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- World Asthma Day was celebrated on May 1. This year's theme was 'Never too early, never too late. It's always the right time to address airways disease'.
- The Airports Council International (ACI) has projected India to be the second fastest growing country in the world for air passenger traffic.
- Indian shooter Shahzar Rizvi grabbed the number one spot in ISSF world rankings.
- Hockey India has appointed Harendra Singh as the Chief Coach for the Indian Men's Hockey Team.
- Asit Kumar Jana has taken over as the Chief Executive Officer, GAIL Gas Ltd.
- According to Global Urban Air Pollution database released by World Health Organisation (WHO), 14 Indian cities have figured in list of world's 20 most polluted cities in terms of particulate matter PM2.5 levels in 2016.
- Noted detective novelist Kottayam Pushpanath, who expanded the world of horror fiction in Malayalam literature, died in Kottayam. He was 80.
- Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, a 1983 batch officer of Indian Information Service, took over as the 27th Principal Spokesperson of the Government of India and Director General of Press Information Bureau in New Delhi.
- Former IAS officer Subhash Chandra Khuntia was appointed as the Chairman of Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- The 9th India Japan Energy Dialogue was held in New Delhi.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is conducting a two-day National Workshop on Data Requirements for Disaster Risk Reduction Database.
- Former President of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and ex-member of the Appeals committee of FIFA, P P Lakshmanan passed away recently. He was 83.
- Former Chief of the Indian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Idris Hassan Latif, died recently. He was 94.
- Eminent Marxist economist and politician, and former finance minister of West Bengal, Ashok Mitra died recently. He was 89.
- Union Cabinet approves Mutual Recognition Agreement between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.

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- India has been ranked 11th position in the FDI Confidence Index 2018 of global consultancy firm A T Kearney.
- Canadian Member of Parliament, Gord Brown has passed away recently. He was 57.
- India- South Africa Business Summit recently held in Johannesburg.
- Former Australian cricketer Justin Langer has been appointed as Australian cricket team's head coach for all three formats.
- According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's report, India is now the world's fifth biggest military spender.
- BMI has projected, India's economic growth to strengthen to 7.3 per cent in financial year 2018-19.
- Cabinet approves Doubling of Investment Limit for Senior Citizens from Rs. 7.5 lakh to Rs.15 lakh under Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY).
- Maharashtra has become the first state to provide digital signature land records receipt (also called 7/12 receipt).
- Indian-American Deepa Ambekar has been appointed as the interim judge to a US civil court of New York City.
- BJP MLA from Jayanagar assembly seat in Karnataka, BN Vijayakumar, has passed away. He was 59.
- According to Harvard University's Report, India's GDP growth rate is expected to 7.9 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- Shuttler Kidambi Srikanth has climbed to the third spot in the latest rankings released by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- Hockey India recommends Manpreet Singh for Arjuna Award.
- Noted Malayalam writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair has been selected for the ONV Literary Prize.
- China launched a new communication satellite "APSTAR-6C".
- 4th Regional Conference on 'Futuristic, Resilient and Digital Infrastructure' held in Bengaluru.
- Human Resource Development Ministry has launched an initiative of online professional development of 1.5 million higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM.
- NITI Aayog and IBM signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) to provide real time advisory to farmers in Aspirational Districts.
- 12th informal meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers held in Manila.
- California has surpassed the UK as world's 5th largest economy.

