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

Which state's assembly has passed the Panchayati Raj amendment bill, relaxing the "two-child" rule for panchayat elections?  
**Rajasthan. It also passed an amendment aimed at allowing people suffering from leprosy to contest panchayat elections**.

Which state topped the "Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?  
 **Andhra Pradesh. It was followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh**.

Who was appointed as the DGP of Jammu & Kashmir ?  
**Dilbagh Singh. He replaces Shesh Paul Vaid, who was removed from the post and was appointed as the Transport Commissioner in the State’s General Administrative Department (GAD).**

The first lion safari of Rajasthan has come up at which of the following parks ?  
 **Nahargarh Biological Park**.

Which country has joined France in number one position on the recently released FIFA ranking ?  
**Belgium. This is the first time in the 25-year history of FIFA rankings, that the first spot is shared.**

Germany has rolled out world's first hydrogen-powered train. Which firm built these trains ?  
**These bright blue Coradia iLint trains are built by French TGV-maker Alstom**.

Who won the Pakistan Presidential Election 2018 ?  
**Arif Alvi, a candidate of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Alvi will replace incumbent President Mamnoon Hussain as the 13th President of Pakistan.**

What is the India's ranks in the latest UN's Human Development Index (HDI) report 2018 ?  
**India has been ranked 130 among 189 countries in the latest Human Development Index (HDI) report 2018, which is released by the United Nations Development Programme. As per report, between 1990 and 2017, India's HDI value saw a 50% increase**.

The proposed Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) corridor will link Kunming City to which part of India ?  
**Kolkata. Chinese Consul-General in Kolkata, Ma Zhanwu on September 12, 2018 announced that China is looking forward to plan bullet trains from Kolkata to Kunming City of China.**

Which country was the top source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India in 2017-18 ?  
**Mauritius was the top source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18 followed by Singapore. The total FDI in the financial year stood at USD 37.36 billion.**

Union government has recently given final clearance to Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP). The project will built across which river?  
**Godavari River. Telangana has received the approval of the biggest lift irrigation project in the country.**

Who received the Golden Ball award for best player at the 2018 FIFA World Cup ?  
**Luka Modric (**Real Madrid)**. England's Harry Kane won the World Cup Golden Boot Award as top scorer with 6 goals.**

India’s ranks \_\_\_ in WEF Energy Transition Index?  
**78th**

Who wins German Grand Prix 2018 ?  
**Honda's Marc Marquez of Spain.**

Which country has launched the high-resolution earth observation satellite- Gaofen-11 ?  
**China. Its data will also be used for the Belt and Road Initiative.**

The World Bank has agreed to provide assistance in which scheme that is worth Rs 6000 crore?  
**Atal Bhujal Yojana. The scheme aims to improve ground water management in priority areas in the country through community participation.**

Who has won Wimbledon 2018 Men’s singles tournament ?  
**Novak Djokovic won the men's singles Title for the fourth time.**

Who has won Wimbledon 2018 women singles tournament ?  
**Angelique Kerber, by defeating 7-time winner Serena Williams. With the win, Kerber has become the first German woman to win the title since Steffi Graf in 1996.**

Which country won tennis’ prestigious Hopman Cup for 2018 in January 2018 ?  
**Switzerland won the 30th edition of Hopman Cup by defeating Germany 2-1 in the final in Perth (Australia).**

What is the theme of the 2018 World Malaria Day (WMD) 25th April?  
**Ready To Beat Malaria**

Who has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award (communal harmony, national integration and peace) of 2018 ?  
**Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi was honoured with this year's Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award for promoting communal harmony and peace.**

Name the Indians who won the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award ?  
**Two Indians, namely, Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk won the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Asian version of the Nobel Prize. (**The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society).  
Who is appointed acting chairman of UPSC on 10th June 2018 ?  
**Arvind Saxena**

After defeating which team, Iran won gold in the women's Kabaddi final at Asian Games 2018 ?  
**India. The Indian women’s kabaddi team suffered a shocking 27-24 loss at the hands of Iran.**

