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## FEBRUARY 2018

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### IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

- ❑ **Nicos Anastasiades** has been elected as the new **President of Cyprus**

Capital	Nicosia
Currency	EURO

- ❑ **Jerome H Powell** has been recently appointed as the New Chairman of **Federal Reserve**

Head Quarters of Federal Reserve	Washington DC, USA
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- ❑ **Abdul Hamid** has been elected as the new **President of Bangladesh**

Capital	Dhaka
Currency	Bangladeshi Taka

- ❑ **Cyril Ramaphosa** has been recently appointed as the new **President of South Africa**

Capital	Capetown
Currency	South African Rand

- ❑ **Haruhiko Kuroda** has been appointed as the new Governor of **Bank of Japan**

Capital	Tokyo
Currency	Yen

- ❑ **Justice Mohmud Hossain** has been elected as the new **Chief Justice of Bangladesh**

President	Abdul Hamid
Prime Minister	Sheik Hasina

- Alphabet Inc- Parent Organisation of Google has named John Hennessy as the new Chairman of the Group

Head Quarters	California, USA
Google – Head Quarters	California, USA
CEO of Google	Sunder Pichai

- The Tenure of **Amitabh Kant**, who is the current **CEO of NITI Aayog**, has been extended till **June-2019** .

Static Awareness:

NITI AAYOG Replaced – Planning Commission of India	NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR TRANSFORMING INDIA
Head Quarters	New Delhi
Chairman of NITI Aayog	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Vice- Chairman of NITI Aayog	Rajiv Kumar

- Neelam Kapur** has been appointed as the New **Director General** of Sports Authority of India

Head Quarters of SAI	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports	Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore Minister of State ( Independent Charge)

- **A K Prasad** has been appointed as the new **Financial Commissioner of Indian Railways**

Head Quarters of Indian Railways	New Delhi
Number of Zones	17
Minister of Indian Railways	Piyush Goyal
Chairman of Indian Railways	Ashwani Lohani
CEO of IRCTC	Mahendra Pratap Mall

- **Chandrashekhara Kambara** a prominent Indian poet, playwright, folklorist, film director in Kannada language has been appointed as the new **President of Sahitya Academy**.

- **Sudeep Lakhatiya** has been appointed as the new **Director General of National Security Guard**

HQ of NSG	New Delhi
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- **KP Sharma Oli** has been recently appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Nepal**

Capital	Kathmandu
Currency	Nepalese Rupee

- **Michael Mc Cormack** has been appointed as the new **Deputy Prime Minister of Australia**

Capital	Canberra
Currency	Australian Dollar
Prime Minister	Malcolm Turnbull

- ❑ Hardayal Prasad has been appointed as the MD and CEO of SBI Card
- ❑ **Aravind Jamkhedkar** has been appointed as the new **Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)** which is head quartered at New Delhi
- ❑ **Pepsi Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi** has been appointed as the first female **Independent Director on Board of International Cricket Council**
- ❑ **Murali Ramaswami** has been appointed as the new **Executive Director of Vijaya Bank**

Head Quarters	Bengaluru
M D and CEO	R A Sankara Narayan

- ❑ **Rear Admiral Mukul Asthana** has been appointed as the new Assistant Chief of Naval Staff

Chief of Navy Staff	Sunil Inaba
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- ❑ **Vice Admiral R B Pandit** has been appointed as the **Commandant of Indian Naval Academy**
- ❑ **Biswamohan Mahapatra** has been appointed as the new **Non- Executive Chairman of National Payments Corporation of India**

Head Quarters of NPCI	Mumbai
MD and CEO	Dilip Asbe
Interim Chairman	B Sambamurthy

- ❑ **A K Pradhan** has been appointed as the new **Chief Risk Officer** of **Punjab National Bank**

Head Quarters of Punjab National Bank	New Delhi
MD and CEO	Sunil Mehta

- ❑ **Debashish Mukherjee** has been appointed as the new **Executive Director** of **Canara Bank**

Head Quarters of Canara Bank	Bengaluru
MD and CEO	Rakesh Sharma
Chairman	T N Manoharan

- ❑ **Rahul Mahajan** has been appointed as the Editor in Chief of Rajyasabha TV

### IMPORTANT AWARDS AND HONORS

- Indonesia's Finance Minister **Mulyani Indrawati** has won the **Best Minister Award** at the **World Government Summit** held in Dubai

Indonesia Capital	Jakarta
Currency	Indonesian Rupaiah
President of Indonesia	Joko Widodo
President of UAE	Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Capital of UAE	Abu Dhani

- "**Milk Basket**" has been adjudged as the **Startup of the Year – 2017** at the 7<sup>th</sup> National Awards for Small and Emerging Businesses
- Lai Jia Yi a Malasian Chef has won the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Young Chef Olympiad held in Kolkata, Indian Young Chef Surya Shekar Roy Choudhary has secured the Second Position.
- "**Tata Steel**" has been adjudged the World's Most Ethical Company for the Year 2018 by Ethisphere Institute based in USA

