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Important Current Affairs 22nd October 2018

- **Indian Carpet Expo in Varanasi inaugurated**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurated 36th Indian Carpet Expo in Varanasi on 21 October 2018.
 - The expo is being organised under the aegis of the Deen Dayal Hastkala Sankul – a trade facilitation centre for handicrafts – at Varanasi..
 - The expo has become a world-famous international fair amongst the buyers of Handmade carpets, rugs and other floor coverings.
- **200 'Nirmal' Ganga projects to be completed**
 - Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said that the government intends to complete 200 projects for ghats and crematoria.
 - The government is taking various measures to ensure ecological flow or the minimum quantity of water at different stretches of the Ganga.
 - The government had in May 2015 approved Rs 20,000 crore under its ambitious 'Namami Gange'.
- **#MeToo: SC declined urgent hearing of PIL**
 - The Supreme Court declined urgent hearing on a PIL seeking the registration of FIRs based on allegations of sexual misconduct and assault levelled by women across various sectors,
 - It is a part of what is being referred to as India's #MeToo movement.





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- #MeToo spread virally in October 2017 on social media in an attempt to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment.
- **Nobel chemistry laureate Shimomura passed away**
 - Japanese-born Marine biologist Osamu Shimomura, who won the Nobel Prize in chemistry, has died.
 - Shimomura and two American scientists shared the 2008 Nobel prize for the discovery and development of a jellyfish protein that later contributed to cancer studies.
 - In 1962, Shimomura isolated green fluorescent protein from jellyfish.
- **NASA names gamma-ray constellations**
 - NASA scientists have devised a new set of 21 modern gamma-ray constellations and named them after fictional characters such as the Hulk and Godzilla.
 - The constellations were devised to celebrate the completion of 10 years of operations of the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope.
 - Fermi's Large Area Telescope has been scanning the entire sky each day, mapping and measuring sources of gamma rays.
- **Paytm launched PayPay in Japan**
 - Paytm has launched a payment service called 'PayPay' in Japan.
 - PayPay is based on QR (quick-response) code technology.
 - The payment service has been launched in association with SoftBank Corporation and Yahoo Japan Corporation.
 - SoftBank Group is one of the largest investors in Paytm.
 - PayPay Corporation was established in June 2018.
- **27th Fusion Energy Conference inaugurated**
 - The 27th Fusion Energy Conference (FEC) was inaugurated in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 22 October 2018.
 - The six-day event is organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and hosted by the Department of Atomic Energy and Gandhinagar-based Institute of Plasma Research.
 - FEC aims to provide a forum for the discussion of key physics and technology issues.
- **NITI Lecture Series on artificial intelligence**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the fourth edition of the NITI Lecture Series focussed on 'leveraging artificial intelligence for inclusive growth' on 22 October 2018.
 - The 2018 theme for the lecture series was 'AI for All: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Inclusive Growth'.
 - The lecture series is part of the National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence.
- **Hurricane Willa approaching towards Mexico**
 - Hurricane Willa has grown rapidly into an 'extremely dangerous' near-Category 5 storm in the eastern Pacific and is moving towards Mexico's western coast.



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- The hurricane was recognised as 'life-threatening' by the US National Hurricane Center (NHC).
- It has maximum sustained winds of about 130 miles per hour (209 km).
- **Sujatha Gidla won Shakti Bhatt Prize**
 - Sujatha Gidla has won the 2018 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize.
 - She won the award for her book, 'Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family and the Making of Modern India'.
 - The Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize is funded by the Shakti Bhatt Foundation.
 - It was set up in 2008 in memory of writer Shakti.
 - It carries a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh.
- **Global meet on maternal, child health**
 - India will be hosting 'The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health' forum in December 2018.
 - The meeting will be on issues related to maternal and child health.
 - The forum will be hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.
 - This is the 2nd time India is hosting the forum -- the first was in 2010.
- **Renaming of Allahabad approved by UP Governor**
 - Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Ram Naik approved the renaming of Allahabad as Prayagraj on 20 October 2018.
 - The name of the district has been approved by the Governor under section 6, subdivision 2 of the Uttar Pradesh Revenue Code, 2006.
 - The proposal to rename the historic city of Allahabad as Prayagraj was approved by the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on 16 October 2018.
- **Climate fund approved US\$ 1 Billion**
 - A UN-backed Green Climate Fund (GCF) has approved more than \$1 billion for 19 new projects to help developing countries tackle climate change.
 - The funding has been approved for the projects linked to geothermal energy in Indonesia, greener cities in Europe and West Asia, and protection for coastal communities in India.
 - The GCF is based in the Incheon, South Korea.
- **Mumbai won Vijay Hazare Trophy 2018**
 - Mumbai won their third Vijay Hazare Trophy title at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on 20 October 2018.
 - Mumbai defeated Delhi by 4 wickets in the final.
 - Mumbai last won the trophy way back in 2006-07.
 - The Vijay Hazare Trophy is also known as the Ranji One Day Trophy and was started in 2002-03.
- **'Wealth Hub' launched by State Bank of India**





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- State Bank of India (SBI) launched its wealth business services by opening 'SBI Wealth Hub' in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- The wealth hub was inaugurated by SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar.
- SBI is the first PSU bank in the country to introduce comprehensive wealth business services for its clients.
- The bank has also launched Wealth Business services for NRIs.
- **National award in Netaji's name announced**
 - Prime Minister Modi announced an annual award in the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose for police and paramilitary forces on 21 October 2018.
 - The award will be given to police personnel who do excellent work in relief and rescue operations.
 - The award will be announced on January 23, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birthday.
- **4 Himalayan peaks named after Atal Bihari**
 - Four unnamed Himalayan peaks near Gangotri glacier have been named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
 - The peaks are located at 6,557, 6,566, 6,160 and 6,100 metres on the right flank of Gangotri glacier.
 - Located near Sudarshan and Saifi peaks in Raktvan valley, the peaks have been named Atal-1, 2, 3 and 4.
- **First cruise service launched b/w Mumbai & Goa**
 - India's first luxury cruise ship service was launched between Mumbai and Goa on 21 October 2018.
 - India's first ever passenger cruise ship service is a joint venture between Mumbai Port Trust and Angriya Sea Eagle Pvt Ltd.
 - The cruise ship Angriya has been named after first the Maratha Navy Admiral Kanhoji Angre.
 - The Cruise can accommodate 400 passengers along with 70 crew members.
- **Saina Nehwal won silver medal in Denmark Open**
 - Indian badminton player Saina Nehwal won the silver medal in Denmark Open 2018 on 21 October 2018.
 - She was defeated by Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying in the final.
 - Saina Nehwal won the Denmark Open in 2012.
 - According to the Badminton World Federation, the current ranking of Saina Nehwal is 10.
- **Special courts notified for benami cases**
 - The Finance Ministry has issued the notification for setting up Sessions Courts in all states and union territories.
 - The Session court will act as Special Courts for the trial of offences under the benami transaction law.



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- Benami transaction refers to transactions made in a fictitious name, or the owner is not aware of the ownership of the property.

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