What is the India's rank in the 2018 Global Innovation Index (GII) ?  
**India has been ranked 57th most innovative nation among 130 countries in the 11th edition of Global Innovation Index (GII-2018), which is developed jointly by Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).**

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has approved the membership of which country as 69th member?  
**India (March 2018)**

What is the theme of the 2018 World Population Day (WPD) ?  
**Family Planning Is A Human Right. The World Population Day (WPD) is observed every year on July 11.**

Rajyavardhan Rathore flags off an all-women expedition to which mountain ?  
**Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore flagged off an all-women expedition to Mt. Manirang (6593Mt/21631 ft) in Himachal Pradesh.**

Who has been appointed the first-ever Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ?  
**Sudha Balakrishnan, the Vice-President of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL).**

Who clinched the gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin,Turky ?  
**Deepa Karmakar**

Who has become the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games ?  
**Shooter Rahi Sarnobat has become the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games.**

Who wins French Open 2018 Women's Single ?  
**World number one Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title with a victory over American Sloane Stephens in the French Open 2018 final.**

The Union government constituted which high-level committee to check mob lynching?  
**Rajiv Gauba committee**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi re-launched Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) on 24 April 2018 at which place?  
**Mandla, Madhya Pradesh**

Which Indian sportsperson has clinched India's first Gold in the 18th Jakarta Asian Games 2018?  
**Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia bagged country's first gold medal of the 18th Asian Games. He defeated Japanese wrestler Takatani Daichi in the 65 kg final. However, India's first medal in these games came in the form of a bronze medal that was won in mixed team rifle event (shooting) by Apurvi Chandela and Ravi Kumar.**

Which airport received the award for being the 'Most Improved Airport' in the Asia Pacific region?  
**Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (Ahmedabad)**

Which country's team has won the 2018 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy ?  
**Australian hockey team has won the 2018 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy by defeating India. It was Australia's record 15th Champions Trophy title. Hockey Champions Trophy for men will be replaced by the Hockey Pro League (HPL) in 2019.**

Who has been awarded with the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award ?  
**Delhi government’s additional director of health S.K. Arora has been awarded the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control. (31May)**

When is the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought observed every year ?  
**June 17. The theme of 2018 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought was "Land has true value – invest in it".**

Which veteran cricketer became the 5th Indian player to be named in the Hall of Fame ?  
**Rahul Dravid. The other four Indians are former skippers Bishan Singh Bedi, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble.**

Who has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) ?  
**Rajinder Khanna**

Name the farthest star that was recently seen by NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope?  
**NASA has discovered the most distant star ever seen named 'Icarus'. This huge blue star is located over halfway across the universe. It took nine billion years for the Icarus' light to reach the Earth.**

Which country joined the UN Human Rights Council ?  
**The UN members unanimously elected Iceland to take a seat on the world body’s 47-member Human Rights Council.**

11th World Hindi Conference was held in Port Louis, Mauritius with the theme ?  
**Theme: “Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bhartiya Sanskriti“. In the Conference, Mauritius Prime Minister announced Mauritius cyber tower to be named after Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**

Who has been conferred with the 2018 G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for excellence in journalism?  
**Karan Thapar**

Saweety Boora, who claimed gold at 2018 Umakhanov Memorial Tournament, is associated with which sports ?  
**Boxing. Saweety Boora, is also a former world championships silver-medallist.**

Who has been appointed the President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission(NCDRC)?  
**Former Supreme Court Judge, Justice R K Agrawal**

Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT), which was used to spot Radio Galaxy is operated by ?  
**National Centre for Radio Astrophysics.**

Which hockey team has won the 8th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2018?  
**Hockey Punjab**

India and which country exchange 27th list of nuclear installations?  
**Pakistan**

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**National Centre for Radio Astrophysics.**

Who becomes the first Indian to win 2018 Pritzker Prize (to honor a living architect or architects)?  
**Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi**

