

OCTOBER 2018

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- PM Modi inaugurated Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence on - 29th September 2018
- India, Japan signs Loan Agreement for - Bullet Train Funds
- NITI Aayog inks SoI for collaboration against counterfeit drugs in - India
- Centre of Excellence for Data Analytics inaugurated in - Delhi
- Petroleum Minister to launch SATAT initiative to promote compressed biogas as alternative fuel on - 1st
- Indian Railways, Google Arts launch 'Rail Heritage Digitisation Project' on - 28th September 2018
- Government and Google launch campaign to review public toilets - LooReview Campaign
- Second Anniversary of Surgical Strike was celebrated as - Parakram Parv
- President gives assent to Karnataka Good Samaritan Protection Bill, 2016 by - President Ram Nath Kovind

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- Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth year celebrations begin in India on - 2nd
- Government constitutes Injeti Srinivas Competition Law Review Committee by - Union Finance Ministry
- AICTE to establish country's first AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy in - Jaipur
- James P. Allison, Tasuku Honjo jointly win 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine on - 1st
- PM Modi inaugurates Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence in - New Delhi
- Assam to launch wage compensation scheme for pregnant women in tea on - 1st
- Uttarakhand HC directs state to provide reservation to transgenders in educational institutions on - 28th September 2018
- World Habitat Day 2018 observed globally on - 1st October 2018
- US and Canada sign trade deal replacing NAFTA on - 30th September 2018

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- International Day of Non-Violence observed globally on - 2nd
- Manufacturing PMI rises to 52.2 in - September 2018
- BSE becomes first stock exchange to launch commodity derivative contracts from - 1st
- India ranks 5th in world terms of largest pictorial warning on cigarette packs by - International Status Report 2018
- PM Modi to receive United Nation's Champions of the Earth award on - 3rd
- Indian-American Gita Gopinath appointed as - Chief Economist of IMF
- Odisha launches food security scheme to cover those left out from NFSA on - 2nd

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- Arthur Ashkin, Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland win - 2018 Nobel Physics Prize
- Supreme Court judge Madan Bhimarao Lokur appointed Executive Chairman of NALSA by - President Ramnath Kovind
- World's largest dome inaugurated in Pune on - 2nd

- WHO launches first Global Guidelines on -Sanitation and Health
- Prime Minister inaugurates first Assembly of International Solar Alliance in - New Delhi

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- Series of flight trials of Astra Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile conducted by - Indian Air Force
- Who has been conferred UNEP Champions of Earth Award 2018 ? - Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Who has been sworn in as 46th Chief Justice of India ? - Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- Government inks loan agreement with ADB for India's first Global Skills Park in -Madhya Pradesh

- Frances H. Arnold, George P. Smith, Sir Gregory P. Winter win 2018 Nobel Prize in - Chemistry
- Chanda Kochhar quits as ICICI Bank CEO, MD on - 4th
- Aung San Suu Kyi becomes first person to lose honorary Canadian citizenship on - 3rd

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- Government releases Digi Yatra, policy on biometric based digital processing of passengers at -airports

• First India-Vietnam Coast Guards exercise held in Bay of Bengal - Sahyog HOP TAC -2018

• 2nd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo held in Noida - REINVEST- 2018

• Who has been appointed Deputy National Security Advisor? - R N Ravi

• World Teachers Day 2018 observed globally on - 5th October 2018

• 19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit: India signs deal with Russia to buy S-400 Triumf Missiles on - 5th

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• Denis Mukwege, Nadia Murad won 2018 Nobel Peace Prize on - 5th

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• 9Alphonso mango from 5 districts of Maharashtra gets Geographical Indication tag by - Geographical Indication Registry and Intellectual Property India

• Pankaj Sharma appointed India's Ambassador to UN Conference on -Disarmament

• NASSCOM unveils Centre of Excellence for - IoT in Haryana

• Indian Air Force observes 86th Air Force Day on - 8th

• CII, UN Environment sign MoU for environmental cooperation on - 4th

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• Indian Railways sign two agreements with Russia on - 5th

• Government reconstituted Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority on - 3rd

• Government's crop insurance scheme to cover crop loss in - wild animal attacks

• Government sanctions 5 new battalions of - Rapid Action Force

• 3rd edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise JIMEX 18 begins in - Visakhapatnam

• Nitin Gadkari to lay the foundation stone for development of Ghagra River as - National Waterway

• ESIC wins ISSA good practice award for - Asia, Pacific region

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• Government launches Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2018 -19 on - 8th

• Government sets up Strategic Policy Group to assist National Security Council on - 8th

- William Nordhaus, Paul Romer awarded 2018 Nobel Prize in - Economics

- Bangladesh enacts Digital Security Bill, 2018 by – President Abdul Hamid

- Weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga wins India's maiden gold medal at - Youth Olympic Games

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- World Mental Health Day 2018 observed globally on - 10th

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated 29th Accountants General conference on - 10th

