

## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF SEPTEMBER 2018

### Right Livelihood Awards 2018

- Honorary Award: Thelma Aldana (Guatemala) & Iván Velásquez (Colombia), for their innovative work in exposing abuse of power and prosecuting corruption, thus rebuilding people's trust in public institutions.
- Three cash awards go to civil and human rights defenders:
  1. Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani and Waleed Abu al-Khair (Saudi Arabia), for their visionary and courageous efforts, guided by universal human rights principles, to reform the totalitarian political system in Saudi Arabia.
  2. Yacouba Sawadogo (Burkina Faso), a farmer, for turning barren land into forest and demonstrating how farmers can regenerate their soil with innovative use of indigenous and local knowledge.
  3. Tony Rinaudo (Australia), an agronomist, for demonstrating on a large scale how drylands can be greened at minimal cost, improving the livelihoods of millions of people.

### India's official entry to 2019 Oscar Awards

Points to remember

- Name of the film: Village Rockstars
- Language: Assamese
- Director: Rima Das

### SAFF CUP 2018 (Football)

- Hosted by: Bangladesh
- Dates: 04 to 15 Sep 2018.
- Matches played at: Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka
- Winner: Maldives
- Runners-up: India
- Best Player: Mohamed Faisal
- Top scorer: Manvir Singh
- Fair play Award: Bhutan
- Teams : Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

### Launching of Satellites by ISRO

Points to remember

- Launch vehicle: The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C42)
- Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota
- Launch date: 16 Sep 2018
- Satellites launched: NovaSAR and S1-4
- The satellites belong to UK-based Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL).
- This was the 44th flight of PSLV and the 12th flight of the Core Alone version of the vehicle. Core Alone is its lightest version without the six strap-on motors. It is used for launching smaller payloads.

### India England Test Series Aug-Sept 2018

Sr.	Venue	Winner	Player of the Match
1	Edgbaston, Birmingham	England	Sam Curran
2	Lord's, London	England	Chris Woakes
3	Trent Bridge, Nottingham		India Virat Kohli
4	The Rose Bowl, Southampton	England	Moeen Ali
5	Kennington Oval, London	England	Alastair Cook

- Player of the Series - Virat Kohli (India) and Sam Curran (England)
- Alastair Cook announced his retirement from international cricket. He is the highest run scorer in tests from England (12,472 runs). He is the fifth highest scorer in test cricket in the world.

## Testing of Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)

Points to remember

1. Developed by: DRDO
2. Tested at: Ahmednagar (Maharashtra)
3. Tests carried out on: 15 and 16 Sep 2018
4. The MPATGM is a third-generation anti-tank guided missile which is fitted with a high-explosive anti-tank (HEAT) warhead.
5. The MPATGM has a maximum engagement range of about 2.5 kilometers.
6. The first MPATGM prototype is expected to be handed over to the Indian army by the end of 2018 for user trials.

## NID Act 2014

The Union Cabinet approved amendment of National Institute of Design Act, 2014 for setting up of National Institutes of Design at the following places and to declare them as Institutions of National Importance (INIs) at par with the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

- Amravati/Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh
- Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh
- Jorhat in Assam
- Kurukshetra in Haryana

## PM-AASHA

- The Union Govt has approved a new umbrella scheme named the PM-AASHA : Pradhan Mantri Anndata Aay Sansrakshan Abhiyan
- Aim: To ensure remunerative prices to farmers.
- The new Umbrella Scheme includes the mechanism of ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers and is comprised of -
  1. **Price Support Scheme (PSS):** Physical procurement of pulses, oilseeds and copra to be done by Central Nodal Agencies along with state govts. Central Govt to bear procurement expenditure and losses due to procurement up to 25% of production.
  2. **Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS):** Will cover all oilseeds for which MSP is notified. Farmers will get direct payment of the difference between the MSP and the selling price.
  3. **Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PSPS):** Participation of private sector in procurement operation to be piloted. For oilseeds, states have the option to roll out the scheme on pilot basis in selected district/APMCs involving private stockist.

## India Post Payments Bank

Points to remember

1. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) was setup under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication with 100% equity owned by Government of India, on 17th August, 2016.
2. IPPB started its operations on 30th January, 2017 by opening two pilot branches, one at Raipur and the other at Ranchi.
3. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the first phase nationwide on September 1, 2018 at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The function was witnessed at over 3000 locations across the country.
4. IPPB proposes to open 650 branches to cover almost all the districts of the country.
5. Shri Suresh Sethi has been appointed as MD & CEO of IPPB.
6. Aapka bank, aapke dwaar is the slogan of the bank.
7. Starting with the launch of 3250 access points, IPPB will be spreading its footprint and leveraging the vast postal network of nearly 1.55 lakh Post Offices and 3.0 lakh postal employees in every district, town and village of the country.
8. It is also planned to have 10,000+ doorstep service providers and 24x7 multilingual customer support.

