



### Current Affairs - August to October 2018

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#### Persons

- ▶ Indian Mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta and Mousumi Khatua climbed Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount Damavand. Its highest peak in Iran and also a potentially active volcano, with elevation of 5609 metres.
- ▶ Kerala government approved Compensation worth 50 Lakh for Former ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan, in compliance with a September 14 Supreme Court order, that required awarding the compensation to him for being falsely implicated in 1994 espionage case.
- ▶ Mukesh Ambani (chairman of Reliance Industries) topped 'Barclays Hurun India Rich List 2018' for 7th consecutive year, with the total net worth of INR 371,000 crores.
- ▶ Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi became first person from whom honorary Canadian citizenship has been taken back, for her role in gross human rights violations against Rohingya Muslims. The honour was bestowed on Suu Kyi in 2007.
- ▶ Obituaries (August 2018) -
  - ▶ Jalees Sherwani - Noted Bollywood Sreenwriter.
  - ▶ Umbayee - Noted Malayalam Ghazal singer.
  - ▶ Krishna Shripadrao Deshpande - Noted library scientist.
  - ▶ Muthuvel Karunanidhi - Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, served for over five terms between 1969 and 2011.
  - ▶ Sumatheendra R. Nadig - Noted Kannada poet.
  - ▶ Jarrod Lyle - Noted Australian golfer.
  - ▶ Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul - Noted Indian Origin British writer who won 2001 Nobel Prize for Literature. He was born in Trinidad in a family with Indian roots.
  - ▶ Somnath Chatterjee - Former Lok Sabha speaker.
  - ▶ Nicholas Bett - former 400m hurdles world champion from Kenya.
  - ▶ Balamji Dass Tandon - Incumbent (Current) Governor of Chhattisgarh. Anandiben Patel (Governor of Madhya Pradesh) has been named as Acting Governor of Chhattisgarh.
  - ▶ Ajit Wadekar - Former Cricketer.
  - ▶ Hakam Singh - Former Track Athlete. He had won gold medal at 1978 Asian Games in 20 kilometre race walk.
  - ▶ Atal Bihari Vajpayee - Former Prime Minister of India.
    - ▶ He was Prime Minister thrice in 1996 (13 days), 1998-1999 and 1999-2004 (making him first non-Congress leader to have completed full term as Prime Minister).
    - ▶ During his second term as PM, he ordered thermonuclear tests in May 1998 which were seen as strategic masterstroke to blunt Pakistan's nuclear ambitions. He was awarded the India's highest civilian honour 'Bharat Ratna' in 2015. His birthday is celebrated as Good Governance Day (GGD) by the Central Government since 2014. He was also honored by Bangladesh Muktiyuddho Sanmanona (Bangladesh Liberation War honour) in 2015.
    - ▶ His poetry collection is released in his book Meri Ekyavan Kavitaeyin (My 51 Poems). During his stint as PM, India won Kargil war Against Pakistan. Some Other notable books of Shri Vajpayee were -
      - ▶ Meri Sansadiya Yatra
      - ▶ Meri Ekyavan Kavitaeyin (poetry)

- ✍ Sankalp Kaal
- ✍ Shakti-se-Shanti
- ✍ Four Decades in Parliament
- ✍ Mrityu Ya Hatya
- ✍ Amar Balidan
- ✍ Kaidi Kaviraj Ki Kundalian
- ✍ New Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy
- ✍ Jan Sangh Aur Mussalman
- ✍ Sansad Mein Teen Dashak
- ✍ Amar Aag Hai
- ✍ Kya Khoya Kya Paya
- ✍ Kuchh Lekh Kuchh Bhaashan
- ✍ Vichaar-Bindu
- ✍ Bindu-Bindu Vichar
- ✍ Gathbandhan Ki Rajneeti
- ✍ Nayi Chunouti : Naya Avasar
- ✍ Na Dainyam Na Palaynam

- ✍ Kofi Annan (Ghana) - Former United Nations Secretary General.
- ✍ Aretha Franklin - Noted US Singer.
- ✍ Uri Avnery - Noted Israeli journalist and peace activist.
- ✍ Chemmanam Chacko - Noted Malayalam poet and Sahitya Akademi awardee.
- ✍ Kuldip Nayar - Noted journalist and former Rajya Sabha member.
- ✍ Debu Bose - Noted Odia actor.
- ✍ John McCain - Noted US Senator and a celebrated Vietnam war hero.
- ✍ Gopal Bose - Former Bengal cricketer.
- ✍ K K Haridas - Noted Malayalam film director
- ✍ Nandamuri Harikrishna - Telugu actor and Politician.

