



Current Affairs September 2018



Appointment

Justice Ranjan Gogoi appointed as 46th Chief Justice of India

The Union government on September 13, 2018 appointed Justice Ranjan Gogoi as the 46th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He will assume his post on October 3. He will be succeeding incumbent CJI Dipak Misra, who is set to retire a day before his swearing in, on October 2, 2018.

Justice Gogoi's name was suggested for the esteemed post by Justice Misra himself. He is the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court after Chief Justice Misra. His appointment was confirmed after President Ramnath Kovind signed the warrant of his appointment.

SBI Appoints Anshula Kant As Managing Director

State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed **Anshula Kant** as **Managing Director of the Bank**. She has been appointed to the post for 2 years.

Prior this appointment, Kant was the bank's Deputy Managing Director. With this appointment, **SBI now has four MDs - PK Gupta, DK Khara and Arijit Basu.**

Hima Das Appointed Sports Ambassador of Assam

India's ace sprinter Hima Das was appointed as **Sports Ambassador of Assam** to inspire budding players of northeastern state to aim big and young generation to take up sports seriously.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has earlier confirmed that Indian Athlete Hima Das will be named as the first sports ambassador of the state. The announcement came after Hima Das recently became the first Indian woman to win gold at IAAF World U-20 Athletics Championships.



Awards and Honours

'Sarala Puraskar' For Poet Satrughna Pandav

Noted Odia poet Satrughna Pandav will be honoured with the prestigious '**Sarala Puraskar**' for his poetry collection '**Misra Dhrupad**'.

The 'Sarala Puraskar', instituted by eminent Odia industrialist late Dr Bansidhar Panda and late Ila Panda in 1979 and awarded by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT) will be presented to Pandav. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 5,00,000 and a citation.

1st Ever Secondary Steel Sector Awards For Contribution To National Economy

Ministry of Steel gave away **Secondary Steel sector awards**, for the first time, to **26 mini steel companies** in recognition of their contribution to the national economy.

The awards were given by **Union Minister of Steel, Chaudhary Birender Singh**, at a function in New Delhi. Twelve companies were awarded Gold Certificates and 14 Silver Certificates for their performance during 2016-17.



National Affairs

Bengaluru To Host Aero India In February 2019: Defence Ministry

The next edition of **Aero India** will be held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** from February 20 to 24, 2019, Defence Ministry announced. This five-day event will combine a major trade exhibition for the aerospace and defence industries with public air shows.

Yelahanka Air Force station in Bengaluru has hosted all the 11 editions of Aero India so far and has emerged as a premier air show in Asia.

India And France Signed Implementation Agreement on 'Mobilise Your City'

India and France have signed an implementation agreement on '**Mobilise Your City**' (MYC) in the presence of **Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Hardeep Singh Puri** and **Alexander Ziegler, Ambassador of France in India**.

Mobilise Your City (MYC) is part of an international initiative which is supported by the French and the German Governments and was launched at **21st Conference of Parties (COP21) meeting**.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana To Cover Child Cancer Treatment

The Union Government has announced that the **treatment of childhood cancer** will be **covered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**.

The information was shared by NITI Aayog member Vinod Kumar Paul, while speaking at a function in New Delh.

The child cancer will be treated under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and the rate in this regard has been fixed.

According to the announcement made, 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres will be opened across India by 2022 under the scheme.

India, Bangladesh Jointly Inaugurate 3 Projects

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina, and Chief Ministers of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee and Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb jointly inaugurated three projects in Bangladesh via video conferencing. These include:

- 1. 500 MW additional power supply from India to Bangladesh,**
- 2. Akhaura – Agartala Rail Link, and**
- 3. Rehabilitation of the Kulaura-Shahbazpur section of Bangladesh Railways.**

Akhaura-Agartala rail project is about 12 km long of which 5.5 km would be laid in India while 6.5 km would be in Bangladesh. The total cost of the project would be about 960 crore rupees.

1st Edition of BIMSTEC Military Exercise MILEX-18 Inaugurated in Pune

BIMSTEC Military Exercise (MILEX-18), the first edition of Military Field Training Exercise for the *Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)* nations, started at Aundh in Pune.