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- The Swedish Academy has postponed the 2018 Nobel Prize in the field of Literature, with the intention of awarding it in 2019.
- Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal has been appointed as the acting chief justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- Ashok Lahiri has been appointed as the full-time member of the 15th Finance Commission.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga has brought on board Survey of India, to facilitate the Ganga rejuvenation task by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology.
- Digital financial services provider MobiKwik and Ola have entered into a partnership that will enable MobiKwik users to book cabs and autos across 110 cities.
- Patanjali Ayurved Limited has been ranked as India's most trusted Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) brand in the TRA's Brand Trust Report 2018.
- Chhattisgarh government has decided to recruit transgender in the police force.
- India has been ranked Fourth in the Ernst & Young's "Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)".
- Veteran Marathi theatre director Dilip Kolhatkar has passed away recently. He was 71.
- Former journalist P. Subramanyam has passed away recently. He was 81.
- According to Asian Development Bank (ADB), India's GDP growth rate is expected to 7.3 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- Skill India has organize an Ajeevika and Kaushal Vikas Mela in Bhubaneswar.
- The Odisha government signed an MoU with Tata Trusts, to set up a state-of-the-art Cancer Treatment and Research Hospital in the state.
- Ramit Tandon has won the Abu Dhabi Open squash title.
- Veteran filmmaker Arjun Hingorani, died in Vrindavan, U.P. He was 92.
- Gagan Narang and Pooja Ghatkar have won the silver medal in 10m air rifle mixed team event in the Grand Prix of Liberation international shooting competition in Pilsen, Czech Republic.
- Naval Commander's conference to begin from today in New Delhi.
- China has won the the world table tennis team championships by defeating Germany.

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- Ahmedabad-based Infibeam Incorporation, India's first listed ecommerce player, is acquiring Snapdeal's wholly owned subsidiary Unicommerce.
- Veteran Marathi singer Arun Date has passed away recently. He was 84.
- NITI Aayog and Google have signed Statement of Intent (SOI) to help grow Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem in India.
- Subhash C. Khuntia has taken charge as Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Third edition of the United Nations Peacekeeping Course for African Partners (UNPCAP) has been started in New Delhi.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified the protocol amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and Kuwait.
- 15th Asia Media Summit (AMS) will be held in New Delhi.
- India and Guatemala have signed an agreement to boost cooperation in education sector.
- According to United Nation's report, India's GDP growth rate is expected to 7.2 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- India has been ranked fourth in the Lowy Institute's Asia Power Index.
- The Government of India signed a loan deal worth \$ 200 million with the World Bank for the National Nutrition Mission.
- According to Grant Thornton's International Business Report (IBR), India has been ranked sixth on the global optimism index in the first quarter of 2018.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been ranked ninth in the world's top 10 most powerful people of 2018 by Forbes magazine.
- According to International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Asia and Pacific Regional Economic Outlook report, India's GDP growth rate is expected to 7.4 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- Madhya Pradesh government has launched the country's first Integrated Control and Command Centre (ICCC) for all seven smart cities of the state in Bhopal.
- Carlos Alvarado has sworn in as the President of Costa Rica.
- Nikol Pashinyan has been elected as Prime Minister of Armenia.
- U.S. based Walmart has acquired 77% stake in Flipkart.
- According to International Renewable Energy Agency's (IRENA) Report, Renewable energy or green energy sector has created an estimated 1,64,000 jobs in India in 2017.

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- India and Panama have signed two agreements on the exemption of Visas for holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports and in the field of Agriculture.
- Indian Army has conducted 'Vijay Prahar' exercise in Suratgarh, Rajasthan.
- Kerala State Government has approved an amnesty-cum-rehabilitation scheme for Maoists.
- Telangana State government has launched the Rythu Bandhu scheme (Farmers' investment support scheme).
- NASA and Uber have signed an agreement to explore putting flying taxis in the skies over US cities.
- Former Test cricketer Rajinder Pal has passed away recently. He was 80.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has been ranked 13th among the top 50 Universities in the Times Higher Education Emerging Economies University Rankings 2018.
- Pawan Kumar Agarwal has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- Government has approved green license plates for e-vehicles.
- The Fifteenth Finance Commission has constituted an Advisory Council to advise and assist the Commission.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart KP Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated a direct bus service between Janakpur and Ayodhya to boost people to people contact.
- Dr. Mahathir Mohamad was sworn in as Prime Minister of Malaysia.
- Former Rajasthan Minister and senior Congress leader Ram Kishan Verma passed away. He was 77.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has inaugurated the state's biggest solar power plant.
- The 6th US-India Aviation Summit was inaugurated by Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu in Mumbai.
- Tourism Ministers' conference by Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was held in Wuhan, China.
- India's Uvena Fernandes has been selected to officiate as an assistant referee in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Munu Mahawar has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Oman.