MD and CEO of Tata Steel	T V Narendran
Tata Group Chairman	Natarajan Chandrashekar
MD and CEO of Tata Motors	Guenter Butschek



- ❑ **Shyam Benegal** has been awarded the **V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award 2018** by the **Mumbai International Film Festival** for Documentary, Shorts and Animation Films
- ❑ **“Aadhaar”** won the Best Emerging Technology Award at the **World Government Summit** held in Dubai
- ❑ Government of India’s **UMANG App** won the Best **M- Government Services Award** at the **World Government Summit** in Dubai
- ❑ **Indian Origin Girl Sohini Roy** has entered the **UK Math Hall of Fame**
- ❑ **Roger Federar and Serena Willians** have been announced as the **Laureus World Sportsman of the Year 2018** and **Sportswoman of the Year 2018** respectively
- ❑ **Film Maker Ramesh Sippy** will be awarded the **First Raj Kapoor Award for Excellence in Cinema 2018**
- ❑ Eminent Veteran Hindi writer **Krishna Sobti** has won the **53rd Jnanpith Award 2017**
- ❑ Indian Born **Vikas Sathaye**, along with three others has won the **Scientific and Engineering Award at the Oscars 2018** Scientific and Technical Awards in Beverly Hills, USA
- ❑ **Shabnam Asthana** has won the Times Power Woman 2017award
- ❑ **Sanjiv Bajaj** was awarded the EY 2017 **Entrepreneur of the Year**
- ❑ **Gary Old Man Bags** Leading Actor Award at the **BAFTA Awards 2018** held in London, United Kingdom

**BANKING AND ECONOMY**

- India has contributed USD 1 Million aid to Tonga for rehabilitation efforts after the Island was hit by Tropical Cyclone Gita

Capital	Nuku'alofa
Currency	Tongan pa'anga

- RBI has announced to set up an Ombudsman for NBFCs (Non-Banking Finance Companies)
- RBI has set up an expert committee under the chairmanship of Y H Malegam, former Member on Board of Directors of RBI to monitor Bad Loans, rising cases of frauds and audits
- Government has announced to revise base years of GDP and IIP to 2017-18 from 2011-12
- Equitas Bank has rolled out Selfesavings – A digital Savings Account
- HDFC Bank has become India's first Bank to cross Rs 5 trillion Market Capital

Head Quarters	Mumbai
Head - MD and CEO	Aditya Puri

- Punjab National Bank has signed MoU with National e-Government Services for Information and Technology Utility
- Bank of Baroda has exit from Operations in South Africa

Head Quarters	Vadodara
MD and CEO	P S Jayakumar

- ❑ SBI planned restructuring in UK, it will become State Bank of India UK Limited in compliance with wider ring-fencing of capital requirements by the Bank of England.

- ❑ Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Limited has commenced operations as a Payments bank from February 2018.

- ❑ Government of India has signed USD 100 Million Loan Agreement with New Development Bank for Rajasthan Water Project

Head Quarters of NDB or BRICS Bank	Shanghai, China
President of New Development Bank (NDB)	K V Kamath

- ❑ Government of India has signed a USD 84 Million Loan Agreement with Asian Development Bank(ADB) for improvement and expansion of water supply in few select districts of Bihar

Head Quarters of ADB	Mandaluyong, Philippines
President of Asian Development Bank (NDB)	Takehiko Nakao

- ❑ International Solar Alliance has signed Joint Financial Partnership Declaration with European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for Cooperation on Renewable Energy Projects

Head Quarters of ISA	Gurugram, India
Director General of ISA	H E Upendra Tripathy
Head Quarters of EBRD	London, United Kingdom
President of EBRD	Suma Chakrabarti

- ❑ Indian Overseas Bank has received 173.06 Crore of Capital Infusion from the Government

Head Quarters of IOB	Chennai
MD and CEO	R Subramaniakumar

- ❑ YES Bank has recently listed India's first USD 600 Million MTN Bond on IndiaINX

Head Quarters of YES Bank	Mumbai
MD and CEO of YES Bank	Rana Kapoor

- ❑ RBI has relaxed Priority Sector Lending Rules for the Banks recently by removing the earlier cap of 10 Crores per MSME borrower to be considered as Priority Sector Lending

Head Quarters of RBI	Mumbai
Governor of RBI	Dr Urjit Patel

- ❑ Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has made it mandatory to file online claims for provident fund withdrawals above Rs 10 lakh

Head Quarters of EPFO	New Delhi
MD and CEO of EPFO	V P Joy

- ❑ Bad Loans of State Bank of India are the Highest among all the Public Sector Banks

Head Quarters of State Bank of India	Mumbai
MD and CEO of State Bank of India	Rajnish Kumar
Total Number of Branches of SBI	13000

- ❑ Punjab National Bank has recently been in the limelight for its Biggest Fraud in Mumbai Jeweller- Nirav Modi Case of Rs 11,360 Crore

