

Current affairs

1. **What is the India's rank in the valuable nation brand list, according to Brand Finance's Nation Brand report 2018: 9TH.**

Explanation: India has been ranked as the 9th most valuable nation brand in the world, according to UK-based consultancy Brand Finance's Nation Brands 2018 report. Despite, India lost one spot to rank, its brand value increased by 5% to \$2,159 billion. The US topped the list with a brand value of \$25,899 billion, an increase of 23% from the previous year. China ranked 2nd position with a brand value of \$12,779 billion.

2. **Who has been honoured with the 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration: Fali S Nariman.**

Explanation: renowned jurist Fali S. Nariman has been honoured with the 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration for year 2018 by the Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu. The award was instituted by the Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management in 1995 in the field of Public Administration, Academics and Management.

3. **Sittwe Port, which is in news recently, is located in which country: Myanmar.**

Explanation: The Sittwe Port is a deepwater port at the mouth of the Kaladan River in Sittwe, the capital of Rakhine State in Myanmar. The port was constructed by India in 2016. Recently, it in news because India and Myanmar inked a crucial MoU for the appointment of a private Port Operator for the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Sittwe Port.

4. **Which UN organization is supporting the Green Climate Fund (GCF), which has recently approved \$43 million for India's coastal communities: UNDP.**

Explanation: the UN-backed Green Climate Fund (GCF) approved \$43.4 million for enhancing climate resilience for millions of people living in India's coastal communities in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha as part of its efforts to combat extreme impacts of climate change.

5. **On which date, the National Police Commemoration Day (NPCD) is observed: October 21.**

Explanation: The National Police Commemoration Day (NPCD) is observed every year on October 21 to remember the sacrifices of ten policemen who died in Chinese firing in 1959 in Ladakh's Hot Spring area. Indian Police personnel were responsible for manning the 2,500 mile long border of India with Tibet until the autumn of 1959.

6. **Which cricket team has won the 2018 Vijay Hazare Trophy: Mumbai.**

Explanation: The Mumbai cricket team clinched the 2018 Vijay Hazare Trophy after a gap of 11 years with a 4-wicket victory over Delhi at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. It's their 3rd title. Mumbai last won the trophy way back in 2006-07 when they defeated Rajasthan.

7. **Japanese biologist Osamu Shimomura, who passed away recently, won the 2008 Nobel Prize in chemistry for discovery of ____ : Green fluorescent protein.**

Explanation: Japanese-born Marine biologist Osamu Shimomura (90), who won the 2008 Nobel Prize in chemistry, has passed away in Nagasaki, Japan on 19th October 2018. Shimomura and two American scientists shared the 2008 Nobel prize for the discovery and development of a jellyfish protein (or Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP)) that later contributed to cancer studies.