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## MARCH 2018

### MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS



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## IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>		
<b>President of Armenia</b>		Armen Sarkisian
Capital Yerevan	Currency Dram	Prime Minister Karen Karapetyan
<b>President of Russia</b>		Vladimir Putin
Capital Moscow	Currency Ruble	Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev
<b>President of Peru</b>		Martin Vizcarra
Capital Lima	Currency Sol	
<b>President of Myanmar</b>		Win Myint
Capital Naypyidaw	Currency Kyat	
<b>Re-elected as President of China</b>		Xi Jinping
<b>Vice President of China</b>		Wang Qishan
<b>Capital</b>		Currency

<b>Beijing</b>	Yuan/ Renmimbi
<b>President of Egypt</b>	Abdel Fattah al-sisi
Capital Cairo	Currency Egyptian Pound
<b>President of Nepal</b>	Bidya Devi Bhandari
Capital Kathmandu	Currency Nepalese Rupee
<b>Prime Minister of China</b>	Le Keqiang
<b>Prime Minister of Ethiopia</b>	Abiye Ahmed
Capital Addis Ababa	Currency Birr
<b>German Chancellor</b>	Angela Merkel
Capital Berlin	Currency EURO
<b>Governor of People's Bank of China</b>	Yi Gang
<b>India's Ambassador to Lebanon</b>	Ravi Thapar
Capital Beruit	Currency Lebanese Pound
<b>India's Ambassador to Republic of Belarus</b>	Sangeeta Bahadur

Capital Minsk	Currency Belarusian ruble
<b>India's Ambassador to Afghanistan</b>	Vinay Kumar
Capital Kabul	Currency Afghani
<b>India's Ambassador to Republic of Korea</b>	M Gotsurve
Capital of South Korea Seoul	Currency Won
<b>India's representative to the Executive Board of UNESCO</b>	J S Rajput
Head of UNESCO Audrey Azouley	Head Quarters Paris, France
<b>UK Skills Ambassador</b>	Sanjeev Gupta
Capital of UK London	Currency Pound Sterling

<b>NATIONAL</b>	
<b>Chief Minister of Nagaland</b>	Neiphiu Rio
Governor	Padmanabha Acharya
<b>Chief Minister of Meghalaya</b>	Conrad Sangma
Governor	Ganga Prasad
<b>Chief Minister of Tripura</b>	Biplab Kumar Deb
Governor	Thathagata Roy
<b>MD of HCL Infosystems</b>	Rangarajan Raghavan
<b>Brand Ambassador of Gaming Platform Dream 11</b>	M S Dhoni
<b>Special Director in Enforcement Directorate</b>	Vivek R Wadekar
<b>First Woman Combat Officer in ITBP</b>	Prakriti
Director General of ITBP	Krishna Chaudhary
<b>Uber India's Brand Ambassador</b>	Virat Kohli
<b>Director General of Press Information Bureau</b>	Sitanshu Kar
<b>Additional Charge as Governor of Odisha</b>	Satyapal Malik – Governor of Bihar

Additional Charge of Ministry of Civil Aviation	Suresh Prabhu Minister of Commerce and Industry
CEO of Ayushman Bharat Mission	Indu Bhushan
Deputy Election Commissioner of India	Chandra Bhushan
Chief Election Commissioner of India	Om Prakash Rawat
Director General of Border Roads	Gen Harpal Singh
Chairperson of National Green Tribunal	Jawad Rahim
Twitter Chief Technology Officer	Paras Aggarwal

### IMPORTANT AWARDS AND HONORS

Political and Public life Awards – Lifetime Achievement Award Britain’s Asian Voice weekly Newspaper	Shartughan Sinha
Pride of Birmingham Award	Indian Origin –Harry Athwal
World No-1 Airport handling more than 40 Million Passengers per annum –Airports Council International	Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
World’s best airport for customer experience	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
Pritzker Prize 2018 winner	Balkrishna Vthai Das
Best Exhibitor Award at ITB Berlin	India
Academy Award for Nobel Prize, USA	Dr Ketzia David Prakasham
International Kochon Prize for TB Research	International Council of Medical Research
Newton-Bhabha fund for ground water arsenic research project	India – UK joint team
Festival International du Film pour enfants de Montreal Fim “Grand Prix de Montreal Award”	Indian Film – Halkaa



