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Important Current Affairs 17th October 2018

- **Cannabis became legal in Canada**
 - Canada has become the second country to legalise possession and use of recreational marijuana.
 - Medical marijuana has been legal in Canada since 2001.
 - Uruguay was the first country to legalise marijuana, in 2013.
 - For buying marijuana, consumers must be at least 18 years old, and the production, distribution or sale of cannabis products is an offence for minors.
- **No time bar for crimes under POCSO Act**
 - Survivors of child sexual abuse can file a police complaint after they become adults.
 - The government clarified that there is no time bar on reporting such crimes.
 - The victims can report the cases through POCSO e-Box.
 - The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), Act 2012, came into force in November 2012.





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- POCSO Act is a gender-neutral act.
- **NITI Aayog launched guidelines for PPP in NCD**
 - NITI Aayog launched the model guidelines for Public - Private partnership in Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) on 17 October 2018.
 - As per the guidelines, the private partner will invest in upgrading, building and deploying human resources.
 - They will be responsible for operational management and service delivery.
 - All service in NCD care facility will be offered by a single entity.
- **Suheil Tandon won IOC Grant award**
 - Suheil Tandon has won the International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant Award.
 - The award has been given for his contribution to the development of sports.
 - The award ceremony was held at Buenos Aires, Argentina.
 - Suheil is the founder of Pro Sport Development (PSD) and Executive Director of Martha Farrell Foundation.
- **Advisory panel set up for rebuilding Kerala**
 - An advisory committee headed by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has been set up for implementation of various projects for rebuilding the flood-ravaged state.
 - The first meeting of the committee would be held on 22 October 2018.
 - The Chief Minister also launched a portal for crowd funding to mobilise funds for rebuilding and rehabilitating the people affected by the flood in the state.
- **India, China to sign agreement on security**
 - India and China will sign an internal security cooperation agreement on 22 October 2018.
 - The proposed pact is expected to cover areas of intelligence sharing, exchange programme, sharing of best practices, cooperation in disaster mitigation.
 - This will be the first such agreement between the authorities of India and China which look after internal security of the respective countries.
- **Govt launches 'Swastha Bharat Yatra' campaign**



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- The government launched a national campaign 'Swasth Bharat Yatra' on the occasion of World Food Day on 16 October 2018.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is leading this campaign to create consumer awareness about eating safe and nutritious food for becoming healthy.
- Under the campaign, cycle rally is being organised to sensitise people about eating safe food.
- **BSNL partnered Nokia for private 4G service**
 - BSNL has partnered with telecom gear maker Nokia to offer businesses private 4G services.
 - The first project under the partnership has been deployed at Nokia's Chennai plant using 4G connection from BSNL's network.
 - Nokia also signed a pact with BSNL to implement the next level of industrial automation —Industry 4.0 – leveraging 4G LTE technology.
- **Praveen won bronze in Men's Triple Jump**
 - Praveen Chitravel won the bronze medal in triple jump at the Youth Olympics 2018 Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
 - Cuba's Alejandro Diaz won the gold medal and silver medal went to Emmanuel of Nigeria.
 - Chitravel is the 2nd individual from India to bag a medal in athletics.
 - Suraj Panwar had won India's first athletics medal as he bagged a silver in the men's 5,000m race walk.
- **Anna Burns won Man Booker Prize**
 - Author Anna Burns won the Man Booker Prize for her novel "Milkman".
 - She has become the first Northern Irish writer and the first woman since 2013 to win the Man Booker Prize.
 - Milkman, set in an unnamed city in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, is a coming-of-age story about a young girl's affair with a married man.
- **Vice President to attend 'Asia Europe Meeting'**





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- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu left for Brussels in Belgium on 17 October 2018.
- He will lead the Indian delegation at the 12th Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit.
- The theme of 2018 ASEM Summit is "Global Partners for Global Challenges".
- The event is the highest platform for dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe in the areas of trade, investment, security and tourism.
- **Palestinians to lead developing country bloc**
 - The Palestinians will lead the biggest bloc of developing countries at the United Nations.
 - On 16 October 2018, the General Assembly voted to grant Palestine temporary rights to act as chair of the 'Group of 77 plus China'.
 - A resolution drafted by Egypt was adopted by a vote of 146 to 3 with 15 abstentions.
- **Festival of Fulpati celebrated in Nepal**
 - The festival of 'Fulpati' was celebrated in various parts of Nepal on 17 October 2018.
 - Fulpati is observed on the seventh day of Dashain festival.
 - Dashain is the biggest festival of Nepal and it began on first day of Navratri.
 - The tradition started during the period of King Prithvi Narayan Shah.
- **India ranked 58th WEF's competitive Index**
 - India has been ranked as the 58th most competitive economy on the World Economic Forum's global competitiveness index for 2018.
 - US is at the top spot and is followed by Singapore and Germany.
 - As per the report, India leads the region in all other areas of competitiveness except for health, education and skills.
 - India's greatest competitive advantages include its market size and innovation.
- **Khayyam named for Hridaynath Award**
 - Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi has been named for 2018 Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement.



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- The Award has been instituted by the Hridayesh Arts and carries a cash prize of Rs 100,000 and a memento.
- He is famously known as 'Khayyam' and is a composer, lyricist and writer.
- The other past recipients of the awards are Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle, Amitabh Bachchan.
- **India, Tanzania signed two MoUs**
 - India and Tanzania signed two Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 16 October 2018.
 - The agreements were signed following India-Tanzania 9th Session of Joint Commission.
 - One MoU is between Foreign Service Institute of India and Centre for Foreign Relation, Tanzania.
 - The other is between National Research Development Corporation and Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Corporation.
- **Int Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on 17 October.
 - The theme for 2018 is "Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity".
 - The aim is to promote people's awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries.
- **IAF to hold competition for drones technology**
 - The Indian Air Force (IAF) has announced India's first competition in the defence sector, the Mehar Baba Prize.
 - The IAF is holding a competition for participants to build a swarm of 50 drones.
 - The IAF will pick up to three winners, each of whom will get Rs. 10 lakh in prize money.
 - The Mehar Baba Prize has been named after Commodore Mehar Singh, DSO MVC, who was often called Mehar Baba.
- **A government app to rope in volunteers**





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- Professionals keen on doing volunteer work will be provided a platform by the government through an app.
- The app named '#Self4Society' has been developed by MyGov.
- The app will have incentives, gamification and intra and inter-company competitions, and social networking.
- Initially this will be aimed at IT companies.
- **RBI issued guidelines for PPIs**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the guidelines for interoperability between Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs).
 - This will allow users of payment wallets to transfer money from one wallet to another.
 - Interoperability across PPIs shall be enabled through Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
 - RBI also allowed PPIs to issue cards using authorised card networks such as Mastercard, Visa.



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