

**Who has been re-appointed as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee (PAC)?**

- A. Sanjay Raut
- B. Arun Jaitley
- C. Mallikarjun Kharge
- D. Randeep Surjewala

Answer: C

Explanation: The leader of Congress party in Lok Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge has been re-appointed as the Chairman of the 22-member Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament for its fresh term that started on May 1, 2018. A majority of the members of the parliamentary panel, which is headed by an opposition leader, are from the ruling NDA.



**What is theme of 2018 International Labour Day?**

- A. Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement
- B. Let's value work by providing the jobless with start-up capital support
- C. Promote employment by supporting prospective entrepreneurs
- D. Celebrating the International Labour Movement

Answer: A

Explanation: The International Labour Day, also known as International Worker's Day or May Day, observed every year on May 1 to promote and encourage the international labour associations. The day marks the victory of workers' movement for 8 hours of work. It also aims to pay tribute to workers sacrifices in achieving economic and social rights all over the world. In India, Labour Day is referred to as Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas or Kamgar Din. The first Labour day or May Day was celebrated in the year 1923 in Chennai. The 2018 theme "Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement" motivate workers all over the world to unite for their rights and demand social and economic advancement from the governments and capitalists.

**Which airport is set to become the 100th operational airport in India?**

- A. Kishangarh, Rajasthan
- B. Solapur, Maharashtra
- C. Pakyong, Sikkim

D. Dharmashala, HP

Answer: C

Explanation: Sikkim's Pakyong is all set to become the 100th operational airport in the country when it is commissioned in June 2018. This happened as low-cost airline SpiceJet has been granted permission to fly to Pakyong from Kolkata under the civil aviation ministry's regional connectivity scheme. This was disclosed by Civil Aviation Minister Jayant Sinha on 2 May 2018. Sikkim was the only state without an airport in the country. The state would now enter India's aviation map soon when Pakyong airport becomes operational.

**Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IRDAI?**

- A. Nilesh Shah
- B. Rajesh Kumar
- C. Badri Singh Bhandari
- D. Subhash Chandra Khuntia

Answer: D

Explanation: Subhash Chandra Khuntia, a retired 1981 Karnataka cadre IAS officer, was on 2 May 2018 appointed the new Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). He held several positions at the Centre, including that of Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. He will have tenure of 3 years. He replaces T.S. Vijayan who retired from the post on 21 February 2018.

**Which state has become the first Indian state to provide digitally-signed land record receipts?**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Punjab

Answer: C

Explanation: Maharashtra has become the first Indian state to provide digitally-signed land record receipts (also known as 7/12 receipts). The 7/12 receipt is the most important document which establishes the ownership of the land, and is primarily used by farmers while applying for loans. It is also used by the government

during crop surveys and to extend various facilities. With digital authentication, the farmers will no longer have to visit revenue offices or the Maha e-seva centres. Now, the farmers will have to inform only the gat (group) number or survey number to bank or a government department, and the respective agency can ensure the 7/12 receipt online. Presently, eight lakh 7/12 receipts come with digital sign, and the aim is to complete the digitisation of all 2.5 crore receipts by August 1. To get the 7/12 receipt with digital sign, one must go to <https://mahabhulekh.maharashtra.gov.in> and fill the necessary details. A pdf file with digital sign can be printed, which can be used with any government office.

### Who tops Forbes Most Powerful People in the World?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Xi Jinping
- D. Vladimir Putin

Answer: C

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been ranked ninth on Forbes' 2018 list of 'the world's most powerful people'. Chinese President Xi Jinping ranked first, followed by Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump at the second and third rank, respectively. The only other Indian to feature on the list is Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani at 32. The PM Modi ranks ahead of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg (who is at 13th spot).

### What is the India's GDP growth rate for 2018-19, as per latest economic data by Asian Development Bank?

- A. 7.3%
- B. 7.6%
- C. 7.0%
- D. 7.2%

Answer: A

Explanation: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected India to remain the fastest growing Asian nation with 7.3% growth in 2018-19, and 7.6% in 2019-20. ADB Chief Economist Yasuyuki Sawada has stated that India should not worry about not achieving 8% growth but focus on increasing domestic demand by reducing

the income inequality. He said growth is driven more by domestic consumption than exports. Mr Sawada further said inequality and poverty reduction would play a very important role in achieving higher growth because consumption can stimulate more production and that can create more employment.

