

Who launched the India Post Payments Bank across India?

- A. Ram Nath Kovind
- B. M Venkaiah Naidu
- C. Arun Jaitley
- D. Narendra Modi

Answer: D

Explanation: The Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on September 1, 2018 launched the India Post Payments Bank



(IPPB) at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The initiative seeks to leverage the expansive network of the postal department to ensure financial inclusion for the masses.

Who has been sworn-in as the first female high court Chief Justice in Pakistan?

- A. Tahira Safdar
- B. Maria Hassan
- C. Riffat Quraishi
- D. Asifa Ulfah

Answer: A

Explanation: Justice Tahira Safdar has been sworn-in as the first woman Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court at a ceremony held at the Governor House in Balochistan. She will remain in this post until 4 October 2019. With this, she became the first female chief justice of any court in the history of Pakistan. Earlier, Safdar created history in 1982 when she became the first female civil judge in Balochistan. Currently, Justice Tahira is a member of the 3-judge special court conducting the trial of former president Pervez Musharraf for committing treason by proclaiming a state of emergency on 3rd November 2007.

What was the growth rate of the Indian economy during April-June quarter of financial Year 2018-19?

- A. 8.0%
- B. 7.2%
- C. 7.0%
- D. 8.2%

Answer: D

Explanation: The Indian economy grew at a 15-quarter high of 8.2% in the April-June quarter of current fiscal (2018-19), as was disclosed in the data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) on 31 August 2018. The growth thus cemented India's position as the fastest growing major economy, clocking higher expansion rate than China's 6.7 in the same quarter. Manufacturing grew in double digits at 13.5% in the June quarter from a contraction of 1.8% in the same quarter a year ago, while construction made strong recovery to grow at 8.7% against 1.8% during same period last year. Agriculture also grew at a robust 5.3% in the June quarter against 3% during the same quarter a year ago. The previous high quarterly GDP growth was recorded in July-September period in 2014-15 at 8.4%. Economic growth had dipped to 5.6% in the April to June 2017 quarter as companies reduced stocks ahead of the rollout of the goods and services tax (GST) in July last year.

Who has been elected as the new chairman of the Indian Banks Association (IBA)?

- A. Shyam Srinivasan
- B. Sunil Mehta
- C. K R Kamnath
- D. O P Bhatt

Answer: B

Sunil Mehta, the MD & chief executive of Punjab National Bank (PNB), has been elected as the new chairman of the Indian Banks Association (IBA) for 2018-19. Apart from him, Dinabandhu Mohapatra, MD & CEO of Bank of India (BoI), has been elected as IBA's Deputy Chairman. The IBA is a representative body of management of banking in India and has its headquarters in Mumbai.

Who of the following Indians has/have received the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award?

- A. Deepa Joshi and Nileema Mishra
- B. Kulendi Francis and Anshu Gupta
- C. Sanjiv Chaturvedi
- D. Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk

Answer: D

Two Indians, Dr. Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2018 on August 31. The award, which is regarded as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize, was established in 1957. The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, in its citation, stated that Wangchuk was recognised for his uniquely systematic, collaborative and community-driven reform of learning systems in remote northern India, thus improving the life opportunities of Ladakhi youth. Vatwani was recognised for his tremendous courage and healing compassion in embracing India's mentally-afflicted destitute. Beside them, Youk Chhang from Cambodia, Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz from East Timor, Howard Dee from the Philippines and Vo Thi Hoang Yen from Vietnam are the other winners of the 2018 award.

The series of sermons by Jain Muni Tarun Sagar ji was known by __ ?

- A. Kadve Shlok
- B. Kadve Stotra
- C. Kadve Pravachan
- D. Kadve Shabad

Answer: C

Renowned Digambar Jain Muni Tarun Sagar ji (51), who was popularly known for his sermons titled 'Kadve Pravachan', has passed away in New Delhi on September 1, 2018. He was born as Pawan Kumar Jain on 1967 in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh, and accepted celibacy and decided to lead a life of a monk in the year 1981. Unlike most other Digambar Jain monks, his audience often includes a majority of non-Jains. His discourses often address family or society issues, topics generally avoided by other Jain monks. All his life, he spread the message of peace and non-violence in the society.

India ended its Asian Games Campaign with how many gold medals?

- A. 14
- B. 13
- C. 7
- D. 15

Answer: D

India with a haul of 69 medals including 15 gold recorded its best-ever performance in the history of Asian Games at the 2018 edition held in Jakarta and Palembang in Indonesia. Overall, India maintained its top-10 rank by finishing eighth yet again.

