

# Current Affairs

## India

1. Kolkata city became the first one to get a floating market in January 2018.
2. Kanha Tiger Reserve is the first tiger reserve in India to officially introduce a mascot named "Bhoorsingh—the Barasingha".
3. Arunachal Pradesh is the second state after Sikkim, which is declared as the Open Defecation Free State.
4. Indian Railway Minister, Suresh Prabhu flagged off the all new "Medha" train, which is the country's first 'Made in India' train on March 18, 2017 in Mumbai.
5. The Ministry of External affairs of India has announced that it will soon be issuing orange passports for citizens with ECR (Emigration Check Required) status.
6. The Indian state of Assam published the first draft of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).
7. Madhya Pradesh is the first Indian state to set its financial year to Jan-Dec format.
8. The Supreme Court on July 5th, 2018 ruled that the Chief Justice of India is the "Master of Roster" who has the authority to decide on allocation of cases.
9. Ashok Lavasa has taken charge as the Election Commissioner of India succeeding Om Prakash Rawat.
10. On 18th January 2018, HDFC bank became the first Indian bank to cross 5 trillion rupees in market capitalisation at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
11. The new 10 rupee note of Mahatma Gandhi series bear the signature of RBI Governor of India.
12. Sri Lanka has become the first country to be connected to India's National Knowledge Network.
13. Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi was the Chief Guest of the official ceremony in the Republic Day in 2017.
14. Uttarakhand High Court has recognised Ganga and Yamuna rivers as living entities. It is the first such instance in India where

a non-human has been given the tag.

15. India on July 1st, 2018 observed the first Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day to celebrate the first year of the unique reform of Indian taxation.
16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Palestine in February 2018 to become the first Prime Minister to make an official visit to that country.
17. In 2018, Flight Lieutenant Avani Chaturvedi became the first Indian woman pilot to take a solo flight of the fighter aircraft.
18. Bihar has permanently banned the sale of loose cigarettes.
19. Sunil Mehta has been elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association—an association of Indian banks and financial institutions based in Mumbai.
20. On 28th August 2017, the Defence Accounts Department (DAD) organized its first Synergy Conference on Defence Pensions in New Delhi.
21. Dharmendra Kumar was appointed as the Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) on 20th August 2017.
22. New Delhi hosted the 2018 Secure India Conclave.
23. The Tata Consultancy Services Company became the first listed Indian IT firm to hit USD 100 billion market capitalisation mark.
24. India won 26 gold medals in the Commonwealth Games 2018.
25. Kerala topped the list of best-governed states as per Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2018 released by the think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC).
26. Indian Railways launched "Mission Satyanishtha" to wipe out corruption in July 2018.
27. A chicken breed named Kadaknath from Madhya Pradesh recently got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
28. Along with Christmas, Good Governance Day is also observed across India on 25th December.
29. Punjab has imposed a complete ban on manufacturing, sale, production, storage, supply, and usage of the kite-flying thread made out of nylon, plastic or any other synthetic material in the state.

## World

31. World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31st May all over the world.

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32. Jeff Bezos is the richest person of world with a net worth of 160 billion dollars.

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33. Shripad Yesso Naik, an Indian politician and the Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy, has inaugurated The 4th International Ayurveda Congress, Netherlands.

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34. United States of America established an official, permanent military base, an air defense base in the heart of the Negev desert, Israel.

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35. As of March 2018, Facebook, the United States based social media company was accused of data breach in relation to the Cambridge Analytica controversy.

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36. UAE applied Value Added Tax (VAT) for the first time on 1st January 2018.

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37. Iris Mittenaere of France won the Miss Universe 2016 title.

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38. In October 2017, Shinzo Abe was re-elected as the Prime Minister of Japan.

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39. Central America's smallest nation El Salvador became first country in the world to ban metal mining nationwide.

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40. In September 2017, the world's highest sandcastle standing 16.68 meters (54.72 feet) tall was built in Germany.

