

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF NOVEMBER 2018

The environmental NGO founded by Anil Kumar Agarwal which has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2018	Centre for Science and Environment
The day in November 2018 which has been chosen to be observed as Naturopathy Day the the AYUSH Ministry of the Union Govt	18 November
The Indian Army officer, known for his heroic leadership in the famous Battle of Longewala during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 who passed away on 17 November 2018	Brig Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri
The well-known theatre, film personality and ad film maker who passed away on 17 November 2018	Alyque Padamsee
The word meaning 'poisonous' which has been selected as the Oxford Word of the Year 2018	Toxic
The veteran journalist and Chairman of Hindu group of publications who has been chosen for the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award 2018 by the Press Council of India	N Ram
The theme of World Tolerance Summit held in Dubai, UAE from 16 to 18 Nov 18 in line with International Day for Tolerance on 16 November	Prospering From Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration
The theme of Aadi Mahotsav, a National Tribal Festival being held in Delhi from 16 to 30 Nov 2018	A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce
The Indian athlete and Asian Games gold medallist who has been made the country first youth ambassador by UNICEF	Hima Das
The severe cyclonic storm that hit the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu causing loss of lives and property was named	Cyclone Gaja
The denomination in which the Govt has decided to issue a commemorative coin on the occasion of 75 anniversary of Netaji hoisting the tricolour at Port Blair on 30 Dec 1943	Rs. 75
The place in Uttar Pradesh where the joint military exercise between Indian and Russia EXERCISE INDRA 2018 on combating insurgency under the aegis of United Nations (UN) will be conducted from 18 November 2018	Babina
The place in Goa where the foundation stone of All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy was laid by Minister of state (I/C) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Naik	Dhargal
The international organisation which has stripped Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi of its 2009 Ambassador of Conscience Award for not speaking about violence against Rohingya muslim community	Amnesty International
The creator of iconic comic-book heroes including Spider-Man, the X-Men, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, the Fantastic Four, Black Panther, Daredevil, Doctor Strange and Ant-Man who passed away on 12 Nov 2018.	Stan Lee
The city of Uttar Pradesh in which the Prime Minister inaugurated the first of the four multi-modal terminals on Ganga river as a part of Jal Marg Vikas project	Varanasi
The Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers who passed away on 12 November 2018	Ananth Kumar
The Indian author who has been awarded the Press Freedom Award for her courage in writing the book "I am a Troll; Inside the Secret World of Bharatiya Janata Party's Digital Army"	Swati Chaturvedi
The new Chairperson of Competition Commission of India appointed to replace Shri Sudhir Mittal	Ashok Kumar Gupta
The India-Indonesia Navy bilateral exercise scheduled to be held from 12 to 18 Nov 2018 at the Surabaya port in Indonesia is named	Samudra Shakti

38th India International Trade Fair

- Venue: Pragati Maidan,
- New Delhi From 14 Nov to
- 27 Nov 2018 Partner
- country: Afghanistan Focus
- country: Nepal
- Focus State: Jharkhand

Launch of GSLV MkIII-D2

GSLV Mk III-D2 - Geosynchronous

Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III Launched

on: 14 Nov 2018

Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)

SHAR, Sriharikota. Satellite launched: 3423-kg

GSAT-29 satellite

Features of GSLV

1. GSLV Mk III is a three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle.
2. Two massive boosters with solid propellant constitute the first stage, the core with liquid propellant form the second stage and the cryogenic engine completes the final stage.

Features of GSAT-29

1. GSAT-29 is a multiband, multi-beam communication satellite, intended to serve as test bed for several new and critical technologies.
2. Its Ku-band and Ka-band payloads are configured to cater to the communication requirements of users including those from remote areas especially from Jammu & Kashmir and North-Eastern regions of India.

Note: India has achieved significant milestone with this heaviest launcher lifting off the heaviest satellite from the Indian soil. Chandrayaan-2 and Gaganyaan missions will be launched by this heavy-lifter.

Operation Greens

Aim of Operation Greens: to stabilize the supply of Tomato, Onion and Potato(TOP) crops and to ensure availability of TOP crops throughout the country round the year without price volatility.

