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To contribute to the society through the puresult of education, learning and research at the highest level of excellence.

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Water to Thirsty

Clothes to Naked

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Shelter to Homeless

Medicines to Blind, Handicapped & Diseased

Employment to Unemployed

Protection to Dumb Animals

Marriage of Young Poor-Boys & Girls

Courage to Distressed & the Frustrated

" Gopala Gopala Devkinandan Gopala "

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SAIL BOKARO STEEL PLANT RECRUITMENT 2019

Total Vacancy: 275

Brief Information: Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Bokaro Steel Plant invites applications for the recruitment of Operator-cum-Technician Trainee & Attendant-cum-Technician Trainee vacancies. Those Candidates who are interested in the vacancy details & completed all eligibility criteria can read the Notification & Apply Online.

Application Fee

For General, OBC (For SI No 1, 3 & 4): **Rs. 250/-**

For General, OBC (For SI No 2): **Rs. 150/-**

For SC/ ST/ PwD/ ESM/ Departmental candidates: **Nil**

Payment Mode (Online): **Internet Banking/ Credit Card/ Debit Card**

Important Dates

Starting Date to Apply Online: **29-01-2019**

Last Date to Apply Online: **18-02-2019**

Age Limit (as on 18-02-2019)

Upper Age Limit for SI No 1, 3 & 4: **28 Years**

Upper Age Limit for SI No 2: **30 Years**

Age relaxation is admissible for SC/ST/OBC/ PH/ Ex-servicemen candidates as per rules.

Vacancy Details

SI No	Post Name	Total	Qualification
1	Operator cum Technician (Trainee)	95	Matriculation, Diploma (Relevant Engg Discipline)
2	Operator cum Technician (Boiler)	10	Matriculation, Diploma (Engg), 1 year Boiler Competency Certificate
3	Attendant cum Technician (Trainee) – AITT	121	Matriculation and passed All India Trade Test
4	Attendant cum Technician Trainee) – ITI (SRD for ST Category candidates only)	41	Matric + ITI (Relevant trade)

Apply Online - <https://www.sailcareers.com/company/bokaro-steel-plant/attendant-cum-technician-trainee-aitt-s-1/>

Source: <https://www.sail.co.in/>

COCHIN SHIPYARD RECRUITMENT 2019

Brief Information: Cochin Shipyard Limited has advertised a notification for the recruitment of Fabrication Assistant, Outfit Assistant, Air Conditioner technician, Scaffolder & Other Vacancies on Contract basis. Those Candidates who are interested in the vacancy details & completed all eligibility criteria can read the Notification & Apply Online.

Application Fee

Only For posts at Sl. No. H & I: **Rs. 100/-**

Pay fee using the Online payment options (Debit card/ Credit card/ Internet Banking). No fee for SC/ ST/ PwD candidates.

Important Dates

Starting Date for Apply Online: **30-01-2019**

Last Date to Apply Online: **13-02-2019**

Age Limit

Age should not exceed **30 years** as on 13-02-2019

age relaxation is applicable as per rules.

Vacancy Details

SI.No.	Post Name	Total	Qualification
A	Fabrication Assistant		
1	Welder	47	Pass in SSLC, ITI (NTC) and National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) in the respective trade
2	Sheet Metal Worker	06	
B	Outfit Assistant		
1	Fitter	23	Pass in SSLC, ITI (NTC) and National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) in the respective trade.
2	Fitter Pipe (Plumber)	25	
3	Mechanic Diesel	06	
4	Mechanic Motor Vehicle	03	
5	Machinist	02	
6	Shipwright Wood	02	
7	Painter	03	
8	Electrician	19	
9	Electronic Mechanic	03	
10	Instrument Mechanic	02	
C	Air Conditioner technician	04	Pass in SSLC, ITI (NTC) and National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) in Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic
D	Scaffolder	25	SSLC and ITI (NTC) in the trade of Sheet Metal Worker/Fitter Pipe (Plumber)/Fitter or SSLC with relevant experience
E	Fireman	05	SSLC, trained in Fire Fighting, NBCD Certificate
F	Safety Assistant	10	SSLC, One year Diploma/ Certificate in Industrial Safety
G	Serang	01	7th Class, valid Serang / Lascar cum Serang Certificate
H	Ship Design Assistant		
1	Mechanical	02	SSLC and Three year Diploma in Engineering (Relevant Disciplines)
2	Electrical	01	
3	Electronics	01	
4	Instrumentation	02	
I	Junior Safety Inspector	03	Three year Diploma in Engineering (Mechanical/ Electrical)
Interested Candidates Can Read the Full Notification Before Apply Online			
Important Links			
Official Website		https://www.cochinshipyard.com/	

Source: Cochin Shipyard Recruitment 2019 – Apply Online for 195 Fabrication Asst, Outfit Asst & Other Posts <http://www.freejobalert.com/cochin-shipyard/17694/#ixzz5e5O8FbZy>

ONGC RECRUITMENT 2019

Total Vacancy: 737

Brief Information: Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) invites applications for the recruitment of Assistant Technician, Technical Assistant, Security Supervisor & Other vacancies. Those Candidates who are interested in the vacancy details & completed all eligibility criteria can read the Notification & Apply Online.

Registration Fee

For General/ OBC: **Rs. 370/- (Fee: Rs. 299.20/- + Bank charges: Rs. 60/- + GST: Rs. 10.80/-)**

For SC/ ST/ PwD/ Ex-servicemen: **Nil**

Payment Mode (Offline): **Challan Form**

Important Dates

Starting Date to Apply Online: **31-01-2019**

Last Date to Apply Online: **20-02-2019 till 18:00 hrs**

Last Date for Fee Payment: **22-02-2019**

Tentative Date of CBT (Tentative): **Last week of March 2019**

Age Limit (as on 20-02-2019)

Sl. No	Level	Category & Maximum/ Minimum Age		
		General	OBC- Non Creamy layer	SC/ST
1	For A2 & A1 level posts	Maximum 30 years Minimum 18 years	Maximum 33 years Minimum 18 years	Maximum 35 years Minimum 18 years
2	For W1 level posts	Maximum 27 years Minimum 18 years	Maximum 30 years Minimum 18 years	Maximum 32 years Minimum 18 years

Age relaxation is applicable as per rules.

Vacancy Details

Sl No	Post Name	Total	Qualification
A-2 LEVEL (Pay Scale Rs.12000/- to Rs.27000/-)			
1	Technical Assistant GD.III(Chemistry)	19	PG (Chemistry)
A-2 LEVEL (Pay Scale Rs.12000/- to Rs.27000/-)			
2	Assistant Technician (Civil)	07	Diploma in Civil Engineering
3	Assistant Technician (Electrical)	38	Diploma in Electrical Engg & Valid Certificate
4	Assistant Technician (Electronics)	19	Diploma (Engg)/ M.Sc in Physics with Electronics
5	Assistant Technician (Instrumentation)	25	Diploma in Instrumentation Engineering
6	Assistant Technician (Mechanical)	20	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
7	Assistant Rigman (Drilling)	02	Diploma in Mechanical/ Petroleum Engineering
8	Assistant Technician (Production)	132	Diploma in Mechanical/ Chemical/ Petroleum Engineering
9	Assistant Technician (Boiler)	24	Diploma (Mechanical Engg) with 1st Class Boiler Attendant Certificate
10	Assistant GD.III (Transport)	03	Diploma (Auto/ Mech)/ PG Diploma (Business Management/ Administration)/Post Graduate Heavy Vehicle Driving license
11	Assistant GD.III (Material Management)	01	Diploma (Relevant Discipline)/ PG Diploma in Material Management
12	Security Supervisor	11	Graduation with 1 year Experience in Security

