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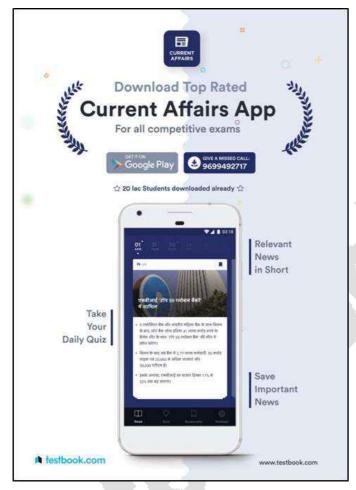
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Awards & Honours

'Sarala Puraskar' for poet Satrughna Pandav

- Odia poet Satrughna Pandav will be honored with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for his poetry collection 'Misra Dhrupad'.
- The annual Sarala Puraskar, recognized as one of the foremost literary awards.
- The 'Sarala Puraskar' instituted by eminent Odia industrialist late Dr Bansidhar Panda and late Ila Panda in 1979 and awarded by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPaCT).



Days & Events

52nd International Literacy Day Celebrated

- International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on September 8, is an opportunity for governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates.
- The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- This year's theme is 'Literacy and skills development.'

Teachers' Day is celebrated on 5th September

 Teachers' Day is celebrated throughout India on 5th September.

- The day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of educationist and former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu will give away
 National Teachers' Awards in New Delhi.
- The award is given as public recognition to meritorious teachers working in primary, middle and secondary schools.

Int Day of Charity observed on September 5

- The International Day of Charity is observed annually on 5 September.
- It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.
- The prime purpose of the International Day of Charity is to raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations.

'Delhi Movelo Cyclothon' inaugurated

- The 'Delhi Movelo Cyclothon' organised by NITI
 Aayog was flagged off by Minister of State for Home
 Affairs Kiren Rijiju on September 2, 2018.
- The nine-km Cyclothon aims to create awareness about future of transportation and evolving technologies in the sector.
- The initiative mainly focuses on urban areas to curb congestion and vehicular pollution.

International Affairs

China allows Nepal to direct transit

- China on Friday agreed to allow Nepal to use four of its seaports and three land ports for third-country trade reducing the landlocked country's dependence on India to conduct international commerce.
- Chinese authorities will provide permits to trucks and containers ferrying Nepal-bound cargo to and from Xigatse in Tibet, as per the new arrangement.

China launched satellite to monitor sea waters

- China launched a marine satellite to help improve the understanding of maritime waters and climate change.
- A Long March-2C rocket carrying the 'HY-1C satellite' was launched from China.
- The satellite will help monitor ocean colour and water temperatures, providing basic data for research on the global oceanic environment.

Qatar offers permanent resident status

- Qatar has decided to grant permanent resident status to a select band of expatriates.
- The government has identified certain categories of people for eligibility to obtain the proposed permanent resident card.



- The card will allow the permanent residents to buy houses and properties as well and entitle them to several privileges.
- Qatar has the highest per capita income in the world.

Xi Jinping announced USD 60 bn aid to Africa

- Chinese President Xi Jinping has announced a financial package of USD 60 billion aid, comprising investment and loans to Africa.
- The announcement was made during the ongoing Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit.
- The aid package is the same amount China had announced at the 2015 FOCAC summit.

Arif Alvi is Pakistan's new President

- Arif Alvi, one of the founding members of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, was elected as President of Pakistan on 4th September, 2018.
- The new President will take the oath of the office on September 9, 2018.
- The outgoing President Mamnoon Hussain's fiveyear tenure ends on September 8, 2018.
- He won the National Assembly elections from NA-247 (Karachi) during the July 25, 2018 election.

Typhoon Jebi approaches Japan

- Japan issued evacuation advisories in the face of strong winds and heavy rain due to typhoon Jebi.
- Jebi whose name means "swallow" in Korean is the latest harsh weather to hit Japan.
- Japan is now in typhoon season and is regularly struck by major storm systems during the summer and autumn.