- Nikki Haley resigned as US Ambassador to United Nations on - 9th

- IMF predicts India to grow at 7.3 percent in 2018-19 on - 9th

- Indian Air Force launched its first mobile health app 'MedWatch' on - 8th

- NITI Aayog organised workshop on Best Practices in International Arbitration on - 10th

- Tushar Mehta appointed as Solicitor General of India on - 10th

12th

- Gorkhas in Assam are not 'foreigners', clarified by – Home Ministry

- Cabinet approves merger of NCVT, NSDA to form National Council for Vocational Education & Training on - 10th

- Global Hunger Index 2018 published on - 10th

- World Bank launched first Human Capital Index on - 11th

- Malaysian government decides to abolish capital punishment on - 11th

- Central University of Jammu, ISRO signed MoU to set up Space Applications Center on - 11th

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- Panel is set up to look into all #MeToo cases by – WCD Ministry

- International Day for Disaster Reduction 2018 observed globally on - 13th

- India elected to UN Human Rights Council with highest votes on - 12th

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- India-Azerbaijan sign protocol on trade, economic cooperation on - 12th

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- Indian Navy inducts first deep submergence rescue vessel to rescue distressed submarines on - 13th
- SC Collegium recommends names of chief justices for- 5 high courts
- India records best-ever show in Asian Para Games 2018 on -13th
- Who has been appointed as Director-General of CSIR ? - Shekhar Mande

16th

- First India-US tri-services exercise to be held in - 2019
- Who has launched Chief Minister's Urban Leaders Fellowship Programme ? - Delhi Government
- Union Government releases Analytical Report of National Health Profile 2018 on - 13th
- Government launched air quality warning system in Delhi to combat air pollution on - 15th
- International Day of Rural Women observed globally on - 15th
- 6th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting held in - Singapore
- Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen dies of cancer at 65 on - 15th

- Youth Road Safety Learners Licence Programme launched by - Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- ICFRE signs two MoUs to spread awareness on forests and environment on - 15th

17th

- Central Warehouse set up to facilitate distribution of Jan Aushadhi medicines on - 16th
- Foreign tourists can now visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands without any restrictions by - Government
- RBI approves appointment of Sandeep Bakshi as MD & CEO of ICICI Bank on - 16th
- Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement won by – Music composer Khayyam
- 'Ask Disha' AI chatbot to answer user inquiries launched by - IRCTC
- International Day for Eradication of Poverty observed globally on - 17th
- UP Cabinet approves changing name of Allahabad to Prayagraj on - 16th

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• Government launched Swasth Bharat Yatra national campaign for food safety on - 16th

• RBI issues guidelines for facilitating money transfer among e-wallets

• Canada becomes second country to legalises use of cannabis on - 17th

• Spacecraft to be sent to Mercury in a first-of-its-kind mission by - ESA

• Lady Irwin College, Ministry of Rural Development sign MoU for establishing - ROSHNI

• Union Minister MJ Akbar resigned from his post over sexual harassment charges on - 17th

• NITI Aayog launched guiding principles for public-private partnership in treatment of NCDs on - 17th

• Victims of child sexual abuse can file complaint at any time, irrespective of present age by - The Minister of Women and Child Development

18th

• Irish Author Anna Burns wins Man Booker Prize 2018 for her novel - Milkman

• US tops; India ranked 58th in WEF's Global Competitiveness Index 2018 on - 16th

• Not a single mobile phone faces disconnect threat Department of Telecommunications

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• Sajjan Jindal elected as Treasurer of World Steel Association on - 18th

• Union HRD Ministry releases revised CBSE affiliation bye-laws for smooth functioning on - 18th

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• Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa party got majority in - Bhutan general elections

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- India's longest river bridge will be built on Brahmaputra river in - Assam

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- India inked agreement on security cooperation with - China
- SC permits sale, manufacture with stringent conditions of which type of crackers - green crackers
- Harit Diwali-Swasth Diwali campaign launched by - Ministry of Environment
- UAE, US to conduct military exercise Iron Magic 19 near - Dubai
- India, Myanmar sign MoU on operationalisation of – Sittwe Port

- Fali S. Nariman awarded 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in - Public Administration

- United Nations Day 2018 observed across the world on - 24th

25th

- Foreigners seeking Indian visa must reveal criminal records now by - Union Home Ministry

- No sale of Bharat Stage-IV vehicles across the country from April 1st, 2020 by - Supreme Court

- PM Narendra Modi awarded 2018 Seoul Peace Prize by - Seoul Peace Prize Committee

- Invest India wins UN Award for excellence in promoting investments in - Sustainable development

- Government constitutes GoM to look into sexual harassment at workplace on - 24th

- India, Iran, Afghanistan hold first trilateral on – Chabahar port project

- Virat Kohli becomes fastest batsman to reach 10,000 ODI runs on - 24th

26th

- Government to create special fund to boost fish production by 2020 , endorsed on - 24th
- Ethiopia appoints Sahle-Work Zewde as first female president on - 25th
- IDFC Bank renamed as IDFC First Bank on - 25th
- World Polio Day observed worldwide on - 24th
- Satish Kumar Gupta appointed as new CEO of Paytm Payments Bank on - 24th
- Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, Dena Bank to set up internal committees to merge operations on - 24th