A-I LEVEL (Pay Scale Rs.11000/- to Rs.24000/-)

13	Jr. Technical Assistant (Chemistry)	12	B.Sc with Chemistry as main subject	
14	Jr. Assistant Technician (Electrical)	76	High School/ 10th Class with Science & Relevant Trade Certificate	
15	Jr. Assistant Technician (Diesel)	13		
16	Jr. Assistant Technician (Production)	100		
17	Jr. Assistant Technician (Cementing)	11		
18	Jr. Assistant Technician (Fitting)	23		
19	Jr. Assistant Technician (Machining)	13		
20	Jr. Assistant Technician (Welding)	14		
21	Jr. Assistant Technician (Survey)	04		
22	Jr. Motor Vehicle Driver (Heavy Vehicle Operations)	04		High School/ 10th Class with Driving License for Heavy Vehicle & 3 years experience

A-I LEVEL (Pay Scale Rs.11000/- to Rs.24000/-)

23	Jr.Motor Vehicle Driver (Winch Operations)	27	High School/ 10th Class with Driving License for Heavy Vehicle & 3 years experience
24	Jr Slinger cum Rigger	04	
25	Pharmacist Grade-IV (Allopathy)	17	Diploma in Pharmacy & registered with Pharmacy Council
26	Nurse GD.IV	01	High School/ 10th Class with Certificate of ANM
27	Jr.Assistant (Material Management)	27	B.Sc. with Physics/ Maths as one of the subjects with Typing & Computer Knowledge
28	Jr.Assistant (Accounts)	18	B.Com with Typing & Computer Knowledge
29	Jr.Assistant (P&A)	29	Graduation with Typing Knowledge/ DCA
30	Jr.Assistant (Steno English)	01	
31	Jr.Assistant (Official Language)	01	Graduation in Hindi with Typing Knowledge/ Diploma

A-I LEVEL (Pay Scale Rs.11000/- to Rs.24000/-)

32	Jr. Security Supervisor	20	Intermediate with 6 months training/ experience in security
33	Jr.Fire Supervisor	13	Intermediate with 6 months experience in Fire services & Valid Driving License

W-I LEVEL (Pay Scale Rs.10000/- to Rs.18000/-)

34	Jr.Fireman	05	High School/ 10th Class with Driving License & 3 months Fireman's training
35	Jr.Health Attendant	03	Matriculation with First Aid Certificate

Important Links**Official Website****[https://www.ongcindia.com/wps/wcm/connect/en/home/](https://www ONGC India.com/wps/wcm/connect/en/home/)**

Source: ONGC Recruitment 2019 - Apply Online for 908 Asst Technician, Asst & Other Posts <http://www.freejobalert.com/ongc/18768/#ixzz5e5S0bCY4>

PNB RECRUITMENT 2019

Punjab National Bank, PNB Recruitment 2019 (PNB Bharti 2019) for 325 Senior Manager (Credit), Manager (Credit), Senior Manager (Law), Manager (Law), Manager (HRD) and Manager (IT)

Total: 325 Posts**Name of the Post & Details:**

Post No.	Name of the Post	Grade/Scale	No. of Vacancy
1	Senior Manager (Credit)	MMG-III	51
2	Manager (Credit)	MMG Scale-II	26
3	Senior Manager (Law)	MMG Scale-III	55
4	Manager (Law)	MMG Scale-II	55
5	Manager (HRD)	MMG Scale-II	18
6	Manager (IT)	JMG Scale-I	120
	Total		325

Educational Qualification:

- Post No.1:** (i) CA / ICWA / MBA / PGDM (Finance) (ii) 05 years experience.
- Post No.2:** (i) CA / ICWA / MBA / PGDM (Finance) (ii) 03 years experience.
- Post No.3:** (i) Law Degree (ii) 07 years experience.
- Post No.4:** (i) Law Degree (ii) 03 years experience.

5. **Post No.5:** (i) Post Graduate Diploma in Personal Management / Industrial Relationship / HR / HRD / HRM Labor Law (ii) 03 years experience.
6. **Post No.6:** (i) MCA / B.E / B.Tech (Electronics & Communication / Computer Science & Technology / IT) (ii) 01 year experience.

Age Limit: as on 01 January 2019, [SC/ST: 05 years Relaxation, OBC: 03 years Relaxation]

1. **Post No.1:** 25 to 37 years
2. **Post No.2:** 25 to 35 years
3. **Post No.3:** 28 to 35 years
4. **Post No.4:** 25 to 32 years
5. **Post No.5:** 25 to 35 years
6. **Post No.6:** 21 to 28 years

Job Location: All India

Fee: General/OBC: ₹400/- [SC/ST/PWD: ₹50/-]

Hall Ticket: 08 March 2019

Date of Online Examination: 17 March 2019

Last Date of Online Application: 15 February 2019

Online Application: <https://www.pnbindia.in/Recruitments.aspx>

Source: www.majhinukri.in/pnb-recruitment

UNION BANK OF INDIA RECRUITMENT 2019

Union Bank of India Recruitment 2019 (Union Bank of India Bharti 2019) for 100 Armed Guard (Ex-Serviceman)

Total: 100 Posts

Name of the Post: Armed Guard (Ex-Servicemen)

SC	ST	OBC	UR	Total
19	26	21	34	100

Educational Qualification: A pass in 10th standard or its equivalent examination but the candidate should not have passed 10+2 examination or its equivalent.

Age Limit: 18 to 25 years on 01 January 2019 [SC/ST: 05 years Relaxation, OBC: 03 years Relaxation]

Job Location: All India

Fee: ₹100/-

Date of Online Examination: 17 March 2019

Last Date of Online Application: 18 February 2019

Online Application: <https://ibpsonline.ibps.in/uninagsjan19/>

Source: <https://majhinukri.in/union-bank-of-india-recruitment/>

MAHA FOREST RECRUITMENT 2019

Maharashtra Forest Department, Maha Forest Recruitment 2019 (Maha Forest Bharti 2019) for 900 Vanrakshak (Forest Guard) Posts. (District: Ahmednagar, Amravati, Aurangabad, Beed, Bhandara, Chandrapur, Dhule, Gadchiroli, Gondia, Hingoli, Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Nagpur, Nanded, Nandurbar, Nashik, Osmanabad, Palghar, Parbhani, Pune, Ratnagiri, Sangli, Satara, Sindhudurg, Solapur, Thane, Wardha, Yavatmal)

Advertisement No.: 01/2019

Total: 900 Posts

Name of Post: Forest Guard

Educational Qualification: 12th Pass (Science or Mathematics or Geography or Economics subject)

Age Limit: 18 to 25 years as on 03 February 2019 [Reserved Category: 05 years Relaxation]

Job Location: All Maharashtra

Fee: Open Category: 500/- [Reserved Category: 350/-, Ex-servicemen: No fee]

Last Date of Online Application: 03 February 2019

Online Application: <https://mahapariksha.gov.in/OnlinePortal/advfrstSurv>

Source: <https://majhinukri.in/page/2/>

BSF RECRUITMENT 2019

Ministry of Home Affairs, Directorate General, Border Security Force, BSF Recruitment 2019 (BSF Bharti 2019) for 1763 Constable (Tradesmen)

Total: 1763 Posts

Name of the Post: Constable (Tradesmen)

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess Matriculation or equivalent with Two years work experience in relevant trades or One year certificate course from Industrial Training Institute of Vocational Institute with at least one year experience in the trade or Two years Diploma from Industrial Training Institute in the trade or similar trade.

