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- ❑ Deepak Parekh was re-appointed as a Non-Executive Director on the board of the country's largest mortgage lender HDFC.
- ❑ Bharti Airtel partners Razorpay for UPI payments.
- ❑ Akshay Venkatesh, a renowned Indian-Australian mathematician, is one of four winners of mathematics' prestigious Fields medal, known as the Nobel prize for math. The Fields medals are awarded every four years to the most promising mathematicians under the age of 40.
- ❑ State-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd today said C B Ananthakrishnan has assumed charge as Director (Finance) of the company.
- ❑ Food ordering and delivery firm Swiggy has acquired Mumbai-based on-demand delivery platform Scootsy.
- ❑ Apple becomes 1st trillion-dollar company.
- ❑ Arvind Kumar, writer of Hindi Samantar Kosh and famous journalist has been awarded with the 'Hindi Ratna' award. The Hindi Bhavan organises Hindi Ratna award ceremony every year in the memory of the noted journalist Pandit Bhimsen Vidyaalankar.
- ❑ Indian-origin US astronaut Sunita Williams is among the nine astronauts named by NASA who will fly the first missions into space on commercially provided rockets and capsules, starting next year.
- ❑ India has been elected as the President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for a period of two years.
- ❑ Justice Geeta Mittal was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, becoming the first woman judge in the history to head it.
- ❑ Eleider Alvarez knocked out Sergey Kovalev in the seventh round with a stunning upset victory to capture the World Boxing Organization light heavyweight title.

- ❑ Escorts group Chairman Rajan Nanda passed away. Nikhil Nanda Appointed As Chairman And MD of Escorts.
- ❑ Jean Henry Ceant nominated as Haiti's next PM. Capital of Haiti- Port-au-Prince, Currency of Haiti- Haitian gourde
- ❑ Bharti Airtel and Telecom Egypt announced a strategic partnership through which the Indian firm will get the right to use sub-marine cable networks.
- ❑ Anita Kumar became the first Indian-American to be elected to the board of the White House Correspondents Association (WHCA).
- ❑ The Indian women's hockey team, which reached the quarter-finals in the World Cup held in London, has climbed one place to reach ninth rank in the latest rankings of FIH .
- ❑ Former Tamil Nadu chief minister M Karunanidhi has passed away. He was 94.
- ❑ Non-banking financial company Home Credit India Finance has appointed Ondrej Kubik as its new chief executive officer.
- ❑ Public sector non-life insurance firm United India Insurance Company announced the appointment of S Gopakumar as its Director and General Manager with immediate effect.
- ❑ US President Donald Trump has nominated a prominent Indian-American law professor and legal expert Aditya Bamzai to an agency on privacy and civil liberties.
- ❑ The Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve, one of the highest ecosystems in the world, has been added to UNESCO's list of World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WNBR).
- ❑ Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu launches Mobile App Niryat Mitra. It provides wide range of information required to undertake international trade right from the policy provisions for export and import, applicable GST rate, available export incentives, tariff, preferential tariff, market access requirements.

- ❑ Indian-American high school student Avi Goel has won the world championship at the International Geography Bee's junior varsity division held in Berlin, Germany.
- ❑ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres nominated Chile's twice-serving president and prominent women's rights advocate Michelle Bachelet to be the global body's next human rights chief.
- ❑ Digital payments major Paytm has acquired Bengaluru-based savings management startup, Balance Technology.
- ❑ NCW member Rekha Sharma has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Women.
- ❑ NDA candidate and JD(U) member Harivansh Narayan Singh has been elected as deputy chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- ❑ President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated 'One District One Product' Summit organised by the Uttar Pradesh government to promote traditional industries in every district of the state. Tagline- Nayi Udaan, Nayi Pehchan.
- ❑ Gopalkrishna Gandhi has been chosen for the 24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award. Gopalkrishna Gandhi is a former governor of West Bengal.
- ❑ Dustin Johnson won the 2018 RBC Canadian Open Golf Title at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville in Canada. He is currently in world number one position.
- ❑ Rajasthan has become the first State in the country to implement the national policy on biofuels.

President Gives Away Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards.

Winners of the award are listed below:

1. Dr Najma Heptullah (for year 2013),
2. Hukum Dev Narayan (for year 2014),
3. Ghulam Nabi Azad (for year 2015),
4. Dinesh Trivedi (for year 2016),
5. Bhartruhari Mahtab (for year 2017).

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana Achieves 5 Core Mark.

The iconic Mughalsarai Railway Junction in Uttar Pradesh has been renamed as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction Railway station.

Japan Pips China To Become World's 2nd Largest Stock Market.

PepsiCo's Indra Nooyi To Step Down As CEO. She will be succeeded by company President Ramon Laguarta, who has held the post since 2017. She will remain chairman till 2019.

In Women's Hockey World Cup 2018, the Netherlands has been crowned the world champions for a record eighth time.

