

Which veteran cricketer became the 5th Indian player to be named in the Hall of Fame?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. MS Dhoni

Answer: C

Explanation: International Cricket Council (ICC) on July 1, 2018 inducted former Indian captain Rahul Dravid, former Australian captain Ricky Ponting and former England Women's wicket-keeper Claire Taylor into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in a glittering ceremony in Dublin, Ireland. With this, Dravid became only the 5th player from India to be named in the elite list. The other four Indians are former skippers Bishan Singh Bedi, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble.



Which app was launched by government in June 2018 to track and trace missing children in India?

- A. SEARCH
- B. KHOJ
- C. BalKhoj
- D. ReUnite

Answer: D

Explanation: Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu and Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi launched a mobile application for tracking missing and abandoned children. The app, christened as 'ReUnite', is a collaboration between Bachpan Bachao Andolan led by Satyarthi and IT major Capgemini. Missing children should not be considered as just figures as it's a tragedy for the parents whose lives are thrown off track after losing their loved ones, Satyarthi said.



Which country's team has won the 2018 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. Pakistan

D. Argentina

Answer: B

Explanation: Australian hockey team has won the 2018 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy by defeating India in the final via penalty shoot-off at Breda, the Netherlands on July 1, 2018. It was Australia's record 15th Champions Trophy title. While India won their second consecutive silver medal, hosts the Netherlands bagged the bronze beating Olympic champions Argentina 2-0 in the third-fourth place match. The 2018 Hockey tournament was the 37th and the last edition of the prestigious Hockey Champions Trophy for men. It will be replaced by the Hockey Pro League (HPL) in 2019.

RBI issued the banking licence to which chinese state owned bank recently?

A. China Everbright Bank

B. Bank of China

C. China Construction Bank

D. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

Answer: B

Explanation: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a licence to China's state-owned Bank of China to launch operations in India as per media reports. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made a commitment to Chinese President Xi Jinping to allow Bank of China to set up branches in India when they met on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Chinese city of Qingdao last month. India and China have been focusing on expanding their economic ties notwithstanding differences on several sticky issues, including the boundary dispute.

Which country hosted the 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting?

A. Japan

B. Bahrain

C. Afghanistan

D. Colombia

Answer: B

Explanation: The 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting closed on July 4, 2018 in Bahrain's capital Manama, with 19 new sites inscribed to the World Heritage List. The meeting, which opened on

June 24, added 13 cultural sites, three natural sites and three mixed ones to the World Heritage List, including Germany's Naumburg Cathedral, Oman's Ancient City of Qalhat and China's Mount Fanjingshan.

Who has been appointed as new Chairman of Payments Council of India (PCI)?

- A. Naveen Surya
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Deepak Parekh
- D. Vishwas Patel

Answer: D

Explanation: Vishwas Patel, who is Director at Infibeam Avenues, has been appointed as new Chairman of Payments Council of India (PCI), the apex body representing the companies in the payments and settlement system. He succeeded Naveen Surya, who has been elevated to the post of Chairman Emeritus. PCI has also announced the appointment of Loney Antony, Managing Director, Hitachi Payment Services as its new Co-Chairman. PCI was formed under the aegis of Internet and Mobile Association of India [IAMAI] in 2013 to cater the needs of the digital payment industry.

Who has been appointed the new chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?

- A. Vishwas Patel
- B. Deepak Misra
- C. Adarsh Kumar Goel
- D. Jawad Rahim

Answer: C

Explanation: Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, who retired from the Supreme Court on 7th July 2018, has been appointed the new chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). His tenure as NGT Chairperson has been specified as being for a period of 5 years from the date he assumes office, or till he reaches the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier. He will succeed Justice Jawad Rahim, who is the acting chairperson of NGT. The NGT was established on October 18, 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.

The tribunal's principal bench is located in New Delhi while its zonal benches are in Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai and its circuit benches are in Shimla, Shillong, Jodhpur and Kochi.

Which company has set up the world's largest mobile phone factory in Noida?

- A. Oppo
- B. Apple
- C. Samsung
- D. Nokia

Answer: C

Explanation: South Korean consumer electronics major, Samsung has set up the world's largest mobile phone factory in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The facility was inaugurated jointly by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. The new plant will help the company raise its capacity in a phased manner, from 68 million units at present, to 120 million by 2020. Presently all Samsung mobile phones, including its flagship Galaxy S9, S9+ and Galaxy Note8, are manufactured at its Noida plant. The Noida factory, which was set up in 1996, is one of the first global electronics manufacturing facilities set up in India. A bigger manufacturing plant, which is spread over 129000 sq. metres, will help Samsung meet the growing demand for its innovative products and services across the country and also fulfil the company's goal of making India an export hub for the world.

What is the theme of the 2018 World Population Day (WPD)?

- A. Family planning – Say what you need
- B. Family Planning – Call for people
- C. Family Planning – Save Earth
- D. Family planning is a human right

Answer: D

Explanation: The World Population Day (WPD) is observed every year on July 11 to bring attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. One must know that Earth has limited resources & for humanity to prosper, we must use them optimally. The 2018 theme is "Family planning is a human right". Let's take a conscious call while planning our families, so our children can coexist with the environment without any dearth of resources.