Best of India short film festival in USA	Shunyata
UK Golden Flame Award	Veteran Actress Simi Garewal
Abel Prize 2018	Robert Langlands
Most Informative Pavilion Award at Indian Science Congress in Imphal	DRDO- Defence Research Developmental Organization
GK Reddy memorial award for 2017	Karan Thapar for Journalism
Best Regional Airport in India and Central Asia –Skytrax Awards	Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
Frederick Pincott Award for 2017	South Asian Cinema Foundation
Water Digest Award for best water conservation and Irrigation facility	Chhattisgarh State
Forbes 30 under 30 list	Actress – Anushka Sharma Badminton Player – P V Sindhu
IE 100 2018 List – by Indian Express list of most powerful Indians	Narendra Modi
G D Birla Award for Scientific Research for 2017	Dr. Rajan Sankaranarayanan
Pavilion Award at 105 <sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress	National Highway Authority of India
J C Daniel Award	Sreekumaran Thampi

**BANKING AND ECONOMY**

- ❑ SIDBI has signed an MoU with CSC e-governance services for improve accessibility of credit to underserved MSMEs through Udyami Portal.
- ❑ Asian Development Bank Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, African Development Bank, New Development Bank and Green Climate fund have signed Joint Financial Partnership declarations with International Solar Alliance
- ❑ Collection of Passport details of borrowers by Banks made mandatory for obtaining loans Rs 50 Crore and above
- ❑ A penalty of 2 Crore has been levied on Indian Overseas Bank for non-compliance with Know Your Customer Norms
- ❑ Penalty of Rs 40 Lakh has been levied on State Bank of India for flouting fake note norms
- ❑ Citibank has launched Home Loans scheme with rate of interest linked to a 90-day T- Bill and will change every quarter
- ❑ ICICI Bank has partnered with Swiggy for launching UPS based digital payment service.
- ❑ Society for World Interbank Financial Telecommunication Systems Platform(SWIFT) has introduced Universal Global Payment Innovation Tracker.
- ❑ Kotak Mahindra Bank has become the first Bank in the country to launch Artificial Intelligence based – Voice bot – “KEYA”

- ❑ Government constituted a committee on issues related to fintech sector headed by secretary of department of finance.
- ❑ A penalty of 3 Crore has been imposed by RBI on Axis Bank for noncompliance with instructions related to Income Recognition and Asset Classification norms
- ❑ European Investment Bank has signed an MoU with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency for USD 150 Million for a second line of credit which will be used for financing renewable projects in India
- ❑ SEBI has raised the limit under Exchange Traded Currency Derivatives limit to USD 100 Million
- ❑ Government of India has signed an MoU with Asian Development for improving railway infrastructure to improve efficiency of Indian Railways
- ❑ Reserve Bank of India has scrapped Letter of Credits and Letter of Comfort for trade credits in the wake of recent fraud in Punjab National Bank
- ❑ Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has signed an MoU with Reserve Bank of India for better implementation of IBC 2016.
- ❑ State Bank of India has signed an MoU with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation for offering Mortgage Guarantee to its customers
- ❑ India has been approved as the 69<sup>th</sup> member of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. US is the largest shareholder of the Bank
- ❑ Reserve Bank of India has allowed a higher limit of Rs 5000 Crore for Foreign Portfolio Investors to go long in Interest Rate Futures

- ❑ RBI has lifted per borrower loan cap for MSME which was Rs 5 Crore and Rs 10 Crore for Micro/Small and Medium enterprises respectively considered as Priority sector lending.
- ❑ World's first Brass futures contracts have been launched by Multi commodity stock exchange of India
- ❑ EXIM Bank has extended a USD 500 Million loan to facility to 15 Nation group in Africa
- ❑ India signs USD 80 Million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank for boosting the Youth employability in Himachal Pradesh
- ❑ Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd has commenced operations as the small finance bank in March 2018
- ❑ Punjab Government has signed MoU with e-Governance foundation of Nandan Nilekani for maintaining e –governance of urban local bodies in the state.

