

# MONTHLY ONE-LINER GK DIGEST: DECEMBER 2018

## BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- State Bank of India increased fixed deposit rates
- 6.8% interest rate on FDs with maturity period of one to two years, earlier it was 6.7%.
- 7.30% for senior citizens with tenure between one year and two years, from 7.2% earlier.
- for violating stock broker norms, SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has fined brokerage house Anand Rathi Rs 1 lakh.
- Reserve Bank has relaxed norms for External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) by reducing the mandatory hedging provision to 70% from the current 100% between 3 and 5 years.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's leading private sector general insurance company and Federal Bank, announced tie-up for the distribution of HDFC ERGO's range of non-life insurance offerings to the customers of the Bank through its network branches.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines for enhancing the credit discipline of large borrowers by allowing a minimum of 40% of the working capital to be drawn. According to the guidelines, large borrowers having working capital of Rs. 150 crores and above can draw a minimum loan component of 40% of the capital.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has entered into an arrangement with the World Bank to put in place a single framework that will make co-financed projects more efficient.
- Bhupesh Baghel, who is also the president of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee, will be the new chief minister of Chhattisgarh state.
- OBOPAY, the global financial technology company, announced the launch of a new generation pre-payment instrument called- OBOPAY Card-in partnership with Federal Bank and Mastercard.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Outlook Supplement has retained India's growth forecast at 7.3% for current fiscal (2018-19) and 7.6% in following financial year (2019-20)
- Reserve Bank of India has shortlisted six major IT companies, TCS, Wipro and IBM India, Capgemini Technology Services India, Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India, and Mindtree Ltd. to set up a wide-based digital Public Credit Registry (PCR) to capture details of all borrowers and willful defaulters.
- According to a newly released report by Fan Zhang, Senior Economist, South Asia Region, World Bank.- "In the Dark: How Much Do Power Sector Distortions Cost South Asia," India's power sector has an "efficiency" gap that costs the Indian economy 4.13% of GDP a year, equivalent to \$86 billion in fiscal year 2016.
- C.R.I. pumps, one of the Leading Manufacturer of energy efficient pumps won the National Energy Conservation Award 2018 in the pumps category for the fourth time.
- The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) in consultation with the government of India had decided to have "rule-based dynamic limit" for total Outstanding External Commercial Borrowings(ECBs) to 6.5 Pc of GDP.
- Paisabazaar.com, online marketplace for financial products, and Karnataka Bank entered into a partnership to offer the bank's home loan product to customers on the Paisabazaar platform.

- Infrastructure Development Finance Company Bank (IDFC Bank) and non-banking financial company Capital First completed their merger process, creating a combined loan asset book of Rs 1.03 lakh crore for the merged entity IDFC First Bank

### APPOINTMENTS

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- Anil Manibhai Naik appointed as the Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- Arvind Saxena appointed as the Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- Scientist Nageshwara Rao Guntur appointed as the Chairperson of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
- IAS officer Sunil Arora appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC).
- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has appointed singer Nahid Afrin of Assam as the first 'Youth Advocate' of the north-eastern region to fight for child rights.
- Jon Ridgeon appointed as the CEO of International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)
- Ajay Narayan Jha appointed as the Finance Secretary
- TS Vijayan appointed as the Additional Director of Yes Bank
- Krishnamurthy Subramanian appointed as the Chief Economic Advisor
- Atul Sahai appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance (NIA)
- Lalit Kumar appointed as the Government nominee on private sector ICICI Bank
- Swapna Barman appointed as the Ambassador of YONO by State Bank of India
- Shamila Batohi appointed as the First Female has been appointed as the National Director of South Africa's National Public Prosecutions
- Pawan Singh appointed as the First Indian to be elected as one of the 7 members of the Judges Committee of the International Shooting Sports Federation
- Preeti Saran appointed as the Elected to the Asia Pacific seat on the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
- Amitabh Chaudhry appointed as the Additional Director of Axis Bank
- Central Board of Indirect taxes and Customs (CBIC) which works under Ministry of Finance notified the Korean Won and Turkish Lira in the List of Currencies for Exchange Rate in order to decrease the transaction cost and enhance the ease of doing business, thereby, benefiting the Indian, Korean and Turkish businesses.
- Renowned English fiction writer Amitav Ghosh has been selected for Jnanpith award, 2018.
- Tata Steel Limited had been declared as the winner of the Prime Minister's Trophy for the 'Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant' in the country for the performance year 2016-17 making it the fourth consecutive year for Tata Steel being honoured with this coveted award.
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has appointed Brijendra Pal Singh as the new chairman and President of Film and Television Institute of India.
- Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Rajiv Mehrishi was elected as Vice-Chair of United Nations (UN) Panel of Auditors at its annual meeting held in New York.
- India's former economic affairs secretary and current member of the Finance Commission Shaktikanta Das is to be appointed as next RBI Governor. He will be the 25th Governor of the apex bank of the country.
- B V P Rao was elected as the President of Archery Association of India(AAI)
- LinkedIn, a Microsoft owned professional networking platform, hired Mahesh Narayanan as the Country Manager for India.