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41. Mahathir bin Mohamad was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Malaysia in May 2018.

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42. Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has beaten Alibaba founder Jack Ma to become the richest man in Asia.

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43. World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on 14th June.

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44. The 4th BIMSTEC Summit 2018 was held from August 30 to 31, 2018 in Nepal.

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45. Coca-Cola Company will acquire Costa Coffee—British multinational coffeehouse company headquartered in Dunstable, Bedfordshire. It is the second largest coffeehouse chain in the world, and the largest in the UK.

46. The Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2018 was held during 6–7 January 2018 at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore.
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47. Russia continues to be the largest arms supplier to India as per report produced by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
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48. International Mother Language Day is celebrated on 21st February every year.
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49. Iran launched its first state-of-the-art domestic fighter jet Kowsar in August 2018.
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50. Canada has legalised the recreational use of marijuana nationwide.
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51. The World War-I memorial constructed by the government of India in Villers Guislain, France, was inaugurated by the Vice-President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu.
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52. As of October 2017, the US President Donald Trump was the world's most followed leader on Twitter.
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53. Switzerland topped the Global Innovation Index for the eighth consecutive year in August 2018.
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54. Chicago, USA hosted the 2nd World Hindu Congress in September 2018.
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55. Mount Hope of Antarctica has been confirmed to be the highest mountain in the British Antarctic Territory.
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### Sports

56. Aruna Budda Reddy created history by becoming the first Indian gymnast to win an individual medal at the 2018 Gymnastics World Cup.
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57. Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee has been named as the Most Valuable Player after she bagged six gold and two silver medals at the Asian Games 2018.
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58. 2017 powerlifting world champion Saksham Yadav passed away on 7th January 2018.
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59. Pranab Bardhan at 60, has become the oldest gold medalist of Asian Games 2018 from India. He won gold medal at sport of Bridge Event with Shibhnath Sarkar. The duo bagged first-ever

gold in men's pair bridge event.

60. Amit Panghal clinched gold in the men's Boxing 49kg final in Asian Games 2018. He defeated 2016 Olympic champion Hasanboy Dusmatov.
61. AB de Villiers announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on 23rd May 2018.
62. Vidarbha cricket team, which represents the Vidarbha region of eastern Maharashtra, won the Ranji Trophy final 2017.
63. Serena Williams won the 2017 Australian Open Women's Single title by defeating her sister Venus Williams in the final.
64. South Korea won the 5th Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2018 in Hockey.
65. China won the Men's Thomas Cup badminton tournament for the 10th time defeating Japan in the finals.
66. The World Corporate Games for the year 2019 will be held in Doha, Qatar.
67. Cristiano Ronaldo was named as the world's best player in 2016 by FIFA.
68. The city Birmingham in England will host the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
69. Virat Kohli had completed 1000 ODI runs as captain on 22nd January 2017 in 3rd ODI Vs England in Eden Gardens in Kolkata in his 17th Innings. He is currently the fastest to achieve this leaving behind AB De Villiers who did the same feat in 18 innings.
70. Patna Pirates won the Pro Kabaddi League Final 2017.
71. West Indian Chris Gayle has become the first batsman in the world to score 10,000 runs in Twenty20 cricket.
72. England won the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017.
73. Great Britain won the 2017 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup.
74. Suresh Raina, an Indian cricketer, has been chosen as the ambassador for "Swachh Bharat" drive in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
75. Virat Kohli became the only Indian cricketer to score more than 1000 runs in Test cricket in the year 2018 for the third consecutive year.

