This makes BIAL the **first aerodrome** in the country to implement **paperless air travel**.
- It has inked a pact with the Lisbon-based digital and biometric solutions services provider Vision-Box to implement the technology.
- This is a part of the **Digi Yatra project** to make boarding process paperless.

India's first railway varsity starts operations in Vadodara:

- The **National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI)** is India's first railway university located in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- It is funded by Ministry of Railways. University of California, Berkeley and Cornell University are its international partners.

Hima Das appointed as first ever Sports Ambassador of Assam:

- India's ace sprinter **Hima Das**, who recently became the first Indian woman to win gold in track 400m event at IAAF World U-20 Athletics Championships in France, was appointed as Sports Ambassador of Assam by the state Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

- She is nicknamed ‘**Dhing Express**’ after her village in Assam.

ONGC discovers Oil and gas reserves in Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal:

- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has found gas deposits in a block in **Vindhyan basin** in **Madhya Pradesh** and also in **Ashok Nagar** of 24 Parganas district in **West Bengal**.
- India has **26** sedimentary basins, of which only **seven category-I** basins have commercial production of oil and gas.
- ONGC had made a significant natural gas discovery in the **Gulf of Kutch** off the west coast a few months back, which it plans to bring to production in 2-3 years.

Haryana govt signs MoU with Indian Oil to set up Ethanol plant:

- An ethanol plant will be set up in **Bohali** village, **Panipat** with an outlay of over **Rs 900 crore**.
- The MoU will be valid for one year.
- The proposed capacity of this ethanol plant will be of producing **100 kilolitres** of ethanol per day.
- Paddy and Sugarcane crop residues will be supplied as raw material for this plant in cyclic manner.
- **Purpose:-**
 - **Bioethanol** can be easily blended with petrol or diesel, thus making it sustainable transport fuel. It also **reduces air pollution**.

Health Ministry implemented HIV AIDS Act 2017:

- According to the implemented law, every HIV infected or affected person **below the age of 18** has the right to live in a shared household and enjoy its facilities.
- The act criminalises any kind of discrimination against people suffering from AIDS in terms of treatment, employment and workplace.
- Those violating the act could be **jailed** for up to **two years** or **fined** up to **Rs 1 lakh** or both.

BEML launched India's first 205T Electric Drive Rear Dump Truck:

- India's 1st **205T Electric powered** Generate Rear Dump Truck (Product BH205-E), made and produced by **Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)** was flagged off recently.
- The dump truck which weighs 335 tonnes when fully loaded, was produced by **Mysuru** plant of BEML to boost 'Make in India' initiative.

Cabinet approved 4 New National Institutes of Design:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** approved the amendment of **National Institutes of Design (NID) Act, 2014**, thereby granting approval for introduction of a Bill in Parliament for the declaration of **four new NID** as Institutions of National Importance (INIs).
- The four new NID will be come up in -
 - ◆ Amaravati/Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
 - ◆ Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
 - ◆ Jorhat, Assam

◆ Kurukshetra, Haryana

India's first exclusive dog park came up in Hyderabad:

- The park, which is spread over in 1.3 acres, has been developed by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation at cost of Rs. 1.1 crore.

SCHEMES:

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana to Cover Child Cancer Treatment:

- Child cancer will be treated under the **Ayushman Bharat** scheme and the rate in this regard has been fixed.
- The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana or Ayushman Bharat scheme will be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay on **September 25, 2018**.
- It is the **world's largest** government-funded programme, which will cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families providing coverage up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation.
- The centres will provide comprehensive health care for diseases like diabetes, cancer, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases.

Union Cabinet approved new Umbrella Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan' (PM-AASHA):

- **Aim:-** To ensure **remunerative prices** to the **farmers** for their produce as announced in the Union Budget for 2018.

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- The scheme is comprised of
 - Price Support Scheme (PSS),
 - Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)
 - Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS).