27th

- India's first engineless train set for trials on - 29th
- India Mobile Congress 2018 held in New Delhi between - 25th
- Government to set up National Sports Stadium for differently-abled in - Meghalaya
- Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board to issue masala bonds worth Rs 5,000 crore for - Development works
- Winners of Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony announced by - Ministry of Culture

28th

- Asma Jahangir won UN Human Rights Prize posthumously by - 26th
- Pakistan to send its first own manned space mission in - 2022

29th

- Who has sworn in as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka ? - Mahinda Rajapaksha
- India wins CAPAM International Innovations Awards 2018 on - 23rd
- India Building World's Highest Railway Line between Delhi - Ladakh
- Former Delhi CM Madan Lal Khurana passed away on - 27th
- North East Festival and Experiencing the North East held on - 28th
- Researchers develop web-based tool to monitor fake news on - Social media

30th

- SBI to issue and encash electoral bonds soon by - The Government of India
- Arunachal Pradesh, British Council sign MoU for cultural, educational cooperation on - 27th

- Far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro wins Brazil's Presidential election on - 28th

- Supreme Court prohibits plying of 15-year-old petrol, 10-year-old diesel vehicles in Delhi-NCR on - 29th October 2018

- India, Qatar establish joint commission to strengthen bilateral ties on - 29th

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- Seychelles launched world's first sovereign Blue Bond on - 29th

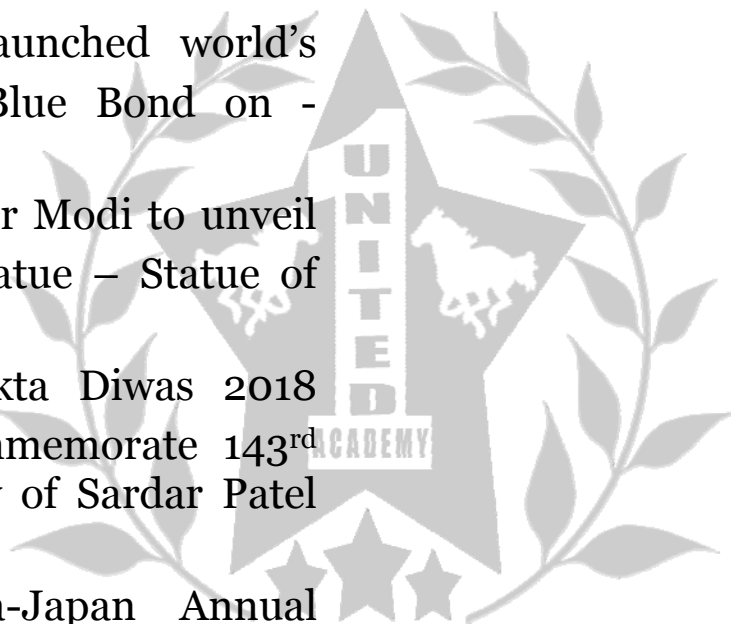
- Prime Minister Modi to unveil world's tallest statue – Statue of Unity

- Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2018 observed to commemorate 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Patel on - 31st

- 13th India-Japan Annual Summit organized on - 28th

- CSIR developed Less Polluting Firecrackers named – SWAS, SAFAL and STAR

- Gandhian Thought and Swachhata Seminar Organized in - Wardha



NOVEMBER 2018

1st

- ◆ Delhi Metro Pink Line from Trilokpuri Sanjay Lake - Shiv Vihar section opens for public on - 31st October 2018
- ◆ Anupam Kher resigns as Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India on - 31st October 2018
- ◆ 19th meeting of FSDC organised in - New Delhi
- ◆ First India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property held in - New Delhi
- ◆ World Bank's Ease of Doing Business 2019 on - 31st October 2018
- ◆ Who has been appointed Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police ? - SS Deswal
- ◆ World Cities Day observed on - 31st October 2018

2nd

- ◆ World Bank's Ease of Doing Business 2019 on - 31st October 2018
- ◆ Who has been selected by Harvard University for 2018 Gleitsman Award for promoting girls' education ? - Malala Yousafzai
- ◆ Who has approved India-Morocco agreement on legal assistance in criminal matters ? - Union Cabinet
- ◆ Air Marshal Pradeep Padmakar Bapat VSM takes over as the Air

Officer-in-Charge Administration of IAF on - 31st October 2018

- ◆ Odisha government declared drought in 9 districts in the - State

3rd

- ◆ Opening up of International Solar Alliance membership to all UN countries approved by - Union Cabinet
- ◆ Justices Hemant Gupta, R Subhash Reddy, MR Shah and Ajay Rastogi sworn-in as Supreme Court Judges on - 2nd November 2018
- ◆ Lt General Rajeshwar takes over as 12th Chief of – Integrated Defence Staff
- ◆ Cabinet approves MoU between India and South Korea for strengthening cooperation in - Tourism
- ◆ First India-Japan military exercise Dharma Guardian-2018 begins in - Vairengte, Mizoram