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- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting will establish a dedicated web portal for promotion of Audio Visual Services in India.
- Dharmendra Pradhan, along with Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, UAE Minister of State and ADNOC Group CEO has witnessed the loading of first consignment of 2 million barrels of ADNOC crude for Mangalore Cavern.
- J P Nadda chaired a high level review meeting on Vector Borne diseases in Delhi.
- Customs and Postal Department hold First ever Joint Conference to deliberate on streamlining imports and exports by post.
- Indian tea industry has recorded the highest ever production as well as exports in FY 2017-18. The total tea production has recorded an increase of 74.56 million kgs as compared to 2016-17.
- US President Donald Trump's administration has cancelled NASA's Carbon Monitoring System (CMS).
- Scientists have discovered world's second oldest grain of magmatic zircon from Champua from Singhbhum rock sample in Odisha's Kendujhar district.
- China has Launched Gaofen-5 satellite to Monitor Air Pollution.
- According to the report 'RemitSCOPE - Remittance markets and opportunities - Asia and the Pacific', India was the largest remittance-receiving country in the world in 2017.
- Pakistan's famous hockey goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmed has passed away in Karachi. He was 49.
- Lata Mangeshkar was honoured with the Swara Mauli title by Shankarcharya Vidyanarsimha Bharati Swami.
- Nepal will host 2018 Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit.
- Former Karnataka Minister K.H. Hanume Gowda has died recently. He was 87.
- According to Nomura, India's GDP growth rate is expected to 7.7 per cent in January-March.
- Mercedes' British Driver Lewis Hamilton has won the Spanish Grand Prix title.
- Ankita Raina and Harriet Dart have won the ITF women's tennis tournament in Luan, China.
- Udit Gogoi has won the ITF Asian under-14 tennis championship in Bangkok, Thailand.

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- India has won the four-nation Under-16 Football Tournament held in Serbia.
- Heena Sidhu has won the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol at the International Shooting Competitions of Hannover (ISCH).
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred the Allahabad Bank from extending New loans.
- Noted Malayalam film-theatre actor Kalasala Babu has passed away recently. He was 68.
- Famous Hindi film songwriter, Nandram Das Bairagi, who is also known as Balkavi Bairagi, has passed away. He was 87.
- Roger Federer has become the world number one player in latest ATP rankings.
- Department of Telecom (DoT) has approved the merger of Telenor with Bharti Airtel.
- World Health Organization (WHO) has launched a 'REPLACE' comprehensive plan to eliminate industrially-produced artificial trans fats from the global food supply by 2023.
- Eminent physicist E.C.G. Sudarshan has passed away recently. He was 86.
- China's largest bank, the 'Industrial and Commercial Bank of China' (ICBC) has launched the country's first India-dedicated publicly offered investment fund.
- U.S India Business Council has appointed Ambika Sharma as its head for India.
- Shashank Manohar has been appointed as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the Second Term.
- China's largest bank, the 'Industrial and Commercial Bank of China' (ICBC) has launched the country's first India-dedicated publicly offered investment fund.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the 4th Global Exhibition on Services in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Tamil novelist Balakumaran has passed away recently. He was 71.
- Deutsche Bank has acquired Quantiguous Solutions, a Mumbai-based software company.
- Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty ₹ 50,000 on Universal Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd, Mancherial, Telangana with respect to violations on loans and advances.

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- The Union Cabinet has approved the MoU between India and Equatorial Guinea for Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine.
- 15th Meeting of SCO Cultural Ministers was held at Sanya, China.
- International Rail Coach Expo (IRCE) has been started in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Chennaiyin FC's head coach John Gregory has been honoured with a special achievement award by England's League Managers Association (LMA).
- Union Cabinet has approved setting up of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Deoghar, Jharkhand.
- Union Cabinet has given its approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the India and Swaziland on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine.
- BSE has become the first Indian exchange to be recognized as a designated offshore securities market (DOSM) by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
- Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- BS Yeddyurappa has taken oath as Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- Union Cabinet has approved the signing and ratification of Agreement between India and Brunei for the Exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection with respect to Taxes.
- The President of Badminton Association of India, Himanta Biswa Sarma was elected as the Vice-President of Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC).
- Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar was sworn-in as new Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.
- Indian football team has been ranked 97th in the latest FIFA rankings.
- Guwahati railway station becomes the Northeast's first station to run fully on solar energy.
- Uttam Pacharne is appointed as regular Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi.
- According to UN World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report, India's economy is projected to grow 7.6% in fiscal year 2018-19.
- Veteran Bollywood actor Sridevi was honoured with the TITAN Reginald F Lewis Film Icon Award at the Cannes Film Festival.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved an initial Corpus of Rs.5,000 crore for setting up of a dedicated "Micro Irrigation



