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# MONTHLY ONE-LINER GK DIGEST:

## JUNE 2018

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### BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

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- The monetary policy committee of Reserve Bank of India has unanimously decided to increase the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent.
- RBI to set up Public Credit Registry to Curb Bad Loans.
- RBI Amends Gold Monetization Scheme To Make It More Attractive.
- Reserve Bank has stated that interest subsidy scheme on short-term crop loans of up to three lakh rupees will be implemented through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
- Sunil Mehta Committee Formed for Faster Resolution of Stressed Assets.
- Credit Enhancement Fund of Rs.500 Crore is coming.
- SEBI explores ways for direct listing of Indian firms abroad.
- SEBI constitutes Group to review Institutional Trading Platform (ITP) framework.
- MARG ERP Limited Partners with ICICI Bank.
- Fitch Ups India Growth Forecast to 7.4% For FY'19.
- Inflation Rises to 14-Month High of 4.43% in May.
- HDFC Bank's Proposal to Raise Additional Share Capital Approved.
- RBI Releases Draft Guidelines to Modify Loan System for Large Borrowers.
- HDFC, 5th Biggest Consumer Financial Services Company Worldwide by Forbes.
- Paytm Tops by Volume and Axis Bank Tops by Value by SBI's Annual Report on Mobile Banking Rank.
- Government Releases Draft on Cross-Border Insolvency Resolution that would help banks access overseas assets of a company.
- RBI Alters 'Relative' Definition to Check Outward Remittances.

### APPOINTMENTS

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- The Airtel Payments Bank has appointed former ICICI Bank senior executive Anubrata Biswas as its Managing Director and CEO.
- Pankaj Saran Appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor.
- Giuseppe Conte was sworn in as Prime Minister of Italy's new populist government.
- Amit Khare assumed charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- Paraguay gets first interim woman President Alicia Pucheta.
- Justice R.K. Agrawal has been appointed as the President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- Sudha Balakrishnan Appointed 1st CFO of RBI.
- Former Pakistan Chief Justice Nasirul Mulk was appointed as the interim Prime Minister of the country.
- Keshari Nath Tripathi To Hold Additional Charge As Tripura Governor.
- Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra Gets Additional Charge Of DRDO Chairman.
- MK Jain Appointed RBI Deputy Governor.

- S Ramesh appointed as Chairman of CBIC.
- Former NIA Chief Sharad Kumar will lead the CVC as the Vigilance Commissioner.
- Former World Bank Economist Omar Al-Razzaz Sworn in as Jordan PM.
- World's Most Experienced Spacewoman Peggy Whitson Retires as Astronaut.
- Dr. Inderjit Singh Assumes Charge as Secretary, Ministry of Coal.
- Georgia's PM Giorgi Kvirikashvili Resigns.
- Sharad Kumar Appointed Vigilance Commissioner in CVC.
- Arvind Saxena Appointed as Acting UPSC Chairman.
- Indian-American Dhivya Suryadevara to Become CFO of General Motors.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi appointed as whole-time director and chief operating officer (COO) of ICICI Bank.
- Ivan Duque Wins Election to Become Colombia's President.
- Arijit Basu Appointed SBI's New Managing Director.
- B Sriram (State Bank of India's (SBI) MD ) was appointed as the IDBI Bank's CEO and Managing Director in place of incumbent Mahesh Kumar Jain is the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

## HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- The Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve Management Committee (SBVCR) of Arunachal Pradesh was awarded the India Biodiversity Award, 2018.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the Padma Shri award, to former Singaporean diplomat Tommy Koh.
- Kendrick Lamar received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album "Damn.".
- Kailash Satyarthi gets 'Santokbaa Humanitarian' Award.
- Vijay Goel Confers FICCI Smart Policing Awards 2018.
- Yuvraj Singh Awarded 'Most Inspiring Icon of the Year for Social Welfare'.
- Kerala Cartoonist Thomas Antony Wins International Award.
- Virat Kohli has emerged as the International Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Rating awards.
- The latest Sample Registration System (SRS) figures revealed that India has seen a decline in its Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) from 139 to 130.
- Anupam Kher To Receive Outstanding Achievement Award At IIFA 2018
- Kagiso Rabada Wins South Africa's Cricketer Of The Year Award.
- India's Sanjana Ramesh Wins MVP Award At Basketball Without Borders Asia.
- India was ranked 136th in Global Peace Index 2018 among 163 countries.
- Narendra Singh Tomar Confers National Awards on Best Performing Self Help Groups.
- Sulabh Founder, Bindeshwar Pathak Honoured with Japan's Nikkei Asia Prize.
- Virat Kohli Receives Polly Umrigar Trophy at Annual BCCI Awards.
- India stands 177th at the bottom of the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings.
- Tamil Nadu college student, Anukreethy Vas, has been crowned Femina Miss India 2018.
- Ministry of Women & Child Development Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi Received SKOCH Award which is 'Best performing Social Sector Ministry' award for the achievements in delivering the promises made and for its significant achievements and initiatives from the last 4 years.

