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Important Current Affairs 26th October 2018

Reliance Naval launched training ship

- ICGS Varuna, an indigenously-designed training vessel built by Reliance Naval and Engineering Limited (RNEL) for the Indian Coast Guard, was launched on 24 October 2018.
- The vessel's primary role is to impart sea training to cadets of Indian Coast Gaurd (ICG).
- The vessel is 105 meters long and has a capacity of accommodating 242 personnel.

India set to be third largest aviation market

 According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), India will be the third largest aviation market globally, a year sooner than was earlier predicted.









- It is now expected to be among the top three countries by 2024 from its current seventh position.
- IATA said that air passenger numbers worldwide could double to 8.2 billion in 2037.

• PM Modi on a two-day visit to Japan

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-day visit to Japan from 28
 October 2018.
- o The Prime Minister will attend the 13th India-Japan annual summit.
- o He will also hold bilateral talks with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.
- He will visit Yamanashi prefecture at the foothills of Mount Fuji and also address community function in Tokyo.

• Vigilance Awareness Week 2018

- Vigilance Awareness Week 2018 will be observed by the Central Vigilance
 Commission from 29 October to 3 November 2018.
- The theme for Vigilance Awareness Week 2018 is 'Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India'.
- 'Awareness Gram Sabhas' are also organised for the dissemination of awareness in Gram Panchayats (in rural and semi-urban areas) to sensitise the rural citizens.

• International Arya Mahasammelan inaugurated

- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the International
 Arya Mahasammelan on 25 October 2018 in Delhi.
- o This is the 11th such international Arya Mahasammelan since 2006.
- Issues such as prevention of superstition, modernisation, women empowerment, tribal welfare, and management of natural calamities will be discussed at the convention.

Belgium topped in latest FIFA rankings

 According to the latest FIFA rankings, Belgium is the number one ranked football team in the world.



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- France is on the second rank.
- o 5 times FIFA World Cup winner, Germany got 14th rank.
- o India was ranked 97th in the latest rankings.
- o Tunisia (22nd) was the highest ranked African team.
- o The latest FIFA rankings were released on 25 October 2018.

KIIFB to list masala bonds

- The Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) will list masala bonds in the London and Singapore Stock Exchanges.
- The bonds are being floated to mobilise resources for infrastructure projects in Kerala.
- o KIIFB had obtained clearance from the Reserve Bank of India.
- The KIIFB expects an interest of 9+ or 9- for the rupee-denominated borrowings.

Satish appointed as CEO of Paytm Payments Bank

- Paytm Payments Bank appointed Satish Kumar Gupta as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the digital bank.
- He was the Chief Product Officer at National Payments Corporation of India and State Bank of India.
- Paytm Payments Bank offers zero balance accounts and charges on digital transactions.

• Govt. notified rules on granting citizenship

- The Union Home Ministry has empowered the Collectors in seven states to accept online applications to grant citizenship to 'minorities' from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh living in India.
- Collectors in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi will grant citizenship and naturalisation certificates to the minorities.
- Kaiga station's Unit-1 created world record











- The 'Kaiga Generating Station' has created a world record for the longest uninterrupted operation of units having Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs).
- Unit-1 of Kaiga Generating Station (KGS-1) completed 895 days of continuous operation.
- The earlier record for PHWRs was held by Unit-7 of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station at Ontario, Canada which operated continuously for 894 days.

· Soyuz rocket successfully launched by Russia

- On 25th October 2018, Russia successfully launched a Soyuz rocket for the first time since the failure of a similar rocket on 11th October 2018.
- Soyuz-2.1B rocket has successfully carried a satellite for the Russian military.
- It was the third launch of a Soyuz rocket from Russia's northern Plesetsk launch pad in 2018.

PM Modi inaugurated the 'Krishi Kumbh 2018'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Krishi Kumbha 2018-a mega farmers' conclave in Lucknow on 26 October 2018.
- The aim of the conclave is to promote modern technique and diversification in agriculture that could help farmers to double their income.
- Israel and Japan are official partners of Krishi Kumbh 2018.
- o Haryana and Jharkhand are the partner states for Krishi Kumbha 2018.

• NATO's biggest peacetime drill launched

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's (NATO) biggest military exercise, 'Trident Juncture 2018', since the Cold War has started in Norway on 25 October 2018.
- The exercise brought together around 50,000 personnel from all 29 NATO allies, plus partners Finland and Sweden.







The exercise will run till 7 November 2018 in central and eastern Norway, the North Atlantic and the Baltic Sea.

· Ethiopia appointed first female President

- Ethiopia's parliament has appointed the country's first female President,
 Sahle-Work Zewde.
- Sahle-Work has been Ethiopia's ambassador to France, Djibouti, Senegal,
 and the regional bloc, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development.
- Just prior to her appointment as President, she was the UN's top official at the African Union.
- As President she is expected to serve two six-year terms.

HRD Ministry launched two web portals

- Minister of Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar launched the web portal of two schemes on 25 October 2018.
- 'Impactful Policy Research in Social Sciences' (IMPRESS) and 'Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration' (SPARC) were the two schemes of whose portal were launched.
 - The objective of IMPRESS is to identify and fund research proposals in social sciences.

Sakharov prize awarded to filmmaker Sentsov

- The European Parliament awarded the prestigious Sakharov human rights
 prize to jailed Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov on 25 October 2018.
- o The Sakharov Prize was set up in 1988.
- It is awarded every year to individuals or organizations that have made an important contribution to the fight for human rights or democracy.

• India and Bangladesh signed three agreements

- India and Bangladesh signed three agreements on 25 October 2018.
- o The agreement were signed for enhancing inland and coastal waterways connectivity between the two countries for trade and cruise movements.











- It includes the use Chattogram and Mongla Ports in Bangladesh for goods movement.
- They also signed a standard operating procedure (SOP) for movement of passenger and cruise services.

• Pooja Danda won bronze medal in wrestling

- Wrestler Pooja Dhanda won a bronze medal at World Wrestling Championship 2018 in Budapest, Hungary.
- o She won a silver medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast.
- Pooja is only the fourth Indian woman to win a World Championship medal.
- Prior to Pooja, only Alka Tomar (2006) and Geeta and Babita Phogat
 (2012) have won bronze medals for India at the World Championship.

• 'Unnayan Banka' won CAPAM award for 2018

- 'Unnayan Banka' has won the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management's (CAPAM) international innovation award for 2018.
- o It is an online and offline education project started in Banka, Bihar.
- CAPAM is an organisation that promotes good governance and knowledge exchange amongst governments from Commonwealth countries.

Tagore awards for cultural harmony announced

- 'Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony' for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016
 were announced on 25 October 2018.
- The awards were given to Manipuri dancer, Rajkumar Singhajit Singh (2014), Chhayanaut (a cultural organisation of Bangladesh) (2015) and sculptor, Ram Vanji Sutar (2016).
- o It carries an award prize of Rs 1 crore, a citation in a scroll and a plaque.
- The award jury was headed by PM Modi.

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