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- Former Manipur Chief Minister R K Dorendra Singh has passed away recently. He was 83.
- Madhya Pradesh Government has announced to raise the retirement age for government employees to 62 years.
- Former BCCI president Anurag Thakur has been elected as the president of Himachal Hockey.
- Kerala will host the Asia's largest start-up conclave 'Huddle Kerala'.
- M.L. Srivastava has been appointed as the Protem Chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi.
- Ajit Singh has been appointed as the head of Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) of BCCI.
- Mithali Raj has been adjudged as the 'Sportsperson of the Year' at the Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards for 2017.
- Sloane Stephens has won the Women's Singles title at Miami Open Tennis Tournament.
- Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated the world-class Interpretation Centre and tourist facilities at Konark Sun Temple.
- Veteran Tamil film director C.V. Rajendran died. He was 81.
- India is now the second-largest mobile phone producer in the world after China. According to the data shared by Indian Cellular Association with the government, annual production of mobile phones in India increased from 3 million units in 2014 to 11 million units in 2017.
- John Isner has lifted the Men's Singles Miami Open.
- Kerala have lifted their sixth Santosh Trophy Football title. In a thrilling final at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, they beat defending champions and 32-time winners Bengal via penalty shootout.
- The state government of West Bengal introduced a new scheme called 'Rupashree' in order to provide marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families with a budgetary allocation of Rs 1500 crore.
- In India, the Post Office Payment Bank has started its services from 1st April, 2018. It will be known as India Post Payment Bank and it will be the largest payment bank network in the country.
- The World Autism Awareness Day was observed across the world on April 2, 2018. The theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2018 was 'Empowering Women and Girls with Autism'.

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- The 114th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) between India and Pakistan was held in New Delhi.
- SBI Life Insurance has appointed Sanjeev Nautiyal as its new Managing Director and CEO. He replaces Arijit Basu.
- Veteran socialist leader, freedom fighter and former state minister Bhai Vaidya passed away. He was 89.
- A Multi Modal Logistics Park at Balli Station near Madgaon in Goa state on Konkan Railway route was inaugurated by CMD Konkan Railway.
- At the end of Financial Year 2017-18, 97.05 lakh subscribers have enrolled under Atal Pension Yojana.
- A meagre two Indian institutions (the IIT Delhi and University of Delhi) figured in the world's top 200 universities, as per a joint study by industry body ASSOCHAM and think tank Yes Institute.
- Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani, with a net worth of \$38 billion, is Asia's third-richest man and is ranked 19 in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Apart from Ambani, there are 23 Indians in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index top 500 list, with Amazon's Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates holding on to the top two spots.
- NTPC has commissioned the first unit of 1,320 MW super-critical Meja thermal project at Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.
- JICA has signed an agreement with the Government of India to provide a loan assistance of Rs 500 crore.
- Rafael Nadal has reached the top spot in the men's Association of Tennis Professionals world singles rankings.
- Jio Payments Bank commenced its banking services. Jio Payments Bank Limited has commenced operations as a payments bank with effect from April 3, 2018.
- With an aim to promote breastfeeding, Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Vipin Parmar launched Mother's Absolute Affection (MAA) programme in the state.
- Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin launched the construction of Turkey's first nuclear power plant in the Mediterranean Mersin region.
- Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling announced monthly pension of Rupees 1000 for farmers engaged in organic farming in the state.

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- The 21st Commonwealth Games begin in the Australian city of Gold Coast. Around 70 nations are scheduled to take part in it.
- Union Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation Minister, Suresh Prabhu launched digital initiatives by Export Inspection Council (EIC) for ease of export at New Delhi.
- A Memorandum of Undertaking (MOU) was signed between the Indian Army and HDFC Bank on the Defence Salary Package.
- Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar has Released 'NIRF India Rankings 2018' for Higher Education Institutions.
- The HRD Ministry has set up a "high-powered committee" to examine the process by which the CBSE conducts examinations.
- G Sathyan has reached to 46th place in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings.
- Julius Maada Bio sworn in as the president of Sierra Leone.
- India emerged as the third most vulnerable country in terms of risk of cyber threats, such as malware, spam and ransomware, in 2017, moving up one place over previous year, according to 'Internet Security Threat Report'.
- India has overtaken Japan to become the world's second largest producer of crude steel, according to the Steel Users Federation of India (SUFI).
- Veteran actor Anupam Kher has secured a nomination in the Best Supporting Actor category at the British Academy Television Awards 2018 for his role in the drama The Boy with the Topknot.
- Malayalam actor Kollam Ajith passed away recently. He was 56.
- The Election Commission has decided to set up 450 Sakhi Pink booths during the Karnataka Assembly elections.
- Leading private lender ICICI Bank announced the launch of a service 'Social Pay' that enables Non Resident Indians (NRIs) to send money to a beneficiary in India using social media platforms like WhatsApp and e-mail.
- Cab aggregator Ola will offer in-trip insurance cover to riders, who can avail the service by paying Re 1 for intra-city travel.
- The Reserve Bank of India kept repo rates unchanged at 6 per cent. The repo rate, at which the central bank lends short-term money to other banks, will continue to stay at 6 per cent.
- Mirabai Chanu clinched India's first gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2018.

