

## **08 January 2019 Current Affairs**

### **Kumar Rajesh Chandra Appointed Director-General of SSB**

Civil Aviation Security head and senior IPS officer Kumar Rajesh Chandra was appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Chandra, a 1985-batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre, is at present the director general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

### **World Bank President Jim Yong Kim to step down**

World Bank President Jim Yong Kim announced that he will step down from his position on February 1 - much before the end of his term in 2022. Kim, 58, has been in this position for over six years now. In a statement, the World Bank said he will join a firm and focus on increasing infrastructure investments in developing countries. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank CEO, will assume the role of interim President effective 1st of next month.

### **CSO Forecasts Indian Economy to Grow at 7.2% in 2018-19**

Releasing the first advance estimates of National Income for 2018-19, Central Statistics Office (CSO) stated that the growth in GDP during 2018-19 is estimated at 7.2% as compared to the growth rate of 6.7% in 2017-18, mainly due to improvement in the performance of agriculture and manufacturing sectors.

### **Malaysia's monarch, Sultan Muhammad V, stepped down**

Malaysia's monarch Sultan Muhammad V resigned, as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong, from the throne before completing their five-year tenure for the first time in Malaysia's history. The selection of the next king can be decided by a vote in the Council of Rulers, made up of all nine royal households, who takes turns to sit on the throne.

### **Rajya Sabha Vice Chairman launches 'A Crusade Against Corruption' book**

Vice-Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh Narayan Singh launched Manohar Manoj's book 'A Crusade against corruption'. Manoj has written this book after massive research and deep observations on the subject during the last 15 years and claimed that this is a kind of 'Encyclopedic Snapshots on Corruption in India'.

### **Rami Malek, Glenn Close win Best Acting awards at Golden Globes 2019**

Rami Malek won the Best Actor Award in the drama category for 'Bohemian Rhapsody' at the 76th Golden Globe Awards while Glenn Close got the Best Actress Award in the drama category for 'The Wife'. Olivia Colman won the Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy for 'The Favourite'.

### **RBI expected to pay government up to Rs 40,000 crore interim dividend**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to transfer an interim dividend of up to Rs 30,000 crore to Rs 40,000 crore (\$4.32 billion-\$5.8 billion) to the government by March. The funds are crucial to meet the fiscal deficit target of 3.3 percent of the GDP for the financial year ending in March, as the government's revenue shortfall may be as high as Rs 1 lakh crore.

### **India thrash Thailand 4-1 in AFC Asian Cup**

In Football, India made a thrilling start in the opening encounter at the AFC Asian Cup campaign defeating Thailand 4-1 at Abu Dhabi. Captain Sunil Chettri scored twice, while Anirudh Thapa and Jeje were other scorers for India. At halftime, India and Thailand were at the level score of one goal each. This is India's fourth Asian Cup appearance, having last appeared in the 2011 edition of the tournament. This was India's first victory against Thailand since the Merdeka Cup of 1986.