- ❑ Rakesh Singh has been appointed as the new Private Banking Head of HDFC Bank
- ❑ YES Bank has announced that it will be raising USD 1 Billion by 2023 to finance Solar Energy Projects in India
- ❑ National Housing Board has recently approved merging of IDFC Bank and Capital First

Head Quarters of NHB	New Delhi
MD and CEO of NHB	Sriram Kalyanaraman

- ❑ Government has made PAN mandatory for all transactions above Rs 2.5 Lakh
- ❑ Government of India has categorized 9500 NBFCs under “High Risk Category”
- ❑ Indian Post Payment Banks is all set to introduce digital Payments in Post Offices by April 2018

Head Quarters of IPPB	New Delhi
MD and CEO of IPPB	Suresh Sethi

- ❑ Central Statistical Organisation has revised GDP estimates of India in 2016-17 to 7.1%
- ❑ SBI launched Global NRI Centre in Kochi
- ❑ Inland Waterway Authority of India has inked Pact and signed USD 375 Million Loan Agreement with World Bank for Jal Marg Project on River Ganga
- ❑ Paytm has set up two new Insurance Companies – Paytm life Insurance Corporation Ltd and Paytm General Insurance Corporation Ltd

Head Quarters of Paytm	Noida
MD and CEO of Paytm	Renu Satti

- ❑ Moody Investor Services based in London, UK has estimated India’s growth at 7.6% in 2018
- ❑ RBI has raised currency derivative limit to USD 100mn

- ❑ SIDBI and CRISIL have launched CriSidEx, India's first MSE index for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)

Head Quarters of SIDBI	Lucknow
MD and CEO of SIDBI	Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji
Head Quarters of CRISIL	Mumbai
MD and CEO of State Bank of India	Ashu Suyash

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- ❑ NITI Aayog and World Bank have jointly launched “Healthy States, Progressive India Report” which is topped by Kerala, Tamilnadu and Punjab in the Overall Best Performance Category
- ❑ Government has extended anti-narcotics scheme for three more years
- ❑ Northern Railways has announced to start an All- Weather Glass-Roof AC Train with 4 Seats in Kashmir to enhance tourism in the valley

Chief Minister of J and K	Mehbooba Mufti Sayeed
Governor of J and K	Narinder Nath Vohra

- ❑ Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has bagged an order worth 560 crore from National Thermal Power Corporation for setting up a system for emission Control.

HQ of BHEL	New Delhi
Head of BHEL	Atul Sobti

- ❑ Claimed to be the First Online Radio Station of India –Radio Umang has been launched in February 2018
- ❑ Government of Maharashtra has approved new Wild Life Sanctuary in Ghodazari in Chandrapur District

NATIONAL PARKS IN MAHARASHTA
GUGAMAL NATIONAL PARK
CHANDOLI NATIONAL PARK
SANJAY GANDHI NATIONAL PARK
NAVEGAON NATIONAL PARK
TADOBA NATIONAL PARK

- Government has announced to Merge Three General Insurance Companies - National Insurance Co Ltd, United India Insurance Co Ltd and Oriental India Insurance Company in the recent budget

National Insurance Co Ltd	K. Sanath Kumar	Kolkata
United India Insurance Co Ltd	Nagaraja Sarma	Chennai
Oriental India Insurance Company	A.V.Girija Kumar	New Delhi

- Uttar Pradesh Government has signed agreement with Amazon India to facilitate online selling of Khadi Products

Chief Minister of UP	Yogi Adityanath
Governor of UP	Ram Naik

- Tamilnadu Government has signed an agreement with Microsoft to accelerate Cloud Technology

Chief Minister of Tamilnadu	Edappadi K Palaniswami
Governor of Tamilnadu	Banwarilal Purohit

- Gandhinagar Railway Station of Jaipur has become India's first fully female Operated Station

Chief Minister of Rajasthan	Vasundhara Raje
Governor of Rajasthan	Kalyan Singh

- Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh has inaugurated the International R&D Conclave 'in New Delhi



- ❑ First Northeast Regional Centre for Agriculture was inaugurated in Mizoram by Government of India.

Chief Minister of Mizoram	Lal Thanhawla
Governor of Mizoram	Nirbhay Sharma

- ❑ The India – Bangladesh Friendship Gate has been inaugurated by Governor of Meghalaya – Ganga Prasad
- ❑ India’s First Artificial Intelligence Centre launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chief Minister of Maharashtra	Devendra Fadnavis
Governor of Maharashtra	C Vidyasagar Rao

- ❑ Maharashtra Government has topped the list of Largest share of Exports and Largest Tax base of GST
- ❑ Prime Minister has flagged off Queen – Hamsafar Express between Mysuru and Udaipur at Mysuru Railway Station In Karnataka

Chief Minister of Karnataka	Siddaramaiah
Governor of Karnataka	Vajubhai Vala

- ❑ Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh N Chandrababu Naidu is the Richest Minister in the country
- ❑ First ever Pelican Festival held at Atapaka Bird Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh
- ❑ Government of India has opened Commercial Coal Mining Sector to Private Sector
- ❑ Environmental Ministry has launched “Green Good Deeds” campaign for climate change and global warming
- ❑ Indian Railways has announced to introduce Sanitary Pad Dispensers and Incinerators at 200 Railway stations
- ❑ Pullela Gopichand, Indian Badminton Player has launched the India’s largest Train the Trainer Programme.

