

Who begins 10-day long 'Gaon Bandh' on 1st June 2018?

- A. Mandi Owners
- B. Farmers organisations
- C. Corporate houses
- D. Politicians

Answer: B

Explanation: Farmers from 172 organisations have begun a 10-day strike from 1st June 2018 to draw attention to the ongoing agrarian crisis. Farm produce, especially perishables such as milk and vegetables, will not be supplied to cities by protesting farmers during the "gaon bandh" or village shutdown, farm leaders said. The major demands of the striking farmers are for a complete loan waiver, a minimum support price that is 50% higher than all input costs, and income assurance.



Vikas Gowda is associated with which sports?

- A. Football
- B. Discus Throw
- C. Football
- D. Cricket

Answer: B

Explanation: Top Indian discus thrower Vikas Gowda retired after competing at the highest level for more than 15 years, during which he became the first and only Indian male to win Commonwealth Games medal in the discipline. He has not taken part in any major international event since winning a bronze in the Asian Championships in 2017 in Bhubaneswar. His retirement was announced by the Athletics Federation of India. Gowda holds the national record of 66.28m (achieved in 2012).

What is the new state animal of divided Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Tiger
- B. Blackbuck
- C. Spotted Deer
- D. Chowsingha

Answer: B

Explanation: The state of Andhra Pradesh has notified its separate state symbols post-split and creation of Telangana in 2014. The

state retained undivided AP's symbol of state animal- Krishna Jinka or blackbuck- as its state animal. Telangana had dropped it to adopt spotted deer as its state animal.

Which company acquires US-Based WongDoody for \$75 Million?

- A. Infosys
- B. Google
- C. Microsoft
- D. Apple

Answer: A

Explanation: Infosys has completed the acquisition of WongDoody Holding Company, a US-based digital creative and consumer insights agency, for a total consideration of upto \$75 million. Founded in 1993, WongDoody has clients across industries like telecommunications, consumer electronics, healthcare and consumer packaged goods.

Who wins Pulitzer Prize 2018 in Music?

- A. Kendrick Lamar
- B. Caroline Shaw
- C. John Luther Adams
- D. Julia Wolfe

Answer: A

Explanation: Kendrick Lamar received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album "Damn." Lamar is the first rapper in history to be given the award. Previous recipients included Bob Dylan, Hank Williams and Duke Ellington. Lamar had received this award at Columbia University.



The Taj Declaration, adopted in June 2018, aims to beat which form of pollution?

- A. Air Pollution
- B. Plastic Pollution
- C. Water Pollution
- D. Noise Pollution

Answer: B

Explanation: The 'Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution' was adopted by India recently to make the 500-metre area around the 17th-century



monument litter-free. Steps would also be taken to phase out single-use plastic there.

The Fuego volcano has recently erupted in which country?

- A. Mexico
- B. Egypt
- C. Taiwan
- D. Guatemala

Answer: D

Explanation: The Fuego volcano is an active stratovolcano in Guatemala that has recently erupted violently and buried several villages on its southern flank. The death toll has risen to 99 in the Fuego volcano eruption. The National Forensic Sciences Agency stated that, of the 99 people, only 28 have been identified, so far. Some 200 people are still missing, amid fears of a new blowup of the 3,763-metre volcano. The volcano is only 27 miles southwest of the capital Guatemala City, and ash has reached as far as the city's airport, forcing it to close. At its peak, the Fuego reaches 12,346 feet above sea level and it is one of the most active volcanoes in Latin America. It sits on the Ring of Fire, a 25,000-mile horseshoe-shaped area where several tectonic plates rub against each other, creating intense volcanic activity and earthquakes. Three quarters of the world's active volcanoes can be found on the Ring of Fire.

Supreme Court recently allowed Union government to implement the reservation in promotion policy for SC/ST employees under which article of the Constitution?

- A. Article 19
- B. Article 18
- C. Article 17
- D. Article 16

Answer: D

Explanation: The Supreme Court has allowed the Union government to implement the reservation in promotion policy for SC/ST employees in accordance with the law but did not stay a Delhi High Court judgment that had quashed an August 1997 office memorandum issued by the Centre providing for reservation in promotions for Dalit and tribal employees. He also referred to Article 16 (4A) of the Constitution, which enables state to provide

for reservation in matters of promotion to SC/ST which in its opinion were not adequately represented in the services.

Who is the only Indian sportsperson to be featured in the list of world's highest paid athletes compiled by Forbes?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. PV Sindhu
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. MS Dhoni

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a list compiled by Forbes. Kohli, the only sportsperson from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million. The list was topped by 41-year-old American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather, with USD 285 million earnings.

Which country wins Women's Cricket Asia Cup 2018?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Pakistan

Answer: A

Explanation: Bangladesh women's cricket team beat India - six-time and defending champions by 3 wickets to win their maiden Asia Cup trophy in Kuala Lumpur on 10th June 2018. Needing two off the last delivery of the match, Jahanara Alam hit rival skipper Harmanpreet Kaur towards deep mid-wicket and scampered home for a double to chase down a modest target of 113.



SCO summit 2018 was held 9-10 June at which city?

