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- ❖ **Finance Minister Arun Jaitley** presented his Budget for the year **2018-19** in Parliament.
- ❖ **Ministry Of Earth Science (MoES) Has Inaugurated High Performance Computer System(HPC) Or Supercomputer Mihir (Meaning Sun) At National Centre For Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Noida.**
- ❖ The **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** launched the third version of the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM 3.0)**.
- ❖ **The Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh** inaugurated the **7th India Energy Congress 2018**. It is organised by **World Energy Council India** with **theme "Energy 4.0: Energy Transition Towards 2030"**, in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Centre has sanctioned **Rs 1,500 crore for three years to promote organic farming in Uttarakhand**.
- ❖ India has joined the **Ashgabat agreement** which envisages setting up of an **international transport and transit corridor linking central Asia with the Persian Gulf**. It is to significantly improve the trade and investment.
- ❖ The **32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela** has begun in **Haryana's Surajkund city**.
- ❖ The first defence industrial production corridors **link Chennai and Bengaluru**.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Investors' Summit 'Advantage Assam' in Guwahati.
- ❖ Odisha has bagged Geospatial World Excellence Award-2018 for successful IT application.
- ❖ A 10-day National Tribal Festival, Aadi Mohatsav, kicked off at Kalagram in Manimajra, Chandigarh. It is to celebrate tribal culture, cuisine and commerce.
- ❖ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the first International Kala Mela at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Floating Treatment Wetland (FTW) was inaugurated on World Wetlands Day (February 2) in Neknampur Lake in Hyderabad to clean and purify the polluted waterbody.
- ❖ Assam Government has signed a MoU with the **National Building Construction Corporation Limited (NBCCL)**.

- ❖ Power Minister R K Singh announced a Rs 48,000-crore Kisan Urja Suraksha Utthaan Maha Abhiyaan KUSUM scheme.
  - ❖ The Maharashtra government has approved Ghodazari in Chandrapur district as a new wildlife sanctuary in the state.
  - ❖ India has contributed an additional \$1 million to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund earmarked for South-South cooperation.
  - ❖ Environment Ministry launches the Green deed Campiagn.It aims the students to give awareness about global warming and climate change.
  - ❖ India test-fired its indigenously developed **nuclear capable Agni-I ballistic missile**.
  - ❖ The **cab-hailing company Ola** has inked MOU with **Government of Assam** to pilot an app-based **river taxi service** in Northeast India's financial hub **Guwahati**.
  - ❖ The **Fifth edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference** was held in **New Delhi**.Thee timely and quality delivery of public services.
  - ❖ The State government has decided to hold the first-of-its kind, one-day **Pelican Festival**. It will be held at the **Atapaka Bird Sanctuary on Kolleru**, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the country.
  - ❖ To create awareness around Internet safety, Google India launched a public initiative **"#SecurityCheckKiya"**.
  - ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** State government in association with **UNICEF** has launched massive door to door campaign **DASTAK**.
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- ❖ **Rwanda has become the first low-income country** to provide **universal eye care** for its 12 million population.
  - ❖ Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed an agreement with the World Bank for Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP).
  - ❖ A new Manchester-India Partnership (MIP) aimed at connecting Indian companies with the northern regions of England has been set up to further trade, investment, science and innovation ties between India and Britain.
  - ❖ Sri Lanka celebrated the 70th Independence Day in a grand ceremony at the Galle Face Green in Colombo.
  - ❖ The country's **Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)** has successfully launched the smallest-ever rocket to carry a satellite into orbit.The rocket set off from the **Uchinoura Space Center**.

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will have a packed schedule during his four days visit to **Palestine, UAE and Oman** from 9th Feb.
- ❖ The **Maldives President Abdulla Yameen** declared a state of emergency for **15 days**.
- ❖ **The US entrepreneur Elon Musk** has launched his new rocket, **the Falcon Heavy**.
- ❖ **Sweden and the United Nations World Food Programme** has signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement. It has committed **\$370 million dollars** to WFP over the next four years.
- ❖ **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** will attend the opening ceremony of the **32nd Al Jana-driyah festival in Riyadh**.

### **BANKING & BUSINESS**

- ❖ **The Central Statistics Office (CSO)** revised the gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate for **2015-16 to 8.2%** from the earlier estimates of **8%** and kept the **2016-17** growth unchanged at **7.1%**.
- ❖ **Google** has introduced a new app named "**Bulletin**" in a limited edition and it is available in **Nashville, Tennessee and Oakland, California**.
- ❖ **The government and World Bank** signed a **\$100 million (about Rs 6,400 crore) loan agreement**. It is to promote rural economy in selected blocks of **Tamil Nadu** across 26 districts, benefiting over 4 lakh people.
- ❖ India has slipped to **42nd place on the Economist Intelligence Unit's annual Global Democracy Index**.
- ❖ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has received Rs173.06 crore capital infusions from the government in the current fiscal.
- ❖ Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and United Shipbuilding Corporation (USC), Russia has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU).
- ❖ The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Shri Arun Jaitley launched CriSidEx. It is India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) developed jointly by CRISIL & SIDBI.
- ❖ The Government has decided to sell off its entire public stake in Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. (DCIL).