Age Limit: 18 to 23 years as on 01 August 2019 [SC/ST: 05 years Relaxation, OBC: 03 years Relaxation]

Job Location: All India

Address to Send Application Form: Nearest Center

Last Date for Submission of Application Form: 25 February 2019

Official Website: <http://www.bsf.nic.in/en/recruitment.html#>

Notification: View

Source: <https://majhinukri.in/bsf-recruitment/>

MSRTC RECRUITMENT 2019

MSRTC Recruitment 2018-2019 Notifications - Apply online application form for current 4416 job vacancies and get all upcoming Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation posts at www.msrtc.maharashtra.gov.in updated on January 31st 2019. Candidates seeking for the MSRTC jobs can get the complete information on this page.

Latest MSRTC Recruitment 2019 List

Post Name	Driver and Carrier
No of Vacancies	4416
Qualification	10th pass
Job Location	Maharashtra - India
Last Date	8th February 2019

apply online at www.msrtc.maharashtra.gov.in

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/>

IIT BOMBAY RECRUITMENT 2019

Latest IIT Bombay Recruitment 2018-2019 Notifications - Apply online application form for current 43 job vacancies and get all upcoming Indian Institute of Technology Bombay posts at www.iitb.ac.in updated on January 31st 2019. Candidates seeking for the IIT Bombay jobs can get the complete information on this page.

Latest IIT Bombay Recruitment 2019 List

IIT Bombay 43 Project Technical Assistant, Senior Project Assistant Apply online now

Post Name	Project Technical Assistant, Senior Project Assistant
No of Vacancies	43
Qualification	Graduate, Post Graduate
Job Location	Mumbai, Maharashtra - India
Last Date	13th February 2019

Apply online at www.iitb.ac.in

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/>

RTMNU RECRUITMENT 2019

Latest RTMNU Recruitment 2018-2019 Notifications - Apply online application form for current 17 job vacancies and get all upcoming Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University posts at www.nagpuruniversity.org updated on January 31st 2019. Candidates seeking for the RTMNU jobs can get the complete information on this page.

Latest RTMNU Recruitment 2019 List

RTMNU 17 Teaching Apply online now

Post Name	Teaching
No of Vacancies	17
Qualification	B.Tech, PG, Ph.D
Job Location	Nagpur, Maharashtra - India
Last Date	15th February 2019

Apply Online at www.nagpuruniversity.org

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/>

IISER PUNE RECRUITMENT 2019

Latest IISER Pune Recruitment 2018-2019 Notifications - Apply online application form for current 5 job vacancies and get all upcoming Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Pune posts at www.iiserpune.ac.in updated on January 31st 2019. Candidates seeking for the IISER Pune jobs can get the complete information on this page.

Latest IISER Pune Recruitment 2019 List

Last Modified: January 28, 2019

IISER, Pune 2 Technical Assistant & Junior Office Assistant Apply online now

Post Name	Technical Assistant & Junior Office Assistant
No of Vacancies	2
Qualification	B.Tech, Degree, M.Sc
Job Location	Pune, Maharashtra - India
Last Date	15th February 2019

apply online at www.iiserpune.ac.in

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/>

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF DECEMBER 2018

Awards & Honours

- The noted Sitar player who has been chosen for the Tansen Samman Award by the Madhya Pradesh Govt for her contribution to music – **Manju Mehta**
- The English novelist who has been chosen for the 2018 Jnanpith Award, becoming the first writer in English language to be given this award – **Amitav Ghosh**
- The Hindi film actress who has been named the PETA Person of the Year 2018 – **Sonam Kapoor**
- The contestant from Philippines who has been crowned Miss Universe 2018 at a beauty pageant held on 17 December 2018 at IMPACT Arena, Muang Thong Thani in Nonthaburi Province, Thailand – **Catriona Gray**
- The Saudi Arabian dissident, author, columnist for the Washington Post, assassinated on 02 Oct 2018 who has been chosen to be the Time magazines Person of the Year – **Jamal Khashoggi**
- The contestant from Mexico who has been crowned Miss World 2018 at a beauty pageant in Sanya, China – **Vanessa Ponce**

Persons

- The new Chief Information Commissioner appointed to succeed Shri RK Mathur – **Sudhir Bhargava**
- The legendary filmmaker and Dada Saheb Phalke Awardee who passed away on 30 Dec 2018 – **Mrinal Sen**
- The former RBI Governor who has been appointed the head of expert panel on Economic Capital Framework set up to decide on the ideal level of reserves for the Reserve Bank of India – **Bimal Jalan**
- The High Commissioner to Bangladesh who has been appointed as the new Indian ambassador to the United States of America – **Harsha Vardhan Shringla**
- The new President of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Anupam Kher – **Brijendra Pal Singh**
- The new Governor of Reserve Bank of India who has been appointed following the resignation of Dr. Urjit Patel – **Shaktikanta Das**
- The new Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India (the position was vacant since June 2018) – Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramaniam
- The new Finance Secretary of Govt of India who has taken over following the retirement of Shri Hasmukh Adhia on 30 Nov 2018 – **Ajay Narayan Jha**
- The new and 58th President of Mexico from 01 December 2018 – **Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador**

Defence

- The intercontinental, nuclear capable hypersonic missile which was test-launched from a base in the southern Ural Mountains to hit a practice target in Kamchatka some 6,000 kilometres by Russia is named – **Avangard**
- The joint Air Force exercise between the Indian Air Force and the Russian Air Force was conducted at Jodhpur Air Force base from 10 to 21 Dec – **AVIAINDRA 2018**
- The bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Russian Federation Navy was conducted at/off Visakhapatnam from 09 to 16 Dec 18 – **Indra Navy 2018**
- The place at which India's first flyaway Deep Sea Submarine Rescue System (manufactured by M/s James Fisher and Sons) was inducted by Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff – **Mumbai**
- The place in China where Sino-India joint military exercise Hand-in-Hand was conducted from 10 to 23 December 2018 – **Chengdu**
- The bilateral air exercise by the Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defense Force at Agra Air Force base from 03 to 07 Dec 2018 – **SHINYUU Maitri - 2018**
- The bilateral air exercise by the Indian Air Force and US Air Force at Kalaikunda and Panagarh Air Force bases in West Bengal from 03 to 14 Dec 2018 – **Cope India-18**
- The book authored by Vice Admiral Anup Singh released by Admiral Sunil Lamba chronicling the history of Indian Navy from 2001 to 2010 is titled – **Blue Waters Ahoy**