- ❑ Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change in collaboration with Government of Delhi has launched the “Clean Air Campaign” for Delhi City
- ❑ Maharashtra has become the first state in the country to have a Transgender Welfare Board
- ❑ India’s largest floating Wetland Treatment launched in Nekkampur lake of Hyderabad, Telangana

Chief Minister of Telangana	K Chandrashekar Rao
Governor of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh	E S L Narasimhan

- ❑ India’s first Aviation Multiskill development centre has been launched in Chandigarh
- ❑ Uttar Pradesh has got the first Butterfly Park in Kanpur
- ❑ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the Global Theatre Olympics in New Delhi
- ❑ Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation – Ms Uma Bharati has inaugurated the Swachh Bharat Sanitation Park in New Delhi
- ❑ Indian Railways is going to set up a coach factory in Lathur District of Maharashtra
- ❑ Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister has laid foundation stone for Rhodendron Park in Tawang
- ❑ South Central Railway has become the first railway zone in the country with 100% LED lightings at station
- ❑ Government of Jharkhand has announced to set up Dada-Dadi Park in every city of the state

Chief Minister of Jharkhand	Raghubar Das
Governor of Jharkhand	Draupadi Murmu

- ❑ Minister of state for Rural Development - Ram Kripal Yadav has announced that all villages in the country will be linked by Roads by Year 2019 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- ❑ Nitin Gadkari has released the first ever Highway Capacity Manual
- ❑ Bhalupani Village in Chhattisgarh has received electricity for the first time since Independence
- ❑ Government of India has decided to develop Karnataka's Pride Hampi as an "Iconic" tourism site
- ❑ UIDAI has introduced Special Blue Colored Aadhaar Card called "Baal Aadhaar" for children under the age of 5 Years

HQ of UIDAI	New Delhi
Chairperson of UIDAI	J Satyanarayana

- ❑ Botanical Survey of India has inked MoU with National History Museum, UK for cooperation in the field of Taxonomic Studies, research and training and conservation in India

HQ of Botanical Survey of India	Kolkata
Director of Botanical Survey of India	Paramjit Singh

- ❑ India's the energy and resource Institute has signed a partnership with Island Nation FIJI for assistance in talking Climate Change effects and achieving environmental sustainability
- ❑ Government of Maharashtra has announced to launch Cheap Sanitary Pad Schem – "Asmita Yojana" to provide sanitary pads to girl students and women in rural areas
- ❑ Government of India has roped in Nandan Nilekani to assist the government in developing IT Infrastructure for National Health protection Scheme
- ❑ Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkhari has laid foundation stone for National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts at IIT Chennai
- ❑ Google India has signed an agreement with NCERT to start a course on Digital Citizenship and Safety" in Information and Communication Technology Curriculum
- ❑ ONGC to introduce Asia's first large scale CO2 injection technique in Gujarat

- ❑ Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under its scheme “Development of Solar Cities has approved 60 Cities to be developed as Solar Cities
- ❑ Home Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated India’s first Spoken Sanskrit Course in Gujarat University
- ❑ Indian Railways is set to get the first high-speed electro locomotive in March 2018 which can run at a Maximum speed 120kmph. The locomotives are manufactured by Indian Railways in collaboration with Alstom Ltd

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**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- ❑ Amazon has become the World’s Third Most Valuable Company. Apple has topped the list of World’s Most Valuable Company
- ❑ Pakistan has approved “Mandarin” as one of its three official Languages

Capital	Islamabad
Currency	Pakistani rupee

- ❑ Saudi Arabia has announced that it will allow women to open their Businesses in the country without obtaining any consent from the Male Guardian

Capital	Riyadh
Currency	Saudi Riyal

- ❑ World’s first driverless transports pods unveiled in Dubai
- ❑ Dubai has opened the world’s Tallest Hotel –Gevora
- ❑ India is going to become the guest of honor at the Janadriyah festival in Saudi Arabia
- ❑ Dubai International Airport is the World’s Busiest Airport
- ❑ Sweden has committed USD 370 Million of aid to UN World Food Programme which is the biggest ever contributed by a donor WFP Strategic Partnership Agreement
- ❑ The first Hindu Temple is inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Abu Dhabi
- ❑ China is elected as the new Vice- President of Financial Action Task Force
- ❑ Prince Charles has launched USD 10 Million Dollar Development Impact Bond from British Asian Trust with an objective to help improve education for over 2 lakh children in India

Capital of United Kingdom	London
Currency	Pound Sterling

- ❑ In a report release by UNICEF, Pakistan is the riskiest place to be born

Head Quarters of UNICEF	New York USA
Head of UNICEF	Anthony Lake

- ❑ According to a study by Transportation analytics company INRIX, Thailand is the world's worst traffic congestion country in 2017
- ❑ Singapore has announced to introduce Carbon Tax from 2019

