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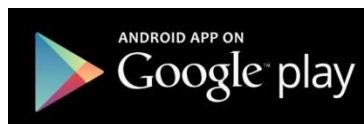
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IMPORTANT DAYS

- November 7 : World Cancer Awareness Day
- November 9 : Legal service Day
- November 10 : Transport Day
- November 14 : World Diabetics Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **10th Indra 2018: India, Russia joint military exercise held in Jhansi, UP**
On November 18, 2018, the 10th joint military exercise between **Indian and Russia– EXERCISE INDRA**, under the **United Nations (UN)** started at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Babina Military Station, in **Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh**. This exercise will continue for **11 days** and it will expect to finish on **November 28, 2018**.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **2-Day APEC Summit 2018 held in Papua New Guinea** On November 18, 2018, 2-day APEC Summit 2018 concluded in **Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**. It was hosted by Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, **Peter O'Neill**.
ii. All **21** member countries of APEC participated in the Summit.
iii. It is the 1st such summit which in its 25-year history failed to agree on a formal joint statement.

- **Africa's First Ever High Speed Train Line unveiled in Morocco** On November 18, 2018, **Morocco's** first high-speed rail line, the first ever such line **in Africa** was unveiled. It was inaugurated by **French President Emmanuel Macron** and **Morocco's King Mohammed VI**.
ii. It is known as **HGV** and will connect the economic hubs of Tangier and Casablanca in 2 hours 10 minutes.
iii. The cost of the project was **\$2 billion** project and was launched in September 2011.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Hima Das** : Asian Games gold-medallist sprinter **Hima Das** was appointed as the **first ever youth ambassador** of United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**) **India**.

OBITUARY

- **Saint Narayan Das Maharaj** On November 19, 2018, **Padma Shri awardee** and revered **saint Narayan Das Maharaj** passed away in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
i. He was awarded the **Padma Shri** in **January 2018** for **social service**.
- On November 18, 2018, Brigadier **Kuldip Singh Chandpuri** passed away at 78 in **Mohali, Punjab**. He was known as the hero of the Battle of Longewala during the **1971 Indo-Pak war**. He was a recipient of the **Maha Vir Chakra** — the country's

second-highest gallantry award — for his role at Longewala.

- **Dr. T. S. Kanaka**, Asia's first and World's Third woman Neurosurgeon passed away after a brief illness in Chennai at the age of 86. She was one of the first few Neurosurgeons of the world.
- **Padmashri Alyque Padamsee**: On 17th November 2018, ad film maker Alyque Padamsee, known as the Brand Father of Indian advertising, passed away in Mumbai.
- **William Goldman** On 16th November 2018, Oscar-winning screenwriter and best-selling author **William Goldman**, passed away at his residence due to complications from colon cancer and pneumonia, in Manhattan, United States.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Kerala**: On November 18, 2018, the **Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE)** unveiled its Online Open Learning training platform named- **KOOL**. It will enable training to teachers, students and the general public and the first batch will commence from **December 2018**. It will be used under a **MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) model**, which will enable the state's schools to go Hi-Tech. This will help Kerala to become **India's first complete digital state in Education**.
- **Mathura**: On November 17, 2018, India's first specialized hospital for **elephants** was unveiled at Churmura village in **Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**. It is located close to the elephant conservation and care centre of **Wildlife SOS**.
- **Aurangabad**: On November 16, 2018, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal** inaugurated the **second** Mega Food Park in Maharashtra. It is located in **Wahegaon and Dhangaon** village in **Paithan Taluka** of **Aurangabad district** and has been promoted by M/s **Paithan Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd.**

AWARDS

- **Ustad Amjad Ali Khan presented lifetime achievement award in Delhi** On 17th November 2018, One of India's greatest Sarod Master **Ustad Amjad Ali Khan** was presented "**Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement**" at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi for his immense contribution to the enrichment and promotion of Indian Classical Music.
- **Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati conferred with Global Education Leaders Award 2018** Educationist **Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati** has been conferred the **Global Education Leaders Award 2018** at the 2nd edition of India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS), held at The Atlantis, Dubai, on 30th and 31st October 2018.
- **Centre for Science and Environment wins 2018 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development** **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)** has won **2018 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development**, conferred by Indira Gandhi Trust every year on the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary.

SPORTS

- **Alexander Zverev won ATP World Tour Finals in London by defeating world number one Novak Djokovic** German Player Alexander Zverev beat Serbian player Novak Djokovic by a margin of 6-4 and 6-3 to win the ATP World Tour Finals in London.
- **8th Asian Shotgun Championship in Kuwait** 8th Asian Shotgun Championship held from 3rd November to 11th November in Kuwait.
 - Angad Vir Singh Bajwa has become the first Indian skeet shooter to win a gold. He set a world record with a shot of perfect 60 out of 60 in final round.
- **India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani wins third straight IBSF billiards crown, takes overall world title tally to 20** On 15th November 2018, Indian cueist **Pankaj Advani** won his **3rd straight IBSF**

(International Billiards and Snooker Federation) **billiards title** in the **150-up format**, in the IBSF 150-up Billiards Championship, held at Yangon, Myanmar.

- **15-year-old Kashmiri student Aabid Hamid wins gold for India at World Kick Boxing Championship in Argentina** Aabid Hamid, a 15-year-old Kashmiri student, has won **gold medal**, at the **World Kick Boxing Championship in Argentina**, held from 5th to 10th November 2018.
- **Yonex-Sunrise Hong Kong Open 2018** From 13th to 18th November 2018, Yonex-Sunrise Hong Kong Open 2018 was held at Hong Kong Coliseum, in Kowloon, Hong Kong.
 - Total Prize Money for the tournament was USD 400,000.

