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Today's Important Current Affairs 30th May 2018

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Important Current Affairs 30th May 2018

- **'Santokbaa Humanitarian' award**
 - Child rights activist and Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and space scientist A S Kiran Kumar, Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), were given 'Santokbaa Humanitarian Award'.
 - The award was presented by the President of India.
 - The award is instituted by Shree Ramkrishna Knowledge Foundaton (SRKKF).
- **Global health monitoring mechanism launched**
 - The World Health Organization (WHO) and World Bank Group has launched a new mechanism that intends to strengthen global health security.
 - The Global Preparedness Monitoring Board was created on the margins of the 71st Session of the World Health Assembly on 24th May.





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- The Board's Secretariat will be housed at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **WHO Adopts Digital Health Resolution**
 - The resolution on digital health brought out by India was adopted by the 71st World Health Assembly, the decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO).
 - The 71st World Health Assembly was held in Geneva and was attended by delegations from all WHO member states.
 - The resolution paves the path for WHO to establish a global strategy on digital health.
- **Ruthenium found to have magnetic properties**
 - Scientists have demonstrated that the chemical element ruthenium (Ru) is the fourth single element to have unique magnetic properties at room temperature.
 - The discovery could be used to improve sensors, devices in the computer memory and logic industry.
 - Only 3 elements have been found to be ferromagnetic at room temperature -- iron (Fe), cobalt (Co), and nickel (Ni)..
- **Trai to tap blockchain to curb spam calls**
 - In a first of its kind initiative, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issued draft guidelines to curb pesky calls and SMSes by using blockchain technology.
 - Blockchain will ensure two things—non- repudiative and confidentiality.
 - Only those authorised to access details will be able to access subscriber details and only when they need to deliver service.
- **Study centre on Brahmaputra river**
 - The Central government announced that a Brahmaputra Study Centre would be set up at Gauhati University to conduct research on the causes of and how to prevent frequent floods in the river.



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- The fund for setting up the study centre will be provided by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- The study centre would offer an opportunity for research in different aspects of the river.
- **Goa Celebrates its Statehood Day on May 30**
 - Goa attained full statehood on 30th May 1987 and became India's 25th state.
 - Daman and Diu were separated from Goa and continue to be administered as a union territory.
 - Earlier, Goa was a union territory, namely, Goa, Daman and Diu for all administrative and governance considerations.
- **WCD ministry, UP govt sign MoU**
 - A MoU has been signed between the Women and Child and Development (WCD) Ministry and the Uttar Pradesh government for managing a shelter home for widows in Vrindavan.
 - The MoU shall be in force for a period of two years.
 - According to the MoU, the UP government shall be responsible for activities including setting up mechanism for identifying beneficiaries and other norms.
- **Bangladesh CG ship at Visakhapatnam Port**
 - A Bangladesh Coast Guard Ship, Tajuddin, arrived at the Visakhapatnam Port.
 - The aim of the visit is to develop working level operation between Coast Guards of maritime nations and enhance interoperability in the fields of maritime search and rescue, anti-piracy operations.
 - Tajuddin has participated in the 10th Regional Co-operation Agreement (ReCAP) for safe and secure sea in February 2017.





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- **Himachal launches app for ration card holders**
 - The food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department of Himachal Pradesh has launched a mobile app for ration card holders.
 - The app will function as a digital ration card and beneficiaries can open it on their android phones to make transaction at fair price shop, submit complaints and suggestions and contact department officers.
 - This app is available under the name of ePDS.
- **Bengal's Chau mask acquires GI fame**
 - The Chau mask of Purulia, the wooden mask of Kushmandi, the Patachitra, the Dokras of Bengal, and Madhurkathi (a kind of mat) have been presented with the Geographical Indication (GI) tag
 - The GI tag has been given by the Geographical Indication Registry and Intellectual Property India.
 - A GI tag connects the quality and authenticity of a given product to a particular geographical origin.
- **India, Russia conclude negotiations for S-400**
 - India has concluded price negotiations with Russia for a nearly Rs 40,000 crore deal to procure S-400 Triumph air defence missile systems for the Indian Air Force.
 - S-400 Triumph can detect, track & shoot down multiple targets including cruise missiles, ballistic missiles, aircraft, drones & UAVs.
 - S-400 is Russia's most advanced long-range surface-to-air missile defence system.
- **MD Mallya appointed as independent director**
 - ICICI Bank has appointed MD Mallya as an additional independent director on the board.



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- Mallya in the past has served as the managing director & chairman of Bank of Baroda.
- Mallya's tenure is for a period of 5 years, it is subjected to the approval of shareholders.
- Mallya was also engaged extensively with the government as Indian Banks' Association chairman.
- **'Gaj Yatra' campaign launched in Meghalaya**
 - The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and the Wildlife Trust of India rolled out the 'Gaj Yatra' from Tura, Meghalaya.
 - It aims to raise awareness about the shrinking space for India's wild elephants & the importance of securing elephant corridors.
 - The event involves taking an elephant mascot across districts frequented by jumbo herds for generating awareness among the people.
- **Power Minister R K Singh launched PRAAPTI**
 - Power Minister R K Singh has launched web portal and App called PRAAPTI.
 - 'Praapti' stands for 'Payment ratification and analysis in power procurement for bringing transparency in involving of generators'.
 - It aims to bring transparency in power purchase transactions between Generators and power distribution company- Discoms.
- **Pankaj Saran appointed Deputy NSA**
 - India's envoy to Russia Pankaj Saran has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Advisor.
 - He served twice in the Prime Minister's Office - First as Deputy Secretary during 1995 and 1999, and then as the Joint Secretary between 2007 and 2012.
 - He had held various positions in India & abroad including country's High Commissioner to Bangladesh.





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- Ajit Doval is the National Security Adviser
- **R K Agrawal appointed NCDRC president**
 - Justice R K Agrawal has been appointed as the next President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
 - Justice Agrawal will take over from Justice DK Jain who retires on May 31, 2018.
 - The NCDRC, which deals with consumer rights and addresses their disputes and grievances, is a quasi-judicial commission set up in 1988 under the Consumer Protection Act of 1986.
- **International day of UN Peacekeepers**
 - International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed every year on May 29 to pay tribute to all men & women who have served & continue to serve in UN peacekeeping operations.
 - Theme of International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2018 is UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service & Sacrifice.
 - So far India has taken part in 43 Peacekeeping missions with a total contribution exceeding 180,000 troops.
- **India signed loan agreement with World Bank**
 - India has signed a loan agreement with the World Bank for USD 21.7 Million for strengthening the public financial management in Rajasthan project.
 - The project aims to contribute to improved budget execution, enhanced accountability and greater efficiency in Revenue Administration in Rajasthan.
 - It also involves strengthening of expenditure & revenue systems and project management among others
- **Talks on bilateral social security agreement**
 - India and China have agreed to start formal negotiations on a bilateral social security agreement.



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- So far, India has signed social security agreements with 18 countries from different parts of the world.
- The bilateral social security agreements are aimed at protecting the interests of Indian professionals, skilled workers working abroad.

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