

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JULY 2018

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

<p>The Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) has been brought under which Ministry recently?</p> <p><i>Earlier the CRIF fund was under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.</i></p>	Ministry of Finance
<p>Which private sector bank was awarded the best performing primary lending institution in Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for the EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and LIG (Low Income Group) category?</p> <p><i>The award was given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.</i></p>	HDFC Bank
<p>Which software has been launched by the Union IT Ministry to enable editing of text printed on scanned documents?</p> <p><i>The software can be downloaded for free from IT Ministry website. The software supports editing in seven Indian languages - Hindi, Bangla, Malayalam, Gurmukhi, Tamil, Kannada &amp; Assamese.</i></p>	e-Aksharayan
<p>Which country designated India as a Strategic Trade Authorization-1 (STA-1) country and eased the export controls for high-technology product sales to it?</p> <p><i>With this, India has become the only South Asian nation to be on the list.</i></p>	USA
<p>Which Indian state will soon have its first 'cow sanctuary', a shelter for 10,000 bovines spread over an area of more than 220 hectares?</p> <p><i>For the cow sanctuary a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed with a private trust and it will be setup in Bikaner district.</i></p>	Rajasthan
<p>The Union Government launched the National Viral Hepatitis Control programme to mark the World Hepatitis Day, 2018. With this initiative, by which year the Government is strongly committed to work towards elimination of viral hepatitis?</p>	2030
<p>Which committee headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge recently submitted its report on "Data Protection Framework" to Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad?</p> <p><i>The Committee was constituted by the Union Government in July last year to deliberate on a data protection framework.</i></p>	Justice BN Srikrishna
<p>Which Government body has launched 'Mission Satyanishtha' to wipe out corruption?</p> <p><i>The mission aims at sensitizing all railway employees about the need to adhere to good ethics and to maintain high standards of integrity at work. The</i></p>	Indian Railways

<p><i>daylong event was held on 27th July 2018 at National Rail Museum, New Delhi.</i></p>	
<p>In which state over 40 Lakh people were left out of the final draft of National Register of Citizens (NRC)?</p> <p><i>The list verifies 2.89 crore people, out of the 3.29 crore who had applied, as legal citizens of India.</i></p>	Assam
<p>The Department of Telecom in July 2018 approved merger of which two telecom companies?</p> <p><i>The merger will create the country's biggest telecom operator and it will dislodge Bharti Airtel, the current market leader with 344 million customers, from its pole position.</i></p>	Vodafone India and Idea Cellular
<p>Which state government has decided to take up census for backward classes?</p>	Telangana
<p>Name the Indians who won the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Asian version of the Nobel Prize?</p>	Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk
<p>Which platform was launched by Shri. R Ramanan, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission and Shri.Arvind Gupta CEO, MyGov which will serve as the common point for all the innovation happening across the nation?</p> <p><i>Some of the features of this platform are:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. The platform is open to all Indian citizens</i></li><li><i>2. The users can View, comment, share, and rate the innovations crowdsourced on this platform.</i></li><li><i>3. View the leaderboard which is calculated based on the votes on each innovation.</i></li></ol>	#InnovateIndia
<p>Which Indian state assembly has passed a unanimous resolution to change the state's name to Bangla, following up on a two-year-old effort to move the state up the alphabetical order of India's states?</p> <p><i>The resolution will now go to Union Home Ministry for approval.</i></p>	West Bengal
<p>On which day the Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year in India?</p>	26th July
<p>The Union government constituted which high-level committee to check mob lynching?</p>	Rajiv Gauba committee
<p>Which city will host the 3rd edition of Kabira festival 2018?</p> <p><i>The festival celebrates the spirit of 15th-century mystic poet Kabir.</i></p>	Varanasi
<p>Which city hosted the 18th International Children's Film Festival?</p>	Kolkata
<p>In which city NABARD launched the South East Asia's first-ever Centre for Climate Change (CCC)?</p>	Lucknow
<p>The Lok Sabha passed the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2017 that seeks to amend the Negotiable Instruments Act. The Act was passed in</p>	1881

<p>which year?</p> <p><i>The act has the provision of allowing a court trying an offence related to cheque bouncing, to direct the drawer to pay interim compensation to the complainant, etc.</i></p>	
<p>What is the name of state-of-the-art Air Quality and Weather Forecast System launched by Science &amp; Technology, Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest &amp; Climate Change Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan?</p> <p><i>The system, first of its kind in the country, was developed indigenously in record time by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune and operationalized by India Meteorological Department (IMD).</i></p>	SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting)
<p>Which state topped the list of best-governed states as per Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2018 released by the think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC)?</p> <p><i>The index has been released annually since 2016. The index examines governance performance in the states through a data-based framework, ranking them on social and economic development they are able to provide. Founded in 1994 by renowned Indian economist and scholar late Samuel Paul, the think tank works to mobilise a demand for better governance in the country.</i></p>	Kerala
<p>Name the Indian football player who was named 2017 AIFF Player of the Year?</p> <p><i>Kamala Devi was adjudged the 2017 AIFF woman Player of the Year.</i></p>	Sunil Chhetri
<p>Name the former ally of NDA which had moved the no-confidence motion against the ruling NDA government?</p> <p><i>Congress, CPI, CPI (M), TMC and AAP supported the motion.</i></p>	Telugu Desam Party (TDP)
<p>In which bank the LIC board has approved acquisition of up to 51 per cent stake?</p> <p><i>LIC stake buy will help the debt-ridden state-owned bank to get capital support of Rs 10,000 to Rs 13,000 crore.</i></p>	IDBI Bank
<p>Rita Bhaduri, who passed away recently, belonged to which field?</p>	Films
<p>In respect of which temple the Supreme Court has observed that women also have the fundamental right to enter it?</p>	Sabarimala
<p>On 17th July 2018, who was appointed by the Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal as the sports ambassador of Assam?</p> <p><i>She created history by winning gold in women's 400m event at IAAF World Under-20 Championships at Tampere in Finland.</i></p>	Hima Das
<p>Which company has opened the world's largest mobile factory in India?</p>	Samsung
<p>Which Indian athlete won the gold medal in javelin throw at the Sotteville</p>	Neeraj Chopra