#### 6. ▶ Obituaries (October 2018) -

- ✍ Otis Rush - Noted Chicago blues guitarist (USA).
- ✍ Balabhaskar - Noted violinist.
- ✍ Thampi Kannanthanam - Noted Veteran Malayalam film personality.
- ✍ Will Vinton - Oscar-winning American animator.
- ✍ Natwar Thakkar - Noted Eminent Gandhian social worker from Nagaland.
- ✍ Montserrat Caballé - Noted Spanish Opera singer.
- ✍ Pradip Chowdhury - Noted journalist and former News Editor of Press Trust of India (PTI).
- ✍ M N Paloor - Noted Malayalam poet.
- ✍ G.D. Agarwal - Environmentalist. He was on a fast for last 111 days demanding a clean Ganga.
- ✍ Annapurna Devi - Noted musician. She was daughter and disciple of Noted sarod player Allauddin Khan, and married to sitar maestro Ravi Shankar.
- ✍ Kishour Giri - Assamese singer and music director.
- ✍ Paul Allen - co-founder of Microsoft.
- ✍ N D Tiwari - Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- ✍ Osamu Shimomura - Japanese-born Marine biologist. He won Chemistry Nobel Prize in 2008, for discovery of a jellyfish protein that contributed to cancer studies.
- ✍ Madan Lal Khurana - Former Delhi Chief Minister
- ✍ Qazi Abdus Sattar - Urdu writer. He won Padma Shri in 1974 and was first recipient of Ghalib Academy Award in 1978.
- ✍ Yeshwant Deo - Noted Marathi musician.

#### 7. ▶ Obituaries (September 2018) -

- ✍ Tarun Sagar - Noted Jainism monk.
- ✍ Bhagwati Kumar Sharma - Noted Gujarati author and journalist.
- ✍ Burt Reynolds - Noted American Actor.

- 📌 Rita Jitendra - Noted Writer from J & K.
- 📌 Vijay Shankar Vyas - Noted agricultural economist. He worked with two Prime Ministers (*Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh*) as a member of their Economic Advisory Councils (EAC).
- 📌 Goura Chandra Mohapatra - Noted Freedom fighter from Odisha.
- 📌 Brij Katyal - Noted Bollywood Storywriter.
- 📌 Satya Prakash Malaviya - Former Union petroleum minister. He served as petroleum minister in cabinet headed by former PM Chandra Shekhar.
- 📌 Anna Rajam Malhotra - India's first woman IAS officer post-Independence.
- 📌 Captain Raju - Noted Malayalam actor
- 📌 Ganpatrao Andalkar - former Asian Games champion Wrestler.
- 📌 Kalpana Lajmi - Filmmaker.
- 📌 Biswanath Dutt - Former BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) president.
- 📌 Tran Dai Quang - Serving President of Vietnam.
- 📌 Jasdev Singh - Noted Commentator (primarily cricket).
- 📌 Kavita Mahajan - Noted Marathi writer, novelist and translator.
- 📌 Pandit Tulsidas Borkar - Noted harmonium artist.

8. ▶ Persons Resigned / Retired (October 2018) -

- 📌 Igor Akinfeev - Russian footballer.
- 📌 Mile Jedinak - Australian footballer.
- 📌 Nick Compton - England Cricketer Retires.
- 📌 John Terry - England Footballer.
- 📌 Meng Hongwei - resigned as President of International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol).
- 📌 Indian American Nikki Haley resigned as United States Ambassador to the United Nations (UN).
- 📌 Abdur Rehman - Pakistani Cricketer.
- 📌 Praveen Kumar - Indian Cricketer.
- 📌 MJ Akbar - resigned as Union minister of state for external affairs. He is facing allegations of sexual harassment.
- 📌 Rangana Herath - Sri Lankan Cricketer.
- 📌 Dwayne Bravo - West Indies Cricketer (Trinidad).
- 📌 Anupam Kher - Chairan of Film & Television Institute of India Pune.