India's first tribal circuit tourism project under Swadesh Darshan scheme inaugurated at Chhattisgarh:

- The central government had allocated about **100 crore rupees** to develop this project to highlight **tribal culture** to the domestic and foreign tourists.
- The circuit connects 13 tourism sites in Chhattisgarh - Jashpur, Kunkuri, Mainpat, Kamleshpur, Maheshpur, Kurdar, Saroda Dadar, Gangrel, Kondagaon, Nathiya Nawagaon, Jagdalpur, Chitrakoot, and Tirathgarh.
- Under the theme of the tribal circuit, close to **Rs 400 crore** has been sanctioned to the states of **Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Nagaland**.

BANKING & FINANCE NEWS:

Reserve Bank to purchase govt securities worth Rs 10,000 crore on September 19:

- The purchase of the government securities (G-secs) will be done through **Open Market Operations (OMO)**.
- The central bank will conduct the OMO through a multi-security auction - of five G-Secs (maturing in 2020, 2022, 2027, 2030, and 2042) using the multiple price method.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

ISRO launched two U.K. satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota:

- The PSLV-C42 lifted off NovaSAR and S1-4, the two satellites from the United Kingdom.
- NovaSAR is equipped to **track ships** in high seas and S1-4 satellite is meant for **environment monitoring** and urban management.
- The 2 satellites together weigh 889 kilograms.

NASA's Dawn mission is about to end:

- **Dawn**, NASA's only robot exploring the Asteroid Belt, is about to die. The spacecraft is likely to run out of a key fuel known as **hydrazine** -- which keeps it oriented and in communication with Earth -- between September and October.
- Launched in September **2007**, Dawn was majorly tasked to study two of the three known protoplanets of the asteroid belt **Vesta** and **Ceres**.

SpiceJet launched air cargo services:

- **SpiceJet** launched **air cargo services** and it also inducted its **first freighter aircraft**. The services will be offered under the brand name **SpiceXpress**.
- It will be set up as a separate business unit under the monitor of SpiceJet Limited. The cargo flight services would commence from

September 18. The airline plans to add four more freighter aircraft during the current fiscal.

- The air cargo operations will cover Delhi, Bengaluru, Guwahati, Hong Kong, Kabul and Amritsar.
- The airline's freighters fleet will consist of **Boeing 737** planes. It will extend its operations through its common pool of resources like pilots, engineers, ground staff, airport infrastructure.

Apple unveiled its updated version of iPhones and Smartwatch:

- Apple revealed its updated **iPhone XS and iPhone XS Max**. They are aimed at maintaining Apple's share in the premium segment.
- The new phones have displays of 5.8 and 6.5 inches, boosting screen size while keeping a small-format handset.
- The Smartwatch is built with an ability to perform **ECG**.

Apsara, Asia's Oldest Research Reactor In Mumbai, recommissioned after 9 yrs:

- Apsara, located at the Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) in Mumbai, was shut down in **2009** for repair. The refurbished version of the reactor is named as '**Apsara-upgraded**' (Apsara-U).
- Apsara is a highly versatile **swimming pool** type of reactor that was built in August **1956**.
- This reactor provides much needed isotopes for **medical purposes** and also helps refine the design of **India's nuclear weapons**.

Samsung opened World's Largest Mobile Experience Centre In Bengaluru:

- **Opera House**, the **33,000 sq ft** iconic building in the city's central business district, has been given a facelift to showcase Samsung's mobile devices and other consumer electronic products.
- It has a service centre for phones and is equipped with high-speed public Wi-Fi.

DRDO successfully test fired an indigenous anti tank missile:

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully tested a low-weight indigenously developed **Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)** from **Ahmednagar** test range for the second time.

SPORTS NEWS:

Jhulan Goswami 1st player to pick 300 international wickets in Women's Cricket:

- Indian pacer **Jhulan Goswami** achieved this feat after reaching the landmark figure in India's **nine-wicket win** over **Sri Lanka** on September 11.
- Another Indian Cricketer **Mithali Raj** went past England's **Charlotte Edwards** (117) as the **most-capped captain** in women's ODIs with her 118th appearance.

