

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF AUGUST 2018

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

<p>In which event the Indian team won their fifth consecutive gold medal at the 18th Asian Games?</p> <p><i>The Indian women's relay team led by Hima Das clinched the top position in the women's 4x400 relay finals with a timing of 3:28:72. It was India's fifth consecutive gold medal in the event as India has been winning the gold in this event since 2002 Asian Games.</i></p>	Women's 4x400 relay
<p>Who created history by becoming the first Indian badminton player to win a silver medal at the Asian Games?</p> <p><i>In the final she lost to Taiwanese world number one Tai Tzu Ying (21-13 21-16) in Jakarta.</i></p>	P V Sindhu
<p>Which Indian athlete ended India's 48-year wait for a gold medal in the men's triple jump event at the Asian Games?</p> <p><i>India had last won a medal in this event in 1982 and the last gold medal came in 1970 which was won by Mohinder Singh Gill.</i></p>	Arpinder Singh
<p>Who became the first Indian female badminton player to win an individual Asian Games medal and the first Indian in 36 years to win a singles Asiad medal?</p> <p><i>She won the bronze medal after she lost to world no.1 Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in Women's singles event.</i></p>	Saina Nehwal
<p>Who was appointed as India's High Commissioner to United Kingdom succeeding Y K Sinha?</p>	Ruchi Ghanashyam
<p>What percent of the demonetised currency has been returned, as per the Annual Report 2017-18 of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?</p>	99.3 per cent
<p>By which year ISRO will launch the Human Spaceflight Mission Gaganyaan?</p>	2022
<p>Which software company launched Project Navlekha to help Indian news publishers to take their content online?</p>	Google
<p>Union Government signed MoU with 6 states (Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh) for construction of Lakhwar Multi-Purpose Project in Uttarakhand. The project is constructed on which river?</p>	Yamuna
<p>Which city is hosting SAARC Agri Cooperative Business Forum from 28th August 2018?</p>	Kathmandu
<p>Who became the first Indian javelin-thrower to win an Asian Games gold medal?</p>	Neeraj Chopra

<i>He broke his own national record by clearing a distance of 88.06m.</i>	
Who became the first Indian to win an Asian Games individual medal since 1982 in Equestrian?	Fouaad Mirza
Name the scientific adviser to the Defence Minister who was appointed as the Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for a period of two years?	G Satheesh Reddy
Where was the International Water Colour Festival 2018 celebrated to promote the rich art and culture of Jharkhand?	Ranchi
Which city hosted the 3rd Indian Ocean Conference (IOC-2018)?	Hanoi
Name the veteran journalist and former Rajya Sabha member who passed away at the age of 95? <i>Some of the famous books written by him are India After Nehru, Between The Lines, India: The Critical Years and Distant Neighbours: A Tale of the Subcontinent.</i>	Kuldip Nayar
Who was appointed as the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) succeeding N N Vohra?	Satya Pal Malik
Who has become the youngest shooter at the age of 15 to win silver in the men's double trap event in Asian Games 2018?	Shardul Vihan
Which Indian personality was conferred with the prestigious World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award?	S K Arora
Which state has decided to rename its new capital Naya Raipur to Atal Nagar in honour of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who passed away on August 16?	Chhattisgarh
Who was appointed as the Governor of Sikkim?	Ganga Prasad
The 6th International Buddhist Conclave 2018 was held in which city from 24th August? <i>The event was organised with an aim to encourage the prominent Buddhist heritage and pilgrim sites in the State of Maharashtra.</i>	Aurangabad
For which upcoming election the Supreme Court has scrapped the use of 'None Of The Above' (NOTA) option? <i>A Bench, led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra held that the NOTA option is meant only for universal adult suffrage and direct elections.</i>	Rajya Sabha election
Who has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Asian Games?	Vinesh Phogat
High Court of which state has ordered the CBSE to publicise 'no homework, no bag' rule for Class I & II?	Tamil Nadu
Who was conferred with the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award?	Gopalkrishna Gandhi