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- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has approved the establishment of the first multipurpose “Van Dhan Vikas Kendra” on pilot basis for the establishment in Bijapur District of Chhattisgarh State for providing skill upgradation and capacity building training and setting up of primary processing and value addition facility.
- The Union Minister for Railways and Coal Shri Piyush Goyal today launched UTTAM App for Coal Quality Monitoring. UTTAM stands for – Unlocking Transparency by Third Party Assessment of Mined Coal.
- Reserve Bank of India has decided to set up Data Sciences Lab to improve its forecasting, surveillance and early warning detection abilities which will aid policy formulation.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has instituted a committee to regulate online portals, including news websites, entertainment sites and media aggregators.
- Gymnastics coach Brij Kishore of Sports Authority of Telangana State, whose trainee B. Aruna Reddy had won bronze in World Cup gymnastics recently, passed away. He was 50.
- India is hosting the 16th International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi.
- Subrata Bhattacharjee has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia.
- Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as president of Badminton Association of India (BAI).
- Indian weightlifter Sanjita Chanu won gold medal after lifting a total of 192 kg in the women's 53 kg category in Commonwealth games.
- India's youngest weightlifter at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, 18-year-old Deepak Lather won India a bronze medal in the 69-kg men's category.
- World Health Day is celebrated on 7 April under the leadership of World Health Organisation (WHO). Theme for the year 2018 was ‘Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere’.
- Chief Minister of Tamilnadu K Palaniswami launched the bi-lingual 'Uzhavan' (farmer) app.
- The Centre, Maharashtra Government and the World Bank have signed a 420 million dollar project to help small and marginal farmers in the Marathwada and Vidarbha region of the state.

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- In Uttar Pradesh Ganga Hariteema Yojana (Ganga Greenery scheme) is launched in 27 districts of the state located on the bank of river Ganga.
- Sathish Kumar Sivalingam won the third gold medal for India in Men's 77 kg weightlifting at Commonwealth Games 2018.
- The veteran actor, Raj Kishore, died following a cardiac arrest. He was 85. His most significant work till date has been in the movie Sholay.
- India-Korea joint anti-piracy, search and rescue exercise 'SAHYOG- HYEOLYEOG 2018' was conducted off the Chennai coast.
- Global Logistics Summit was held in New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Government has launched "Amma" Free Wi-Fi zones in five cities.
- Harsimrat Kaur Badal has inaugurated Uttarakhand's second mega food park at Udham Singh Nagar.
- Indian women cricket team captain Mithali Raj has become the first player to play the most ODI match in women's cricket.
- Indian Air Force has started "Gaganshakti 2018" biggest combat exercise along the borders of Pakistan and China.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepali Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli laid the foundation stone of Petroleum pipeline between Motihari in Bihar and Amlekhganj of Nepal, which is the first international petroleum pipeline in South Asia.
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has launched the state component of Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) in Agartala.
- Maharashtra government has announced to provide free chemotherapy to cancer patients.
- Manu Bhaker has won India's 6th gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Indian shooter Jitu Rai and Om Prakash Mitharwal won gold and bronze medals respectively in the 10m Air Pistol event at the 21st Commonwealth Games.
- Maharashtra government has announced that cancer patients would be provided free chemotherapy treatment at their district hospitals.
- President Ram Nath Kovind was conferred with the Condecoracion, the highest honour accorded to a non-citizen by the government of Equatorial Guinea.
- Viktor Orban has won the third consecutive term as Prime Minister of Hungary.
- The Goa government has decided to launch its own app-based taxi service to some key tourist destinations.