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- Harsh Vardhan Shringla was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the United States.
- Madhavi Goradia Divan is appointed as additional solicitor general (ASG) in the Supreme Court. She is the third woman to be appointed as ASG in the apex court.
- Congress leader Kamal Nath, 72 took oath as 18th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh
- Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel Sworn in as third Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh
- Ashok Gehlot took oath as the Rajasthan 12th Chief Minister of Rajasthan

### IMPORTANT DAYS

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- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (IDEVAW) - 25 November. Theme - "Orange the World: #HearMeToo".
- Indian Constitution Day - 26 November.
- National Cadets Corps (NCC) day - fourth Sunday of November.
- International Civil Aviation Day - December 07. Theme - Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind
- Indian Armed Forces Flag Day - December 08
- Indian Navy's Submarine Day - December 08
- Indian Navy Day - December 04
- United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities or World Disability Day - December 03. Theme - Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality".
- Indian Organ Donation Day - 27 November
- December 11 is observed as International Mountain Day
- The International Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10 to commemorate adaptation of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The theme for this year is 'Stand Up For Human Rights'.
- International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) is observed every year across world on December 9 to raise public awareness of corruption and what people can do to fight it.
- On 22nd December, India celebrated National Mathematics day honouring the 131st birth anniversary of Great Indian Mathematician Srinivasan Ramanujan.
- December 20 was celebrated as International Human Solidarity Day
- International Migrants Day is observed on 18th December every year.

### INDEX AND RANKING

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- The recently released rankings by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) have placed four Indian Public Sector Undertakings among world's top 100 arms producers. These companies are as follows: Indian Ordnance Factories (37th Rank) Hindustan Aeronautics (38th Rank) Bharat Electronics (64th Rank) Bharat Dynamics (94th rank)
- India has the highest number of 'stunted' children in the world and nearly a third of all stunted children worldwide are to be found in India as per the recently released WHO's Global Nutrition Report, 2018.
- WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2018 has been released and India has ranked 108th in World Economic Forum (WEF) same as the previous year 2017 at 108th. Iceland holds the top spot in the index for the 10th consecutive year.

- Indians is placed at 12th rank in the “misperception index” according to the MORI Perils of Perception Survey 2018, done by Ipsos India

### COMMITTEES

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- The government has constituted a seven-member panel to select managing directors of public sector insurance companies. The panel would be headed by Banks Board Bureau (BBB) chairman B P Sharma.

### MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

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- First Sustainable Blue Economy Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya. 'The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' was the theme.
- G-20 Summit 2018 held at Buenos Aires, Argentina
- India Water Impact Summit 2018 was held in New Delhi.
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of India – New Paradigm for Stressed Assets was held in Indian Consulate in New York.
- India Water Impact Summit 2018 was held in New Delhi.
- 175th Meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Companies (OPEC) Conference was held in Vienna, Austria.
- UN Climate Summit was held in Katowice, Poland
- India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit: Accelerating towards innovative development.
- Fourth edition of Partners' Forum was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12th December in New Delhi.
- 4th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices “Increasing access to medical devices” was organized in Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Ministry of Power launched the ECO Niwas Samhita 2018, an Energy Conservation Building Code for Residential Buildings (ECBC-R) on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day 2018 in New Delhi.
- The 8th meeting of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC) that was held in New Delhi
- A two day National conference ‘AYUSHCHARYA’ on Dinacharya (Daily Regimen) and Ritucharya (Seasonal Regimen) for public health promotion was organized by All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi.
- Fourth edition of Partners’ Forum was organised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12th December in New Delhi. The two day international conference was hosted by government of India in association with Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and child Health (PMNCH).
- 55th SKOCH Summit was held in Constitution Club of India, New Delhi.
- 1st meeting of India China High-Level Mechanism on Cultural & People-to-people exchanges was held in New Delhi.
- 15th edition of a two day Global SME Business Summit was organised by the Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with Government e-marketplace in New Delhi.
- Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a three-day conference on Soft Power in New Delhi.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

