

**What is the theme of the 2018 World Milk Day (WMD) in India?**

- A. Drink Move Be Strong
- B. Milk: A Healthy Drink
- C. Natural Drink for Health
- D. Be Strong Be Healthy

Answer: A

**Explanation:** The World Milk Day (WMD) is observed every year by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on June 1 to recognize the importance of milk as a global food. The day is intended to provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector. Interestingly, this is an event which does not follow a specific theme worldwide. Instead, different countries, governments and non-governmental organizations get to pick a theme of their own. The WMD 2018 theme in India is "**Drink Move Be Strong**". Milk is enriched with nutrients like calcium, protein, vitamin B2, potassium, iodine, etc.



**What is the new state animal of divided Andhra Pradesh?**

- A. Tiger
- B. Blackbuck
- C. Spotted Deer
- D. Chowsingha

Answer: B

**Explanation:** The state of Andhra Pradesh has notified its separate state symbols post-split and creation of Telangana in 2014. The state retained undivided AP's symbol of state animal- Krishna Jinka or blackbuck- as its state animal. Telangana had dropped it to adopt spotted deer as its state animal.

**Which company acquires US-Based WongDoody for \$75 Million?**

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

Answer: A

**Explanation:** Infosys has completed the acquisition of WongDoody Holding Company, a US-based digital creative and consumer insights agency, for a total consideration of upto \$75 million. Founded in 1993, WongDoody has clients across industries like telecommunications, consumer electronics, healthcare and consumer packaged goods.

**Who wins Pulitzer Prize 2018 in Music?**

- A. Kendrick Lamar
- B. Caroline Shaw
- C. John Luther Adams

D. Julia Wolfe

Answer: A

Explanation: Kendrick Lamar received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album "Damn." Lamar is the first rapper in history to be given the award. Previous recipients included Bob Dylan, Hank Williams and Duke Ellington. Lamar had received this award at Columbia University.

**International Yoga Day 2018 main celebration event will be held in which city?**

- A. Udaipur
- B. Varanashi
- C. Dehradun
- D. Kochin

Answer: C

Explanation: The main event of 4th International Yoga Day celebrations (IDY-2018) will be held on 21st June 2018 at Dehradun in Uttarakhand. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH announced that Dehradun (Uttarakhand) has been selected as the venue for Mass Yoga Demonstration (Main Event) of 4th International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2018.



**Which country recently banned wearing Burqa in public places?**

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Denmark
- D. China

Answer: C

Explanation: Denmark's Parliament on May 31, 2018 banned the wearing of face veils (burqa and niqab) in public places, a move that will criminalise Muslim women who choose to wear the niqab or burqa. The Danish parliament voted 75-30 with 74 absentees. The measure will come into force on August 1, 2018.

**Which is the only Indian institution to make it to the top 100 universities in the Times Higher Education's World Reputation Rankings 2018?**

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Mumbai
- C. BITS Pilani
- D. IISc Bengaluru

Answer: D

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has made it to the top 100 universities in the Times Higher Education's 'World Reputation Rankings 2018', becoming the only Indian institution to make it to the prestigious list this year. IISc has been ranked in the 91-100 band of the annual list topped by American universities Harvard, Massachusetts Institute

of Technology (MIT) and Stanford, with the United Kingdom's Cambridge and Oxford completing the top five. With this IISc making into the list, India featured has in the table for the first time since 2011. The 'World Reputation Rankings' are created using what 'Times Higher Education' describes as the world's largest invitation-only academic opinion survey and unique piece of research.

**The Taj Declaration, adopted in June 2018, aims to beat which form of pollution?**

- A. Air Pollution
- B. Plastic Pollution
- C. Water Pollution
- D. Noise Pollution

Answer: B

Explanation: The 'Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution' was adopted by India recently to make the 500-metre area around the 17th-century monument litter-free. Steps would also be taken to phase out single-use plastic there.



**What is the current repo rate in the second bi-monthly monetary policy review of RBI for FY19?**

- A. 6.25%
- B. 6.50%
- C. 6.00%
- D. 6.75%

Answer: A

Explanation: RBI on 6 June 2018 hiked the Repo Rate for the first time in 4.5 years by hiking it by 25 bps. The new Repo Rate is 6.25% while the Reverse Repo Rate is 5.75%. The last time the Repo Rate was hiked was in January 2014 when the rate was raised to 8%. RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC) voted unanimously to hike the repo rate by 25 basis points and to keep its policy stance neutral, leaving the room open for further rate hikes. The rate hike decision was contrary to market expectation that the central bank will hold rates. Supporting the rate hike was the increase in the inflation forecast. The central bank has now forecasted average inflation for the fiscal year 2018-19 to be 4.8-4.9% in the first half and 4.7% in the second half.