Who has won the Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix 2018?  
**Daniel Ricciardo, an Australian racing driver**

Which country's U-16 football team has lifted Jockey cup ?  
**India after defeating hosts Hong Kong by 4-2.**

Which team wins Ranji Trophy 2017-18 tournament ?  
**Vidarbha. It is Vidarbha’s first Ranji Trophy title.**

Who became the youngest Indian to win a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games?  
**Anish Bhanwala. He shot down the CWG record in the 25m Rapid Fire final.**

When was World Hepatitis Day observed globally ?  
**The World Hepatitis Day was observed globally on July 28, 2018 with the theme "Test. Treat. Hepatitis".**

The first phase of Indo-French joint naval exercise ‘Varuna 2018’ was conducted in which state?  
**Goa**

Who has become the first Indian to be honoured with the Linnean Medal in Botany?  
**Indian botanist Kamaljit S. Bawa, president of Bengaluru-based non-profit Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).**

What is the theme of the 2018 World Earth Day (22 April WED) ?  
**End Plastic Pollution**

Who among following will be awarded with Kirti Chakra posthumously ?  
**Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh of Rajput Regiment, has been posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra, the country's second-highest peacetime bravery medal. Rifleman Aurangzeb of Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry, is among the 18 Shaurya Chakra in this year's Independence Day gallantry list.**

The Anti-Leprosy Day is observed on which date in India ?  
**January 30**

What is name of official Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019?  
**Son of Dreams**

The Indian Navy has decommissioned 3 Karwar-class minesweepers namely ?  
**Konkan, Cuddalore, and Cannanore (22 and 23 March 2018)**

Who was chosen for the 2017 Saraswati Samman(The Saraswati Samman is an annual award for outstanding prose or poetry literary works in any 22 Indian language)?  
**Sitanshu Yashaschandra, the Gujarati poet, for his collection of verses titled ‘Vakhar’.**

According to national survey of India’s coastline from 1990 to 2016, which state sees highest coastal erosion since 1990 ?  
**West Bengal (up to 63 per cent of the 534 km long coastline was eroded) saw the biggest coastal erosion followed by Puducherry, Kerala & Tamil Nadu.**

Which African country on 18 April 2018 change the name of his country to "Kingdom of eSwatini"?  
**Swaziland**

Where was World Ocean Summit 2018 held ?  
**Mexico**

Indian Army and Indian Navy launched operations in the flood hit Kerala. Name the operations.

**Operation Madad by Southern Naval Command and Operation Sahyog by Indian Army.**

Who won the Men’s singles title of Australian Open 2018? **Roger Federer**

IAU International Astronomical Union named one crater on Pluto's largest moon Charon after which mythological character from Mahabharata? **Revati**

Which state has emerged as best in the country in prevention of parent-to-child transmission of HIV? **West Bengal**

The First South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Agri Cooperative Business Forum began in Kathmandu. What is the theme of this three-day Forum ?  
**The theme is 'Organizing and Strengthening Family Farmers’ Cooperatives to attain the Sustainable-Development-Goals-1 and 2 in South Asia'.**

Which movie bagged the best film award at the 65th National Film Awards for 2017?  
**"Village Rockstar" bagged the best film award, while "Newton" has been selected as the Best Hindi Film.**

Who has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament 2018 ?  
**Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for Mercedes AMG Petronas.**

Who won the women’s singles title of Australian Open 2018? **Caroline Wozniacki**

NASA launched which mission recently to discover new planets outside the solar system?  
**Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS), the first-of-its-kind mission to discover planets outside the solar system, including some that could support life.**

Which movie won the Best Picture Award at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards 2018 ?  
**Tumhari Sulu, a movie about a housewife who lands a job as a radio jockey. Irfan Khan was adjudged the Best Actor for his role in the film 'Hindi Medium'.**

Which scheme was approved in the health sector beyond 12th Five Year Plan for the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20?  
**Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) beyond the 12th Five Year Plan for a period of three year from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with the financial outlay of Rs 14832 crores.**

Who won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service?  
**The New York Times and The New Yorker, for exposing the powerful and wealthy sexual predators including one of the Hollywood’s most influential producers Harvey Weinstein.**

(The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States.)