- ❖ **The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)** has been ranked the top environment policy think tanks in India while it has secured the **16th position in global rankings**, climbing up two positions from the last year.

### APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

| Name of the Person   | Appointed for the post  | Resign | Replaces             |
|----------------------|---|--------|----------------------|
| Neelam Kapur         | director general (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI)              | -----  | -----                |
| Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan | new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army | -----  | -----                |
| John Hennessy        | Alphabet chairman   | -----  | -----                |
| Nicos Anastasiades   | president of the Republic of Cyprus                                   | -----  | -----                |
| Syed Mahmud Hossain  | as Chief Justice of Bangladesh  | -----  | Surendra Kumar Sinha |
| Dinesh Srivastava    | Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC)                         | -----  | G Kalyanakrishnan    |
| Jerome Powell        | 16th chairman of the Federal Reserve                                  | -----  | Randal K. Quarles    |

### AWARDS & HONOR

- ❖ **Magahi writer Shesh Anand Madhukar**, who has been working extensively for the development of the language, was honoured with this year's **Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award**.
- ❖ The V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award of the Mumbai International Film Festival is for Documentary, Shorts & Animation Films. MIFF 2018 will be conferred upon veteran film maker Shyam Benegal.
- ❖ Shabnam Asthana was awarded the 'Times Power Women of the Year 2017'- Pune for Global PR. The award was conferred on her by **Dilip Kamble, Minister of State for**

**Social Justice.** These awards were initiated to celebrate the victories of women who have been a great source of inspiration.

- ❖ Indian athletes **Jasprit Bumrah(Cricket), Harmanpreet Kaur(Cricket), Savita Punia(Hockey Goal Keeper) and Heena Sidhu(Shooter)** made it to this year's Forbes India 30 Under 30 list.
- ❖ The International Press Institute's Indian National Committee has named **Ritu Sarin as the recipient of the IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism.**

### BOOKS & AUTHOR

- ❖ Exam Warriors, a book penned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for students, has been released in the presence of External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar.

### SPORTS

- ❖ **Jammu and Kashmir Police** will host **B N Mullik Memorial All India Police Football Championship.**
- ❖ **Anu Kumar of Uttarakhand** grabbed the **first gold medal of the Khelo India School Games** in 1500 metres at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.**
- ❖ M C Mary Kom claimed a gold **India Open boxing.** She defeated Josie Gabuco 4-1 **in the 48kg category.**
- ❖ India's leading squash player, Saurav Ghosal jumped five places to No 14 to become the highest ranked Indian in the Professional Squash Association (PSA) rankings released.
- ❖ India has lifted the ICC Under-19 World Cup for the record fourth time.
- ❖ India Open 2018

| Category        | Winner                        |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Men's Singles   | <b>Shi Yuqi (China)</b>       |
| Women's Singles | <b>Beiwen Zhang (America)</b> |
| Men's Doubles   | Marcus Fernaldi               |

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|                 | Gideon(Indonesia) and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)        |
| Women’s Doubles | Greysia Polii (Indonesia) and Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia)        |
| Mixed Doubles   | Mathias Christiansen (Denmark) and Christinna Pedersen (Denmark) |

- ❖ The BCCI has announced a cash reward of **Rs 50 lakh** for the **Under-19 chief coach Rahul Dravid**.
- ❖ A youngster 21-year-old **Shubhankar Sharma** became the top-ranked Indian golfer with a **rank of 72 in the world golf rankings**.

**OBITUARIES**

- ❖ **Senior BJP MP from Maharashtra, Chintaman Wanaga**, passed away.
- ❖ **Francisco Nunez Olivera**, the worlds oldest man passed away.
- ❖ Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament from Western Uttar Pradesh’s Kairana, Hukum Singh passed away.
- ❖ **Kathakali maestro Madavoor Vasudevan Nair** collapsed on stage and passed away while performing at Agasthyacodu Mahadeva Temple, Anchal in kollam.
- ❖ Former Minister and **presently member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Gali Muddu Krishnama Naidu**.

**HISTORIC EVENTS OF THE DAY**

| February | Important Event   | Theme         |
|----------|---|---------------|
| 4        | World Cancer Day  | We Can. I can |
| 6        | International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation | -----         |