Places

- The venue of 26th National Children's Science Congress held from 27 to 31 Dec 2018 – **Bhubaneshwar**
- The venue of International Gita Mahotsav 2018 held from 07 to 23 Dec 2018 with Mauritius as the partner country and Gujarat as the partner State – **Kurukshetra, Haryana**
- The city of Burundi which has been declared to be its new political capital (retaining Bujumbura as its economic capital) – **Gitega**
- The places in Telangana and Tamil Nadu where the Union cabinet has approved setting up AIIMS under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) – **Bibinagar and Madurai**
- The place in Gujarat where India's first Railway University was dedicated to the nation by Railway Minister Shri Piyush Goyal – **Vadodara**
- The place in Jammu and Kashmir where the foundation stone of Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plants (IHAMP) was laid by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik and Union Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr. Jitendra Singh – **Bhaderwah (Doda dist)**
- The venue of the first International Conference on Sustainable Water Management being organised by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) during 10-11 December, 2018 with the theme 'Sustainable Water Management' – **Mohali**
- The venue of four-day International Conference on Bears Wildlife SOS in collaboration with Bear Care Group from the US and Canada – **Agra**
- The country which has decided to leave the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from January 2019 – **Qatar**
- The venue of 24th meeting of Conference of Parties (COP-24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held from 2 to 14 December 2018 – **Katowice, Poland**
- The venue of two-day Asia Pacific Summit 2018 held from 01 December 2018 with the theme "Addressing the critical challenges of our time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values – **Kathmandu, Nepal**

Sports

- The former Indian cricketer who has been appointed the new coach of Indian women's cricket team – **WV Raman**
- The team which has won the Aga Khan Gold Cup hockey tournament 2018 defeating Army XI Danapur in the finals at Major Dhyani Chand Hockey Stadium, Pune – **SAIL Hockey Academy**
- The Indian badminton player who has become the first Indian to win the BWF Tour Finals Women's Singles title defeating Nozomi Okuhara in the finals in Tianhe, Guangzhou, China – **PV Sindhu**
- The Indian female boxer who has been chosen to be awarded the Meethoileima (Outstanding Queen) by the Manipur govt – **Mary Kom**
- The Croatian footballer (club Real Madrid) who has been chosen for the annual football award Ballon d'Or 2018 – **Luca Modric**
- The Indian cricketer who has announced retirement from all forms of cricket – **Gautam Gambhir**
- The team which has won the Admiral's Cup Regatta 2018, the prestigious international military sailing event hosted annually by Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala at Ettikulam Bay from 02 December to 06 December 2018 – **Italy**

Miscellaneous

- The memorial of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihar Vajpayee which was dedicated to the nation by the President and Prime Minister of India – **Sadaiv Atal**
- The denomination in which the Union Govt has released commemorative coin in the honour of former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee – **Rs. 100**
- The volcano in Sunda Strait, the eruption of which triggered tsunami in Indonesia resulting in huge loss of life and property – **Anak Krakatau**
- The theme of National Consumers Day to be observed on 24 December 2018 – **Timely Disposal of Consumer Complaints**
- The NBFC which has been merged to IDFC Bank to create a new entity named IDFC First Bank – **Capital First**
- The cyclone which rose in Bay of Bengal and hit the state of Andhra Pradesh causing widespread rain and crop loss in the state was named – **Cyclone Phethai**

- The twitter account launched by Union Ministry of Home Affairs to spread awareness about cybercrimes is named – **@CyberDost**
- The spacecraft launched by China aboard Long March 3B rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Center on 07 Dec to land for the first time on the far side of the moon is named – **Chang'e 4**

George Herbert Walker Bush

- Born: 12 June 1924
- Death: 30 Nov 2018
- Political Party: Republican Party
- Served as: 41st President of the USA from 1989 to 1993 Preceded by Ronald Reagan and succeeded by Bill Clinton
- Important events during his Presidential term: Collapse of USSR (1991), Invasion of Iraq to liberate Kuwait (1990), Unification of Germany (1989)

Launch of GSAT-11

- Launched on: 04 Dec 2018
- Launched from: Spaceport in French Guiana Launch vehicle: Ariane 5 VA-246 of Arianespace SA
- The 5,854-kg GSAT-11 is India's heaviest communication satellite. It will provide high data rate connectivity to users of Indian mainland and islands through 32 user beams in Ku-band and 8 hub beams in Ka-band. GSAT-11 will boost the broadband connectivity to rural and inaccessible Gram Panchayats in the country coming under the Bharat Net Project, which is part of Digital India Programme.

Registration of new breeds of livestock

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has approved registration of record 15 new breeds of livestock and poultry this year.

- Two cattle breeds - **Ladakhi** (J&K) and **Konkan Kapila** (Maharashtra & Goa)
- Three buffalo breeds - **Luit** (Assam & Manipur), **Bargur** (Tamil Nadu), **Chhattisgarhi** (Chhattisgarh) One sheep breed – **Panchali** (Gujarat)
- Six goat breeds – **Kahmi** (Gujarat), **Rohilkhandi** (UP), **Assam Hill** (Assam & Meghalaya), **Bidri** (Karnataka),
- **Nandidurga** (Karnataka), **Bhakarwali** (J&K) One pig breed – **Ghurrah** (UP)
- One donkey breed – **Halari** (Gujarat)
- One chicken breed – **Uttara** (Uttarakhand)

FIH Hockey World Cup 2018

- Venue: **Kalinga Stadium**, Bhubaneswar, Odisha From 28 Nov to 16 Dec 2018
- Teams: 16
- Mascot: **Oilly**, an Olive Ridley turtle Winners: **Belgium**
- Runners-up: **Netherlands**
- Player of the tournament: **Arthur Van Doren** (Belgium) Fair Play Award: **Spain**

Global Gender Gap Index 2018

Released by: World Bank

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Iceland	103	China
2.	Norway	108	India
3.	Sweden	122	Bhutan
4.	Finland	100	Sri Lanka
5.	Nicaragua	105	Nepal

Bogibeel Bridge, Assam

- Inaugurated by: PM Shri Narendra Modi Inaugurated on: 25 Dec 2018
- Located over: Brahmaputra river in Dibrugarh district Length: **4.94 kilometers**
- Feature: **Longest** rail-road bridge in India. 4th longest bridge in India after Bhupen Hazarika Setu, Mahatma Gandhi Setu and Bandra-Worli Sea Link. Foundation stone was laid in 1997 by

former PM Shri HD Deve Gowda, construction was inaugurated by former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2002.

Renaming of islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

- PM Shri Narendra Modi announced renaming of 3 islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the occasion of 75th anniversary of tricolour hoisting by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- Ross Island renamed as **Netaji Subhash Chandra Dweep**
- Neil Island renamed as **Shaheed Dweep** Havelock Island renamed as **Swaraj Dweep**

Important Days of December

<p>World AIDS Day: 01 December 2018 Designated by: World Health Organisation Theme: Know your status First Observed in: 1988</p>	<p>International Volunteer Day: 05 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Volunteers build resilient communities First Observed in: 1986</p>
<p>International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 03 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality First Observed in: 1992</p>	<p>World Soil Day: 05 December 2018 First launched by: International Union of Soil Sciences (2002) Endorsed by: Food and Agricultural Organisation (Jun 2013) Accepted by: United Nations General Assembly (Dec 2013) Theme: Be the solution to soil pollution</p>
<p>International Anti Corruption Day: 09 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2003</p>	<p>United Nations Human Rights Day: 10 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Stand up 4 human rights First Observed in: 1948</p>
<p>International Mountains Day: 11 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Mountains Matter First Observed in: 2003</p>	<p>International Migrants Day: 18 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Migration with dignity First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>International Universal Health Coverage Day: 12 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action First Observed in: 2017</p>	<p>International Human Solidarity Day: 20 December 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2006</p>

Reduction in GST Rates/Exemptions on Services

GST Council in the 31st meeting held on 22nd December, 2018 at New Delhi took following decisions relating to changes in GST rates, ITC eligibility criteria, exemptions and clarifications on connected issues.