UAE announces first astronauts to go to space

- The United Arab Emirates has selected its first two astronauts to go on a mission to the International Space Station.
- UAE named the new astronauts as Hazza al-Mansouri and Sultan al-Neyadi.
- The UAE has its sights set on space with a programme worth 20 billion dirhams (USD 5.4 billion).

S Africa declares end of listeria outbreak

- South Africa declared an official end to the world's worst recorded listeria outbreak.
- Listeriosis or listeria is a serious infection usually caused by eating food contaminated with the bacterium 'Listeria monocytogenes'.
- The infection mainly affects children and has an incubation period of up to 70 days, making it difficult to track.

Ukraine launched military drills with NATO

- Ukraine launched joint military exercises with the U.S. and other North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries.
- The annual 'Rapid Trident' military exercises, taking place in western Ukraine until September 15, 2018.
- Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States are part of NATO.

National Affairs

BJP national meeting to begin today

- The BJP national meeting is set to begin Saturday afternoon i.e. 8th Sept 2018.
- The two-day meeting will be attended by its key leaders from all states and Union territories besides its national leadership.
- The agenda of the meeting will be formulate its strategy for the state assembly polls and the Lok Sabha elections and discussion about various issues.

Bengaluru to host AERO in 2019

- Defence Ministry announced that Bengaluru will host AERO India from 20th to 24th Feb 2019.
- The AERO will be hosted by strong Yelahanka Air Force strong station which has hosted all 11 editions of AERO India so far.
- This five-day event will combine a major trade exhibition for the aerospace and defence industries with public air shows.

ONGC discovered oil reserves in M.P., Bengal

- Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) has made oil and gas discoveries in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal that may potentially open up two new sedimentary basins in the country.
- ONGC has found gas deposits in a block in Vindhyan basin in Madhya Pradesh.
- Oil and gas discovery has been made in Ashok Nagar of 24 Parganas district in West Bengal.

Supreme Court decriminalises homosexuality

- A five-judge Constitutional bench of the Supreme Court legalised same-sex relations between consenting adults.
- Same-sex relations is considered taboo by many in socially conservative India and was reinstated as a criminal offence in 2013.
- Section 377 criminalised sexual activities "against the order of nature", including homosexual activities.

Person need not be resident to contest polls

 The Delhi High Court said a person need not be a resident of a constituency to contest elections from there.



- The response came after the office of the Lok Sabha speaker objected to a resident of Odisha's Cuttack seeking holding of bypoll for the vacant seat of Kendrapara.
- The court issued a notice to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Election Commission and the office of the Lok Sabha speaker.

Google to help EC track political ads

- Google will soon be helping the Election Commission (EC) keep tabs on online political advertising.
- The tech giant will develop a mechanism that will ensure the pre-certification of political advertisements.
- It will also enable it to share with the authority, details about the expenditure incurred on its platforms.

India to participate in Tsunami mock drill

- India along with 23 other nations will participate in a major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock drill IOWave18.
- The exercise is being organized by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.
- The purpose of the exercise is to increase tsunami preparedness, evaluate response capabilities in each state and improve coordination throughout the region.

Hi-tech cruise 'Alaknanda' inaugurated

- Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated first hi-tech cruise 'Alaknanda' on the banks of river Ganga in Varanasi.
- This double-decker cruise with around 2,000 square feet area can accommodate 60 passengers
- This is the first time a private company has started a cruise ferry for tourists, now tourists will have better options to see the beauty of Varanasi Ghats.

India & World

India to partner in Izmir International show

- India is the partner country in the 'Izmir International trade show' which began on September 7, 2018, in Turkey.
- India will also launch a business pavilion 'Source India' to increase exports to Turkey and other neighbouring countries.
- Source India, with 75 Indian participating companies, will be a multi-product pavilion.