Capital	Singapore City
Currency	Singapore Dollar

- ❑ India and UK have launched a joint research projects on Water Quality Research and Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment
- ❑ India International Textile Expo is organized in Colombo, Srilanka

Capital	Colombo
Currency	Sri Lankan rupee

- ❑ India contributed USD 1 Million to UN Development Partnership Fund which is earmarked for South-South Cooperation
- ❑ United Arab Emirates has made a world record by opening the World's Longest Zip Line of 2.83 Km in length

Capital	Abu Dhabi
Currency	United Arab Emirates dirham

**SUMMITS, CONFERENCES, IMPORTANT VISITS**

- ❑ A two-day International Conference on Sustainable Biofuels was inaugurated by Union Minister for Science and technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan which was organized by Department of Biotechnology held in New Delhi.
- ❑ Mahamastakabhisheka Utsav was inaugurated by the President – Ram Nath Kovind in Karnataka
- ❑ 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister is held in New Delhi
- ❑ Vice- President Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the 8<sup>th</sup> edition Global Theatre Olympics in New Delhi
- ❑ World Sustainable Development summit 2018 is held in New Delhi which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of TiE Global summit is held in Mumbai
- ❑ Regional Conference on water resources is held in Hyderabad. Ministers of six southern states- Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry and Telangana have participated in the conference
- ❑ The 44<sup>th</sup> edition of the Khajuraho Dance festival-2018 was inaugurated by Governor of Madhya Pradesh Anandiben Patel
- ❑ 5<sup>th</sup> South Asia Region Public Procurement conference is held in New Delhi
- ❑ World Government Summit is held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- ❑ China is going to host the 2018 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation SCO meeting in Qingdao Province of China

Capital	Shanghai
Currency	Renmimbi

- ❑ Prime Minister has inaugurated the World Information Technology Congress 2018 in Hyderabad, Telangana
- ❑ India is going to host the first International Solar Alliance Summit in New Delhi in March 2018
- ❑ Canadian Prime Minister will attend the Canada – India business forum in Mumbai, Maharashtra

- ❑ Prime Minister has inaugurated UP Investors summit in Lucknow
- ❑ President Ram Nath has inaugurated Agricon 2018 and Agriexpo 2018 in Kanpur
- ❑ National Conference – Agriculture 2022 – Doubling Farmer’s Income was organised by The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)
- ❑ FICCI along with The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has organized the biggest Global Conference on Pharma Industry and Medical Devices in Bengaluru
- ❑ Global Investment Summit is organized in Assam which was inaugurated by Prime Minister – Narendra Modi

Chief Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal
Governor	Jagdish Mukhi

- ❑ Minister of Development of North-East Region, Dr Jitender Singh has inaugurated a two-day International Conference on Unani Medicine as part of Unani Day Celebration in New Delhi
- ❑ First Ever International Kala Mela organized by Lalita Kala Academy in association with Military of Culture has been inaugurated in New Delhi by Vice – President M Venkaiah Naidu
- ❑ 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility is held in Bengaluru which was organized by the Institute of Directors
- ❑ India – Russia agriculture Business summit is held in New Delhi
- ❑ The sixth conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) of India Region was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan and held in Patna, Bihar
- ❑ Minister for Health and Family Welfare has addressed at the Global Digital Health Partnership Symposium at Sydney, Australia
- ❑ First ever Pelican Festival held at Atapala Bird Sanctuary in Kolluru Andhra Pradesh
- ❑ The third Partnership summit of Confederation of Indian Industry was inaugurated by Vice- President M Venkaiah Naidu was held in Visakhapatnam
- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> India – Korea business summit was addressed by PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi



- ❑ The 7<sup>th</sup> India Energy Congress was inaugurated by Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy R K Singh which was organized by World Energy Council India in New Delhi
- ❑ The 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela was held in Faridabad, Haryana

Chief Minister	Manohar Lal Khattar
Governor	Prof Kaptan Singh Solanki

- ❑ World Security conference is held in Munich to discuss pressing security issues, including North Korea's nuclear and missile programs and the Syrian civil war.
- ❑ University grants Commission has formed a 4-member Empowered Expert Committee headed by N Gopala swami to shortlist 20 Institutions of Eminence
- ❑ National Meet on Grassroot Informatics – VVID 2018 is held in New Delhi which was inaugurated by Minister for Electronics and Information Technology – Ravi Shankar Prasad
- ❑ International Conference on Demetrios Galanos and His Legacy has been organized in New Delhi
- ❑ India has joined Ashgabat Agreement on the establishment of an International Transport and Transit Corridor between the Iran, Oman, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- ❑ Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri R.K. Singh has inaugurated the Indian Power Stations 2018 in New Delhi

**RANKING AND INDEX, DEFENCE NEWS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS,  
BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

