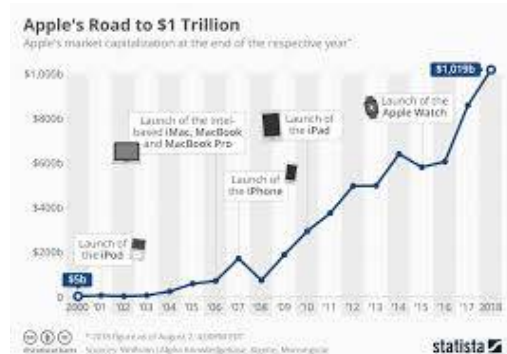


Which company on 2 August 2018 became the first U.S. company to surpass \$1 trillion in market value?

- A. Google
- B. Microsoft
- C. Apple
- D. IBM

Answer: C

Explanation: American technology giant Apple Inc. became the first-ever U.S. company to surpass \$1 trillion in market capitalization on 2 August 2018.



On this day, the shares of the world's most valuable public company rose \$5.89, or 2.9%, to \$207.39, making it worth slightly more than \$1 trillion. Apple's rise has been propelled by the sustained success of the iPhone developed under late co-founder Steve Jobs, a product visionary who helped revive the company from a death spiral in the late 1990s. Apple isn't the world's first company to claim the \$1 trillion title. In 2007, PetroChina Co.'s market cap surpassed that level by some measures, though the Chinese oil and gas producer's complicated corporate structure kept most of its shares locked up in government hands. Outside of the public markets, there is Saudi Arabian Oil Co. (Saudi Aramco), the state-owned oil company. It weighed an initial public offering that could value the business at as much as \$2 trillion.

Kadaknath chicken meat recently got the GI tag in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Assam
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Sikkim

Answer: C

Explanation: Kadaknath chicken meat from Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag from Chennai based Geographical Indication Registry and Intellectual Property India.

Who has won the 2018 Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix tournaments?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Sebastian Vettel
- C. Valtteri Bottas
- D. Daniel Ricciardo

Answer: A

Explanation: Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for Mercedes AMG Petronas, has won the 2018 Hungarian Grand Prix at the Hungaroring circuit. It is his sixth Hungarian Grand Prix title and also 67th career victory.

Who has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha?

- A. Harivansh Narayan Singh
- B. B K Hariprasad
- C. Ananth Kumar
- D. Ram Gopal Yadav

Answer: A

Explanation: NDA candidate Harivansh Narayan Singh has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha after defeating opposition nominee B K Hariprasad on 9th August 2018. Mr Harivansh, a veteran journalist, represents the state of Bihar in the House as a JD(U) member. He polled 125 votes as against 105 by Hariprasad in a division of voting in the House. The post of Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman was lying vacant since the retirement of P J Kurien on July 1, 2018.

Who will replace Indra Nooyi as CEO of PepsiCo ?

- A. Ramon Laguarta
- B. Satya Nadella
- C. Arundhati Bhattacharya
- D. Sundar Pichai

Answer: A

Explanation: PepsiCo Inc. on 6 August 2018 announced that Indra Nooyi would step down as its long-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO), handing over the reins to company veteran Ramon Laguarta. This change is being done at a time the beverage maker



navigates a shrinking global soda market. Under India-born Nooyi's 12-year tenure as CEO, the sales of Mountain Dew and Gatorade boosted to \$63.5 billion, up 80% from when she started. She is also largely credited with re-shaping Pepsi with tactical mergers and shifting to healthier drinks over sugary sodas - moving to juices and teas. She has been associated with the company for last 24 years. A 22-year veteran of PepsiCo, Laguarta oversaw global operations, corporate strategy, public policy and government affairs in his role as president. He has also served as CEO of the company's Europe Sub-Saharan Africa division. Laguarta will take over on 3 October 2018 and will also join the board. Nooyi will remain chairman of the board until early 2019.

Who has been appointed the new Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)?

- A. Ram Sewak Sharma
- B. Vikram Limaye
- C. Rajan Mathews
- D. D. Shivalingaiah

Answer: A

Explanation: Dr. Ram Sewak Sharma has been reappointed the Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) till 30th September 2020. He was in July 2015 named as the TRAI chief for a three-year period. Recently, he triggered a debate around safety of Aadhaar by tweeting his Aadhaar number and challenging Twitter users to cause any harm from the knowledge of the number. TRAI is a statutory body set up by the Government of India (GoI) under section 3 of the TRAI Act, 1997. Its headquarters is located in New Delhi.

The Article 35A of the Indian Constitution pertains to which state?

- A. Bihar
- B. Nagaland
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: D

Explanation: The Article 35A of the Indian Constitution was in news recently as the Supreme Court on August 6, 2018 adjourned the

hearing on pleas challenging Constitutional validity of Article 35A pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

Who will be India's flag-bearer in the opening ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games?