Outlay: Rs

500 crores

The strategy

1. Short term Price Stabilisation Measures

NAFED will be the Nodal Agency to implement price stabilisation measures. MoFPI will provide 50% of the subsidy on the following two components:

Transportation of Tomato Onion Potato(TOP) Crops from production to storage; Hiring of appropriate storage facilities for TOP Crops;

2. Long Term Integrated value chain development projects Capacity Building of FPOs & their consortium Quality production Post-harvest processing facilities Agri-Logistics Marketing / Consumption Points

Creation and Management of e-platform for demand and supply management of TOP Crops.

Important Days of November

<u>Vigilance Awareness Week</u> : 29 October to 03 November 2016 Theme: Eradicate Corruption: Build a New India	<u>World Tsunami Awareness Day</u> : 05 November 2017 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2016
<u>World Science Day for Peace and Development</u> : 10 November Designated by : UNESCO Theme : Science, a Human Right First Observed in: 2001	<u>World Pneumonia Day</u> : 12 November Designated by : WHO Theme : Stop Pneumonia: 10 years of progress and the path forward First Observed in: 2009
<u>World Diabetes Day</u> : 14 November Designated by : International Diabetes Federation Theme : The Family and Diabetes First Observed in: 1991 by IDF, adopted by UN in 2006	
<u>International Day for Tolerance</u> : 16 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First observed in : 1995 The UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence awarded every two years on the occasion has been awarded to social entrepreneur and film maker Manon Barbeau and the Coexist Initiative, a non-profit organisation of Kenya	
<u>World Philosophy Day</u> : (3rd Thursday of Nov) 16 November Designated by : UNESCO First Observed in: 2002	<u>World Toilet Day</u> : 19 November Designated by : World Toilet Organisation Theme: When Nature Calls First Observed in: 2001 by World Toilet Organisation and accepted by UN in 2013

Qaumi Ekta Week (National Integration Week)

From 19 to 25

November 2018

Programme

November 19, 2018 : National Integration Day

November 20, 2018 : Welfare of Minorities Day

November 21, 2018 : Linguistic Harmony Day

November 22, 2018 : Weaker Sections Day

November 23, 2018 : Cultural Unity Day

November 24, 2018 : Women's Day

November 25, 2018 : Conservation Day

Leasing out of airports

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the leasing out of six airports of AAI viz.

1. Ahmedabad,
2. Jaipur,
3. Lucknow,
4. Guwahati,
5. Thiruvananthapuram and
6. Mangaluru

The lease is for operation, management and development under Public Private Partnership (PPP) through Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC).

Empowered Group of Secretaries headed by CEO, NITI Aayog with Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Secretary, Department of Expenditure to decide on any issue falling beyond the scope of PPPAC.

Ease of Doing Business 2019

Released by: World Bank

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	New Zealand	46	China
2.	Singapore	77	India
3.	Denmark	81	Bhutan
4.	Hong Kong	100	Sri Lanka
5.	South Korea	110	Nepal

Note: India's ranking for 2018 was 100.

Abbreviations in News

INSPIRE: International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency

Source : www.leadthecompetition.in

10 BEST WEBSITES FOR UPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAM 2018 PREPARATION

1. pib.nic.in : This is Press Information Bureau website. Useful for all latest Government updates and press releases.
2. thehindu.com : The Hindu is undoubtedly the newspaper of choice for lakhs of UPSC CSE aspirants. Get all the latest news and editorials at the click of mouse.
3. yojana.gov.in : Here you can get all the Yojana and Kurukshetra articles about important Socio-Economic issues.
4. envfor.nic.in : Questions from Environmental studies are gaining momentum with every passing year. Official website of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change can help a great deal for latest environmental issues, acts and initiatives.
5. cctindia.gov.in : This website is very useful for preparing Arts and Culture and covers all the aspects of India's rich heritage.
6. idsa.in : Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses website. Most reliable source for covering latest updates and discussions related to India's defence, Internal Security and International Security.
7. vikaspedia.in : A knowledge providing initiative by India Development Gateway (InDG). Excellent platform for latest information in the domain of social development.
8. prsindia.org : Latest updates on Parliamentary bills, Acts and their amendments can be tracked. Very useful website for Polity questions.
9. egyankosh.ac.in : A National Digital Repository which can be used to download IGNOU e-books for free. Informative YouTube videos can also be watched.
10. gatewayhouse.in : One of the best online resources when it comes to India's Foreign policy and other global issues pertaining to India.