India, U.S. signed COMCASA agreement

- India and the United States signed Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA).
- The agreement is on military and security cooperation.

- COMCASA will facilitate access to advanced defence systems and enable India to optimally utilise its existing US-origin platforms.
- India and the U.S. would also hold a first-ever triservice exercise on the east coast of India in 2019.

India And France to collaborate on 'Gaganyaan'

- India and France have announced a working group for Gaganyaan.
- Gaganyaan is ISRO's first manned mission announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Independence Day.
- The announcement was made at the sixth edition of the Bengaluru Space Expo by French space agency president Jean-Yves Le Gall.
- India plans to send three humans to space before 2022.

India, US held inaugural edition of 2+2 talks

- India and the US on 6th September 2018, held the first edition of the 2+2 talks in New Delhi.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman held the talks with US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo and Defence Secretary James Mattis.
- The focus of the 2+2 talks will be to deepen global strategic partnership between the two countries.



India, Bulgaria signed various agreements



- India and Bulgaria signed agreements in an effort to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the two countries.
- Agreements on cooperation in tourism, civil nuclear cooperation, the establishment of Hindi chair at the Sofia University and cooperation in science and technology were signed.
- President Kovind is on a state visit to Cyprus, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic.

India, Cyprus signed two agreements

- India and Cyprus signed two agreements on combating money laundering and cooperation in the field of environment.
- President Ram Nath Kovind met Cyprus
 President Nicos Anastasiades and held wide-ranging
- Mr. Kovind is in Cyprus on the first leg of his threenation visit to Europe to continue India's high-level engagements with European countries.

DG-level talks between India, Bangladesh began

- The 47th Director General Level Co-ordination meeting between the Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) started on September 3, 2018, in New Delhi.
- The Indian delegation will be headed by KK Sharma, Director General, BSF.
- The DG Level Border Co-ordination conference with BGB is a bi-annual conference being held since 1975.

President Kovind on a 3-nation tour

- President Ram Nath Kovind is on a three-nation visit to Cyprus, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic from 2-9 September.
- During his visit to Cyprus, he will address Cyprus' House of Representatives and will deliver a lecture at the University of Cyprus.
- The capitals of these countries are as follow- Cyprus-Nicosia, Bulgaria- Sofia, Czech Republic- Prague.

India, Singapore launched FTA Review

- India and Singapore launched the next round of review for their existing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with a view to further boost bilateral trade and investments between the countries.
- The FTA is officially known as the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement.
- The review round of the FTA was launched by Union Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu and Singapore Minister of Trade S Iswaran

Environment

Panel urges plan to save Himalayan springs

 A NITI Aayog constituted group of experts has urged the government to set up a dedicated mission to save

- and revive spring water systems in the **country's** Himalayan States.
- The group noted in its report titled 'Inventory and Revival of Springs in the Himalayas for Water Security.'
- Spring water systems in the Himalayan States are an important source of water for both drinking and irrigation.

HP to have doppler radars, snow gazers

- The Indian Meteorological Department will set up three Doppler radars, a number of snow gazers and automatic weather stations in Himachal Pradesh for better weather, avalanche and landslide forecast.
- These radars will be set up at Kufri in Shimla district, Dalhousie in Chamba district and Kullu.
- The first radar would be set up at Kufri in Shimla district by the end of 2019.

Government Policies & Schemes

Power Sector Subsidy to be under DBT

- The Centre has proposed a major reform in the power sector in a draft amendment to Electricity Act, 2003.
- Making DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) only way to provide subsidy to any category of consumer by State govt.
- The Centre expects that the discoms would not accumulate debt henceforth If consumer get subsidy directly in bank accounts via DBT.

Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign launch on 15 Sept

- 'Swachhata Hi Seva 2018' a Jan Andolan for Swachhata to be observed in the run-up to the 4th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) from 15th September to 2nd October 2018.
- SHS aims at accelerating the Jan-Andolan for realizing the vision of a Clean India.
- The launch of the campaign will be done through video conference at more than 15 locations across the country.