**The World Bank has agreed to provide assistance in which scheme that is worth Rs 6000 crore?**

- A. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
- B. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana
- C. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- D. Atal Bhujal Yojana

Answer: D

Explanation: The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs 6000 crore worth central sector scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. The scheme aims to improve ground water management in priority areas in the country through community participation.

**Supreme Court recently allowed Union government to implement the reservation in promotion policy for SC/ST employees under which article of the Constitution?**

- A. Article 19
- B. Article 18
- C. Article 17
- D. Article 16

Answer: D

Explanation: The Supreme Court has allowed the Union government to implement the reservation in promotion policy for SC/ST employees in accordance with the law but did not stay a Delhi High Court judgment that had quashed an August 1997 office memorandum issued by the Centre providing for reservation in promotions for Dalit and tribal employees. He also referred to Article 16 (4A) of the Constitution, which enables state to provide for reservation in matters of promotion to SC/ST which in its opinion were not adequately represented in the services.

**Ashish Jakhar has won gold in which sports at the 2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Japan?**

- A. Cricket
- B. Sprint
- C. Hammer throw
- D Boxing

Answer: C

Explanation: On June 7, India began their campaign at the 2018 Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Gifu, Japan with a strong start by clinching four medals- – a gold, a silver and two bronze. Ashish Jakhar created a new National U-20 record to clinch the gold medal with a hammer throw of 76.86 in his second attempt while Damneet bagged the silver with a best throw of 74.08. This shattered the previous mark of 75.04 meters that he himself had set at the Junior Federation Cup in April 2018. Beside them, Triple jumper Priyadarshini Suresh and long distance runner Poonam Sonune bagged bronze medals in women's events.



**Who is the only Indian sportsperson to be featured in the list of world's highest paid athletes compiled by Forbes?**

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. PV Sindhu

C. Virat Kohli

D. MS Dhoni

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a list compiled by Forbes. Kohli, the only sportsman from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million. The list was topped by 41-year-old American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather, with USD 285 million earnings.

### Which country wins Women's Cricket Asia Cup 2018?

A. Bangladesh

B. India

C. Japan

D. Pakistan

Answer: A

Explanation: Bangladesh women's cricket team beat India - six-time and defending champions by 3 wickets to win their maiden Asia Cup trophy in Kuala Lumpur on 10th June 2018. Needing two off the last delivery of the match, Jahanara Alam hit rival skipper Harmanpreet Kaur towards deep mid-wicket and scampered home for a double to chase down a modest target of 113.

### SCO summit 2018 was held 9-10 June at which city?

A. Sanghai

B. Qingdao

C. Sochi

D. Beijing

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 10th June held separate bilateral talks with presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia on the sidelines of the SCO summit 2018 scheduled on 9-10 June at Qingdao, China. Mr. Modi met Mr. Nazarbayev and invited his country to join the International Solar Alliance, an initiative announced in 2015 whose primary objective is to work for efficient exploitation of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

### Who is appointed new Vigilance Commissioner in CVC?

A. Arvind Saxena

B. Sharad Kumar

C. Deepak Kumar

D. Rajeev Kumar

Answer: B

Explanation: Sharad Kumar, former Director General (DG) of National Investigation Agency (NIA) retired, the 1979 batch Haryana cadre IPS officer has been appointed as the



Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on 10th June 2018. 62-year-old Kumar retired in September last year after heading the National Investigation Agency, an anti-terror probe organisation, for over four years. Kumar was appointed DG of the NIA during the UPA regime in 2013, but following his retirement in October 2015, the NDA government re-employed him on a contract basis with annual extensions twice, which is considered a rare case in bureaucratic circles.

### Who wins French Open 2018 Women's Single?

- A. Simona Halep
- B. Sloane Stephens
- C. Daria Kasatkina
- D. Serena Williams

Answer: A

Explanation: World number one Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title with a gutsy comeback victory over American 10th seed Sloane Stephens in the French Open 2018 final. Halep, who had lost her three previous major finals, went a set and a breakdown at Roland Garros. But the 26-year-old Romanian battled back to take a see-saw second set against the US Open champion. She then raced away with the third to win 3-6 6-4 6-1.