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- The Union government has banned imports of the hormone oxytocin to stop its misuse in the livestock industry, as it causes hormonal imbalances and shortens the lives of milch animals.
- India's 17-year-old shooter Mehuli Ghosh set a Commonwealth Games joint record to win silver in the women's 10m Air Rifle event.
- India defeated Nigeria by 3-0 to clinch gold in the men's table tennis team event at the Commonwealth Games after 12 years.
- Indian Mixed Badminton Team has won the 10th Gold Medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- The first meeting of Newly constituted NITI Forum for North East will be held in Agartala, Tripura.
- PM Modi flags off three rail projects in Bihar, including Madhepura Electric Rail Locomotive factory.
- Azad Hind Fauj veteran Fauzi Sheikh Ramzan Qureshi dies. He was 92.
- M Sathiyavathy took charge as member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- The Eighth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and Pacific was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- The eight edition of Theatre Olympics concluded in Mumbai.
- The UN World Tourism Organization appointed Lionel Messi as an ambassador to promote responsible tourism.
- M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a scientific convention on the World Homoeopathy Day.
- According to the List of the busiest airports by the Airport Council International ACI, Indira Gandhi international airport, New Delhi was ranked 16th among the busiest airports in 2017.
- Indian shooter Heena Sidhu set Commonwealth Games record to win gold in women's 25m pistol shooting event.
- The SBI has announced the launch of its UK subsidiary, SBI (UK) Limited.
- India has signed an MoU with the Republic of Korea on Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Competency of Seafarers.
- Bangladesh and India signed an agreement on their proposed nearly 130km oil pipeline.
- According to ADB, India's economic growth is expected to be 7.3 % this fiscal year.
- India and World Expo 2020 signed participants contract for India's pavilion in the prestigious World Expo 2020 held once in 5 years.



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- Inspector General Vijay Chafekar has been appointed as the Coast Guard Commander (western region).
- AllMS professor Balram Bhargava was appointed the Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of the Department of Health Research.
- Rishad Premji has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
- Euronet India has partnered with Yes Bank to modernise the bank's core payment infrastructure.
- Shreyasi Singh has won 12th gold medal for India in Women's Double Trap in 21 Commonwealth Games.
- Actor Ranveer Singh and Actress Anushka Sharma will be honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award.
- India has jumped 13 places in the last one year to 130th spot in the latest annual Index of Economic Freedom released by a top American think-tank the Heritage Foundation.
- ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C41 successfully launched the 1,425 kg IRNSS-1I Navigation Satellite from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- Indian Consortium and Saudi Aramco Sign MoU for Ratnagiri Mega Refinery in Maharashtra.
- India and Morocco have signed an MOU in the field of Mining and Geology for a period of 5 years.
- Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 3 crore on IDBI bank for non-compliance to the Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC) norms.
- Kidambi Srikanth became the first Indian male to become world No. 1 in men's singles badminton rankings.
- Rahul Aware bagged India's first wrestling gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2018 in the final of men's Freestyle 57 kg event.
- Indian wrestler and Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar bagged his career's third straight Commonwealth Games gold medal after winning the men's Freestyle 74 kg event at the Commonwealth Games 2018.
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma has been appointed as the chairman of Banks Board Bureau (BBB).
- Boeing India has signed an agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), and Mahindra Defence Systems (MDS) to manufacture Super Hornet fighter aircraft in India.

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- A 1994-batch IFS (Indian Foreign Service) officer, Sripriya Ranganathan has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea.
- 65th national film awards have been announced. The award for Best actress has been conferred to Shridevi.
- The National Highways Authority of India has signed an agreement for upgradation of Yagyi – Kalewa section of highway in Myanmar.
- Tejaswini Sawant has won the 15th Gold Medal for India at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Anish Bhanwala has won the 16th Gold Medal for India at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Bajrang Punia has won the 17th Gold Medal for India at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Government has decided to constitute a Task Force for fast-tracking the roll-out of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Army and Axis Bank on the Defence Salary Package.
- Indian Companies and Russian Oems Sign 7 Mous for Defence Hardware during Defexpo 2018.
- The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the web-based application ‘e-FRRO’ (e-Foreigners Regional Registration Office).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first health centre under Ayushman Bharat scheme at Bijapur, a tribal district located in Chattisgarh.
- India Mobile Congress will be held from 25th to 27th October 2018, at Aerocity, New Delhi. Under the theme “NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS: Connect. Create. Innovate.”
- Katrina Kaif’s wax statue was unveiled at Madame Tussauds in New York.
- Manika Batra has become the first-ever Indian woman to bag gold in the women's table tennis singles' event in Commonwealth Games history.
- Five-time world champion and Olympic bronze medallist MC Mary Kom has become the first Indian woman boxer to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games.
- Gaurav Solanki has won gold in the flyweight category (52kg) at the Commonwealth Games.
- 21st commonwealth games concluded at Gold Coast, Australia. India stood on the third place, with 66 medals including 26 Gold.