### Who has been appointed the new Cabinet Secretary of India?

- A. Alok Sharma
- B. Ajit Jain
- C.
- D. Hasmukh Adhia

Answer: C

Explanation: Pradeep Kumar Sinha, a 1977-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been given one year extension to the post



of Cabinet Secretary. With this, he will continue as cabinet secretary till June 12, 2019 as against his current retirement date of 12th June 2018. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the extension. In May 2015, Mr Sinha was appointed as cabinet secretary for a fixed two-year term. This is his second extension. As per government rules, no government servant shall be granted extension in service beyond age of retirement of 60 years but as per rule FR 56, extension in public interest may be given "for a period not exceeding four years in the case of Cabinet Secretary". The Cabinet Secretary is the top-most executive official and senior-most civil servant of the Government of India. He is the ex-officio head of the Civil Services Board, the Cabinet Secretariat, the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and head of all civil services under the rules of business of the government.

### Walmart buys 77% stake in which e-commerce company?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Walmart Inc on 9th May 2018 announced that it would pay \$16 billion for an initial stake of approximately 77% in homegrown e-commerce company Flipkart. The deal values Flipkart at \$20.8 billion. "India is one of the most attractive retail markets in the world, given its size and growth rate, and our investment is an opportunity to partner with the company that is leading the transformation of e-commerce in the market," said Doug McMillon, Walmart's president and chief executive officer, in a statement. The remainder of the business will be held by some of Flipkart's existing shareholders, including Binny Bansal, who co-founded Flipkart along with Sachin Bansal in 2007; China's Tencent Holdings Ltd.; Tiger Global Management LLC; and Microsoft Corp.

**Mahathir Bin Mohamad, has won a historic election in which country?**

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iraq
- C. Iran
- D. Malaysia

Answer: D

Explanation: Mahathir Bin Mohamad, 92, has won a historic election victory, ending the six-decade rule of the Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition on 10th May 2018. The results from the Election Commission showed the opposition grouping, Pakatan Harapan, plus a party in the Borneo state of Sabah they are allied with, winning 115 seats — over the threshold of 112 seats needed in parliament to form a government. Mahathir, who will become the world's oldest prime minister, came out of retirement to take on Prime Minister Najib Razak, who has become embroiled in massive corruption scandal surrounding state fund 1MDB.

**Who was appointed as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?**

- A. Shashank Manohar
- B. Jaikant Patel
- C. Giles Clarke
- D. Dave Richardson

Answer: A

Explanation: Shashank Manohar, the former BCCI President, will serve a second two-year term as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council after he was elected unopposed by the governing body's Board.

**Which company acquired 72% stake in Bhushan Steel?**

- A. Tata Steel
- B. SAIL
- C. Jindal
- D. JSW Steel

Answer: A

Explanation: Tata Steel, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Bamnival Steel Ltd (BNPL), has acquired 72.65 per cent controlling stake in Bhushan Steel Ltd (BSL) for around Rs 36,400 crore. The company was selected as the highest bidder in March 2018 to buy a controlling stake in Bhushan Steel, as part of bankruptcy proceedings.



**Who has won the 2018 Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix tournament?**

- A. Valtteri Bottas
- B. Nico Rosberg
- C. Sebastian Vettel
- D. Lewis Hamilton

Answer: D

Explanation: Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for the Mercedes AMG Petronas team, has won the Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix tournament 2018 at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya in Spain on May 13. Valtteri Bottas of Mercedes stood second in the race. Sebastian Vettel finished fourth in the event.

**Who laid the foundation of the Zojila tunnel project in Leh?**

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Venkaiah Naidu

Answer: C

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation of Zojila tunnel project in Jammu and Kashmir's Leh district. The project will be India's longest and Asia's longest and strategic bi-directional tunnel, which will provide all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar, Kargil and Leh districts.

**Which nation has launched the world's first floating nuclear power plant?**

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. US
- D. Japan

Answer: B

Explanation: Russia has launched Akademik Lomonosov, the world's first floating nuclear power plant at the St Petersburg shipyard. The plant is to be the first of a fleet of floating nuclear power stations to be stationed in the Russian Arctic.

**Who was appointed as the Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi?**

- A. Uttam Pacharne
- B. ML Srivastava
- C. PL Deshpande
- D. N K Jaishankar

Answer: A

Explanation: Uttam Pacharne, the noted artist and sculptor, was appointed as the Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi by the President of India. He will hold office for a term of three years from the date on which he assumes the charge of his office. Pacharne is a widely respected person in the field of art and has held various important positions.