4th

- ◆ Railways Ministry launches 'UTS on Mobile' facility to enable seamless booking of unreserved tickets on - 1st

5th

- ◆ India inked loan Agreement for Turga Hydrel Project with which country – Japan
- ◆ Government Promulgates Ordinance to amend Companies Act, 2013

- ◆ Unreserved Mobile Ticketing facility launched by - Government
- ◆ Saura Jalnidhi scheme launched by - Odisha Government
- ◆ PM launches Support and Outreach Programme for - MSME Sector
- ◆ Maharashtra Government to convert decommissioned aircraft carrier INS Viraat into - Floating museum
- ◆ 3rd Ayurveda Day observed across India on - 5th
- ◆ Process to set up digital Public Credit Registry initiated by - RBI
- ◆ India's first microprocessor 'Shakti' developed by - IIT-Madras

6th

- ◆ Night trial of Agni-I ballistic missile conducted by - India
- ◆ Location tracking devices, emergency buttons mandatory for new public service vehicles by - Government
- ◆ USITC rules against anti-dumping duty on PTFE resin from - India, China
- ◆ Ministry of Food Processing Industries issues guidelines for Operation Greens on - 5th
- ◆ Indian Coast Guard launches new Offshore patrol vessel - ICGS Varaha
- ◆ India, South Korea signed MoUs for strengthening cooperation in field of - Tourism and sports

- ◆ Union Home Ministry releases Rs 113 crore to 6 Border States for development on - 5th
- ◆ US exempts India, China from its sanctions for buying Iranian oil on - 5th
- ◆ India's nuclear submarine INS Arihant completes first 'deterrence patrol' on - 5th

7th

- ◆ Lucknow stadium renamed after Atal Bihari Vajpayee ahead of India-West Indies T20I match on - 5th

8th

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- ◆ United Nations Postal System issues special postal stamps to mark - Diwali celebration
- ◆ UN World Food Programme, Alibaba Group form strategic partnership to - Eliminate hunger

9th

- ◆ India re-elected as member of ITU council till 2022 from - 2019
- ◆ US exempts India from imposition of sanctions development of Chabahar Port in - Iran

10th

- ◆ India to resume exporting raw sugar to China from early 2019 by - The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- ◆ Funds worth Rs 25000 for graduate girls approved by - Bihar
- ◆ Strategic Sale of Government Equity in Dredging Corporation of India approved by - CCEA
- ◆ Leasing out six airports through Public Private Partnership approved by – Cabinet

11th

- ◆ India, Singapore bilateral naval exercise ' SIMBEX 2018' started from - 10th
- ◆ Who has been appointed as Chairperson of Competition Commission of India ? - Ashok Kumar Gupta
- ◆ Who has been presented with France's highest civilian honour ? - Jawahar Lal Sarin
- ◆ World leaders mark 100 years since end of First World War on - 11th

12th

- ◆ PK Dash, Akhilesh Ranjan and Neena Kumar inducted as members of - CBDT
- ◆ Agreement with US-based RIFM for improving the quality of fragrant oils signed by - CIMAP
- ◆ India, Singapore bilateral naval exercise SIMBEX 2018 began on - 10th
- ◆ Ladakh restoration project wins 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for - Cultural Heritage conservation

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- ◆ Long cohabitation is presumed marriage by - Supreme Court Directed
- ◆ Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities held in – New Delhi
- ◆ Sri Lankan PM leaves Presidents Party to join - Sri Lanka People's Party
- ◆ 33rd ASEAN Summit begins in Singapore on - 11th
- ◆ Public Service Broadcasting Day observed across India on - 12th

13th

- ◆ Portable cold storage device developed by - IIT-Madras
- ◆ National Education Day celebrated on -11th
- ◆ PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Inland Multi-Modal Terminal Port in Varanasi on - 12th
- ◆ Largest brain-mimicking supercomputer "SpiNNaker" switched on , constructed at - University of Manchester
- ◆ ISPRL, ADNOC sign MoU to explore storage of crude oil on - 12th

14th

- ◆ Indian Navy - Indonesian Navy bilateral exercise 'Samudra Shakti' began on - 12th

- ◆ Government approves constitution of new boards of Governors for IIMs on - 12th
- ◆ Government sets up National Data Repository shared by – Union Petroleum Minister
- ◆ Global Cooling Innovation Summit held in - New Delhi
- ◆ Twitter launches #PowerOf18 campaign to boost youth engagement for - 2019 polls
- ◆ India and Morocco mark Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in -Criminal Matters
- ◆ World Diabetes Day celebrated on 14 November Worldwide on - 14th
- ◆ Flipkart co-founder, CEO Binny Bansal steps down on - 13th
- ◆ Government to release Rs 75 commemorative coin to mark anniversary of Tricolour hoisting by Bose on - 13th

15th

- ◆ Support and Outreach Programme for MSME Sector launched by – PM Narendra Modi
- ◆ Saura Jalnidhi scheme launched by - Odisha Government
- ◆ Which decommissioned aircraft carrier will be converted into floating museum - carrier INS Viraat
- ◆ India, Russia conduct joint military exercise 'INDRA 2018' on -18th