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Fund” (MIF) with NABARD under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Suriname on cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration.
- C Raja Mohan has been appointed as director of the Institute of South Asian Studies, a think tank of the National University of Singapore.
- The US Senate has appointed Gina Haspel as the first female director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- 16-year-old Shivangi Pathak has become youngest women from India to scale Mt Everest from Nepal side.
- NITI Aayog, in association with Vision India Foundation, is organising the Venture Capital Symposium 2018 to deepen the economic relationships between France and India.
- NMDC Limited has won S&P Global PLATTS Global Metals Award 2018 in corporate social responsibility (CSR) category.
- The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology has decided to adopt the word ‘AYUSH’ in Hindi and English languages for scientific and technical purposes.
- Suresh Prabhu has recently launched the Intellectual Property (IP) mascot – IP Nani.
- Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yeddyurappa has resigned from the post.
- Amitabh Bachchan has been awarded for bring a bridge builder between India and Europe.
- Anil Kumar Jha has been appointed as the chairman-cum-managing director (CMD) of Coal India Limited.
- Union minister of state for Defence Subhash Ramrao Bhamre is on a three-day visit to Nauru.
- Hindustan Unilever Limited Non-Executive Chairman Harish Manwani has been appointed as an Independent Director of Tata Sons.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹5 crore on South Indian Bank (SIB).
- Leading NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul has received a lifetime achievement award for his contributions towards promoting brand India in the UK.
- Union Cabinet has given its approval to the MOU on Cooperation in the field of Medicinal Plants between India and Equatorial Guinea.

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- India's Jagriti Yatra has Won Asian Voice Charity Awards in London.
- First National Para Games will be held under the Khelo India Scheme in June-July 2018 in Bengaluru.
- According to the AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review, India is the sixth wealthiest country in the world with a total wealth of 8,230 billion US dollars.
- After Russia, China and US, India has decided to include Artificial Intelligence in its defence forces.
- Russia has launched 'Akademik Lomonosov', the world's first floating nuclear power plant.
- Rajinder Singh has been appointed as the president of Hockey India (HI).
- Nicolas Maduro has been elected as the president of Venezuela.
- The chairman of LG Group, Koo Bon-moo has passed away. He was 73.
- Noted Telugu writer Peddibhotla Subbaramaiah has passed away recently. He was 79.
- India has successfully test-fired the Indo-Russian joint venture BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.
- Rafael Nadal has defeated Alexander Zverev to win eighth Italian Open title.
- Rating agency ICRA expects GDP growth in January-March 2017-18 at 7.4 per cent.
- Indian-origin lawyer and politician Gobind Singh Deo became Malaysia's first minister from the Sikh community.
- First informal Summit between India and Russia was held in the city of Sochi.
- Veteran Writer, Novelist Yaddanapudi Sulochana Rani has passed away recently. She was 78.
- Veteran singer Asha Bhosle has been conferred with the Banga Bibhushan, highest civilian award of West Bengal.
- South Korea has won the 5th Women's Asian Champions Trophy.
- World Bank has approved a \$220 million (Rs 1,496 crore) loan and an \$80 million (Rs 544 crore) guarantee for the India Energy Efficiency Scale-Up Program.
- 22 May is celebrated as International Bio-diversity Day. The theme this year is, 'Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity'.
- HD Kumaraswamy has sworn-in as Chief Minister of Karnataka on 23rd May 2018.

