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Persons in News

- 1. Major General VD Dogra became the first serving Indian Army officer and the only General across the world to have completed a gruelling 'Ironman' competition held in Austria. The Ironman is an international triathlon consisting of three consecutive events- 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km cycling and 42.2 km of running (a full marathon) which should be completed within 17 hours to earn the title of 'Ironman'. Maj Gen Dogra completed the event in 14 hours and 21 minutes. Anju Khosla, at the age of 52, became the oldest Indian woman to complete the Ironman Triathlon.
- 2. Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix 2018 title in Austria. Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen finished in the second spot while Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel finished in the third spot.
- 3. Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg has overtaken Warren Buffett as the world's third-richest person. Zuckerberg, only trails behind Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.
- 4. India's premier gymnast Dipa Karmakar clinched a gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin in Turkey.
- 5. Indian lifter Jhilli Dalabehera has bagged the bronze medal in the 2018 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent.
- 6. Satyarup Siddhanta has become the second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb Mt Ojos del Salado, the highest volcano in the world. Ojos del Salado is a stratovolcano (a volcano built up of alternate layers of lava and ash) in the Andes on the Argentina-Chile border and the highest active volcano in the world at 6,893 metres (22,615 ft).
- 7. Hima Das from Assam created history by becoming the first-ever Indian woman to win an athletics gold on the international stage. Hima finished on top of the podium in the women's 400m event at the IAAF World U20 Championship in Tampere, Finland, clocking 51.46 seconds.
- 8. An eight-year-old Indian-origin schoolboy Ishwar Sharma, who is the under-11 UK national yoga champion has been named the 'British Indian of the Year' in the young achiever category for his accomplishments in the field. Ishwar Sharma has won a string of titles in both individual and artistic yoga, most recently a gold medal representing Great Britain at the World Student Games 2018 in Winnipeg, Canada.
- 9. In the Wimbledon 2018 Finals, Novak Djokovic won the men's singles Title for the fourth time defeating Kevin Anderson. Angelique Kerber won the Ladies' Singles title defeating sevevn-time champion Serena Williams.
- 10. Indian badminton player Lakshaya Sen bagged the gold medal after defeating Indonesia's top-seeded KunlavutVitidsaran in the final match of the Badminton Asia Junior Championship in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 11. India won 8 medals in the two day Junior Asian Wrestling Championship which concluded in New Delhi. The medals comprised 2 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze. Sachin Rathi won the gold after winning the bout in the 74-kilogram category. Deepak Punia then won the gold in the 86 kilogram category.
- 12. Four persons of India-origin have been named by Fortune among 40 of the most influential and inspiring young people in business under the age of 40. Kevin Systrom(Instagram) and Mark Zuckerberg(Facebook) are tied for first place. Indians in the list are Dhivya Suryadevara (4th; CFO of General Motors), Anjali Sud (14th; CEO of Vimeo), Baiju Bhatt (24th; Cofounder and Co-CEO of Robinhood), Anu Duggal (32nd; founding partner of Female Founders Fund.)
- 13. Janardan Singh Gehlot was elected the president of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) for the next four years.
- 14. Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been elected as Mexico's President defeating Ricardo Anaya.