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- The 29th Arab League Summit started in Dahrán in Saudi Arabia.
- Veteran actor Dharmendra has been chosen for Maharashtra government's Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Odisha's second longest river bridge was inaugurated over the Ib river in Sambalpur district by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.
- A dedicated Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Sino) Lab will be set-up at International Centre in Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) for women entrepreneurs.
- The 7th edition of Home Expo India 2018 will begin today at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida.
- East Godavari becomes the first district with complete LED street lighting.
- Government has raised Nabard's authorised capital by six-times to Rs 30k crore.
- Union petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Telangana.
- The biannual Army Commanders' Conference has been commenced today. It will be chaired by General Bipin Rawat.
- The UAE-based Business Leaders Forum (BLF) and India Trade & Exhibition Centre (ITEC) signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB).
- The U.S. Treasury has added India to its watch list of countries with potentially questionable foreign exchange policies, joining China and four others.
- UK Government to launch €70m 'war chest' to tackle ocean plastic crisis.
- India Signs Loan agreement with World Bank for usd 48 million for Meghalaya Community - Led Landscapes Management Project.
- World Bank has projected India's GDP growth rate at 7.3% for the Financial Year 2018-19.
- Sanjiv Mehta has been appointed as the chairman of Hindustan Unilever Limited.
- The Minister of Commerce & Industry, Suresh Prabhu launched the FIEO Global Linker- a digital platform for MSME exporters to digitize their businesses and join a global community of growing businesses.
- Yuki Bhambri has been ranked 83rd in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Men's Singles Ranking.

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- India signed a loan agreement for IBRD loan of USD 48 million for the “Meghalaya Community - Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP)” with the World Bank.
- Former Minister in Madhya Pradesh Government Rajendra Singh has passed away recently. He was 86.
- The Newspaper 'The New York Times' and magazine 'The New Yorker' have been jointly selected for Pulitzer Prize for Public Service.
- Award winning Italian Director, Vittorio Taviani died. He was 88.
- PP Malhotra has assumed charge as Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC).
- Veteran journalist Surendra Nihal Singh has passed away recently. He was 89.
- “Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities (GITC), 2018” will be held in New Delhi during 8th to 11th November 2018.
- Dilip Chenoy has been appointed as Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- Maharashtra state government approved a scheme to launch High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS) to provide electricity to over two lakh farmers.
- India and the US decided to set up a joint task force on natural gas with a view to promote strategic and economic interest of the two nations.
- The United Kingdom becomes the 62nd country to join International Solar Alliance.
- Former US first lady Barbara Bush, died recently. She was 92.
- Sushma Swaraj and Prakash Javadekar have launched ‘Study in India’ portal of HRD Ministry.
- World heritage day was celebrated at National Rail Museum, New Delhi on 18th April, 2018.
- India and Sweden signed a ‘Joint Declaration on India-Sweden Innovation Partnership for a Sustainable Future’ and adopted a Joint Action Plan to promote bilateral cooperation.
- Madhya Pradesh will be conferred with the most film Friendly state award.
- C Haridas has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).
- Miguel Diaz-Canel has been elected as the President of Cuba.
- Veteran Filmmaker and Animation Pioneer Bhimsain has passed away recently. He was 81.

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- India and Eritrea have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Foreign Office Consultations.
- According to International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook (WEO), India has become the world's sixth largest economy.
- Centre has decided to set up the Defence Planning Committee (DPC).
- BJP MLA from Mundawar in Alwar, Dharam Pal Choudhary has passed away recently. He was 64.
- India and the UK have signed 10 agreements in several sectors including cyber-relationship, rejuvenation of Ganga and skill development.
- First meeting of the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors was held in Washington D.C. USA.
- Richest Indian Mukesh Ambani and human rights lawyer Indira Jaising have been named by Fortune magazine as the World's Greatest Leaders of 2018.
- Former Delhi High Court Chief Justice Rajinder Sachar died. He was 94.
- Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli, Bollywood star Deepika Padukone, Ola co-founder Bhavish Aggarwal and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella were featured on TIME magazine's 2018 list of the world's most influential people.
- According to the World Bank's latest Global Findex Database on the sidelines of the annual Spring meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, India has 19 crore adults without a bank account despite the success of the ambitious Jan Dhan Yojana, making it the world's second largest unbanked population after that of China.
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a penalty of over 171 crore rupees on Eveready Industries India Ltd and over 42 crore rupees on Indo National Ltd (Nippo).
- Gujarati language short film "Rammat- Gammat" will make its world premiere at the 64th International Short Film Festival Oberhausen in Germany.
- The US Senate has confirmed President Donald Trump-nominated Representative Jim Bridenstine to lead the US space agency.
- International SME convention will be held in New Delhi.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed the restrictions on the business activities of City Co-operative Bank Ltd.
- First-ever India-South Africa business summit will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Sanjay Bhattacharya has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Turkey.