The world's first-ever thermal battery plant was unveiled in Andhra Pradesh by the state's Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. Manufactured by the Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST).

Exercise 'Maitree' is a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and Royal Thai Army which is running on in Thailand.

Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar and Tourism Minister Manohar Ajgaonkar flagged off the Goa Tourism Development Corporation's app-based taxi service called 'GOAMILES' in Panaji.

Google has launched a new video-based Q&A app called 'Cameos'.

Ivan Duque was sworn in as the newly elected President of Colombia.

- ❑ Veteran German striker Mario Gomez announced his retirement from international football.
- ❑ Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will be the flag bearer for the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the Asian Games 2018. The 2018 Asian Games, officially known as the 18th Asian Games and also known as Jakarta Palembang 2018, is a pan-Asian multi-sport event scheduled to be held from 18 August to 2 September 2018 in the Indonesian cities of Jakarta and Palembang.
- ❑ The Indian women chess team at the Asian Nations Cup 2018 clinched the gold in the Blitz event held in Iran. It's India's first gold-medal finish at the event since 2014.
- ❑ World Junior Squash Championships 2018 was held in Chennai, India.

List of Winners:

S.No.	Event	Winner	Runner-up
1.	Men's Individual	Mostafa Asal (Egypt)	Marwan Tarek (Egypt)
2.	Women's Individual	Rowan Elaraby (Egypt)	Hania El Hammamy(Egypt)
3.	Men's Team	Egypt	England

The 2018 BWF World Championships is a badminton tournament which was held at Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Sports Park Arena in Nanjing, China.

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1.	Men's Singles	Kento Momota (Japan)	Shi Yuqi (China)
2.	Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	P. V. Sindhu (India)
3.	Men's Doubles	Li Junhui (China) and Liu Yuchen (China)	Takeshi Kamura (Japan) and Keigo Sonoda (Japan)
4.	Women's Doubles	Mayu Matsumoto (Japan) and Wakana Nagahara (Japan)	Yuki Fukushima (Japan) and Sayaka Hirota (Japan)
5.	Mixed Doubles	Zheng Siwei (China) and Huang Yaqiong (China)	Wang Yilü (China) and Huang Dongping (China)

- Justice Rajendra Menon was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.
- Justice Anirudh Bose took oath as the 12th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.
- Justice M R Shah took oath as new Chief Justice of the Patna High Court.
- Senior bureaucrat Ashish Kumar Bhutani has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
- Akshay Kumar has been appointed as the Road Safety Brand Ambassador.
- Axis bank has become the first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar -based transactions through its micro ATM tablets.
- Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 has begun in Birgunj, Nepal.
- International Youth Day is observed on 12th August 2018. The Theme for IYD 2018 is: "Safe space for Youth".
- Smt. Justice Manjula Chellur took Oath as Chairperson, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, Ministry of Power. Prior to this, Smt. Justice Manjula Chellur was Chief Justice of Bombay High Court. She was the first woman Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.
- India will launch its second lunar mission "Chandrayaan-2" on January 3, 2019.
- Dr K Sivan is Chairman of ISRO.
- ISRO stands for Indian Space Research Organization.
- Headquarters of ISRO- Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) blasted off a \$1.5 billion spacecraft toward the Sun.

- ❑ Former Lok Sabha speaker Somnath Chatterjee passed away.
- ❑ VS Naipaul: Nobel Prize Winner Dies At 85.
- ❑ Former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has passed away aged 93 in Delhi. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was three times Prime Minister of India. First Term: May 1996, Second Term: 1998-1999 and Third Term: 1999-2004.
- ❑ Former India cricket captain Ajit Wadekar passed away.
- ❑ Colorado Party's Mario Abdo Benitez was sworn in as the new President of Paraguay for a five-year term.
- ❑ Ibrahim Boubacar Keita Re-Elected Mali President. IAS officer K S Srinivas has taken over as Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).
- ❑ Three US scientists James Allison, Carl June and Steven Rosenberg were declared winners 2018 Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research. They were awarded in recognition of their research in immunology. It is United States' second-highest value prize in medicine and biomedical research, awarded by the Albany Medical Center.
- ❑ The World Humanitarian Day is observed across the world on August 19 to pay tribute to workers who risk their lives in humanitarian services and to gather support for people affected by crises around the world. The campaign launched on World Humanitarian Day is "#NotATarget".
- ❑ Cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan took oath as Pakistan's new prime minister.

