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NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

| Name the eminent Gujarati poet who was chosen for the 2017 Saraswati Samman, awarded by KK Birla Foundation? He was given the prestigious award for his poetry collection 'Vakhar'. | Sitanshu Yashaschandra |
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| Who is India's longest serving Chief Minister of India? He became the chief minister of Sikkim on December 12, 1994 and | Pawan Kumar Chamling |
| recently completed 25 years of uninterrupted service in office. Name the northeastern state from which the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) was completely removed after 27 years? | Meghalaya |
| Which missile was successfully test-fired from the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas? | Israeli Derby Air- to-Air BVR missile |
| Who has become the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as the Supreme Court Judge? | Indu Malhotra |
| The Union Home Ministry has decided to relax the 6 decade old Protected Area Permit regime in certain north-eastern states. Which state is still a protected area and is not included in the exemption? | Sikkim |
| Which Union Ministry has recently launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0? | Human Resource Development Ministry |
| Which Indian city has become first to run on 100% Renewable Energy during daytime? | |
| By adopting renewable energy, the city is saving about 13,000 tonnes of carbon emissions every year. | |
| In which state Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan? | Madhya Pradesh |
| Which city hosted the 2018 Secure India Conclave? | New Delhi |
| 2018 National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) is celebrated in India on? | 24th April |
| What is the theme of the 29th Road Safety Week? | Sadak Suraksha - Jeevan Raksha |
| Who promulgated the ordinance to provide death penalty to rapists of | President of India, |

| Ram Nath Kovind |
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| Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) |
| 7.8 per cent |
| Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra |
| Gujarat |
| Vinod Khanna |
| Deepika Padukone |
| Delhi |
| Aditi Rao Hydari |
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| Third |
| Anish Bhanwala |
| 21st April |
| Bhanu Pratap Sharma |
| Newton |
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| Who was awarded with the Best Actress award in feature films at the 65th National Film Awards? | Sridevi |
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| Who was appointed as the new Chairman of NASSCOM for the year 2018-19? | Rishad Premji |
| Name the former Managing Director of Intel South Asia who has been appointed as the new President of NASSCOM? | Debjani Ghosh |
| She is the first woman President of NASSCOM. | |
| Which IIT institute installed India's first 5G radio laboratory? | IIT-Delhi |
| It will help curb the emittance of radiation harmful to our health and will also allow less radio interference for better communication. | |
| Who was re-appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bandhan Bank? | Chandra Shekhar Ghosh |
| Who became the only second Indian after legendary Milkha Singh to qualify for 400m finals in Commonwealth Games 2018? | Mohammad Anas |
| Which navigation satellite was launched by ISRO recently? | IRNSS-1L |
| Which state government has come up with Water ATM Policy to provide clean drinking water to people at public places in cities? | Haryana |
| In which state, India's first high-speed electric locomotive was launched? | Bihar |
| When was the GST E-way Bill rolled-out in India for the interstate transport of goods in India? | 1st April 2018 |
| The committee formed by Government of India to examine the process by which the CBSE conducts examinations is headed by? | V S Oberoi |
| Which Indian cricketer was honoured with the Padma Bhushan award in the 2018 ceremony? | Mahendra Singh Dhoni |
| Who was the flag bearer of Indian contingent at the Commonwealth Games 2018? | PV Sindhu |
| With which private sector bank the Indian army has signed a MoU on Defence Salary Package? | HDFC Bank |
| Name the Virtual Assistant for banks that was recently launched by SIDBI on its foundation day? | Samridhhi |
| What is the name of social media based remittance service launched by ICICI Bank for NRIs to transfer money using social media platforms? | Social Pay |
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| Name the mobile app launched by the Minister of Coal Shri Piyush Goyal for coal quality monitoring? The app aims to help all citizens and coal consumers in monitoring the process of Third Party Sampling of coal across CIL subsidiaries. | UTTAM (Unlocking Transparency by Third Party Assessment of Mined Coal) |
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| Which state won the 2018 Santosh Trophy by defeating West Bengal in the final held at Salt Lake stadium, Kolkata? | Kerala |
| Which chicken breed from Madhya Pradesh recently got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag? | Kadaknath |
| The chicken breed is in demand not only because of its taste but also due to its low cholesterol and high protein content. It sells at around Rs 500 per kg, which is around five times the price of normal broiler chicken. | |
| Which Indian State announced that cancer patients would be provided free chemotherapy treatment at district hospitals from June 2018 in 10 districts in the first phase? | Maharashtra |
| The plan will start with hospitals in Nagpur, Gadchiroli, Pune, Amravati, Jalgaon, Nashik, Wardha, Satara, Bhandara and Akola. | |
| Name the Indian badminton player who was ranked No. 1 position by the World Badminton Federation? | Kidambi Srikanth |
| He thus, became only the second Indian after Saina Nehwal to achieve this feat. | |
| Name the Indian tennis player who has become the most successful doubles player in the history of Davis Cup? | Leander Paes |
| He recorded his 43rd win by pairing with Rohan Bopanna against China. | |
| In which city, Euro-VI grade petrol and diesel was introduced for the first time? | Delhi |
| Name the project launched by Department of Posts for total digitisation of postal operations in the country? | DARPAN (Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for a New India) |
| Name the company which has signed a MoU with Ministry of Tourism to adopt Red Fort and Gandikota Fort for a period of 5 years at a cost of Rs 25 crores? | Dalmia Bharat |
| What was the theme of National Maritime Day which was observed on | Indian Shipping - |
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INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

| In which country International Buddhist Conference 2018 was held? | Nepal |
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| Which African country recently made it legal to produce marijuana for medicinal and scientific purposes? | Zimbabwe |
| Which country is not a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)? | Israel |
| World Malaria Day is observed every year on? | 25th April |
| What was the theme of the 2018 World Malaria Day? | Ready to beat malaria |
| Which country received the highest remittances of 69 billion dollar from its diaspora in the year 2017? | India |
| Who won the Paraguay Presidential Elections 2018? | Mario Abdo Benitez |
| Which Asian country has agreed to halt its nuclear tests and ICBM launches? | North Korea |
| World Earth Day is observed every year on? | 22nd April |
| What was the theme of 2018 World Earth Day? | End Plastic Pollution |
| World Book and Copyright Day is observed every year on? | 23rd April |
| 8th South Asian Judo Championship was held in which country? | Nepal |
| Which mission was launched by NASA of USA to discover new planets outside the solar system? | Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) |
| The world's first female foreign ministers meeting will be held in which country? | Canada |
| Who has been chosen as the new chief of US space agency, NASA? | Jim Bridenstine |
| Which country recently proposed an Indian-Nepal-China economic corridor with multi-dimensional connectivity through the Himalayas? | China |
| Who won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service? | The New York Times |
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| | and The New Yorker |
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| Which country recently honoured the first conquest of Mount Everest without bottled oxygen? | Nepal |
| In this event, two climbers who were the first to scale Mount Everest without supplementary oxygen 40 years ago were honoured. | |
| Which nation is at the top of FIFA rankings as of April 2018? | Germany |
| Which country hosted the 2018 Commonwealth Games? | Australia |
| What name is given to the most distant star which was discovered by NASA at a distance of nine billion light years? | Icarus |
| Who became the first female Head of UN political affairs? | Rosemary DiCarlo |
| She replaced Jeffrey Feltman. | |