

National News

1. Anukreethy Vas Crowned Femina Miss India 2018

i. **Anukreethy Vas, a 19-year-old Tamil Nadu college student**, has been crowned ***Femina Miss India 2018*** in a grand ceremony in Mumbai hosted by filmmaker

Karan Johar and actor Ayushmann Kurrana.

ii. Anukreethy Vas had beaten 30 contestants to bag the top honour in front of a judges panel that included Miss World 2017 Manushi Chhillar.

iii. Meenakshi Chaudhary from Haryana was the first runner-up while Shreya Rao Kamavarapu from Andhra Pradesh secured the second runner-up position.

Static/Current Takeaways Important for competitive exams

- Reita Faria was the first Miss World from India in 1966.

2. HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar Launched National Digital Library of India

i. **Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar** launched the **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**. The library will become a single window platform for all educational needs.

ii. Users can register for free on the National Digital Library from Google Play store. The library can be accessed at ndl.iitkgp.ac.in. The library is an integrated platform for schools, colleges, universities, teachers, and students.

3. 5th National Standards Conclave Held in New Delhi

i. The **5th National Standards Conclave- Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization** was held in New Delhi. It was organized by **Department of Commerce and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**.

ii. Two reports were also released by Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Indian National Strategy for Standardization (INSS)** and **CII-ASL Study on TBT/SPS Notifications**.

4. Telangana Police Launched 'Cop Connect' App

- i. The Telangana police have launched a mobile-based messenger application named 'Cop Connect' dedicated to provide real-time information to over 60,000 police officers across the State.
- ii. The mobile-based application launched by the Director General of Police M. Mahender Reddy will also support the police department in improving quality of service delivered to the public.

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- **Telangana CM-** K Chandrasekhar Rao, **Governor-** E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan (Add. Charge).

5. Punjab Government Launched Mobile App- 'i-Hariyali'

- i. The Punjab Government has launched a mobile application named 'i-Hariyali' aimed at increasing the state's green cover. The mobile application would enable the users to order free plant saplings.
- ii. The 'i-Hariyali' app, under 'Mission Tandarust Punjab' can be downloaded from the app store for free.

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- **Punjab CM-** Captain Amarinder Singh, **Governor-** V.P. Singh Badnore.

6. Shillong Gets Selected As the 100th Smart City

- i. Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya has been selected as **100th Smart City** after evaluating the proposal submitted by it. Till now, 99 smart cities had been selected in four rounds of competition and with this announcement, **selection of 100 cities has been completed under the Smart Cities Mission.**
- ii. Previously, 20 cities were selected in January 2016, 13 cities in May 2016, 27 cities in September 2016, 30 cities in June 2017 and 9 cities in January 2018. With the selection of Shillong, **the total proposed investment in the finally selected 100 cities under the Smart Cities Mission would be Rs.2,05,018 crores.**

7. Health Minister Launched National Health Resource Repository

- i. **Union Health Minister JP Nadda** launched the **National Health Resource Repository (NHRR)** -- the country's first-ever national healthcare registry of authentic, standardised and updated geo-spatial data of all public and private healthcare establishments.
- ii. The vision of NHRR project is to strengthen evidence-based decision making and develop a platform for citizen and provider-centric services by creating a robust, standardised and secured IT-enabled repository of India's healthcare resources.

8. Vice President Receives The Book 'Vedvigyan Alok'

- i. **The Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu** has received the book "**Vedvigyan Alok**" (Maharishi Aitareya Mahidas Praneeet - Aitareya Brahmina ki Vaigyanik Vyakhya) **authored by Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik**.
- ii. The book is divided into four broad volumes. The Book Vedvigyan Alok is the scriptural verse in Vedas' prose.

International News

9. World Refugee Day: 20 June

- i. **On World Refugee Day** is held every year on **20th June** to commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees. The theme for World Refugee Day 2018 is **'Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees'**.
- ii. This year, World Refugee Day also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee.

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- World Refugee Day was established by the United Nations on December 4, 2000.
- António Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United States.
- The UN Headquarters in New York, United States.

10. US Withdraws From UN Human Rights Council

- i. **Nikki Haley, the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations** announced the **withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)**, accusing the council of bias against US ally Israel.

ii. The US withdrawal from the council marks the first time that a member has voluntarily left the UNHRC. A sitting member of the Council has never dropped out in its 12-year history, though Libya was thrown out after a vote from the General Assembly in 2011.

About United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC):

- **UNHRC is Based in Geneva, Switzerland.**
- It is a body of **47 member** states within the United Nations, tasked with upholding human rights.
- **It was created in 2006.**

11. Inter-Governmental Ministerial Meeting On Anti-Doping Held in Colombo

- i. **The 15th annual Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial** meeting on anti-doping was held in Colombo with representatives from 29 countries including India. The 15th such annual gathering was attended by the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** to discuss important anti-doping issues that would help in the fight for clean sport.
- ii. The two-day meeting discussed how to make the most of government engagement, ensure compliance with the world anti-doping code, support capacity building and a range of other topics.

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- Sir Craig Reddie is the President of **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**.
- It Headquarters in Montreal, Canada.

12. World's Most Powerful Supercomputer 'Summit' Unveiled By US

- i. US scientists have unveiled the **world's most powerful and smartest scientific supercomputer named 'Summit'** that can complete over **200,000 trillion calculations per second** - providing unprecedented computing power for research in energy, advanced materials and artificial intelligence (AI).
- ii. The US Department of Energy's **Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)** supercomputer called Summit will be eight times more powerful than its **previous top-ranked system, Titan.**

Banking News

13. RBI Alters 'Relative' Definition to Check Outward Remittances

- i.** Concerned over funds sent abroad under the 'maintenance of close relative' category of the **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has narrowed the definition of relatives to check the flow of funds.
- ii.** Hence, funds under the 'maintenance of close relative' category can be sent only to immediate relatives such as parents, spouses, children and their spouses.
- iii.** This has brought about by defining 'relatives' under the Companies Act, 2013 instead of the same act of 1956.

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- **Urjit Patel**- 24th Governor of RBI, **Headquarters-** Mumbai, **Established on-** 1st April 1935, in Kolkata.