**Ranking and Index:**

<b>Name of the Report</b>	<b>Publishing Organisation</b>	<b>HEAD OF THE ORGANISATION AND HEAD QUARTERS</b>	<b>Rank of India</b>	<b>Rank – 01 in the List</b>
Akamai State of the Internet Security Q4 2017 (Targeted Nation for Web Application Attacks)	Akamai Technologies	HQ: Massachusetts, USA Head CEO - Frank Thomson Leighton	7 <sup>th</sup>	
Healthy States – Progressive India Report	NITI Aayog	HQ New Delhi Head Chairman – Prime Minister	Kerala Punjab Tamilandu	
World University Rankings	Times Higher Education		29 <sup>th</sup> IISC	National University of Singapore – Asia's top University
International Intellectual Property Index	US Chambers of Commerce	HQ: Washington DC, USA Head: President and CEO Tom J. Donohue	44 <sup>th</sup> /50	USA
New Born mortality Rate	UNICEF	HQ: New York USA Head : President - Tore Hattrem Executive Director – Anthony Lake	12 <sup>th</sup> / 52 of Low Income	Safest Nation : Japan

Global Phosphorous Pollution Index	Water Resources Research	Published by American Geophysical Union USA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	China
World's Busiest International Airports				Dubai International Airport
World's Richest Cities	New World Wealth	HQ: Head :	Mumbai 12 <sup>th</sup> /15	New York, USA
Best Think Tanks in the World	Think Tanks and Civil Societies Programme	HQ: University of Pennsylvania, USA Head :	No-1 Think Tank in India	Centre for Science and Environment
Global Corruption Perception Index	Transparency International	HQ Berlin, Germany Head MD – Patricia Moreira	81 <sup>st</sup> / 180	New Zealand
Inclusive Internet Index 2018	Conducted by Economic Intelligence Unit Commissioned by Facebook	HQ London, England HEAD Economist Group	47 <sup>th</sup> / 86	Sweden
World's Busiest Single Runway Airport	Education Network	HQ Sydney	Mumbai 01 <sup>st</sup>	
Largest Habitat of Irrawaddy Dolphins Globally			Chilika Lake, Odisha India	
Wealthiest Countries	New World	HQ	6 <sup>th</sup>	USA

in the World	Wealth	Johannesburg, South Africa		
Military Balance 2018 World Highest Military Spending	International Institute for Strategic Studies	HQ London, UK Head Director – General John Chipman	5 <sup>th</sup> USD 52.5 Billion	USA
World’s Most Ethical Company	Ethisphere Institute	HQ Arizona, USA	TATA Steel and Wipro	01 <sup>st</sup> – Manpower Group
Forest and Tree Cover	Food and Agriculture Organisation	HQ: Rome Italy Head: Director-General José Graziano da Silva Joe Wright	08 <sup>th</sup>	

### DEFENCE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- ❑ ISRO is planning to build Igloos for astronauts on moon
- ❑ Russia has launched an unmanned Cargo ship from space station in Baikonur, Kazakstan
- ❑ For the first time a Chief of Staff of US Air force David L Goldfein flew India’s Light Combat Vehicle “Tejas”, he was accompanied by Indian Airforce Vice Marshal AP Singh as co-pilot
- ❑ Sixth Interceptor Boat V-410 built for Indian Coast Guard launched by Bharati Defence and Infrastructure Ltd in Mangalore, Karnataka
- ❑ Indigenously built Light Transport Aircraft SARAS successfully finished his second test flight

- ❑ India successfully flight tested indigenously developed Nuclear Capable, Agni I ballistic Missile
- ❑ India has successfully test fired Indigenously developed nuclear capable missile Prithvi II from a test range in Odisha
- ❑ World's most powerful rocket to Mars- Falcon Heavy was launched by Space X from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida
- ❑ First of its kind Medium Voltage training lab for Indian navy is commissioned by Siemens India at INS Valsura, Gujarat
- ❑ Minister of State for Power and Renewable Energy - R K Singh has launched web based monitoring system and Fly ash mobile application called ASH TRACK
- ❑ Dubai Road and Transport Authority has unveiled World's First Autonomous Pods in collaboration with Next Future Transportation
- ❑ China has successfully launched Zhangheng-1, a seismo-electromagnetic satellite to study Earth precursors from Jiuquan Satellite launch centre in Gobi Desert
- ❑ ISRO is planning to launch India's second lunar mission Chandrayaan – 2 in April 2018
- ❑ Kerala government will soon replace humans by deploying robots to clean Manholes – the name of the Robot is “Bandicoot”
- ❑ India successfully test fired medium range nuclear capable Agni – II missile from Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha
- ❑ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has developed first flight of Hawk-I with Indigenous Real Time Operating System
- ❑ Indian Navy successfully test fired nuclear capable ballistic missile “Dhanush”
- ❑ Japan has successfully launched world's smallest satellite through a mini-rocket into the orbit from Uchinoura Space Centre in Japan
- ❑ DRDO has successfully test fired indigenously built un manned aerial vehicle Rustom – 2 in Chitradurga District of Karnataka
- ❑ Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has developed an e-com portal and mobile app “marine fish sales” to help fishermen sell their products
- ❑ Ministry of Defence has started the process to start India's first defense Industrial corridor – Quad linking Chennai with four other cities of Tamilnadu to promote industries manufacturing weapons and military equipments.