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ❑ A multi utility vehicle aimed at promoting technology to the remote corners of the state – NAIPUNYA RATHAM has been inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh by CM Chandra Babu Naidu
- ❑ Inland ferry service has been inaugurated by Minister of Road Transport and Waterways, Nitin Gadkari in Vasco, Goa
- ❑ Krem Puri – World’s longest sandstone cave has been discovered in Meghalaya
- ❑ Jackfruit has been declared as the Kerala’s official fruit in March 2018
- ❑ Government of India is setting up a plastic park in Deogarh Dist of Jharkhand at a cost of 120 Crore in 150 Acre Campus.
- ❑ The NCAA – National Cultural Audiovisual Archives has become the World’s first trusted digital repository authorization body as per ISO 16363:2012 granted to it in March 2018
- ❑ Ministry of Power has signed an understanding with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to train man power in states for better and faster implementation of Saubhagya Scheme (PM sahaj bijli har ghar yojana).
- ❑ As per recent National Annual rural sanitation survey, 77% homes in rural India have got toilets and 93% of the beneficiaries are using the toilets.
- ❑ India’s first insect museum opened at Tamilnadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore in Tamilnadu.

- ❑ Ministry of Finance has approved guarantee of Rs 5000 Crore for Indian Railways Finance Corporation Bonds being subscribed by Life Insurance Corporation of India for 2017-18
- ❑ Surat, Gujarat has become the first district in the country to have 100% solar powered health centres.
- ❑ Kadaknath Chicken of Madhya Pradesh, the black meat of which is in demand in certain parts of the state has got a geographical Indication tag recently.
- ❑ The first unit of 110MW Kishanganga hydroelectric project has been commissioned by BHEL in March 2018
- ❑ India based Neutrino Observatory in Theni Dist, Tamilnadu has been approved by Ministry of Environment and Forests in March 2018.
- ❑ Field Inspection and Scientific evaluation committee by government of India to investigate into illegal cultivation of HT Cotton in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- ❑ Confederation of Indian Industry will be setting up a multi skill development center in Darjeeling announced by Director General of CII Chandrajit Banerjee
- ❑ International Air Transport Association has tied up with Ministry of Civil Aviation and National Aviation University to improve human resource availability in Indian Aviation Industry
- ❑ Asia's largest Tulip garden – Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Jammu and Kashmir has been opened for the public in March 2018.
- ❑ PAN-Aadhaar linking has been extended by CBDT till June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

Chairman of CBDT	Sushil Chandra
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- ❑ First Indian sign language dictionary of 3000 Words has been launched by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- ❑ National Medicinal Plants board of the Ministry of AYUSH will be set up by the Government of Himachal Pradesh in Jogindernagar Town with an initial funding of Rs 7.48 Crore
- ❑ National Institute of Fashion Technology will conduct a National sizing survey of India to develop a India Size Chart for the garment Industry
- ❑ India's longest elevation road – Hindon elevated road has been inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh by CM Yogi Adityanath
- ❑ 100 m high India's tallest tricolor flag hoisted in belagavi, Karnataka
- ❑ Banswadi railway station in Bengaluru becomes the first station in South western railways zone to be an all –women railway station
- ❑ Diu has become the first and only union territory to be 100% Solar Energy efficient.
- ❑ 70 years of successful Indo- Russia ties marked by the event Vision for future.
- ❑ Headquarters of Animal Welfare board has been shifted from Chennai to Haryana
- ❑ Government of India has sanctioned Rs 1000 Crore for II Phase of IMPRINT Programme – Impacting research innovation and technology