- ◆ Draft of Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme prepared by- Ministry of Renewable Energy
- ◆ 6 professors awarded Infosys Prize 2018 for -science and research

16th

- ◆ Regional meeting of World Customs Organisation being held in - Jaipur
- ◆ E-learning portal 'NIPUN' for training its personnel launched by - Delhi Police
- ◆ Athlete Hima Das appointed first Youth Ambassador of – UNICEF India
- ◆ Department of Biotechnology, Cancer Research UK sign MoU on - 14th
- ◆ Winter Session of Parliament to be held from - 11th Dec 2018 to Jan 08, 2019

17th

- ◆ UNSC lifts asset freeze, travel ban imposed on Eritrea after – 9 years
- ◆ World Tolerance Summit held in Dubai on - 16th
- ◆ Government to refund employers for seven weeks of maternity leave given to employees by - The Union Women and Child Development Ministry
- ◆ 9th Annual Defence and Security Dialogue between India and China held in - Beijing

◆ NITI Aayog constitutes Himalayan State Regional Council for development of - Himalayan region

◆ Indian Navy completes refit of Maldivian Coast Guard Ship Huravee in - Visakhapatnam

◆ 2nd Mega Food Park in Maharashtra inaugurated in - Aurangabad

18th

◆ Union Government, ADB sign loan agreements worth USD 574 million on -16th

19th

◆ 3 proposals under Nirbhaya Fund and 1023 Fast Track Courts to be set up approved by - Government

20th

◆ Maratha Reservation Bill passed by - Maharashtra Cabinet

◆ KMP Expressway, Ballabgarh Mujesar Metro rail link inaugurated by – PM Narendra Modi

◆ Who won bronze medal in men's singles at World Junior Badminton Championship - Lakshya Sen

◆ World Toilet Day observed worldwide on – 19th

21st

◆ India asks WTO to set up panel against US for high import duty on – Steel and Aluminium

◆ SC to direct states to implement draft - Witness protection scheme

◆ Government to set up first National Institute of Inter-Faith Studies in Punjab

◆ Sulabh International introduces India's first sewer cleaning machine to - End unsafe manual scavenging

◆ India-USA joint military exercise Vajra Prahar commences – in Jaipur

◆ Indian Army selects Russian - Lgla-S missile system

◆ West Bengal Assembly passes Bill to give land rights to enclave dwellers in - North Bengal

◆ AAI inks agreement with US Trade and Development Agency to prepare - Modernisation roadmap

22nd

◆ Gujarat launches intensive project to conserve Gir lions on - 20th

◆ Australia refuses to sign UN migration pact on - 21st November 2018

◆ UN environment Chief Erik Solheim resigns amid audit on - Travel expenses

◆ 49th International Film Festival of India opens in - Panaji, Goa

◆ Former JNU Professor S.P. Ganguly awarded Mexican Order of - Aztec Eagle

◆ Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidelines to ensure judicious

use of antibiotics in hospitals released by - ICMR

23rd

- ◆ International Space Station completes 20 years on - 20th
- ◆ IIT-Hyderabad researchers develop smartphone-based system to detect adulteration in - Milk
- ◆ J&K Governor dissolved state assembly on - 21st
- ◆ Joyce Msuya appointed as acting Executive Director of - UNEP
- ◆ Kim Jong-yang of South Korea elected as - New President of Interpol
- ◆ WTO to set up panels to rule on - US tariff disputes
- ◆ India, Australia sign five agreements on - 22nd
- ◆ Sangai tourism festival organised in - Manipur
- ◆ WCCB wins Asia Environment Enforcement Awards for - Combating trans-boundary environmental crime

24th

- ◆ NASI SCOPUS Young Scientist Awards-2018
- ◆ Institution's Innovation Council Programme launched by – Union Government
- ◆ Allied and Healthcare Council of India to be set up: Cabinet approval
- ◆ Construction of Kartarpur Sahib corridor in Gurdaspur district to

International Border has been approved by – Cabinet

25th

- ◆ Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems Services (ACROSS) scheme approved by - CCEA
- ◆ PM Modi lays foundation stone of City Gas Distribution Projects on - 22nd
- ◆ Construction of Kartarpur corridor in Gurdaspur district to International Border by - Cabinet

26th

- ◆ Bhuseva and Bhudaar web portal launched by - Andhra Pradesh Government
- ◆ UNICEF designates Singer Nahid Afrin as first Youth Advocate of NE region to fight for - Child rights
- ◆ 7th International Tourism Mart 2018 being organised in - Agartala
- ◆ International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women celebrated on - 25th
- ◆ Scientists build and flow first-ever silent airplane with no moving propellers or - Jet turbines
- ◆ Andaman & Nicobar Islands home to tenth of India's fauna species as per - ZSI publication
- ◆ 70-feet tall statue of Lord Buddha unveiled at Rajgir in – Nalanda district