76. Navjot Kaur became the first Indian women to win the gold medal at Asian Wrestling Championship.
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77. The two-time Olympic footballer and East Bengal player Ahmed Khan passed away at the age of 90 on 26th August 2017.
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78. Senior journalist Rajat Sharma has become the new president of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association by beating World Cup winner Indian cricketer Madan Lal by 517 votes.
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79. New Zealand hosted the Under-19 World Cup Cricket 2018.
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80. Maria Sharapova, a Russian professional Tennis player wrote an autobiography named "Unstoppable: My Life So Far".
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81. Sloane Stephens won the US OPEN 2017 women's singles title defeating Madison Keys in the final.
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82. PV Sindhu was the flag bearer of Indian contingent at the Commonwealth Games 2018.
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83. Australia won the gold medal at the Hockey World League Final.
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84. The Pakistani cricketer Shahid Afridi announced his retirement from T20 International cricket in February 2017.
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### **Awards and Entertainment**

85. Shabana Azmi and Nandita Das along with 11 others were awarded the Bharatiya Manavata Vikas Puraskar in New Delhi. The award is honoured for the contribution to the society, social justice and human welfare and eradicating the cause of equity.
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86. Veteran actor Anupam Kher resigned from the post of Chairmanship of Film and Television Institute of India (FTTI).
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87. Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri won the Best Drama Motion Picture Award in the 75th Golden Globe Awards.
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88. The movie 'Hindi Medium' won the Best Film Award in the 2018 Filmfare Awards.
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89. The movie Shape of Water directed by Guillermo Del Toro won the award for Best Picture at the 90th Oscars Academy Awards 2018.
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90. According to Apple Music, Canadian singer Shawn Mendes's self-named album became the most-streamed pop album of 2018 in its first week on the music streaming site.
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91. An exceptional song collection named "DAMN." By Kendrick Lamar won the Pulitzer's Prize 2018 under the Music category.
92. Pawel Pawlikowski director of the movie "Cold War" won the Best Director award at the Cannes Festival 2018.
93. The TV series "Game of Thrones" won the Outstanding Drama Series in the 70th Emmy Awards, 2018.
94. The Miss America 2018 beauty contest held in New Jersey in September 2017 was won by Miss North Dakota Cara Mund.
95. Mickey Mouse celebrated his 90th birthday on 18th November, 2018.
96. Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle held on 19th May 2018 in the United Kingdom.
97. Marilyn Monroe's Golden Globes award was auctioned out at a price 1.79 crores.
98. Incredibles 2 set the record of highest grossing animated movie of all time in November 2018.
99. Parineeti Chopra became the first Indian woman ambassador for 'Australian Tourism'.
100. T M Krishna, a Carnatic vocalist was awarded the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015-16.
101. Moonlight won the Best Film Award in 2017 Oscars.
102. Emma Stone, an American actress, won the Best Actress in leading role award in 2017 Oscars. She was the highest-paid actress in the world in 2017.
103. Veteran Bollywood actor Shashi Kapoor passed away in December 2017 in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to kidney failure. He was 79.
104. The drama "Money Heist (La casa de papel)" produced by Antena 3, Vancouver Media won the Best Drama Series award at the International Emmy awards 2018.

### Health

105. Scientists have identified a weakness in disease-causing bacteria that could be used to develop drugs that will overcome antibiotic resistance.

- 106.** World Health day is celebrated on 7th April every year.
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- 107.** In 2016, the US Food and Drug Administration approved the world's first artificial pancreas.
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- 108.** The research of Israeli company named Beyond Verbal revealed that the analysis of human voices may be helpful for detection of medical conditions.
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- 109.** The charity Alzheimer's Research, the German telecommunications giant Deutsche Telekom and several other countries joined hands in a very ambitious project in which a mobile game named Sea Hero Quest is being used to understand how people's brains navigate space.
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- 110.** FDA Approves First wire-free Pacemaker on 7th April 2017.
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- 111.** World Heart day is celebrated on 29th September every year.
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- 112.** Bihar, India announced complete ban on plastic bags in urban areas effective from 25th October 2018.
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- 113.** Apple Continues their work on a new Medical Component and App for Apple Watch that Alerts users to UV radiation overexposure.
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- 114.** Japan invented a new brown rice called "Medical rice" which is both wax-free and protein reduced. It is very helpful for patients with chronic kidney diseases.
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### Science and Technology