### Who wins French Open 2018 men's Single?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Dominic Thiem
- C. Marco Cecchinato
- D. Novak Djokovic

Answer: A

Explanation: Nadal won another French Open men's singles title on 10 June 2018 as he defeated Dominic Thiem by 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2 on 10 June 2018. This was his 11th French Open title in 14 years. He moves alongside Margaret Court for the most titles at the same slam, 11. His total of 17 majors edges him closer to the 23 owned by 36-year-old Roger Federer.

### Historical talk between Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong held in which city?

- A. New York
- B. Singapore
- C. Sanghai
- D. Delhi

Answer: B

Explanation: US president Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Unsigned a document pledging to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean in return for US providing security guarantees to the DPRK on 12th June 2018. After two rounds of talks the two leaders signed a joint statement, which reaffirmed the DPRK's commitment to the April 27, 2018 Panmunjom

Declaration, for complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. The summit meeting was the first of its kind between a sitting American president and a leader of North Korea. Donald Trump also said that he was suspending military exercises on the Korean Peninsula and that he expected the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, to move "very quickly" to dismantle his nuclear arsenal after a day of discussions in Singapore.

**Who wins Polly Umrigar Trophy 2018 at annual BCCI awards?**

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. KL Rahul
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. R.Ashwin

Answer: C

Explanation: India captain Virat Kohli was the star attraction at the BCCI Annual Awards function on 12th June 2018 as he received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Trophy (Cricketer of the Year) award for two consecutive seasons. The Indian skipper, who has been in prolific form, received the award for his stupendous performance during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons. Anshuman Gaekwad and Sudha Shah received the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award. The domestic cricketers got their due recognition as Jalaj Saxena, Parvez Rasool, Krunal Pandya were all feted for their consistent domestic performances.

**What is the theme of the 2018 World Blood Donor Day (WBDD)?**

- A. Thank you for saving my life
- B. Give the gift of life : donate blood
- C. Every blood donor is a hero
- D. Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life

Answer: D

Explanation: The World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is observed every year on June 14 across the globe to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood. The day also strongly encourages more people to donate blood so that the donor population does not decline and patients requiring transfusion have timely access to safe blood. The 2018 theme is 'Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life'.

**Which country will host World Cup 2026?**

- A. India and China
- B. United States, Mexico and Canada
- C. France and Germany
- D. Iran and Iraq

Answer: B

Explanation: United States, Mexico and Canada won the right to host the 2026 World Cup after easily beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations in Moscow. The North American bid received 134 of the 203 votes, while Morocco

polled 65 in the ballot at a FIFA Congress held in Moscow. Football's showpiece event will return to the North American continent for the first time since 1994 when the United States hosted the tournament.

**Who is current World Bank CEO?**

- A. Kristalina Georgieva
- B. Irina Bokova
- C. Jim Yong Kim
- D. Irina Bokova

Answer: A

Explanation: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis met World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva in Washington DC to seek assistance for a Multimodal Transport Corridor and the Rural Livelihood Project which aims to provide sustainable livelihood enhancements in 10,000 villages in the state. World Bank has assured of positive consideration of both the projects. Fadnavis, who is on a three-nation tour, also attended a business discussion organised by US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. Mr Fadnavis was bestowed with the Outstanding Leadership in Development Award by Georgetown India Initiative and Centre for Strategic and International Studies

**Which city to host the 106th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019)?**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Amritsar
- C. Patna
- D. Jalandhar

Answer: D

Explanation: The 106th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019) will be held at Lovely Professional University (LPU) in Jalandhar, Punjab from 3rd to 7th January 2019. The theme of the 5-day science congress is 'Future India: Science & Technology'. Approx 15,000 delegates, including 300 top scientists and Nobel Laureates from across world are expected to attend the congress. The science congress will have 18 plenary sessions, including those of medical, chemical, environmental and other science domains. There will also be four parallel mega events, including the children's science conference; women's science conference; science communicators' meet; and, science exhibition. The exhibition will see participation from the national and international science companies, especially from the US, Australia, Germany and Switzerland.

**Who is appointed new COO of ICICI Bank?**

- A. Chanda Kochhar
- B. Sandeep Bakhshi
- C. P S Jayakumar
- D. Usha Ananthasubramania

Answer: B



Explanation: ICICI Bank board has appointed ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi as whole-time director and chief operating officer (COO), creating a new top position at India's second largest private bank, to steer all its businesses. Chanda Kochhar, ICICI Bank's managing director and CEO will remain on leave until a committee investigating allegations of impropriety completes its work. Bakhshi has been appointed for a period of five years. Bakhshi will continue as non-executive director of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. N.S. Kannan has been appointed as CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance for five years.

