

## **20 February 2018 Current Affairs**

### **UP government signs 900 MoUs ahead of Investors Summit 2018**

According to the UP's Industry Minister Satish Mahana, more than 900 MOUs have been signed so far. He claimed that this is the highest number of agreements that have ever been signed with private companies.

### **Health Minister Addresses Global Digital Health Partnership Summit In Australia**

Mr. J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare has addressed the Global Digital Health Partnership Summit, at Canberra, Australia. The Union Health Minister spoke on the topic: Making Digital Health Services a Priority in Healthcare Reform. He stated that India is committed to reforms in health service delivery using ICT under Digital India Program of Government of India.

### **PNB Arm, IFC Tie Up To Raise \$800 Mn For Affordable Housing**

PNB Housing Finance Ltd has tied up with International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group, to raise \$800 million for green and affordable housing in India. IFC is in negotiations with two other housing finance firms to invest another \$150 million, as well as with property developers to assist the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) from both the demand and supply sides. Under PMAY, the government offers interest subsidy of 6.5% to economically weaker sections on their home loans. The scheme is for people with an annual income up to Rs3 lakh.

### **BAFTA Awards 2018: Complete List Of Winners**

Crime drama Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri won maximum prizes at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2018, which took place at the Royal Albert Hall in London, UK.

A. Category Winners:

1. Best Film Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
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3. Best Director Guillermo Del Toro, The Shape of Water
4. Best Actress Frances McDormand, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
5. Best Actor Gary Oldman, Darkest Hour
6. Best Supporting Actress Allison Janney, I, Tonya
7. Best Supporting Actor Sam Rockwell, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
8. Best Cinematography Roger Deakins, Blade Runner 2049
9. Original Screenplay Martin McDonagh, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
10. Adapted Screenplay James Ivory, Call Me by Your Name
11. British Short Film Cowboy Dave British Short Animation: Poles Apart
12. Special Visual Effects Blade Runner 2049 Best Animated Film: Coco
13. Best Film Not In The English Language The Handmaiden Best Documentary: I Am Not Your Negro
14. Best Production Design Paul Austerberry, Jeff Melvin, Shane Vieau, The Shape of Water
15. Best Editing Jonathan Amos, Paul Machliss Baby Driver
16. Best Sound Dunkirk
17. Best Original Music The Shape of Water
18. Best Costume Design Phantom Thread
19. Best Makeup & Hair Darkest Hour
20. The Ee Rising Star Award (Voted For By Public) Daniel Kaluuya.

## **UK and India upgrade joint research on clean water and clean energy**

United Kingdom and India have launched joint research projects on 'Water Quality Research' and 'Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment'. The 'Water Quality Research' programme has 8 projects and 'Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment' programme has 4 projects, with total joint investment of up to £15 million.

## **PM Flags Off Palace Queen Humsafar Express In Karnataka**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Palace Queen Humsafar Express between Mysuru and Udaipur in Mysuru Railway Station. Both the Mysuru Palace and Udaipur palace are iconic tourist attractions and this special train will create a new tourist circuit connecting North India and the South. The train between Mysuru and Udaipur will act as a backbone of tourism, an employment generating industry. He also dedicated to the nation, the electrified Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway Line and announced two more infrastructure projects for the region.

## **Amazon Launches Its 1st Food Retail Service In India**

Amazon becomes the first foreign e-commerce firm to start its own food retail venture in India called Amazon Retail, piloting its services in Pune. It will reportedly be available on Amazon India platform and sell locally made and packaged food to the consumers directly. Amazon also has Amazon Now app, which connects retailers with customers for sale of groceries.

## **Aga Khan's 11-Day Visit To India Begins**

Spiritual leader Aga Khan is on the 11-day visit to India. Sunder Nursery, a 90-acre park near Humayun's Tomb in New Delhi, will be inaugurated by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in the presence of the Aga Khan. In addition to these engagements, he will be visiting the cities of Ahmadabad, Hyderabad and Mumbai, where Aga Khan Development Network is involved in various development projects. During his previous visit in 2015, the Aga Khan was conferred Padma Vibhushan for his contributions to social development in India.