Sikkim's data sharing & access portal launched

- The first data sharing and access portal of Sikkim has been launched by Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling.
- The data sharing and accessibility platform will improve access to information and specify new data sets and records to be collected and published.
- The platform is intended to be used by all state government departments and PSUs.

Odisha House nod for Legislative Council

 A resolution seeking creation of a Legislative Council in Odisha was passed in the State Assembly on 6th September, 2018.



- The resolution will be sent to the Centre for approval of Parliament to facilitate creation of the Legislative Council
- A proposal for creation of the Legislative Council in Odisha was passed by the State Cabinet on August 24, 2018.

Indian Railways launched 'Aapoorti' mobile app

- Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched a new mobile application named "AAPOORTI' of the Indian Railways e-procurement system.
- The new application would provide information and data related to e-tendering and e-auction related activities of the Railways.
- The app has also been provided with user manuals of Indian Railways' e-procurement system.

Govt. grants 'trust' status to Bharat Ke Veer

- The government has granted the status of a 'trust' to 'Bharat Ke Veer', a private initiative promoted by actor Akshay Kumar.
- The trust will help families of paramilitary personnel killed in action.
- Contributions to Bharat Ke Veer have been exempted from Income Tax.
- Akshay Kumar and former national badminton champion Pullela Gopichand have been included as trustees.

EVs, CNG vehicles don't need permits

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said that no permits would be required for vehicles running on alternative fuel, including CNG, ethanol and electric vehicles.
- The move is expected to boost the demand for such vehicles in the country.
- A permit is an instrument issued by a State or Regional Transport Authority authorizing the use of a motor vehicle as a transport vehicle.

Temasek inked pact to invest \$400 mn in NIIF

- Singapore-based global investment firm Temasek has signed an agreement to invest up to \$400 million in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India.
- Temasek will join as an investor in NIIF's Master Fund.
- The fund invests in core infrastructure sectors in India with a focus on transportation, energy and urban infrastructure.

Monetary limit for filing cases in DRT doubled

- The government doubled the pecuniary limit to Rs 20 lakh for filing loan recovery application in the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT) by banks and financial institutions.
- The move is aimed at helping reduce pendency of cases in DRTs.

- There are 39 DRTs in the country.
- Any bank or financial institution or a consortium of banks cannot approach DRTs if the amount due is less than Rs 20 lakh.

Telangana recommends dissolution of Assembly

- The Telangana State Cabinet has recommended the dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly.
- The decision was taken at a meeting of the State Cabinet that was chaired by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao.
- Elections to the Telangana Assembly were held in April and May of 2014 as part of the polls to the Assembly of the then united Andhra Pradesh.

Science & Technology

ISRO unveils space suit for 2022 mission

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) displayed a space suit for mission 'Gaganyaan' at the 6th edition of Bengaluru Space Expo.
- The orange-colored prototype space suit is developed at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ISRO also displayed the crew capsule with a thermal shield for three astronauts that will be orbiting Earth at a 400-km altitude for 5-7 days.

6th edition of Space Expo inaugurated

- The 6th edition of the biennial Bengaluru Space Expo was inaugurated by ISRO Chairman Dr.K Sivan in Bengaluru.
- The three-day event will showcase industry participation in Indian space programme.
- Dr.K Sivan also said that France will provide space medicines for Indian astronauts who will be part of India's first Manned Space Mission Gaganyan.

Japan to test mini 'space elevator'

- A Japanese team has developed a "space elevator" and will conduct a first trial in September, 2018.
- The test equipment will be launched on an H-2B rocket being launched by Japan's space agency.
- The test involves a miniature elevator stand-in a box just 6 cm long, 3 cm wide, and 3 cm high.
- It's the world's first experiment to test travel between two mini satellites in space.

