

Which of the following cities has become the India's first city to switch from BS-IV grade fuels to BS-VI Norms?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Bangalore
- C. Delhi
- D. Chandigarh

Answer: C

Explanation: From April 1, the petrol pumps in New Delhi started supplying ultra-clean Bharat Stage (BS) VI grade fuel (both petrol and diesel) with an



aim to combat the rising levels of air pollution in Delhi-NCR region. With this move, New Delhi has become the India's first city to switch from BS-IV grade fuels to BS-VI (equivalent to fuel meeting Euro-VI emission norms). The major difference in standards between the existing BS-IV and the new BS-VI auto fuel norms is the presence of sulphur. The newly introduced fuel is estimated to reduce the amount of sulphur released by 80%, from 50 parts per million to 10 ppm. As per the analysts, the emission of Nox (nitrogen oxides) from diesel cars is also expected to reduce by nearly 70% and 25% from cars with petrol engines. Other cities like Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram and Faridabad along with 13 major cities, including Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Pune, will also switch over to cleaner BS-VI grade fuel from January 2019. However, BS- VI fuel will be rolled out in rest of the country by April 2020.

When was the GST E-way Bill rolled-out in India?

- A. 1 July 2018
- B. 1 March 2018
- C. 1 April 2018
- D. 1 January 2019

Answer: C

Explanation: The E-way bill system was introduced from April 1, 2018 in India. The E-way bill is for the movement of goods between the states and it can be generated on the E-way bill Portal.

Which state won the 2018 Santosh Trophy?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Goa
- C. West Bengal
- D. Kerala

Answer: D

Explanation: The Kerala football team has won the 72nd edition of Santosh Trophy Football tournament 2018 by



defeating West Bengal in the final by 4-2 via penalties at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on April 1. It is their sixth Santosh Trophy Football title. The Kerala team is led by Rahul Raj in the 2018-19 season. Kerala have not won the trophy since 2005 and lost on penalties to Services in the final five years ago at home in Kochi.

Which state government has rolled out 'Rupashree Scheme' for marriage of poor girls?

- A. Punjab
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. West Bengal

Answer: D

Explanation: The West Bengal government has rolled out a new scheme 'Rupashree' from April 1, 2018 in order to provide marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families with a budgetary allocation of Rs 1500 crore. The scheme proposes to extend one-time financial assistance worth Rs 25,000 to the family of the girl whose annual income is up to Rs 1.5 lakh. Under the scheme, the woman will have to submit the application before marriage to the Local Bodies or Block Development Officer (BDO) office. The State Government will deposit Rs 25,000 to the beneficiary of the said scheme before his marriage to his bank account.

Who was elected as the President of NASSCOM?

- A. Vinod Dham
- B. Debjani Ghosh
- C. R Chandrashekhar

D. Arundhati Dutta

Answer: B

Explanation: Debjani Ghosh, former managing director of Intel South Asia, has been appointed the new President of National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM). She succeeded R Chandrashekhar. A big propagator of gender diversity and equal representation in corporate India, Ms. Ghosh was the first woman to lead Intel India and Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology (MAIT). She now gets the rein of Nasscom.

Who bagged India's first medal at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018?

- A. Manu Bhakar
- B. Mirabai Chanu
- C. P Gururaja
- D. Saina Nehwal

Answer: C

Explanation: P Gururaja, who hails from Udupi in Karnataka, has clinched India's first medal at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018 at Gold Coast in Brisbane, Australia on April 5. He won the silver medal in the men's 56 kg final with a total lift of 249 kg (111 kg in snatch + 138 kg in clean and jerk). Gururaja, who is the son of a truck driver, is employed with the Indian Air Force (IAF). He recently received the Eklavya award from the Karnataka state government.



Who was conferred with the 2017 Dadasaheb Phalke Award posthumously?

- A. Vinod Khanna
- B. Dharmendra
- C. Sri Devi
- D. Reema Lagoo

Answer: A

Explanation: Vinod Khanna, the veteran Hindi film actor, has been conferred the 2017 Dadasaheb Phalke Award posthumously for his immense contribution to Indian cinema. Khanna is the 49th recipient of the Award, which is Indian cinema's highest honour. It was a collective decision of the 65th National Film Awards jury,

chaired by filmmaker Shekhar Kapur, to confer the award on Vinod Khanna, who starred in some of the biggest Bollywood hits like 'Mere Apne', 'Insaaf', 'Parvarish', 'Muqaddar Ka Sikandar', 'Qurbani', 'Dayavaan', 'Mera Gaon Mera Desh', 'Chandni', 'The Burning Train' and 'Amar, Akbar, Anthony'. The actor was the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member of the Lok Sabha from Punjab's Gurdaspur constituency.