- 15. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, who retired from the Supreme Court of India has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The post of NGT chairperson had been lying vacant for more than 6 months after the retirement of Justice Swatanter Kumar.
- 16. Haryana Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki was given the additional charge of Himachal Pradesh during the absence of Himachal Governor Acharya Devvrat, who is on leave.
- 17. Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Saran Singh has been named the Chef de Mission of the Asian Games-bound Indian contingent.
- 18. Considering the increasing incidents of mob lynching, the Union Government constituted a High-Level Committee chaired by the Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba to deliberate in the matter and make recommendations.
- 19. Pakistan has got its first-ever woman Chief Justice of a high court. Justice Tahira Safdar was named as the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court by Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nisar. Justice Safdar had made history in 1982 when she became the first woman civil judge in Balochistan.
- 20. Rahul Dravid of India, Ricky Ponting of Australia and retired England Women wicketkeeper-batter Claire Taylor were inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame 2018 during a glittering ceremony in Dublin, Ireland.
- 21. Noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon had received the National Kalidas Samman in Delhi for visual arts from the Madhya Pradesh government. With her first solo exhibition being held in Delhi in 1958, Menon is counted among India's most accomplished artists and is the recipient of numerous national and international awards including the Padma Shri.
- 22. The All India Football Federation (AIFF), the governing body of football in India named India and Bengaluru FC Captain Sunil Chhetri as the AIFF Player of the Year. Kamala Devi bagged the 2017 AIFF Woman Player of the Year.
- 23. The Ramon Magsaysay Awardees for 2018 include two Indians, Bharat Vatwani (for Restoring Health & Dignity to troubled lives) and Sonam Wangchuk (for Harnessing nature, culture & education).
- 24. Spiritual leader Dada J P Vaswani passed away at the age of 99 in Pune, Maharashtra. He was chief of Sadhu Vaswani Mission in Pune that is named after his uncle TL Vaswani. Acclaimed as a humanitarian, philosopher, educator, orator and non-sectarian spiritual leader, Vaswani was also known for promoting vegetarianism and animal rights.
- 25. Veteran actor Rita Bhaduri passed away after fighting a kidney-related ailment for many days. She was from the 1973 batch of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.
- 26. Hindi poet Gopal Das Neeraj passed away in New Delhi at the age of 94. His famous poetic works include Asawari, Lahar Pukare and ParanGeet. He won 3 Filmfare awards and penned some of the all-time hits like Likhe jo khattujhe. He was conferred with Padma Shri in 1991 and Padma Bhushan in 2007.
- 27. Ramchandra Singhdeo, former and first Finance Minister of Chhattisgarh, passed away in Raipur. He was the Finance Minister in the cabinet of the then Chief Minister Ajit Jogi
- 28. Los Angeles Times and Pulitzer Prize-winning restaurant critic Jonathan Gold passed away.
- 29. Union Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore announced that more than 34 years after coming into existence, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been renamed as Sports India. During its 50th General Body meeting, it was also decided that coaches will be given a say in decision making and the food expenses of athletes will also be increased.
- 30. Boxer Floyd Mayweather captures the top spot on Forbes' 20th annual Celebrity 100 ranking of the world's highest-paid celebrities. Few famous names on the list are Leonel Messi (8th), Cristiano Ronaldo (10th). From India, Akshay Kumar is ranked 76th while Salman Khan is on the 82nd spot.



Places in News

- 1. The first 'Khadi Mall' of the country is announced to be opened by the Khadi Board in Jharkhand. The artisans would be provided technological aid for value addition in their products, while rural, urban and tourism 'haats' will provide them markets for their goods.
- 2. "The International Arbitration Centre (IACT), Asia's first arbitration centre specialised in intellectual property is slated to open in Tokyo in September 2018 to resolve the growing number of disputes in the region.
- 3. India's latest frontline warship INS Trikand has reached Sri Lanka in a goodwill visit. INS Trikand is a state-of-theart warship of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors capable of addressing threats in all three dimensions - air, surface and sub-surface.
- 4. The Bhitarkanika National Park (Odisha) has become the largest habitat of the endangered estuarine crocodiles in the country with a record number of their nesting sites spotted in it.
- 5. The world's first digital art museum opened its doors to the public in Tokyo, Japan allowing patrons to step all the way into the artworks. Attendees are able to move freely through the 9,000-square meter interactive gallery. The exhibition itself is linked in real-time to the real-world seasons, which means that no two trips to the museum will be the same.
- 6. The 10th edition of BRICS Summit began in Johannesburg, South Africa in the last week of July. It is a 3-day long summit and will be attended by all the BRICS leaders. The theme for this summit is 'BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution'.
- 7. Rajasthan Government signed an MoU with a private trust Sohanlalji Buladeviji Ojha Gaushala Samiti to build its first 'Cow Sanctuary', a shelter for 10000 cows in Bikaner's Napasar.