ISRO's 1st station to come up at North Pole

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to set up its overseas satellite ground station near the North Pole.
- This would bolster the Indian Remote Sensing (IRS)
 operations which are critically important in times like
 disaster management but also for the armed forces.

 However, ISRO has already two ground stations-IMGEOS at Shadnagar and AGEOS in Antarctica.



ISRO to make history by launching 19 missions

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all set to carry out 19 missions in a span of just seven months.
- The 19 missions include 10 satellite and nine launch vehicles scheduled to take off between September 2018 and March 2019.
- ISRO will begin its series of launches from September 15 with the PSLV C42 mission which will have the Novasar and S1-4- UK satellites as the main payload.

Committees & Recommendations

NGT forms monitoring committee

- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has formed a monitoring committee to prepare a time-bound action plan on groundwater recharge in Delhi.
- The committee will be headed by Justice (retd) S P Garq.
- The committee will comprise one representative each from the Delhi Jal Board, Central Pollution Control Board, Central Ground Water Authority and Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) concerned.

Books & Authors

Book on Mahatma Gandhi's 'Nai Talim' launched

- A book on experiential learning based on Mahatma Gandhi's 'Nai Talim' (basic education) was released by HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar.
- It contains basic principles of Gandhi's 'Nai Talim', along with the work and education curriculum for schools.
- It has been brought out simultaneously in 13 languages in consultation with the state councils of educational research and training.

Business & Economy

CAD widens to 2.4% of GDP

- India's current account deficit (CAD) stood at \$15.8 billion i.e 2.4% of GDP in the Q1 of 2018-19 compared with \$15 billion (2.5 per cent of GDP) in the same period of last year.
- The widening of the CAD on a y-o-y basis was primarily due to a higher trade deficit at \$45.7 billion as compared with \$41.9 billion in 2017

IRDAI tests guidelines for 'Sandbox Method'

 The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is working on the guidelines for 'Sandbox'.



- 'Sandbox' method which will allow insurers to test products in a particular geography or among a set of few policyholders before they are available in the market.
- Industry participants believe that this move will lead to further innovation in insurance products.

Alibaba co-founder Jack Ma to retire at 54

- Alibaba co-founder and chairman Jack Ma plans to retire from the Chinese e-commerce giant on Monday on his 54th birthday.
- After retirement Jack Ma plan to devote his time to philanthropy focused on education.
- Jack Ma is among China's richest men with a net worth estimated by Forbes at \$38.6 billion.

HDFC Bank is India's most valued brand

- HDFC Bank retained its top spot in the BrandZ India Top 50 for the fifth year in a row.
- The total brand value of HDCF bank grew by 21 percent to \$21.7 billion in 2018.
- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) comes at the second spot due to the key role played by its pension plan business, while Tata Consultancy Services ranked third on the list.

BEL got contract for surface-to-air missiles

- Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has bagged an order worth Rs 9,200 crore for supply of Seven Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) systems.
- BEL has entered into a contract with Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) to supply LRSAM systems.
- The LRSAM will be fitted onboard seven ships to be built by these two shipbuilders.

SBI Mutual Fund appoints Ashwani as CEO

- SBI Mutual Fund has appointed Ashwani Bhatia as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- Bhatia takes over from Anuradha Rao after she returned to State Bank of India (SBI) as Deputy Managing Director.
- SBI Mutual Fund is a joint venture between the State Bank of India and Amundi, a European asset management company.

Asia Index launches S&P BSE Pvt Banks Index

- Asia Index Pvt Ltd, a joint venture between S&P Dow Jones Indices and BSE Ltd, announced the launch of an index designed to measure the performance of private banks.
- The S&P BSE Private Banks Index is drawn from the constituents of the S&P BSE Finance Index.
- The index is calculated in Indian Rupees and US Dollar and is calculated real-time by BSE.