What is the India's rank in the 2018 Global Innovation Index (GII)?

- A. 85th
- B. 60th
- C. 44th
- D. 57th

Answer: D

Explanation: India has been ranked 57th most innovative nation among 130 countries in the 11th edition of Global Innovation Index (GII-2018), which is developed jointly by Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). GII is a leading bench-marking tool for business executives, policymakers and others seeking insight into the state of innovation around the world. The ranking is constantly being used to evaluate progress on a continual basis. The GII ranks 126 economies based on 80 indicators. It is now in its 11th edition and has become a major input for policymakers on innovation around the world. On the global front, Switzerland maintained its number one position in the Global Innovation Index rankings. Other countries that fell in the top 10 list were Netherlands, Sweden, the UK, the US, Finland, Denmark, and Germany.

Which telecom company has become the India's first Mobile operator to launch Internet Telephony Services in India?

- A. Airtel
- B. BSNL
- C. Reliance Jio
- D. Vodafone

Answer: B

Explanation: State-run telecom firm BSNL has become the India's first Mobile operator to launch Internet Telephony Services. The facility will allow users to dial any telephone number in India through its mobile app. Now, BSNL Customers will be able to make calls using BSNL's mobile app "Wings" to any phone number in the country and even from abroad. The app can be activated using internet anywhere in the world and calls can be made. The fee of Rs 1,099 includes unlimited calling within India. Before this, phone calls on mobile apps were possible within users of a particular app

and not on telephone numbers. Using this service, BSNL customers will be able to make calls on any network in the country even by using BSNL wi-fi or any other service provider. The services will be activated from July 25 onwards.

Who has won Wimbledon 2018 women singles tournament?

- A. Serena Williams
- B. Venus Williams
- C. Simona Halep
- D. Angelique Kerber

Answer: D

Explanation: Angelique Kerber has won the 2018 women singles' Wimbledon tennis tournament by defeating 7-time winner Serena Williams by 6-3 6-3. With the win, Kerber has become the first German woman to win the title since Steffi Graf in 1996. Serena was bidding a record-equaling 24th major trophy.



Who has won Wimbledon 2018 Men singles tournament?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Kevin Anderson
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Benoit Paire

Answer: A

Explanation: Novak Djokovic won the men's singles Title for the fourth time. Novak Djokovic earned his first Grand Slam title in more than two years by beating Kevin Anderson to win his fourth Wimbledon championship. Djokovic, seeded 12th, won 6-2 6-2 7-6 (7-3) to claim a 13th Slam - his first major since the 2016 French Open.

The LIC board has approved acquisition of which bank?

- A. SBI
- B. Dena Bank
- C. IDBI
- D. PNB

Answer: C

Explanation: Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC's) board has approved acquiring up to 51 per cent stake in the state-run IDBI

Bank. Now LIC will approach markets regulator Sebi. Insurance regulator Irdai has already given its approval to the insurer for the stake purchase.

Who wins German Grand Prix 2018?

- A. Marc Marquez
- B. Valentino Rossi
- C. Andrea Dovizioso
- D. Jorge Lorenzo

Answer: A

Explanation: Honda's Marc Marquez (of Spain) cruised to his ninth consecutive German Grand Prix victory to extend his MotoGP lead. He has now won in the top category at Sachsenring for the past six years and three times in the smaller classes before that. Seven-time world champion Valentino Rossi finished second with his Yamaha team-mate Maverick Vinales third.



Which country has topped the 2018 'Soft Power 30' index?

- A. India
- B. France
- C. United States
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: D

Explanation: UK has topped an annual global ranking of nations' soft power. The 2018 'Soft Power 30' index is published by UK-based strategic communications consultancy firm Portland and the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy. This index has listed 30 countries in which France gets second place, Germany third and United States fourth. India does not feature in this list.

Which country wins 2018 FIFA World Cup?

- A. Croatia
- B. Brazil
- C. France
- D. Belgium

Answer: C



Explanation: The 2018 FIFA World Cup ended with France being crowned the world champions. The French team with 4-2 scorecard triumphed over Croatia, in one of the highest-scoring finals ever. The win comes for France, 20 years after they claimed their first FIFA title- in 1998.

Who received the Golden Ball award for best player at the 2018 FIFA World Cup?

- A. Luka Modric
- B. Kylian Mbappe
- C. Harry Kane
- D. Thibaut Courtois

Answer: A

Explanation: The French National Football team has clinched the 2018 FIFA World Cup by defeating Croatia 4-2 in a thrilling final match at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow on July 15. Croatia were playing in their first World Cup final. They were the smallest country to reach the Final in the modern era. For France, it was a first World Cup crown since winning on home soil in 1998. England's Harry Kane won the World Cup Golden Boot Award as top scorer with 6 goals. Croatia captain Luka Modric won the Golden Ball award for the World Cup's best player despite being on the losing side. Kylian Mbappe of France won the Young Player of the Tournament Award after scoring his 4th goal of the competition in the final. Belgium's Thibaut Courtois won the Golden Glove award for the best goalkeeper. Now, France joined Uruguay and Argentina in winning the World Cup for a second time, after their 1998 triumph over Brazil when Didier Deschamps — now the coach — was the captain.

