**STATES**

- **Odisha** – CM, Naveen Patnaik launched 'BhubaneswarMe Wi-Fi’, a citywide Wi-Fi service - to make the capital a fully Wi-fi enabled city

- With this move, the City of Temples will stamp its entry as a Global Smart City with 500 hotspots spanning the entire city
- There will be no charge on data usage for citizens, when they access government services through this network
- Besides, access upto 250 MB of data will be free for any user on a given day
- After the consumption of 250 MB, the government provides low-cost top up plans for the users
- On the first day 100 hotspots located in major locations with 275 access points (APs) went live
- Gradually, the hotspot locations will be increased to 518 with 1,800 access points.
Uttar Pradesh – CM, Yogi Adityanath announced that Faizabad district will be renamed ‘Ayodhya district’

- The city, Ayodhya is located in UP's Faizabad district
- The CM also announced that a new airport named after Ram and a new medical college named after Raja Dashrath (Lord Ram's father) - would be set up in Ayodhya
- Recently, the State had changed the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj

Uttar Pradesh - Ayodhya Deepotsav 2018 conducted in the state - enters Guinness Book of World Records

- A record 3,01,152 earthen lamps were illuminated on the bank of River Sarayu on Chhoti Diwali as part of Deepotsava
- The Guinness certificate was handed over to UP government's tourism department and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad
- The feat was achieved in the presence of CM, Yogi Adityanath and South Korean first lady Kim-Jung Sook
NATIONAL

❖ Lucknow Cricket stadium – to be renamed after the former PM, Atal Bihari Vajpayee
   ➢ The newly built Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow will be henceforth called ‘Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium’

❖ The stadium was renamed just ahead of the first-ever international T20 match between India and West Indies on November 6, 2018

❖ Bengaluru based ‘Ola’ Cab service – to start its operations in Newzealand
   ➢ Initially it will offer rideshare service in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch
   ➢ Ola had earlier launched operations in Australia and UK in January and August respectively
   ➢ Ola was founded in 2010 by Ankit Bhati and Bhavish Aggarwal

❖ India – reelected to as a member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council - for another 4-year term from 2019 to 2022
   ➢ The elections to the Council were held during the ongoing ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 at Dubai
   ➢ 48 countries were elected to the council globally and 13 from Asia-Australasia region
   ➢ India secured 165 votes and ranked 3rd in the Asia-Australasia region
INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

❖ India & Malawi – sign 3 MoU’s – for extradition Treaty, cooperation in the field of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and visa waiver for diplomatic and official passports

❖ India will also extend a new Line of credit of $215 million to Malawi for 18 water projects

❖ Vice President, Venkaiah Naidu was on a visit to Malawi on November 5
CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

 49th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2018 - will be held in Goa from November 20 to 28

- The festival will showcase 212 films from over 68 countries
- International Competition section has 15 films out of which three are Indian.
- The festival will open with World Premiere of ‘The Aspern Papers’ with an international star cast
- In its 49th edition of IFFI, the Country of Focus will be Israel
- Jharkhand has been selected as the State of Focus for 49th IFFI 2018 and Jharkhand Day will be celebrated on 24th November 2018 as part of the festival
- This year Mr Dan Wolman from Israel will be honoured with Life time Achievement Award

ECONOMY

 Reserve Bank of India – to set up a digital ‘Public Credit Registry’ (PCR) – to capture loan information of individuals and corporate borrowers

- The Public Credit Registry will also include data from entities like market regulator SEBI, the corporate affairs ministry, GST Network and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
- It will enable the banks and financial institutions to get a complete profile of existing and prospective borrowers on a real-time basis
- RBI intends to develop the registry from companies with a turnover of over 100 crore rupees in the last 3 years
A consortium of Banks – takes over Pune’s Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium – over nonpayment of loans by the Stadium authorities

- A due of Rs 69.53 crore was pending to Bank of Maharashtra, Karnataka Bank, Bank of Baroda and Andhra Bank

**APPOINTMENTS**

- **Gafur Rakhimov (Uzbekistan)** – appointed as President of International Boxing Association (AIBA), the amateur boxing federation

  - He replaces the current president, CK Wu
  - He was a former boxer and coach and has been involved in AIBA since 1995
  - In January 2018, he became AIBA Interim President
  - He was awarded with the Honorary Order of the Olympic Council of Asia in 2003, after being a member of its Council since 1999
  - In 2008, he also won the ANOC Merit Award for his involvement in the Olympic Family
AWARDS

 Namrata Biji Ahuja of The Week magazine – received the IPI (International Press Institute) India Award for excellence in journalism 2018

➢ She has received this award for her exclusive story on Nagaland underground camps
➢ The award jury was headed by former Attorney-General of India Soli Sorabjee
➢ The award consisted of a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh, a trophy and a citation
➢ IPI India had instituted the award in 2003
➢ It is awarded annually to honour the best work done by an Indian media organisation or journalist in print, radio, television and internet mediums

SPORTS

➢ Rohit Sharma – becomes the first cricketer in history to score 4 T20I hundreds – during the 2nd T20I against West Indies in Lucknow

➢ He overtook New Zealand's Colin Munro, who has scored 3 centuries
➢ He also overtook Virat Kohli (2,102 runs) to become India's leading run-getter in T20Is, and ended up second on the list of the highest run-getters in the world, just behind New Zealand's Martin Guptill (2, 271 runs)
➢ He now has 2,196 runs in the format
➢ He also became the first captain to score two T20I hundreds
INTERNATIONAL DAY

◆ National Cancer Awareness Day – November 7

➢ The observance of the day was announced in 2014 by the former Union Health Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan
➢ The day seeks to create awareness about the disease Cancer and to make it a national healthy priority
➢ February 4 is observed as the World Cancer day