India's 102-year-old female athlete won gold medal at World Masters:

- **Man Kaur**, a 102-year-old Chandigarh-based athlete, won the **200m** race in the 100-104 age group category at the World Masters Athletics Championships in **Spain**.
- Last year, Man Kaur won 100m gold at the World Masters Games at Auckland, New Zealand.
- World Masters game is considered as an **Olympics** for **senior citizens**.

Justice Mukul Mudgal to head selection committee for Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand 2018 awards:

- Justice **Mukul Mudgal**, who headed the Supreme Court-appointed probe into the **2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal**, has been named chairman of the 11-member selection committee to pick this year's Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand awardees.
- **Dronacharya award** is presented to **coaches** for their work on a consistent basis over a period of **four** years.
- The **Dhyan Chand award** is bestowed on **sportspersons** for their life-time achievement and contribution to sport during both their active career and after retirement.
- The National Sports Awards ceremony will be organised on **September 25** this year.

Super Over introduced for the 1st time ever in Asia Cup:

- The 2018 edition of the Asia Cup will have a **Super Over** to decide **tied matches**, for the first time ever in the history of the tournament.

- A Super Over consists of six deliveries and two wickets for each side.
- The **14th** edition of the Asia Cup is currently being held in the **United Arab Emirates** in September 2018.
- **6 Teams** participating in this tournament are: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.

DEFENCE NEWS:

Vostok 2018 the largest exercise held in Russia:

- Vostok 2018 war games were launched on September 11 close to the border with China and include about **300,000 troops** - more than during the Cold War.
- China sent 3,200 troops to take part in Vostok-2018 (meaning East), with many Chinese armoured vehicles and aircraft.
- More than 1,000 aircraft, 36,000 tanks, up to 80 naval vessels, armoured personnel carriers and armoured infantry vehicles are taking part from **11 to 17 September**.

India, US annual combat exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2018' to be held at Uttarakhand:

- The 2-Week long Yudh Abhyas 2018 exercise will be conducted at **Chaubatia** in Uttarakhand from **16 to 29 September**, 2018.
- It will be **fourteenth** edition of exercise in Yudh Abhyas series which was started in **2004** under US Army Pacific Partnership Program.

- Last year, Yudh Abhyas was held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in the US.

India-Mongolia Joint Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant 2018' held in Ulaanbaatar:

- The **12 days** long Nomadic Elephant-2018 has begun at Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, **Mongolia**.
- Nomadic Elephant is an annual bilateral military exercise, started in the year **2006**, and this was the **13th** edition of the exercise.

VISITS:

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Central Europe:

- Vice president **Venkaiah Naidu** embarked on a 7- day tour to three central European countries, **Serbia, Malta and Romania** from September 14 to 20.
- Serbia has an unconditional and **open visa policy** for India.
- Malta actively cooperated in evacuation of Indians from **Libya** in 2011 and 2014.
- **About Serbia:-**
 - ◆ President - Aleksandar Vučić
 - ◆ Prime Minister - Ana Brnabić
 - ◆ Capital - Belgrade
 - ◆ Currency - Dinar

- **About Malta:-**

- ◆ President - Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca
- ◆ Prime Minister - Joseph Muscat
- ◆ Capital - Valletta
- ◆ Currency - Euro

- **About Romania:-**

- ◆ President - Klaus Iohannis
- ◆ Prime Minister - Viorica Dăncilă
- ◆ Capital - Bucharest
- ◆ Currency - Leu

IMPORTANT DAYS:

Hindi Divas observed on 14th September:

- On this day in **1949**, **Hindi** written in **Devanagari script** became the **official language** of India under the Article **343**.
- Hindi is spoken by **250 million** people as the original language and it is the **fourth** language of the world.
- There are **22** Scheduled languages of India, of which, two are officially used at Union government of India level: **Hindi and English**.
- In 1881, **Bihar** accepted Hindi as its sole official language, replacing Urdu, and thus became the **first state** of India to adopt Hindi.
- Vice president Venkaiah Naidu gave away **Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar** 2017-18 on Hindi Diwas 2018.
- **World First Aid Day** is also celebrated on 14th September.