Winners:

Event	Winners
Men's Singles	Son Wan Ho (South Korea)
Women's Singles	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
Men's Doubles	Marcus Fernaldi Gideon, Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)
Women's Doubles	Yuki Fukushima, Sayaka Hirota (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Yuta Watanabe, Arisa Higashino (Japan)

- **India Win two bronze medals in Acrobatic Gymnastics world cup** On 17th and 18th November, the two day event of **FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics world cup** was held at National Gymnastic Arena in Baku for the first time in which India wins **two bronze medals** in the **men's and women's group** events.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **GROWTH-India telescope's first science observation** The 0.7 m

GROWTH-India telescope located at Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh has made its first observation which is a **follow-up study of a nova explosion**.

- **China builds an 'artificial sun' that reaches temperatures six times that of Sun** China has built an **'artificial sun'** that reaches **100 million °C**, 6 times the temperature of Sun's core of 15 million °C. On 13th November 2018, scientists from China's Institute of Plasma Physics announced that plasma in their **Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST)** also called the "artificial sun", reached 100 million °C, the temperature required to perform nuclear fusion on Earth.
- **World's first total-body scanner "Explorer" produces 3D human images** On 19th November 2018, scientists announced that, **the world's first medical imaging scanner "Explorer"** that can capture a 3D picture of the whole human body at once in 20-30 seconds, has produced its first scans.
- **China successfully launches five satellites** On 19th November, 2018, **China** successfully launched five satellites, including a new space environment research satellite and four nano satellites on a single rocket. The rocket **Long March-2D** carried away the satellites from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China's Gansu province.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 'A Great Association-Glimpses into the Life of Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha', a book on Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha released.
- Dr Jitendra Singh releases book 'Radio Kashmir – In Times of Peace & War' written by Dr Rajesh Bhat.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **Joint military exercise INDRA, between India and which country, started at Babina Military Station, in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh,**

- on 18th November 2018?**
- 1) Germany 2) United States
 - 3) France 4) Russia
 - 5) None of these
2. **Which state launched its Online Open Learning training platform named KOOL, on 18th November 2018?**
- 1) Karnataka 2) Kerala
 - 3) Jammu & Kashmir 4) West Bengal
 - 5) None of these
3. **Which country launched its first high-speed rail line, the first ever such line in Africa, on 18th November 2018?**
- 1) Nigeria 2) Morocco
 - 3) Kenya 4) Mauritius
 - 5) None of these
4. **Sashakt India Asset Management, incorporated by the Sunil Mehta committee, will have an Alternate Investment Fund (AIF) to resolve non-performing assets (NPAs) amounting to over ____ rupees?**
- 1) Rs 500 crore 2) Rs 100 crore
 - 3) Rs 200 crore 4) Rs 600 crore
 - 5) None of these
5. **Which bank introduced a new saving bank scheme 'KBL SB – TASC', a specialized scheme for Trusts, Associates Societies and Clubs during Current & Saving Accounts campaign (CASA) for FY 2018-19?**
- 1) Karur Vysya Bank
 - 2) Kutch Cooperative Bank
 - 3) Kerala Coopeartive Bank
 - 4) Karnataka Bank
 - 5) None of these
6. **Who was presented with "Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement" at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi for enrichment and promotion of Indian Classical Music, on 17th November 2018?**
- 1) Ustad Amjad Ali Khan
 - 2) Kishori Amonkar
 - 3) Girija Devi
 - 4) Ulhas Kashalkar
 - 5) None of these
7. **Who was elected the President of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) on 16th November 2018?**
- 1) Tamonas Chaudhr 2) Sowmya Sehgal
 - 3) Raghu Ram 4) Arvind Kumar
 - 5) None of these
8. **Who was appointed the new Secretary in Department of Revenue, Government of India, on 17th November 2018?**
- 1) Hasmukh Adhia
 - 2) PK Rawat
 - 3) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
 - 4) Utpal Jain
 - 5) None of these
9. **Name the person who was appointed the Lokayukta of West Bengal for a period of three years, on 16th November 2018?**
- 1) Samresh Banerjee
 - 2) Debashish Sircar
 - 3) Asim Kumar Roy
 - 4) Pramod Karmakar
 - 5) None of these
10. **Myntra, an Indian fashion e-commerce company, has decided to integrate its sister firm Jabong with itself. The integrated firm will be led by ____?**
- 1) Ananth Narayanan
 - 2) Jagdish Sen
 - 3) Rahul Singh
 - 4) Meera Das
 - 5) None of these
11. **Where was the 8th Asian Shotgun Championship held from 3rd November to 11th November 2018?**
- 1) Dubai 2) Kuwait
 - 3) Qatar 4) Bangladesh
 - 5) None of these
12. **Who won the Bengaluru Open ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Challenger title in Bengaluru, on 17th November 2018?**
- 1) Rakesh Nagpal
 - 2) Prashanth Jain
 - 3) Saketh Myneni
 - 4) Prajnesh Gunneswaran
 - 5) None of these
13. **T. S. Kanaka, passed away after a brief illness in Chennai, on 16th November 2018. She was Asia's first woman ____?**
- 1) pilot 2) marine engineer
 - 3) neurosurgeon 4) judge
 - 5) None of these
14. **Banamali Maharana passed away in Odisha, on 18th November 2018. He was a ____?**
- 1) journalist 2) politician
 - 3) musician 4) cricketer
 - 5) None of these

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