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Important Current Affairs 1st August 2018

- **LHC accelerates atoms for the 1st time**
 - For the very first time, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN has injected and accelerated lead 'atoms'.
 - Previously, the LHC had accelerated only protons and the nuclei of atoms.
 - The process was done to test out a new CERN concept called the Gamma Factory.
 - With this new advancement, scientists could be able to make 'exotic' particles like dark matter or a muon (heavy electron) beam.
- **India's Q1 fiscal deficit at 68.7%**
 - The government of India reported a fiscal deficit of ₹ 4.29 trillion (\$62.57 billion) for April-June, or 68.7% of the budgeted target for the current fiscal year 2018-19 compared with 80.8% a year ago.
 - The fiscal deficit target for the current financial year is Rs 6.24 lakh crore.



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- Rs 2.37 lakh crore was the net tax revenue during the April-June quarter.
- **Startup India Yatra begins in Chhattisgarh**
 - The Startup India Yatra was launched on July 30 2018 in Raipur.
 - To promote job creation in tier 2 and tier 3 towns and cities, Startup India organizes the Startup India Yatra in one state every month.
 - The Startup India initiative envisages to build a robust startup ecosystem in the country for nurturing innovation and providing opportunities to budding entrepreneurs.
- **IWAI launches Dedicated Portal for cargo**
 - The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) launched a dedicated portal to connect cargo owners and shippers with real time data on availability of vessels.
 - Named as the 'Forum of Cargo-Owners and Logistics-Operators', the link of the portal is available on the homepage of IWAI.
 - It has been designed and developed by the in-house IT Department and the Traffic Wing of IWAI
- **IOC tops 7 Indian firms on Fortune 500 list**
 - Seven Indian companies have made it to the latest Fortune 500 list of the world's biggest corporations in terms of revenue.
 - Indian Oil Corporation continued to be the highest ranked Indian firm and Reliance Industries (RIL) jumping 53 places.
 - Indian Oil Corp (IOC) with 23% rise in revenues at USD 65.9 billion was ranked 137th, up from the 168th position in 2017.
- **Deepak re-appointed as director on HDFC board**
 - Deepak Parekh was re-appointed as a Non-Executive Director on the board of the country's largest mortgage lender HDFC.
 - HDFC Chairman Parekh secured approval of 77.36% shareholders at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the company.
 - Parekh has been at the helm of HDFC for close to 30 years.



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- **Radioactive molecule detected in space**

- In a first, astronomers have detected a radioactive molecule in space, believed to be from a stellar explosion that took place in the 17th century.
- The radioactive molecule was spotted with the Northern Extended Millimetre Array and the Atacama Large Millimetre/ submillimeter Array radio telescopes.
- The radioactive molecule is an isotope of aluminium monofluoride.

- **Digital payments to touch one trillion dollar**

- According to the NITI Aayog's "Digital Payment: Trends, Issues and Opportunities" report, digital payments market in India is set to become a trillion-dollar industry in the next five years.
- It will be led by growth in mobile payments which are slated to rise to \$190 billion by 2023 from \$10 billion in 2017-18.
- This would present huge business opportunities for players in the digital space.

- **Largest pan-India rural sanitation survey**

- The largest pan-India rural sanitation survey will commence on 1st August 2018 under the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- It will also rank districts based on their sanitation level.
- The criteria set for ranking includes construction and use of toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission- Gramin, direct observation of sanitation at public places and feedback from citizens.

- **ONGC won top honours at Swachhta Pakwada**

- Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) bagged top honours at the Swachhta Pakwada Awards.
- Swachhta Pakwada Awards is an oil ministry initiative to honour companies and individuals doing exemplary work in cleanliness.
- Indian Oil Corp (IOC) bagged the runner-up's award.





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- The Ministry celebrated Swachhta Pakhwada from July 1, 2018, to July 15, 2018, with the theme 'Innovation and Sustainability'.
- **Azad, Najma to be given Parliamentary award**
 - The leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla and BJD MP Bhartruhari Mahtab will be conferred the Outstanding Parliamentarian award by President Ram Nath Kovind.
 - Najma Heptulla will get the award for 2013, Lok Sabha member Hukumdev Yadav for 2014.
 - The award will be given to Azad for 2015, TMC MP Dinesh Trivedi for 2016 and Mahtab for 2017.
- **India imposes safeguard duty on solar cells**
 - India imposed safeguard duty on solar cells imports from China and Malaysia for two years to protect domestic players from steep rise in the inbound shipments of the product.
 - This comes following recommendations by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), under the commerce ministry.
 - As per the notification of the finance ministry, 25% safeguard duty has been imposed.
- **Mauritius's SBM gets RBI approval**
 - Mauritius-based SBM Group has received Reserve Bank of India's approval to operate in the country through a wholly-owned subsidiary route.
 - It is the first foreign lender to receive such a licence after local incorporation was introduced in 2013.
 - SBM, which has been in India since 1994, currently operates through four branches, in Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Ramachandrapuram.
- **Vijay Thakur made MEA Secretary**



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- Indian ambassador to Ireland Vijay Thakur Singh was named as the Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- Singh will take over as the Secretary (East), MEA with effect from October 1, after incumbent Secretary (East) in the MEA Preeti Saran.
- Vijay Thakur Singh is currently serving as an Ambassador in Dublin, is a 1985 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service.
- **CSCs to implement Ayushman Bharat**
 - Common Service Center (CSC) and National Health Accounts (NHA) signed a memorandum of understanding to implement the Ayushman Bharat scheme through three-lakh CSCs across the country.
 - Ayushman Bharat is the National Health Protection Scheme, which will provide coverage of up to ₹5 lakh.
 - According to the MoU, a beneficiary can now visit the nearby CSC to get the benefit of this scheme.
- **Rajasthan first to implement biofuel policy**
 - Rajasthan has become the first State in the country to implement the national policy on biofuels unveiled by the Centre in May 2018.
 - The state will lay emphasis on increasing production of oilseeds.
 - It will establish a Centre for Excellence in Udaipur to promote research in the fields of alternative fuels and energy resources.
- **Google doodle remembers Meena Kumari**
 - Google Doodle celebrated the 85th birth anniversary of Meena Kumari, the yesteryear actress remembered as the "tragedy queen".
 - Meena Kumari was born on August 1, 1933 as Mahjabeen Bano.
 - She was just six years old when she made her debut in "the Leather Face".
 - In her career spanning 30 years, she acted in over 90 movies.
- **Core industries grows to 6.7% in June**
 - Eight core sector industries registered high growth of 6.7% in June 2018.





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- According to the data released by the commerce and industry ministry, eight sectors including coal, refinery products, fertilisers, steel and cement showed better performance due to better outcome by cement, refinery and coal segments.
- Fertilisers saw growth slowing sharply in June to 0.93% from 8.44% in May 2018.
- **Rajiv Sadbhavana Award for Gopal Gandhi**
 - Former West Bengal Governor Gopal Krishna Gandhi has been chosen for Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award 2018 for promoting communal harmony and peace.
 - The award carries a citation and a cash award of Rs. 10 lakh.
 - Former recipients of the award include Mother Teresa, Ustad Bismillah Khan, Mohammed Yunus, Lata Mangeshkar, Sunil Dutt, Dilip Kumar, Kapila Vatsyayan, Teesta Setalvad.
- **Lok Sabha passes IBC amendment bill**
 - The Lok Sabha has passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill 2018.
 - The Bill amends the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 to clarify that allottees under a real estate project should be treated as financial creditors.
 - Financial creditors will be able to decide the future of defaulting builders alongside their lenders.

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