Which movie bagged the best film award at the 65th National Film Awards for 2017?

- A. Newton
- B. Village Rockstar
- C. Nagarkirtan
- D. Water Baby

Answer: B

Explanation: The 65th National Film Awards for 2017 were announced at PIB Conference Room, Shastri Bhawan in New Delhi on April 13, 2018. In it, Assamese Film 'Village Rockstar' bagged the best film award, while 'Newton' has been selected as the Best Hindi Film.



The National award for Best Actress is given to Sri Devi posthumously for her role in the film 'Mom' and the Best Actor (Male) award goes to Riddhi Sen for his role in Bengali film 'Nagarkirtan'. 'Water Baby' directed by Pia Shah, won the Best Debut Film of a Director in the Non Feature Film category. The award ceremony for the 65th National Film Awards will be held on May 3, 2018. The National Film Awards will be presented by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Who became the youngest Indian to win a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games?

- A. Manu Bhaker
- B. Anish Bhanwala
- C. Shreyasi Singh
- D. Bajrang Punia

Answer: B

Explanation: The 15-year-old Indian shooter, Anish Bhanwala, has created history by becoming the country's youngest ever gold medal

winner in the Commonwealth Games. Bhanwala shot down the CWG record in the 25m Rapid Fire final with a score of 30 points including four series of 5 each.

Which bank replaces SBI to become India's second most valued bank in the country?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- C. Canara Bank
- D. PNB

Answer: B

Explanation: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd on 16th April beat India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) for the first time to become the second most valued bank in the country. Data from BSE showed that Kotak Mahindra Bank has a market capitalization of Rs2,22,970.40 crore, after its shares closed 1.88% on 16th April 2018 to record high of Rs 1170.05. SBI market capitalization stood at Rs2,22,043.74 crore. HDFC Bank Ltd remained country's most valuable bank with a market capitalization of Rs5.04 trillion.

Who wins Chinese Grand Prix 2018?

- A. Daniel Ricciardo
- B. Valtteri Bottas
- C. Kimi Raikkonen
- D. Lewis Hamilton

Answer: A

Explanation: The 2018 Chinese Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race that took place at the Shanghai International Circuit in Shanghai, China. Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo won the race ahead of Valtteri Bottas and Kimi Raikkonen. The race was the third round of the 2018 FIA Formula One World Championship and marked the fifteenth time that the Chinese Grand Prix has been run as a round of the Formula One World Championship.

What is name of official Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019?

- A. Rooster
- B. Sheng Xiao
- C. Son of Dreams

D. Live long

Answer: C

Explanation: 'Son of Dreams' was unveiled as official Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in China. The selection of Son of Dreams as China 2019's Official Mascot was the culmination of a unique process by FIBA. The mascot finalists were Chinese dragon ('Son of Dream'), a Siberian tiger ('Speed Tiger') and a lion ('Qiu Qiu'). For the first time, there are 32-team in FIBA Basketball World Cup. The tournament will take place in eight Chinese cities from August 31 until September 15, 2019.

Which bank recently rated most-trusted bank of country?

A. ICICI Bank

B. SBI

C. HDFC Bank

D. Canara Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: According to the TRA Brand Trust Report 2018, the State Bank of India was the most-trusted bank (both public and private sector) in the country and ICICI Bank topped the chart among the private ones. This year, State Bank of India tops the chart of BFSI (Banking and Financial Services Institutions) super-category despite seeing a dip in its overall brand trust index ranking. The leader among the private banks is ICICI Bank, rising nine ranks in overall ranking, it ranked 38th overall in 2018. Fraud-hit PSB Punjab National Bank, ranks sixth among the public sector banks (PSB) and is 297th in the overall ranking, according to the survey.



Tim Bergling was associated with which field?