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- Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Philip Roth died at the age of 85. Philip Roth has won the Pulitzer Prize for 1998's 'American Pastoral'.
- Polish novelist Olga Tokarczuk has won the Man Booker International Prize for her novel Flights. Tokarczuk is the first Polish author to have won the prestigious award.
- The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has promoted Stacey Cunningham to President, making her the first sole woman head of the 226-year-old exchange.
- Veteran film and theatre actor Dr. Hemu Adhikari has passed away recently. He was 81.
- Pravin L Agrawal has been appointed as part-time official director of State-run power equipment maker BHEL
- M Venkatesh has been appointed as the Managing Director of Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL).
- Noted Odia industrialist and founder of Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) Dr. Bansidhar Panda has passed away recently. He was 87.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) have joined hands to take up collaborative research on air navigation systems
- Tejaswini Sawant has won the Gold Medal in 50m rifle prone event in ISSF World Cup.
- AB de Villiers has announced retirement from all forms of International Cricket.
- Eminent Gujarati writer Vinod Bhatt has passed away recently. He was 80.
- Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte is on a two-day visit to India.
- Mahender Singh Kanyal has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Suriname.
- S. D. Moorthy has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the South Sudan.
- India has been ranked 44th in terms of competitiveness, in the annual rankings of International Institute for Management Development (IMD).
- According to World Health Organisation (WHO), Nepal has become the first country in south-east Asia to eliminate trachoma.
- Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII between India and Nepal will be conducted at Pithoragarh.

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- Union Cabinet has given its approval to the MOU between India & Denmark regarding cooperation in the areas of food safety.
- Anubrata Biswas has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Airtel Payments Bank.
- Pradeep Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to Mauritania.
- Saad Hariri has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Lebanon for Third Term.
- Thanglura Darlong has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Albania.
- Prakash Javadekar has launched the 'Samagra Shiksha' scheme for holistic development of school education.
- 5th India CLMV Business Conclave was held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- CSIR has bagged the Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018 in the Government Research Organizations Category.
- One of India's most decorated Generals, Lieutenant General Zorawar Chand Bakshi has passed away recently. He was 97.
- BJP leaders Ganeshi Lal and Kummanam Rajasekharan have been appointed as the Governors of Odisha and Mizoram, respectively.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first smart and green highway, the 'Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE)', built at a cost of Rs. 11,000 crore.
- The first edition of the World Wind Energy Summit will be held on September 25-28 this year in the German city of Hamburg.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the 2400MW first phase of NTPC's Patratu Super Thermal Power Project in Jharkhand.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has asked its field offices to credit 8.55 percent rate of interest for 2017-18, the lowest rate since 2012-13 fiscal, into the PF accounts of around 5 crore subscribers.
- Japan's Women Badminton team defeated host Thailand by 3-0 in the final to win the prestigious Uber Cup title for the first time since 1981.
- The Union Minister for Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad has inaugurated cloud enabled Data Centre at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) became the first company to achieve the market capitalisation of Rs 7 lakh crore.

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- According to Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India's GDP growth rate is expected to 7.3-7.7% in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- Real Madrid has won the UEFA Champions League Title by defeating Liverpool.
- Veteran actress Geeta Kapoor has passed away recently. She was 57.
- Telangana government has launched a scheme to provide life insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh per farmer in the state.
- Mia Mottley has been elected as the first female Prime Minister of Barbados.
- Former US astronaut Alan Bean has passed away recently. He was 86.
- 9th edition of 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' under the Ministry of Culture, was held in Tehri, Uttarakhand.
- Sudha Balakrishnan, has been appointed the first chief financial officer (CFO) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The BCCI and UN Environment have signed an agreement to promote 'green' Cricket in India.
- Telangana government has enhanced the retirement age limit for teaching professors of state health department from 58 to 65.
- Telugu actor and producer Madala Ranga Rao has passed away recently. He was 71.
- China has won the Thomas Cup by defeating Japan.
- Chennai Super Kings beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by eight wickets to lift their third IPL title.
- Red Bull's Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo has won the Monaco Grand Prix title.
- National Informatics Center (NIC) has launched its fourth data center in Bhubaneswar.
- 4th International Yoga Day celebrations will be held at Dehradun in Uttarakhand.
- Kamaljit S. Bawa has won the prestigious Linnean Medal in Botany from the Linnean Society of London.
- Defense Secretary Sanjay Mitra has been given additional charge as Chief of the Defense Research and Development Organisation.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) has rolled out the 'Gaj Yatra' from Tura.
- Former world record-holder and Olympic medallist Dick Quax has passed away recently. He was 70.