| Awardee                                                               | Award                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Luka Modric                                                           | Ballon d'Or. (Men's Category)                                                                           |
| Ada Hegerberg                                                         | Ballon d'Or. (Women's Category)                                                                         |
| Dr. Rajanish Giri                                                     | Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA)                                                           |
| Rattan Lal                                                            | Glinka World Soil Prize 2018                                                                            |
| Malala Yousafzai                                                      | Gleitsman Award                                                                                         |
| Charlotte Prodger                                                     | Turner Award                                                                                            |
| Anand Kumar                                                           | Skoch Award for National Significance                                                                   |
| Mr. Imran Hussain                                                     | "Hero to Animals" by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)                                 |
| Vashkar Bhattacharjee and Private sector enterprise of China, Tencent | UNESCO/Emir Jaber al Ahmad al Jaber al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities |

- Indian-American Shree Saini has won Miss India Worldwide 2018 title at a pageant held in the Fords City of New Jersey. Sakshi Sinha from Australia and Anusha Sareen from the United Kingdom were respectively declared first and second runner-ups in the competition.
- Third edition of Women Transforming India Awards was organized by Government think- tank NITI Aayog with the theme- 'Women and Entrepreneurship' and 15 winners had been selected.
- 2018 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Star Awards were held at the Grand Hyatt hotel in Incheon, Korea. Manika Batra became the first ever Indian Table Tennis player to be awarded the 'Breakthrough Table Tennis Star' award.
- MC Mary Kom , six times World Women Boxing Champion and Olympic Bronze medalist honoured with Meethoileima title (means Outstanding Queen)by Manipur government.
- Saudi Journalist Jamal Khashoggi who was murdered at his country's Istanbul consulate in October was named Time Magazine's "Person of the year" along with a group of other persecuted journalists collectively called "the Guardians of the truth".
- Uttar Pradesh based startup HelpUsGreen has been honored by UN for its works to clean River Ganga by recycling tonnes of floral waste. UN presented the award at the Nations Climate Action award ceremony during the UN Climate Change Conference in Katowice.
- Prathamesh Maulingkar from Goa, dubbed as Mr. India, became the first Asian/Indian to win 2018 Mister Supernational title after defeating 37 candidates in the 3rd edition of the competition held in Krynica-Zdroj, Poland.
- Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) Member of Parliament (MP), Kanimozhi will be awarded as "Best Woman Parliamentarian – Rajya Sabha" by the Vice-President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu at Dr. Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi.
- Mexico's Vanessa Ponce de Leon won the coveted Miss World 2018 crown at the 68th edition of the prestigious Miss World grand event held in the Chinese city, Sanya.
- Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh received South Indian Education Society (SIES) Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati National Eminence Award as part of the Kanchi Mahaswami festival.
- Gujarat Ranked Best Performer in first ever States Start-up Ranking 2018 released by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) at an event in New Delhi.
- United Nations Human Rights Prize for 2018,was posthumously awarded to Pakistan's iconic human rights activist and lawyer Asma Jahangir
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet had approved the appointment of Pranab Kumar Das as the new Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

- Arti Chhabra Srivastava is appointed as the first full-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of SEBI for an initial period of 3 years.
- Sonam Kapoor named People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's person of the year.
- Singers Shaan and Arijit Singh were given the "Sangeet Mahasamman" award by the West Bengal government at the inaugural session of the Bengal music and folk culture festival held in Kolkata.
- The 24-year-old Filipino-Australian beauty Catriona Elisa Gray from Philippines bagged Miss Universe 2018 title.