The aim of MILEX-18 is to practice the BIMSTEC Nations in planning and conduct of counter-terrorist operations. Participating countries are Armies of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. **Nepal is not taking part in MILEX-18.**

Indo-US Joint Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2018' To Start in Uttarakhand

As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a **joint military training Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2018** is scheduled to be conducted in the foothills of Himalayas at Chaubattia **in Uttarakhand** from 16 September to 29 September 2018.

This will be the 14th edition of the joint military exercise hosted alternately by both countries.

Indian Railways Launches Web Portal 'Rail Sahyog'

The Minister of Railways and Coal, Piyush Goyal launched a web portal 'www.railsahyog.in'.

The web portal will provide a platform for the Corporates and PSUs to contribute to the creation of amenities at/near Railway Stations through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.

Country's 1st Tribal Tourism Circuit Launched in Chhattisgarh

Union minister **K J Alphons**, the **Minister of State for Tourism**, inaugurated the **country's first tribal circuit project** connecting 13 tourism sites in **Chhattisgarh**. This project was sanctioned by the **Ministry of Tourism** in February 2016 for **Rs. 99.21 Crores**.

The project was implemented under the Tourism Ministry's **Swadesh Darshan scheme** launched in 2014-15 for development of thematic circuits in the country in a planned and prioritized manner.



International Affairs

3-day World Hindu Congress Begins In Chicago

The three-day World Hindu Congress has begun in **Chicago, the USA**. Over 2000 delegates from across the globe are participating in this mega event.

The theme of World Hindu Congress is '***think collectively, achieve valiantly***'.

India-Mongolia Joint Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant 2018' Starts in Mongolia

The 12 days long Indo-Mongolia joint exercise **Nomadic Elephant-2018**, commenced at **Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** with a brief opening ceremony.

Exercise **Nomadic Elephant** is an annual, **bilateral exercise since 2006** which is designed to strengthen the partnership between the Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces.

23rd Meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission Held In Moscow

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj led the Indian delegation at the **23rd meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC)** to discuss the expansion of Russia-India relationship across all sectors.

The meeting was chaired by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov.

G-20 Trade And Investment Ministerial Meeting Held in Argentina

Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu participated in ***G-20 trade and investment ministerial meeting*** at Mar del Plata in **Argentina**. Issues including increasing protectionism challenges to promote global commerce and the new industrial revolution were discussed at the meeting.

The members of the G20 include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.



Important Days Observed

International Literacy Day: 8 September

International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on **8 September**, is an opportunity for Governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates, and reflect on the world's remaining literacy challenges.

This year's theme is ***'Literacy and skills development.'***

Hindi Diwas: 14 September

Hindi Divas is celebrated on **14 September** because, on this day in **1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.

Under the **Article 343** of the Indian Constitution, on **26 January 1950**, Hindi, written in Devanagari script was adopted as the official language.



Sports Affairs

ISSF World Championship: Hriday Hazarika Wins Gold in 10 m Air Rifle

Indian shooter Hriday Hazarika notched up a gold medal in the 10 m air rifle junior men's event of the **ISSF World Championships in South Korea**.

The Indian team, comprising **Hazarika, Divyansh Panwar and Arjun Babuta**, finished fourth with a combined total of 1872.3.

The women's 10m air rifle team of **Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Manini Kaushik** then produced a sensational performance to total 1880.7 for a gold with a world record to boot.

Naomi Osaka Beats Serena Williams To Win U.S Open

Naomi Osaka became the **first Japanese woman** to win a Grand Slam title after she registered an emphatic win over Serena Williams in the finals of the U.S Open.

Osaka got off to an aggressive start in the first set, breaking the six-time U.S Open champion twice.

The Four Grand Slams Of 2018: Complete List of Winners

The **Grand Slam tournaments**, also called majors, are the **four most important annual tennis events**. They offer the most ranking points, prize money, public and media attention, the greatest strength and size of the field, and a greater number of 'best of' sets for men.

The Grand Slam itinerary consists of the **Australian Open in mid-January**, the **French Open in May and June**, **Wimbledon in July**, and the **US Open in August and September**.



Obituaries

Agri-economist & Padma Bhushan laureate Vijay Shankar Vyas passes away

Renowned **agricultural economist** and former PM's Economic Advisory Committee member **Professor Vijay Shankar Vyas** died after a brief illness. He was 87.

He was the director of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Jaipur.

Vyas was a senior adviser in the World Bank's agriculture and rural development department. He was also a member of the PM's Economic Adviser Committee.