Events of Significance

- 1. The Union Government has granted the Institutions of Eminence (IoEs) status to six institutions on the basis of the recommendations given by an Empowered Expert Committee (EEC). Three Public Universities are Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay, IIT-Delhi, and IISc Bangalore. Three Private Universities are Jio Institute by Reliance Foundation (recommended for a letter of intent), BITS Pilani, and Manipal Academy of Higher Education.
- 2. France emerged as the FIFA World Cup 2018 Champions defeating Croatia in a thrilling final. It was the second world cup win for France, after its first win in 1998.
- 3. Indian women's compound archery team created history by becoming the world rank one side in the category. The team is six points ahead of the Chinese Taipei team.
- 4. Tata Steel has finalized the 50: 50 joint venture with German steel giant Thyssenkrup. Thyssenkrup Tata Steel BV, will be the second-largest steelmaker in European steel sector after Lakshmi Mittal's ArcelorMittal.
- 5. Bharti Infratel, a mobile infrastructure company proposes merging its operations with Indus Towers which will create one of the largest mobile tower entities worldwide with 1.63 lakh towers in all 22 telecom circles. The combined company will own 100% of Indus Towers.
- 6. RBI licensed Bank of China to operate in India. This decision comes as part of the commitment made by PM Modi to the Chinese leadership. This will be the second Chinese bank to be operating in the country after Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd.
- 7. The telecom ministry approved the merger of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular Ltd. that will create the country's largest mobile services operator. However, both companies will have to meet conditions for final approval.
- 8. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) unveiled India's first internet telephony service that will allow users to dial any telephone number in India through its mobile app, "Wings".
- 9. Microsoft and Walmart are teaming up for a strategic partnership that will take on rival Amazon in both technology and retail. The five-year agreement will see Walmart use Azure and Microsoft 365 across the company, alongside new projects focused on machine learning, artificial intelligence, and data platforms.



- 10. Flipkart's digital payment subsidiary PhonePe has acquired Zopper Retail a hyperlocal Point of Sale (POS) platform for small and medium businesses. Zopper's CEO Neeraj Jain and the engineering leadership team has joined the team of PhonePe after the acquisition.
- 11. E-commerce giant Amazon briefly crossed \$900-billion market cap for the first time in its history becoming only the second company after Apple to achieve this milestone.
- 12. The European Union regulators have slapped Alphabet-owned Google with a record 4.34 billion euro (\$5 billion) antitrust fine for abusing the dominance of its Android mobile operating system. According to the EU, Google's parent company has unfairly favoured its own services by forcing smartphone makers to pre-install Google apps Chrome and Search in a bundle with its app store, Play.
- 13. Jammu & Kashmir's first all-women branch of Jammu and Kashmir Bank was inaugurated by the First Lady Usha Vohra. Ms Vohra also launched special services and products designed exclusively for women clients of the bank, whose Chairman and CEO is Parvez Ahmed.
- 14. Facebook has confirmed it is working on a new satellite project, named Athena, expected to be launched in early 2019, that will provide broadband internet connections to rural and underserved areas.
- 15. The Delhi government launched 'Happiness Curriculum' for school students up to class 8. This was termed as the third stage of reforms in the education sector initiated by the AAP government after infrastructure development and motivation of teachers at the government schools.
- 16. Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani launched 'Poshan Abhiyan'—a statewide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres. The CM also launched 'PURNA' (Prevention of Under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia) project to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18.
- 17. Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan announced that the Centre is planning to set up one National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) in every State to meet the rising demand for skilled manpower in the country. He laid the foundation stone of country's first such skill training institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- 18. The 28th meeting of the GST Council chaired by interim finance minister Piyush Goyal was held in New Delhi. The Council has deliberated upon a number of key issues on its agenda which includes rate revision on a number of items, amendments to the GST law, simplification of return, and the setting up of a National Appellate Tribunal in Delhi. The GST Council has exempted sanitary napkins from GST. It has also recommended reduction in the GST slab for lithium-ion batteries used in electronic items from the current 28% to 18% along with a slew of reductions in other items.
- 19. CM of Andhra Pradesh N. Chandrababu Naidu launched 'e-Pragati core platform', a forward-looking digital initiative aimed at connecting the citizen to 34 departments, 336 autonomous organisations and 745-plus services. Through this project, the State government intends to realise the vision of 'Sunrise AP 2022'.
- 20. The Indian Government has announced the launch of a new MicroDot Technology that would help check on vehicle thefts. Under this, thousands of small dots laser etched will be sprayed with a vehicle identification number on all over the vehicle's body including its engine.
- 21. R Ramanan, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission and Arvind Gupta CEO, MyGov launched the "#InnovateIndia Platform", a collaboration between the Atal Innovation Mission and MyGov, a citizen-centric platform of the Government of India.
- 22. Odisha CM, Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Green Mahanadi Mission' by planting a sapling on the bank of river Mahanadi during his visit to Boudh and Subarnapur districts in western Odisha. The main objective of the mission is to stop soil erosion on river banks and recharge the groundwater reserve.
- 23. China, UAE, Cyprus and significantly, Mauritius, along with 21 other countries have been tagged as "high-risk jurisdictions" by global banks acting as custodians for foreign funds which comprise the largest group of investors in the Indian stock market.