1. **GST reduced from 28% to 18%** - Pulleys, transmission shafts and cranks, gear boxes etc., falling under HS Code 8483; Monitors and TVs of upto screen size of 32 inches; Re-treaded or used pneumatic tyres of rubber; Power banks of lithium ion batteries. Digital cameras and video camera recorders; Video game consoles and other games and sports requisites falling under HS code 9504; Cinema tickets above Rs. 100.
2. **GST reduced from 28% to 5%** - Parts and accessories for the carriages for disabled persons
3. **GST reduced 18% to 12%** - Cork roughly squared or debagged; Articles of natural cork; Agglomerated cork; Cinema tickets upto Rs. 100; Third party insurance premium of goods carrying vehicles
4. **GST reduced from 18% to 5%** - Marble rubble
5. **GST reduced from 12% to 5%** - Natural cork, Walking Stick, Fly ash Blocks
6. **GST reduced 12% to Nil** - Music Books
7. **GST reduced from 5% to Nil** - Vegetables, (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen, branded and put in a unit container; Vegetable provisionally preserved (for example by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption.

Launch of GSAT-7A

- Launch vehicle: Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F11) Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota Launched on: 19 Dec 2018

- About GSAT-7A: Weighing **2250** kg, GSAT-7A is an advanced communication satellite with a Gregorian Antenna and many other new technologies. GSAT-7A is the 39th Indian communication satellite of ISRO to provide services to the users in Ku-band over the Indian region. Dubbed '**Angry Bird**', the satellite will give a boost to the strategic communication and networking capabilities of the **Indian Air Force**.

Bio-jet fuel flight by IAF

- Type of aircraft flow: **AN-32**
- Date: 17 December 2018
- Fuel used: Bio-jet fuel from **Jatropha** (10% mix with Aviation Turbine Fuel) Jatropha oil sourced from Chattisgarh Biodiesel Development Authority (CBDA).
- Flight flown by: Test pilots from ASTE, Bengaluru Base flown at: **Chandigarh**
- Bio-jet fuel technology developed by: Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun

New Chief Ministers

- Rajasthan: **Shri Ashok Gehlot** (3rd time)
- Madhya Pradesh: **Shri Kamalnath**
- Chhattisgarh: **Shri Bhupesh Bhagel**
- Telangana: **Shri K Chandrashekhar Rao**
- Mizoram: **Shri Zoramthanga** (3rd time)

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018

Language	Title and Genre	Author
Assamese	Kailoir Dinto Amar Hobo (Poetry)	Sananta Tanti
Bengali	Srikrishner Sesh Kata Din (Story)	Sanjib Chattopadhyay
Bodo	Dwngse Lama (Short Stories)	Rituraj Basumaraty
Dogri	Bhagirath (Novel)	Inderjeet Kesar
English	The Blind Lady's Descendants (Novel)	Anees Salim
Gujarati	Vibhajanni Vyatha (Essays)	Sharifa Vijliwala
Hindi	Post Box No. 203-Naala Sopara (Novel)	Chitra Mudgal
Kannada	Anushreni Yajamanike (Literary Criticism)	K.G. Nagarajappa
Kashmiri	Aakh (Short Stories)	Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq
Konkani	Chitralipi (Poetry)	Paresh Narendra Kamat
Maithili	Parineeta (Short Stories)	Bina Thakur
Malayalam	Gurupournami (Poetry)	S. Ramesan Nair
Manipuri	Ngamkheigee Wangmada (Short Stories)	Budhichand Heisnamba
Marathi	Sarjanprerana ani Kavitwashodh (Literary Criticism)	Ma. Su. Patil
Nepali	Kina Royeu Upamaa (Short Stories)	Loknath Upadhyay Chapagain
Odia	Prashanga Puruna Bhabana Nua (Literary Criticism)	Dasarathi Das
Punjabi	Kone Da Suraj (Poetry)	Mohanjit
Rajasthani	Kavita Devai Deeth (Poetry)	Rajesh Kumar Vyas
Sanskrit	Mama Janani (Poetry)	Rama Kant Shukla
Santali	Maron (Novel)	Shyam Besra 'Jiwi Rarec'
Sindhi	Jia Mein Taandaa (Poetry)	Khiman U. Mulani
Tamil	Sanchaaram (Novel)	S. Ramakrishnan
Telugu	Vimarshini (Essay)	Kolakaluri Enoch
Urdu	Rohzin (Novel)	Rahman Abbas

Changes to National Pension Scheme

The Cabinet approved changes to National Pension Scheme to come into effect from April 1 next year once amendment to the Finance Bill is passed.

- 1) Subscribers will get full tax exemption on the 60% of the corpus that an investor is allowed to withdraw on maturity. Currently 20% of the amount is taxable on withdrawal.
- 2) For central government employees covered under NPS, the government's contribution towards the pension scheme has been increased from the existing 10% to 14%. The employee's

contribution remains unchanged at 10%.

- 3) Central government employees covered under NPS will get more flexibility in terms of choice of pension fund managers. Also, they will be offered more choice in patterns of investment (debt and combination of equities and debt).
- 4) In terms of income-tax benefits, contribution by government employees under Tier-II of NPS will be covered under Section 80C for deduction up to Rs. 1.50 lakh, provided that there is a lock-in period of 3 years.

Women Transforming India Awards 2018

The NITI Aayog organised the Third Edition of the Women Transforming India Awards 2018 in collaboration with United Nations. The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu presided over as the chief guest of the event and conferred WTI Awards 2018.

The following are the recipients:

- 1) **Kshetrimayum Indira Devi:** Founder of Chanu Creations, Manipur which is engaged in manufacture of handloom products since 2003.
- 2) **Ajaita Shah:** Founder CEO of Frontier Markets Consulting Pvt Ltd. which is a last-mile distribution company with a mission to create 'Saral Jeevan' or an 'Easy Life' for rural customers by providing them with access to quality clean energy solutions through our network of digitized rural entrepreneurs, with women at the center of the value chain.
- 3) **Pranshu Patni:** Co-founder of Hello English an English language-learning application, which allows users to learn the English language through interactive modules.
- 4) **Namita Banka:** Founder of Banka Biolo Ltd, Hyderabad which is one-stop solution provider of sanitation in India. The company builds toilets, provides operation and maintenance and different disposal methods of fecal waste.
- 5) **Ezhil Subbian:** Co-founder of String Bio Pvt Ltd which works at cutting edge of biology, engineering and chemistry to deliver radical and sustainable solutions to real-world challenges.
- 6) **Priyanka Agarwal:** Co-founder of Wishberry Online Services Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, which offers asnew way of raising funds for creative projects through rewards-based crowdfunding.
- 7) **Kavita Iyer Rodrigues:** Founder CEO of Zumutor Biologics Pvt Ltd which is a leading Immuno-Oncology company in the space of targeted NK cell therapeutics. Formed in 2013, the company is headquartered at Woburn, MA, USA; with a ISO 9001:2015 laboratory in Bangalore, India.
- 8) **Neelima Chaturvedi:** Founder of Korea Mahila Grih Udyog (Chattisgarh), a group of around 17,000 women engaged in manufacture of household items like broomsticks, mats, decorative items and also spices, pickles and snacks.
- 9) **Shikha Shah:** One of the founders of Canva Fibre Labs LLP and BrewSight Analytics LLP, which through proprietary technologies convert agricultural waste and some plants into superior textiles. These textiles are environment friendly and also more durable.
- 10) **Devika Malik:** Co-founder of Wheeling Happiness foundation whose mission is to create an inclusive & barrier-free society and empower people with disabilities, women and economically under-served communities. Her mother, Deepa Malik is the first Indian woman to win a medal in Paralympic Games and won a Silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in shot put.
- 11) **Monika Shukla:** Co-founder of LetsEndorse Development (Bengaluru) which is connecting scalable social innovations to communities, grassroots organisations, businesses and local administrations in India, ensuring solutions reach the last mile.
- 12) **Thinlas Chorol:** Founder of Ladakhi Women's Travel Company which is owned and operated by women.
- 13) **Tage Rita Takhe:** Founder of Lambu Subu Food & Beverages in Arunachal Pradesh, which manufactures Naara-Aaba, India's first kiwi produced wine.
- 14) **Yamuna Sastry V:** Founder of Cab Dost, a Bengaluru based organization which helps taxi drivers file income tax returns to bring financial dignity.
- 15) **Seema Prem:** Co-founder of FIA Technology Services Private Ltd., Gurgaon whose aim is to elevate Asia's unserved geographies through its core vision of 'economic and social inclusion'.

