

## Important Current Affairs - September 3rd Week 2018

**17th September - 23rd September**

### National Sports Awards 2018 Full List Announced:

**Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Dronacharya Award, Arjuna Award, Dhyan Chand Award Winners 2018:**

- ▶ **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** is given for the most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of **four** year.
- ▶ **Arjuna Award** is bestowed upon sportsperson in recognition of their outstanding achievement in National sports.
- ▶ **Dronacharya Award for coaches** for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events.
- ▶ **Dhyan Chand Award** for lifetime contribution to sports development and

The Complete List of Winners of National Sports Awards 2018:

<b>Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2018</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Sportsperson</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
1.	Ms. S. Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting
2.	Shri Virat Kohli	Cricket
<b>Dronacharya Awards 2018</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Coach</b>	<b>Discipline</b>

1.	Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa	Boxing
2.	Shri Vijay Sharma	Weightlifting
3.	Shri A. Srinivasa Rao	Table Tennis
4.	Shri Sukhdev Singh Pannu	Athletics
5.	Shri Clarence Lobo	Hockey (Life Time)
6.	Shri Tarak Sinha	Cricket (Life Time)
7.	Shri Jiwan Kumar Sharma	Judo (Life Time)
8.	Shri V.R. Beedu	Athletics (Life Time)
<b>Arjuna Awards 2018</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Sportsperson</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
1.	Shri Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
2.	Naib Subedar Jinson Johnson	Athletics
3.	Ms. Hima Das	Athletics
4.	Ms. Nelakurthi Sikki Reddy	Badminton
5.	Subedar Satish Kumar	Boxing
6.	Ms. Smriti Mandhana	Cricket
7.	Shri Shubhankar Sharma	Golf
8.	Shri Manpreet Singh	Hockey
9.	Ms. Savita	Hockey

10.	Col. Ravi Rathore	Polo
11.	Ms. Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting
12.	Shri Ankur Mittal	Shooting
13.	Ms. Shreyasi Singh	Shooting
14.	Ms. Manika Batra	Table Tennis
15.	Shri G. Sathiyan	Table Tennis
16.	Shri Rohan Bopanna	Tennis
17.	Shri Sumit	Wrestling
18.	Ms. Pooja Kadian	Wushu
19.	Shri Ankur Dhama	Para-Athletics
20.	Shri Manoj Sarkar	Para-Badminton

### Dhyan Chand Award 2018

S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Satyadev Prasad	Archery
2.	Shri Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
3.	Ms. Bobby Aloysius	Athletics
4.	Shri Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling

### Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2018

S. No.	Category	Name of the entity
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1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	JSW Sports
3.	Sports for Development	Isha Outreach
<b>Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2017-18</b>		
1.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	

### Newly Appointed MDs and CEOs of 10 Public Sector Banks:

Sl.No	Newly appointed Chief Executive Officers (CEO) and Managing Directors (MDs)	Banks	Headquarters	Tagline
1	Packirisamy	Andhra Bank	Hyderabad	Where India Banks
2	SS Mallikarjuna Rao	Allahabad Bank.	Kolkata	A Tradition of Trust
3	AS Rajeev	Bank of Maharashtra	Pune	One family one bank
4	Pallav Mohapatra	Central Bank of India	Mumbai	“Central To you Since 1911”

5	Karnam Shekhar	Dena Bank	Mumbai	Trusted Family Bank
6	Padmaja Chandru	Indian Bank	Chennai	Your Tech-Friendly Bank
7	S Harisankar	Punjab & Sind Bank	New Delhi	Where service is a way of life
8	Mrutyunjay Mahapatra	Syndicate Bank	Manipal	Your Faithful And Friendly Financial Partner
9	Ashok Kumar Pradhan	United Bank Of India	Kolkata	The Bank that begins with "U"
10	Atul Kumar Goel	UCO Bank	Kolkata	Honours Your Trust

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

### Germany introduced world's first hydrogen powered train:

- Germany launched world's first hydrogen powered trains, two bright blue Coradia iLint trains, that are built by **French TGV-maker Alstom**. It runs a 100km between the towns and cities of Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven, Bremervoerde and Buxtehude in northern Germany.
- Similar to the range of diesel trains, these trains can also run for around **1,000 km** on a single tank of hydrogen.
- Hydrogen trains are equipped with fuel cells that produce electricity through a combination of hydrogen and oxygen. This process leaves steam and water as the only emissions.