### IMPORTANT NEWS – WORLD

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- to bring together key business figures, India Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue was held at St. Petersburg in Russia.
- European Commission is the first economy to set its sight on achieving climate neutrality by 2050.
- The Strategic Central American Nation, Panama became the first Latin American Country to join China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative after the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Panama.
- India has signed an agreement with Iran to pay for crude oil it imports from the Persian Gulf nation in rupees.
- Australia surpassed Qatar to become the world's leading exporter of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for the first time.
- Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) announced extension of credit facility of USD 500 million to Tanzania for water supply projects in the country.
- United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launched a new framework named as UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.
- Luxembourg became the first country to abolish all fares on public transport by 2019.
- SpaceX founded by Elon Musk, launched India's first privately built satellite ExseedSAT 1 along with 63 other satellite from 18 countries in the company's largest-ever "rideshare" mission on a twice-reused Falcon 9 rocket from the Vandenberg air force base in California, USA.
- Foreign Minister of Romania, H.E. Mr. Teodor Melescanu visited India.
- Ranil Wickremesinghe has once again become the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.
- Russian state-run atomic energy corporation Rosatom announced commencement of installation of Akademik Lomonosov, the world's first "floating" nuclear power plant (FNPP).
- European Union (EU) has established India's first Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (CoE) at Department of European Studies (DES) at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) in New Delhi
- Burundi confirmed the small central city of Gitega the country's new political capital.
- India and Japan Exchanged notes on Japanese Official Development assistance loan of Yen 105.497 billion (approximately Rs 6668.46 crore) for three projects which are Chennai Metro Project (Phase 2) for JPY 75.519 billion; Program for Japan-India Cooperative Actions towards sustainable Development goals in India for JPY 15 Billion; Project for Dairy Development for JPY 14.978 billion.
- United Nations General Assembly adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the first-ever negotiated global framework on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions, in Marrakesh, Morocco.
- Merriam-Webster has chosen "justice" as its 2018 word of the year

- United Arab Emirates (UAE) President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has declared 2019 to be the “Year of Tolerance.” to highlight UAE as the Global Capital of Tolerance

### IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

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- Himachal Pradesh has become the first state to implement Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), which will provide a single emergency response number across the country.
- 'CASIO', Japanese electronics company has launched world's first Goods and Services Tax (GST) calculator in India for simplifying the GST calculations for tax payers.
- to boost Intellectual Property Right (IPR) culture in indigenous defence industry, 'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti' launched by Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi.
- for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched 'PAiSA' – Portal, designed and developed by Allahabad Bank, during the National Workshop on Municipal Finance and Urban Planning held in New Delhi.
- to spread the message of Gita to the world, International Gita Festival 2018 will be organised in Kurukshetra in Haryana.
- 70-feet tall statue of Lord Buddha unveiled by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar at Rajgir in Nalanda district of the state.
- To assess rise of water level in rivers and reservoirs by rain, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has developed a new technology called 'Impact Based Forecasting Approach'.
- The Dehradun airport, Uttarakhand renamed after former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- to celebrate and cherish the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce, 4th edition of annual “Aadi Mahotsav”, a National Tribal Festival held at Dilli Haat, Shri Aurobindo Marg, INA, Delhi.
- United Nations has selected Uttar Pradesh’s Noida and Greater Noida to participate in its Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched a unique initiative called- State of Maharashtra’s Agribusiness and Rural Transformation or “SMART”. This will be implemented in 10,000 villages with an objective to achieve sustainable farming within the next 3 years.
- Chief Minister of Nagaland, Shri Neiphiu Rio, inaugurated the first ever Swadesh Darshan Project in Nagaland named-“Development of Tribal Circuit: Peren-Kohima-Wokha Project”.
- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched a 3 day, 2 night free pilgrimage scheme ‘Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yojana’ for 77, 000 senior citizens consisting of five religious circuits, for senior citizens named- the ‘Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yojana’.
- Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Government of Goa hosted the annual #startupindia Global Venture Capital Summit in Goa.
- The Central Government has approved Anti-Smuggling National Coordination Centre (SCord) under the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) to tackle Smuggling.
- Supreme court bench of Justices A.K. Sikri and S. Abdul Nazeer approved the draft of India’s First Witness Protection Scheme 2018 to ensure security to the witness.
- Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister laid the Foundation stone of Pusa Kisan Haat in Indian Council of Agricultural Research’s (ICAR) Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) in New Delhi.

