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### Important Current Affairs 23rd October 2018

- **Marc Marquez clinched fifth MotoGP title**
  - Spain's Marc Marquez clinched MotoGP world champion title for the fifth time with a victory in the Japanese MotoGP on 21 October 2018.
  - Marquez is the youngest-ever rider to win five premier class titles.
  - Marquez has joined Valentino Rossi, Mick Doohan and Giacomo Agostini as one of only four riders to have taken five or more premier-class World Championships.
- **Fali S. Nariman conferred National Award**
  - Fali S. Nariman was conferred with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration on 22 October 2018.
  - He is a distinguished Indian Constitutional jurist and senior advocate to the Supreme Court of India.
  - He has been awarded the Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2007) and Gruber Prize for Justice (2002).





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- **Experts' group to cut schoolbag weight formed**
  - Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) informed the Madras High Court that an Expert Group has been formed to formulate a draft policy on reducing the weight of school bags.
  - MHRD had issued an order on 5 October 2018 to formulate a policy on school bags.
  - Professor Ranjana Arora of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is the convenor of the Expert Group.
- **Pakistan & Russia have begun military drills**
  - Pakistan and Russia have begun annual joint military drills named 'Druzhba-III' in Pakistan on 22 October 2018.
  - This is the third joint military drill between Pakistan and Russia under the bilateral training cooperation agreement.
  - Russia and Pakistan have been holding the 'Friendship' drills since 2016.
  - In October 2016, they held their first-ever joint military exercise in Pakistan.
- **Longest river bridge to be built in Assam**
  - The government of India has announced to build a new bridge over the Brahmaputra river.
  - The 19.3 km, the four-lane bridge will be built by 2026-27.
  - It will run between Dhubri in Assam and Phulbari in Meghalaya.
  - India's longest river bridge at present, which is 9.15 km long, lies between Dholā and Sadiya in Assam.
- **No ban on fire crackers: Supreme Court**
  - The Supreme Court has refused to impose a nationwide blanket ban on the sale of firecrackers.
  - It said only 'green firecrackers' will be allowed to be sold.
  - It also imposed timing restrictions on burning firecrackers on Diwali.

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- The Supreme Court's verdict came in response to a plea seeking a ban on the manufacturing and sale of firecrackers across the country to curb air pollution.
- **India's TCS among top 10 firms**
  - According to the U.S. Department of Labour, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is the only Indian company among top 10 firms to get foreign labour certification for the H-1B visas for the fiscal year 2018.
  - London-headquartered Earnest and Young have emerged as the top employer to have received the certification.
  - The H-1B visas are the most sought-after among Indian IT professionals.
- **CBDT released Direct Tax Statistics**
  - Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has released statistics relating to direct taxation.
  - There is a constant growth in the direct tax-GDP ratio over the last three years and the ratio for 2017-18 is 5.98%.
  - There is a growth of more than 80% in the number of returns filed in the last four financial years.
  - The number of persons filing the return of income has also increased by about 65%.
- **US will pull out of nuclear arms treaty**
  - The US announced that it is pulling out of the 'Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty' with Russia.
  - The treaty was signed in 1987.
  - The treaty prohibits the US and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying a ground-launched cruise missile with a range of about 480 to 5,470 kilometres.
  - The treaty also offered a blanket of protection to the United States' European allies.





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- **India is world's 2nd most underinsured country**
  - According to Lloyd's Underinsurance Report 2018, India is the second-most underinsured country in the world with an insurance gap of \$27 billion.
  - China has the biggest insurance gap (\$76.4 billion) followed by India (\$27 billion) and Indonesia (\$14.6 billion).
  - Insurance gap refers to the gap between the actual sum assured required versus that taken.
- **REC to launch global medium-term notes**
  - Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) will launch its global medium-term notes programme at the Global Securities Market (GSM).
  - GSM is a primary market platform for raising funds from global investors.
  - GSM is an arm of the BSE's international exchange India INX.
  - India INX is the country's first international exchange launched in January 2017
- **MobiKwik will sell gold on its app**
  - MobiKwik will now allow customers to buy digital gold.
  - MobiKwik users will be able to buy and sell 99.5% purity, 24-carat gold on the app starting at one rupee.
  - It has partnered with SafeGold, a digital platform that allows customers to buy, sell and receive vaulted gold
  - It has created a separate category called 'Gold' on its app.
- **MoU signed between India and Myanmar**
  - India and Myanmar signed the MoU for the appointment of a private operator for the operation and maintenance of Sittwe Port on 22 October 2018.
  - The Sittwe port in Myanmar will connect India's landlocked north-east region to the Bay of Bengal through Mizoram.
  - It will also provide an alternate route to Kolkata.

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- **'Harit Diwali-Swasth Diwali' campaign launched**
  - Environment Ministry has launched 'Harit Diwali-Swasth Diwali' campaign on 22 October 2018.
  - This campaign was initiated in 2017-18 wherein a large number of school children participated and took the pledge to minimize bursting of crackers.
  - In 2018, the 'Harit Diwali-Swasth Diwali' campaign has been merged with “Green Good Deed” movement.
- **Sagar conference inaugurated in Goa**
  - Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 'Sagar' conference at Goa on 23 October 2018.
  - It was organised by the Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS).
  - The aim of the conference was to highlight the technological, economic and developmental opportunities with opening up of outer space.
  - FINS is a Mumbai based think tank working on national security and strategy.
- **Bajrang Punia won silver medal in wrestling**
  - Bajrang Punia won silver medal in the 65 kg category of the World Wrestling Championship 2018 in Budapest on 22 October 2018.
  - He was defeated by Japanese Takuto Otoguro in the final.
  - Bajrang Punia also won gold medal in wrestling at Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018.
  - Sushil Kumar is the lone Indian to win a gold medal at the World Wrestling Championships in 2010.
- **Report on Cross Border Insolvency submitted**
  - The Insolvency Law Committee (ILC) has recommended that India adopt the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law of Cross Border Insolvency.





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- The advantages of the model law are the precedence given to domestic proceedings and protection of public interest.
- ILC is chaired by Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas.
- **PNB Metlife launched 'Khushi' app**
  - Life insurer PNB Metlife has unveiled an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered customer service app 'Khushi'.
  - The aim is to provide assistance to policyholders for their insurance-related queries.
  - A policyholder can use the app to upload documents; download receipts and statements; get policy features; premium due details; get fund value and portfolio details; and update contact details.
- **India, Croatia signed two agreements**
  - India and Croatia signed two agreements to strengthen cultural and diplomatic cooperation between the two countries on 22 October 2018.
  - The agreements were signed and exchanged by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Croatian counterpart Marija Pejcinovic Buric.
  - Buric is the first Croatian foreign minister to visit India after 17 years.
- **India, China signed security agreement**
  - India and China have signed the first-ever agreement on security cooperation on 22 October 2018.
  - The agreement will strengthen and consolidate assistance in counter-terrorism, organised crimes, drug control, human trafficking and exchange of information.
  - The agreement was signed by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and China's State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi.

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