- Countries including Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Italy and Canada are planning to introduce the pollution free hydrogen trains.

### **Bangladesh govt approved India to use the Chittagong and Mongla seaports:**

- The approved agreement will be effective for five years.
- The decision by Bangladesh is a step toward improving the friendly relations between Bangladesh and India.

### **India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline Project inaugurated:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the construction of the **India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline Project** through video conferencing.
- The **130-kilometre-long** pipeline will connect **Siliguri** in West Bengal and **Parbatipur** in Bangladesh's Dinajpur district, and will be used for importing oil.
- The third and fourth Dual Gauge line of **Dhaka-Tongi** section and Dual Gauge Double line of Tongi-Joydevpur section of Bangladesh Railway were also inaugurated.

### **SpaceX to send Japanese billionaire Yusaku as the first ever private tourist to the moon:**

- Elon Musk-led startup **SpaceX** revealed that **Yusaku Maezawa**, founder of Japan's largest clothing website Zozotown, has signed up to be the **world's first private passenger** to fly around the **Moon**.

- Yusaku will fly aboard SpaceX's Big Falcon Rocket (BFR) in **2023**.
- Only 24 humans have been to the Moon in history.

### **India contributed USD 1 Million to UN's ambitious Solar Project:**

- India has contributed **one million US dollars** for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the imposing UN building at the world body's headquarters in **New York**.
- India is the first responder to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' call for climate action.

### **Saudi Arabia to join China-Pakistan Economic Corridor:**

- **Saudi Arabia** is to join as the third strategic partner of the **\$50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)**. This announcement was made soon after Prime Minister Imran Khan returned from his first foreign trip to Saudi.
- The CPEC is the flagship project of the multi-billion dollar **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**, a project of Chinese President Xi Jinping. It aimed at enhancing Beijing's influence around the world through China-funded infrastructure projects.

### **Village Rockstars is India's Official Entry To Oscars 2019:**

- Rima Das' National Award-winning feature Village Rockstars chosen to represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the 91st Academy Awards next year, the **Film Federation of India (FFI)** announced.
- The announcement was made by SV Rajendra Singh Babu, Chairman, Selection Committee for Oscar Award, FFI.



## NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

### India became first country in the world to develop Cooling Action Plan:

- During World Ozone Day celebrations on September 17, Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan released a draft **India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP)** which lists out actions which can help reduce the cooling demand, thus helping in **reducing emissions**.
- The minister also release a booklet on 'Montreal Protocol – India's Success Story'.
- 'Keep Cool and Carry on' : The Montreal Protocol is the theme of 24th World Ozone Day celebrations.

### Uttar Pradesh Police launched first-ever 'dial-FIR' scheme:

- In this scheme, a common man can register regular crimes without going to a police station, by dialing the emergency number UP 100 and file an FIR, a **call-based FIR**.
- An **e-FIR or dial-FIR** scheme is the FIR (first information report) that sets the law into motion and to start investigation.
- To combat crime, an **online dossier** of over 1-lakh small and big criminals in the state has also been prepared.
- UP is the only **second** state to prepare such a localised online criminal database after **Punjab**.

### India got first ever gender-neutral hostel in Mumbai's TISS:

- After the Supreme Court scrapped **Section 377** of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) that criminalised **homosexuality**, India has become the first-ever country to have a gender-neutral hostel.



- The **Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)** in **Mumbai's** Deonar has become the first campus in India to have a gender-neutral hostel.
- The hostel has 10 twin-seater rooms that will host **transgender**, or gender non-conforming students.

### **MLAs declare average income of Rs 24.59 lakh a year:**

- The average annual income of MLAs in India is **Rs 24.59 lakh**, with **Karnataka's** 203 MLAs reporting the **highest** average of Rs 1.1 crore and 614 MLAs from the eastern region the lowest at Rs 8.5 lakh annually.
- **Chhattisgarh** MLAs earn the lowest with their average annual income coming at ₹5.4 lakh.