- ❑ First Mega food park of Rajasthan has been inaugurated by Minister of Food Processing Industries – Harsimrat Kaur Badal in Roopangarh Village, Ajmer
- ❑ First India- Japan Disaster risk reduction has been inaugurated in New Delhi jointly organized by Government of Japan, Ministry of Home Affairs and National Disaster Management Agency in march 2018
- ❑ Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship has been inaugurated by President – Ram Nath Kovind in March 2018 which is jointly organized by Department of Science and Tech, National Innovation Foundation, India
- ❑ India's first coastal policing academy has been inaugurated in Okha, Gujarat
- ❑ National Nutrition Mission has been launched by PM Narendra Modi which is formulated with a three-year budget starting at 9046 crore starting in 2017-18
- ❑ Government of India has launched I-metro an association of all metro rail companies in India
- ❑ India's first Floating Laboratory has been set up in Loktak Lake to continuously monitor and improve the water quality of the lake in Manipur
- ❑ India's first helicopter taxi launched in Bengaluru between Electronic City and Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- ❑ World's largest Solar Park Shakti Sthala inaugurated in Tumkuru Dist of Karnataka



- ❑ First Mega Food Park of Maharashtra has been inaugurated in Satara by Minister of Food Processing Industries – Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- ❑ MoU has been signed between India and Canada for cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property rights
- ❑ MoU signed between India and Zambia in the field of Judicial Cooperation
- ❑ MoU signed between India and UK for cooperation and exchange of Information to combat international crime and tackling serious organized crime
- ❑ Government of India has approved restructuring of the composition of Boards of National Skill Development Fund and National Skill Development Corporation for better governance and monitoring framework
- ❑ MoU has been signed between India and Guyana in the field of Renewable Energy
- ❑ Double Taxation Anti Avoidance agreement has been signed by India and Iran
- ❑ MoU has been signed between India and Iran for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Activities
- ❑ MoU between India and France on Migration and Mobility partnership and environment
- ❑ MoU between India and Jordan for cooperation in the field of Manpower
- ❑ MoU between India and Macedonia for cooperation in the field of Health

- ❑ MoU between India and Fiji for cooperation in the field of Renewable energy
- ❑ Government of India approves Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection, and Rehabilitation) bill 2018 aimed at dealing with trafficking of Human beings
- ❑ Ministry of Women and Child Development approved projects worth Rs 2,900 Crore under Nirbhaya fund for eight major cities to make the cities safer for women.
- ❑ International Solar Alliance and government of India have signed a Host country agreement in New Delhi
- ❑ Government of Assam has signed an MoU with Airports Authority of India for sustainable development of human settlements in Kamrup district of the state.
- ❑ Indo-French center of excellence has been inaugurated in Bangalore, Karnataka for imparting vocational training to engineers in electricity, automation and energy management
- ❑ Bihar Governor Satyapal Malik has taken additional charge as governor of Odisha.
- ❑ Double Taxation Anti Avoidance agreement has been signed by India with Qatar
- ❑ MoU has been signed between India and Srilanka for cooperation in the field of Information and Technology

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ❑ President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Word Hindi Secretariat in Port Louis, Mauritius in March 2018
- ❑ The last diesel locomotive has been handed over to Myanmar by India which was built at Diesel Locomotive Works in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ World's Largest cruise ship "Symphony of the Seas" has set its maiden voyage from France in the Mediterranean Sea.
- ❑ 11 Countries – Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam have signed Trans Pacific Partnership agreement in March 2018 which was rejected by USA
- ❑ National Policy on Nuclear Energy Program has been approved by Saudi Arabia in March 2018
- ❑ Sierra Leone becomes the first country to run a block chain based solution to count votes in its recent election.
- ❑ Qatar is contributing USD 50 Million for UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees
- ❑ Philippines has announced withdrawal from International Criminal Court in March 2018
- ❑ Government of India has signed an MoU with Russia and Bangladesh to participate in construction and installation works of Rooppur Atomic Power Plant in Bangladesh.

