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### Important Current Affairs 10th October 2018

- **MoU between India & Romania approved**
  - The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Romania in the field of tourism.
  - The MoU was signed in September, 2018 during the visit of the Vice-President of India to Romania.
  - The main objectives of the MoU is to expand bilateral cooperation in the tourism sector between the two countries and to promote safe, honourable and sustainable tourism.
- **IOC creates refugee team for Tokyo 2020**
  - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced there will be an Olympic team made up of refugees at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.
  - In the 2016 Rio Olympics, a refugee team was created which comprised ten refugee athletes from Ethiopia, South Sudan, Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
  - The 32nd Summer Olympic Games will take place from 24 July to 9 August 2020 in Tokyo.





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- **'Workshop on Int Arbitration' inaugurated**
  - In an effort to strengthen dispute resolution mechanisms, a workshop was organised on 'Best Practices in International Arbitration' in New Delhi on 10 October 2018.
  - The workshop was organised by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the International Court of Arbitration.
  - The workshop covered basic concepts of international arbitration, selection of arbitrators, and enforcement of arbitral award.
- **BPCL to commission 2G ethanol plant**
  - Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) plans to commission its second generation (2G) ethanol bio-refinery at Odisha's Bargarh district by December 2020.
  - The Bargarh bio-refinery will utilize about 0.2 million tonnes of rice straw annually as feedstock.
  - The plant is based on a zero-liquid discharge plant (ZLD) technology where all the water will be recycled back into the plant.
- **'Conference on Medical Products' inaugurated**
  - '2nd World Conference on Access to Medical Products - Achieving the SDGs 2030' was inaugurated on 9 October 2018 in New Delhi.
  - The conference was organized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare with the support of the World Health Organization.
  - The main objective of the 2nd World Conference 2018 is to take forward the recommendations from the 1st World Conference 2017.
- **Senegal will host the youth Olympics in 2022**
  - In 2022, Senegal will host the fourth summer youth Olympic Games.
  - Senegal has thus become the first African country to host an Olympic event.
  - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) unanimously made the decision in Buenos Aires.
  - The 2022 Youth Olympics will take place in Senegal between May and June.
- **'Oldest flying squirrel fossil found'**
  - Scientists have discovered the oldest flying squirrel fossil ever.
  - The 11.6-million-year-old fossil was discovered in Spain.
  - The discovery of the fossil has unearthed new insight into the origin and evolution of these airborne animals.



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- Flying squirrels are the most successful group of mammals that adopted the ability to glide.
- **Pak successfully test-fired Ghauri missile**
  - Pakistan successfully test-fired 'Ghauri' ballistic missile on 8 October 2018.
  - The missile is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads up to a distance of 1,300 kilometers.
  - In April 2018, Pakistan successfully test fired an enhanced version of the indigenously-built Babur cruise missile, which has a range of 700 kilometres.
- **SBI comes to the aid of NBFCs**
  - State Bank of India (SBI) will triple its target of buying standard loans from Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) to up to ₹45,000 crore in FY19.
  - The move is expected to give an additional liquidity cushion to NBFCs who will benefit by selling these loans on full-cash basis.
  - A bank typically purchases loans from NBFCs to meet the shortfall in priority sector lending.
- **World Mental Health Day - 10 October**
  - World Mental Health Day 2018 is observed on October 10 across the world.
  - The goal of World Mental Health Day is to increase awareness about mental health and the importance of mental health in the overall health of a person.
  - The theme of World Mental Health Day 2018 is "Young people and mental health in a changing world."
- **Noted Malayalam poet Paloor passed away**
  - Well-known Malayalam poet M N Paloor passed away in Kerala on 9 October 2018.
  - Paloor is the author of some of the finest Malayalam poems of the latter half of the 20th century.
  - He received the Sahitya Akademi Award for his autobiography 'Kathayillathavante Katha' in 2013.
  - Paloor won the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, the state's highest literary honour, in 1983 for 'Kalikalam'.
- **Japan's passport is the most powerful passport**





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- According to the 2018 Henley Passport Index, The Japanese passport is now the strongest in the world.
- Japanese citizens can travel without a visa or gain a visa on arrival in 190 destinations.
- The Singapore passport, which allows travel to 189 destinations without a prior visa, is at second rank.
- Germany, South Korea and France are placed at third rank.
- **'India for Humanity' initiative launched**
  - The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) launched 'India for Humanity' initiative.
  - Under the initiative MEA will partner with a charitable organisation for holding artificial limb fitment camps in various countries.
  - The camps will initially be held in 12 countries identified through Indian missions.
  - MEA is partnering with Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti known for its 'Jaipur Foot'.
- **Foreign entities allowed in commodity market**
  - Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) permitted foreign entities having actual exposure to Indian commodity markets to participate in the commodity derivative segment.
  - Such foreign entities will be known as Eligible Foreign Entities.
  - Currently, foreign entities are not permitted to directly participate in the Indian commodity derivatives market.
- **India ranked bottom of world inequality index**
  - UK-based charity Oxfam International's 'Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index' ranked India 147th among 157 countries.
  - Oxfam has calculated that if India were to reduce inequality by a third, more than 170 million people would no longer be poor.
  - The annual index found that countries such as South Korea, Namibia and Uruguay are taking strong steps to reduce inequality.
- **Manu Bhaker won gold in shooting**
  - Manu Bhaker won gold medal in 10m Air Pistol shooting at the Youth Olympic Games on 9 October 2018.
  - She became India's first Youth Olympic Games Gold medalist in the sport of shooting.
  - This was India's third medal from shooting in three days, with Shahu Mane and Mehuli Ghosh bagging silver medals on the first two days.



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- **Cyclone Titli intensifies near Odisha-AP coast**
  - Cyclonic storm 'Titli' moved towards Odisha-Andhra Pradesh coast.
  - Cyclone 'Titli' is expected to intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm.
  - It will cross east coast of India between Kalingapatnam (north Andhra Pradesh) and Gopalpur (south Odisha) in the morning of 11th October 2018.
  - The Met department has issued a red in some coastal districts of Odisha.
- **Nikki Haley resigned from United Nations**
  - Indian-American Nikki Haley has resigned as the US Ambassador to the United Nations.
  - She was governor of South Carolina when President Donald Trump offered her the job of ambassador to the UN.
  - Haley was the first female governor of South Carolina.
  - On November 23, 2016, Haley was nominated for the position of U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.
- **Govt. hikes interest for gratuity funds to 8%**
  - The government of India has notified a higher interest rate of 8% for the non-government provident, superannuation, and gratuity funds, effective from October 1 2018.
  - The interest rate on these funds has been raised from 7.6%.
  - This hike will help private sector employees who have enrolled for these provident funds gains extra returns.
- **Mobile Health app launched by IAF**
  - The Indian Air Force (IAF) has launched an innovative mobile health App named 'MedWatch'.
  - The app is conceived by the doctors of IAF and developed in house by Directorate of Information Technology (DIT).
  - 'MedWatch' will provide correct, scientific and authentic health information to air warriors and all citizens of India.

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