World Ozone Day observed on September 16:

- On December 19, **1994**, the UN General Assembly proclaimed **September 16** to be the **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**, commemorating the date when the **Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer** was signed in 1987.
- The **theme** for World Ozone Day 2018 - ‘Keep Cool and Carry On’.
- Ozone layer is found particularly in the **stratosphere** layer of atmosphere ranging between 20 to 40 km.

Important Current Affairs - Headlines:

- ★ Justice **Om Prakash Mishra** sworn in as **New Chief Justice Of Nepal**.
- ★ **Punjab National Bank** bagged Hindi implementation award ‘**Rajbhasha Kirti**’
- ★ Six aerodromes of the Airports Authority of India bagged 7 International Awards - The winning airports are Lucknow, Indore, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata and Pune airports.
- ★ Mary Kom won gold in Silesian Open boxing tournament.
- ★ NABARD approved Rs 65,634.93 crore loan for 93 irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.
- ★ Jammu-Kashmir **panchayat polls** to be held in 9 phases from November 17 to December 11.

QUIZ CORNER:

1) Who became the first bowler in women's cricket to pick 300 international wickets?

- A. Anisa Mohammed
- B. Sarah Taylor
- C. Mithali Raj
- D. Jhulan Goswami

Answer:- D

2) Which pair won U.S. Open 2018 mixed doubles title?

- A. Raluca Olaru and Franko Škugor
- B. Nikola Mektić and Alicja Rosolska
- C. Jamie Murray and Bethanie Mattek-Sands
- D. Austin Krajicek and Tímea Babos

Answer:- C

3) In which of the following cities, India and the US held the first edition of the two-plus-two talks?

- A. New York
- B. New Delhi
- C. Washington DC
- D. Mumbai

Answer:- B



4) India and US have signed the COMCASA agreement that will facilitate India to obtain critical defence technologies from the US. COMCASA stands for _____.

- A. Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement**
- B. Communications Capability and Security Agreement**
- C. Comprehensive Communications and Security Agreement**
- D. Compulsive Communication and Security Agreement**

Answer:- A

5) Where is the 1st edition of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Military Exercise (MILEX-18), held from 10th to 16th September 2018?

- A. New Delhi, India**
- B. Pune, India**
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh**
- D. Kathmandu, Nepal**

Answer:- B

6) National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI), the first of its kind university on the transport sector in India, has started functioning from which city?

- A. Bengaluru**
- B. Chennai**
- C. Visakhapatnam**
- D. Vadodara**



Answer:- D

7) Which state/union territory launched the doorstep delivery of 40 governmental services @ just Rs. 50 on 10th September 2018?

- A. Pondicherry**
- B. Delhi**
- C. Telangana**
- D. Maharashtra**

Answer:- B

8) Which Indian airport will be the first to roll out facial recognition facility for the passengers of some select airlines from 2019?

- A. Bengaluru International Airport**
- B. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi**
- C. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad**
- D. Chennai International Airport**

Answer:- A

9) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has recently discovered Oil and gas reserves in

- A. Harayana, Assam**
- B. Gujarat, Bihar**
- C. Uttarakhand, Maharashtra**
- D. Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal**

Answer:- D

10) Which state government recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to set up an ethanol plant?

- A. Uttar Pradesh**
- B. Haryana**
- C. Bihar**
- D. Punjab**

Answer:- B

11) Nepal is to take part in a 12-day-long 'Sagarmatha Friendship-2' military exercise with

- A. Pakistan**
- B. Bangladesh**
- C. Japan**
- D. China**

Answer:- D

12) Which country hold first-ever trilateral meeting with India and Afghanistan?

- A. Iran**
- B. Iraq**
- C. Saudi Arabia**
- D. Indonesia**



Answer:- A

13) India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise is known as _____.

- A. Ekuverin**
- B. Agni Warrior**
- C. Nomadic Elephant**
- D. Lamitye**

Answer:- C

14) According to the recent report, which country could become world's 5th largest nuclear weapons state after Russia, United States, France and China in terms of possession of total nuclear warheads?