Amazon hits \$ 1 trillion in stock market value

- America's online shopping giant Amazon on September 4, 2018, became the second US company to hit \$ 1 trillion in stock market value.
- Apple was the first US company to hit \$1 trillion in stock market value.
- Amazon is owned by Jeff Bezos, who among other things also owns The Washington Post, a top American.

KVB rolls out tab-based loan processing system

- Karur Vysya Bank Ltd (KVB) has rolled out KVB Next, a tab-based digital initiative.
- This will help the retail and business customers get in-principle sanctions for loans within 15 minutes.
- Under the initiative, KVB will offer retail loans for up to Rs. 2 crore, loan against property for up to Rs. 3 crore and home loans for up to Rs. 1 crore.

IPPB replaces ATM/debit cards with QR cards

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) does away with ATM cards and debit cards for both cash and cashless transactions.
- IPPB will issue new QR (Quick-Response) cards which work on biometric authentication and not on passwords or PINs.
- QR card transactions can be done through postmen, post offices or Grameen Dak Sevaks (GDS).

Sports

Ankur Mittal Won Gold in ISSF Championship

- Ankur Mittal claimed the men's double trap gold medal in the ISSF World Championship in Changwon on Saturday.
- The 26-year-old overcame the Chinese 4-3 to emerge triumphant after the Slovakian had missed his second shoot-off clay target to settle for bronze.
- After the seventh day of competition, India has 20 medals seven gold, seven silver, and six bronze.

Hriday Hazarika won gold in 10m air rifle

- Hriday Hazarika won gold medal for India in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Junior event at the ongoing International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Championship.
- Mohammed Amir from Iran won the silver medal and Russia's Grigorii Shamakov won bronze medal.
- Hriday Hazarika was the only Indian to qualify for the men's final.

Saurabh won gold medal in Shooting

- Saurabh Chaudhary won gold medal in 10m Air Pistol shooting at the ISSF Shooting World Championship in South Korea on 6th September, 2018.
- Saurabh Chaudhary has won gold medal in shooting at Asian Games 2018.



 Arjun Singh Cheema claimed bronze medal in the same event while Korea's Hojin Lim clinched silver medal.

Divyansh and Shreya won bronze in shooting

- Divyansh Singh Panwar and Shreya Agarwal won bronze medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team junior event at ISSF World Championships.
- The Italian pair of Sofia Benetti and Marco Suppini won gold, while Iran's Sadeghian Armina and Mohammed Amir Nekounam claimed the silver in the event.
- The championship is the first qualifying event for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Om Prakash won gold medal at ISSF Championship

- Om Prakash Mitharwal won the gold medal in the men's 50m Pistol event of the ISSF World Championship at Changwon in South Korea on 4th September 2018.
- He has won a bronze medal in the 10m air pistol and the 50m pistol events of the Commonwealth Games 2018.
- Since 50m pistol shooting is no longer an Olympic event, Mitharwal cannot qualify for Tokyo 2020.

Indian shuttlers won titles in Ukraine

- Young Indian shuttlers clinched the mixed doubles and men's doubles titles at the RSL Kharkiv International challenge in Kharkiv, Ukraine.
- The duo of Anoushka Parikh and Saurabh Sharma defeated Poland's Pawel Smilowski and Magdalena Swierczynska, in the Mixed Doubles clash.
- The pair of Krishna Prasad Garaga and Dhruv Kapila defeated Germany's duo in Men's Doubles event.

Anjum Moudgil won silver medal in shooting

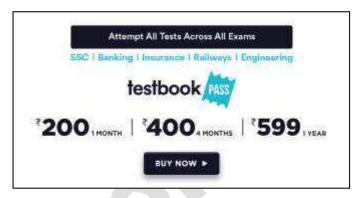
- India's Anjum Moudgil won silver medal in the women's 10m air rifle event at the ongoing ISSF Shooting World Championships in Changwon, South Korea on September 3, 2018.
- Apurvi Chandela finished fourth in the women's 10m Air Rifle event of the ISSF World Championship.
- Anjum and Apurvi became the first Indian shooters to win a quota for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Indian men's Hockey team won Bronze

- The Indian men's hockey team beat Pakistan by 2-1 to clinch a bronze medal on the 14th day of Asian Games 2018.
- Akashdeep Singh (3rd minute) and Harmanpreet
 Singh (50th minute) scored two goals for India in the match.
- It was India's 69th medal at the Asian Games 2018.