A. F-1 Racing

B. Music

C. Science

D. Sports

Answer: B

Explanation: Swedish DJ Avicii, one of the world's biggest dance music stars, has died in Oman at the age of 28. Avicii's club anthems include Wake Me Up, Levels, and recently, Lonely Together with Rita Ora. His representative said in a statement: "It is with

profound sorrow that we announce the loss of Tim Bergling, also known as Avicii. The superstar DJ behind some of the decade's biggest hits. The electronic dance music (EDM) star, who reportedly made \$250,000 (£180,000) a night on tour, had struggled with some health issues in the past, having his gall bladder and appendix removed in 2014.

What is the theme of the 2018 World Earth Day (WED)?

- A. Near the nature
- B. Save Your Earth from Plastic
- C. Environmental and Climate Literacy
- D. End Plastic Pollution

Answer: D

Explanation: The World Earth Day (WED) is celebrated every year on April 22 worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The day was proposed at the UNESCO conference in 1969 and the first Earth Day celebrations took place in 1970. The person credited for organising the event 48 years ago is US Senator Gaylord Nelson. The 2018 campaign theme 'End Plastic Pollution' will provide the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics. . The idea is to encourage people to cut down on their plastic consumption by paying a closer attention to the number of plastic items each person consumes annually and make a conscious effort to reduce the amount. According to a paper published in scientific journal Chemistry & Biology in 2009, plastic is non-biodegradable and disposed plastic can remain in the environment for up to 2,000 years.

Which company becomes first Indian technology company to achieve the \$100 billion market capitalization mark?

- A. Infosys
- B. TCS
- C. SBI
- D. ONGC

Answer: B

Explanation: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) became first Indian technology company to achieve the \$100 billion market capitalization mark on 23 April 2018. On this day TCS' share price

grew by 4 per cent to Rs. 3,541, pushing the market capitalisation of India's biggest outsourcer to Rs. 6,78,002 crore. Earlier the company had posted its biggest-ever net profit of Rs. 6,904 crore in the 4th quarter on 19 April 2018. It is worth mentioning that Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) became India's first \$100 billion m-cap company way back in 2008. Its preset m-cap is below \$90 billion mark. Thus TCS is the second Indian corporate company to achieve \$100 billion m-cap.

The coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' was held in which state?

- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

Answer: D

Explanation: The coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' was held along Kerala on April 24, 2018 to strengthen and assess the loopholes in the coastal security mechanism. Apart from the Indian Coast Guard, the Indian Navy, Coastal Police and Marine Enforcement wing and various other security stakeholders also participated in the exercise.

Union Government withdrew the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) totally from which Northeastern state, as was disclosed on 23 April 2018?

- A. Nagaland
- B. Tripura
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Assam

Answer: C

Explanation: With insurgency-related incidents in the northeast region down by 85% from the levels recorded at the peak of militancy two decades ago, the Centre has withdrawn the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) totally from Meghalaya as well as from eight out of 16 police stations in Arunachal Pradesh, with effect from 31 March 2018. This information was disclosed by the Union Home Ministry on 23 April 2018. AFSPA, which gives special powers and immunity to the armed forces deployed in areas

declared “disturbed” under the Act, had been in force in Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh for almost 27 years. The two states bordering Assam were declared “disturbed” in 1991 to avoid a spillover effect of insurgency by Assam-based outfits like the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA).

Who was sworn in as new US Secretary of State after senate confirmation?

- A. Jeff Sessions
- B. Mike Pompeo
- C. James NMattis
- D. John F Kelly

Answer: B

Explanation: Mike Pompeo has been sworn in as America's 70th Secretary of State, after the US Senate confirmed his nomination with 57-42 votes on April 26. He replaced Rex Tillerson, who was fired by President Donald Trump last month.

What is the India's rank in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index (WPI)?

- A. 108th
- B. 136th
- C. 138th
- D. 97th

Answer: C

Explanation: India has been ranked 138th out of 180 countries in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index (WPI), which is compiled by Reporters Without Borders. As per index, India fared poorly on indicators such as hate speeches, attacks on journalists on social media, trolling them and targeting their reputation. The report also mentions that at least 4 journalists have been gunned down in India in the previous year. As per the annual report of Reporters Without Borders (RSF), the index reflects increasing hostility towards journalists in democratic countries. The index that evaluates press freedom in 180 countries, showed that “media phobia” has become more pronounced. Norway topped the list of having the world's freest press for the second year in a row, followed by Sweden and The Netherlands. On the other hand, North Korea

remained the most repressive country followed by Eritrea, Turkmenistan, Syria and then China.