- 115.** The world's definition of the kilogram, the ampere, the kelvin and the mole was redefined on 16th November forever.
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- 116.** According to new research published by the American Psychological Association, Killer whales display personality traits similar to those of humans and chimpanzees, such as playfulness, cheerfulness and affection.
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- 117.** Researchers at Stevens Institute of Technology have evaluated that smart car technologies save drivers \$6.2 billion on fuel costs each year.
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- 118.** The latest Android version Pie 9.0 was released on 6th August 2018.
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- 119.** India's first microprocessor designed by IIT Madras and fabricated



at Semi-Conductor Laboratory of ISRO in Chandigarh is named Shakti.

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- 120.** Mumbai is the first city in India to have Wi-Fi connectivity in public places.
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- 121.** On 15th February 2017, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched 104 satellites in the space.
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- 122.** The Mangalyaan Mars Orbiter completed its four years around Mars on 25th September 2018.
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- 123.** The longest total lunar eclipse of the 21st century occurred on the night of July 27, 2018. It lasted for 1 hour and 43 minutes, during which Earth's natural satellite turned into a spectacular red or ruddy-brown colour.
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- 124.** Dubai is the first city in the world to get its own Microsoft-designed font.
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- 125.** Sophia, a social humanoid robot, became the first robot to receive citizenship of Saudi Arabia. It was developed by Hong Kong-based Company Hanson Robotics.
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- 126.** Scientists have discovered sun-like twin stars, which are named Kronos. They are 350 light years from Earth.
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- 127.** Samsung A9 smartphone with four rear cameras was launched on 20th November 2018 in India.
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- 128.** A new "Magic Bench" designed by Disney Research lets you interact with endearing animated characters and no special glasses or headsets are required.
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- 129.** Mars made its closest approach to Earth in last 15 years on July 31, 2018.
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- 130.** NASA scientists have detected a salt-laden lake under ice on southern polar plain of Mars. It is the first stable body of liquid water found on Mars and is about 20 km wide.
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- 131.** A Soyuz rocket successfully launched a European weather satellite on Nov 6, 2018 completing a constellation of polar-orbiting satellites and providing additional reassurance about the reliability of the Soyuz.
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- 132.** The Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation has launched mobile application "ReUnite" in New Delhi to track

and trace missing and abandoned children in India.

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- 133.** NASA discovered a new solar system hosting 7 earth-like planets orbiting a star 400 light years away.
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- 134.** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched on 14th November 2018, a high throughput communication satellite named "GSAT-29" from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
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### Art and Literature

- 135.** A new book on Maharana Pratap named "Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior" authored by historian Rima Hooja has been released.
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- 136.** A novel named "The Friend" by Sigrid Nunez was awarded the National Book Award for Fiction 2018.
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- 137.** Merriam-Webster's Word of the Year for 2017 was Feminism.
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- 138.** Indian author Kiran Desai won the Man Booker Prize for the book 'The Inheritance of Loss'.
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- 139.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the book "Moving On, Moving Forward - A Year in Office" written by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu. The book was written by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu to mark his one year in office.
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- 140.** Stan Lee, 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 passed away on 12th November 2018.
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- 141.** The Nobel Prize in Literature 2016 was awarded to Bob Dylan "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."
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- 142.** "The English Patient" a book by Michael Ondaatje won the Golden Man Booker Prize in July 2018.
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- 143.** A Suitable Boy is the longest Indian novels ever published in a single volume in the English language.
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- 144.** Irish author Anna Burns won the Britain's renowned Man Booker Prize 2018 for her third novel 'Milkman'.
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- 145.** India's first Madame Tussauds wax museum opened in 2017 at the iconic Regal building in New Delhi.
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- 146.** The Collins dictionary word of the year 2018 was single-use.
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- 147.** The tallest statue of the world named Statue of Unity took five years to build from 31 October 2013 to October 2018 and was opened to public on 31st October 2018.
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- 148.** The inauguration of a digital museum at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai was held on 2nd October 2018. It is a joint initiative between the railways and Google Arts and Culture Association to make the wait of the commuters at the station more interesting.
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- 149.** Sahitya Akademi Award in the year 2018 was awarded to the novel "The Black Hill" by Mamang Dal.
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- 150.** A "General Theory of Oblivion" by José Eduardo Agualusa won the 2017 International Dublin Literary Award
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# Answer Sheet

