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## Current Affairs Quiz - 17th October 2018

### Important Current Affairs 18th October 2018

- **US announced fresh sanctions on Iran**
  - The United States Treasury has announced fresh sanctions on Iran, targeting banks and investment companies.
  - The new sanctions focused on Bank Mellat and Mehr Eqtasad Bank.
  - The US is also imposing sanctions on Iran Tractor Manufacturing Company, Steel Company and others linked to investment, commodities and engineering.
- **India's 1st tunnel railway station in HP**
  - For the first time in India, a railway station will be built inside a tunnel at a height of 3,000 metres, on the strategic Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line in Himachal Pradesh.
  - The Keylong station in Himachal Pradesh will be the first on the railway network to be inside a tunnel.





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- Keylong is the administrative centre of Lahaul and Spiti district.
- **India's first cryptocurrency ATM launched**
  - Virtual currency exchange 'Unocoin' has installed a currency deposit and dispensing ATM in Bengaluru.
  - It allows its customers to deposit and withdraw a minimum amount of Rs 1000 from the platform.
  - A cryptocurrency is a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography to secure and verify transactions
- **National meet to promote investment in AYUSH**
  - The Government of India will organise the 'First National Summit on Invest in AYUSH' on 4 November 2018.
  - The aim is to encourage various public sector undertakings and private firms to invest in AYUSH.
  - The event is jointly organised by NITI Aayog and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.
- **Par panel to examine functioning of EPFO**
  - A parliamentary panel will examine the functioning of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
  - The panel will be headed by BJP MP Kirit Somaiya.
  - It will also review the implementation of labour laws, social security and welfare scheme for workers.
  - It will also look into the working conditions and welfare of mine workers, and review the working of Directorate General of Mines Safety.
- **Largest structure of universe discovered**
  - A team of scientists at the European Southern Observatory (ESO) have sited the most massive structure in the early universe known to date.
  - The astronomers found this galaxy named Hyperion using Visible Multi-Object Spectrograph.
  - The spectrograph is hosted by the Chile-based Very Large Telescope.



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- Hyperion's mass is estimated to be a million billion times that of Sun.
- **A new book on Maharana Pratap released**
  - A new book on Maharana Pratap titled 'In Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior' has been released.
  - The author of the book is Rima Hooja and is a leading historian of Rajasthan
  - The new book on Maharana Pratap examines the life of the great Rajput warrior and also revisits the famous battle of Haldighati with the Mughals.
- **Sri Lanka constituted a committee**
  - Sri Lanka has set up a committee to formulate a strategy to help Sri Lankan businesses invest more into the Indian market.
  - The 'Break Into India Strategy Committee' has been appointed by the Sri Lanka's Ministry of Development strategies and International trade.
  - The committee is mandated with preparing an interim report and a market entry strategy before the end of 2018.
- **Data breach in India second highest after US**
  - According to a report by digital security firm Gemalto, Data breach incidences in India were the 2nd highest globally on account of compromise in the Aadhaar database.
  - The United States is the most popular target for attacks, representing more than 57% of global breaches.
  - According to the Breach Level Index, 945 data breaches led to 4.5 billion data records being compromised worldwide.
- **Putin, al-Sisi signed co-operation treaty**
  - Russian President Vladimir Putin and the President of Egypt Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi have signed a strategic co-operation treaty.
  - The treaty, designed to increase trade, military and other ties, was signed on 17 October 2018 in Sochi, Russia.





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- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed on strategic political consultations was signed between the two countries' foreign ministries.
- **'Statue of Unity' to be unveiled on 31st Oct**
  - The 'Statue of Unity' dedicated to the 'Iron Man of India' Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is all set to be unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31st October 2018.
  - 'Statue of Unity' is the world's tallest statue.
  - It is situated at Sadhu Bet island on Narmada River in Gujarat.
  - The foundation stone of this project was laid on 31st October 2013.
- **Man-animal conflict a State Declared Disaster**
  - Uttar Pradesh government has announced that the man-animal conflict will now be considered a 'State Declared Disaster'.
  - This will bring such incidents under the ambit of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).
  - In cases of human death due to man-animal conflict, relief of Rs 5 lakh would be given to the family of deceased.
  - Uttar Pradesh has 23 wildlife sanctuaries across 27 districts.
- **Akash Malik won Archery silver medal**
  - Akash Malik became the first Indian to win a silver medal in archery at the 2018 Youth Olympics.
  - Akash finished second in the men's recurve category after losing to USA's Trenton Cowles.
  - India ended their Youth Olympics campaign in the 16th spot with 13 medals (three gold, nine silver and one bronze).
  - India stood in the 14th position in the rankings.
- **Arundhati joined Reliance Industries board**



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- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) appointed former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya as an independent additional director of the company.
- Arundhati Bhattacharya has been appointed for a period of five years commencing from 17 October 2018.
- She was the first woman chairman of SBI.
- **Kerala set to become first smoke-free State**
  - Kerala is set to become the first smoke-free State in the country with public sector oil companies eyeing 100% LPG penetration.
  - The target has almost been achieved in most villages, mofussil towns and cities in the State.
  - With three bottling plants at Kochi, Kozhikode, and Kollam, LPG is being brought to 49.79 lakh customers through 308 distributors.
- **US Army gets first woman chief**
  - Lieutenant General Laura J. Richardson has become the first woman Commanding General of the United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM).
  - FORSCOM is based out of Fort Bragg in North Carolina, USA.
  - Richardson has been serving the US forces since 1986.
  - She will succeed General Robert B. Abrams, who will be moving on to command U.S. Forces Korea.
- **Kuligod is the best developed village**
  - According to the Rural Development Ministry survey, Kuligod in Karnataka's Belagavi district is the country's best-developed village.
  - Telangana and Madhya Pradesh have five and four panchayats in the top 10 ranks respectively.
  - The Ministry has done a gap analysis of more than 3.5 lakh villages.





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- The survey also shows only 21% of villages having a community waste disposal system.

- **China tests world's largest unmanned drone**

- China has successfully tested the world's largest unmanned transport drone which can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes.
- A large commercial drone 'Feihong-98 (FH-98)' was developed and modified by China Academy of Aerospace Electronics Technology.
- It was adapted from the prototype of the Shifei Y5B, a China-developed transport plane.

- **Shahi litchi of North Bihar gets GI tag**

- The Shahi litchi of North Bihar has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- It is the fourth product from the state after Jardalu mango, Katarni rice and Magahi paan to have got the GI tag.
- Shahi Litchi is mainly cultivated in Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Vaishali, East Champaran and Begusarai and some parts of adjoining areas in agro-climatic areas of the Bihar.

- **India, China set to resume military drill**

- India and China will resume the annual joint Army exercise 'Hand-in-Hand' in December 2018 in China's Chengdu region.
- The scope of the exercise is to understand transnational terrorism and evolve joint drills for the conduct of counter-terrorism operations.
- The last 'Hand-in-Hand' exercise took place in Pune in 2016.
- The Indian side would be represented by the 11 Sikh Light regiment.

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