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**Important Current Affairs 31st October 2018**

- **NASA probe gets closest to the sun**
  - NASA’s Parker Solar Probe, mankind’s first mission to ‘touch’ the sun, has set a new record for closest approach to the sun by a human-made object.
  - Parker Solar Probe was launched on 12 August 2018.
  - The previous record for closest solar approach was set by the German-American Helios 2 spacecraft in April 1976.

- **Foundation stone tech facility centre laid**
  - Minister of DoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone of new Science Centre, the 'Technology Facility Centre' on 29 October 2018 in Jorhat, Assam
  - The facility will be established in the premises of the CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology (NEIST).
The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) will bear the cost of setting up of this new Science Centre.

- Japan joined International Solar Alliance
  - Japan announced joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and submitted the instrument of ratification on 29th October 2018.
  - As of now, there are 70 countries that have signed the ISA Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and 47 countries that have ratified it.
  - Japan will be the 71st country to sign and 48th country to ratify the ISA FA.

- WhatsApp, CII collaborate to train SMEs
  - WhatsApp has partnered with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to train small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs on using the messaging platform to connect with customers.
  - WhatsApp and CII will work to enhance business communication for Indian SMEs through CII’s SME Technology Facilitation Centre.
  - The centre was set up in November 2016.

- ‘Little India Gate’ inaugurated in Indonesia
  - ‘Little India Gate’ was inaugurated in northern Indonesia on 27 October 2018.
  - It recognises the contribution of the Indian community in the development of Medan city, Indonesia.
  - The new structure was inaugurated jointly by India’s ambassador to Indonesia and Timor Leste Pradeep Kumar Rawat and Mayor of Medan H T Dzulmi.
  - Medan city is the fourth largest city in Indonesia.

- Mangaluru to host lit festival from Nov 3
  - 'Mangaluru Lit Fest 2018', will be organised in Mangaluru from 3 November 2018 to 6 November 2018.
  - The theme of the event is 'The Idea of Bharat'.
• **The Lit Fest aims to highlight the literary and cultural diversity of Mangaluru.**

• The festival intends to provide a platform for intellectual deliberations for monologues, panel discussions, conversations and book reviews.

• **NASA's Kepler mission has come to an end**
  
  • NASA's Kepler Space Telescope has run out of fuel, and its mission has come to an end.
  
  • The unmanned space telescope was launched in 2009.
  
  • The unmanned space telescope revealed that billions of hidden planets are in space.
  
  • The Kepler mission was named in honour of 17th-century German astronomer Johannes Kepler, who discovered the laws of planetary motion.

• **Web-based tool to monitor fake news**
  
  • Scientists have developed a web-based tool to help monitor the prevalence of fake news on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter.
  
  • The tool uses a Platform Health Metric called the Iffy Quotient, which draws data from two external entities: NewsWhip and Media Bias/Fact Checker.
  
  • NewsWhip, a social media engagement tracking firm, collects URLs of sites every day.

• **UP government to develop 'food value chain'**
  
  • The Uttar Pradesh government in assistance from Japanese government will develop 'Food Value Chain' in the state.
  
  • The UP Cabinet presided over by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath cleared a proposal in this regard.
  
  • Under the agreement, in the first five years, Japanese companies will invest in agri-related and food-related industries.
• **Seychelles launched sovereign blue bond**
  o The Republic of Seychelles has launched the world’s first sovereign blue bond.
  o Sovereign blue bond is a financial instrument designed to support sustainable marine and fisheries projects.
  o Proceeds from the bond will support the expansion of marine protected areas, improved governance of priority fisheries and the development of the Seychelles’ blue economy.

• **NIIF acquired IDFC Infrastructure Finance**
  o The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India had acquired IDFC Infrastructure Finance Limited (IDFC-IFL).
  o IDFC-IFL is a non-banking finance company registered with the Reserve Bank of India as an infrastructure debt fund.
  o The government had set up the NIIF in 2015 as an investment vehicle for funding greenfield, brownfield and stalled infrastructure projects.

• **RBI to inject Rs 12,000 cr liquidity**
  o The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will inject Rs 12,000 crore into the system through the purchase of Government securities (g-secs) on 1 November 2018.
  o RBI has decided to conduct the purchase of the following g-secs under Open Market Operations (OMO).
  o The RBI sells g-secs to take out liquidity from the system and buys back g-secs to infuse liquidity into the system.

• **Successful night trial of Agni-1 missile**
  o A night trial of India’s indigenously developed nuclear-capable Agni-1 ballistic missile was successfully conducted on 30 October 2018 from a test range off Odisha coast.
  o It has a strike range of 700 km.
  o The missile can carry payloads up to 1000 kg.
- Agni-I missile has a specialised navigation system which ensures it reaches the target with a high degree of accuracy and precision.

- **Malala to be honoured by Harvard University**
  - Malala Yousafzai will be honoured by Harvard University for her work promoting girls' education.
  - She will be conferred with the '2018 Gleitsman Award' at a ceremony on 6th December 2018.
  - The Gleitsman Award provides US$125,000 for activism that has improved quality of life around the world.
  - Malala Yousafzai is the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

- **Vice President Naidu on a three nation visit**
  - Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on 31 October 2018 embarked on a three-nation visit to Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi.
  - In Botswana, the Vice President will inaugurate the Global Expo Botswana 2018.
  - The Capital of the following countries is Zimbabwe: Harare; Botswana: Gaborone and Malawi: Lilongwe.

- **Statue of Unity inaugurated**
  - The Statue of Unity has been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gujarat on 31 October 2018.
  - It is dedicated to India’s first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
  - It is 182 meters tall and is located near the Sardar Sarovar Dam on the Narmada river.
  - It was designed by the sculptor Ram V. Sutar.
  - It was built by the by Larsen & Toubro Ltd.

- **19th Meeting of FSDC held**
The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) held a meeting in New Delhi on 30 October 2018.

- The meeting was presided over by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- It reviewed the progress in setting up a Computer Emergency Response Team in the financial sector under a statutory framework.
- The FSDC Sub-Committee is Chaired by the Governor of Reserve Bank of India.

**INS Tarangini returns after Voyage**

- The sail training ship of Indian Navy 'INS Tarangini' returned to its naval base in Kochi on 30 October 2018 after a seven-month-long voyage.
- The voyage named 'Lokayan 18' was flagged off on 10 April 2018 from Kochi.
- It also participated in the culminating event of the 'Three Festival Tall Ships Regatta' at Bordeaux in France and the 'Tall Ships Races Europe 2018'.

**Netherlands will be the Partner Country**

- The Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country for the 25th DST – CII Technology Summit.
- The Summit will be organised in 2019.
- The first CII Technology Summit was organised in 1995 with an aim to facilitate global technology collaborations.
- CII became a partner with the Department of Science & Technology in organising these Summits since 2004.

**Clean Air Week from 1st November 2018**

- A 'Clean Air Week' campaign would be organised from 01 to 05 November, 2018.
- It is being organised in collaboration with the Government of Delhi and the four major NCR cities to control the air pollution.
For this, 52 teams have been formed to ensure compliance and safety and take quick action.

Delhi will have 44 teams and the cities in NCR region shall have two teams each.

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