### **Cabinet cleared an ordinance that made instant triple talaq a criminal offence:**

- The accused will be sentenced for a maximum term of **three years in jail**.
- President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent for the cleared ordinance.
- The new law incorporates safeguards, including a provision for bail to an accused before the start of the trial.
- Instant triple talaq remains a **non-bailable** offence and should approach a magistrate for bail even before trial.

### **Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched star-rating system for industries to reduce air pollution:**

- This is the first program in India to use continuous monitored emissions data obtained in real time from major industrial plants.

- It will rate industries from **1 to 5** based on their compliance to **pollution standards** set by the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB).

### **Indian Railways increased price of tea and coffee on trains, stations:**

- The price of a 150 ml cup of tea with teabag and a 150 ml cup of coffee on trains has been increased to **₹10** from ₹7.
- Standard readymade tea will be served at ₹5 per cup.
- Whereas, tea in pots (285 ml) and coffee in pots (285 ml) priced at Rs 10 and Rs 15, respectively have been **discontinued**.

### **Cyclone-30 becomes operational in Kolkata, to boost cancer diagnosis:**

- India's biggest cyclotron facility named **Cyclone-30** that will produce radioisotopes vital for diagnosis and treatment of cancer became operational at the **Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC)** in **Kolkata**.
- Cyclone-30 will become the first and only facility in the country to produce **Germanium 68 isotopes**, which is used in the diagnosis of breast **cancer**.
- At present, many radioisotopes are imported while some are produced in nuclear research reactors such as the **Apsara** at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (**BARC**), and remaining in cyclotrons facilities run by large private hospitals.

## SCHEMES:

### **Modi launched Pradhan Mantri-Jan Aarogya Yojana (PMJAY) - Ayushman Bharat:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched **Pradhan Mantri-Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY)**, the mega healthcare scheme Ayushman Bharat, from **Ranchi**, Jharkhand on 23rd September 2018.
- PM-JAY is the world's largest health scheme. It will cover around **50 crore** people.
- The scheme will pilot in 106 districts in **14 states** of the country.
- The scheme will be providing an annual coverage of **Rs. 5 lakh** per family for nearly 1,350 diseases.
- The eligible people can avail the benefits of the scheme in government and listed private hospitals. There is no cap on family size and age to ensure that nobody is left out.

### **ESIC approves new scheme, Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna:**

- The Employee's State Insurance (ESI) has approved a scheme named 'Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna' for **unemployed Insured Persons (IP)** covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.
- This scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their Bank Account in case of **unemployment** and while they search for new engagement.
- Further, ESIC approved the proposal to increase the **funeral expenses** from existing Rs. 10,000 to **Rs. 15,000** being paid on the death of Insured Person.

## BANKING & FINANCE NEWS:

### Centre to merge Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, Dena Bank:

- The Centre proposed the merger of state-owned **Bank of Baroda**, **Dena Bank** and **Vijaya Bank** in order to create India's third-largest bank.
- The decision was made during the ministerial panel meeting that oversees merger proposals of state-owned banks. It was headed by Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley**.
- The decision is because Dena Bank had been placed under the prompt corrective action framework.

### SBI to run 10,000 ATMs on solar energy in Two years:

- At present, the State Bank of India (SBI) has **1,200 ATMs** which run on solar power.
- SBI is also planning to replace all its vehicles with electric vehicles by 2030.
- Aim:- To become carbon neutral and to achieve it by 2030.
- SBI is organising a **green marathon** starting September 30, to be held in 15 cities across the country.
- SBI has nearly 59,000 ATMs in India.

### India Post Payments Bank, Bajaj Allianz tie up for insurance products sale:

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Bajaj Allianz announced a **five-year** partnership to sell life insurance products on a revenue share basis.
- Under the partnership, IPPB will facilitate customers to pay for Bajaj Allianz life insurance products through their accounts.

- Launched on September 1, the **IPPB** has gained around **9 lakh** customers.