9. ▶ Persons Resigned / Retired (September 2018) -

- 📌 Alastair Cook - England Cricketer. He is overall 5th and England's top scorer in test cricket, with 12472 runs.
- 📌 Rudra Pratap Singh - Indian Cricketer.
- 📌 Morna Nielsen - New Zealand Female Cricketer.
- 📌 Sardar Singh - Former India Hockey Player and captain.
- 📌 James Foster - England Cricketer.
- 📌 Paul Collingwood - England cricketer.
- 📌 Shaida Mohammad Abdali - Afghanistan Ambassador to India.
- 📌 Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger - Co-founders of Social Media app Instagram.
- 📌 Ramesh Bawa - IL&FS Financial Services Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- 📌 Russia's Mikhail Youzhny (nicknamed 'Colonel'), retired from professional tennis, with 499 career wins.
- 📌 Jiwanjot Singh Teja - National compound archery coach. He resigned following denial of Dronacharya award.

10. ▶ Persons Resigned / Retired -

- 📌 Mario Gomez - Noted German Footballer.
- 📌 David Silva and Gerard Pique - Spanish Footballers.
- 📌 Paresh Sukthankar - HDFC Bank Deputy Managing Director.
- 📌 Sriram Kalyanaraman - National Housing Bank (NHB) Managing Director.
- 📌 MD Ranganath - Infosys' Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- 📌 Mitchell Johnson - Australian cricketer.
- 📌 Usha Ananthasubramanian - Fired on her last day in office as Allahabad Bank's MD and CEO, in relation to PNB scam.
- 📌 Jhulan Goswami - Indian women Cricketer (from T20 Internationals).
- 📌 Subramaniam Badrinath - Indian Cricketer

11. ▶ US private space firm SpaceX signed world's first private passenger to fly around Moon aboard its Big Falcon Rocket (BFR) launch vehicle. Japanese billionaire (founder of fashion giant Zozo), Yusaku Maezawa will be the first Moon tourist on SpaceX's Lunar BFR Mission.
12. ▶ Visits From India (Aug 1 - 10, 2018) -
  - ✍ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited 3 central Asian nations - Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan AND Uzbekistan.
13. ▶ Visits from India (Aug 11 - 20, 2018) -
  - ✍ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj Visited Mauritius. She Inaugurated Panini Language Laboratory at Mahatma Gandhi Institute in Mauritius. She also attended 11th World Hindi Conference being held in Mauritius, in its capital Port Lois. Theme of Conference was *Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti*.
14. ▶ Visits from India (Aug 21 - 31, 2018) -
  - ✍ Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH, Shripad Yesso Naik visited Netherlands for 4th International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC), organized by International Maharishi Ayurveda Foundation, Netherlands; All India Ayurvedic Congress, New Delhi and International Academy of Ayurveda, Pune.
  - ✍ Prime Minister Narendra Modi Visited Nepal (Kathmandu) -
    - ✍ Participated in 4th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Meet. Theme of the summit is 'Towards a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable Bay of Bengal region'.
    - ✍ BIMSTEC is regional grouping of seven countries in South Asia and South East Asia lying in littoral and adjacent areas of Bay of Bengal. It was established on 6 June 1997 through Bangkok Declaration. It is headquartered in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
    - ✍ Members - India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand.
    - ✍ India and Nepal signed MoU to build strategic railway line connecting Raxaul city in Bihar, India to Kathmandu, capital of Nepal.
    - ✍ Also, PM Modi inaugurated 400-bed Nepal-Bharat Maitri Pashupati Dharamshala in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal.
  - ✍ 8th meeting of India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee held in Nairobi (Kenya). It was attended by Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu.
  - ✍ Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu attended 6th RCEP Trade Ministers' Meeting in Singapore.
  - ✍ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj Visited Vietnam and Cambodia. She attended 3rd Indian Ocean Conference in Hanoi (Vietnam). Its theme was "Building Regional Architectures".
  - ✍ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited Thailand.
  - ✍ G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting held in Salta (Argentina). India was represented by Minister for Electronics and IT & Law and Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad.
15. ▶ Visits from India (Oct 11 - 20, 2018) -
  - ✍ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Visited France. She participated in the 1st India-France Ministerial level annual defence dialogue in Paris.
  - ✍ 7th meeting of education ministers of member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) held in Astana (Kazakhstan). India was represented by Minister of State (MoS) Human Resource Development Satyapal Singh.
  - ✍ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited Tajikistan capital Dushanbe to attend Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of Government Council Meeting.
  - ✍ Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu visited Azerbaijan to attend 5th meeting of India-Azerbaijan Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Economic, Science and Technology Cooperation (IA-IGC).
  - ✍ President Ram Nath Kovind Visited Tajikistan (Central Asia). 9 MOUs were signed on the occasion, for cooperation in Political relations, Strategic research, Agriculture Renewable energy, Traditional medicine, Space technology, Youth affairs, Disaster Management AND Culture. India also announced grant of USD 20 Million to Tajikistan for implementation of development projects of Tajikistan.
16. ▶ Visits from India (Oct 21 - 31, 2018) -
  - ✍ Minister of State (IC) for Tourism, K. J. Alphons attended 109th session of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council in Manama (Bahrain). India will be the chair of Programme and Budget Committee of UNWTO Executive Council till 2021.
  - ✍ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited Qatar and Kuwait.
    - ✍ India and Qatar established a joint commission to review all bilateral matters, as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest.