**Exercise Pitch Black 2018**

- Venue: Darwin, Australia
- Participants: 16 countries including India and France
- Return leg of the exercise jointly held by Indian Air Force and French Air Force at AF Station Gwalior and Agra from 01 to 04 Sep 2018

**US Open 2018**

Sr.	Title	Winner	Runner-up
1	Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Juan Martin del Potro (Argentina)
2	Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Serena Williams (United States)
3	Men's Doubles	Mike Bryan and Jack Sock (USA)	Lukasz Kubot (Poland) and Marcelo Melo (Brazil)
4	Women's Doubles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia) and Colleen Vandeweghe (United States)	Timeas Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)
5	Mixed Doubles	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) and Jamie Murray (UK)	Alicja Rosolska (Poland) and Nikola Pietrangeli (Croatia)

**Asian Games 2018**

- Held at : Jakarta and Palembang (Indonesia)
- From : 18 August to 01 September 2018
- Medals Tally

Sr.	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	132	92	65	289
2	Japan	75	56	74	205
3	South Korea	49	58	70	177
4	Indonesia	31	24	43	98
5	Uzbekistan	21	24	25	70
6	Iran	20	20	22	62
7	Chinese Taipei	17	19	31	67
8	India	15	24	30	69

**Points to remember:**

1. No. of participating countries: 45
2. Opening and closing ceremonies held at: Gelora Bung Karno Main Stadium in Jakarta
3. Mascots: Bhin Bhin (a greater bird-of-paradise), Atung (a Bawean deer), and Kaka (a Javan rhinoceros)
4. Official musical album: Energy of Asia
5. Games officially opened by: Joko Widodo, the President of Indonesia
6. Games officially closed by: Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of Olympic Council of Asia
7. Most Valuable Player Award: Rikako Ikee (Japan) winner of 6 gold and 2 silver medals
8. Demonstration sports: eSports and Canoe Polo
9. Next Asian Games at: Huangzhou, China in 2022

Also see Questions on Asian Games (<http://gk-questions.leadthecompetition.in/questions-on-asian-games.html>)

**Important Days of September 2018**

<b>International Day of Charity: 05 September 2018</b> Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2013	<b>International Literacy Day: 08 September 2018</b> Designated by: UNESCO First observed: 1966 Theme: Literacy and Skills Development
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<b>International Day of Democracy: 15 September 2018</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2008 Theme: Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World	<b>International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer: 16 September 2018</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1995 Theme: Keep Cool and Carry On
<b>International Day of Peace: 21 September 2018</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1982 Theme: The Right to Peace: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70	<b>International Day of Sign Languages: 23 September 2018</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2018 Theme: With Sign Language, Everyone is Included

### Joint Military Exercises - September 2018

Sr.	Name	Countries	Place	Dates
1.	Nomadic Elephant 2018	India and Mongolia (Armies)	Five Hills Training Area, Ullanbatar, Mongolia	10 to 21 Sep 2018
2.	SLINEX 2018	India and Sri Lanka (Navies)	Trincomalee, Sri Lanka	07 to 13 Sep 2018
3.	Yudh Abhyas 2018	India and United States (Armies)	Chaubatia, Uttarakhand	16 to 29 Sep 2018
4.	Vostok 2018	Russia, China and Mongolia	Siberia, Russia	11 to 17 Sep 2018
5.	MILEX 2018	BIMSTEC countries	Aundh Military Station, Pune	10 to 16 Sep 2018
6.	AVIAINDRA 2018	India and Russia (Air Forces)	Lipetsk, Russia	17 to 28 Sep 2018
7.	KAZIND 2018	India and Kazakhstan (Armies)	Otal, Kazakhstan	10 to 22 Sep 2018

### Cyclones/Hurricanes/Typhoons - September 2018

Sr.	Name	Countries affected	Remarks
1.	Jebi	Japan, Taiwan	-
2.	Mangkhut	Philippines, Hongkong	-
3.	Florence	United States	-
4.	Daye	India (Odisha)	-

### Sports Awards - 2018

#### Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

Sr.	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Ms. S Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting
2.	Virat Kohli	Cricket

**Dronacharya Award**

<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
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 VR Beedu	Athletics (Life time)

**Arjuna Award**

<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
1.	Shri Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
2.	Nb Sub 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. Sathiyam	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**

<b>#</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
1.	Shri Satyadev Prasad	Archery
2.	Shri Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
3.	Ms. Bobby Alysius	Athletics
4.	Shri Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling

### Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

Sr.	Category	Discipline
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding and 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

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

### Important Awards - September 2018

Sr.	Award	Recipients	Award given by
1.	Meryl Streep Award for Excellence	Ms. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan	Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Awards.
2.	Wyler Award for Excellence in Direction	Ms. Zoya Akhtar	Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Awards.
3.	WIFT Emerald Award	Ms. Janhvi Kapoor	Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Awards.
4.	UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Award	Shri Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	UNIATF
5.	Meera Puraskar	Shri Sawai Singh Shekhawat	Rajasthan Sahitya Academy

### IOWave 18 - Tsunami Mock Drill

- Date: 04 and 05 September 2018
- Organised by: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
- No. of participants: 24
- The purpose of the exercise is to increase tsunami preparedness and evaluate response capabilities in each state. The exercise would involve the evacuation of more than 1,25,000 people from the coastal communities of Odisha, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat and Goa.

Source : [www.leadthecompetition.in](http://www.leadthecompetition.in)

### CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS

- For which of the following missions has the Union Cabinet recently approved raising of funds as Extra Budgetary Resources?
  - Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
  - Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)
  - Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana
  - MGNREGA
- What is the theme of letter writing competition named Dhai Akhar organised by the Department of Posts?
  - Letter to My Motherland
  - Swachh Bharat
  - Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
  - Jai Jawan Jai Kisan
- Who is the director of the film Halkaa which has been made under the aegis of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)?
  - Konkona Sen Sharma
  - Anurag Kashyap
  - Mahesh Manjrekar
  - Nila Madabh Panda