Who has become the first woman lawyer to be directly promoted as a judge of the Supreme Court (SC)?

- A. Bhawna Thakur
- B. Ruma Pal
- C. Indira Nooyi
- D. Indu Malhotra

Answer: D

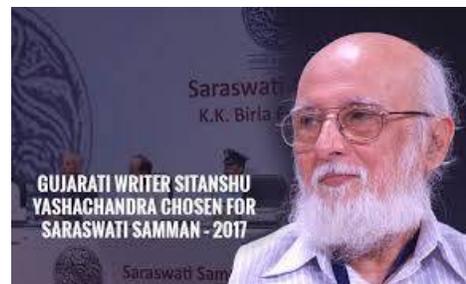
Explanation: Senior lawyer Indu Malhotra was administered oath of office by Chief Justice Dipak Misra on 27th April 2018, making her the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a Supreme Court judge. Ms Malhotra was one of the two people recommended by the collegium - a group of top judges - to be elevated to the top court bench. Her appointment comes amid a row over the government's rejection of Uttarakhand Chief Justice KM Joseph's elevation. Indu Malhotra, 61, is the seventh woman judge in the top court since Independence. Only six women judges have made it to the Supreme Court so far. Other women judges were elevated to the Supreme Court from high courts.

Who has been chosen for the 2017 Saraswati Samman?

- A. Vijay Tendulkar
- B. Manu Mishra
- C. Sitanshu Yashaschandra
- D. Ramakanta Rath

Answer: C

Explanation: Sitanshu Yashaschandra, the Gujarati poet, playwright and academic, has been selected for the 2017



Saraswati Samman for his collection of verses titled 'Vakhar'. The award is presented by the KK Birla Foundation, a literary and cultural organisation that also gives the Vyas Samman for Hindi and Bihari Puraskar for Hindi and Rajasthani writers of Rajasthan. It is the highest recognition in the field of Indian literature in the country and carries a citation, a plaque and award money of Rs 15 lakh.

Which village of Manipur state on 28 April 2018 became the last village in India to be added to the national power grid?

- A. Rajghat
- B. Leisang
- C. Badho ki Dhani
- D. Rajghar

Answer: B

Explanation: The Narendra Modi-led Union Government on 29 April 2018 announced that it had achieved the target of connecting all 18,452 un-electrified villages of the country to the national electricity grid. It claimed that Leisang in Manipur became the last village to be added to the national power grid on 28 April 2018. The rural electrification scheme to supply power to 18,452 census villages that have never seen power since Independence has been one of the pet schemes of PM Narendra Modi. The government started electrifying over 18,000 villages, which did not have access to power, in 2015 and has already connected them to the central grid ahead of the 2019 deadline. Of the 170 million rural households in the country, the government website claims to have connected 82% of them. Metered households are 50% of the total.

Who became India's longest serving Chief Minister of India?

- A. Naveen Patnaik
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Shivraj Singh Chauhan
- D. Pawan Chamling

Answer: D

Explanation: On April 29, Pawan Chamling has created history by becoming the longest serving chief minister in India. He surpassed the record of former communist ruler of West Bengal, Late Jyoti Basu. Chamling became the chief minister of Sikkim on 12th December 1994 and has ruled the tiny Himalayan state ever since. He is also the president of Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF). Chamling, who also writes poetry, joined politics in 1973 and was elected to the Sikkim assembly for the first time in 1985. The assembly elections will be held in Sikkim in 2019.

Who has won the best actor award at the 2018 Dadasaheb Phalke Awards?

- A. Salman Khna
- B. Akshay Kumar
- C. Shah Rukh Khan
- D. Rajkumar Rao

Answer: B

Explanation: Akshay Kumar has bagged the best actor award at the 2018 Dadasaheb Phalke awards for his role in 'Padman (Jury)' and for 'Toilet: Ek Prem Katha'. The awards were given by Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation in Mumbai on April 29. Bhumi Pednekar won the best actress trophy for her work in Toilet Ek Prem Katha. Manisha Koirala won the 'Most Versatile Actress' award. Whereas, veteran actor-director Rakesh Roshan was given the lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the industry as an actor, producer and a director. Meanwhile, veteran actor Farida Jalal was awarded the Saraswatibai Dadasaheb Phalke Best actress (Lifetime) award for her contribution to the film industry.

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