- ❑ Pakistan will be placed on the “Grey List” of Financial Action Task Force from June 2018
- ❑ Marshall Islands has become the first country in the world to launch its own cryptocurrency

### SUMMITS, CONFERENCES, IMPORTANT VISITS

Summit	Inaugurated by/ Headed by	Place
1 <sup>st</sup> National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement	MoS for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	New Delhi
Indian Metros : Collaboration for Excellence	Launched I-Metros an association of all metro companies in India	New Delhi
Asia Pacific Regional Conference – of the International Association of Police	Inaugurated by Minister of Home Affairs Rajnath Singh	New Delhi
5 <sup>th</sup> India Maize Summit	Organized by FICCI	New Delhi
National Conference on Down Syndrome	Inaugurated by Kamlesh Kumar	New Delhi

	Pandey Chairman – National Trust under Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	
Informal WTO Ministerial Meeting		New Delhi
3 <sup>rd</sup> edition of National Conclave on Mines and Minerals	Organized by Ministry of Mines	New Delhi
1 <sup>st</sup> International Exhibition of Graphic Prints “Print Biennale India 2018”	Organized by Lalit Kala Academy	New Delhi
2-day National Legislators Conference	Theme : We for Development	New Delhi
1 <sup>st</sup> summit of International Solar Alliance	Co-hosted by President of India <b>Ram Nath Kovind</b> President of France <b>Emmanuel Macron</b>	New Delhi
27 <sup>th</sup> Technological Conference of Indian Jute Industries Research Association	Minister of Textile, Information and Broadcasting	Kolkata, West Bengal
Kerala’s first Global Digital Summit	Inaugurated by CM Pinarayi Vijayan	Kochi

	m-Kerala App launched during the event	
Chief Information Security Officer Summit	Organized by Kaspersky	Chennai
Wings India 2018	Biennial event on Civil Aviation and Aerospace inaugurated by Telangana IT Minister K T Rama Rao	Hyderabad
1 <sup>st</sup> regional conference on mass rapid transport system for urban areas	Ministry of Finance, ASSOCHAM, AIIB organized the conference	Kolkata
5 <sup>th</sup> World Ocean Summit	Hosted by Economist Group	Mexico
World ATM Congress (WAMTC 2018)	World's largest International Air Traffic Management exhibition Airports Authority of India participated in the exhibition	Spain

UNRWA Extraordinary Ministerial Conference	Hosted by Government of Jordan, Sweden and Egypt	Rome, Italy
1 <sup>st</sup> G20 meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors		Buenos Aires, Argentina

**RANKING AND INDEX, DEFENCE NEWS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY 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>
Worldwide Cost of Living 2018	Economic Intelligence Unit	Head: Robin Bew HQ : London, UK	124 New Delhi 129 Bangalore	Singapore

Speed test Global Index	Ookla	Headquartered in USA	67 <sup>th</sup> Fixed Broadband 109 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Internet Speeds	Singapore Fixed Broadband Norway Mobile Internet Speeds
World's Best Airport	Skytrax Consultancy		Mumbai International Airport 63 <sup>rd</sup>	Changi Airport Singapore
MasterCard Women Entrepreneurs Index	MasterCard	Headquartered at USA	52 <sup>nd</sup>	New Zealand
Global Multidimensional Poverty Index	Oxford and Poverty Development Initiative	Headquartered at UK	66 <sup>th</sup>	
Energy Transition Index	World Economic Forum	Head : Klaus Martin Schwab HQ : Switzerland	78 <sup>th</sup> / 114	Sweden



Global Firepower List 2018	Global Firepower	Headquartered in USA	4 <sup>th</sup> / 133	United States of India
Knight Frank Wealth Report	Knight Frank	Headquartered at London	16 <sup>th</sup> – Mumbai	Monaco
World's Happiness Report 2018	UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network		133 <sup>rd</sup> / 156	Finland
Quality of Governance Survey	Government of India		Pune Topped the List	
Quality of Living Survet	Mercer	HQ: New York USA		Vienna, Austria
Countries facing Web borne Threats	Kaspersky Lab		33 <sup>rd</sup>	USA
First USD 100 Billion Mogul on Forbes List			Amazon CEO – Jeff Bezos	
Hunan Global Rich List			India has 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest number of Billionaires in the World 819 Billionaires – 1 <sup>st</sup> China	