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- 108th session of UNWTO Executive Council was held in San Sebastian, Spain.
- Colombia has formally joined North Atlantic Treaty Organization as global partner.
- Virat Kohli has been named as the International Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Rating awards Ceremony.
- R. K. Singh has launched PRAAPTI App and Web portal for bringing transparency in electricity payments to Generators.
- Pankaj Saran has been appointed as deputy National Security Advisor.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development has signed a MOU with Government of Uttar Pradesh for management of Home of Widows at Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan.
- Senior sports journalist Sathish Paul has passed away recently. He was 52.
- India has signed Loan Agreement with the World Bank for USD 21.7 Million for Strengthening the Public Financial Management in Rajasthan Project.
- United Nations Environment Programme has recognized Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) as the world's first fully solar energy-powered airport.
- Bengal's Chau mask has acquired GI tag.
- HDFC Bank's managing director Aditya Puri has been figured in the top 30 global CEOs list published by Barron's.
- Tata Motors signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maharashtra Government to promote e-mobility in the State.
- According to Moody's, India's Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate is expected to 7.3 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.
- World No Tobacco Day was celebrated on 31 May. This year's focus was 'Tobacco and Heart Disease'.
- Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Pandurang Fundkar has passed away. He was 67.
- India will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific, RIMPAC military exercise from June 27 to August 2.
- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru has made it to the list of top 100 in the Times Higher Education (THE) World Reputation Rankings 2018.
- International Conference on the TRIPS CBD Linkage will be held from 7-8 June 2018 in Geneva.

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- S. C. Sharma has been appointed as the Director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).
- Legendary discus thrower Vikas Gowda has announced the retirement from athletics.

**Here is the complete list of IPL Award Winners.**

**Champion: Chennai Super Kings  
Runner up: Sunrisers Hyderabad**

**Man of the Match: Shane Watson (CSK)- 117 runs in 55 balls**

**Purple Cap: Andrew Tye (Kings XI Punjab)- 24 Wickets  
Orange Cap: Kane Williamson (Sunrisers Hyderabad)- 735 Runs**

**Emerging player: Risabh Pant (Delhi Daredevils)  
Fair play award: Mumbai Indians**

**Best catch: Trent Boult (Delhi Daredevils)  
Super striker: Sunil Narine (Kolkata Night Riders)**

**Stylish player: Risabh Pant (Delhi Daredevils)  
Innovative thinking: MS Dhoni (Chennai Super Kings)  
Most valuable player: Sunil Narine (Kolkata Night Riders)**

## **CEAT Cricket Awards 2018**

**Virat Kohli- CEAT International Cricketer of the Year**

**Shikhar Dhawan- CEAT International Batsman of the Year**

**Trent Boult- CEAT International Bowler of the Year**

**Rashid Khan- CEAT T20 Bowler of the Year**

**Colin Munro- CEAT T20 Batsman of the Year**

**Harmanpreet Kaur- CEAT Outstanding Innings of the Year**

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Mayank Agarwal- CEAT Domestic Player of The Year –

Shubhman Gill- CEAT U 19 Player of The Year

Chris Gayle- CEAT Popular Choice Award

Farokh Engineer- CEAT Lifetime Achievement Award

## UEFA Champions League 2018 Final

The UEFA Champions League is an annual continental club football competition organised by the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA). Real Madrid completed their third straight UEFA Champions League triumph with a 3-1 defeat of Liverpool. Champions League Final 2018 was played in Olimpiyskiy National Sports Complex, Kyiv. Kiev or Kyiv is the capital and largest city of Ukraine. Ukraine is a large country in Eastern Europe. Petro Poroshenko is the president of Ukraine. Ukrainian hryvnia is the currency of Ukraine. Gareth Bale scored twice off the bench as Real Madrid beat Liverpool 3-1 in Kyiv to become European champions for the 13th time. Zinedine Zidane is the coach of Real Madrid. Aleksander Ceferin is the President of UEFA. Gareth Bale won Man of the Match award.