## Healthy Habits and Life Skills

### Lesson 1: Do Good Be Good

1. b 2. b 3. a 4. b 5. a 6. b 7. b

### Lesson 4: Signs and Symbols

1. No Cell phone Sign
2. School Zone Road
3. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian marks
4. Restaurant Sign
5. No Smoking

### Lesson 6: Telephonic Manner

1. a 2. b 3. b 4. b 5. b

## Plants and trees

### Lesson 7: Colourful Flowers

1. b 2. g 3. f 4. d 5. a 6. c 7. h 8. e

### Lesson 8: Famous spices in India

1. e 2. a 3. b 4. f 5. c 6. d

### Lesson 9: Medicinal plants

1. Tulsi 2. Neem 3. Eucalyptus 4. Aloe Vera 5. Amla

### Lesson 10: Parts of plants

1. Roots
2. Stems
3. Leaves
4. Fruits and vegetables
5. Seeds
6. Flowers

### Lesson 12: We also can move

1. Venus Flytrap
2. Impatiens
3. Drosera
4. Squirting Cucumber
5. Orchid
6. Witch Hazel
7. Partridge Pea
8. Sandbox Tree
9. Triggerplant

## Animals and Birds

### Lesson 13: Classifying animals

1. Insects 2. Amphibians 3. Mammals 4. Reptiles 5. Birds

### Lesson 14: Fascinating Birds

1. Albatross
2. Pelican
3. Owl
4. Eagle
5. Arctic Tern
6. Ostrich
7. Humming Bird

### **Lesson 16: Popular Breeds of Dogs**

1. a
2. b
3. g
4. c
5. d
6. e
7. f

### **Lesson 17: Where do they live?**

1. Mountains
2. Swamps
3. Oceans
4. Rivers
5. Underground
6. Grasslands
7. Jungles

## **Our Country Our Pride**

### **Lesson 18: Famous Personalities of India**

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. f
6. g
7. e

### **Lesson 19: Heritage Sites of India**

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Maharashtra
3. Assam
4. Tamil Nadu
5. Rajasthan
6. Bihar

### **Lesson 20: Gardens of India**

1. Srinagar
2. Darjeeling
3. Mysore
4. New Delhi
5. Mumbai
6. Pinjore
7. Bengaluru
8. Chandigarh

### **Lesson 21: How Much You Know About India**

1. b
2. d
3. b
4. b
5. a
6. b
7. b
8. b
9. c
10. a
11. a
12. a
13. a
14. c

### **Lesson 22: Nobel Prize Winners**

- a. Literature
- b. Chemistry
- c. Physics
- d. Peace
- e. Economics
- f. Medicine

### **Lesson 23: Rulers of India**

1. e
2. a
3. h
4. g
5. f
6. c
7. d
8. b

## **Sports are Fun**

### **Lesson 25: Adventure Sports**

1. F1 car
2. Fly
3. Surfboard
4. Jumps
5. Red, Bull
6. Rafting Boat

### **Lesson 26: Athletics**

1. Relay Race
2. Hurdle Race
3. Discus Throw
4. Pole Vault
5. High Jump
6. Shot put
7. Javelin Throw
8. Long Jump
9. Race Walking