Institute of Criminal Research Policy, India	India is the least criminal country
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## DEFENCE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- ❑ Brahmos supersonic missile successfully test fired from Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- ❑ Lockheed Martin is going to setup F-16 jet production unit in India
- ❑ Government of India has signed MoU with Jordan for cooperation in the field of defence.
- ❑ Coast Guard has commissioned Interceptor Boat C-437 at Porbandhar
- ❑ Indo – French naval exercise Varuna – 2018 has concluded in Goa in March 2018
- ❑ Bharti Infrastructure and Defence Ltd Delivered C 162 Interceptor Boat to Coast Guard.
- ❑ India – US test fired M777 ultra-light weight howitzers in Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- ❑ MILAN 2018 – first ever multinational naval exercise hosted by Indian Navy held in Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- ❑ India successfully test fired Ati tank guided missile – NAG in desert conditions in Pokhran Rajasthan
- ❑ India's first cloned buffalo is born in Assam named Sach – Gaurav.
- ❑ Director Generals of BSF, India and Border Guard, Bangladesh have declared 8.3 km stretch of Indo- Bangladesh border as crime free zone.

- ❑ Multilateral Air force exercise - HADR “SAMVEDNA”– Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster relief exercise has concluded off the coast of Kerala in March 2018.

### BOOKS and AUTHORS

Name of the Book	Author	Released by
“A tribute to Jagu”, book on former BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmia		Srilankan Cricket Association
Mahila Suraksha – handbook	Shmila Administration	CM – Jai Ram Thakur

### IMPORTANT DAYS

DAY	OBSERVED AS	OBSERVED BY	HEAD AND HQ
MARCH 01 <sup>st</sup>	Zero Discrimination Day	UNAIDS	HQ: Geneva, Switzerland  Head:

			Michel Sidibe
MARCH 03 <sup>rd</sup>	World Wild Life Day	UN General Assembly	HQ: New York, USA Head: Miroslav Lajcak
MARCH 08 <sup>th</sup>	International Women's Day	Suggested at International Socialist Women's Conference in 1910	
MARCH 15 <sup>th</sup>	World Consumer Rights Day	---	---
MARCH 20 <sup>th</sup>	International Day of Happiness	United Nations	HQ : New York, USA Head: Antonio Guterres
MARCH 21 <sup>st</sup>	International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination	---	---

MARCH 21 <sup>st</sup>	International Day of Forests	Theme : Forests and Sustainable Cities	
MARCH 22 <sup>nd</sup>	World Water Day	Theme : Nature for Water	---
MARCH 23 <sup>rd</sup>	World Meteorological Day	Theme : Weather Ready, Climate Start	---
MARCH 24 <sup>th</sup>	World TB Day	Theme : Wanted : Leaders for a TB- Free World	---
MARCH 27 <sup>th</sup>	World Theatre Day	International Theatre Institute	HQ : Paris, France Head: Tobias Biancone

**SPORTS**

<p>Asian Wrestling Championship</p>	<p>Navjot Kaur – Gold                  Women’s 65 kg freestyle event                  Vinesh Phogat – Silver                  Women’s 50kg free style event                  Sangeeta – Bronze                  Women’s 59 kg freestyle event</p>
<p>ISSF – International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup, held in Mexico</p>	<p>Shahzar Rizvi – Gold                  Manu Bhaker - Gold                  Jitu Rai – Bronze                  Mehuli Ghosh – Bronze                  Ravi Kumar - Bronze</p>
<p>Indian Wells Masters 2018 – Tennis held in California, USA</p>	<p>Men’s Singles  <b>Juan Martin Del Potro</b>                  Women’s Singles  <b>Naomi Osaka</b></p>
<p>ISSF Junior World Cup held in Sydney, Australia</p>	<p>Gold – Elavenil Valarivan                  Gold – Anish Bhanwala                  Gold – Muskan Bhanwala                  Bronze – Arjun Babuta</p>
<p>National triathlon Championship</p>	<p><b>Gold medal</b></p>