- ❑ 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of India – Seychelles Joint Army Exercise – “Lamitye” begins in Seychelles
- ❑ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitaraman appointed a panel headed by Vinay Sheel Oberoi to expedite capital acquisition
- ❑ Chinese Technology giant Huawei and telecom services provider Bharti Airtel have conducted a successfully 5G network trail in India
- ❑ Indian Navy’s Scorpene class submarine INS Karanj was inducted into Indian Navy
- ❑ Cobra Gold Military exercise recently concluded in Thailand. Seven Countries participated in the exercise – Thailand, The US, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Singapore
- ❑ A 12 Day India – Indonesia joint military exercise – Garuda Shakti held in Bandung, Indonesia
- ❑ Indian woman Air Force Officer – Avani Chaturvedi has become the country’s first woman to fly a fighter jet Russian made MiG-21 solo.
- ❑ Maldives declined India’s invitation to Join Naval exercise “Milan”
- ❑ Tri Series Indian maritime exercise “Paschim lehar”, between Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard has concluded off the western coast of India

### BOOKS and AUTHORS

Name of the Book	Author	Released by
Mere Sapnon ka Bharat – Best Interviews of Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Compiled by Tarun Vijay	Launched by Home Minister Rajnath Singh
Exam Warriors	P M Narendra Modi	Minister of External Affairs – Sushma Swaraj
Even when there is a Doctor	Dr Yashwant Amdekar, Dr Rajesh Chokhani, Dr Krishnan Sivaramakrishnan	Launched by Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

DAY	OBSERVED AS	OBSERVED BY	HEAD AND HQ
FEBRUARY 01 <sup>st</sup>	Indian Coast Guard Day	Indian Coast Guard	HQ: New Delhi  Head: Director General Rajendra Singh
FEBRUARY 04 <sup>TH</sup>	WORLD CANCER DAY	United Nations	HQ: New York, USA  Head: Secretary General Antonio Guterres
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Radio Day	United Nations	HQ: New York, USA  Head: Secretary General Antonio Guterres
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	World Day of Social Justice  The theme for 2018 is- "Workers on the Move: The Quest for Social Justice".	United Nations	HQ: New York, USA  Head: Secretary General Antonio Guterres
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	International Mother Language Day	United Nations	HQ: New York, USA  Head: Secretary General

	The theme for 2018 was- "Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development"		Antonio Guterres
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Central Excise Day	Central Excise Department, India	HQ: New Delhi Head: Vanaja N Sharma
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	National Science Day  Theme of 2018: Science and Technology for a sustainable future	India	
Assam Government has recently announced that it will observe Rhino Day year on September 22 <sup>nd</sup>			



SPORTS

<b>First Asian to Swim across Ocean 7</b>	Rohan More
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Senior National Women's Hockey Championship</b>	Indian Railways – Women
<b>Indian Sports Persons in Forbes India 30 Under 30 achievers list</b>	Cricketer - Jasprit Bumrah Cricketer - Harmanpreet Kaur Hockey – Savita Punia Shooter – Heena Sidhu
<b>Highest Runs Scorer in T-20 Cricket</b>	Martin Guptill
<b>First Indian to take 5-Wickets in all formats</b>	Bhuvneshwar Kumar
<b>Indian Cricket Women's Team player to be offered DSP Post in Punjab Police Force</b>	Harmanpreet Kaur
<b>State which has won the Vijay- Hazare Cup – Cricket</b>	Karnataka
<b>Player to become World No-1 in Tennis</b>	Roger Federar
<b>Laureus Word Sports Awards Winner</b>	Male: Roger Federar Female : Serena Williams
<b>First Player to Score 100 Goals for One Club in Football</b>	Christiano Ronaldo
<b>U-19 Cricket World Cup</b>	<b>India</b>
<b>National Men's Singles title in Table Tennis</b>	Sharath Kamal – 8 <sup>th</sup> time

<b>India Open International Boxing Tournament , New Delhi</b>	MC Mary Kom – Gold
<b>Best Indian Golfer in the World</b>	Shubankar Sharma
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Edition of National Chess Championship for the Blind</b>	Kishan Gangolli
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Indian Golfer to Qualify for China LPGA Tour</b>	Sharmila Nicolett
<b>World's First Robot Ski Competition</b>	South Korea
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Indian to win Individual Medal at Gymnastics World Cup</b>	Aruna Budda Reddy
<b>Austrian Open International Challenge – Men's Singles - Badminton</b>	Parupalli Kashyap
<b>Swiss Open – Men's Singles title – Badminton</b>	Sameer Verma
<b>Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament</b>	Gold Medal – Vikas Krishan Best Boxer of the Tournament  Silver Medal – MC Mary Kom and Silver Medal – Seema Poonia
<b>India Open 2018 – Badminton</b>	Gold – Beiwen Zhang (USA) Silver – P V Sindhu
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Woman in the World to take 200 Wickets</b>	Jhulan Goswami
<b>First Khelo India School Games</b>	New Delhi  First Gold Medal – Anu Kumar