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- Private sector lender Yes Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to have presence in London and Singapore to support the diaspora business and also international trade. निजी क्षेत्र के यस बैंक को सिंगापुर और लंदन में प्रतिनिधि कार्यालय खोलने की अनुमति भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से मिल गई है। इससे बैंक इन जगहों पर भारतीय समुदाय के कारोबार और अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार में मदद करने पाएगा।
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for restructured Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
- The Reserve Bank of India has updated its master direction on KYC - Know Your Customer - norms, making Aadhaar key for the due diligence process at banks and financial institutions. आरबीआई ने रिवाइज्ड मास्टर्स डायरेक्शन के अनुसार बैंक खाते को आधार नंबर से लिंक कराना अनिवार्य कर दिया है।
- The Union Cabinet today approved a proposal to promulgate Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance 2018 that provides for confiscating properties and assets of economic offenders like loan defaulters who flee the country.
- Indian animation pioneer and multiple National Award winner Bhimsain Khurana had passed away. He was 82.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Wuhan for informal summit meeting with President Xi Jinping.
- The Reserve Bank of India has estimated the country's growth rate to be 7.4% in the next financial year.
- IMF unveils new anti-corruption policy for its member states.
- The Coal Ministry appointed Suresh Kumar as the part-time Chairman and Managing Director of Coal India Ltd.
- Reliance Communications has entered into an agreement with a local operator in Uganda to offer telecom services in the African country.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved a restructured Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
- The Commonwealth countries at the end of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London have adopted Commonwealth Cyber Declaration to take action on cybersecurity by 2020.

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- World Earth Day was celebrated on April 22. This year the theme of World Earth Day 2018 was 'End of Plastic Pollution'.
- Telangana state government has announced 2% reservation in Government jobs for sportspersons.
- According to a Finance Ministry Data, Total deposits in Jan Dhan accounts were at Rs 80,545.70 crore on April 11, 2018.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has appointed Taniya Sanyal as its first woman firefighter.
- India's biggest software services exporter TCS touches \$100 billion in market capitalisation.
- Diu Smart City has become the first city in India, that runs on 100% renewable energy during daytime.
- According to the World Bank, India has become the highest remittance receiving country.
- Veteran Telugu Poet, Musicologist and Artist Balantrapu Rajanikanta Rao has passed away recently. He was 98.
- Rafael Nadal has won the Men Singles title of Monte-Carlo Tennis Masters.
- Australia has won the Asia Oceania Junior Fed Cup under-16 girls' tennis tournament by defeating Indonesia.
- Tata Sons appointed former Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar as Tata Group's President, Global Corporate Affairs.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Rashtriya Gramin Swaraj Abhiyan in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh.
- Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, chaired the first meeting of the think tank on the Framework for National Policy on E-commerce.
- The United Nations' cultural agency awarded the World Press Freedom Prize to an imprisoned Egyptian photographer Abu Zeid.
- Government of India and World Bank Signs Agreement to Improve Rural Road Network in Madhya Pradesh.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed in principle to give an aid of 1,700 crore rupees to Uttarakhand for infrastructure development and creation of sewerage treatment facilities in urban areas.

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- India's Velavan Senthilkumar has won his first PSA World Tour title by defeating Tristan Eyrele of South Africa in the finals of the Madison Open in the US.
- India has won 8th South Asian Judo Championship. Indian women grabbed all 7 gold medals in the individual category while men bagged 3 gold and 3 bronze medals.
- India has signed a loan agreement with World Bank for US\$ 125 million for "Innovate in India for Inclusiveness Project".
- Cabinet has approved an MoU on cooperation in the field of regulation of medical products for human use amongst the medicine regulatory agencies of the BRICS countries.
- Cabinet has approved MoU between India and Sao Tome and Principe on cooperation in the field of Medicinal Plants.
- Former MLA of Nellore, Anam Vivekananda Reddy has passed away recently. He was 67.
- Jammu and Kashmir has become the first state to approve the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission.
- World Malaria Day is observed on April 25 every year. The theme for this year's Malaria Day was 'Ready to beat Malaria'.
- Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' to strengthen and assess the loopholes in the coastal security mechanism was held along Kerala coast.
- According to the Nomura, India's GDP growth rate is expected to be 7.8 per cent in the first half of 2018.
- 2019 Asian Senior (Men & Women) Weightlifting Championships will be held in India.
- Jeremy Lalrinnunga has won the silver in Youth section and bronze medal in Junior section at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship at Urgench, Uzbekistan.
- Human Resource Development Ministry has launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0.
- As part of ongoing Indo-Malaysian defence cooperation, a joint training exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI will be conducted from 30 April 18 to 13 May 18 in Malaysia.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) is tying up with US and Finland to develop new pollution-forecast system.
- The Reporters Without Borders (RSF) released the World Press Freedom Index 2018. India's rank dropped down to two places to 138th this year.
- Assam government has appointed senior IPS officer Kuladhar Saikia as the new Director General of Police of the state. He will replace Mukesh Sahay.