- A. Israel**
- B. North Korea**
- C. Iran**
- D. Pakistan**

Answer:- D

15) _____ is India's top region for 4G availability.

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

Answer:- C

16) Man Kaur, a 102-year-old Indian athlete, won gold medal at the World Masters Athletics in the _____ meter event.

- A. 800**
- B. 400**
- C. 100**
- D. 200**

Answer:- D

17) Identify the India's Oldest Nuclear Research Reactor, which is recently recommissioned after 9 years:

- A. Apsara**
- B. CIRUS**
- C. Dhruva**
- D. KAMINI**

Answer:- A

18) Who has been named chairman of the 11-member selection committee to pick this year's Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand awardees?

- A. Justice Mukul Mudgal**
- B. Justice Rajesh Bindal**
- C. Shooter Samresh Jung**
- D. Shuttler Ashwini Ponnappa**

Answer:- A



19) How many drugs have been banned by government recently with immediate effect citing safety concerns?

- A. 402**
- B. 328**
- C. 279**
- D. 154**

Answer:- B

20) China is planning to establish bullet train between _____.

- A.Kolkata and Kunming**
- B.Aizawl and Lincang**
- C.Gorakhpur and Yuxi**
- D.Guwahati and Lijiang**

Answer:- A

21) Every year Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14th September. In which year, Hindi became the official language of India under the Article 343?

- A. 1948**
- B. 1950**
- C. 1949**
- D. 1951**

Answer:- C

22) India's first tribal circuit tourism project under 'Swadesh Darshan scheme' recently inaugurated at

- A. Chhattisgarh**
- B. Telangana**
- C. Nagaland**
- D. Mizoram**

Answer:- A

23) Justice Ranjan Gogoi has been appointed as the _____ Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Ram Nath Kovind.

- A. 42nd**
- B. 48th**
- C. 44th**
- D. 46th**

Answer:- D

24) Vice President Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Serbia, Malta and _____ from September 14 to 20.

- A. Poland**
- B. Croatia**
- C. Romania**
- D. Hungary**

Answer:- C

25) Which country became top oil supplier to India in August 2018?



- A. Iraq**
- B. Saudi Arabia**
- C. Iran**
- D. Kuwait**

Answer:- A

26) Cabinet recently approved 4 New National Institutes of Design (NID), one of which will come up in Assam's _____ city.

- A. Guwahati**
- B. Silchar**
- C. Jorhat**
- D. Dibrugarh**

Answer:- C

27) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will purchase government securities (G-secs) worth Rs _____ crore on September 19, 2018.

- A. 15,000**
- B. 25,700**
- C. 30,650**
- D. 10,000**

Answer:- D

28) The _____ edition of the Asia Cup is currently being held in the United Arab Emirates.

- A. 13th**

- B. 14th**
- C. 12th**
- D. 15th**

Answer:- B

29) What is the position of India in the latest Human Development Index (HDI) released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)?

- A. 130**
- B. 131**
- C. 132**
- D. 133**

Answer:- A

30) Super Typhoon Mangkhut, the world's strongest storm this year, recently hit

- A. Maldives**
- B. Indonesia**
- C. Japan**
- D. Philippines**

Answer:- D

31) G-20 Trade And Investment Ministerial meeting held in -----

- A. Singapore**
- B. Argentina**



- C. Malaysia
- D. Denmark

Answer:- B

32) Which country retained its number 1 ranking in the United Nation's latest Human Development Index (HDI)?

- A. Norway
- B. Switzerland
- C. Australia
- D. Germany

Answer:- A

33) India's first ever dedicated dog park was constructed in -----

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Mumbai

Answer:- C

34) September 16 was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as

- A. World Cancer Day
- B. World Ozone Day
- C. World Water Day

D. World Refugee Day

Answer:- B

35) What are the 2 U.K. commercial satellites did ISRO launch recently?

- A. Prospero X-3 and HAMSAT
- B. CARTOSAT-2 and Aura
- C. Soyuz TMA-19M and STS-112
- D. NovaSAR and S1-4

Answer:- D

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