◆ Mary Kom clinches gold in World Boxing Championship on - 24th

◆ 69th Constitution Day observed across India on - 26th

◆ Sashastra Seema Bal to patrol - Dudhwa tiger reserve

27th

◆ Government appoints Akhilesh Ranjan as Convenor of Task Force drafting a - New Direct Tax Legislation

◆ World-class township for autistic children, adults to be built in - Kolkata

◆ Indian missions abroad to soon issue passports within - 48 hours

◆ Syed Modi International Badminton title 2018 won by - Sameer Verma

◆ Indian Space Research Organisation to launch hi-tech imaging satellite with 30 foreign satellites on - 29th

◆ Venkaiah Naidu lays down foundation stone of Dera Baba Nanak - Kartarpur Sahib Corridor

28th

◆ India inked protocol of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement to prevent tax evasion with - China

◆ India and ADB sign \$200 Million Loan to improve State Highways in - Bihar

◆ RBI eases hedging norms for overseas borrowings to 70% from -100%

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◆ Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System terms Titli cyclone - 'rarest of rare'

◆ Sunil Arora appointed as new Chief Election Commissioner on - 26th

◆ BCCI announces two-year ban for - Age fraud

◆ International Gita Festival, 2018 to be held in - Kurukshetra

◆ Government launches 'PAiSA' Portal under National Urban Livelihoods Mission on - 26th

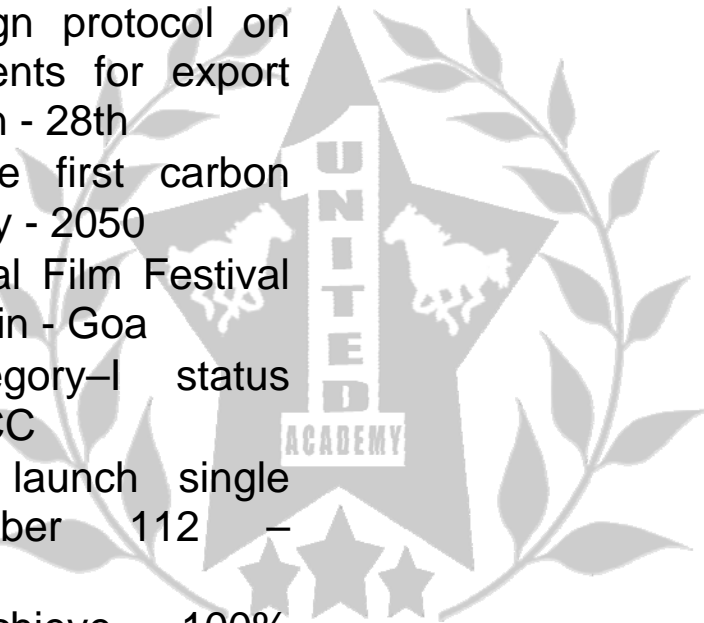
◆ Defence Minister launched 'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti' on - 27th

◆ Defence Ministry revises security restrictions to boost development in border areas on - 27th

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◆ Donald Trump to hold trilateral meeting with PM Narendra Modi, Japan's Shinzo Abe on - 28th

- ◆ Wipro Chairman Azim Premji conferred highest French civilian honour on - 28th
- ◆ World's first GST calculator launched by - Casio
- ◆ Arvind Saxena appointed as Chairman of - Union Public Service Commission
- ◆ Who has been appointed as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation ? - AM Naik
- ◆ G20 Summit 2018 held in Argentina on - 28th
- ◆ India, China sign protocol on hygiene requirements for export of fish meal, fish on - 28th
- ◆ EU aims to be first carbon neutral economy by - 2050
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- ◆ Miniratna Category-I status conferred by - NPCC
- ◆ First state to launch single emergency number 112 – Himachal Pradesh
- ◆ 8 States achieve 100% household electrification under Saubhagya; total 15 States now have 100% household electrification on - 29th



DECEMBER 2018**1st**

South Asia Youth Peace Conference organised in - New Delhi

Salom Zurichishvili elected as first female President of - Georgia

India, US air exercise Cope India 2019 to be organised in - West Bengal

India, UK naval exercise Konkan 18 organised in - Goa

UNESCO adds Jamaican reggae, Georgian wrestling and Japanese rituals in - Coveted list of intangible heritage

Jharkhand to provide free mobile phones to 28 lakh farmers, says CM on - 28th November 2018

DAIC, JNU sign MoU to enhance research activities for sustainable development on - 30th November 2018

ISRO successfully launches earth observation satellite HysIS, 30 foreign satellites into - Orbit

eDrishti software launched to help Railways Minister keep track of - Punctuality of trains

2nd

Former US President George H.W. Bush passed away on - 30th November 2018

India to Chair Kimberley Process from January 2019 by - European Union

3rd

Government puts imports of Gold dore in which category - Restricted category

FSSAI launches Heart Attack Rewind Campaign for elimination of - Industrially produced trans-fat

From January 2019, Which country will chair Kimberley Process Certification Scheme - India

Where was First India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit held - New Delhi