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- The Atal Innovation Mission, under the NITI Aayog, launched the Atal New India Challenge.
- According to Deloitte's India Economic Outlook Report 2018, India's Gross Domestic Product(GDP) growth rate is expected to 7.2 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- BCCI has nominated former Indian captain Rahul Dravid for the prestigious Dronacharya award.
- BCCI has nominated Indian men's cricket team opener Shikhar Dhawan and Indian women's team opener Smriti Mandhana for the Arjuna Award.
- Maharashtra Government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the British Council to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation between the two nations.
- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has released a Book 'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism'.
- Former Indian football Team captain Bhaichung Bhutia has launched his political party 'Hamro Sikkim'.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland as his new special envoy on Myanmar.
- Narinder Chauhan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Czech Republic.
- Krishan Kumar has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Norway.
- Rajiv Kumar Nagpal has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Venezuela.
- Indo-Pak 1971 war veteran Brigadier Francis Regis Campos has passed away recently.
- All India Tennis Association (AITA) has nominated country's Top Singles Player Yuki Bhambhani and Doubles Expert Rohan Bopanna for the Arjuna Award.
- World Immunization Week is celebrated from 24th- 30th of April by the World Health Organization (WHO).Theme for this year is "Protected together, #VaccinesWork".
- India-Nepal Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) meeting on trade, transit and cooperation to Control Unauthorised Trade was held in Kathmandu.
- Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi will hold additional charge of Manipur in absence of its Governor Najma Heptullah.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping during two-day informal summit India and China agrees to undertake a joint economic project in Afghanistan.

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- Dalmia Bharat Limited has signed an MoU with the Tourism Ministry to adopt Red Fort (in Delhi) and Gandikota Fort (Andhra Pradesh) under the 'Adopt a Heritage' project.
- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has entered into an agreement with Macquarie for road projects under the highway monetisation drive.
- Commonwealth Games javelin champion Neeraj Chopra has been recommended by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna.
- Indian women boxers bag three gold medals at the Asian Youth Championships in Bangkok.
- Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling has become the longest-serving Chief Minister of India.
- According to Deutsche Bank, India's GDP growth rate is expected to 7.5 per cent in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- According to WADA' report, India is joint 6th in list of doping violations.
- Patlola Ramachandra Reddy, former assembly speaker and industries minister of Andhra Pradesh has passed away recently. He was 89.
- In Tennis, Prajnesh Gunneswaran wins his first ever singles title on ATP Challenger circuit.
- World number one Rafael Nadal defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas to win Barcelona Open for a record-extending 11th time.
- In Belgrade International Boxing India has won 13 medals with 3 gold.
- Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has nominated the javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra for the country's highest sports award, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna.
- The next Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in the Varanasi in January. The theme of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is "Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India".
- Kavinder Gupta is the new Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir in place of Nirmal Singh, who submitted his resignation recently.
- Paytm has announced the launch of its offline payments solution - the Paytm Tap Card.
- International Buddhist Conference was held in Lumbini, Nepal on 29 and 30 April 2018 to commemorate 2562nd Buddha Jayanti.
- Uma Bharti has launched the GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources)- DHAN scheme at the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) Auditorium, Karnal.
- The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and Indian Yoga Association (IYA) have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate interaction and

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cooperation between two organisations to promote wellness, spiritual and cultural tourism in Krishna Circuit.

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has redesignated Uday Kotak as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 May, 2018.
- India's C A Bhavani Devi won a silver medal in the sabre event of the Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland.

## Emmy Awards 2018 Winners List

### OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES

**Days of Our Lives – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES

**Eileen Davidson (Ashley, Y&R) – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES

**James Reynolds (Abe, Days) – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES

**Camryn Grimes (Mariah, Y&R) – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES

**Greg Vaughan (Eric, Days) – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING YOUNGER ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES

**Chloe Lanier (Nelle, GH) – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING YOUNGER ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES

**Rome Flynn (Zende, B&B) – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING GUEST PERFORMER IN A DRAMA SERIES

**Vernee Watson (Stella Henry, GH) – WINNER**

### OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES WRITING TEAM

**Days of Our Lives – WINNER**

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## **OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES DIRECTING TEAM**

**Days of Our Lives – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING DIGITAL DAYTIME DRAMA SERIES**

**The Bay The Series – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING GAME SHOW HOST**

**Wayne Brady, Let's Make a Deal – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING GAME SHOW**

**The Price Is Right – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING LEGAL COURTROOM PROGRAM**

**Judge Mathis – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING MORNING PROGRAM**

**Good Morning America – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT NEWS PROGRAM**

**Entertainment Tonight – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING INFORMATIVE TALK SHOW HOSTS**

**Steve Harvey, Steve – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING INFORMATIVE TALK SHOW**

**The Dr. Oz Show – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT TALK SHOW HOSTS**

**Housley, The Real – WINNER**

## **OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT TALK SHOW**

**The Talk – WINNER**

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## OUTSTANDING CULINARY PROGRAM

**A Chef's Life – WINNER**

## OUTSTANDING CULINARY HOST

**Lidia Bastianich, Lidia's Kitchen – WINNER**

## Commonwealth Games 2018 Winners

### List of Players Who won Gold (26):

- ✓ Saina Nehwal clinched women's singles gold in badminton.
- ✓ Boxer Vikas Krishan wins gold in 75kg category at Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Manika Batra wins gold in table tennis women's singles, becoming the first Indian woman to do so.
- ✓ Vinesh Phogat wins gold in women's wrestling freestyle 50 kg Nordic event.
- ✓ Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian javelin thrower to claim a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ In the 52kg Boxing event Gaurav Solanki won gold.
- ✓ In wrestling, Sumit Malik claimed the gold medal in the men's freestyle 125 kg.