**Who has been appointed as the full time CMD of Coal India Limited?**

- A. Manan Joshi
- B. Anil Kumar Jha
- C. Sutirtha Bhattacharya
- D. Suresh Kumar

Answer: B

Explanation: Anil Kumar Jha has been appointed as chairman-cum-managing director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL) till his superannuation i.e. January 31, 2020. Prior to this post, He was CMD of subsidiary Mahanadi Coalfields. Jha replaced acting chairman Suresh Kumar, who has been holding the post of additional secretary at the ministry of coal. The CIL is a state-owned coal mining company headquartered in Kolkata.

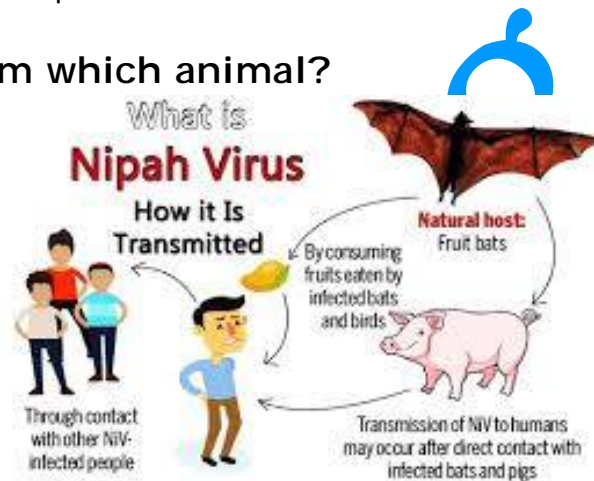
### Deadly virus Nipah spread from which animal?

- A. Monkey
- B. Bat
- C. Cow
- D. Horse

Answer: B

Explanation: The outbreak of Nipah virus in Kerala has so far claimed at least ten lives while two persons are still in critical condition.

Union Health Minister JP Nadda is closely monitoring the situation. He has directed for all support to be extended to Kerala in its prevention and management. He has also urged citizens not to believe in rumors posted on social media and not to spread panic. Nipah virus (NiV) infection is a newly emerging zoonosis that causes severe disease in both animals and humans. The natural host of the virus are fruit bats of the Pteropodidae Family, Pteropus genus. NiV was first identified during an outbreak of disease that took place in Kampung Sungai Nipah, Malaysia in 1998.



### Who has won the prestigious 2018 Man Booker International Prize for fiction?

- A. Ahmed Saadawi
- B. Han Kang
- C. Virginie Despentes
- D. Olga Tokarczuk

Answer: D

Explanation: Polish author Olga Tokarczuk has won the prestigious 2018 Man Booker International Prize for fiction for her novel 'Flights'. The novel, translated by Jennifer Croft, interweaves



narratives of travel with explorations of the human body. It combines tales of modern-day travel with the story of a 17th century anatomist who dissected his own amputated leg and the journey of composer Frederic Chopin's heart from Paris to Warsaw after his death. Tokarczuk is the first Polish author to have won the prestigious award that honours the finest works of translated fiction from around the world. The prize is a counterpart to the Man Booker Prize for English-language novels and is open to books in any language that have been translated into English. The £50,000 (\$67,000) award is split evenly between the writer and her translator, Jennifer Croft.

**Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Odisha?**

- A. Kalyan Singh
- B. Satya Pal Malik
- C. Manu Sharma
- D. Ganeshi Lal

Answer: D

Explanation: Prof. Ganeshi Lal, the Haryana BJP leader, has been appointed as the new Governor of Odisha. The post was vacant since March 2018 after veteran Naga leader S C Jamir completed his tenure. After that, Bihar Governor Satya Pal Malik was additionally discharging the duties of Odisha Governor since March 2018. Meanwhile, Kummanam Rajasekharan, who is Kerala BJP chief, will be the new Governor of Mizoram. He will succeed Lt. General (Retd.) Nirbhay Sharma, who is completing his tenure on May 28, 2018. President Ram Nath Kovind approved their appointments.

**Which country will soon be NATO's first Latin American 'global partner'?**

- A. Peru
- B. Colombia
- C. Brazil
- D. Chile

Answer: B

Explanation: Colombia would be formally joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) next week. With the move, Colombia will become the first Latin American nation to be a part of the

alliance. It would be joining the bloc as a 'global partner', which means it will not necessarily have to take part in any joint military action.