**Mehbooba Mufti resigns as Chief Minister of which state on June 19?**

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. West Bengal
- C. Bihar
- D. Tripura

Answer: A

Explanation: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on 19th June 2018 submitted her resignation to Governor NN Vohra, after the BJP announced it was leaving the alliance with her Peoples Democratic Party(PDP). The BJP's decision to end the coalition leaves Mufti with just 28 out of Jammu and Kashmir's 87 elected seats. The reason for the pullout was failure to control the situation in the state and meet its promises. BJP's General Secretary Ram Madhav also called for Governor's rule in Jammu & Kashmir.

**Which country recently withdrew from the United Nations Human Rights Council?**

- A. Israel
- B. United States
- C. South Korea
- D. Iran

Answer: B

Explanation: On June 19, the United States withdrew from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and condemned its bias against Israel. The announcement came after the top UN human rights official criticised Washington for separating migrant children from their parents who are seeking asylum after crossing into the country from Mexico.

**The tri-service joint military exercise Indra-2018 will take place between India and which country?**

- A. Russia
- B. Japan
- C. Pakistan
- D. USA

Answer: A

Explanation: The tri-service joint military exercise Indra-2018 between India and Russia will take place at Indian military base in second half 2018. In this regard, Russian military delegation visited India to discuss logistics of the exercise.

**Which city creates world record with 2 lakh people performing yoga?**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Haridwar
- C. Mysore
- D. Kota

Answer: D

Explanation: Rajasthan's education city Kota turned into Yoga city when over one lakh people performed yoga at one place at the same time and created a new Guinness World Record on International Yoga day, 21st June. Yog Guru Baba Ramdev and Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje led people to perform Yoga at city's RAC ground. The international private organisation then handed over a certificate to Ms. Raje and Baba Ramdev, saying it had been the largest gathering worldwide of people performing yoga. Last year, 55 thousand people of Mysore had set a world record performing yoga at one place at the same time.

**Who has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament 2018?**

- A. Valtteri Bottas
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Kimi Raikkonen

Answer: B

Explanation: Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for Mercedes AMG Petronas, has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament at the Circuit Paul Ricard in Le Castellet, France on June 24.

**Which is the most spoken language in India after Hindi as per Census 2011 data?**

- A. Tamil
- B. Marathi
- C. Bengali
- D. Telugu

Answer: C

Explanation: As per the data on language released by the Union government as part of Census 2011, Hindi is the most spoken language in India. Bengali has taken the second spot, followed by Marathi, Telugu, Tamil and Gujarati.

**Which state announce Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana recently?**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab

- C. Bihar  
D. Maharashtra

Answer: D

Explanation: Maharashtra government announced a new scheme called 'Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana', wherein farmers families where girl children are born will be given saplings for plantation. The scheme is aimed at empowering women and promoting tree plantation. The scheme was approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.



**Which country replaces India to Become World's Largest Poor Population as per Brookings Report?**

- A. China  
B. Pakistan  
C. Nigeria  
D. Afganistan

Answer: C

Explanation: With the persistent decline in poverty, India is no longer a nation having the largest number of poor people in the world, according to a study published by the US-based think tank, Brookings. The study, titled 'The start of a new poverty narrative' and published in the Brookings' blog, is authored by Homi Kharas, Kristofer Hamel and Martin Hofer. According to the study, Nigeria has already overtaken India as the country with the largest number of extreme poor in early 2018, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo could soon take over the number 2 spot.



**Which of the following states in India has maximum number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites?**

- A. Rajasthan  
B. Karnataka  
C. Maharashtra  
D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: C

Explanation: Currently, Maharashtra has total five Unesco World Heritage Sites and this number is highest among all states and UTs in India. The sites include Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Elephanta Caves, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco buildings of South Mumbai. The last one was included on 30 June, 2018.

Who is author of book "Eleventh Hour"?

- A. Karan Thapar
- B. Kiran Bedi
- C. Arun Shourie
- D. Hussain Zaidi

Answer: D

Explanation: The novel "Eleventh Hour" is authored by Crime writer Hussain Zaidi to pay tribute to the men in uniform. The book is inspired by and derived from real-life events – a vast stash of RDX that has remained undiscovered since the Mumbai serial blasts of 1993 and the agencies totally clueless about it; the jailbreak in Bhopal of five men; the hijacking of an Indian ship and a commercial vessel by Somali pirates and Pakistan's designs to spread terror in India. The novel is published by HarperCollins India. Zaidi, who has done investigative, crime and terror reporting in various newspapers, is the author of several books including "Black Friday", "Dongri to Dubai", "Mafia Queens of Mumbai" and "Byculla to Bangkok".

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