### **Govt hiked interest rate on small savings scheme; PPF, NSC to now fetch interest rate of 8%:**

- The government has hiked interest rates of various small savings schemes for the **third quarter** (October 1 to December 31) by up to **40 bps**.
- **Public Provident Fund (PPF)** and National Savings Certificate (NSC) will fetch annual interest rate of **8 percent** as compared to existing 7.6 percent.
- Interest rate for the **five-year** term deposit, recurring deposit, Senior Citizens Savings Scheme has been raised to 7.8, 7.3 and 8.7 percent, respectively.
- The girl child savings scheme **Sukanya Samridhi account** will earn higher interest rate of **8.5 percent** rate, 0.4 percent more than the current rate.

### **India signed \$74 mn loan pact with World Bank for Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project:**

- The Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP) has a **5-year** grace period, and a maturity of **17 years**. The closing date for the project is June, **2023**.
- The project has three components --
  - ◆ improving the quality and relevance of **Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** training;
  - ◆ increasing the number of skilled workers certified under National Skills Qualification Framework (**NSQE**);

- ◆ policy and institutional development and project management.

### **Madhya Pradesh got \$525 Million Loan for Infra Projects from BRICS Bank:**

- **Madhya Pradesh** approved a \$350-million loan for the Major District Roads Project II of Madhya Pradesh and \$175 million for building and upgrading 350 bridges.
- The loan will be used by the Indian government for on-lending to the Madhya Pradesh government for rehabilitating major district roads with a total length of about 2,000 km to improve the connectivity of the rural interior with the national and state highway networks.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:**

### **ISRO launched its technology incubation centre in Agartala, Tripura:**

- The centre at Agartala is the first of six such centres which are planned to build capacity in new locations. It is aimed to have a good presence in **academia and industry**.
- These space research activities are to tap the talents of the locations and include them in the space footprint.
- ISRO's Capacity Building Programme directorate is to invest **Rs.2 crore** for such centres in Jalandhar, Bhubaneswar, Tiruchi, Nagpur and Indore. These centres will not have activities related to space.

## SPORTS NEWS:

### First time in FIFA rankings history 2 teams sharing top spot:

- Football World Cup 2018 semi-finalists **Belgium** have joined world champions **France** as the joint leaders in the FIFA rankings 2018, the first time in the table's 25-year history that the top spot has been shared.
- Top 10 FIFA rankings 2018:
  1. France and Belgium
  3. Brazil
  4. Croatia
  5. Uruguay
  6. England
  7. Portugal
  8. Switzerland
  9. Spain
  10. Denmark

### MS Dhoni overtakes Dravid to become India's 2nd most capped cricketer:

- Mahendra Singh become the second most capped player for India in international cricket as he played his **505th** match for India in the Super Four of Asia Cup 2018 against Pakistan on September 23.
- Before Dhoni, **Rahul Dravid** was the second most capped player for India with **504** caps in international cricket.
- **Sachin Tendulkar** is the top most capped player for India with a record **664 matches** for India.



### **Satyarup Siddhanta, Mousumi Khatua scaled Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount Damavand:**

- Mount Damavand is the highest peak in **Iran** and also a potentially active **volcano**.
- At an elevation of **5609 metres**, Mt Damavand is known for its **Sulphur discharge** near its peak which can cause irreparable damage if exposed for a longer duration.
- This is the fourth volcanic summit for Siddhanta.

### **Hangzhou confirmed as host of 2022 Asian Para Games:**

- Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) confirmed that Hangzhou in **China** will host the **fourth** edition of Asian Para Games in **2022**.
- **Hangzhou** will now be represented at the Closing Ceremony of **2018 Asian Para Games**, which will begin in Indonesian capital **Jakarta** on October 6.

### **Sajan Bhanwal becomes first Indian to win back-to-back medal at World Junior Wrestling:**

- 20-year-old Haryana wrestler won the silver medal in **77kg** category in **Greco-Roman** style at the Junior World Championships in Trnava, **Slovakia**.
- He had won a **bronze** medal in the same category at the Tampere World Championships last year.
- He also clinched the gold at Junior Asia Championship in July.

## APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

### **Moutaz Mousa Abdallah elected as Sudan's new Prime Minister:**

- Sudan's President **Omar al-Bashir** swore in new Prime Minister Moutaz Mousa Abdallah on September 17 alongside Second-Vice President Mohamed Osman Kibir at a ceremony in Khartoum.
- Sudan Capital: Khartoum, Currency: Sudanese pound.

