

September 2018 Current Affairs

- ❑ Prime Minister Launches India Post Payments Bank. Suresh Kumar Sethi is the Managing Director & CEO of IPPB. The list of active Payments Bank are:
- ❑ Aditya Birla Payments Bank, Airtel Payments Bank, India Post Payments Bank, Fino Payments Bank Jio Payments Bank, Paytm Payments Bank
- ❑ Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the Fourth International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC) at the Netherlands.
- ❑ Binoy Kumar has taken over as Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India.
- ❑ WPP Plc, the world's largest communication services group, announced the appointment of Mark Read as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Director (ED).
- ❑ Japanese swimmer Ikee Rikako has been named as the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the recently-concluded 18th edition of the Asian Games. The 18-year-old, who bagged six gold and two silver medals in the tournament, became the first female athlete to win the MVP title.
- ❑ International Aviation Summit Held in New Delhi. Alexandre de Juniac is a French businessman, previously served as the Chairman and CEO of Air France and later as CEO of Air France–KLM. He is the current Director General and CEO of the International Air Transport Association.
- ❑ The International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018 held in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The theme of the event is "Equality begins with Economic Empowerment".

- ❑ **India-Sri Lanka Joint Navy Exercise SLINEX-2018 Begins in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Currency: Sri Lankan rupee, President: Maithripala Sirisena.**
- ❑ **Indo-Kazakhstan Joint military Exercise 'KAZIND' will be conducted between the Indian and Kazakhstan Army from 10 to 23 Sep 2018 in Otar region, Kazakhstan. This is the third joint military exercise between the two countries.**
- ❑ **Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2018 is scheduled to be conducted in the foothills of Himalayas at Chaubattia in Uttarakhand from 16 September to 29 September 2018. This will be the 14th edition of the joint military exercise hosted alternately by both countries.**
- ❑ **Indo-Mongolia jointmilitary exercise Nomadic Elephant-2018, commenced at Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**
- ❑ **Russia has launched its biggest military exercise since the Cold War named "Vostok-2018". The last Russian exercise of similar scale was in 1981, during the Cold War.**

- ❑ Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi was elected as the 13th President of Pakistan.
- ❑ Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh unanimously re-elected as Regional Director of WHO South Asia.
- ❑ State-run telecom firm Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) roped in Indian boxer MC Mary Kom as its brand ambassador for two years.
- ❑ Prime Minister Modi inaugurated India's first Global Mobility summit 'MOVE' in New Delhi.
- ❑ The three-day World Hindu Congress commenced in Chicago, the USA. The theme of World Hindu Congress is 'think collectively, achieve valiantly'.
- ❑ State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed Anshula Kant as Managing Director of the Bank. She has been appointed to the post for 2 years.
- ❑ Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric has been named UEFA Men's Player of the Year for 2017/18. Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid & Portugal) was the UEFA Men's Player of the Year for 2016/17.

- ❑ Axis Bank announced that Amitabh Chaudhry has been appointed as its managing director & CEO from January 1, 2019, for a period of three years.
- ❑ Jack Ma, co-founder of China's largest e-commerce firm Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, will step down as chairman in exactly one year on Sept 10, 2019. Current Alibaba Chief Executive Daniel Zhang will replace him as chairman.
- ❑ India Blue thrashed defending champion India Red by an innings and 187 runs in the final to win the 57th Duleep Trophy at NPR College ground, in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.
- ❑ India's ace sprinter Hima Das was appointed as Sports Ambassador of Assam.
- ❑ Justice Om Prakash Mishra has been sworn in as new Chief Justice of Nepal.
- ❑ HDFC Life appointed Vibha Padalkar as its new managing director and CEO.
- ❑ After launching the world's largest mobile phone-manufacturing factory in Noida in July 2018, Samsung has now opened its biggest experience centre in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

US Open 2018

Title	Winner	Runner up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Juan Martín del Potro (Argentina)
Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Serena Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Mike Bryan (USA) Jack Sock (USA)	Łukasz Kubot (Poland) Marcelo Melo (Brazil)
Women's Doubles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia) CoCo Vandeweghe (USA)	Tímea Babos (Hungary) Kristina Mladenovic (France)
Mixed Doubles	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) Jamie Murray (United Kingdom)	Alicja Rosolska (Poland) Nikola Mektić (Croatia)

- ❑ Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi launched the country's first "National Scholarship Portal Mobile App" (NSP Mobile App) in New Delhi.
- ❑ Hindi Divas was celebrated on 14 September 2018. The first Hindi day was celebrated on- 14th September 1953
- ❑ The President of India has appointed Justice Ranjan Gogoi as the next Chief Justice of India. He will assume the office of Chief Justice on 3rd October 2018 after the retirement of the current Chief Justice, Justice Dipak Misra. Mr Gogoi is the 46th Chief Justice of India.
- ❑ The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, launched the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Movement.
- ❑ The International Day of Democracy is observed globally on 15th September. The theme for IDD is 'Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World'.
- ❑ Former Indian Hockey Captain Sardar Singh Announces Retirement.
- ❑ Indigenously developed weapon system Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM), was successfully flight tested for the second time from the Ahmednagar range, Maharashtra.
- ❑ India Gets Its 1st Ever Dedicated Dog Park in Hyderabad.
- ❑ The second edition of Nepal-China joint military exercise (JME) named Mt Everest Friendship Exercise-2018 (Sagarmatha Friendship-2018) commenced in China's southwestern Sichuan province.