Which Indian wrestler won gold in the 65kg men's category on the first day of Asian Games 2018?	Bajrang Punia
Name the indigenously developed Helicopter launched anti-tank guided missile which was successfully flight tested from Army Helicopter in the ranges of Pokhran?	HELINA
The Barak 8 missile defence system is a joint venture of India and which country? <i>The system is designed to defend naval vessels against incoming missiles, planes and drones.</i>	Israel
Which state will observe September as the "month of nutrition" to create awareness among people living in the state about nutrition?	Rajasthan
Name the Managing Director and CEO of Allahabad Bank who was dismissed by the Central Government in relation with the Nirav Modi bank fraud case? <i>She had been MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB) between August 2015 and May 2017, before moving to Allahabad Bank.</i>	Usha Ananthasubramanian
Name the former Indian cricket captain who passed away on August 15, 2018? <i>He led team India to their first overseas Test wins in England and the West Indies in 1971.</i>	Ajit Wadekar
Name the former Lok Sabha speaker and the 10-time Member of Parliament (MP) of the Lok Sabha who passed away recently?	Somnath Chatterjee
Which bank recently introduced Iris Scan Authentication for Aadhaar-based transactions through micro ATMs? <i>The bank is first in India to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets.</i>	Axis Bank
Which Bollywood actor was appointed by the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari as the brand ambassador of road safety campaign in India?	Akshay Kumar
Who has become the first woman chief justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court?	Gita Mittal
Name the former Prime Minister of India who passed away on August 16, 2018?	Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Who won the Hindu Playwright Award 2018 for the play Untitled-1?	
Union Railways Minister Piyush Goyal announced a 50 per cent reservation for _____ in the upcoming recruitment of 9500-10000 jawans for the Railway Protection Force (RPF), in a bid to create more employment opportunities.	women

Who has been elected as the new deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha?	Harivansh Narayan Singh
Name the DMK chief and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister who passed away on August 7, 2018?	M Karunanidhi
On which day 76th anniversary of Quit India movement was observed across India?	8th August
On which day National Handloom Day is celebrated in India?	7th August
Which committee recommended that Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) should seek power to tap phone calls?	TK Viswanathan committee
The world's first-ever facility to create thermal batteries was inaugurated in which state?	Andhra Pradesh
What was India's rank in the Global Innovation Index 2018? <i>The index was based on the theme– Energizing the World with Innovation.</i>	57
High Court of which state recently banned the commercial use of elephants?	Uttarakhand
Who was awarded Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards for the year 2017?	Bhartruhari Mahtab

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Which country hosted the fourth BIMSTEC Summit from 30 to 31 August 2018? <i>The 5th BIMSTEC Summit will be hosted by Nepal. BIMSTEC stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation. It is a multilateral group of seven countries: India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.</i>	Sri Lanka
Which organisation recently launched world's first public blockchain bond named bond-i? <i>Bond-i is an acronym standing for Blockchain Offered New Debt Instrument.</i>	World Bank
Which Asian country has imposed retaliatory 25 per cent taxes on US products worth 16 billion dollars? <i>Earlier United States has imposed 25 percent tariffs on 16 billion dollar worth of goods coming into the US from this Asian country.</i>	China
Which country has launched its first state-of-the-art domestic fighter jet Kowsar?	Iran
Name the Nobel Peace Laureate and former UN Secretary General who passed away on August 18, 2018?	Kofi Annan

<i>He was the only African to helm the post of United Nations Chief. He served for two terms from 1997 to 2006.</i>	
On which day the World Humanitarian Day was observed across the world?	19th August
Which country hosted the 11th World Hindi Conference?	Mauritius
Who swore as the new President of Paraguay for a five-year term?	Mario Abdo Benitez
Who sworn as the 22nd Prime Minister of Pakistan?	Imran Khan
On which day International Youth Day was observed across the world?	12th August
On which day World Elephant Day was observed?	12th August
Name the Indian American who is soon going to step down as Pepsico CEO after 12 years of helming the post?	Indra Nooyi
Which country topped the Global Innovation Index for the eighth consecutive year in 2018?	Switzerland
The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia freezed its trade ties with which nation over its interference in Gulf Kingdom's internal affairs?	Canada
Which country won the Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 beating Ireland in the final? <i>The country won the world cup for the record 8th time.</i>	Netherlands