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh announced Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Council's approval to India's proposal to observe an International Year of Millets in 2023.
- Crown Prince of Dubai, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, launched the Dubai Audio Library, the largest Arabic audio library in the world.
- According to the Global Status Report on Road Safety, India tops in road deaths with 1.51 lakh road deaths in 2016 and globally the toll of road deaths increased from 1.25 million to 1.35 in a span of three years.
- Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik launched the ambitious "Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)" at Teacher's Bhawan in Jammu.
- Maharashtra government issued a government resolution allowing citizens to inspect records in district-level offices and local bodies throughout Maharashtra under the Right To Information (RTI) for 2 hours every Monday.
- Nagaland government signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with e-Governance Academy of Estonia to provide advisory and technical knowledge for setting up of e-Governance Academy of Nagaland (e-GAN).
- A six-member committee headed by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar has been constituted by the government which will look at selling as many as 149 small and marginal oil and gas fields of state-owned ONGC and Oil India to private and foreign companies to boost domestic output.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) which works under Ministry of Commerce and Industry has put the imports of gold dore in restricted category. It means that an importer now, needs a license to import this commodity.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a 3-day visit to Buenos Aires, Argentina for the commencement of the 2-day 13th G20 Summit. The theme of the 2018 edition of the Summit was: "Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development"
- Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$85 million loan in New Delhi, under the Odisha Skill Development Project to promote skill development in Odisha.
- India celebrated Vijay Diwas on 16th December 2018 marking the 47th anniversary of its victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war of Independence of Bangladesh
- The Union Government has notified Flight and Maritime Connectivity Rules, 2018 allowing phone calls and internet on flights and ship voyage within India's territory.
- India's first railway university the National Rail and Transportation Institution (NRTI) was inaugurated in Vadodara. The Railway University will be first of its kind institution in the nation and the third in the world after Russia and China.
- Minister of state for health and family welfare Anupriya Patel announced that West Bengal, Bihar and Chhattisgarh emerged the largest beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat.
- Mr. Zoramthanga sworn in as the Mizoram's new chief minister of Mizoram.
- The state assembly of Jammu and Kashmir has passed law to ban sexual extortion of woman in offices and became the first state in the country to amend law on Sextortion.
- Ministry of Power announced that 9 states have achieved complete household electrification under the PM Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) scheme. These 9 states are: Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana and West Bengal.
- Delhi government launched a 10-day special inspection drive named- "Operation Minimum Wage", to check implementation of minimum wage rules set by the Union Territory government.



- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh launched a portal ENSURE- National Livestock Mission-EDEG developed by NABARD and operated under the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries.
- Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a loan agreement of \$60 million for financing project for renovation, protection and community-based flood risk management activities along the Brahmaputra river in Assam.
- 23rd International Film Festival of Kerala held at Nishagandhi Auditorium, Kanakakunnu, Kerala.
- NITI Aayog in partnership with a Singapore based AI startup 'Perlin' launches 'AI 4 All Global Hackathon' to develop AI Applications to make significant positive social and economic impact in India.
- Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched Twitter account @CyberDost to spread awareness about cybercrimes and normal precautions to be taken.
- Union Cabinet has decided to raise contribution of Central Government to National Pension System (NPS) corpus of its employees from 10% to 14%.
- Kerala has become first state in the country to have four international airports with the inauguration of Kannur airport.
- Shi Yomi formally became 23rd district of Arunachal Pradesh after it was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pema Khandu in presence of Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju.
- Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh topped the Minister of State for the Women and Child Development Ministry released performance of states and UTs under the maternity benefit programme named Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
- Manipur Assembly headed by CM N.Biren Singh has passed the Manipur Protection from Mob Violence Bill,2018 that recommends life imprisonment for those involved in mob violence,if the violence leads to death of a person.
- Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) constituted a Logistics Development Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman EAC-PM.
- National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), an autonomous corporation under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BSE Institute Ltd. for facilitating Skill Development Training to the target group of NBCFDC.
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das announced a Rs 2250 crore scheme named as " Mukhya Mantri Krishi Yojana" which will help around 22.76 lakh medium and marginal farmers to double their income by 2022.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik announced the Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme to empower small, marginal & landless farmers as well as landless labourers.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, launched the 'Asiatic Lion Conservation Project' with an aim to protect and conserve the world's last ranging free population of Asiatic Lion.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the World Herbal Forest Project, a collaboration of Patanjali and Haryana Government, at Morni Hill, near Chandigarh.
- Industry body the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) partnered with IIT-Madras to provide re-skilling/upskilling of four million people on digital skills.
- Chief Minister of Meghalaya Conrad K Sangma launched the Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme(MHIS-IV) in convergence with that of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme.