<b>Australia's Alan Border Medal</b>	Stevan Smith
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Edition of Theatre Olympics</b>	New Delhi
<b>Chennai Open ATP Challenger Title - Tennis</b>	Jordan Thomson
<b>Rotterdam Open Title – Tennis</b>	Roger Federar
<b>Country topped the medals tally at PyeongChang Winter Olympics 2018– South Africa</b>	Norway

**FIRSTS IN INDIA AND WORLD IN FEBRUARY 2018**

- ❑ Pullela Gopichand, Indian Badminton Player, has launched India's largest "Train the Trainers" Programme
- ❑ India's largest Floating Treatment Wetland has been launched in Nekkampur Lake, Hyderabad, Telangana
- ❑ India's first Aviation Multi Skill Development Centre Launched by Civil Aviation Minister – P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju in Chandigarh
- ❑ Home Minister has inaugurated, first of its Kind in India, Spoken Sanskrit Centre in Gujarat University
- ❑ First ever Pelican Bird Festival was held at Atapaka Bird Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh
- ❑ India's first high speed electric Locomotive which will run at 120kmph will be launched in March 2018
- ❑ South Central Railway has become the 1<sup>st</sup> Railway Zone with 100% LED lighting at all stations
- ❑ India's first ever highway capacity manual was launched by Minister for Road Transport and Highways – Nitin Gadkari
- ❑ India's First Artificial Intelligence Centre will be set up in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❑ India's first state to clear business and investment projects digitally – Uttar Pradesh
- ❑ World's Longest Zip Line has been inaugurated by United Arab Emirates
- ❑ World's tallest hotel – Gevora has been opened in Dubai, UAE
- ❑ First Cryptocurrency Rich list – published by Forbes was topped by Chris Larsen – Ripple co-founder
- ❑ India's first USD 600 Million MTN Bond on IndiaINX has been listed by YES Bank
- ❑ Sweden contributed USD 370 Million to World Food Programme, Biggest by any Donor within the WFP strategic partnership Agreement
- ❑ First International Solar Alliance meet will be held in New Delhi in March 2018

- ❑ Chilika lake in Odisha has become the World's Largest habitat of Irrawaddy Dolphins
- ❑ India's first MSE Sentiment Index "CriSidex" has been launched by CIRSIL and SIDBI
- ❑ India's first Defence Industrial corridor is going to come between Chennai – Bengaluru
- ❑ India's first 5G Trail is conducted by Bharati Airtel and Huawei
- ❑ The First Raj Kapoor Award for Excellence in Cinema is announced to Filmmaker – Ramesh Sippy
- ❑ India's 1<sup>st</sup> Woman to fly a fighter Jet – Mig-21 "BISON" individually is Avani Chaturvedi
- ❑ First Hindu Minority Woman Lawmaker in Pakistan – Krishna Kumari
- ❑ World's first Autonomous Pods is unveiled in Dubai, UAE
- ❑ Claimed to be India's first Online Radio Station – Radio Umang Launched
- ❑ Indian Woman Cricketer Jhulan Goswami became the first woman in the World to take 200 ODI Wickets
- ❑ Rohan More has become the World's Youngest and first Asian Swimmer to complete Ocean 7 Challenge
- ❑ World's first Robot Ski Competition was held in South Korea
- ❑ Renowned Foot Ball Player – Cristiano Ronaldo has become the First Player in the Champions League History to score 100 Goals for a Single Club
- ❑ Roger Federer has recently become the Oldest World No 01 in Tennis
- ❑ First Indian to win an Individual medal at the Gymnastics World Cup – Aruna Budda Reddy
- ❑ India's First Bank to cross 5 Trillion Market Capitalization – HDFC Bank
- ❑ World's Busiest International Airport – Dubai International Airport
- ❑ World's Busiest Single Runway International Airport – Mumbai International Airport
- ❑ First Hindu Temple in Abu Dhabi was inaugurated by Prime Minister – Narendra Modi
- ❑ India's biggest conference on Pharma Industry and Medical Devices was held in Bengaluru Karnataka

## OBITUARIES

PERSON	COUNTRY	PROFESSION
Louis Zurich	New York USA	Actor
Sudha Karmakar	India	Founder of Children's Theatre- Bal Rangbhumi – Little Theatre in Mumbai
John Mahoney	Chicago, USA	Actor
Madavoor Vasudevan Nair	India	Kathakali Maestro
Chandrasekhar Rath	India	Odia Litterateur
Muzaffar Hussain	India	Journalist
Ruud Lubbers	Netherlands	Longest Serving Prime Minister of Netherlands
Dr B K Goyal	India	Padmashri Awardee and Cardiologist
Kunhiraman Panoor	India	Malayalam Writer
Kunwar Bai	India	Chhattisgarh Swachh Bharat Ambassador
Sridevi	India	Actress
Kanakalata Mohanty	India	Odia Writer

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