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- ❑ International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on 16th September throughout the world. The theme for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2018 was 'Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol'.
- ❑ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched PSLV C 42 with two British earth observation satellites NovaSAR and S1-4 in precision from the Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ State Bank of India announced that Prashant Kumar has taken charge as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Bank. Before Kumar, Anshula Kant, who has been promoted as Managing Director of SBI, was the CFO.
- ❑ Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become Sudan's new Prime Minister.
- ❑ Indian five-time world boxing champion M C Mary Kom clinched her third gold medal of the year in 48 kg category in Silesian Open boxing Tournament for women in Gliwice, Poland.
- ❑ Maldives have lifted the 2018 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup.
- ❑ The Union Minister for Railways and Coal, Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 'first ever' India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018) in New Delhi.
- ❑ The government has proposed amalgamation of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, and Dena Bank to create India's 3rd largest globally competitive Bank.
- ❑ Germany has rolled out the world's first hydrogen-powered train.
- ❑ Tajinder Mukherjee has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of National Insurance Company Limited (NICL).

- ❑ Varun Dhawan, Anushka Sharma Signed As Ambassadors of Skill India Campaign. (Complete Brand Ambassadors List)- [See Description](#)
- ❑ Chairman and MD, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Dr Raghupati Singhanian has been conferred with 'Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle', the highest honour accorded to non-nationals by the Government of Mexico.
- ❑ The Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Limited, India's largest telecom operator, approved the merger of the Vodafone Idea Limited with the Aditya Birla Telecom Limited (ABTL), the parent company of Idea Cellular.
- ❑ The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) confirmed that Hangzhou in China will host the fourth edition of Asian Para Games in 2022.
- ❑ Lewis Hamilton Wins Singapore Grand Prix 2018.
- ❑ India's first woman IAS officer after Independence, Anna Rajam Malhotra, who served in the Madras State under then Chief Minister C. Rajagopalachari and at the Central government, died in Mumbai.
- ❑ Renowned scientist Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas has been appointed the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr Vyas, who is at present Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), has been appointed in place of Shekhar Basu.
- ❑ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested the indigenously developed surface-to-surface tactical missile 'Prahar', from Launch Complex-III, ITR, Balasore, Odisha.

- ❑ Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang Has Passed Away.
- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana from Ranchi, Jharkhand. Under this scheme, over 10 crore families will be provided health assurance worth five lakh rupees each, every year.
- ❑ Opposition leader Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won the Maldives' presidential election, a surprise defeat for President Abdulla Yameen. Results released by the Elections Commission showed Solih had secured 58.3% of the popular vote.
- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a new airport at Jharsuguda, which will attract investors to the mineral-rich area.
- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pakyong Airport in Sikkim on September 24, nine years after the foundation stone was laid. The airport is the hilly state's first and only airport. Currently, the nearest airport for the people of Sikkim is 124 kilometre (km) away in Bagdogra, West Bengal.
- ❑ Former BCCI President Biswanath Dutt Passes Away.
- ❑ Technology giant Google has appointed its privacy lawyer, Keith Enright, as Chief Privacy Officer.
- ❑ Croatia's Luka Modric Won FIFA's Best Player Of The Year Award.

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- ❑ Nepal is set to become the first country in the world to double its tiger population as part of the World Wildlife Foundation's (WWF) 'Tx2' programme which aims to double the number of tigers all over the world.
- ❑ The government of Nepal announced on September 23, 2018, on the occasion of National Conservation Day, that there are now an estimated 235 wild tigers in the nation, nearly double the number (235) from around 121 in 2009.
- ❑ The Indian Air Force successfully test fired the indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile Astra from a Su-30 aircraft. The missile, tested at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station,
- ❑ World Tourism Day is observed every year globally on 27th September. "Tourism and the Digital Transformation" is the theme of this year's World Tourism Day (WTD). Hungary is the host country for this year's WTD.
- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been awarded with the UN's highest environmental honour.
- ❑ The Union Minister for Tourism (IC), Mr. K.J. Alphons launched the 'Incredible India Mobile App' and the "Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification" programme. The Minister announced that India will be the host country for official World Tourism Day celebrations for the UNWTO, in 2019. The theme for the World Tourism Day 2018 being "Tourism & Digital Transformation".
- ❑ In Madhya Pradesh, the first corn festival of the country is being held in Chhindwara. The festival is one of a kind international event. Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest corn producing states in India, with Chhindwara being the highest corn producing district.