Books in News

- Changing India - **Dr. Manmohan Singh**
 - And then one day - **Naseeruddin Shah**
 - Early Indians: The story of our ancestors and where we came from - **Tony Joseph**
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CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JANUARY 2018

The Indian shuttler who has won the Indonesia Masters Women's Singles title defeating Carolina Marin of Spain in the finals	Saina Nehwal
The phrase which has been chosen as the Hindi Word of the Year 2018 by Oxford Dictionary	Nari Shakti
The place in Tamil Nadu where foundation stone for setting up All India Institute of Medical Sciences was laid by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi	Madurai
India's first semi-high speed Train 18 set to run between Delhi and Varanasi has been renamed as	Vande Bharat Express
The theme of 9th National Voters Day observed on 25 January 2019	No voter to be left behind
Naval Air Station Shibpur in the Andaman Islands has been commissioned by the Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lamba as	INS Kohassa
The noted Hindi writer, recipient of 2017 Jnanpith Award and author of novels Zindaginama, Mitro Marjani who passed away on 25 Jan 2019	Krishna Sobti
The noted Gujarati poet who has been awarded the Saraswati Samman 2017 by the KK Birla Foundation for his collection named Vakhar	Sitanshu Yashashchandra
The theme of National Girl Child Day observed by the Women and Child Development Ministry on 24 January 2019	Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow
The Indian cricketer who has become the fastest Indian bowler to claim 100 wickets in 56 one-day internationals surpassing Irfan Pathan's record of 59 ODIs	Mohammad Shami
The place at which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Museum was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion of 122nd birth anniversary of Netaji	Red Fort, New Delhi
The Indian sea port which has become the only port to be listed in top 30 container ports globally, as per the latest Lloyds Report	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Mumbai
The State which has declared the Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival to be its State Festival	Arunachal Pradesh
The denomination of Indian currency note above which all other denominations have been banned by the Government of Nepal	Rs. 100
The largest coastal defence exercise conducted by the Indian Navy from 22 to 23 Jan 19 along the entire 7516.6 coastline of India and involving all the 13 coastal States and UTs including fishing and coastal communities is named	Exercise SEA VIGIL
The venue of 15th Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas being observed from 21 to 23 January 2019 with the theme "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India"	Varanasi (U.P.)
The Indo-Myanmar joint military exercise being conducted at Chandimandir military station in Chandigarh is named	IMBEX 2018-19
The venue of Gandhi Resurgence Summit inaugurated by the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind in honour of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi	Prayag Raj (U.P.)
The city in which National Museum of Indian Cinema was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi	Mumbai
The venue of 9th International Micro Irrigation conference being held from 16 to 18 January with the theme Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture	Aurangabad, Maharashtra
The venue of 1st National Level Sports Meet for Eklavya Model Residential Schools being held from 14 to 16 January 2018	Hyderabad
The Indian mountaineer who has become the youngest man in the world (and the first Indian) to scale seven highest peaks across seven continents	Satyarup Siddhanta
The Indian chess player who has become the youngest Indian (and 2nd youngest in the world) to become a Grandmaster at the age of 12 years 7 months and 17 days	D Gukesh
The State which has become the first in the country to 10% quota for Economically Weaker Sections in educational institutions and government jobs	Gujarat
The IWF President who has been chosen to be the Indian Chef de Mission (person in charge of a sports team) for the Tokyo Olympics 2020	Birendra Prasad Baishya
The State which has become the first in the country to launch One Family One Job programme for its people	Sikkim

The online campaign launched by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development to discover and celebrate the exceptional achievements of women is named	Web - Wonder Women (#www)
The theme of National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 launched by the Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Col Rajyavardhan Rathore (Retd)	Be The Voice of New India and Find solutions and contribute to policy
The denomination in which a commemorative coin was released by the PM Shri Narendra Modi to mark the birth anniversary celebrations of Sikh Guru Shri Gobind Singh (the coin has the image of Patna Sahib)	Rs. 350
The new limit prescribed by GST council exempting small businesses from GST with effect from 01 April 2019	Rs. 40 lakhs
The President of Venezuela who has been sworn in for the second term	Nicolas Maduro
The place in Gujarat where the Union Cabinet has given its approval for setting up of AIIMS	Rajkot
The places in Jammu and Kashmir where the Union Cabinet has given its approval for setting up of AIIMS	Vijay Pur and Awantipora
The three places at which the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has approved the proposal to set up Indian Institute of Skills (IISs)	Kanpur, Mumbai and Ahmedabad
The venue of the First Global Aviation Summit to be held from 15 to 16 January 2019 with the theme "Flying for All"	Mumbai
The five-member high-level committee constituted by the RBI to encourage digitisation of payments and enhance financial inclusion is headed by	Nandan Nilekani
The irrigation project which has entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for pouring 32,100 cubic meters of concrete in 24 hours	Polavaram project
The venue of the second edition of Khelo India Youth Games being held from 10 to 20 January 2019	Pune, Maharashtra
The organisation which has been awarded the Exhibitor of the Year Award at the 106th Indian Science Congress held at Lovely Professional University	DRDO
The Indian-American economist who has become the first female to be appointed the Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund	Gita Gopinath
The Awami League candidate who has taken oath as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the third time	Sheikh Hasina
The Indian mountaineer who has become the first woman amputee to climb Mt Vinson, the highest peak in Antarctica	Arunima Sinha
The venue of 106th session of Indian Science Congress held from 3 to 7 January 2019 with the focal theme "Future India: Science and Technology"	Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar
The country which has renounced its membership with OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) with effect from 01 Jan 2019	Qatar
The two public sector banks whose amalgamation has been approved by the Union Cabinet with Bank of Baroda as the transferee bank	Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank
The new Chairman of Railway Board who has been appointed to succeed Ashwani Lohani who retired on 31 Dec 2018	Vinod K. Yadav
The coach of Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli etc. and recipient of Dronacharya Award (1990) and Padma Shri (2010) who passed away on 02 Jan 2019	Ramakant Achrekar
The two countries which have officially withdrawn their membership from UNESCO from 01 Jan 19 accusing it of bias against Israel (the decision to withdraw had been announced in 2017)	United States and Israel
The veteran Bollywood actor, screenwriter, comedian and director who passed away on 31 Dec 2018	Kader Khan

