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Important Current Affairs 30th October 2018

- **SC allowed States to fix 2 hour duration**
 - The Supreme Court on 30th October 2018 modified its order fixing a slot of 8 pm to 10 pm for bursting firecrackers on Diwali.
 - SC said that the timing will be changed in places such as Tamil Nadu and Puducherry but not exceed two hours a day.
 - It also clarified that green crackers are mandatory only in the National Capital Region.
- **Supreme Court bans old vehicles in NCR**
 - The Supreme Court has prohibited the plying of 15-year-old petrol and 10-year-old diesel vehicles in Delhi NCR due to the prevailing pollution situation.
 - Such vehicles would be impounded if found on the roads in Delhi-NCR.
 - SC directed that a list of 15-year-old petrol and 10-year-old diesel vehicles be published on the website of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
- **National Summit on Public Health Care begins**
 - The 5th 'National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care Systems in India' began at Kaziranga in Assam on 30 October 2018.
 - The summit was organised by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.





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- The objective of the summit is to share and learn the good practices being implemented by states and organisations for the betterment of the health sector.
- **Justice Bist sworn in as Sikkim High Court CJ**
 - Justice Vijai Kumar Bist was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court on 30 October 2018.
 - Governor Ganga Prasad administered the oath of office to Justice Vijai Kumar Bist.
 - Bist was appointed as one of the judges in Uttarakhand High Court in November 2008.
- **WWF's 'Living Planet' report released**
 - World Wide Fund (WWF) has released a report titled 'The Living Planet'.
 - Australia's east coast has been compared to the Amazon as a "deforestation front" in the new global report.
 - The report said that global vertebrate populations are declining at a rate of 13.6% a decade.
 - The global populations of vertebrate species have declined 60% since 1970.
- **First container movement on inland waterways**
 - Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) transported container cargo belonging to food and beverage giant 'PepsiCo' from Kolkata to Varanasi (National Waterway-1).
 - This would be India's first container movement on the inland vessel.
 - The vessel, called MV RN Tagore will take 9-10 days to reach Varanasi.
 - National Waterway-1 runs from Haldia to Allahabad on river Ganga.
- **Urdu writer Qazi Abdussattar passed away**
 - Professor Qazi Abdussattar passed away on 29 October 2018.
 - He was a noted Urdu writer and former head of Aligarh Muslim University's Urdu department
 - He was awarded Padma Shri in 1974.
 - He was also the first recipient of Ghalib Academy Award in 1978.
 - His most famous short story 'Peetal Ka Ghanta' drew acclaim in the Urdu literary world.
- **China-France launched oceanography satellite**
 - China has launched an 'Oceanography Satellite' on 29th October 2018.
 - The 'China-France Oceanography Satellite' (CFOSAT) is the first satellite jointly built by China and France.
 - The satellite will help scientists to predict dangerous cyclones and climate change by monitoring ocean surface winds and waves.
- **India is Asia's most investment savvy economy**
 - Standard Chartered has released a new study titled 'The Emerging Affluent Study 2018– Climbing the Prosperity Ladder'.
 - India has emerged as the most investment-savvy economy in Asia.



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- More than two-thirds of India's affluent class prefer to use various investment products to achieve their financial goals and greater social mobility.
- **EWDS system launched by Odisha CM**
 - Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) and the mass message system.
 - EWDS was launched on the occasion of Odisha Disaster Preparedness Day, which is observed on 29th October 2018.
 - The EWDS will warn the people residing along the coast in the state through the alert siren system from towers installed at 122 locations.
- **Toxic air killed over 1 lakh children in India**
 - The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released a report titled 'Air Pollution and Child Health: Prescribing Clean Air'.
 - Over 1.25 lakh children in India below the age of five died in 2016 due to the impact of polluted air.
 - The report said household air pollution from cooking and ambient air pollution caused more than 50% of acute lower respiratory infections in children under 5 years.
- **Re-appointment of Aditya Puri as MD approved**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the re-appointment of Aditya Puri as Managing Director of the HDFC bank for another two years.
 - Aditya Puri has been with the bank since 1994, making him the longest-serving head of any private bank in the country.
 - Shareholders had already approved his appointment in 2015 for five years subject to the RBI's approval.
- **New telecom policy notified by government**
 - The government of India has notified the new telecom policy on 29th October 2018.
 - It has renamed the Telecom Commission as the 'Digital Communications Commission'.
 - Under the new telecom policy, the government plans to optimally price spectrum, review levies such as license fees and spectrum usage charge.
 - Among the chief aims of the policy is data security of the country.
- **Justice Naresh Patil sworn in as Bombay HC CJ**
 - Justice Naresh Harishchandra Patil was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court on 29th October 2018.
 - He was administered the oath of office by Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao.
 - Justice Naresh Patil had been serving as Acting Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court since 12th August 2018.
- **India, Japan signed currency swap agreement**





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- India and Japan signed a currency swap agreement worth \$75 billion on 29th October 2018.
- A currency swap involves the exchange of interest and sometimes of principal in one currency for the same in another currency.
- Interest payments are exchanged at fixed dates through the life of the contract.
- **India's largest Dry Dock to come up at Cochin**
 - Union Minister Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation for India's largest dry dock at Cochin Shipyard in Kerala on 30th October 2018.
 - The dock will be able to build specialised and technologically advanced large vessels like LNG Carriers, drillships, jack-up rigs, large dredgers, and aircraft carriers for the Indian Navy.
 - The project is expected to be completed by May 2021.
- **Conference on Cyber Security organised**
 - Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) organised a conference on Innovation in Cyberspace, Cyber Security - Challenges and Innovations on 29th October 2018.
 - The conference focused on the current trends, need and future requirements of innovation in the field of cyber security.
 - The conference brought the stakeholders working in the area to showcase their innovations.
- **India, Qatar to establish joint commission**
 - India and Qatar decided to establish a Joint Commission (JC).
 - The JC will be co-chaired by the ministers of external affairs and foreign affairs of the two countries.
 - The JC will be tasked to strengthen the relations between the two countries particularly in the economic, commercial, cultural, scientific, technological, information technology and educational fields.
- **Mega Food park inaugurated in Gujarat**
 - Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the first Mega Food Park in Gujarat on 29th October 2018.
 - It is promoted by Gujarat Agro Infrastructure Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd
 - The Park is located at Village Shah and Vasravi, District Surat, Gujarat.
 - A 2nd Mega Food Park has been sanctioned in Mehsana District of Gujarat.
- **CSIR develops 'Less Polluting Firecrackers'**
 - Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have developed less-polluting firecrackers.
 - The crackers have been named as Safe Water Releaser (SWAS), Safe Minimal Aluminium (SAFAL) and Safe Thermite Cracker (STAR).
 - It has a unique property of releasing water vapour and air as a dust suppressant and diluent for gaseous emissions.



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