Which Indian sportsperson was the India's flag-bearer at the closing ceremony in the 18th Asian Games?

- A. Bajrang Punia
- B. Rahi Sarnobat
- C. Rani Rampal
- D. Vinesh Phogat

Answer: C

Rani Rampal, the Indian women hockey captain, was India's flag-bearer at the closing ceremony of the 18th Asian Games 2018. India ended their Asian Games 2018 campaign with the highest medal tally at the tournament ever, with a total of 69 medals which includes 15 gold, 24 silver and 30 bronze medals. In addition to local artists and a Chinese segment, the South Korean boybands Super Junior and iKon, and Indian singer Sidharth Slathia performed in the closing ceremony. More than 10,000 athletes gave their best at the Asian Games 2018, winning medals for their respective countries. 465 gold medals were won by the athletes of 28 countries. 37 out of 45 participating nations were able to win medals at the Asian Games 2018. China finished on top of the medal tally with 132 gold medals. Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was India's flag-bearer at the opening ceremony. In it, the Games flag for the 2022 Asian Games received by Mayor of Hangzhou Xu Liyi.

The OBC population data will be introduced from which Census year in India?

- A. 2011
- B. 2021
- C. 2025
- D. 2031

Answer: B

The Union Home Ministry announced that the Census 2021 will for the first time collect data on Other Backwards Castes (OBC). The exercise will involve 25 lakh trained enumerators. The 2011 Census

collected information in 29 categories that included a separate column for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes.

Who has been elected as the new President of Pakistan?

- A. Maulana Fazlur
- B. Aitzaz Ahsan
- C. Arif Alvi
- D. Mamnoon Hussain

Answer: C

Dr Arif Alvi has been elected as the new President of Pakistan and will take the oath of the office on September 9. He will succeed Mamnoon Hussain. Dr. Alvi is a close ally of Prime Minister Imran Khan and one of the founding members of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party.

Which company sign Indian Boxer Mary Kom as Brand Ambassador?

- A. Reliance Jio
- B. Vodafone
- C. BSNL
- D. Airtel

Answer: C

State-run telecom firm Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) roped in Indian boxer MC Mary Kom as its brand ambassador for two years. BSNL will run television commercials, print advertisements and tariff plan endorsement with Kom.

Which state's Assembly dissolved on 6th September 2018?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Telangana
- C. Bihar
- D. Gujarat

Answer: B

The Telangana assembly has been dissolved on 6th September 2018. The Cabinet led by the Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao recommended the dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly. The Chief Minister accompanied by some of his Cabinet colleagues proceeded to the Raj Bhavan, to meet Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan and submit a copy of the resolution for further proceedings. The

Governor while accepting the recommendation of the Telangana Cabinet dissolving the Assembly, asked the Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers to continue as a caretaker government. Rao has agreed to the request.

Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code is related to ----- ?

- A. SC/ST Act
- B. Consensual unnatural sex
- C. OBC Commission
- D. None of above

Answer: B

A five-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court on 6th September unanimously decriminalised part of the 158-year-old colonial law under Section 377 of the IPC which criminalises consensual unnatural sex. A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra termed the part of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code which criminalises unnatural sex as irrational, indefensible and manifestly arbitrary. The apex court struck down Section 377 as being violative of right to equality. The top court, in four separate but concurring judgments, set aside its own verdict in the Suresh Kaushal case. Section 377 refers to 'unnatural offences' and says whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal shall be punished with imprisonment for life, or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 10 years, and shall also be liable to pay a fine.

Which defence agreement was signed by India and the United States recently?

- A. COMCASA
- B. CISMOA
- C. GSOMIA
- D. BECA

Answer: A

Explanation: COMCASA is an India-specific version of the Communication and Information on Security Memorandum of Agreement (CISMOA). The Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) is one of the four foundational agreements that a country needs to sign to become a major defence

partner of the United States. The agreement comes into effect immediately and has a lifespan of 10 years.

Government appointed a committee under whom to select the next Chief Economic Adviser in the Finance Ministry?

- A. Devikandan Thakur
- B. Bimal Jalan
- C. Rakesh Sinha
- D. Ranjit Sharma

Answer: B

Explanation: Former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan is heading the committee that was formed by the Union Government to select the next Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) in the Finance Ministry. This committee was constituted two months after it sought applications for the post. Apart from Jalan, secretary of the Department of Personnel and Training C. Chandramouli and Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg are the other two members of the committee. Arvind Subramanian resigned from his post before his tenure ended in May 2019 citing personal reasons. He has since joined as a visiting professor at Harvard University.