- Surat to Receive 'City Award' Under India Smart Cities Award 2018 for showcasing "great momentum" in the implementation of projects under the Smart Cities Mission and Bhopal and Ahmedabad was selected in the 'Innovative Idea' category.
- Vishwas Mandalik, the founder of the "Yoga Vidya Dham" from Nasik and the Yoga Institute in Mumbai have been selected as recipients of the Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of yoga for the year 2018.

## OBITUARY

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- Former Himachal Pradesh Governor Urmila Singh Passes Away.
- Odisha's lyricist, Narayan Prasad Singh was popularly known as 'Rasaraj' passed away.
- Veteran Journalist Adiraju Venkateswara Rao Passes Away.
- Pulitzer Prize-Winning Political Commentator Charles Krauthammer Passes Away.
- Australian golfing legend Peter Thomson passed away.
- Mimicry artiste Nerella Venumadhav passed away.

## MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

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- The 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave was held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- The second edition of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO)-Afghanistan Group Meeting was organised in China's Beijing.
- The government of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the management of Widow Home in Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan.
- Facebook and National Commission for Women (NCW) have joined hands to launch a digital literacy programme in association with the Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) to provide digital literacy to the women.
- India has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing with Singapore.
- India and Indonesia signed 15 MoUs in the fields of defence, scientific and technological cooperation, railways and health, among others.
- India, Singapore exchanged 8 Key Agreements which covered areas as wide as military cooperation and connectivity.
- Tata Motors Signs MoU with Maharashtra to Promote E-Mobility.
- India and World Bank Signs \$500 Million Additional Financing for PMGSY.
- India Signs Loan Agreement Credit of USD 21.7 Million with World Bank for Rajasthan Project.
- The BCCI and UN Environment signed an agreement to promote 'green' Cricket in India.
- Nirmala Sitharaman Inaugurated 1st IAF Commanders Conference.
- 3rd Meeting of India-UK Home Affairs' Dialogue Held in New Delhi.
- Hamburg to Host 2018 Global Wind Summit.
- India, World Bank Sign \$500 Million Loan Pact for Rural Roads
- India, China Sign 2 Agreements On Brahmaputra Water Data Sharing & Non-Basmati Rice Export.
- Prime Minister Modi Reaches China To Attend SCO Summit.
- World Environment Day 2018 Celebrated In New Delhi
- 49th Conference Of Governors Concludes In New Delhi.
- India Hosted Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018.
- The 18th SCO summit in Qingdao concludes with a declaration to combat terrorism.

- International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) will be held in Kathmandu.
- India, US Agree to Hold Comprehensive Talks to Address Trade & Economic Issues.
- International Conference On ICT to Be Held in Kathmandu.
- Conference On Implementation of NPS by The CABs Held in Delhi.
- 44th G7 Summit Was Held in Canada.
- U.S - India 2+2 Dialogue will take place in Washington D.C, US Which will focus on strengthening strategic, security, and defence cooperation.
- Central Water Commission (CWC) to team up with Google for flood forecasting and to help crisis management agencies to deal with extreme hydrological events in a better manner.
- India and Cuba have signed 2 MoUs in the field of biotechnology, traditional medicine and homoeopathy.
- India and Tajikistan have signed MOU to promote bilateral relations and agreed to enhance economic cooperation.
- PM Modi Inaugurate 3rd AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank) Meeting in Mumbai. The theme is "Mobilising Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration".
- 5th National Standards Conclave- Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization was held in New Delhi.
- 4th Governing Council Meeting Of NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog Held In Delhi.

## IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- UNICEF launches data visualization app on education scenario in India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three Indian digital payment systems - RuPay, BHIM app and UPI by SBI at the 'Business, Innovation and Community Event' in Singapore.
- The United States has renamed its oldest and largest military command, US Pacific Command, or PACOM, to Indo-Pacific Command.
- World's Largest International Maritime Exercise RIMPAC organised in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a three-nation visit to Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.
- Colombia to Be NATO's 1st Latin American 'Global Partner'.
- India Launches Its 2nd IT Corridor in China.
- Indian received its first cheapest shipment of Liquefied Petroleum Gas from Russia's Gazprom.
- French swimmer, Ben Lecomte has set off from Japan to become the first person to swim across the Pacific Ocean.
- Mauritius is going to host the 11th World Hindi Conference.
- Trump and Kim Sign Agreement On Denuclearization After Historic Talks.
- The number of hungry people in the world has risen from 777 million in 2015 to 815 million in 2016, according to a United Nations report, approximately 38 million more undernourished people in the world.
- US Quits UN Human Rights Council and described the council as a "hypocritical and self-serving organisation" that displayed "unending hostility towards Israel.

- Russia successfully launches Glonass-M navigation satellite from the Plesetsk space center in Mirny.
- World's Most Powerful Supercomputer 'Summit' Unveiled by US, named 'Summit' that can complete over 200,000 trillion calculations per second.
- 15th annual Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping were held in Colombo, to discuss important anti-doping issues that will help in the fight for clean sport.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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- World No Tobacco Day- 31 May 2018. The theme - "Tobacco and Heart Disease".
- International Day of UN Peacekeepers: 29 May. The theme is 'UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice'.
- Statehood Day of Goa: 30 May.
- World Environment Day: 05th June 2018. The theme for the World Environment Day 2018, is "Beat Plastic Pollution".
- World Ocean Day: 8th June 2018
- 12 June 2018: World Day Against Child Labour.
- World Blood Donors Day: 14 June.
- The theme is 'Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life'.
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, - 17 June 2018.
- World Refugee Day: 20 June
- International Widows' Day: 23 June. It is a global awareness day.
- World Music Day: 21 June.
- International Yoga Day: 21 June.
- The main event organised at Forest Research Institute in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. the theme for Yoga Day 2018 is "Yoga for Peace".

## IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

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- 15th Finance Commission constitutes a high-level group of various eminent experts from across the country in Health Sector.
- Paytm Payments Bank has launched an initiative 'AshaKiran' to empower women in India's smaller towns and cities.
- 13th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council (ISC) was held in New Delhi.
- A.K. Bhalla, Minister of State for Power launched PRAAPTI App and web portal with an objective to bring transparency in power purchase transactions.
- Centre Forms Cauvery Water Management Authority.
- India Releases Rs33.10 Cr to Nepal for 2 Road Projects.
- Sangeeta Bahl Becomes Oldest Indian Woman to Scale Mount Everest.
- Government Launches New Scheme 'Seva Bhoj Yojana'.
- Income Tax Department Launches New Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme.
- Indian Economy Grows 7.7% In 4th Quarter: Central Statistics Data.
- Home Minister Launched Online Analytical Tool to Monitor Foreign Contributions Under FCRA.
- Akshay Kumar launched the twin pit toilet technology campaign in New Delhi.

- Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution Adopted in Agra.
- Government launches 'JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA' Sanitary Napkin.
- Cabinet Approves Rs 8,500 Crore Bailout Package for Sugar Industry.
- The Government of India has formed a group of to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India, headed by Baba Kalyani.
- Govt. launched Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan for doubling farmers' income by 2022
- Sports Ministry Approves Upward Revision Of Pension To Meritorious Sportspersons.
- Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa On 4-Day Visit To Brazil.
- Election Commission Launches Its Online RTI Portal.
- IIT Bombay replace IIT Delhi As Best-Ranked Indian University.
- Deadline to achieve Dam Safety extended till 2020.
- FDI inflows into India rose to around 3% to US \$ 61.96 billion in 2017-18 compared to US \$60.08 billion in 2016-17.
- Swachh Bharat Mission: Rural Sanitation coverage crosses the 85% mark.
- The government of India has decided to replace Annual Employment Unemployment Survey by Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) prepared by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- Piyush Goyal Launched Rail Madad and Menu on Rails Apps.
- Ten new iconic sites have been taken up under Phase III of the flagship project Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The Ministry of Culture, Government of India came up with a new scheme named as 'Seva Bhoj Yojna'.
- The Department of Telecom (DoT), launched 5,000 WiFi choupals in partnership with CSC (Common Service Center) which will provide 60,000 WiFi hotspots in rural areas.
- NITI Aayog has given permission to 3,000 additional schools to set up Atal Tinkering Labs under its Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- V K Singh Flags Off 1st Batch of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.
- Govt Approves 33% Increase in Carpet Area of Houses Under PMAY-U
- 3,000 Additional Atal Tinkering Labs Announced.
- India Gives 99 Million Nepalese Rupees for Final Phase of Nepal-Bharat Maitri Irrigation Project.
- India's 1st National Police Museum to Come Up in Delhi.
- President Kovind to Embark On 3-Nation Visit to Greece, Suriname and Cuba.
- President Ram Nath Kovind to Launch Solar Charkha Mission.
- The Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) has developed a mobile-based application 'utsonmobile'.
- India to Host European Union Film Festival.
- 106th Indian Science Congress to be hosted by Lovely Professional University (LPU) in Jalandhar. The theme of this year's event is - Future India: Science & Technology.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, J.P. Nadda exchanged the MOU with the State Health Ministers of 20 States, for launching the Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM).
- Govt. launched Swajal Scheme to provide clean drinking water in 115 Aspirational Districts of India.
- Government Launches National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) Project to collect data of all public and private healthcare establishments and to provide comprehensive data on all health

resources including private doctors, health facilities, chemists, and diagnostics labs. healthcare resources.

- The Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the National Digital Library of India on the occasion of National Reading Day in New Delhi, this contains textbooks, articles, videos, audiobooks, lectures, simulations, fiction and all other kinds of learning media.
- Nasscom Launches Programme called 'Women Wizards Rule Tech' to increase the number of women at senior levels in the Information Technology (IT) industry.
- PM Modi Laid Foundation Stone of Paperless Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi.
- 3-Day National Yoga Olympiad 2018 Begins in New Delhi.

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## BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) launched a new Ensemble Prediction Systems (EPS) to offer more accurate and credible weather forecasts weather conditions down to the block level.
- Indian Oil Corporation has emerged as India's most profitable state-owned company.
- Infosys Acquires US-Based WongDoody for \$75 Million.
- Microsoft is Now Third Most Valuable Firm Globally.
- The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) and a Japanese multinational NEC released a joint study on "Electricals & Electronics Manufacturing in India".
- FDI Inflows To India Fall By \$4 Billion Last Year: UN Report.
- Global Economy Is Healthy But Growth Will Slow: World Bank.
- A team of scientists from the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad have made a sensational achievement by spotting for the first time a distant planet six times bigger than Earth and revolving around a Sun-like star about 600 light years away.
- Flipkart-owned PhonePe has partnered cab aggregator Ola.

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## DEFENCE

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- The Eastern Naval Command conducted a 2-day offshore security exercise 'Prasthan'.
- The Rustom-2 is an UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) system, indigenously developed by the DRDO.
- Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-13 Begins in Uttarakhand.
- DAC Approves Procurement of Equipment for Defence Forces.
- India, Japan and US start Malabar 2018 exercise off coast of Guam Island in western Pacific.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned interceptor ship ICGS C 439 at Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The 22nd edition of the Malabar exercise has kicked off on June 7.
- India to Host 1st BIMSTEC Military Exercise.
- The artillery gun "Dhanush" (155mm, 45mm calibre artillery gun) has successfully completed final user trials.