### **Scientist Dr VR Lalithambika is heading India's First Human Space Mission:**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has chosen veteran scientist **Dr VR Lalithambika** to head its **Gaganyaan** mission to put an Indian in space by **2022**.
- The 56-year-old scientist has 30 years of experience in space missions with ISRO.
- She was also a key member of the team responsible for launching 104 satellites in one go in February 15, 2017.

### **Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma signed as ambassadors of Skill India Campaign:**

- The two stars of the film '**Sui Dhaaga - Made in India**', have been signed on to promote and endorse the Skill India Mission (SIM), chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- Skill India Mission is led by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and aims to standardise vocational training.

### **Kamlesh Nilakanth Vyas is appointed as the Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission:**

- **Kamlesh Nilakanth Vyas**, Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, has been appointed as the **Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission** and the Secretary of Department of Atomic Energy.
- His tenure will end on May 2021.
- He has replaced **Shekhar Basu**.

### **Government appointed four members to local boards of Reserve Bank of India:**

- Rakesh Jain and Sachin Chaturvedi appointed as a member in **Southern local board and Eastern local board** of RBI.
- Revathy Iyer and Raghvendra Narayan Dubey appointed as a member in the **Northern local board** of RBI.

- **About Reserve Bank of India**

Established: 1 April 1935; 83 years ago

Ownership: Government of India

Governor: Urjit Patel

## **AWARDS:**

### **'Game of Thrones' won 9 Emmy Awards:**

- HBO series '**Game of Thrones**' won nine awards including 'Outstanding Drama Series award' at this year's Emmy Awards.
- The **70th** annual Primetime Emmy Awards have taken place in Los Angeles.
- **The winners of 2018 Emmy Awards are:-**
  - ◆ Best lead actress in a drama series - Claire Foy for The Crown
  - ◆ Best lead actor in a drama series - Matthew Rhys for The Americans

◆ Best comedy series - The Marvelous Mrs Maisel

● **About Emmy Award:-**

- An Emmy Award, or simply Emmy, is an **American** award that recognizes excellence in the **television industry**, and is the equivalent of an Oscar Award (for film), the Tony Award (for theater), and the Grammy Award (for music).

**Indian film won the Toronto International Film Festival's prestigious Award:**

- Director **Vasan Bala's** action thriller '**Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota'** (The Man Who Feels No Pain) has won the top award ie., **Grolsch People's Choice Midnight Madness Award** at the **43rd** Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).
- This is the **first ever** Indian film to be screened in the Toronto festival's Midnight Madness programme.

**DEFENCE NEWS:**

**Nepal and China Conducts 2nd JME 'Sagarmatha Friendship-2018:**

- The 12 day long joint exercise mainly focus on the combating terror and disaster management trainings.
- **About Nepal**
  - Nepal Capital - Kathmandu
  - President: Bidya Devi Bhandari
- **About China**
  - President: Xi Jinping
  - Capital: Beijing

- Currency: Renminbi

### **Indo-Russian Air Force exercise Avia Indra-18 commences at Lipetsk:**

- Bi-annual Exercise **Avia Indra 18** is being conducted at **Lipetsk**, Russia from 17 Sep to 28 Sep 18 and the second session will be conducted in **Jodhpur**, India from 10 Dec to 22 Dec 18.
- The aircraft that would participate in the exercise include Su-30 SM, Mig-29, Su-25, Mi-8, and An-26.
- First Avia Indra was conducted in **2014**.

### **Indian Air Force plans to set up a 'strategic base' in Andhra Pradesh:**

- The **Indian Air Force(IAF)** has proposed to the Andhra government its plans to establish a drone manufacturing facility in **Anantapur** district, a cyber security centre in **Amaravati**, and turn Rajahmundry and Vijayawada airports into asset positioning bases.
- IAF also plans to set up a major **helicopter training** facility at **Donakonda** in Prakasam district.
- IAF currently has a base at **Arakkonam** near Chennai, while the Navy has INS Dega in Visakhapatnam.