Which e-commerce giant's founder and executive chairman is going to step down in September 2019?

- A. Flipkart
- B. Amazon
- C. Alibaba
- D. Snapdeal

Answer: C

Explanation: Alibaba's Jack Ma has announced that he would be stepping down as the head of the Chinese e-commerce giant in September 2019. He named the company CEO Daniel Zhang as his successor and said that he will work closely with him for the next 12 months to ensure a smooth transition of the chairmanship.

Which cricket team has won the 57th edition of Duleep Trophy 2018?

- A. India Red
- B. India-A
- C. India Blue

D. India Green

Answer: C

Explanation: India Blue has won the 57th edition of Duleep Trophy 2018 by defeating India Red in the final by an innings and 187 runs to win. Spinners Deepak Jagbir Hooda and Saurabh Kumar shared 5 wickets each in just 10.5 overs on the 4th day to bundle out India Red for 172 in the second innings. India Blue scored 541 in the first innings while India Red scored 182 in the first innings and 172 in the second innings. Himachal Pradesh batsman Nikhil Gangta was named man of the match for his superb knock of 136. The Duleep Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket competition played in India. It was named after Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji of Nawanagar, who played for England.

Who won Women's singles final in the US Open Tennis 2018?

A. Serena Williams

B. Venus Williams

C. Kurumi Nara

D. Naomi Osaka

Answer: D

Explanation: Naomi Osaka has become the first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam singles title. She lifted the women's singles title of US Open 2018 by defeating Serena Williams of US in straight sets 6-2, 6-4. The match saw some dramatic scenes at the Grand Slam final after an angry Serena Williams accused the umpire of being a "thief". Williams was given a game penalty for her outburst, which also followed racquet smashing and another code violation as Osaka kept her focus to become the first Japanese to win a Grand Slam.

Who won men's singles final in the US Open Tennis 2018?

A. Rafael Nadal

B. Roger Federer

C. Novak Djokovic

D. Juan Martin

Answer: C

Explanation: Novak Djokovic of Serbia won the Men's singles final in the US Open Tennis. He defeated Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 in straight sets. It was Djokovic's 14th

Grand Slam title and the third US Open title. With this win, he has equalled Pete Sampras's mark of 14 Grand Slams. He is now just three Slams behind Rafael Nadal and six from the record 20 held by Roger Federer.

**Justice Om Prakash Mishra sworn in as new Chief Justice of ----
- ?**

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Nepal
- D. Indonesia

Answer: C

Explanation: Justice Om Prakash Mishra has been sworn in as new Chief Justice of Nepal on 10th September 2018. The President Vidya Devi Bhandari administered oath of office and secrecy to Justice Mishra in Kathmandu. The Constitutional Council had recommended Justice Mishra's name for top judicial post of the country last month. He is the senior-most judge of Supreme Court after Justice Deepak Raj Joshee, whose name was rejected by the PHC on August 3. Justice Mishra holds a master's degree in Comparative Law from Delhi University. He joined judicial service in 1981 as a section officer and became Additional District Judge in 1985. Justice Mishra was appointed as a justice of the Supreme Court in 2014.

Who is appointed next Chief Justice of India on 13th September ?

- A. Madan Lokur
- B. Kurian Joseph
- C. Ranjan Gogoi
- D. Kiren Rijiju?

Answer: C

Explanation: President of India has appointed Justice Ranjan Gogoi as the next Chief Justice of India on 13th September 2018. He will assume the office of Chief Justice on 3rd October, 2018 after the retirement of the current Chief Justice, Justice Dipak Misra. Born on 18th November, 1954, Justice Gogoi was enrolled as an advocate in 1978. He practised in the Gauhati High Court on constitutional, taxation and company matters. He was appointed as a Permanent

Judge of the Gauhati High Court on 28th February, 2001. On 9th September, 2010, he was transferred to the Punjab & Haryana High Court. He was appointed as Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court on 12th February, 2011. He was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India on 23rd April, 2012.

Hindi Divas is celebrated on which day?

- A. 14 September
- B. 15 September
- C. 2 October
- D. 12 September

Answer: A

Explanation: National Hindi Divas (NHD) is celebrated every year on September 14 in India. On this day, in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of India under Article 343. In all, there are 22 Scheduled languages of India, of which, two are officially used at Union government of India level: Hindi and English.