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- ✓ Sanjeev Rajput won gold in 50m Rifle 3 Position shooting event.
- ✓ M.C. Mary Kom won 45-48 kg category boxing event, claiming gold in her debut Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Bajrang Punia won the gold medal in freestyle 65kg wrestling.
- ✓ Tejaswini Sawant won the 50m rifle position event
- ✓ 15-year-old Anish Bhanwala bagged gold in men's 25m rapid fire pistol.
- ✓ In men's freestyle 74kg wrestling, double Olympic-medallist Sushil Kumar won gold.
- ✓ Rahul Aware added another gold medal to India's tally, winning in the Men's Freestyle 57kg wrestling event.
- ✓ In the double trap women shooting, India's Shreyasi Singh won gold.
- ✓ Shooter Heena Sidhu won gold in 25m pistol event to give India its 11th gold medal in the Games.
- ✓ The Indian mixed team badminton claimed gold for the first time in the Games' history.
- ✓ In the 10m men's air pistol event, India's Jitu Rai won gold. This is his second Commonwealth gold.



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- ✓ In the women's table tennis event, the Indian team won its first ever Commonwealth gold medal.
- ✓ In 10m women's air pistol, Manu Bhaker won gold and added sixth gold for India at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Weightlifter Punam Yadav became the third woman to win gold for India, coming out on top in the women's 69 kg category at the CWG 2018.
- ✓ Weightlifter Venkat Rahul Ragala became the fourth Indian to claim a gold medal in the men's 85 kg category.
- ✓ Weightlifter Satish Kumar Sivalingam won India's third gold in the men's 77kg category.
- ✓ Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu landed India its second gold medal, winning the top spot in the women's 53kg category.
- ✓ Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu was the first gold medal winner for India, on the opening day, in the women's 48 kg category.
- ✓ Indian men's table tennis team wins gold beating Nigeria 3-0. Read more

## List of Players Who won Silver (20):

- ✓ P.V. Sindhu picked up the women's singles silver medal in badminton playing against Saina Nehwal.

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- ✓ Kidambi Srikanth settled for badminton silver.
- ✓ Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Joshna Chinappa settle for silver in women's doubles squash.
- ✓ In mixed doubles squash, Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal claim silver.
- ✓ Boxer Manish Kaushik won silver in the Men's 60 kg category.
- ✓ India's Amit Panghal won silver after losing a very close bout in the Boxing Men's 46-49kg Final.
- ✓ Manika Batra and Mouma Das fought hard before going down against defending champions Feng Tianwei and Yu Mengyu to settle for a silver medal in the women's doubles, a first ever for India in the Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Anjum Moudgil bagged silver in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event.
- ✓ Wrestler Pooja Dhanda made a late push in the women's 57kg final bout to win silver.
- ✓ Wrestler Mausam Khatri failed to make use of his wealth of experience as he settled for a silver medal in men's freestyle 97 kg event.

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- ✓ Seema Punia came up with a best effort of 60.41m in the women's discus throw, which she did in her opening attempt to win her fourth successive CWG medal
- ✓ Mehuli Ghosh won silver in the 10m women's air rifle event.
- ✓ In the 105 category weightlifting for men, Pradeep Singh won the silver.
- ✓ In 10m women's air pistol, Heena Sidhu won the silver and added second silver for India at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Weightlifter P. Gururaja opened India's medal account on the first competition day, claiming a silver in the men's 56kg category.
- ✓ Tejaswini Sawant won a silver medal in 50m prone finals in shooting.
- ✓ Wrestler Babita Kumari won silver in 53kg event.

## List of Players Who won Bronze (20):

- ✓ Manjika Batra claimed mixed doubles bronze in table tennis.
- ✓ Harmeet Desai and Sanil Shankar Shetty bagged bronze in the men's doubles Table Tennis competition.
- ✓ Ashwini Ponnappa and Sikki Reddy win bronze at women's doubles badminton.