### **INSV Tarini Crew Bestowed With Tenzing Norgay Award:**

- The all-woman crew of the INSV Tarini, an Indian Navy sailboat, has bagged the prestigious **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award**.
- The crew won the award for their feat of sailing across the world for **eight months**.

- The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air.
- The women Navy officers spent 194 days at sea as part of a mission under the **Navika Sagar Parikrama project**.

### **DRDO successfully Flight Tested Tactical Missile Prahar:**

- India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed **surface-to-surface** short-range tactical ballistic missile '**Prahaar**' from the Odisha coast.
- 'Prahar' is capable of filling the gap between the multi-barrel rocket system '**Pinaka**' and medium-range ballistic missile '**Prithvi**'.

## **OBITUARY:**

### **Anna Rajam Malhotra, first Indian woman IAS officer, passed away:**

- **Anna Rajam Malhotra**, first Indian woman IAS officer after Independence, died in Mumbai on 17th September.
- She was 91 years old. The officer worked under seven Chief Ministers and at the Central government. She also served with Rajiv Gandhi, when as an MP in 1982.
- Rajaji had cited Ms.Malhotra as an **example of progressive women**.
- During her tenure, the construction of India's first computerised port **Nhava Sheva** (Jawaharlal Nehru Port) in **Mumbai** was completed.



## **Vietnam President Tran Dai Quang dead at 61:**

- Before being appointed Vietnam's President in **2016**, Quang served as the Public Security Minister.
- He was also a member of the **Communist Party** of Vietnam's Politburo, the party's top decision-making body.
- Vice-President **Dang Thi Ngoc Thinh** took over as **acting president** until a new president is chosen by the communist party's Central Committee and voted on by the National Assembly.

## **Other Important Current Affairs - Headlines:**

- ★ Time Magazine acquired By Salesforce Founders for \$190 Million.
- ★ State Bank of India appointed **Prashant Kumar** as Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- ★ Three day First-ever global '**India Tourism Mart**' held in Vigyan Bhawan, **New Delhi**
- ★ India, Sri Lanka inked MoU for Construction Of **5000-MT Temperature Controlled Warehouse** with an Indian grant assistance of 30 crore Sri Lankan rupees. The warehouse will be used for fruits and vegetables to minimize its post-harvest losses.
- ★ **Anindo Majumdar** appointed as new Secretary of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- ★ The capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved India's top two stock exchanges Bombay stock exchange (**BSE**) Ltd and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (**NSE**) to launch commodity derivatives trading from 1 October, 2018.
- ★ Anushka Sharma received Smita Patil Memorial Award for best actor.



★ Indian actress Jaya Prada appointed goodwill ambassador for Nepal tourism.

## QUIZ CORNER:

**1) Which country introduced world's first hydrogen-powered train?**

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

**Answer:- B**

**2) Which city of China will host the 2022 Asian Para Games?**

- A. Hangzhou**
- B. Guangzhou**
- C. Beijing**
- D. Nanjing**

**Answer:- A**

**3) Who has been elected as Sudan's new Prime Minister ?**

- A. Khadeer Moideen**
- B. Farooz Abdullah**
- C. Moutaz Mousa Abdallah**
- D. Fazil Khan**

**Answer:- C**



**4) Who were jointly conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award 2018, India's highest sporting honour?**

- A. Virat Kohli, Mirabai Chanu**
- B. Neeraj Chopra, Hima Das**
- C. Jinson Johnson, Smriti Mandhana**
- D. Manpreet Singh, Manika Batra**

**Answer:- A**

**5) What are the banks that are to be amalgamated as per the government's proposal to form India's third largest bank?**

- A. Indian Bank and Punjab National Bank**
- B. Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Dena Bank**
- C. Indian Overseas Bank, Dena Bank and Allahabad Bank**
- D. Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank**

**Answer:- D**

**6) Indian Air Force plans to set up a 'strategic base' in**

- A. West Bengal**
- B. Andhra Pradesh**
- C. Maharashtra**
- D. Rajasthan**

**Answer:- B**

**7) Which two actors have been signed as ambassadors of Skill India Mission (SIM) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A. Rajkumar Rao and Sonakshi Sinha**