Which Indian cricketer has been nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award, the country's highest sporting honour?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Ajinkya Rahane
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Yuvraj Singh

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli and world champion weightlifter Mirabai Chanu were on September 17, 2018 jointly recommended for this year's Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award, the country's highest sporting honour. If approved by Sports Minister, Kohli will become the third cricketer to get the Khel Ratna after the legendary Sachin Tendulkar (1997) and the double world cup-winning captain skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (2007).

Which country has rolled out world's first hydrogen-powered train?

- A. Germany
- B. India

C. China

D. USA

Answer: A

Explanation: Germany has recently rolled out the world's first hydrogen-powered trains that only emit steam and water. These bright blue Coradia iLint trains are built by French TGV-maker Alstom, which are costlier than diesel powered trains but eco-friendly. The new trains are equipped with a hydrogen tank and fuel cells on the roof and will produce electricity by combining water and hydrogen. The company revealed that the excess energy produced will be stored in ion-lithium batteries. The green trains can travel 600 miles (1,000km) on a single tank of hydrogen, similar to the range of diesel trains.

What is the India's ranks in the latest UN's Human Development Index (HDI) report 2018?

A. 130

B. 123

C. 139

D. 138

Answer: A

Explanation: India has been ranked 130 among 189 countries in the latest Human Development Index (HDI) report 2018, which is released by the United Nations Development Programme. As per report, between 1990 and 2017, India's HDI value saw a 50% increase from 0.427 to 0.640, an indicator of the country's remarkable achievement in lifting millions of people out of poverty. India's gross per capita income increased by a staggering 266.6% between 1990 and 2017. During the period, India's life expectancy at birth increased by nearly 11 years, with the average years of children staying in school increased by 4.7 years.

Union Government on 17 September 2018 proposed to merge which three PSU Banks?

A. SBI, PNB and Dena Bank

B. IDBI, Bank of Baroda and Dena Bank

C. Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank

D. IDBI Bank, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: The Union Government on 17 September 2018 moved towards consolidation of the banking sector, proposing an amalgamation of state-owned Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank to create India's third largest bank. The new amalgamated bank will have a total business of more than Rs 14.82 trillion and will be the third largest bank in India. The government expects that the amalgamated bank will be a strong competitive bank with economies of scale. While Dena Bank has been placed under the prompt corrective action framework by the Reserve Bank of India with restrictions on lending, Vijaya Bank is among the only two lenders to have reported a profit in 2017-18.

Which movie is India's Official Entry to Oscars 2019?

- A. Village Rockstars
- B. Padman
- C. Kashi
- D. Raazi

Answer: A

Explanation: Rima Das' National Award-winning feature Village Rockstars has been chosen to represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the 91st Academy Awards next year, the Film Federation of India (FFI) announced. The announcement was made by SV Rajendra Singh Babu, Chairman, Selection Committee for Oscar Award, FFI. The film had its world premiere at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and has toured more than 70 prestigious international and national film festivals.

Which footballer has won FIFA's best player of the year 2018 award?

- A. Neymar
- B. Cristiano Ronaldo
- C. Lionel Messi
- D. Luka Modric

Answer: D

Explanation: Croatian footballer Luka Modric was named the world's best male player at the Best Fifa Football Awards in London. The 33-year old Real Madrid midfielder beat former team-mate Cristiano Ronaldo and Liverpool's Mohamed Salah to the award.

Modric won his third Champions League title in a row in May and guided Croatia to their first World Cup final in July.

Which state topped the 'Ease of Living Index' rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

- A. Kerala
- B. Telangana
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: C

Explanation: Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts among States in terms of "Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). It was followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

Who was elected as the new Chairman of the Press Trust of India?

- A. N Ravi
- B. Vijay Kumar Chopra
- C. Rajat Sharma
- D. Vinod Dua

Answer: A

Explanation: N Ravi, the publisher of The Hindu Group of Newspapers, was on 29 September 2018, unanimously elected the new Chairman of Press Trust of India, the country's largest news agency. He succeeded Viveck Goenka, Chairman and Managing Director of the Express Group. Vijay Kumar Chopra, the chief editor of Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers, was elected the new Vice-Chairman. Besides Ravi, Chopra and Goenka, the other members of the PTI Board are Mahendra Mohan Gupta (Dainik Jagran), K N Shanth Kumar (Deccan Herald), Vineet Jain (Times of India), Aveek Kumar Sarkar (Anand Bazar Patrika), M P Veerendra Kumar (Mathrubhumi), R Lakshmi pathy (Dinamalar), Hormusji N Cama (Bombay Samachar), Justice R C Lahoti, Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Shyam Saran and J F Pochkhanawalla.