	Samira Abraham Bishworjit Singh
Inaugural Snooker Team IBSF Worldcup in Doha, Qatar	India Pankaj Advani and Manan Chandra
Interstate National Tennis Championship, held in Chhattisgarh	Maharashtra
Rapid Event at 11 <sup>th</sup> Tal Memorial Chess in Moscow, Russia	Viswanathan Anand
Deodhar trophy Cup 2017-18	Winner - India – B Team
Sultan Azlan Shah Cup – Hockey 2018, held in Malaysia	Australia
FMSCI National Motor Sports Person of the Year	Anindith
Cricket Team with ODI status for the first time	Nepal
Wisden India Almanack's Cricketer of the Year	K L Rahul
Nidahas Trophy 2018 – Cricket	Winner – India
F-1 season's first grand prix in Australia	Sebastian Vettel

### FIRSTS IN INDIA AND WORLD IN MARCH 2018

India's first helicopter Taxi Services launched	Bengaluru
India's first state-led incubator for women launched	Government of Telangana in Hyderabad
India's first Coastal Policing Academy	National Academy of Coastal Policing, Okha, Gujarat
South Asia's first ever co-working and co-play space launched	Gurugram, Haryana
First and the only Union Territory to be 100% Solar Energy Efficient	Diu
First all women railway station in South Central Zone	Banaswadi Railway Station
World's first trusted digital repository	National Cultural Audiovisual Archives
First Indian Sign Language Dictionary of 3000 Words launched by	Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment



First district in the country to have 100% solar powered health Centers	Surat
India's first Insect Museum launched	Coimbatore, Tamilnadu
First country in the world to run a block chain-powered election	Sierra Leone
First Bank in India to introduce AI- powered Voice based Autobot	Kotak Mahindra Bank
World's first Brass futures contract	Multi commodity exchange of India
First Passenger Plane to land in Sikkim	Spice Jet from Kolkata
First Woman officer in Combat role of ITBP	Prakriti
World's Largest Solar Park – Shakti Sthala	Tumkur, Karnataka
3 <sup>rd</sup> Largest Electricity Producer in the World as per a report by India Brand Equity Foundation	India China -01 <sup>st</sup>
Asia's largest Tulip Garden opened for visitors recently	Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden Jammu and Kashmir

World's Largest Cruise Ship – “Symphony of the Seas”	France
India's largest Wind turbine generator commissioned by Suzlon	Tamilnadu
Largest Arms Supplier to India – report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute	Russia
India's longest elevated road inaugurated in	Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh
World's longest stand stone cave discovered in India	Meghalaya
India's highest tricolor hoisted in	Belagavi Karnataka
As per report from World Bank – Tax rates under GST in India	World's Second Highest
First Director General of National Testing Agency	Vineet Joshi

## OBITUARIES

PERSON	COUNTRY	PROFESSION
Khagendra Jamatia	India	Tripura State Fisheries and Corporation Minister
Prafulla Das	India	Litterateur
Davide Astori	Italian	Footballer Aged 31
Sarat Mohanty	India	Odisha - Actor
Shammi	India	Veteran Bollywood Actress
Pyarelal Wadali	India	One of the Singers of Wadali Brothers
Ken Dodd	UK	Comedian
Sir John Sulston	UK	Scientist
Ranjan Roy	India	Senior Journalist
Stephen Hawking	UK	Scientist
M Sukumaran	India	Writer – Kerala

Kedarnath Singh	India	Veteran Hindi Poet
Les Payne	USA	Journalist, Pulitzer Prize Winner
R K Dorendra Singh	India	Former Manipur Chief Minister

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