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi Visited Japan -

### Attended 13th annual bilateral summit of India –Japan -

- Agreed for a 2+2 dialogue between our foreign ministers and defence ministers to further work towards world peace.
- India-Japan Business Platform will be established to enhance the development of industrial corridors and industrial network in the region.

### 6 MOUs were signed -

#### Food Safety

MoU between Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India and NEXI, Japan

MoU between CSIR India with Hiroshima University and University of Tokyo (Japan) for Research Partnership.

MoU between National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) India, and Shizuoka University (Japan) for Academic and Research exchanges.

MoU between Sports Authority of India (SAI) India and University of Tsukuba (Japan) for academic exchanges and sports cooperation.

### Other Important Agreements -

Joint Venture Agreement between State Bank of India (SBI) and SBI Payment Services Pvt. Ltd and Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd.

India and Japan signed an agreement for \$75-billion bilateral currency swap, representing increase of 50 % percent over last currency swap arrangement between the two countries. This will enable agreed amount of foreign capital being available to India for use as and when need arises.

Japan announced joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA), submitting instrument of ratification. As of now, 70 countries have signed ISA Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and 47 countries that have ratified it.

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited Indonesia.

Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, C. R. Chaudhary Visited Czech Republic for attending 11th session of India – Czech Republic Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC).

## 17. Visits from India (Sep 1 - 10, 2018)

India, Iran and Afghanistan held their first tripartite meeting in Kabul (Afghanistan). Indian delegation was led by Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale.

Minister of State (IC) for Labour & Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar visited Mendoza (Argentina), for G-20 Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting.

Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Satya Pal Singh visited Mendoza (Argentina), for G-20 Education Ministers' Meeting. It was first ever meeting of Education Ministers in history of G-20.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited Vietnam and Cambodia.

In Vietnam, She inaugurated 3rd Indian Ocean Conference in Hanoi.

In Cambodia, She signed 2 MOUs - 1st MOU is on Restoration and preservation of world heritage site of an 11th century temple of Lord Shiva called 'Temple of Preah Vihear' in Cambodia's Preah Vihear. 2nd MOU is on cooperation between India's Foreign Service Institute (FSI) and Cambodia's National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations (NIDIR).

Indian Air Force Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa visited Myanmar and Malaysia.

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu visited USA to address 2nd World Hindu Congress held in Chicago, on occasion of 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Historic Speech at Parliament of the World's Religions on Sep 11, 1893.

Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment visited Seoul (Korea), to attend the 3rd ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Conference on 'Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons'.

Jharkhand CM Raghubar Das visited China. He invited China to participate in food processing summit, which will be organised by Jharkhand Government in November.

President Ram Nath Kovind Visited European Nations Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic.

### Cyprus -

India and Cyprus have signed two agreements on combating money laundering and cooperation in field of environment.

India and Cyprus agreed to revise Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) signed between India and Cyprus in 2016 to further enhance investment cross flows.

### Bulgaria -

India and Bulgaria sign five pacts on Investment, Tourism, Civil Nuclear Cooperation, science and technology cooperation and Establishment of Hindi Chair at Sofia University.

 Czech Republic -

 5 Agreements signed -

 Cooperation between Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and Czech Academy of Sciences


 Visa waiver agreement for diplomatic passport holders


 A work plan to support Indo-Czech projects in diverse areas of science and technology.

 Cooperation in laser technology between ELI Beamlines and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.