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India launches integration and availability of TRAI Mobile Apps on which platform ?  
**TRAI has now integrated its Mobile Apps namely DND 2.0 and MyCall with UMANG** (Unified mobile application for new-age governance) **Platform.**

Government has launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in which state ?  
**Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh. The Rs 3,866-crore project includes a dam and a canal system.**

Who becomes first Woman Indian Banks’ Association (IBA) Chief? **Usha Ananthasubramanian**

Which state recently announced setting up of child protection committees? **West Bengal**

Who becomes the first Indian and Asian to be elected to the Chair of International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) ?

**Indian scientist and academician Nandula Raghuram was elected as the Chair of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI), a global policy making initiative.**

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

**Hammer throw. He 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.**

Which country will host the multi-nation counter-terrorism exercise “Peace Mission 2018” ?  
**Russia. It will be held at the Ural mountains of Russia in September 2018, under the framework of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).**

Who bagged India's first medal at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018?  
**P Gururaja. He won the silver medal in weightlifting in the men's 56 kg final.**

India recently agreed to hold the first edition of naval exercise “Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)” with which neighbouring country ?  
**The naval forces of India and Bangladesh will conduct the joint patrol exercise “Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)” in the Bay of Bengal.**

What is the theme of the 2018 World Health Day (WHD)?  
**Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere. The World Health Day (WHD) is observed every year on 7 April.**

Who wins Pulitzer Prize 2018 in Music ?  
**Kendrick Lamar for his album “Damn.”  Lamar is the first rapper in history to be given the award.**

The world's second oldest rock dating back to 4.2 billion years has been discovered in which Indian state in May 2018 ?

**Odisha. The only instance of Zircon (oldest known rock sample) older than this discovery was the one found in Jack Hill, Western Australia, which was 4.4 billion years old.**

Who has been appointed as the new DG of National Security Guard (NSG) ?  
**Sudeep Lakhtakia. He will take over from S P Singh, the current chief of the elite counter terror force.**

Who has been posted as the first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Puducherry?  
**S Sundari Nanda, a 1988 AGMU cadre Indian Police Service officer in the rank of ADGP, has been posted as the first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Union Territory of Puducherry.**

Who has won the prestigious 2018 Man Booker International Prize for fiction ?  
**Polish author Olga Tokarczuk has won the prestigious 2018 Man Booker International Prize for fiction for her novel "Flights".**

The Man Booker International Prize is an international literary award hosted in the United Kingdom.

What is the theme of the 2018 World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) ?  
**"Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life." The World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is observed every year on June 14 across the globe.**

Which country’s team has won the 5th edition of Blind Cricket World Cup 2018 ?  
**India, by defeating Pakistan in the final by two wickets at Sharjah in United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

Who wins French Open 2018 men's Single ?  
**Rafael Nadal by defeating Dominic Thiem. This was his 11th French Open title in 14 years.**

Which nation has launched the world's first floating nuclear power plant?  
**Russia has launched Akademik Lomonosov, the world's first floating nuclear power plant at the St Petersburg shipyard. It is is located in the town of Vilyuchinsk in the Kamchatka region.**

Who headed the Committee which scrapped the Haj subsidy ?  
**Afzal Amanullah**

Deadly virus Nipah spread from which animal ?  
**Fruit bats of the Pteropodidae Family. Nipah virus (NiV) infection is a newly emerging zoonosis that causes severe disease in both animals and humans. First case of Nipah virus was witnessed in Malaysia in 1998.**

What is the new name of the iconic Teen Murti Chowk war memorial in Delhi?  
**Teen Murti Haifa Chowk. Haifa is the name of the Israeli port city that was freed from the hands of a joint Ottoman, German and Austro-Hungarian force by Indian soldiers**.