Source : <https://www.oliveboard.in/blog/10-best-websites-upsc-civil-services-exam-2018-preparation/>

Capital of India

Country	Capital
India	New Delhi

List of 29 States and Capitals of India

S.no	State	Capital
1	<u>Andhra Pradesh</u>	<u>Hyderabad</u> (De jure - 2 June 2024) <u>Amaravati</u> (proposed)
2	<u>Arunachal Pradesh</u>	<u>Itanagar</u>
3	<u>Assam</u>	<u>Dispur</u>
4	<u>Bihar</u>	<u>Patna</u>
5	<u>Chhattisgarh</u>	<u>Raipur</u>
6	<u>Goa</u>	<u>Panaji</u>
7	<u>Gujarat</u>	<u>Gandhinagar</u>
8	<u>Haryana</u>	<u>Chandigarh</u> (shared with Punjab)
9	<u>Himachal Pradesh</u>	<u>Shimla</u>
10	<u>Jammu and Kashmir</u>	<u>Srinagar</u> (summer), <u>Jammu</u> (winter)
11	<u>Jharkhand</u>	<u>Ranchi</u>
12	<u>Karnataka</u>	<u>Bengaluru</u> (formerly <u>Bangalore</u>)
13	<u>Kerala</u>	<u>Thiruvananthapuram</u>
14	<u>Madhya Pradesh</u>	<u>Bhopal</u>
15	<u>Maharashtra</u>	<u>Mumbai</u>
16	<u>Manipur</u>	<u>Imphal</u>
17	<u>Meghalaya</u>	<u>Shillong</u>
18	<u>Mizoram</u>	<u>Aizawl</u>
19	<u>Nagaland</u>	<u>Kohima</u>
20	<u>Odisha</u>	<u>Bhubaneswar</u>
21	<u>Punjab</u>	<u>Chandigarh</u>
22	<u>Rajasthan</u>	<u>Jaipur</u>
23	<u>Sikkim</u>	<u>Gangtok</u>
24	<u>Tamil Nadu</u>	<u>Chennai</u>
25	<u>Telangana</u>	<u>Hyderabad</u> (from June 2, 2014 – shared with Andhra Pradesh)
26	<u>Tripura</u>	<u>Agartala</u>
27	<u>Uttar Pradesh</u>	<u>Lucknow</u>
28	<u>Uttarakhand</u>	<u>Dehradun</u>
29	<u>West Bengal</u>	<u>Kolkata</u>

7 Union Territories of India

S.no	Union Territory	Capital
1	<u>Andaman and Nicobar Islands</u>	<u>Port Blair</u>
2	<u>Chandigarh</u>	<u>Chandigarh</u>
3	<u>Dadar and Nagar Haveli</u>	<u>Silvassa</u>
4	<u>Daman and Diu</u>	<u>Daman</u>
5	<u>Delhi</u>	<u>Delhi</u>
6	<u>Lakshadweep</u>	<u>Kavaratti</u>
7	<u>Puducherry (Pondicherry)</u>	<u>Pondicherry</u>

India is located in South Asia and is officially known as the Republic of India. Comprising a total area of 3,287,263 sq. km, India has an estimated population of 1,293,057,000, making it the world's second most populous country.

Governed by a parliamentary system, India is a federal constitutional republic and is the world's most populous democracy. There are 29 states and seven union territories in India. Each state and union territory of India has an administrative, legislative and judicial capital.

An administrative capital is one where all the offices of the executive government are situated. A legislative capital is the one where the state assembly convenes. A judicial capital is the one where the territorial high courts are located.

All the states and two union territories, Puducherry and the National Capital Territory of Delhi, have an elected form of government and legislatures. They are headed by a Chief Minister, who is elected for a term of five years. Other union territories are directly ruled by the Central government. Under the States Reorganisation Act of 1956, the states were reorganised on the basis of language.

The map above shows locations of all the States and Union Territories along with their capitals. The names of the states of India are written in capital letters and the capitals of states are marked with a black dot. State and international boundaries are also marked in the map. The table below the map lists the capital of India and the capitals of the states and the union territories.

Source: <https://www.mapsofindia.com/maps/schoolchildrens/statesandcapitals.htm>