**Toyota Motor Corp. entered into a technology transfer agreement with which auto company for the development of an ultra high-efficiency powertrain for India?**

- A. Honda Motors
- B. Suzuki Motor Corp.
- C. Hero Motocorp
- D. Hyndui Motors

Answer: B

Explanation: The world's largest automaker, Toyota Motor Corp., along with Denso Corp., will transfer technology to Suzuki Motor Corp. for the development of an ultra high-efficiency powertrain for India and other global markets. Under the agreement, Suzuki will receive support for the development of a compact, ultra high-efficiency powertrain that is vital to the company. While Denso and Toyota will provide Suzuki with technological support for the compact powertrain, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd will produce models developed by Suzuki for sale in India.

**PM Narendra Modi on 27 May 2017 inaugurated the first phase of India's first 14-lane expressway. Which expressway is this?**

- A. Delhi-Meerut Expressway
- A. Delhi-Mumbai Expressway
- A. Delhi-Agra Expressway
- A. Delhi-Chandigarh Expressway

Answer: A

Explanation: Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME), India's first 14-lane expressway will connect Delhi to Meerut, and on completion will reduce the travel time between Delhi and Meerut to 45 minutes from the present about 3-4 hours. It has been built at a cost of Rs. 841 crore. The first package of the DME will provide a major relief to the commuters in Delhi-Noida and starts from Nizamuddin Bridge to UP Border having a 6 lane Expressway and 4+4 lane Highway. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the 135-km Eastern Periphery Expressway (EPE) which bypasses Delhi on the eastern side.

**Which team wins IPL 2018?**

- A. Rajasthan Royals
- B. Mumbai Indians
- C. Chennai Super Kings
- D. Sunrisers Hyderabad

Answer: C

Explanation: Chennai Super Kings has defeated SunRisers Hyderabad to clinch their third Indian Premier



League title. With this, Chennai Super Kings equaled Mumbai Indians' record for winning the most number of Indian Premier League titles (3). Notably, Chennai Super Kings defeated SunRisers Hyderabad in each of their four encounters this season. Player of the Match award goes to Chennai Super Kings' Shane Watson in IPL Final 2018. Shane Watson was back to his brutal best as the opener's scintillating unbeaten 117 runs helped Chennai Super Kings lift their third Indian Premier League (IPL) title, thrashing Sunrisers Hyderabad by eight wickets in the summit clash in Mumbai on 27th May 2018.

**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.

**Patanjali has tied up with which telecom company to launch Swadeshi Samridhhi SIM cards?**

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

D. Airtel

Answer: A

Explanation: Yoga guru Baba Ramdev's Patanjali has recently launched Swadeshi Samriddhi SIM cards in alliance with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL). Initially, only the employees and office bearers of Patanjali will be able to avail the benefits of the SIM card. After its full-fledged launch, customers will get a 10% discount on Patanjali products. The Swadeshi Samriddhi SIM cards can be recharged for Rs 144, for which users can avail unlimited calls throughout the country, a 2 GB data and send a 100 SMSes. The SIM card also comes with medical insurance and life insurance covers. The medical insurance cover is for Rs 2.5 lakh, while life insurance costs Rs 5 lakh. However, the covers can only be avail in the case of road accident.

**Who has been appointed the first-ever Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

- A. Ashoke Sen
- B. Sudha Balakrishnan
- C. Jayant Narlikar
- D. E. C. George Sudarshan

Answer: B

Explanation: Sudha Balakrishnan, the Vice-President of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL), has been appointed the first-ever Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). She will hold the rank of executive director and will have a 3-year term. The CFO will be responsible for reporting of financial information of the central bank, establishing accounting policies and ensuring compliance with regulations. The CFO will also be entrusted with communicating RBIs expected and actual financial performance and overseeing its budget processes. As CFO, Balakrishnan will also be in charge of the dividend RBI pays to the government, which is crucial in the final budgetary calculations. Under the RBI Act, 1934, the central bank is required to pay the government its surplus after making provisions for bad and doubtful debts, depreciation in assets and, contribution to staff and superannuation fund among others. RBI follows a July to June financial year.



Which state government has recently declared official symbols for the state?

- A. Telangana
- B. Mizoram
- C. Tripura
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: D

Explanation: The Andhra Pradesh government has recently declared official symbols for the state after the bifurcation. Neem and Black Buck (Krishna Jinka) have been declared as the state tree and animal respectively. Similarly, Rose-ringed parakeet will be the state bird while jasmine will be the state's flower. The symbols were notified by the state government's Department of Environment, Forest, Science and Technology via a Government Order (GO). Telangana was bifurcated from Andhra Pradesh on June 2, 2014, after the AP Reorganisation Act was passed in Parliament.

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