The first summit between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin was held in which city?

- A. Manila
- B. Singapore
- C. Sochi
- D. Helsinki

Answer: D

Explanation: US President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin held their first summit at Helsinki in

Finland on July 16, 2018. Trump's meeting with Putin comes days after a federal grand jury indicted 12 Russian intelligence officials on charges of hacking the servers of the Democratic National Committee and that of its 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Neeraj Chopra is associated with which sports?

- A. Boxing
- B. Cricket
- C. Javelin throw
- D. Rowing

Answer: C

Explanation: India's javelin star, Neeraj Chopra struck Gold in the Sotteville Athletics meet in France on 17th July 2018. Chopra, who had won the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games earlier this year, threw 85.17 metres to bag the top prize. Neeraj is India's top javelin thrower and he proved his mettle once again on the international stage when he won the gold medal with a massive margin. While Neeraj Chopra threw a distance of 85.17 m, the second best was Adrian Mardare of Moldova who threw a distance of 81.48 m. Neeraj's performance was brilliant as he did not falter in even a single attempt and completed each of his rounds. Even as his score of 85.17 m came in his fifth attempt, he came close to his eventual winning mark in his third attempt as well.

Name the official mascots of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games?

- A. Keito and Miraitowa
- B. Miraitowa and Someity
- C. Someity and Zabivaka
- D. Zabivaka and Keito

Answer: B

Explanation: The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee on July 22, 2018 officially launched its Olympic mascots Miraitowa and Someity at a ceremony attended by Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike and Committee's President Yoshiro Mori.

Who has been named the first-ever female high court chief justice of Pakistan?

- A. Asifa Quraishi

- B. Riffat Hassan
- C. Maria Ulfah
- D. Tahira Safdar

Answer: D

Explanation: Justice Tahira Safdar has been named as the new Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court. With this, she will become the first-ever female high court chief justice in Pakistan. Justice Safdar will take charge of her new role following the retirement of incumbent Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Mohammad Noor Muskanzai, who attains superannuation on 31 August. Safdar belongs to Quetta and is the daughter of renowned lawyer Syed Imtiaz Hussain Baqri Hanafi. She made history in 1982 when she became the first woman civil judge in Balochistan. Currently, Justice Tahira is a member of the 3-judge special court conducting the trial of former president Pervez Musharraf for committing treason by proclaiming a state of emergency on 3 November, 2007.

Name the Indians who won the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award?

- A. Nileema Mishra and Arvind Kejriwal
- B. Sanjiv Chaturvedi and Deep Joshi
- C. Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk
- D. Harish Hande and Kulandei Francis

Answer: C

Explanation: Two Indians, namely, Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk on July 26, 2018 won the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Asian version of the Nobel Prize. Bharat Vatwani is a psychiatrist who works for the mentally-ill street persons, while, Sonam Wangchuk works to harness science and culture creatively for economic progress that has improved the lives of the Ladakhi youth.



Which country is hosting the 10th edition of BRICS Summit 2018?

- A. South Africa
- B. Brazil
- C. Russia
- D. China

Answer: A

Explanation: South Africa is hosting the 10th edition of BRICS Summit 2018 in Johannesburg on July 25 with theme “BRICS in Africa – collaboration for inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the 4th industrial revolution”. In it, the heads of the five BRICS nations viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa are participating. They are expected to deliberate on global hot-spot issues, international peace and security, global governance and trade issues among others. The five BRICS countries account for 26% of the world’s landmass and are home to 43% of the world’s population. The bloc is composed of emerging markets and the developing world.

The completed draft of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been officially published by which state government?

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Manipur

Answer: A

Explanation: On July 30, the second and final draft of Assam’s National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been officially published bearing the names of 2 crore 89 lakh 83 thousand 677 citizens of the state. The NRC will feature the names, addresses and photographs of all Indian citizens, who have been residing in the North-eastern state before 25th March 1971. Out of 3,29,91,385 applicants 2,89,83,677 have been found eligible for inclusion in complete draft of NRC. That means, the names of 40,07,708 people did not appear in the NRC draft. The Registrar General of India, Mr Sailesh stated that persons whose names are not included in the list will be informed individually about the reasons for non-inclusion. Apart from this, the persons who do not find their names in the draft have the legal right to apply again by filing claims on the NRC website or by visiting a NRC Seva Kendra from the 30th of August to 28th of September.

Which state recently signed MoU to build its first Cow Sanctuary?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: D

Explanation: Rajasthan will soon have its first 'cow sanctuary', a shelter for 10,000 bovines spread over an area of more than 220 hectares in Bikaner district. The state government signed an MoU with a private trust in this regard.

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