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- ✓ In wrestling, Somveer claims bronze in Men's Freestyle 86 kg.
- ✓ In wrestling, Sakshi Malik claimed bronze in the Women's Freestyle 62 kg.
- ✓ Naman Tanwar won bronze in the boxing Men's 91 kg
- ✓ Manoj Kumar won bronze in the boxing Men's 69 kg.
- ✓ Hussamuddin Mohammed won bronze in the boxing Men's 56 kg.
- ✓ Divya Kakran won bronze medal in the women's freestyle 68 kg by outplaying Bangladesh's Sherin Sultana 4-0.
- ✓ In the women's discus throw, Navjeet Dhillon grabbed the bronze with her final throw of 57.43m
- ✓ In women's freestyle 76kg wrestling event, Kiran bagged a bronze medal.
- ✓ Delhi-born Ankur Mittal claimed the bronze in men's double trap shooting event.
- ✓ Om Mitharval won bronze in the 50m men's pistol event and in the 10m men's air pistol event.
- ✓ India's Apurvi Chandela won bronze in the 10m women's air rifle event.

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- ✓ One more medal for weightlifting, Vikas Thakur added a shade of bronze to Indian weightlifters' golden run at the Commonwealth Games, claiming the third position in the 94kg category by equalling his personal best.
- ✓ Ravi Kumar settles for bronze in men's 10m air rifle event at 21st Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Teenager Deepak Lather from Haryana became the youngest Indian weightlifter to claim a Commonwealth Games medal, clinching a bronze in the men's 69kg category.
- ✓ Sachin Chaudhary did the country proud by bagging a bronze medal in the men's heavyweight category in para powerlifting of the XXI Commonwealth Games.

## 65<sup>th</sup> National Filmfare Awards 2018

Dada Saheb Phalke Award: Vinod Khanna

Best Director: Jayaraj for Bhayanakam (Malayalam)

Best Feature Film: Village Rockstars (Assamese)

Best Actor: Ridhhi Sen for Nagar Kirtan (Bengali)

Best Actress: Sridevi for Mom (Hindi)

Best Supporting Actor - Fahadh Faasil for Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum (Malayalam)

Best supporting actress - Divya Dutta for Irada (Hindi)

Best Action Direction: Baahubali 2 (Telugu)

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**Best Choreography: Ganesh Acharya for Toilet Ek Prem Katha**

**Best Film for National Integration - Dhappa (Marathi)**

**Best Popular Film: Baahubali 2 (Telugu)**

**Best Debut Film of a Director: Pampally for Sinjar (Jasari)**

**Best film on Social Issues: Aalorukkam (Malayalam)**

**Best Child artist: Bhanita Das for Village Rockstars (Assamese)**

**Best Children's Film: Mhorkya (Marathi)**

**Best Cinematography: Nikhil S Praveen for Bhayanakam (Malayalam)**

**Best Special Effects: Baahubali 2 (Telugu)**

**Special Jury Award: Nagar Kirtan (Bengali)**

**Best Film Critic: Giridhar Jha**

**Special Mention for Film Criticism: Sunil Mishra of Madhya Pradesh**

**Special Mention:**

**Mhorkya (Marathi)**

**Hello RC (Odiya)**

**Take Off (Malayalam)**

**Pankaj Tripathi for Newton (Hindi)**

**Malayalam actor Parvathy**



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**Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation: Irada (Hindi)**

**Best Regional films**

**Kaccha Limbu (Marathi)**

**Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum (Malayalam)**

**Newton (Hindi)**

**Mayurakshi (Bengali)**

**Ishu (Assamese)**

**To Let (Tamil)**

**Gazi (Telugu)**

**DHH (Gujarati)**

**Hebbettu Ramakka (Kannada)**

**Sinjar (Jasari)**

**Hello Arsi (Odiya)**

**Walking With The Wind (Ladakhi)**

**Paddayi (Tulu)**

**Music**

**Best Lyrics: Muthu Ratna for March 22 (Kannada)**

**Best Music Direction (Songs): A.R. Rahman for Kaatru Veliyidai (Tamil)**

**Best Music Direction (Background score): A.R. Rahman for Mom (Hindu)**

**Best Location Sound Recordist: Mallika Das, Village Rockstar (Assamese)**

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**Best Sound Design: Walking With The Wind (Ladakhi)**

**Best Female playback Singer- Shasha Tirupati for Vaan Varuvaan from Kaatru Veliyidai (Tamil)**

**Best Male Playback Singer: Yesudas for Poy Maranja Kalam from Viswasapoorva M Mansoor (Malayalam)**

**Production**

**Best Make Up artist- Ram Razak for Nagar Kirtan (Bengali)**

**Best Production Design: Santosh Rajan for Take off (Malayalam)**

**Best Editing: Reema Das for Village Rockstar (Assamese)**

**Best Costume: Gobinda Mandal for Nagar Kirtan (Bengali)**

**Screenplay**

**Best Original Screenplay: Sajeev Pazhoor for Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum (Malayalam)**

**Best Adapted Screenplay: Jairaj for Bhayankam (Malayalam)**

**Best Dialogues: Sambit Mohanty for Hello Arsi (Odiya)**