 Cooperation between Haryana Agricultural University and Czech University of Life Sciences.


18. ▶ Visits from India (Sep 11 - 20, 2018) -

 Navy Chief Sunil Lanba visited Rhode Island (USA).

 India and Niger signed an MoU for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC) in Niamey (Niger). It was signed during External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj's visit to Niger (Western Africa).

 External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited Russia for participating in 23rd meeting of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC).


 Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu Visited Russia.

 Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu participated in G-20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting in Mar del Plata (Argentina).

 Vice President Venkaiah Naidu visited European Nations Serbia, Malta and Romania -

 Romania -

 Romania agreed to take lead to re-start negotiations on India-EU-BTIA (Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement)


 Romania will open a Consulate in Chennai

 India Opens Ayush Information cell in Romania

 Malta -


 3 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed in fields of Maritime Cooperation, Tourism and Training.

 Serbia -

 India and Serbia signed agreements on cooperation in plant protection and plant quarantine and on-air services. India and Serbia are observing 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between them.

19. ▶ Visits from India (Sep 21 - 30, 2018) -

 Senior security officials from Iran, Russia, China, India and Afghanistan attended a meeting in Tehran (Iran). National Security Advisor Ajit Doval Visited on India's Behalf.

 USA and India formed 'USAID-India End TB Alliance comprising leading experts in public and private sectors to combat the menace of tuberculosis. Event was attended by Health Minister J P Nadda on India's Behalf.

 It includes Soumya Swaminathan (Deputy Director General of Programmes (DDP) at World Health Organisation (WHO)) and Blessina Kumar from Global Coalition of TB Activists.


 USAID will make initial US \$30 million commitment, subject to approval of the US Congress.

 Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu Visited Bangladesh.


20. ▶ Visits from india (Oct 1 - 10, 2018) -

 External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited Kazakhstan (Central Asia).

 President Ra Nath Kovind Visited Tajikistan -

 Signed MoUs in various fields including political relations, strategic research, agriculture, renewable energy, traditional medicine, space technology, youth affairs, Culture and Disaster Management.

 Indian grant of 20 million US dollars was announced for Tajikistan to finance development projects.

 Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, C. R. Chaudhary Visited Nigera for Regional Conclave on India-West Africa Project Partnership held in Abuja, organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-EXIM Bank.

21. ▶ Visits to India (Oct 21 - 31, 2018) -

 Andrus Ansip (European Commissioner for Digital Single Market and Vice President of the European Commission) Visited India. .


 Prime Minister of Italy, Giuseppe Conte Visited India. He attended India-Italy Technology Summit at New Delhi.

 Sri Lankan prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe visited India, as his fifth official visit to India since taking office in 2015.

 Rajiv Gauba (Home Secretary) Visited Myanmar, to attend 22nd National Level Meeting between India and Myanmar.

 Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Croatia Marija Pejcinovic Burić Visited India, with 2 agreements signed to strengthen cultural and diplomatic cooperation.

