



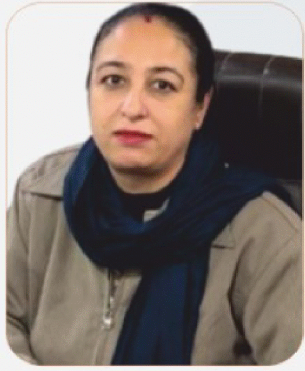
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History of 18th October

- ◆ 1998 : India and Pakistan agreed to ban the threat.
- ◆ 1950 : Famous Hindi film actor Om Puri was born.
- ◆ 2004 : Superstar Chandan Veerappan was killed.
- ◆ 1996 : Ramkrishna Khatri, one of the prominent revolutionaries of India, died.
- ◆ 1954 : Texas Teachers Company first announced transistor radio.

Current Affairs Related to 18th October 2024

- ◆ Affordable device developed by IIT can detect cancer at one-tenth the cost of current methods. IIT Indore has introduced a compact device aimed at early detection of stage cancer, especially beneficial for women in rural and remote areas. The device, developed by Professor Srivatsan Vasudevan of the Department of Electrical Engineering, offers a significant breakthrough in cancer detection at a much lower cost than conventional methods.
- ◆ Full-time faculty members teaching economics or finance in any UGC or AICTE recognized university or college in India can apply under this scheme for short-term research. The scheme covers monetary and financial economics, banking, real sector concerns and other subjects related to RBI. The scheme aims to increase awareness about RBI activities among faculty and students and provide information about various operational areas of RBI.
- ◆ This has been done to provide citizens seamless access to a wide range of government services. This collaboration will allow users to manage multiple services through a single platform. The Umang app is accessible to all Android users. The services of the Umang app can be accessed through the DigiLocker app. DigiLocker is a major initiative under the Digital India program.
- ◆ India has officially launched its Study in India campaign at the 20th International Education Show in Sharjah. The campaign is organised by EdCIL, a Miniratna company under the Ministry of Education. It aims to establish India as a leading global education hub. Ahmed Mohammed Obaid Al Nabooda of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Yatin Patil, Deputy Consul General of India in Dubai inaugurated the India Pavilion at Expo Centre Sharjah.
- ◆ The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of supply of fortified rice under all government schemes. These schemes include Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and other welfare initiatives. This decision extends the program from July 2024 to December 2028. The fortified rice initiative will continue to be a central sector scheme. It will be fully funded by the Government of India under the food subsidy program of PMGKAY.
- ◆ The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums has suspended the membership of Delhi's National Zoological Park due to concerns over the welfare of the African elephant Shankar. The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums raised the issue of the African elephant Shankar being chained. This elephant is without a partner. India has agreed to bring a mother elephant from Botswana. WAZA is an NGO.
- ◆ India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations countries have emphasized cooperation to leverage digital public infrastructure in various sectors including education, healthcare, agriculture and climate action. In a joint statement on advancing digital infrastructure, India and ASEAN acknowledged opportunities for cooperation to share knowledge, experience and best practices to promote DPI development across the region. They recognized financial technology and innovation as important drivers for bilateral economic partnership.
- ◆ The 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to David Baker for computational protein design and to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper for protein structure prediction. David Baker led a team that developed a new protein using bespoke software methods in 2003. Hassabis and Jumper received the prize for their role in developing an artificial intelligence model called AlphaFold 2.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Where will the 38th edition of National Games be held recently?

- (A) Punjab (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Maharashtra (D) Karnataka

(B) Recently, the 38th National Games will be organized in Uttarakhand next year. These games will run from 28 January to 14 February. Along with this, the Winter National Games will also be organized in Uttarakhand. Chief Minister Dhama met Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha in New Delhi. After which Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama shared this information.



2. Recently in which district of Bihar the second tiger reserve of the state will be established?

- (A) Bhagalpur (B) Kaimur
(C) Muzaffarpur (D) None of these

(B) Recently, the Central Government has given provisional approval to the second Tiger Reserve of Bihar State. This reserve will be set up in the Kaimur district of the state. This decision came after a proposal from the Bihar State Government and aims to improve wildlife conservation in the region. Kaimur forests are the largest in Bihar, with an area of 1134 sq km.



3. Where is Saras Ajeevika Mela being organized recently?

- (A) Bhopal (B) Jaipur
(C) Indore (D) Gurugram

(D) National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India will organize Saras Ajeevika Mela in Gurugram, Haryana from 13th October to 29th October. More than 900 rural women artisans from around 30 states will participate in Saras Mela. The fair will also have a learning pavilion and knowledge sharing pavilion specially for capacity building of women self-help groups.



4. Recently which state government has appointed Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj as DSP?

- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka
(C) Telangana (D) Mizoram

(C) Team India pacer Mohammed Siraj has been appointed as the Deputy Superintendent of Telangana Police. Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that Siraj will be awarded a Group-1 Government Medal for his service to the Indian team, including the T20 World Cup success earlier this year. Along with the DSP post in Telangana Police, the pacer has been allotted 600 square yards of land by the government near Road No. 78 in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.



5. Where has the Indian Naval Ship Shardul reached recently as part of its long distance training deployment?

- (A) Dubai (B) Mumbai
(C) Kochi (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Indian Naval Ship Shardul, part of the First Training Squadron, reached Dubai as part of its long-distance training deployment to strengthen India-UAE maritime cooperation. Now the Indian Embassy in Dhabi has said in a statement that the purpose of this visit is to promote goodwill between India and UAE.



6. Which country has recently announced to break diplomatic relations with Israel?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Nicaragua
(C) Afghanistan (D) None of these

(B) Recently the Nicaraguan government has announced that it will break diplomatic relations with Israel. Nicaragua's Vice President Rosario Murillo announced the move. The announcement is largely symbolic, as Israel has no resident ambassador in Nicaragua's capital Managua. Relations between the two countries are almost non-existent.



7. Who has been recently appointed as the CEO of Government e Marketplace Public Procurement Portal?

- (A) L. Satya Srinivas (B) Anil Gupta
(C) Amrit Mohan Prasad (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the government has given additional charge of Chief Executive Officer of public procurement portal Government e Marketplace to L Satya Srinivas, Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce. PK Singh, the previous CEO of Government e Marketplace, has been appointed Secretary in the Ministry of Renewable Energy.



8. Recently the World Bank has created a fund for the revival of which country?

- (A) Iran (B) Lebanon
(C) Germany (D) Ukraine

(D) Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine is having a devastating impact on the country and has serious global consequences. Ukraine's recovery, reconstruction and operational needs are enormous. According to the Third Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment, the estimated cost of Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction over the next decade is \$486 billion.



9. According to the recently released NABARD survey, the average monthly income of rural families has increased by what percentage?

- (A) 42% (B) 52%
(C) 57% (D) 72%

(C) Recently, the average monthly income of rural families has increased by more than 57% from 2016-2017 to 2021-2022. According to the second All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, the average monthly income increased from Rs 8059 in 2016-2017 to Rs 12698 in 2021-2022. The average monthly expenditure of families also increased from Rs 6600 to more than Rs 11200.



10. Who has been appointed as the new CMD of IRFC Limited recently?

- (A) Manoj Kumar Dubey (B) Alok Rai
(C) Ajay Mittal (D) None of these

(A) Former Senior DFM of Dhanbad Manoj Kumar Dubey has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Railway Finance Corporation Limited. This announcement has been made by the Selection Committee. IRFC is a PSU with a capital of Rs 2.01 trillion. Manoj Dubey, a 1993 batch Indian Railway Accounts Service officer, was currently holding the post of Director Finance in CONCOR.