- A. Hima Das
- B. Neeraj Chopra
- C. Manika Batra
- D. Manu Bhaskar

Answer: B

Explanation: Javelin thrower star Neeraj Chopra from Haryana will be India's flag bearer in the opening ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia. He will lead India's contingent in the multi-sport event. So far, Chopra won gold in 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games (CWG), 2017 Asian Athletic championships, 2016 South Asian Games and the 2016 World Junior Championships. He also holds the for U-20 world record with a throw of 86.48m. He is currently coached by Uwe Hohn, a retired German track and field athlete.



Who has been appointed the new chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW)?

- A. Lalitha Kumaramangalam
- B. Jayanti Patnaik
- C. Alphons Kannanthanam
- D. Rekha Sharma

Answer: D

Explanation: NCW member Rekha Sharma from Haryana has been appointed the new chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW). She was recently embroiled in a controversy after she recommended abolishing the practice of "confessions" in churches as it can lead to blackmailing of women, after such a case came to light in Kerala. The NCW is a statutory body of the Government of India (GoI), which represent the rights of women in India and to provide a voice for their issues and concerns.

M.Karunanidhi, the stalwart of the Dravid politics of the South and a legendary leader of Tamil Nadu, passed away on 7 August 2018. He had been the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for how many terms?

- A. 3 terms
- B. 5 terms
- C. 4 terms
- D. 6 terms

Answer: B

Explanation: M.Karunanidhi was a 5-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. He became the third Chief Minister of the state in 1969 when he took his first term as Chief Minister after demise of the then CM and his political guru Annadurai. He became state's CM later in 1971, 1989, 1996 and 2006. He was President of the Dravid Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) since last 50 years. Around 5 years back he had declared his son M.K.Stalin as his political heir. Karunanidhi breathed his last at Kaveri Hospital in Chennai on 7 August 2018. He was a prolific writer and scriptwriter for Tamil films before his entry into politics. He continued writing film scripts even taking plunge into politics. He was a pillar of the Dravid movement started by Periyar. He was one among the so-called Dravid Trinity, the other two being Periyar and Annadurai. Despite belonging to a regional party, Karunanidhi's political identity was acknowledged across the country. He was perhaps the only leader who was able to part of every type of coalition government at the Centre – be it Congress-led UPA, the BJP-led NDA or the various opposition fronts. However, an unprecedented political drama took place after his death at the AIADM government rejected DMK's demand of burial of the late leader on the banks of Marina Beach in Chennai. DMK approached the Madras High Court, which on 8 August 2018 gave its ruling in favour of DMK. Later on that day Karunanidhi was cremated with full state honours at the Marina Beach.

What is the name of Android 9 operating system officially released on 6 August 2018?

- A. Perrot
- B. Orange
- C. Pie

D. Donut

Answer: C

Explanation: Google officially released the new version of its highly popular Android mobile operating system on 6 August 2018. This new version has been named Android Pie (or simply Android 9). Google typically names its new flavors of Android alphabetically and after something sugary. For example, the previous Android version was called Oreo. Before that were Nougat, preceded by Marshmallow and Lollipop. Android Pie mostly focuses on behind-the-scenes improvements designed to make Android phones work faster while saving precious battery life. Google's Android is the most dominant mobile operating system on the Earth. It powers almost 9 out of every 10 smartphones shipped globally. So updates in the software could eventually signal changes for how most of the world uses its phones.



Which rescue operation has been launched by Indian Army in the flood-hit areas of Kerala?

- A. Operation Madad
- B. Operation Sahyog
- C. Operation Surya Hope
- D. Operation Surya Hope

Answer: B

Explanation: The Indian Army has launched the major rescue and relief operation "Operation Sahyog" at Kannur, Kozhikode, Wayanad and Idukki after incessant rain and landslides hit various northern districts of Kerala. The army constructed temporary bridges for the evacuations of the stranded people from the isolated villages. Apart from the Army, the Southern Naval Command of Indian Navy has also launched 'Operation Madad' to assist the state administration and undertake disaster relief operations due to unprecedented flooding in many parts of Kerala following incessant rainfall and release of excess water from Idukki and other dams. Naval helicopters are also deployed for ferrying divers, power tools, axes and relief material to the flooded areas to augment ongoing relief operations.

Who among following will be awarded with Kirti Chakra posthumously?

- A. Rifleman Aurangzeb
- B. Major Aditya Kumar
- C. Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh
- D. NB Sub Anil Kumar Dhayia

Answer: C

Explanation: Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh of Rajput Regiment, who heroically laid down his life in a fierce counter-insurgency operation in which three terrorists were killed at Pulwama in J&K last November, has been posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra, the country's second-highest peacetime bravery medal. Rifleman Aurangzeb of Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry, who was abducted, video-taped during interrogation and then killed by terrorists while on way to his home at village Salani in Poonch for Eid in June, in turn, is among the 18 Shaurya Chakra in this year's Independence Day gallantry list.

Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee passed away on August 16, 2018. He became India's prime minister for first time?