Who was conferred with the "Excellent Woman of Excellence" award at the Women Economic Forum (WEF) 2018 ?  
**Nisha Bhalla. Hailing from Mumbai, India. Nisha (popularly addressed as Eeshaa) is a holistic coach and consultant.**

Army Technology Seminar 2018 was held in which city?  
**The second edition of Army Technology Seminar was organised at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi.**

Who has been conferred with the 11th KISS Humanitarian Award 2018 ?  
**Prof. Muhammad Yunus, for his unwavering commitment to eradicate global poverty and foster economic and social development. He is the founder of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh and is widely known as the Father of Microfinance.**

Kalinga Institute of Social Science

The Ghodazari Wildlife Sanctuary (GWS) will come up in which state? **Maharashtra, Chandrapur district**.

Who was appointed as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) ?  
**Shashank Manohar, the former BCCI President, will serve a second two-year term as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council.**

What is India’s rank in the Global Democracy Index 2018 compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)? **India has slipped from 32nd place to 42nd place.**

Who has been honoured with the 2018 Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award ?  
**Shesh Anand Madhukar**

Who has been appointed the new director general of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) ?  
**Neelam Kapoor**

Which state won Vijay Hazare Trophy for 2017-18 ?  
**Karnataka won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for 2018 by defeating Saurashtra by 41 runs.**

The 2018 Winter Olympics was held at PyeongChang (South Korea). Which country topped the medals tally? **Norway with 14 gold medals, 14 silver medals and 11 bronze medals.**

Which committee has been constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to look into bank frauds? **Y H Malegam committee. A 5-member expert Committee.**

M.S. Anantharaman, who passed away, was noted personality of which musical instrument? **Violin**

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

Who has been elected as the new President of Sahitya Akademi ? **Chandrashekar Kambar.**

The joint military exercise "Harimau Shakti 2018" started between India and which country?  
**The first-ever joint Army exercise Harimau Shakti 2018 started between the troops of the Indian and Malaysian armies at Wardieburn Camp in Kuala Lumpur.**

Which Indian-American personality has been appointed as the interim judge to a US civil court of New York City?  
**Deepa Ambekar. She has become the 2nd Indian-American woman judge in the city after Chennai-born Raja Rajeswari.**

Who becomes ICC's 1st Independent Female Director ? **Indra Nooyi, the India-born PepsiCo Chairman and CEO.**

Who has been appointed the new Cabinet Secretary of India?  
**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.**

What is India's forest and tree cover in the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017 ? **24.39%**

Who has won the 2018 Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix tournament ? **Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver.**

Which of the following is the first country to successfully land robotic rovers on an asteroid Ryugu ?  
**Japanese space agency JAXA. The rovers are collectively known as MINERVA-II1 (MIcro Nano Experimental Robot Vehicle for Asteroid, the second generation)**. On 21 September 2018, MINERVA-II successfully landed on asteroid [162173 Ryugu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/162173_Ryugu).

Which airport was recognised with the UN Champions of the Earth Award 2018 ?  
**World's first fully solar-powered airport Cochin International Airport**

Who is the newly-appointed Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) ?  
**Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas, the newly appointed Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) took charge from incumbent Sekhar Basu in Vienna, Austria**.

Who becomes first Indian to win medal in IAAF Continental Cup?  
**Triple jumper Arpinder Singh created history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the IAAF Continental Cup as he clinched a bronze. Arpinder had won a gold in the Asian Games in Jakarta**. IAAF=The International Association of Athletics Federations

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

**India Blue by defeating India Red in the final by an innings and 187 runs to win. The Duleep Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket competition played in India. It was named after Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji of Nawanagar, who played for England**.

Who won Women's singles final in the US Open Tennis 2018 ?  
**Naomi Osaka has become the first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam singles title. She lifted the women's singles title of US Open 2018 by defeating Serena Williams**.