Athletics meet in France?	
The Government of which state has granted religious minority status to Jewish community living in the state?	Gujarat
Which state topped the Ease of Doing Business Rankings in the recently released Business Reform Action Plan?  <i>The ranking, which was introduced in 2015 with 285 action points, expanded to 372 measures in 2017 spread across 12 areas, including registering property, paying taxes and labour regulation enablers.</i>	Andhra Pradesh
Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?  <i>The NGT disposes cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.</i>	Adarsh Kumar Goel
Name the telecom company which has unveiled first internet telephony service in the country that will allow users to dial any telephone number in India through its mobile app Wings?	BSNL
The Union Government has set up a high-level task force to identify various items and policy interventions to reduce dependence on import. Name the Cabinet Secretary who will be the chairman of this task force?	P K Sinha
Which state recently launched the 'Anna Canteens' across the state which will offer subsidised food to the poor?  <i>About 100 canteens were opened in 35 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across Andhra Pradesh in the first phase. They would serve breakfast, lunch and dinner for just ₹5 a plate on week days.</i>	Andhra Pradesh
India overtook which country to become world's sixth-largest economy in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), according to figures released by World Bank?  <i>As per World Bank report, India's GDP reached \$2.597 trillion in 2017, while it was at US \$2.582 trillion for France. The United States, China, Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom occupy top 5 places with GDP of US \$19.390 trillion, US \$12.237 trillion, US \$4.872 trillion, US \$3.677 trillion, US \$2.622 trillion respectively.</i>	France
Rajya Sabha has, for the first time in 76 years since it came into being, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a foreign counterpart for promoting inter-parliamentary dialogue. Thus, who became the first Chairman of Rajya Sabha to sign such an agreement when he inked an MOU with the visiting President of the Senate of the Republic of Rwanda, Mr. Bernard Makuza?	Venkaiah Naidu
Who became the first Indian to win a gold in the vault event of the Gymnastics World Challenge Cup 2018?  <i>The world cup was held at Mersin, Turkey.</i>	Dipa Karmakar

High Court of which state accorded the status of 'legal person or entity' to animals in the State?  <i>According to the High Court, animals have a distinct persona with corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person.</i>	Uttarakhand
Name the mobile application which was launched by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for people to report model code violations during elections?	cVigil
Who was appointed as the Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) & Chairman of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)?	P K Shrivastava
Which veteran cricketer became the fifth Indian player to be named in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame?	
Which State has decided to celebrate Independence Day of India as Shaheed Samman Diwas to honour martyrs?	Madhya Pradesh

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Who sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Pakistan?  <i>He is the leader of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf party.</i>	Imran Khan
On which date World Hepatitis Day was observed across the world?  <i>The theme for the year 2018 was "Test. Treat. Hepatitis".</i>	28th July
Which city hosted the BRICS Summit 2018?	Johannesburg
Which planet makes its closest approach to Earth in last 15 years on July 31, 2018?  <i>On that day, the two planets will be just 57.6 million kilometres apart.</i>	Mars
Name the official mascots of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games to be held in Japan?	Miraitowa and Someity
Named the world renowned football player who has quit his national team citing racism as a reason?  <i>He played for Germany. He was also a member of the Germany squad that went out of the World Cup finals in Russia at the group stage and faced heavy criticism for his both performances and his meeting with Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.</i>	Mesut Ozil
In which country the 4th BIMSTEC Summit 2018 will be held from August 30 to 31, 2018?	Nepal
Which country took the seat vacated by United States at the UN Human	Iceland

Rights Council (UNHRC)?  <i>The United States had left the UNHRC in June, 2018 calling it a cesspool of political bias for its criticism of Israeli regime's crimes against Palestinians.</i>	
Who won the Golden Boot award in the FIFA Football World Cup 2018?	Harry Kane (England)
Who won the Golden Ball award in the FIFA Football World Cup 2018?	Luka Modric (Croatia)
Who won the Golden Glove award in the FIFA Football World Cup 2018?	Thibaut Courtois (Belgium)
Who won the Young Player Award in the FIFA Football World Cup 2018?	Kylian Mbappe (France)
Which country won the Fair Play Award in the FIFA Football World Cup 2018?	Spain
Which country won the FIFA Football World Cup 2018 defeating Croatia in the final?	France
Who became the only second teenager after the Brazilian football legend Pele to score in a Football World Cup final?	Kylian Mbappe (France)
In which date Nelson Mandela International Day was observed?	18th July
Which country recently formed new literature prize in protest against Nobel Prize in Literature?	Sweden
The United Nations has declared Chiribiquete national park as a world heritage site. The park is located in which country?	Colombia
Name the Pakistani cricket player who has become the quickest in history to score 1000 runs (in 18 matches) in one-day internationals breaking the previous record of Vivian Richards who scored it in 21 matches?	Fakhar Zaman
Name the book by Michael Ondaatje which won the Golden Man Booker Prize?  <i>The book has been crowned the best work of fiction from the last five decades of the Man Booker Prize.</i>	The English Patient
Who won men's singles title in the 2018 Wimbledon Championships defeating Kevin Anderson (South Africa) in the final?	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Who won women's singles title in the 2018 Wimbledon Championships defeating Serena Williams (United States) in the final?	Angelique Kerber (Germany)