- A. 1997
- B. 1996
- C. 1998
- D. 1995

Answer: D

Explanation: Atal Bihari Vajpayee (93), the veteran leader, prolific writer and former Prime Minister of India, has passed away in New Delhi on 16th August 2018. Born on 25th December 1924 in Gwalior, he was first elected to the Lok Sabha in 1957 and had a long parliamentary experience spanning over four decades. He was elected to the Lok Sabha nine times and two times for the Rajya Sabha. Vajpayee was the Minister of External Affairs (MEA) in the cabinet of Prime Minister Morarji Desai. He served as the PM of India between 1996 and 2004 in three non-consecutive terms viz. May 1996 (for 13 days), 1998–1999 (for 11 months) and 1999–2004. He was awarded the India's highest civilian honour 'Bharat Ratna' in 2015. His birthday is celebrated as the Good Governance Day (GGD) by the Central Government since 2014 to foster awareness among the people of accountability in government.

Which Indian sportsperson has clinched India's first Gold in the 18th Jakarta Asian Games 2018?

- A. Mary Kom
- B. Bajrang Punia
- C. Apurvi Chandela
- D. Neeraj Chopra

Answer: B

Explanation: Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia bagged country's first gold medal of the 18th Asian Games on 19 August 2018. He defeated Japanese wrestler Takatani Daichi in the 65 kg final by 11-8 in a fascinating bout. Bajrang, the 24-year old wrestler from Haryana, is India's fastest, most powerful and focused wrestler at the moment. His fitness has been a revelation over the past few seasons, something that keeps him in the game until the last second. The medal is Bajrang's second in Asian Games history, after having clinched silver in the 2014 edition. However, India's first medal in these games came in the form of a bronze medal that was won in mixed team rifle event (shooting) by Apurvi Chandela and Ravi Kumar.

Who has been appointed the new Governor of Bihar?

- A. Satya Pal Malik
- B. Lalji Tandon
- C. Satyadev Narayan Arya
- D. Baby Rani Maurya

Answer: B

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind appointed governors for seven states — Bihar, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim, Meghalaya, and Tripura. Governor Satya Pal Malik has been transferred from Bihar to Jammu and Kashmir to replace NN Vohra, while senior BJP leader Lalji Tandon has been appointed the Governor of Bihar, replacing Malik.

1. Satya Pal Malik - Jammu & Kashmir (Replaced NN Vohra)
2. Tathagata Roy - Meghalaya (Replaced Ganga Prasad)
3. Lalji Tandon - Bihar (Replaced Satya Pal Malik)
4. Ganga Prasad - Sikkim (Replaced Shrinivas Patil)
5. Kaptan Singh Solanki - Tripura (Replaced Tathagata Roy)

6. Satyadev Narayan Arya - Haryana (Replaced Kaptan Singh Solanki)
7. Baby Rani Maurya - Uttarakhand (Replaced K K Paul)

Which is first Indian Company to Cross Rs 8 Trillion Market Capital?

- A. TCS
- B. Coal India
- C. Reliance Industries
- D. Adani Enterprise

Answer: C

Explanation: Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) became the first Indian company to cross Rs 8 trillion market capitalization after its shares surged nearly 37% in 2018. RIL share prices rose 1.31% to hit a record high of Ra1,262.50, pegging its market cap at Rs8.01 trillion after data from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) showed Reliance Jio continued to add subscribers at a healthy pace.

Who was author of book 'India after Nehru'?

- A. Kuldip Nayar
- B. Ramnath Goenka
- C. Gurudas Kamat
- D. Rajeev Sinha

Answer: A

Explanation: Eminent Indian writer and journalist Kuldip Nayar passed away in New Delhi following a brief illness. He was 95. Mr. Nayar was originally born in Sialkot in 1923. His famous autobiography was "Beyond The Lines". He was also the High Commissioner of India to the U.K. and nominated member of the Rajya Sabha.

Who has become the first Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold?

- A. Bajrang Punia
- B. Muhammed Anas
- C. Tajinder Pal Singh
- D. Neeraj Chopra

Answer: D

Explanation: The highlight of Day 9 at the 18th Asian Games was when Neeraj Chopra, with a throw of 88.06m broke the national record and clinched the much-awaited gold. With the win, he became the first Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold.

Who was appointed as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

- A. G Satheesh Reddy
- B. Sanjay Mitra
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. K Sivan Ramakrishnan

Answer: A

Explanation: Renowned aerospace scientist Dr G Satheesh Reddy, who is scientific adviser to the Defence minister, was appointed as the Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for a period of two years. He will also be secretary in the Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D) for the same period.

Who is appointed Vodafone Idea's 1st CEO?

- A. Balesh Sharma
- B. Saurav Sharma
- C. Manu Singh
- D. Bhavesh Verma

Answer: A

Explanation: Balesh Sharma takes over as Vodafone Idea's first CEO. He was the Chief Operating Officer of Vodafone India and a member of its executive committee. Sharma holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering and MBA (Marketing and Finance) from the University of Rajasthan. He has previously served as the CEO of Vodafone Czech Republic and the CEO of Vodafone Malta.

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