- 24. The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA), currently dubbed the "world's emptiest airport" due to a lack of flights, would be operated as a Sri Lanka-India joint venture.
- 25. Rajya Sabha has for the first time signed an agreement(MOU) with a foreign counterpart for promoting interparliamentary dialogue, when Venkaiah Naidu inked an MOU with the visiting President of the Senate of the Republic of Rwanda, Bernard Makuza.
- 26. Myanmar joined the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA), thus, becoming the 68th signatory to the Framework Agreement of the ISA that aims for optimum utilisation of solar energy.
- 27. The Supreme Court held that Lieutenant Governor does not have independent decision-making powers, and is bound to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. The apex court was ruling on a batch of appeals filed by the Delhi government challenging the Delhi High Court's order holding the LG as the administrative head of the national capital.
- 28. The Uttarakhand High Court accorded the status of 'legal person or entity' to the animals in the state. The HC stated that "they have a distinct persona with corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person." Earlier in 2017, the Uttarakhand High Court had according the status of "living human entities" to the Ganga and Yamuna.
- 29. The Lok Sabha passed the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2017 which has the provision of allowing a court trying an offence related to cheque bouncing, to direct the drawer to pay interim compensation to the complainant. The interim compensation will not exceed 20% of the cheque amount and will have to be paid by the drawer within 60 days of the trial court's order to pay such a compensation.
- 30. The Parliament approved The fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 to help the government bring back fugitives involved in white-collar crimes to stand trial in India. Once assented by the President, this Act will empower the government to seize both local and overseas assets of alleged offenders, such as Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choks as well as confiscate properties of fugitives even before they are convicted.
- 31. Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam has become the first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing 'Legatrix'. The cloud-based compliance management system will boost up NRL's contribution towards the Digital India Mission and induce a greater transparency in its operations.
- 32. In keeping with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan drive, the country's first e-waste recycling unit will come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 33. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched its e-marketing system named Khadi Institution Management and Information System (KIMIS), which will give real-time data of sales and the updated status of stocks of khadi bhawans and godowns, allowing better planning and control of inventory of the KVIC.
- 34. CEC Om Prakash Rawat has launched an Android-based mobile application named 'cVigil' for citizens to report any violation of the model code of conduct during elections.
- 35. International Cricket Council (ICC) has introduced stricter sanctions for ball-tampering, at its annual conference held in Dublin, Ireland. Ball-tampering has been upgraded from a level 2 to a level 3 offence and will be now penalized with a ban of up to 6 Tests or 12 ODIs.
- 36. The Law Commission recommended that gambling and betting on sports, including cricket, be allowed as regulated activities taxable under the direct and indirect tax regimes and used as a source for attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). The commission's report, 'Legal Framework: Gambling and Sports Betting including Cricket in India', recommends a number of changes in the law for regulating betting and generating tax revenues from it.
- 37. Airports Authority of India (AAI) will set up a state-of-the-art Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO) at Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport to find indigenous solutions to meet the challenges posed by the growing air traffic and for enhancing safety, capacity and efficiency of aircraft operations in the country.
- 38. HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 17th World Sanskrit Conference held at Vancouver, Canada. The purpose of this conference is to promote, preserve and practice the Sanskrit language all over the world by the people. The World Sanskrit Conference is being held in various countries across the globe once in every three years and so far it has been held thrice in India.



