

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF OCTOBER 2018

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| <p>The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed every year in India on 31st October to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?</p> <p><i>He played major role in the unification of more than 500 princely states into the Indian Union after independence from the British.</i></p> | Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel |
| <p>Statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the world's largest statue was inaugurated in Gujarat. It is also known as Statue of _____.</p> <p><i>The total cost of the project is said to be Rs 2,989 crores.</i></p> | Unity |
| <p>What is the height of the statue dedicated to the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?</p> <p><i>The statue is now the tallest statue in the world. It is 23 meters taller than China's Spring Temple Buddha statue and nearly two times taller than America's Statue of Liberty (93 meters).</i></p> | 182 meters |
| <p>First edition of North East Olympic Games was held in which city of North-Eastern India?</p> <p><i>The event was concluded on 28th October 2018. Athletes from eight northeastern states competed in 12 different disciplines such as Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Judo, Karate-Do, Shooting, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Weightlifting and Wushu at the sporting event.</i></p> | Imphal |
| <p>Which two nations were declared joint winners of the Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey)?</p> <p><i>Both the teams were declared winners after the summit clash was called off due to heavy rain.</i></p> | India and Pakistan |
| <p>Name the former Chief Minister of Delhi who passed away on 27th October 2018 after a prolonged illness?</p> <p><i>He served as the Chief Minister of Delhi from 1993 to 1996.</i></p> | Madan Lal Khurana |
| <p>Which bank recently decided to change its name due to its merger with 'Capital First'?</p> | IDFC Bank (New name would be IDFC First Bank Ltd) |
| <p>Which cricketer became the fastest batsman to reach 10000 runs in ODIs in 205 innings?</p> <p><i>Earlier Sachin Tendulkar was the fastest batsman to score 10000 runs in ODIs in 259 innings.</i></p> | Virat Kohli |
| <p>Who was appointed as the Director of CBI after removal of Alok Verma as its chief?</p> | M Nageswar Rao |
| <p>Which Indian personality was awarded the 2018 Seoul Peace Prize?</p> <p><i>The award was given in recognition of his contribution to the growth of India.</i></p> | Narendra Modi |
| <p>India's first luxury cruise ship service was launched between which two places?</p> | Mumbai and Goa |

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| Name India's investment promotion body which has won the UN Award for excellence in promoting investments in sustainable development? | Invest India |
| What is the name of India's first made-in-India engineless train? <i>The train which looks like a bullet train is designed and manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) at a cost of Rs 100 crore.</i> | Train-18 |
| The first National Sports Stadium for differently-abled is set to come up in which state? | Meghalaya |
| From which date Bharat Stage-IV (BS-IV) vehicles will be banned for sale in India? <i>The Bharat stage emission standards are standards instituted by the government to regulate the output of air pollutants from motor vehicles.</i> | 1st April 2020 |
| Who won the India's first medal in Athletics at the Youth Olympic Games 2018? <i>He won silver in men's 5000m race walk event. The Youth Olympic Games 2018 was held at Buenos Aires, Argentina.</i> | Suraj Panwar |
| Name the Union Minister of State for External Affairs who resigned recently from his post over sexual harassment allegations? | MJ Akbar |
| What was the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week which was observed across India from 29th October to 3rd November by the Central Vigilance Commission? | Eradicate Corruption - Build a New India |
| On which day National Police Commemoration Day was observed across India? <i>The day is observed on 21st October every year to pay homage to the 10 men of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) who were killed in an ambush by Chinese troops in 1959 in Ladakh's Hot Spring area.</i> | 21st October |
| What was India's rank in Global Competitiveness Index 2018? <i>The ranking was released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) on 16th October 2018.</i> | 58th |
| What was the theme of the second India Mobile Congress 2018? <i>It was held in Aerocity, Delhi from 25th October to 27th October 2018.</i> | New Digital Horizons, Connect. Create. Innovate |
| The famous Shahi litchi which recently got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag belongs to which state? | Bihar |
| Which team won the Vijay Hazare Trophy defeating Delhi in the finals held at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru? | Mumbai |
| At which venue Krishi Kumbh 2018 (International Conference and Exhibition) was held from 26th October 2018 to 28th October 2018? | Indian Institute Of Sugarcane Research(IISR), Lucknow |
| Name the Indian sportsperson who won the 2018 World Billiards Championship defeating Peter Gilchrist of Singapore? | Sourav Kothari |
| Name the Indian agricultural scientist who has been chosen for the first World Agriculture Prize instituted by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture? | MS Swaminathan |
| IRCTC has launched a new artificial intelligence-enabled chat bot to provide information related to catering or other value added services offered by | Ask Disha |