Asia Pacific Summit 2018 begins in - Kathmandu

4th

Name of India's fastest train which is also engine less - Train 18

Government inks \$85 Million Loan Agreement with ADB for - Odisha Skill Development Project

National Commission for Females to support livelihood programmes for - Females in northeast

International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed globally on - 3rd

Abhinav Bindra becomes first Indian to get highest shooting honour Blue Cross

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa to be chief guest at Republic Day celebrations 2019

□ India, US Air Forces exercise Ex Cope India-2018 begins in West Bengal

□ India to host G20 Summit in 2022

5th

□ First India, Japan air exercise SHINYUU Maitri 18 initiated in Agra

□ Qatar to leave OPEC-Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries from January 2019

□ Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador sworn in as 58th President of Mexico

□ 47th Navy Day observed across India

□ Indian Navy to conduct TROPEX Exercise to test robustness of coastal security apparatus

6th

□ India, Peru sign pact for co-operation and mutual assistance in Customs Matters

□ World Soil Day observed globally on 5th December

□ More than 100 new exoplanets discovered using NASA's Kepler Space telescope

□ As per WIPO, Patents approved by India up by 50% in 2017

□ Odisha's Kandhamal Haldi to get GI tag

□ Gautam Gambhir announces retirement from all forms of cricket

7th

□ NASA's spacecraft OSIRIS-REx arrives at its targeted asteroid Bennu after 2-year journey

□ SpaceX successfully launches 64 small satellites using reusable Falcon 9 rocket

□ 80th Session of Policy Commission Meeting of World Customs Organisation held in Mumbai

□ Delhi Government launches Free Pilgrimage Plan for senior residents

□ SC approves Witness Protection Plan 2018; directs Centre, States to enforce the plan by 2019

8th

□ 24 poets and authors 2018 Sahitya Akademi Award

□ RBI to introduce Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions

9th

□ India Water Impact Summit 2018 held in New Delhi

□ World Bank assisted project SMART launched in Maharashtra

10th

□ FAO Council approved which proposal of India - To observe 2023 as International Year of Millets

□ Government notifies four commonly used medical devices as drugs, these are - Nebulisers,

Blood pressure monitors, Digital thermometers and Glucometers

□ Tourism Ministry formulates Guidelines for approval of Online Travel Aggregators

□ ESIC to allow non-insured persons to avail medical services from its underutilised hospitals

11th

□ Urjit Patel resigns as RBI Governor

□ UK court orders extradition of Vijay Mallya

□ Union Cabinet approves implementation of Shahpurkandi Dam on river Ravi in Punjab

□ Kerala becomes first state to have 4 international airports with inauguration of Airport at Kannur

□ INDRA NAVY maritime exercise between India and Russia initiated Visakhapatnam Coast

□ Exercise AVIAINDRA between Indian and Russian air forces organised at Jodhpur

12th

□ India successfully test-fires Agni-5 ballistic missile

□ As per World Bank, India to receive total remittance of \$80 billion in 2018

□ Government's contribution to National Pension System hiked to 14 percent

□ Ukrainian to end two-decade-old friendship treaty with Russia

13th

□ Comptroller and Audit General Rajiv Mehrishi appointed as Vice-Chair of UN Panel of Auditors

□ SC bars media, police from revealing identities of victims of rape, sexual assault

□ International Human Rights Day observed on December 10

□ Hindustan Aeronautical Limited developed Light Utility Helicopter achieves significant milestone of flying at 6 km altitude

□ Shaktikanta Das to be appointed as 25th Governor of RBI

□ Home Ministry launches Twitter account, @CyberDost, to spread awareness about cybercrimes

□ Economist Surjit Bhalla resigns from Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council

□ EU opens India's first Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in New Delhi

□ NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft find evidence of water on asteroid Bennu

14th

□ Government inks \$31 million loan agreement with ADB to develop tourism and boost jobs in Tamil Nadu

□ First ever Agriculture Export Policy 2018 launched by Commerce Ministry in its Year End report

Assam NRC: Supreme Court extends NRC claims submission deadline to December 31

Partners Forum 2018

Indian Navy inducts first Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel

Dam Safety Bill 2018 introduced in Lok Sabha

Uttar Pradesh's Startup HelpUsGreen honoured by UN

15th

Employers must be considerate, sympathetic towards pregnant employees: Delhi HC

India, Saudi Arabia sign bilateral yearly Haj 2019 MoU

Brijendra Pal Singh nominated as President of FTII

Supreme Court gives Clean Chit to NDA Government over Rafale Deal

SIPRI Report published Four Indian PSUs feature in world's top 100 arms producers

Ashok Gehlot to be sworn-in as Rajasthan Chief Minister; Sachin Pilot as Deputy Chief Minister

16th

Communication satellite GSAT-7A to be launched by - ISRO

Name of writer who has been honoured with Jnanpith Award 2018 - Amitav Ghosh

17th

Government to set up National Medical Devices Promotion Council declared on - 14th

Bharat Bhushan Vyas Appointed as New Member of Union Public Service Commission on - 13th