Australian Open 2019

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Rafal Nadal (Spain)
Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic)
Mens's Doubles	Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (France)	Henri Continen (Finland) and John Peers (Australia)
Women's Doubles	Samantha Stosur (Australia) and Zhang Shuai (China)	Timea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)
Mixed Doubles	Barbora Krejckikova (Czech Republic) and Rajeev Ram (USA)	Astra Sharma and John-Patrick Smith (Australia)

Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar

- First awarded in 2019 Frequency: Annual
- To be awarded every year on: 23 January Cash component: Rs. 51 lakhs
- First recipient: 8th Battalion of National Disaster Response Force

New Delhi World Book Fair 2019

- Venue: Pragati Maidan
- Organised by: National Book Trust and India Trade Promotion Organisation Dates: 05 to 13 January 2019
- Guest Country: Sharjah
- Theme: Books for Readers with Special Needs Inaugurated by: Shri Prakash Javadekar

The Constitution (124th) Amendment Bill 2019 The Constitution (103rd) Amendment Act 2019

2. In article 15 of the Constitution, after clause (5), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

- ‘(6) Nothing in this article or sub-clause (g) of clause (1) of article 19 or clause (2) of article 29 shall prevent the State from making,—
- any special provision for the advancement of any economically weaker sections of citizens other than the classes mentioned in clauses (4) and (5); and
- any special provision for the advancement of any economically weaker sections of citizens other than the classes mentioned in clauses (4) and
- (5) in so far as such special provisions relate to their admission to educational institutions including private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided by the State, other than the minority educational institutions referred to in clause (1) of article 30, which in the case of reservation would be in addition to the existing reservations and subject to a maximum of ten per cent. of the total seats in each category.
- Explanation.—For the purposes of this article and article 16, "economically weaker sections" shall be such as may be notified by the State from time to time on the basis of family income and other indicators of economic disadvantage.’

3. In article 16 of the Constitution, after clause (5), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

- "(6) Nothing in this article shall prevent the State from making any provision for the reservation of appointments or posts in favour of any economically weaker sections of citizens other than the classes mentioned in clause (4), in addition to the existing reservation and subject to a maximum of ten per cent. of the posts in each category."

India - Australia Test Series 2018-19

SN	Venue	Winner	Player of the match
1.	Adelaide	India	Cheteswar Pujara
2.	Perth	Australia	Nathan Lyon
3.	Melbourne	India	Jasprit Bumrah
4.	Sydney	Drawn	Cheteswar Pujara
	Player of the Series: Cheteswar Pujara		

Bharat Ratna

1. **Shri Pranab Mukherjee**
2. **Shri Bhupen Hazarika**
3. **Shri Nanaji Deshmukh**

India - Australia ODI Series 2019

SN	Venue	Winner	Player of the match
1.	Sydney	Australia	Jhye Richardson
2.	Adelaide	India	Virat Kohli
3.	Melbourne	India	Yuzvendra Chahal
Player of the Series: MS Dhoni			

Launch of Microsat-R and Kalamsat-V2

- Launch vehicle: Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C44) Launch date: 24 Jan 2019
- Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota Microsat-R is a 700 kg satellite for DRDO.
- Kalamsat V2 is a 10cm cube, 1.2 kg communication satellite developed by students and Chennai-based Space Kidz India and the first to use the rocket's fourth stage as an orbital platform.

ICC Awards 2018

- Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year - **Virat Kohli** (India)
- Men's Test Cricketer of the Year - **Virat Kohli** (India)
- Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year - **Virat Kohli** (India)
- Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year - **Rishabh Pant** (India)
- Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year - **Calum McLeod** (Scotland)
- Men's T20I Performance of the Year - **Aaron Finch** (Australia) for 172 against Zimbabwe in Harare in July, 2018
- David Shepherd Trophy for ICC Umpire of the Year - **Kumar Dharmasena** (Sri Lanka)
- ICC Spirit of Cricket - **Kane Williamson** (New Zealand)
- Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award for Women's Cricketer of the Year: Smriti Mandhana (India)
- Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year: Smriti Mandhana (India)
- Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year: Alyssa Healy (Australia)
- Women's Emerging Player of the Year: Sophie Ecclestone (England)
- ICC Fan's Moment of the Year: India winning U19 World Cup
- Note: Virat Kohli has also been named the captain of ICC's test and ODI teams for the year 2018.

Gandhi Peace Prize

- 2015 - **Vivekananda Kendra**, Kanyakumari for their contribution in Rural Development, Education, Development of natural resources.
- 2016 - **AkshayaPatra Foundation** for its contribution in providing mid-day meals to millions of children across India and **Sulabh International** for its contribution in improving the condition of sanitation in India and emancipation of manual scavengers.
- 2017 - **EkalAbhiyan Trust** for their contribution in providing Education for Rural and Tribal Children in remote areas pan India, Rural Empowerment, Gender and Social Equality
- 2018 - **Shri YoheiSasakawa** for his contribution in Leprosy Eradication in India and across the world.

Vodafone Premier Badminton League 2019 (V-PBL)

- Venues: Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru
- Teams: Ahmedabad Smash Masters, Awadhe Warriors, Bengaluru Raptors, Chennai Smashers, Delhi Dashers, Hyderabad Hunters, Mumbai Rockets, North Eastern Warriors, Pune 7 Aces (Total 9)
- Winner: **Bengaluru Raptors** Runners-up: **Mumbai Rockets**
- Theme: Books for Readers with Special Needs Inaugurated by: Shri Prakash Javadekar

Padma Awards 2019 Padma Vibhushan

- Art-Vocal-Folk: **Ms. Teejan Bai**
- Public Affairs: **Shri Ismail Omar Guelleh (Djibouti)**
- Trade & Industry - Infrastructure: **Shri Anilkumar Manibhai Naik**
- Art-Acting-Theatre: **Shri Balwant Moreshwar Purandare**

Padma Bhushan

- Trade and Industry - Technology: **Shri John Chambers (USA)**
- Public Affairs: **1. Shir Sukhdev Dhindsa, 2. Shri Pravin Gordhan (South Africa), 3. Shri Kariya Munda and 4. Shri Hukumdev Narayan Yadav**
- Trade and Industry - Food Processing: **Shri Mahashay Dharam Pal Gulati**
- Social Work : **Shri Darshan Lal Jain**
- Medicine - Affordable Healthcare: **Shri Ashok Laxmanrao Kukade**
- Art-Music-Sitar: **Shri Budhaditya Mukherjee**
- Art-Acting-Film: **Shri Mohanlal Viswanathan**
- **Nair** Science & Engineering-Space: **Shri S Nambi Narayan**
- Literature & Education (Journalism): **Shri Kuldip Nayar (Posthumous)**
- Sports-Moountaineering: **Ms. Bachendri Pal**
- Civil Service: **Shri VK Shunglu**

TATA Open (Maharashtra) 2019

- Venue: Pune
- Mens Singles Winner: **Kevin Anderson** (South Africa) Mens Singles Runners-up: **Ivo Karlovic** (Croatia)

- Mens Doubles Winner: **Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan**

Golden Globe Awards 2019

Best Motion Picture: Bohemian Rhapsody

Best Performance in a Motion Picture – Drama

1. Actor: Rami Malek (Bohemian Rhapsody)
2. Actress: Glenn Close (The Wife)

Best Performance in a Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy

1. Actor: Christian Bale (Vice)
2. Actress: Olivia Colman (The Favourite)

The film which received the most nominations (6) - **Vice**

Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE)

Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) project is a World Bank assisted-Government of India project with the objective of improving the relevance and efficiency of skills training provided through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and apprenticeships. The financial agreement was signed between Government of India and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) on 19th December, 2017 and the closing date of the project is November, 2022. It is a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) with a budget outlay of INR 2200 Crore covering the following 4 result areas:

1. Improved performance of ITI.
2. Increased Capacities of State Governments to support ITIs and Apprenticeship Training
3. Improved Teaching and Learning.
4. Improved and Broadened Apprenticeship Training.

Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP)

- Two new Skill Development Schemes have been approved by the Govt namely (i) Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP); and (ii) Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE).
- The Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a project of total size US Dollar 675 million, including World Bank assistance of US Dollar 500 million, in two tranches of US Dollar 250 million each, with a six-year implementation schedule. The main objectives of the project are:
 1. Creating convergence among all skill training activities, both State-led and Government of India funded, at the state level;
 2. Improving quality of skill development programs through enablers such as building a pool of quality trainers and assessors, developing model curriculum and content, and standardizing assessment and certification;
 3. Establishing robust monitoring and evaluation system for skill training programs;
 4. Providing access to skill training opportunities to the disadvantaged sections; and
 5. Creating industry led and demand driven skill training capacity.

Source: <https://www.mapsofindia.com/maps/schoolchildrens/statesandcapitals.htm>

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following countries has decided to quit the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from 01 January 2019?
 - a. Venezuela
 - b. Qatar
 - c. Iraq
 - d. Angola
2. Who is the new President of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune?
 - a. Gajendra Chauhan
 - b. Naseeruddin Shah
 - c. Karan Johar
 - d. Brijendra Pal Singh
3. For writing in which language has the Jnanpith Award been given for the first time?
 - a. English
 - b. Sanskrit
 - c. Konkani
 - d. Kashmiri
4. Which of the following is the nickname given to GSAT-7 satellite launched for networking facilities to Indian Air Force?
 - a. Akashdoot
 - b. Vayuyaan
 - c. Angry Bird
 - d. Thunderbird
5. Which of the following states celebrates the Hornbill Festival during the month of December?
 - a. Nagaland
 - b. Manipur
 - c. Uttarakhand
 - d. Mizoram
6. In which state was the famous tigress Avni shot dead by hunters recently?
 - a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Rajasthan
 - c. Karnataka
 - d. Maharashtra
7. Which country won the FIH Hockey World Cup 2019?
 - a. Netherlands
 - b. Belgium
 - c. Spain
 - d. Malaysia
8. Shri Sudhir Bhargava is the new –
 - a. Chief Election Commissioner
 - b. Chief Vigilance Commissioner
 - c. Chief Information Commissioner
 - d. Director of CBI
9. At which of the following has the new semi-high speed electric multiple unit Train 18 been manufactured?
 - a. Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala
 - b. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai
 - c. Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareilly
 - d. Rail Wheel Plant, Chhapra
10. Which country recently test-fired a hypersonic missile named Avangard?
 - a. Russia
 - b. China
 - c. USA
 - d. Israel
11. Gitega is the new political capital of which of the following countries?
 - a. Burkina Faso
 - b. Brunei
 - c. Burundi
 - d. Belize
12. At which of the following places in Tamil Nadu, has the setting up of AIIMS approved by the Union Cabinet?
 - a. Chennai
 - b. Thanjavur
 - c. Kanya Kumari
 - d. Madurai
13. Catriona Gray, who was crowned Miss Universe 2018 belongs to which country?
 - a. Venezuela
 - b. Panama
 - c. Philippines
 - d. Thailand
14. In December 2018, the Govt released a commemorative stamp on Rajkumar Shukla. With which of the following events was he associated?
 - a. Champaran Satyagraha
 - b. Quit India movement
 - c. Kakori train dacoity
 - d. Dandi march
15. At which of the following places is a new railway station being developed to provide access to Statue of Unity?
 - a. Vagadiya
 - b. Kevadia
 - c. Pipariya
 - d. Boriya

16. At which of the following places was the Gita Mahotsav held in the month of December 2018?
 a. Mathura b. Dwaraka c. Panipat d. Kurukshetra
17. In which of the following denominations was a commemorative coin issued in the memory of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee?
 a. Rs. 50 b. Rs. 100 c. Rs. 500 d. Rs. 1000
18. Who has been appointed the head of expert panel on Economic Capital Framework set up to decide on the ideal level of reserves for the Reserve Bank of India?
 a. Bimal Jalan b. Hasmukh Adhia c. NK Singh d. Urjit Patel
19. Who of the following has been appointed the coach of Indian women's cricket team?
 a. WV Raman b. Atul Wassan c. Nayan Mongia d. Sanjay Manjrekar
20. Which Indian actress has been named the PETA Person of the Year 2018?
 a. Alia Bhatt b. Anushka Sharma c. Kareena Kapoor d. Sonam Kapoor
21. Which type of aircraft of the Indian Air Force was flown for the first time using bio-jet fuel? a. IL-76
 b. Su-30 c. AN-32 d. MiG-29
22. Luca Modric who has been chosen for the football award Ballon d'Or 2018 belongs to which country?
 a. Croatia b. Spain c. Slovenia d. Belgium
23. What is the new name of the IPL team Delhi Daredevils?
 a. Delhi Sultans b. Delhi Capitals c. Dabang Delhi d. Delhi Smashers
24. Which country was severely affected by tsunami caused by the eruption of volcano Anak Krakatau?
 a. Japan b. Morocco c. Peru d. Indonesia
25. Whom did PV Sindhu defeat in the BWF Tour Finals to become the first Indian to win the BWF Tour Finals Women's Singles title?
 a. Nozomi Okuhara b. Ratchanok Intanon c. Akane Yamaguchi d. Michelle Li
26. Jamal Kashoggi, the assassinated journalist who was chosen to the TIME Person of the Year 2018 belonged to which country?
 a. Iraq b. Syria c. Saudi Arabia d. Turkey
27. Recently the Govt launched two programmes named LEAP and ARPIT which are aimed at improving the standard of –
 a. Doctors b. Engineers c. Administrators d. Teachers
28. Who of the following was crowned Miss World 2018 at the beauty pageant in Sanya, China?
 a. Vanessa Ponce b. Jessica Tyson c. Solaris Barba d. Nicolene Limsnukan
29. Food and Agricultural Organisation recently approved 2023 to be observed as the International Year of –
 a. Pulses b. Millets c. Cereals d. Roots
30. Mastanamma, who died at the age of 107 was a YouTube celebrity known for her videos on –
 a. Yoga b. Dancing c. Cooking d. Martial arts

Answers

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. c 9. b 10. a
 11. c 12. d 13. c 14. a 15. b 16. d 17. b 18. a 19. a 20. d
 21. c 22. a 23. b 24. d 25. a 26. c 27. d 28. a 29. b 30. c

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