- B. Aayush Sharma and Shraddha Kapoor**
- C. Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma**
- D. Akshay Kumar and Alia Bhatt**

**Answer:- C**

**8) India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline Project connects \_\_\_\_\_ in West Bengal and Parbatipur in Dinajpur district of Bangladesh.**

- A. Siliguri**
- B. Durgapur**
- C. Asansol**
- D. Kolkata**

**Answer:- A**

**9) Who is appointed as the Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission?**

- A. Anushakti Bhavan**
- B. Sekhar Basu**
- C. K Sivan**
- D. Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas**

**Answer:- D**

**10) Three day First-ever global India Tourism Mart held in -----.**

- A. Hyderabad**
- B. New Delhi**
- C. Bihar**

**D. Kerala**

**Answer:- B**

**11) Which drama series won 9 Emmy awards including 'Outstanding Drama Series award' 2018?**

**A. Stranger Things**

**B. The Americans**

**C. The Crown**

**D. Game of Thrones**

**Answer:- D**

**12) According to the recent report, which state MLAs top the list with an average annual income of ₹1.1 crore?**

**A. Karnataka**

**B. Chhattisgarh**

**C. Bihar**

**D. Maharashtra**

**Answer:- A**

**13) Who is set to be the World's first private passenger to fly around the Moon?**

**A. Ma Huateng**

**B. Tadashi Yanai**

**C. Masayoshi Son**

**D. Yusaku Maezawa**

**Answer:- D**

**14) Which crew Bestowed With Tenzing Norgay Award?**

- A. INSV Kadmatt**
- B. INSV Mhadei**
- C. INSV Tarini**
- D. INSV Vikramaditya**

**Answer:- C**

**15) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) announced a five-year partnership to sell life insurance products on a revenue share basis, with which of the following insurance company?**

- A. Bajaj Allianz**
- B. Life Insurance Corporation of India**
- C. Birla Sun Life**
- D. Reliance Life Insurance**

**Answer:- A**

**16) Which of the following film will represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the Oscar Awards 2019?**

- A. Batti Gul Meter Chalu**
- B. Village Rockstars**
- C. Manmarziyaan**
- D. Sanju**

**Answer:- B**

**17) Who became the first Indian to win back-to-back medal at World Junior Wrestling?**

- A. Deepak Punia**
- B. Sandeep Singh Maan**
- C. Sachin Rathi**
- D. Sajan Bhanwal**

**Answer:- D**

**18) Which two teams share top spot for the first time in FIFA rankings, published on September 20?**

- A. Portugal and Belgium**
- B. Belgium and France**
- C. France and Brazil**
- D. Brazil and Spain**

**Answer:- A**

**19) The government has hiked Interest rate on Public Provident Fund (PPF) for the October-December 2018 quarter, from existing 7.6% to \_\_\_\_\_%.**

- A. 7.9**
- B. 7.8**
- C. 8.2**
- D. 8**

**Answer:- D**

**20) India signed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ mn loan pact with World Bank for Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP).**

- A. 58**

- B. 62**
- C. 74**
- D. 89**

**Answer:- C**

**21) Who is heading India's First Human Space Flight Project ie., Gaganyaan mission?**

- A. VR Lalithambika**
- B. N Valarmathi**
- C. Ritu Karidhal**
- D. Nandini Harinath**

**Answer:- A**

**22) Exercise Avia Indra is an Air Force level exercise between India and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. China**
- B. Germany**
- C. France**
- D. Russia**

**Answer:- D**

**23) Who has been appointed as new Secretary of Central Vigilance Commission?**

- A. Bharat Lal Meena**
- B. Anindo Majumdar**
- C. Pawan Kumar Kalarwal**





**D. Kamlesh N Vyas**

**Answer:- B**

**24) Which country will join as the third strategic partner of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)?**

**A. Saudi Arabia**

**B. Qatar**

**C. Kuwait**

**D. Iraq**

**Answer:- A**

**25) India's biggest cyclotron facility 'Cyclone-30' that will produce radioisotopes vital for diagnosis and treatment of cancer recently became operational at**

**A. Varanasi**

**B. Hyderabad**

**C. Kolkata**

**D. Bhubaneswar**

**Answer:- C**

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