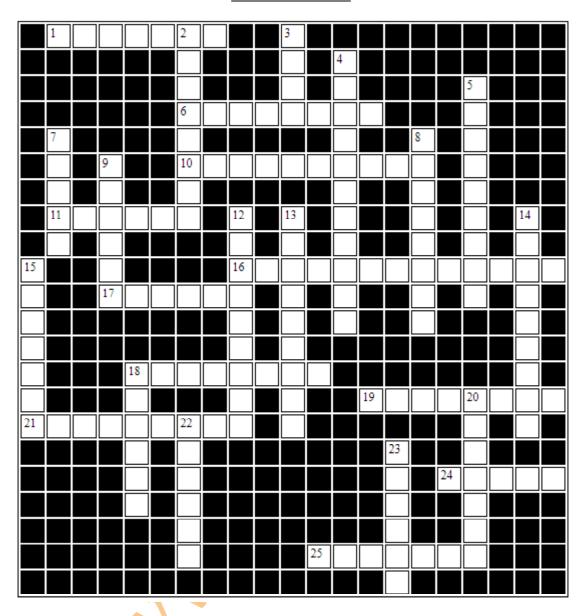
- 39. Michael Ondaatje's bestselling novel 'The English Patient' was announced as the winner of the Golden Man Booker Prize at the Southbank Centre in London. The prize was instituted as part of celebrations to mark the Booker's having completed 50 years.
- 40. Microsoft has signed an MoU with the Rajasthan government to provide free digital training to 9,500 college students in one year. Microsoft will also train educators from government colleges through the Microsoft Innovative Educator Programme, building capacity for innovative use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the classroom.
- 41. The Telecom Commission has approved the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRAI) net neutrality recommendations that bar service providers from discriminating against internet content and services by blocking, throttling or granting them higher speed access.
- 42. The Railways has launched its first consolidated Bridge Management System, a web-enabled IT application to store data on its one lakh 50 thousand bridges. On this occasion, Mr Piyush Goyal distributed awards to the Station Beautification competition. Balharshah and Chandrapur railway stations in Maharashtra from the Central Railway were awarded the first prize.
- 43. The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres constituted a High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation to be co-chaired by Melinda Gates, Co-Chairman of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Jack Ma, Executive Chairman of Alibaba Group. The Panel has 20 members, representing a cross-section of expertise from Government, private industry, civil society, academia and the technical community.
- 44. India's supersonic cruise missile (SCM) BrahMos was test fired from Odisha's Chandipur range launch pad under extreme conditions. The test was conducted in order to increase the longevity of its life. BrahMos Aerospace is a joint venture between India's Defence Research and Development Organisation and NPOM of Russia.
- 45. The world's cheapest drinking water project was launched in Darbhanga district, Bihar by Sulabh International, an organisation that introduced the concept of 'SulabhSauchalya' in the country. It would be managed by Self Help group of Darbhanga Nagar Nigam and people will be able to get pure and clean water for only 50paisa/litre.
- 46. US President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin held the first summit at Helsinki in Finland. Trump's meeting with Putin comes days after a federal grand jury indicted 12 Russian intelligence officials on charges of hacking the servers of the Democratic National Committee and that of its 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.
- 47. IIT Chennai has launched the "world's first" remotely operatable microscope that would enable a precise atomby-atom view of a material. The 'Local Electrode Atom Probe' (LEAP) was developed in a collaborative exercise involving eight top research institutions headed by IIT Chennai.
- 48. One of the country's first Defence incubators will come up in Hyderabad, which is India's missile development centre and fast emerging the hub for aerospace industries. The incubator will be funded through the Ministry's Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme.
- 49. UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has entered into a partnership with search engine giant Google to monitor the impacts of human activity on global ecosystems by using sophisticated online tools. The aim of the partnership is to develop a platform to enable governments, NGO's and public to track specific environment-related development targets with user-friendly Google front-end.
- 50. Nelson Mandela International Day 2018 is observed internationally on 18th July. This year marks 100 years since the birth of Nelson Mandela. The Nelson Mandela Foundation is dedicating this year's Mandela Day to 'Action Against Poverty', honouring Nelson Mandela's leadership and devotion to fighting poverty and promoting social justice for all.
- 51. Infosys Foundation has signed an MoU with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) for the construction of a station at Konappana Agrahara in Electronics City. The station is under the second phase of Bangalore Metro's expansion plans and the Foundation has committed to maintaining it for the next 30 years.