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- ❑ Former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has passed away at the age of 80. Annan, who was the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, served at the UN from 1997 to 2006. Annan was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- ❑ India successfully flight tested the indigenously developed helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' from Pokhran in Rajasthan.
- ❑ S K Arora Awarded WHO World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award. It is awarded every year by WHO to individuals or organisations alike in each of six WHO regions for their accomplishments in the area of tobacco control.
- ❑ The United States government has awarded the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to General Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retired), of the Indian Army, for exceptionally meritorious service as chief of the Army staff, Indian Army.
- ❑ Mitchell Johnson Announces Retirement From All Forms of Cricket.
- ❑ This year's Asian Games, also known as Jakarta Palembang 2018, has started from 18th August to 02nd September in the Indonesian cities of Jakarta and Palembang. It is the second time when Jakarta is hosting the sports games after 1962. A total of 572 Indian athletes will be participating in the event in 36 different sports categories. Neeraj Chopra, the first-ever Indian to win gold in javelin throw at Commonwealth Games has been chosen as flag bearer.

Roger Cup Winners

- **Men's Singles** : Spain Rafael Nadal
- **Women's Singles** : Romania Simona Halep
- **Men's Doubles** : Henri Kontinen (Finland) / John Peers (Australia)
- **Women's Doubles** : Ashleigh Barty (Australia) / Demi Schuurs (Netherlands)

President Ram Nath Kovind appointed seven new Governors on 21st August 2018.

1- Shri Lalji Tandon (Bihar)

2- Shri Satyadev Narayan Arya (Haryana)

3- Shri Satya Pal Malik (Jammu & Kashmir) {Former- Bihar Governor}

4- Shri Tathagata Roy (Meghalaya) {Former Governor of Tripura}

5- Shri Ganga Prasad (Sikkim) {Former Governor of Meghalaya}

6- Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki (Tripura) {Former Governor of Haryana}

7- Baby Rani Maurya (Uttarakhand)

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- ❑ Vinesh Phogat has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Asian Games.
- ❑ Rahi Sarnobat became the first Indian woman shooter to win an Asian Games gold medal.
- ❑ Neeraj Chopra has become the first Indian Javelin-thrower to win a Gold Medal in Asian Games.
- ❑ Arpinder Singh clinched India's first men's triple jump gold in 48 years in the Asian Games.
- ❑ Swapna Barman became the first Indian to win a gold medal in Women's Heptathlon in 2018 Asian Games.

Asian Games as on 1 September 2018

India- 13 Gold, 23 Silver, 29 Bronze= 65

Jinson Johnson- Athletics (Men's 1500m)

India Women's Team- Athletics (Women's 4X400m Relay)

Arpinder Singh- Athletics (Men's Triple jump)

Swapna Barman- Athletics (Women's Heptathlon)

Manjit Singh- Athletics (Men's 800m)

Neeraj Chpra- Athletics (Men's Javelin throw)

Tajinderpal Singh Toor- Athletics (Men's Shot put)

Rohan Bopanna/Divij Sharan- Tennis (Men's Doubles)

India Men's team- Rowing (Men's Quadruple sculls)

Rahi Jeevan Sarnobat- Shooting (Women's 25m Pistol)

Saurabh Chaudhary- Shooting (Men's 10m Air Pistol)

Vinesh Phogat- Wrestling (Women's Freestyle 50 kg)

Bajrang Punia- Wrestling (Men's Freestyle 65 kg)

- ❑ Mukesh Ambani's telecom unit Reliance Jio has been ranked as the top company globally on Fortune's 'Change the World' list.
- ❑ Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award on the occasion of 74th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- ❑ S. K. Arora has been awarded the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control.
- ❑ Chhattisgarh Government has decided to re-name state's new capital Naya Raipur as "Atal Nagar" in memory of late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ❑ Uttar Pradesh Government has decided to name the Bundelkhand Expressway as 'Atal Path'.
- ❑ A Book on former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, titled "Atal Ji Ne Kaha" has been authored by Brijendra Rehi.
- ❑ Industry chamber Assocham has appointed former bureaucrat Uday Kumar Varma as its new Secretary General. He will succeed DS Rawat.
- ❑ According to Forbes magazine, Akshay Kumar has emerged as the seventh highest-paid actor in the world. This list is topped by Hollywood star George Clooney.
- ❑ President Ramnath Kovind has re-appointed Arun Jaitley as the Finance Minister after recovering from kidney related illness.

- ❑ **Australia's Finance Minister Scott Morrison has been elected as the new Prime Minister of the country. He will replace Malcolm Turnbull.**
- ❑ **Emmerson Mnangagwa took oath as President of Zimbabwe.**
- ❑ **G. Satheesh Reddy has been appointed as the Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**
- ❑ **Reliance Industries (RIL) became the first Indian company to cross the Rs 8 lakh crore market capitalisation mark.**
- ❑ **Fourth Bimstec Summit will be held at Kathmandu in Nepal.**
- ❑ **Country's first interstate transmission system (ISTS) has commissioned in Bhuj. The capacity of this project is 126 MW.**
- ❑ **Global investment bank Goldman Sachs has appointed Prachi Mishra as the managing director and chief India economist.**
- ❑ **UN Secretary General António Guterres has appointed veteran Indian development economist and UN official Satya S Tripathi as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**
- ❑ **Japan has won the 2018 FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup in Vannes, France.**