- ❑ India Defeats Bangladesh To Win 7th Asia Cup Title. Overall, this was India's seventh Asia Cup triumph. Liton Das was the Player Of The Match and Shikhar Dhawan was declared as the Player Of The Series.
- ❑ 14th edition of the joint Indo-US military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' held at Chaubatia in Uttarakhand.
- ❑ Vikram Malhotra has won the Aspin Cup Squash Tournament 2018.
- ❑ N. Ravi has been elected Chairman of the Press Trust of India (PTI).
- ❑ Hockey player Lilima Minz has been selected for the prestigious Eklavya Puraskar, 2018.
- ❑ Lewis Hamiltonj won Russian Grand Prix 2018. (Complete Winners List)- [See Description](#)

Emmy Awards 2018

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	Best Comedy	The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel
2.	Best Drama	Game of Thrones
3.	Best Actress, Comedy	Rachel Brosnahan, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
4.	Best Actor, Comedy	Bill Hader, "Barry"
5.	Best Actress, Drama	Claire Foy, "The Crown"
6.	Best Actor, Drama	Matthew Rhys, "The Americans"
7.	Best Actress, Limited Series or TV Movie	Regina King, "Seven Seconds"
8.	Best Actor, Limited Series or TV Movie	Darren Criss, "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story"
9.	Writing for a Comedy Series	Amy Sherman-Palladino, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" ("Pilot")
10.	Writing for a Drama Series	Joel Fields and Joe Weisberg, "The Americans" ("Start")
11.	Writing for a Limited Series, Movie or Drama	William Bridges and Charlie Brooker, "Black Mirror: USS Callister"
12.	Directing for a Comedy Series	Amy Sherman-Palladino, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" ("Pilot")
13.	Directing for a Drama Series	Stephen Daldry, "The Crown" ("Paterfamilias")
14.	Directing for a Limited Series	Ryan Murphy, "The Assassination Of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story"

Here is the Complete List of Winners of JAPAN OPEN 2018 (along with their respective countries):

Sl. No.	Event	Winner	Runner-up
1.	Men's Singles	Kento Momota (Japan)	Khosit Phetpradab (Thailand)
2.	Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
3.	Men's Doubles	Marcus Fernaldi Gideon, Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)	Junhui Li, Yuchen Liu (China)
4.	Women's Doubles	Yuki Fukushima, Sayaka Hirota (Japan)	Qingchen Chen, Yifan Jia (China)
5.	Mixed Doubles	Zheng Siwei, Huang Yaqiong (China)	Yilyu Wang, Dongping Huang (China)

In Badminton, Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting beat Japan's Kento Momota to take the Men's singles China Open title in Changzhou. Spain's Carolina Marin beat China's Chen Yufei to take the women's singles title.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2018		
S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Ms. S. Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting
2.	Shri Virat Kohli	Cricket
Dronacharya Awards 2018		
S. No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa	Boxing
2.	Shri Vijay Sharma	Weightlifting
3.	Shri A. Srinivasa Rao	Table Tennis
4.	Shri Sukhdev Singh Pannu	Athletics
5.	Shri Clarence Lobo	Hockey (Life Time)
6.	Shri Tarak Sinha	Cricket (Life Time)
7.	Shri Jiwan Kumar Sharma	Judo (Life Time)
8.	Shri V.R. Beedu	Athletics (Life Time)
Arjuna Awards 2018		
S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
2.	Naib Subedar Jinson Johnson	Athletics
3.	Ms. Hima Das	Athletics
4.	Ms. Nelakurthi Sikki Reddy	Badminton
5.	Subedar Satish Kumar	Boxing
6.	Ms. Smriti Mandhana	Cricket
7.	Shri Shubhankar Sharma	Golf
8.	Shri Manpreet Singh	Hockey
9.	Ms. Savita	Hockey
10.	Col. Ravi Rathore	Polo
11.	Ms. Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting
12.	Shri Ankur Mittal	Shooting
13.	Ms. Shreyasi Singh	Shooting
14.	Ms. Manika Batra	Table Tennis
15.	Shri G. Sathiyar	Table Tennis
16.	Shri Rohan Bopanna	Tennis
17.	Shri Sumit	Wrestling
18.	Ms. Pooja Kadian	Wushu
19.	Shri Ankur Dhama	Para-Athletics
20.	Shri Manoj Sarkar	Para-Badminton
Dhyan Chand Award 2018		
S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Satyadev Prasad	Archery
2.	Shri Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
3.	Ms. Bobby Aloysius	Athletics
4.	Shri Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling
Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2018		
S. No.	Category	Name of the entity
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	JSW Sports
3.	Sports for Development	Isha Outreach
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2017-18		
1.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	