



### Current Affairs - May to July 2018

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#### Meetings

- ▶ 106th Indian Science Congress will be held at Lovely Professional University (LPU) in Jalandhar (Punjab) in January 2019, with theme *Future India: Science & Technology*. It will be organised by Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA).
- ▶ 11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius in August 2018, with Theme *Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiya Sanskriti*.
- ▶ 16th Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Asia (WGIA16) held in New Delhi.
  - ▶ India aims to achieve 175 GW of installed capacity of renewable energy generation by 2022.
  - ▶ WGIA is an initiative of Japan, to improve quality of Greenhouse Gas Inventories of Asian countries by building capacities through training and exchange of experience. 15 countries are WGIA members.
- ▶ 17th World Sanskrit Conference held at Vancouver (Canada).
- ▶ 2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) will be held in Beijing (China) in August 2018. It will see over 12,000 competing teams and 50,000 participants from over 10 countries.
- ▶ 2nd meeting of SCO-Afghanistan Contact Group Meeting held in Beijing . With Indian Delegation headed by Additional Secretary (Multilateral Diplomacy) Gitesh Sharma.
- ▶ 3rd United Nations Peacekeeping Course for African Partners (UNPCAP) held in New Delhi, conducted by Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping in India (CUNPK) in partnership with USA.
- ▶ 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting completed in Bahrain's capital Manama, with 19 new sites inscribed to World Heritage List.

New Addition to List are -

#### Cultural -

- ▶ **Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai (India)**
- ▶ Aasivissuit – Nipisat, Inuit Hunting Ground between Ice and Sea (Denmark)
- ▶ Al-Ahsa Oasis, an evolving Cultural Landscape (Saudi Arabia)
- ▶ Ancient City of Qalhat (Oman)
- ▶ Archaeological Border complex of Hedeby and the Danevirke (Germany)
- ▶ Caliphate City of Medina Azahara (Spain)
- ▶ Göbekli Tepe (Turkey)
- ▶ Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region (Japan)
- ▶ Ivrea, industrial city of the 20th century (Italy)
- ▶ Naumburg Cathedral (Germany)
- ▶ Sansa, Buddhist Mountain Monasteries in Korea (Republic of Korea)
- ▶ Sassanid Archaeological Landscape of Fars Region (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- ▶ Thimlich Ohinga Archaeological Site (Kenya)

#### Natural sites -

- ▶ Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains (South Africa)
- ▶ Chaîne des Puys - Limagne fault tectonic arena (France)
- ▶ Fanjingshan (China)

#### Mixed sites -

- ✎ Chiribiquete National Park – “The Maloca of the Jaguar” (Colombia)
  - ✎ Pimachiowin Aki (Canada)
  - ✎ Tehuacán-Cuicatlán Valley: originary habitat of Mesoamerica (Mexico)
9. ▶ 44th G7 summit held in Quebec (Canada). Its Joint Statement was rejected by USA Prez Donald Trump. Members are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States AND European Union. Next (45th) G7 Summit will be held in Nouvelle - Aquitaine (France).
  10. ▶ 4th Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit will be held in Kathmandu (Nepal) in August 2018. Nepal is current chair of BIMSTEC. Other members - India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka from South Asia and Myanmar.
  11. ▶ 4th Edition of Global Exhibition on Services held in Mumbai.
    - ✎ In India, services sector contributes 61 % in gross value added. India’s global services exports stood at 3.4 % in 2016, aimed to be 4.2 % by 2022.
    - ✎ Champion Services Sectors scheme was also launched on the occasion. 12 identified sectors where Government wants to give focused attention for promoting their development includes *Information Technology & Information Technology enabled Services (IT&ITeS), Tourism and Hospitality Services, Medical Value Travel, Transport and Logistics Services, Accounting and Finance Services, Audio Visual Services, Legal Services, Communication Services, Construction and Related Engineering Services, Environmental Services, Financial Services and Education Services.*
    - ✎ Fund of Rs. 5000 crores has been proposed to be established to support initiatives for sectoral Action Plans of Champion Sectors.
  12. ▶ 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held an emergency summit in Istanbul (Turkey), to discuss recent Israeli violence against Palestinian protesters in Gaza Strip.
  13. ▶ 5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) intersessional ministerial meeting held in Tokyo (Japan). It was first RCEP ministerial gathering to be held outside ASEAN countries. RCEP is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) or comprehensive regional economic integration agreement between 10-ASEAN countries and its six FTA partners (Australia, New Zealand, India, China, Japan and Korea).
  14. ▶ 6th biennial World Cities Summit was held in Singapore with theme *Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration.*
  15. ▶ An anti-doping sports conference named *Clean Sport=Fair Outcome?* conducted to address the issue of doping, at Oslo (Norway).
  16. ▶ Department of Economic Affairs (Ministry of Finance) hosted 3rd Annual Meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Mumbai (First in India) -
    - ✎ Theme for this year's AIIB meet is *Mobilising Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration.*
    - ✎ With total project portfolios of US\$4.4 Billion, India is largest borrower of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
    - ✎ Inaugural Asian Infrastructure Forum was also held launched, which will gather infrastructure practitioners in a practical and project-driven discourse, focused on matching innovative finance to critical infrastructure needs.
    - ✎ Exhibition titled *India Infrastructure Expo 2018* was also organized on sidelines of 3rd AIIB Meet.
    - ✎ AIIB -
      - ✎ AIIB is China led multilateral development bank set up in 2016. It has 83 member nations. India is second largest shareholder in AIIB (7.5 %), after China (26.06). It is headquartered in Beijing (China).
      - ✎ Jin Liqun (China) is current president of AIIB.
  17. ▶ First Global Wind Summit will be held in Hamburg (Germany) in September 2018, with participation of over 100 countries. Summit will combine 2 main conferences - WindEnergy Hamburg and WindEurope, Holinsky.
    - ✎ India has 33GW installed capacity of wind energy, ranking 4th after China, US and Germany. Government targets 60 GW of wind energy by 2022.
  18. ▶ Haryana Government will host 2018 World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) Conference at Gurugram in October 2018, to provide common unified structure of mandis all across world and take advantages of the improvements in mandis in the world for India’s domestic requirements.
  19. ▶ India hosted 15th Asia Media Summit (AMS-2018) in New Delhi, organised by Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) with theme *Telling our Stories- Asia and More.*
    - ✎ Established in 1977, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) is a regional inter-governmental organisation servicing countries of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in field of electronic media. It is hosted in Kualampur (Malaysia).

20. ▶ International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST)'s 19th World Congress of Food Science and Technology will be hosted by India in Navi Mumbai in October 2018. Focal theme is *25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 : with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods*.
21. ▶ Ireland will hold an international conference of female parliamentarians in September, in Dublin.
22. ▶ Most anticipated Bilateral Meeting for world peace, the USA-North Korea Meet held in Singapore.
  - ✎ USA Prez Donald Trump and North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un met in Singapore, after a round of negotiations and months of tensions among both parties.
  - ✎ North Korea Pledged to give up its nuclear Program and destroy its Nuclear arsenal. It brings respite to whole world as North korea.
  - ✎ After successful USA-North Korea Peace summit, USA and South Korea suspended 2 exchange program training exercises.
23. ▶ NITI Aayog will organize *MOVE: Global Mobility Summit* in New Delhi in September, 2018, to help drive Government's goals for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth and also speed up India's transition to a clean energy economy.
24. ▶ Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) plenary meeting held in Jurmala (Latvia). With this, Latvia became first Baltic state to chair NSG.

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