### **Lesson 27: Famous Sportspersons**

1. Ravindra Jadeja
2. Roger Federer
3. Pankaj Advani
4. Anju Bobby George
5. Babe Ruth
6. Pele

### **Lesson 29: Rio Olympics**

1. d 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. f 6. e

## **Science**

### **Lesson 30: At the Doctor's Clinic**

1. Ambulance 2. Prescriptions 3. Tablets 4. Stethoscope  
5. Syringe 6. Thermometers

### **Lesson 31: Computer Icons**

1. Folder 2. Save 3. Recycle Bin 4. Search 5. Print  
6. Computer 7. Copy 8. Cut

### **Lesson 32: Famous explorers**

1. Vasco Da Gama 2. Christopher Columbus 3. Captain Cook  
4. Ibn Battuta 5. Marco Polo 6. John Cabot

### **Lesson 33: Natural Disasters**

1. Cloud Burst 2. Hurricane 3. Tornado 4. Landslide  
5. Earthquake 6. Volcano 7. Drought 8. Forest Fire

### **Lesson 34: Our Universe**

#### **Lesson 35: Science a blessing**

1. a 2. d 3. h 4. g 5. f 6. e 7. c 8. b

## **Our World**

### **Lesson 37: Famous Bridges**

1. Italy 2. France 3. United States of America 4. England  
5. India 6. Australia

### **Lesson 38: Famous Landmarks**

1. Italy 2. Paris 3. Australia 4. Egypt 5. Vatican City 6. India

### **Lesson 39: Famous Women Achievers**

1. Marie Curie 2. Sunita Williams 3. Anne Bancroft  
4. Junko Tabei 5. Eileen Collins 6. Valentina Tereshkova

### **Lesson 40: Social Reformers**

1. f 2. b 3. a 4. d 5. c 6. e

### **Lesson 41: World's Superlatives**

1. Saudi Arabia 2. India 3. China 4. UAE  
5. United States of America 6. China

## Language and literature

### Lesson 43: Books and Author

1. Dr. Seuss
2. Roald Dahl
3. Anna Sewell
4. JK Rowling
5. Mary Norton
6. Robert Louis Stevenson

### Lesson 44: Important Days

1. 22nd April
2. 14th November
3. 8th March
4. 1st May
5. 5th September
6. 18th April

### Lesson 45: Palindromes

#### Across: 3. POP

5. CIVIC
6. EYE
9. MALYALAM
- Down: 1. NOON
2. EWE
4. LEVEL
7. RADAR
8. MADAM

### Lesson 46: Similes

1. Feather
2. Ox
3. Crystal
4. Lamb
5. Bee
6. Ocean
7. Cucumber
8. Giraffe
9. Sugar
10. Bat

### Lesson 47: The Panchatantra tales

1. d
2. b
3. c
4. e
5. a
6. f

### Mixed Up

### Lesson 48: Acronyms

1. a
2. a
3. b
4. b
5. a
6. a
7. b
8. a

### Lesson 49: Our Identity

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. f
6. e

### Lesson 50: Riddles

1. The Match
2. Envelope
3. Clock
4. Towel
5. 1
6. M
7. The man is bald.

### Lesson 51: We are grown up now!

1. Alia Bhatt
2. Salman Khan
3. Katrina Kaif
4. Priyanka Chopra
5. Aishwarya Rai
6. Imran Khan
7. Deepika Padukone
8. Aamir Khan
9. Sanjay Dutt

### Revision Worksheet-1

1. a. Spine b. Clove c. Tulsi d. Roots e. Mammals
2. a. Albatross b. German Shepherd c. No cellphone
3. a. iii b. i c. ii

## Revision Worksheet-2

1. a. Pac bots   b. Earthquake   c. Mobile phone   d. Orbit  
e. Konark Sun Temple
2. a. Landslide   b. Srinagar   c. Uttar Pradesh   d. Hang-gliding
3. a. iv   b. v   c. i   d. ii   e. iii

## Revision Worksheet-3

1. a. Marie Curie   b. Sunita Williams   c. India  
d. British Broadcasting Corporation   e. 22nd April
2. a. The Tortoise and the geese   b. Italy   c. Eiffel tower  
d. Kaitrina Kaif   e. Salman Khan
3. a. i   b. iv   c. v   d. vi   e. ii   f. iii