- China's State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi Visited India. India and China have signed agreement on internal security cooperation, as first such agreement to be signed between the two countries.
- 22. ▶ Visits to India (Aug 1 - 10, 2018) -
  - Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President-elect of 73rd United Nations General Assembly visited India.
- 23. ▶ Visits to India (Aug 11 - 20, 2018) -
  - Itsunori Onodera, Defence Minister of Japan Visited India. He attended India-Japan Annual Defence Ministerial Dialogue.
- 24. ▶ Visits to India (Aug 21 - 31, 2018) -
  - China's Defence Minister Wei Fenghe Visited India (New Delhi). India and China decided to work towards a new bilateral MoU on Defence Exchanges and Cooperation to replace MoU signed in 2006.
  - Defence Minister of Japan, Itsunori Onodera visited India.
- 25. ▶ Visits to India (Oct 1 - 10, 2018) -
  - Malaysia's Human Resources Minister M. Kulasegaran Visited India.
  - Opposition leader of Canada, Andrew Scheer Visited India.
  - President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev Visited India. 17 MOUs were signed -
    - Visa-free travel for diplomatic passport holders.
    - cooperation in field of tourism, military education, sphere of Law and Justice, agriculture and allied sectors, scientific-technical and innovation fields, health and medical science, combating illicit trafficking narcotic drugs, exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes, Foreign Affairs.
    - MoU between Samarkand City of Uzbekistan and Municipal Corporation of Agra (Uttar Pradesh).
    - Establishment of the Uzbek-Indian Free Pharmaceutical Zone in the Andijan Region of Uzbekistan.
    - Cooperation between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under President of Uzbekistan.
  - UN Secretary-General António Guterres (Portugal) Visited India.
    - Formally opened new UN House in New Delhi.
    - Participated in closing session of Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention. He will also meet with the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Sumitra Mahajan, before giving an address at the India Habitat Centre.
    - Took part in General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance.
  - Russian President Vladimir Putin Visited India -
    - Attended 19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit 2018 in New Delhi.
    - Attended AIM-SIRIUS Innovation Festival 2018 in New Delhi.
    - India and Russia signed their biggest defence deal in over two decades for Five S-400 air defence systems with worth \$5.43 billion ( Rs. 40,300 crores) -
      - The S-400 regiments will be delivered starting 2020 and are likely to be deployed to cover both the Pakistani and Chinese borders.
      - China was first foreign buyer Signed a \$3 billion deal for integrating Six S-400 in 2014.
      - U.S. warned deal could attract sanctions under Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) law that restricts defence purchases from Russia, Iran and North Korea.
      - S-400 Air Defence System (Previously known as the S-300 PMU-3)
        - The S-400 uses four missiles to fill its performance envelope: the very-long-range 40N6 (400 km), the long-range 48N6 (250 km), the medium-range 9M96E2 (120 km) and the short-range 9M96E (40 km).
        - One S-400 can launch 160 guided missiles simultaneously, engage 80 targets at a time.(2 Missile to attack 1 target).
        - It can hit aircraft, cruise missiles and even fast-moving intermediate range ballistic missiles. The S-400 has three components — the missile launchers themselves, a powerful radar and a command centre.
        - The radar can track targets 600 km away. For example, S-400 systems deployed in India can track aircraft flying well outside the country's borders, which is a major threat deterrent to the enemy's air force.
    - 8 MOUs signed -
      - Protocol for Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and MEA for the period 2019-2023
      - MoU between NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission and Russian Creative school SIRIUS, to provide a platform for joint scientific and entrepreneurial efforts by youth of two nations.
      - MOU between ISRO and ROSCOSMOS on Joint Activities in field of Human Spaceflight Programme.

 ROSCOSMOS offered ride to Indian astronaut short visit to International Space Station (ISS) on board Soyuz spacecraft for short training mission in 2022.

 Cooperation between Railways, Nuclear Field, Transport Education, MSME, Fertilizers Sector.

26. ▶ Visits to India (Oct 11 - 20, 2018) -

 Andreas Krause, Chief of German Navy visited India.


 Augustine P. Mahiga , Foreign Minister of Tanzania Visited India. He attended 9th Session of India - Tanzania Joint Commission Meeting.


27. ▶ Visits to India (Sep 1 - 10, 2018) -

 Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', former Prime Minister of Nepal Visited India.


28. ▶ Visits to India (Sep 11 - 20, 2018) -

 Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani visited India.


 India and Morocco signed revised Air Services Agreement, enabling greater connectivity through a modernized agreement. It was signed during Mohammed Sajid's Visit to India. He is Moroccan Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Handicraft and Social Economy.

 Mr. Mohammad Sajid also inaugurated India's First ever India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018) in in New Delhi, organized by Ministry of Tourism.

29. ▶ Visits to India (Sep 21 - 30, 2018) -


 Goa government signed agreement with Portugal in field of water supply, waste water management and sanitation for a period of 2 years. It was signed during Portugal's Minister of Environment Joao Pedro de Matos Fernandes Visiting India.

 Sayyid Badr Saud Harib Al Busaidi, Defence Minister of Sultanate of Oman Visited India.

 India and Morocco have agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of defence and security, during Visit of Moroccan Defence Minister Abdeltif Loudyi, to India. 2 MoUs signed - Cyber Security AND Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

 Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of Uzbekistan, Shuhrat Sadikov Visited India. 2 MoUs signed

 Strengthening e-Governance cooperation.

 Declaration of Intent between CDAC India and Tashkent University of Information Technologies (Uzbekistan) for cooperation in capacity building in ICT sector.

 Queen Mother of Bhutan, Her Majesty Gyalyum Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck Visited India.

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