Ikee Rikako named as MVP of Asian Games

- Japanese swimmer Ikee Rikako has been named as the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the 18th edition of Asian Games.
- She became the first female athlete to win the MVP title.
- Rikako bagged six gold and two silver medals in the tournament. She received \$50,000 as prize money.



Defence

Indian navy joins exercise SLINEX-2018

- Indian navy ships and aircraft have arrived in Sri Lanka to take part in the joint exercise 'SLINEX-2018' to be held with Sri Lankan navy.
- The exercise will be conducted in two phases, namely the Harbour and Sea Phase.
- It will involve joint training, exchange of expertise, helicopter and maritime patrol aircraft operations, search and rescue, and manoeuvres at sea.

First ever mid-air refuelling of 'Tejas'

- The Indian Air Force has successfully carried out the first ever mid-air refuelling of the indigenously developed Tejas light combat aircraft.
- A Russian built tanker 'IL-78 MKI' was launched from IAF's base in Agra to refuel Tejas launched from Gwalior.
- IAF had ordered 40 Tejas Mark-1 version and a request for proposal (RFP) was issued to HAL for procurement of another batch of 83 Tejas.

Army goes in for SpyLite mini-UAV

- The Army has selected SpyLite mini-UAV for highaltitude aerial surveillance.
- The mini-UAV is built by Cylent Solutions & Systems (CSS), a joint venture between Cylent Ltd of India and BlueBird Aero Systems of Israel.
- SpyLite has an endurance of 4-5 hours and a maximum flight ceiling of 30,000 feet making it ideal for operations along the border with China as well as on the Siachen glacier.

Bangladesh naval ship arrives at Visakhapatnam



- Bangladesh Naval Ship Somudra Joy arrived on a four day visit to the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) in Visakhapatnam.
- Commissioned on December 23 2013, BNS Somudra Joy, a Hamilton Class frigate, is one of the largest ships of the Bangladesh Navy.
- The ship earlier visited Visakhapatnam in February 2016 and participated in the International Fleet Review hosted by Indian Navy.

Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Exercise KAZIND 2018

- Joint Army Exercise 'KAZIND' will be conducted between the Indian and Kazakhstan Army from 10 to 23 Sep 2018 in Otar region, Kazakhstan.
- The aim of the exercise is to build and promote bilateral Army to Army relations and exchange skills and experiences between Kazakhstan Army and the Indian Army.
- The exercise will also serve as a platform for exchange of drills and procedures.

Lockheed, Tata in JV to make F-16 jet wings

- American security and aerospace giant Lockheed Martin announced that the wings of its F-16 fighter jets will be produced in India.
- Lockheed Martin has entered into an agreement with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) for the project.
- Lockheed has offered to move its entire F-16 manufacturing base to India.

Indian Navy wins KAKADU-18 Cup

- The Indian Navy has won the coveted KAKADU Cup 2018 in Australia as it participated in a multilateral maritime exercise involving 27 navies.
- KAKADU exercise is a multilateral maritime engagement hosted by the Royal Australian Navy with support from the Royal Australian Air Force.
- This biannual joint exercise was started in 1993.

Polity

Activists under house arrest till Sept 6

- The Supreme Court ordered that the five human rights activists will be under house arrest till 6 Sept.
- They were arrested for 'Elgaar Parishad' event held on 31 December 2017 that had triggered violence at Koregaon-Bhima village.
- The five activists are Varavara Rao, Vernon Gonzalves, Arun Farreira, Sudha Bhardwaj and Gautam Navalakha.