4th edition of Kochi-Muziris biennale inaugurated by - Kerala CM

India, ADB sign USD 60 Million loan agreement to reduce floods in - Assam

47th Anniversary of Vijay Diwas celebrated on - 16th

Kamal Nath takes oath as Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh on - 17th

PV Sindhu claims maiden BWF World Tour Finals Title on - 16th

Miss Philippines Catriona Gray crowned Miss Universe 2018 on - 17th

18th

Belgium wins Hockey World Cup 2018 Title on - 16th

Ranil Wickremesinghe took oath as Prime Minister of - Sri Lanka

NITI Aayog organised Women Transforming - India Awards 2018

Joshna Chinappa wins - National Squash Women's Singles Title

Member countries finalise 'Katowice package' rules at COP24 to implement - 2015 Paris Climate Agreement

Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016 approved by - Lok Sabha

19th

Bhupesh Baghel sworn in as Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh on - 17th

Who has been named PETA India's Person of the Year for 2018? - Sonam Kapoor

UN members adopt Global Compact on Refugees on - 17th

Famous classical singer Pandit Arun Bhaduri passed away on - 17th

Kaiga Atomic Power Station creates world record for continuous operation for - 941 days

International Migrants Day 2018 observed on - 18th

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) extended to all - Poor households

Who is the new Additional Solicitor General? - Madhavi Divan

Indra Navy-18 Joint Exercise concluded between India and Russia on - 16th

Tamil Nadu fishermen get NavIC-powered - ISRO Gadgets

20th

National Cancer Institute opened in Jhajjar, Haryana on - 18th

India ranked 108th in - WEF's Gender Gap Index

Asma Jahangir posthumously awarded with - 2018 UN Human Rights Prize

Capital First merges with IDFC Bank to create - IDFC First Bank

Shiksha Setu' Mobile App launched by - Haryana Government

Setting up of Eklavya Model Residential Schools approved by - CCEA

Minorities Rights Day celebrated on - 18th

Transport Ministry asks states to accept vehicle documents, driving licence in electronic format on - 18th

21st

Military Communication Satellite GSAT-7A successfully launched by - ISRO

USA pulls out of the Intermediate-Range - Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty

State of Goa celebrates 57th Liberation Day on - 19th December 1961

22nd

US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis resigns, cites differences with Trump on - 20th

WV Raman appointed new head coach of Indian national women's cricket team on - 20th

Government launches Asiatic Lion Conservation Project to conserve their population on - 20th

Who has been awarded the Skoch CM of the Year Award ? - Mamata Banerjee

40 workers conferred Prime Minister Shram Awards 2017 declared by - The Union Government

23rd

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' field-level awareness campaign launched by - Union Government

24th

India, Japan sign Exchange of Notes and Loan Agreements on Japan's assistance Loan to India - on 21st

National Mathematics Day celebrated on - 22nd December

Belgium ends the year as No. 1 in - FIFA global rankings

25th

Defence Minister inaugurates Indian Navy's Information Fusion Centre on - 22nd

'Hand-in-Hand' counter-terrorism military exercises concluded on - 22nd

GST Council slashes rates on 23 Goods and Services on - 22nd

26th

Veteran CPI (M) leader Nirupam Sen passes away on - 24th

National Consumer Day 2018 observed across India on - 24th Decemeber 2018

India's Vedangi Kulkarni becomes fastest Asian to cycle the globe on - 23rd

Govt extends restrict on import of milk products from China untill - 23rd April 2019

Who replaced James Mattis as US Defence Secretary ? - Patrick Shanahan

Experts call to revisit restrict on Plastic in TamilNadu from - 1st January 2018

Sadaiv Atal dedicated to the Nation in - New Delhi

Prime Minister Modi inaugurates Bogibeel Bridge on - 25th

Indian Firm Takes Over Operations of Strategic Iranian Port Chabahar at - Chabahar

27th

PIL in Supreme Court against govt's order to snoop on - Computers

MSME Ministry proposes to establish governing council to - Boost shipments

Japan announces taking-off from IWC to resume commercial whaling on - 26th January 2018

UIDAI asserted Aadhaar not mandatory for - Admission in schools

Review petition in SC against the Aadhaar verdict by - Imtiyaz Ali Palsaniya

Mohammed Rafi Awards conferred by - NGO Spandan Arts

Hindustan Unilever Ltd found guilty of Profiteering – Rs 383 crore

Prepaid and smart metering for electricity by - Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy

28th

CA Kuttappa takes over as India's new chief boxing coach on - 10th

29th

India to build new vertical bridge to replace - Pamban Bridge

Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar released by - Central Government

China's navigation satellite system BeiDou offering – Global service

Bhutanese PM on a 3-day visit to India from - 27th Decemeber

UAE reopens its embassy in Syria, after 6 years of suspension on - 27th Decemeber 2018

Cabinet approves amendment in POSCO Act, 2012 to protect children from sexual abuse on - 28th

Railways to grant fare concession to transgender senior residents on - 27th Decemeber 2018

30th

UAE reopens its embassy in Syria on - 27th

31st

Submission of India's Second Biennial Update Report to UNFCCC approved by - Cabinet

