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Important Current Affairs 09th October 2018

- **China launched two remote sensing satellites**
 - China successfully launched two remote sensing satellites to conduct electromagnetic environmental probes.
 - The satellites, both belonging to the Yaogan-32 family, were launched by a Long March-2C rocket.
 - Remote sensing generally refers to the use of sensor technologies to detect objects.
 - The remote sensing satellites collect data by detecting the energy reflected from the Earth.
- **Army Commanders' Conference began in Delhi**
 - Army Commanders' Conference began in New Delhi on 9 October 2018.
 - The last Army Commanders' Conference was held in April 2018.



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- A large number of issues ranging from operational challenges, administrative issues, logistics to human resource related issues was discussed during the conference.
- **India, Tajikistan signed several MoUs**
 - President Ram Nath Kovind met his Tajikistan counterpart Mr Emomali Rahmon.
 - On this occasion, India and Tajikistan signed several MoUs in the field of political relations, strategic research, agriculture, renewable energy, traditional medicine, space technology, youth affairs, Culture and Disaster Management.
 - India has offered a grant of \$20 mn to Tajikistan for development projects.
- **India faces threat of deadly heat waves**
 - According to the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', if the average global temperature rises by more than one degree Celsius from the present, India could “annually” expect conditions like the 2015 heat wave.
 - The report has been commissioned by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
 - IPCC is a scientific and intergovernmental body under the United Nations.
- **NHB raised refinance limit for HFCs**
 - National Housing Board (NHB) has raised refinance limit for housing finance companies to Rs 30,000 crore for the period between July 2018 to June 2019.
 - The regulator to housing finance companies (HFCs) had set an initial limit of Rs 24,000 crore, towards refinancing eligible institutions.
 - NHB is the principal agency to promote housing finance institutions.
- **K'taka govt unveils 'Unnati' scheme**
 - Karnataka Social Welfare Minister Priyank Kharge unveiled the 'Unnati Scheme'.



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- The scheme will identify and promote entrepreneurs from SC and ST background.
- The govt will invest up to Rs 20 crore to create the end-to-end support infrastructure for startups and entrepreneurs
- The department will provide up to Rs 50 lakh to winning entrepreneurs to develop tech-based solutions.
- **India's first Olympic medal in judo**
 - Thangjam Tababi Devi became India's first judo medallist at the Olympic level in Youth Olympic Games 2018 at Buenos Aires, Argentina.
 - She won a silver medal after losing to Venezuela's Maria Giminez in the finals of the women's 44kg event.
 - India has never won an Olympic medal in judo either at the senior or the youth level.
- **IMF cuts global growth forecast to 3.7%**
 - International Monetary Fund cuts its forecast for world growth for 2018 and 2019 at 3.7%.
 - The decline in the forecast has been made due to an upswing in economic risks, rising trade tensions and record debt.
 - The forecast has been made in the World Economic Outlook, the annual flagship report of IMF.
 - The report was released during the annual IMF and World Bank meeting in Bali, Indonesia
- **Govt launches Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme**
 - The government launched the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme FY19 on 8 October 2018.
 - The scheme retains the incentives offered in the earlier tranche—2.5% interest rate and capital gains tax exemption on redemption.





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- The tenor of the bond will be for a period of 8 years with an exit option in the 5th, 6th and 7th year.
- The gold bonds will be sold every month from October 2018 to February 2019.
- **IMF projects India's growth at 7.3% in 2018**
 - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasted a growth rate of 7.3% for India in 2018.
 - IMF also predicted a growth rate of 7.4% in 2019.
 - If projections are true, then India would regain the tag of the fastest growing major economies of the world, crossing China with more than 0.7 in 2018.
 - China was the fastest growing economy in 2017 as it was ahead of India by 0.2 percentage
- **Statue of Sir Chhotu Ram unveiled in Rohtak**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 64-Foot tall statue of Deenbandhu Sir Chhotu Ram at Sampla in Rohtak district.
 - Sir Chhotu Ram was a prominent leader in the Punjab Province.
 - He belonged to Jat community and worked ceaselessly for the welfare of farmers.
 - Prime minister also laid the foundation stone of the Rail Coach Repair Factory at Badhi in Sonapat district.
- **Jeremy Lalrinnunga won gold in weightlifting**
 - Weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga won gold medal in the men's 62 kg category at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
 - The silver medal was won Turkey while Colombia won the bronze medal.
 - In early 2018, Lalrinnunga claimed a silver medal (youth) and a bronze medal (junior) in the Asian Championships.
- **World Post Day observed on 9 October**
 - World Post Day is celebrated every year on 9 October.

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- On 9 October, the Universal Postal Union was established in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.
- The Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services.
- It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.
- **Govt sets up key panel under NSA**
 - The government has set up a Strategic Policy Group (SPG) to assist the National Security Council.
 - The SPG will be chaired by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval.
 - SPG will undertake a long-term strategic review of the country's security affairs.
 - National Security Council advises the prime minister on matters of national security and strategic interests.
- **Ukraine launched large-scale air exercises**
 - Ukraine began large-scale air force exercises with the United States and other NATO countries.
 - The "Clear Sky 2018" war games, which will run until 19 October 2018, are being held in western Ukraine.
 - The aim is "to enhance regional capabilities to secure air sovereignty and promote peace and security through cooperation."
- **Jharkhand to become partner state at GIFF**
 - Goa International Film Festival (GIFF) from 20th to 28th of November 2018 will have Jharkhand as a partner state.
 - This will allow Jharkhand to showcase its culture and favourable film making incentives announced by the state government.
 - The film festival is conducted jointly by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Directorate of Film Festivals and the Government of Goa.





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- **Arunachal govt launched scheme for farmers**
 - Arunachal Pradesh government launched two schemes for farmers to increase production and their income on 8 October 2018.
 - The two schemes are the Chief Minister's Sashakt Kisan Yojana (CMSKY) and the Chief Ministers Krishi Samuh Yojana (CMKSY).
 - The CMSKY would subsume three programmes - Employment Generation Scheme, Agri-Mechanization Programme and Flagship Programme on Tea and Rubber
- **ESIC wins 'ISSA GOOD Practice Award 2018'**
 - The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has won the 'ISSA Good Practice Award' at the "Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific" held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
 - The award recognizes the measures taken by ESIC for the administrative solution for Coverage Extension.
 - ISSA (International Social Security Association) is an organization for Social Security Organizations.
- **Odisha launched 'Nirman Kusuma' programme**
 - Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'Nirman Kusuma' programme on 6 October 2018.
 - It will provide financial assistance to the children of the construction workers for their education in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and polytechnics.
 - An ITI student will be entitled to get financial assistance of Rs. 23,600, a diploma student to get Rs. 26,300 per annum.
- **William, Paul won Nobel prize for economics**
 - The 2018 Nobel prize for economics has been awarded to William Nordhaus and Paul Romer of the United States for their work on sustainable growth.



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- The research of the two US economists focuses on how climate change and technology have affected the economy.
- Prof Nordhaus was the first person to create a model that described the interplay between the economy and the climate.

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