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| IRCTC. What is the name of this new feature? | |
| Name India's first 'fully organic' state which won the Food and Agricultural Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Gold Award? | Sikkim |
| Name the cyclone which hit the coasts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha recently? | Titli |
| Name the former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand and former Governor of Andhra Pradesh who passed away on 18th October 2018? | Narayan Datt Tiwari |
| Name the veteran music composer who has been chosen for the 2018 Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award? | Khayyam |
| Who has been appointed as the Solicitor General of India? <i>He will succeed Shri Ranjeet Kumar.</i> | Shri Tushar Mehta |
| Which railway zone has become Unmanned Level Crossing (UMLC) Free Zone by eliminating over 1000 such level crossings? | Southern Railway |
| With which country India signed the much-anticipated deal worth \$5.43-billion to buy five S-400 Triumf missile shield systems? | Russia |
| At which place India International Science Festival 2018 with the focal theme 'Science for Transformation' was held from 5th to 8th October 2018? | Lucknow |
| What was India's rank in the Human Capital Index 2018 released by the World Bank? | 115 |
| What was India's rank in the Asian Para Games 2018? | 9th (72 medals, 15 gold) |
| Name the Managing Director and CEO of ICICI Bank who has resigned from her post six months prior to her retirement? | Chanda Kochhar |
| Name the Indian-American economist who has been appointed the Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)? | Gita Gopinath |

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| Name the former President of Sri Lanka who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka? | Mahinda Rajapaksa |
| Which South Asian nation is planning to send its first manned space mission in 2022? <i>The country is planning its first-ever manned space mission in 2022 with the help of China.</i> | Pakistan |
| On which day United Nations Day is observed across the world? | 24th October |
| Which country is planning to launch artificial moon by 2020? <i>The artificial moon will be able to light an area with a diameter of 10 to 80 kilometers.</i> | China |
| On which day International Day for Eradication of Poverty was observed across the world? <i>Theme for 2018: Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity.</i> | 17th October |
| Which country successfully tested the world's largest unmanned transport | China |

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| drone which can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes? <i>The drone is named Feihong-98.</i> | |
| Which space agency along with the European Space Agency has sent a spacecraft on 7-year journey to explore Mercury? | Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) |
| Which country was elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2019? | India |
| Who won the Man Booker Prize 2018 for the novel 'Milkman'? | Anna Burns |
| Name the West-Indian cricketer who has announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket? | Dwayne Bravo |
| Which country has become the second country in the world after Uruguay to legalize recreational cannabis? | Canada |
| Name the co-founder of the software company Microsoft who passed away at the age of 65 on 15th October 2018? <i>He along with Bill Gates founded the company Microsoft in 1975. Some products of Microsoft are Windows operating system, Microsoft Office, Skype, SQL Server, etc.</i> | Paul Allen |
| Who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics 2018 'for groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics'? | Arthur Ashkin, Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland |
| Who was awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2018 'for the directed evolution of enzymes'? | Frances H. Arnold, George P. Smith and Sir Gregory P. Winter |
| Who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2018 'for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation'? | James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo |
| Who was awarded Nobel Peace Prize 2018 for courageously combating war crimes and seeking justice for victims? | Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad |
| Who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2018 for (1) 'integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis' and (2) 'for integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis'? | (1) William D. Nordhaus and (2) Paul M. Romer |
| Which country topped the Human Capital Index 2018 released by the World Bank? | Singapore |
| With 319 medals (172 gold) which country topped the medal tally in the Asian Para Games 2018? | China |
| Asian Para Games 2018 was held in which country? | Indonesia |
| Which country topped the Global Competitiveness Index 2018? <i>The ranking was released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) on 16th October 2018.</i> | USA |