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## IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

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- The Ministry of Culture organized the 9th edition of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav in Tehri, Uttarakhand.
- 'Reuse of Treated Waste Water' Policy Launched in Gujarat.
- Dehradun to Organise 4th Yoga Day Celebrations.
- Dia Mirza, launched Gaj Yatra from Tura, the principal town of Garo Hills. This initiative aims to secure 100 routes across the country for safe passage for elephants.
- Andhra Pradesh Gets Separate State Symbols.
  - Neem: State Tree
  - Black Buck: State Animal
  - Jasmine: State Flower
  - Rose-ringed Parrot: State Bird
- The state government of Odisha has launched Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana for working Journalists.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi laid the foundation stone of India's first advanced DNA forensic laboratory in Chandigarh.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to an ordinance to set up the country's first national sports university in Manipur.
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recognised Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) in Kerala as the world's first fully solar energy-powered airport.
- 1st Cargo of Russian LNG Arrives at Dahej in Gujarat.
- Asia's 1st 13 'Blue Flag' Beaches to Be Developed in India.
- President Declares Queen Pineapple as Tripura's 'State Fruit'.
- President Distributes LPG Connections to 20 Beneficiaries Under PMUY in Agartala.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu stated that the state was now Open Defecation Free (ODF).
- West Bengal Govt Decides To Invest Rs 107 Cr To Check Riverbank Erosion.
- Minister of State for Defence, Dr, Subhash Bhamre has dedicated a highway tunnel at Theng near Chungthang in north Sikkim.
- Himachal Pradesh Govt To Scrap Semester System In UG Courses
- Punjab Govt Launches Business First Portal.
- Maharashtra Announces Financial Aid For Tur Farmers.
- Madhya Pradesh Announces Power Bill Waiver Scheme.
- Polythene to Be Completely Prohibited From 31st July In Uttarakhand.
- Andhra Pradesh is become the first state in India to use auto-disable syringes for all clinical purposes to prevent infection.
- Andhra Pradesh leads the way to Clinical Hygiene.
- Tripura is honoured by none other than the "Queen" variety of pineapple.
- PM Modi Inaugurates Developmental Projects in Chhattisgarh.
- Bihar CM Inaugurates, Lays Foundation Stones for Schemes Worth Rs 875 Crore.
- World's First International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics Launched in Gujarat, it will use forensics for humanitarian services to aid humanitarian efforts during emergencies and natural disasters.
- Punjab Government has launched a mobile application "i-Hariyali" under 'Mission Tandarust Punjab' with an aim to increase the state's green cover, also to provide the saplings at the doorstep for free of cost.



- To promote its achievements both nationally and internationally, The Sikkim Government has appointed Indian music composer A.R. Rahman (Allah-Rakha Rahman) as Brand Ambassador of the state for a year. The Sikkim Government had earlier made Rahman its Brand Ambassador of Tourism and Business.
- Governor's Rule Imposed in Jammu & Kashmir, Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti submitted her resignation to Governor N.N Vohra.
- Haryana Government Gives Star Rankings to Panchayats on Seven Parameters under the state's 7-Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow scheme.
- Gujarat Launches Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Policy, to make optimum utilisation of the land and grid.
- Telangana police have launched a mobile-based messenger app named 'Cop Connect' dedicated to providing real-time information to over 60,000 police officers.

## SPORTS NEWS

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- Nepal, Scotland Among 4 Teams Inducted in ICC ODI Rankings.
- Vikas Gowda, India's Only Discus Throw Gold Medallist at Commonwealth, Retires.
- Daniel Ricciardo Wins Monaco Grand Prix 2018.
- Chennai Super Kings Defeat SunRisers Hyderabad to Clinch Record-Equalling Third IPL Title.
- Real Madrid Lifts Champions Trophy Defeating Liverpool.
- Japan Win Uber Cup to End 37-Year Drought.
- Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title in the French Open final.
- Mithali Becomes First Indian to Score 2000 T20I Runs.
- Kohli to Get Cricketer of the Year Award At BCCI Annual Gala.
- Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a Forbes' compilation.
- Indian football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi.
- Smriti Mandhana to Become 1st Indian to Play in England's Kia Super League.
- United States, Mexico and Canada Win Right to Host 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- Rafael Nadal won 11th French Open title.
- India Bags 3 Medals at Umakhanov Memorial Boxing Tournament in Russia.
- American fighter Ronda Rousey to Be the First Female Hall of Famer in UFC.
- India Beat Kenya to Lift Intercontinental Cup Football Title.
- India's R Praggnanandhaa Becomes World's 2nd Youngest Chess Grand Master in Grenadine Open in Italy.
- American golfer Brooks Koepka Wins 2nd US Open Golf Title 2018.
- Swiss professional tennis player Roger Federer Wins 98th ATP Title In Stuttgart and Regained No. 1 Title.