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- Civil aviation ministry along with the Airport Authority of India (AAI) launched an app named 'GAS 2019'.
- Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) signed a MoU with Maruti Suzuki India Ltd for training rural youth for skill development under Deendayal upadhyaya grameen kaushalya yojana (Ddu-Gky).
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) which is the largest cancer hospital of India built at a cost of Rs 2035 crore opened for public in Jhajjar, Haryana.
- Haryana government launched a mobile App 'Shiksha Setu' to provide students information on attendance, fee, online admission and scholarships of the government colleges of the state
- The book 'Changing India' written by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was released.
- Silao Khaja of Bihar which is popular among the tourists visiting Buddhist sites of Rajgir and Nalanda was granted GI tag by Geographical Indications Registry at Chennai.

## SPORTS NEWS

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- Mary Kom has won gold medal which was sixth medal in World Boxing Championships at the World Women's Boxing Championships held in New Delhi.
- Sameer Verma has won the Syed Modi India Grand Prix Gold badminton title 2018 in men's singles category.
- India's shooter Esha Singh won the Women's, Youth Women's and Junior Women's 10m Air Pistol competitions at the National Shooting Championship at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Pakistan's leg-spinner Yasir Shah became the fastest cricketer to take 200 Test wickets in just 33 Tests, breaking an 82-year-old record, beating Australian leg-spinner Clarrie Grimmett's record of 36 Tests set against South Africa in Johannesburg in 1936.
- The Hungarian capital Budapest was officially confirmed as the host city of the 2023 International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships.
- Ullas Narayan became the first Indian individual medal winner in an international ultra running event by winning bronze in the 2018 International Association of Ultra Running (IAU) 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships in Taipei, Taiwan
- Commonwealth Senior Fencing Championships, was held in Canberra, Australia.
- Italy won the Ninth edition of International Admiral's Cup Regatta 2018 with their consistent performance in all races held in Ettikulam Beach at Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala.
- PV Sindhu has she became the first Indian to win the BWF World Tour Finals held in Tianhe, Guangzhou, China
- Belgium Hockey team won their first ever Hockey World cup title on 16th December 2018. The event was organized at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Shubhankar Sharma became the youngest and the fifth Indian to win Asian Tour Order of Merit in golf. The Indian won it even before the finish of the last two events of the year.
- The second edition of Khelo India School Games rechristened as Khelo India Youth Games will be held from January 9-20, 2019 in Pune, Maharashtra. It will take place at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune.
- Pune woman Vedangi Kulkarni became the fastest Asian to cycle the globe
- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) released the Global football ranking topped by Belgium with 1727 points.
- Former India opener WV Raman has been appointed the new coach of the Indian women's cricket team.

- Belgium defeated The Netherland and won their First Men's Hockey World Cup Championship held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

### MILITARY EXERCISE

| Participating Countries | Name of the Exercise                                                            | Place at which exercise held                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Indian Coast Guard      | Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise titled 'Clean Sea - 2018' | Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands                        |
| India and Japan         | SHINYUU Maitri-18                                                               | Air Force station in Agra in northern state of Uttar Pradesh |

### DEFENCE NEWS

- The seventh edition Hand-in-Hand Military exercise between India, China began in Chengdu, China.
- The second edition of service specific exercise AVIANDRA between Indian Air Force and Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFSAF) was held at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- Defence Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) at Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) Gurugram.

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi released a book authored by father-son duo Vinay Thakur and Amogh Thakur named "Architecture of Justice: A pictorial walk-through of the supreme court and High courts of India" in New Delhi.
- A book named "Modiraj Main Kisan, Double Aamad Ya Double afat" authored by Swaraj India President Yogendra Yadav launched by agricultural economist Ashok Gulati and the Punjab State Farmers' and Farm Workers' Commission Chairman Ajay Vir Jakhar in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs released a booklet in English language titled "A Handbook for Students on Cyber Safety" to create awareness among the Students and Adolescents about the cyber safety.
- Tuhin Satarkar, became the first Indian to climb three routes in the treacherous Sahayadri mountain range in 12 days.
- The book, 'Of Counsel: The Challenges of the Modi-Jaitley Economy' written by former chief economic adviser Arvind Subramanian was launched in Mumbai