- 52. Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan unveiled a state-of-the-art Air Quality and Weather Forecast System— 'SAFAR' (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting) at Chandni Chowk in New Delhi. SAFAR is being implemented in four cities of India Delhi, Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad as an operational service. This system was developed indigenously by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune and operationalised by India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- 53. An Indian Air Force contingent comprising of four Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft landed at Darwin Air Force Base, Australia for participating in the Exercise Pitch Black-2018. This is the first time that an Indian Air Force contingent is participating in this multinational air exercise in Australia.
- 54. The hotel named 'Hostess' was launched by the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC). The hotel will be run entirely by women for women and is claimed to be the first such in the country.
- 55. On July 26, India celebrated the 19th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas to mark the success of 'Operation Vijay' and to remember the supreme sacrifice of the Indian soldiers who lost their lives during the 1999 India-Pakistan Kargil War.
- 56. West Bengal state assembly dominated by Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress Government has unanimously passed resolution to change state's name to'Bangla' in all three languages Bengali, Hindi and English. The name change will only become official when resolution gets approval from Union Home Ministry and Parliament passes Bill.
- 57. The Global Innovation Index (GII), jointly developed by Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organization(WIPO) has ranked India as the 57th most innovative nation in the world. GII ranks 126 economies based on 80 indicators.
- 58. Andhra Pradesh has topped the Ease of Doing Business Ranking that was released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion and Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Delhi. Telangana came second followed by Haryana, Jharkhand and Gujarat.
- 59. India has become the world's sixth-biggest economy, pushing France into seventh place, according to updated World Bank figures for 2017. India's GDP amounted to \$2.597 trillion. The world's top 3 economies are The United States followed by China and Japan.
- 60. According to the Public Affairs Index 2018 released by a Bengaluru think-tank, Public Affairs Centre, Kerala is the best-governed state in the country. Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat are among the top five states delivering good governance. This year's index also measured how child-friendly each state is. Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Mizoram topped this index.
- 61. The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup 2 concluded in Suhl, Germany. India and the People's Republic of China had a close competition which was eventually won by the Indian National Team with 26 total medals: 15 golds, two silvers and nine bronzes. Manu Bhaker won the gold medal in 10m air pistol event, creating a junior world record.
- 62. Australia defeated India to win the Hockey Champions Trophy at Breda, the Netherlands.
- 63. Planning for its next three Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has added seven medal events to the 2022 Beijing Winter Games women's monobob, Big Air freestyle skiing for men and women, plus mixed team events in short track speed skating, ski jumping, ski aerials and snowboardcross.
- 64. The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee officially launched its Olympic mascots 'Miraitowa' and Paralympic mascot 'Someity'.
- 65. The Government has announced that 1st of July(anniversary of GST coming into force) shall be commemorated as 'GST Day'. All the other States (except Jammu & Kashmir) and Union territories with legislature have passed their respective SGST Acts.



Crossword - 0024



Across

- 1. important
- 6. jumbo or huge
- 10. express clearly
- 11. disinclined or unwilling
- 16. cultured or refined
- 17. offending or guilty
- 18. prejudiced or biased
- 19. disgrace or stigma
- 21. occurring again and again
- 24. adjust or accommodate
- 25. exact or accurate

Down

- 2. estrange or separate
- 3. pretence or fraud
- 4. balance
- 5. capability
- 7. relating to cities
- 8. termination of a race
- 9. intimidate or force
- 12. apprehension
- 13. random or unplanned
- 14. similar situation in the past
- 15. group or bunch
- 18. equality
- 20. official command
- 22. impression or effect
- 23. violate or flout

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