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NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

<p>Name India's latest communication satellite which was successfully launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) using the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F08) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh?</p> <p><i>The satellite will provide a platform for developing technologies such as demonstration of 6m S-Band Unfurlable Antenna, handheld ground terminals and network management techniques. These are useful in satellite-based mobile communication applications.</i></p>	GSAT-6A
<p>Name the Bollywood director who has been appointed as the new Chairman of central panel of 65th National Film Awards?</p>	Shekhar Kapur
<p>Who took charge as the Director General Border Roads (DGBR)?</p>	Lt Gen Harpal Singh
<p>Name the debt-ridden airline in respect of which the Union Government has decided to divest 76 percent stake?</p> <p><i>The carrier has been running on taxpayers' money, failing to profits in more than a decade. By the end of 2016-17, the airline had a debt of nearly 49,000 crore.</i></p>	Air India
<p>In the wake of increasing crimes against women State Government of which state has launched '181-Sakhi', a toll-free helpline number for women?</p>	Assam
<p>Which state launched India's first Insect Museum?</p> <p><i>The museum displays insects as preserved specimens and models on their behaviour, habits and habitat.</i></p>	Tamil Nadu
<p>Based on published data of how many indicators, the NITI Aayog launched the baseline ranking for the Aspirational Districts across five developmental areas of Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure.</p> <p><i>The ranking was released by Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog.</i></p>	49 indicators
<p>The Department of Posts launched Cool EMS Service between India and which country?</p>	Japan
<p>Which ministry tied-up with Skill India to support Saubhagya Scheme?</p>	Ministry of Power
<p>Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Union Government's ambitious Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission (ABNHPM)?</p>	Indu Bhushan

<p><i>The scheme has the benefit cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year. The target beneficiaries of the proposed scheme are 10 crore families belonging to poor and vulnerable section.</i></p>	
<p>Who was appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor to Union Government</p>	<p>Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan</p>
<p>In which city Videsh Aaya Pradesh ke Dwaar initiative was launched by the External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division of the Ministry of External Affairs?</p>	<p>Hyderabad</p>
<p>World's longest sandstone cave named Krem Puri with length of 24.5 km, almost three times that of Mt Everest, was discovered in which state?</p>	<p>Meghalaya</p>
<p>With which public sector company ISRO has tied up with for the production of space-grade lithium-ion cells?</p>	<p>Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)</p>
<p>Which authority termed interference by Khap Panchayat in marriages as 'absolutely illegal'?</p>	<p>Supreme Court</p>
<p>The Union Government has declared 2018 as the National Year of _____.</p>	<p>Millets</p>
<p>Government of which state observed the martyrdom day of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru as 'Youth Empowerment Day'?</p>	<p>Punjab</p>
<p>Kochon Prize is given annually for contribution to ending which disease?</p>	<p>Tuberculosis</p>
<p>Madhya Pradesh has won the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for a black-feathered chicken breed known for its flavourful meat and found mainly in the tribal district of Jhabua. What is the name of this breed?</p>	<p>Kadaknath</p>
<p>Name the former Karnataka High Court judge who has been appointed the new acting chairperson of National Green Tribunal?</p>	<p>Justice Jawad Rahim</p>
<p>Which Indian naval warship was decommissioned on March 23, 2018?</p>	<p>INS Ganga</p>
<p>Name the former Director of The National Centre for Biological Sciences who has been appointed Principal Scientific Advisor to the Indian Government succeeding nuclear physicist R. Chidambaram?</p>	<p>K Vijay Raghavan</p>
<p>Which fruit has been declared as the official fruit of Kerala?</p>	<p>Jackfruit</p>
<p><i>The aim is to promote this fruit as a brand in markets across the country and abroad, showcasing its organic and nutritious qualities.</i></p>	
<p>Name the eminent Hindi poet and Jnanpith awardee who passed away at the age of 84?</p>	<p>Kedarnath Singh</p>

