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Important Current Affairs 10th March 2018

- **Prabhu given charge of Aviation Ministry**
 - Commerce and Industries Minister Suresh Prabhu given additional charge of the Civil Aviation Ministry.
 - The President, as advised by the Prime Minister, has directed that Suresh Prabhu, Cabinet Minister, shall be assigned the charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, in addition to his existing portfolio.
 - Suresh Prabhu was the former Minister of Railways.
- **Winter Paralympics officially begin**
 - The largest ever Winter Paralympics were officially inaugurated in freezing conditions at the Olympic Stadium in Pyeongchang, South Korea.
 - A record 567 athletes from 48 different nations paraded into the Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium to officially commence the 10-day festival that runs till March 18.





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- A neutral Paralympic athletes team consisting of Russian competitors is also participating.
- **Israel-US held joint military drill**
 - US and Israeli had launched the so-called "Juniper Cobra 2018" military drill that simulates a missile attack on Israel.
 - It is the largest combat exercise between Israel and the US.
 - Since 2001, Israeli and US forces have conducted a total of eight Juniper Cobra joint combat exercises, including the most recent exercise in February 2016.
- **National e-Mobility Programme launched**
 - The objective of the National e-Mobility Programme is to provide an impetus to the entire e-mobility ecosystem including vehicle manufacturers, charging infrastructure companies, fleet operators etc.
 - The Programme will be implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) which will procure electric cars.
 - The electric cars will replace existing diesel and petrol vehicles.
- **1000 GW of solar energy by 2030**
 - The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is working for the deployment of over 1,000 GW of solar energy and aims to mobilise more than USD 1,000 billion into solar energy project by 2030.
 - The International Energy Agency (IEA) also signed a joint partnership declaration with the ISA.
 - The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) will sign a joint partnership declaration on 11th March 2018.
- **Uber ropes in Virat Kohli as Ambassador**
 - Cab hailing platform Uber has roped in Indian cricket team captain, Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador in India.



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- This is the first time the company has announced a brand ambassador in the Asia Pacific region.
- In February it had named footballer Mohamed Salah as the brand ambassador for the Egypt market.

- **Mauritius President to resign**

- The Mauritius President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim will resign next week.
- She is internationally renowned and is feted on the world stage, and is the recipient of the L'Oréal-UNESCO award for women in science.
- Gurib-Fakim was appointed to The Planet Earth Institute board in 2015.
- The Planet Earth Institute is accredited by the United Nations Environmental Program.

- **Anjum Moudgil won silver in shooting**

- Anjum Moudgil won her first International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup Silver medal in the Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) event at the Guadalajara, Mexico.
- This was India's eighth medal of the competition and the first silver after having won three Golds and four Bronze medals.
- India still leads the medals tally with eight medals while China is in second place.

- **First cyber police station of Haryana**

- The first cyber police station of Haryana has been established in Gurugram where cyber offences related cases will be registered.
- The cyber police station was inaugurated by the chief executive officer, Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority, Gurugram.
- The police station would work under the direct supervision of ACP Crime/DCP Crime Gurugram.





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- **Sanjeev Gupta appointed as Ambassador**

- Indian-origin steel tycoon Sanjeev Gupta has been appointed by Britain's Prince Charles as an official ambassador for the Industrial Cadets programme designed to nurture manufacturing skills.
- Mr Gupta was appointed to the flagship programme to give young people a direct structured experience of the industry.
- The Industrial programme was set up at the behest of the Prince of Wales.

- **First woman as combat officer in ITBP**

- In another first for women, 25-year-old Prakriti has been inducted as the first direct-entry combat officer in the border guarding force, ITBP.
- The ITBP force is the last of the CAPFs to induct women officers in combat roles after the government first allowed it to enroll them in 2016.
- ITBP guards the 3,488 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China.

- **Sufi singer Pyarelal Wadali passed away**

- The Sufi singing pair of Wadali Brothers was broken as Pyarelal Wadali, the younger brother, passed away at the age of 65 in Amritsar.
- Besides Sufi kalaam and qawwali, the brothers sang the bhajan, ghazal and kaafi forms.
- The brothers got Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1992, Tulsi Award in 1998, and Punjabi Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2003.

- **French President arrived in India**

- French President Emmanuel Macron arrived in India on 9th March for a four-day visit.
- An agreement on the Jaitapur nuclear power plant, which is being built with French assistance, is expected to be signed during the visit.



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- The two sides will also sign an agreement on co-development of a full-fledged satellite constellation in the maritime domain.
- **TDP ministers resigned from Union Cabinet**
 - Union Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju and Minister of State for Science and Technology Y.S. Chowdary of the Telugu Desam Party submitted their resignations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - BJP Ministers Kamineni Srinivas (Health) and Pydikondala Manikyala Rao (Endowments) resigned from the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet.
 - Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Governor accepted the resignations.
- **Airtel Bank fined 5 crore by RBI**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine of Rs 5 crores on Airtel Payments Bank for flouting Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and operating guidelines.
 - Airtel Payments Bank had opened customer accounts without a clear/specific consent of the customers.
 - Know your customer is the process of the banks identifying and verifying the identity of its account holders.
- **Gora Ho gets gold at Asia Cup in Bangkok**
 - Gora Ho, a teenager from the tribal belt of Jharkhand, won gold partnering Akash and Gaurav Lambe in the team recurve event at the Asia Cup.
 - The trio beat Mongolia's Adiyasuren Baasankhuu, Otgonbold Baatarkhuyag and Gantugs Jantsan by 27-26 in a tiebreaker match.
 - With this India finished with three gold and two bronze medals at the Asia Cup Archery Stage 1 meet in Bangkok.
- **Death penalty for crime against girls**



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- Rajasthan became the 29th State, after Madhya Pradesh to pass a Bill providing death penalty to those convicted of raping girls of 12 years and below.
- The Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2018 had inserted two new sections, 376-AA and 376-DD, in the IPC.
- Section 376-AA and 376-DD provide for capital punishment or rigorous imprisonment ranging from 14 years to lifelong imprisonment.
- **Crime-free zone along Indo-B'desh border**
 - The Border Security Force (BSF) and the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) declared an 8.3 km stretch along the border a 'crime free zone.'
 - The stretch falls between the border outpost of Gunarmath and Kalyani of the BSF and Putkhali and Daulatpur of the BGB.
 - Both the forces will work together to ensure that no crime or anti-social activity occurs along this stretch.
- **Rare mineral inside diamond discovered**
 - Geologists have discovered a mineral known as calcium silicate perovskite (CaSiO_3) trapped inside a tiny diamond that was mined from less than a kilometre of the earth's surface at the Cullinan Mine in South Africa.
 - Calcium silicate perovskite is in abundance in Earth's mantle.
 - Humans have never seen it before because it becomes extremely unstable above a depth of about 650 kilometres.
- **PM inaugurated National Legislator Conference**
 - PM Narendra Modi inaugurated National Legislators Conference on the theme 'We For Development' in New Delhi.
 - The motive of the conference is to bring MPs and MLAs on a single platform where ideas and plans for development can be exchanged.



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- The conference will hold discussions on how women help in the development work being done for the country where ideas on projects and plans can be debated.

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