Name the Indian sports person who has been chosen to be India's flag-bearer for the opening ceremony of Commonwealth Games 2018?	PV Sindhu
In which country President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the World Hindi Secretariat?	Mauritius
Which team won the Deodhar Trophy 2018 defeating Karnataka in the final held at Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh?	India B
Which team won the Irani Trophy cricket championship defeating Rest of India in the finals at Nagpur?	Vidarbha
The BJP leader who sworn in as the 10th Chief Minister of Tripura?	Biplab Kumar Deb
Name the Union Territory which has become first in the country to run completely on solar power?	Diu
Name the reputed Indian architect, known for designing iconic buildings such as Amdavad ni Gufa and IIM Bangalore, who has become the first-ever Indian to win the Pritzker Prize?	Balkrishna Doshi
Name the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry who has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation following the resignation of Ashok Gajapathi Raju?	Suresh Prabhu
In respect of which disease, the Union Health ministry has made mandatory for Doctors, retail chemists and pharmacists to notify every patient affected by the disease to their local public health authorities?	Tuberculosis
With which international body India signed a cooperation agreement related to sharing of earth observation satellite data?	European Commission
Name the National People's Party President who sworn in as the Chief Minister of Meghalaya?	Conrad Sangma
Name the National Democratic Progressive Party leader who sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland?	Neiphiu Rio
Who won the Nidahas T20 tri-series cricket tournament 2018? <i>The tri-series tournament was held between India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.</i>	India
105th Indian Science Congress 2018 was held at?	Imphal
Assembly of which state passed a bill proposing death penalty in rape cases of girls below the age of 12?	Haryana
The government of which state has notified its decision to recommend the grant of minority religion status to the Lingayat community in the state subject to approval by the Union Government?	Karnataka

Who was elected as the President of Myanmar?	Win Myint
In which nation, construction of the Arab world's first commercial nuclear reactor has been completed?	United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Name the coach of Australian cricket team who announced his resignation following the ball tampering row?	Darren Lehmann
Name the Australian cricketer who has been fully barred from holding any team leadership position in the future following the ball tampering row?	David Warner
Name the captain of Australian cricket team who stepped down from his position after a ball-tampering row?	Steve Smith
Renowned Mathematician Robert Langlands, who won the 2018 Abel Prize, belongs to which country?	Canada
Name the captain of Australian cricket team who has been banned from playing international cricket for a period of one year by Australian Cricket Board following ball tampering row?	Steve Smith
What was the theme of the 2018 World Tuberculosis Day (WTD)? <i>World Tuberculosis Day is celebrated on 24th March each year. It is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease.</i>	Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world
Name the Russian President who was re-elected as the President of Russia by winning historic fourth term?	Vladimir Putin
What is the theme of World Meteorological Day 2018 observed on 23 March 2018?	Weather ready, Climate smart
World Poetry Day is celebrated every year on?	21st March
Against which country the United States has announced 60 billion dollar tariffs for its alleged unfair trade practices?	China
Which team won the 2018 Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy defeating England in the final?	Australia
Who has been appointed as the new National Security Adviser to US President Donald Trump?	John R Bolton
Name the United States based social media company which has been accused of data breach in relation to the Cambridge Analytica controversy?	Facebook
What was the theme of the International Forest Day 2018?	Forests and

	Sustainable Cities
Name the Afghan cricket player who has become the youngest captain in international cricket at the age of 19 years 165 days?	Rashid Khan
World Water Day was observed across the world on?	22nd March
Name the world renowned physicist who died at the age of 76? <i>The British scientist was famed for his work with black holes and relativity, and wrote several popular science books including A Brief History of Time.</i>	Stephen Hawking
Which film directed by Guillermo del Toro won the award for Best Picture at the 90th Academy Awards 2018 (Oscars)?	The Shape of Water
Who won the award for Best Director at the 90th Academy Awards 2018 (Oscars)?	Guillermo del Toro
Who won the award for Best Actor for the film Darkest Hour at the 90th Academy Awards 2018 (Oscars)?	Garry Oldman
Who won the award for Best Actress for the film Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri at the 90th Academy Awards 2018 (Oscars)?	Fracnes McDormand