- A. Sanghai
- B. Qingdao
- C. Sochi
- D. Beijing

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 10th June held separate bilateral talks with presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia on the sidelines of the SCO summit 2018 scheduled on 9–10 June at Qingdao, China. Mr. Modi met Mr. Nazarbayev and invited his country to join the International Solar Alliance, an initiative announced in 2015 whose primary objective is to work for efficient exploitation of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Who is appointed new Vigilance Commissioner in CVC?

- A. Arvind Saxena
- B. Sharad Kumar
- C. Deepak Kumar
- D. Rajeev Kumar

Answer: B

Explanation: Sharad Kumar, former Director General (DG) of National Investigation Agency (NIA) retired, the 1979 batch Haryana cadre IPS officer has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on 10th June 2018. 62-year-old Kumar retired in September last year after heading the National Investigation Agency, an anti-terror probe organisation, for over four years. Kumar was appointed DG of the NIA during the UPA regime in 2013, but following his retirement in October 2015, the NDA government re-employed him on a contract basis with annual extensions twice, which is considered a rare case in bureaucratic circles.



Who wins French Open 2018 Women's Single?

- A. Simona Halep
- B. Sloane Stephens
- C. Daria Kasatkina
- D. Serena Williams

Answer: A

Explanation: World number one Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title with a gutsy comeback victory over American 10th seed Sloane Stephens in the French Open 2018 final. Halep, who had lost her three previous major finals, went a



set and a breakdown at Roland Garros. But the 26-year-old Romanian battled back to take a see-saw second set against the US Open champion. She then raced away with the third to win 3-6 6-4 6-1.

Who wins French Open 2018 men's Single?

- A. Rafel Nadal
- B. Dominic Thiem
- C. Marco Cecchinato
- D. Novak Djokovic

Answer: A

Explanation: Nadal won another French Open men's singles title on 10 June 2018 as he defeated Dominic Thiem by 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2 on 10 June 2018. This was his 11th French Open title in 14 years. He moves alongside Margaret Court for the most titles at the same slam, 11. His total of 17 majors edges him closer to the 23 owned by 36-year-old Roger Federer.



Who wins Polly Umrigar Trophy 2018 at annual BCCI awards?

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. KL Rahul
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. R.Ashwin

Answer: C

Explanation: India captain Virat Kohli was the star attraction at the BCCI Annual Awards function on 12th June 2018 as he received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Trophy (Cricketer of the Year) award for two consecutive seasons. The Indian skipper, who has been in prolific form, received the award for his stupendous performance during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons. Anshuman Gaekwad and Sudha Shah received the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award. The domestic cricketers got their due recognition as Jalaj Saxena, Parvez Rasool, Krunal Pandya were all feted for their consistent domestic performances.

Indian-American Dhivya Suryadevara becomes CFO of ---- ?

- A. General Motors
- B. Tata Motors

- C. Tata Steel
- D. Reliance Industries

Answer: A

Explanation: An Indian-American woman, Dhivya Suryadevara has been named the Chief Finance Officer of the US' largest automaker, General Motors. Ms. Suryadevara, currently the vice president of corporate finance, will succeed Chuck Stevens, the General Motor's present CFO, on September 1, 2018. She will report to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mary Barra, 56, who has been head of the automaker since 2014.

Which country will host World Cup 2026?

- A. India and China
- B. United States, Mexico and Canada
- C. France and Germany
- D. Iran and Iraq

Answer: B

Explanation: United States, Mexico and Canada won the right to host the 2026 World Cup after easily beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations in Moscow. The North American bid received 134 of the 203 votes, while Morocco polled 65 in the ballot at a FIFA Congress held in Moscow. Football's showpiece event will return to the North American continent for the first time since 1994 when the United States hosted the tournament.

Who is current World Bank CEO?

- A. Kristalina Georgieva
- B. Irina Bokova
- C. Jim Yong Kim
- D. Irina Bokova

Answer: A

Explanation: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis met World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva in Washington DC to seek assistance for a Multimodal Transport Corridor and the Rural Livelihood Project which aims to provide sustainable livelihood enhancements in 10,000 villages in the state. World Bank has assured of positive consideration of both the projects. Fadnavis, who is on a three-nation tour, also attended a business discussion organised by US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. Mr Fadnavis

was bestowed with the Outstanding Leadership in Development Award by Georgetown India Initiative and Centre for Strategic and International Studies

Which city to host the 106th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019)?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Amritsar
- C. Patna
- D. Jalandhar

Answer: D

Explanation: The 106th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019) will be held at Lovely Professional University (LPU) in Jalandhar, Punjab from 3rd to 7th January 2019. The theme of the 5-day science congress is 'Future India: Science & Technology'. Approx 15,000 delegates, including 300 top scientists and Nobel Laureates from across world are expected to attend the congress. The science congress will have 18 plenary sessions, including those of medical, chemical, environmental and other science domains. There will also be four parallel mega events, including the children's science conference; women's science conference; science communicators' meet; and, science exhibition. The exhibition will see participation from the national and international science companies, especially from the US, Australia, Germany and Switzerland.

Who is appointed new COO of ICICI Bank?

- A. Chanda Kochhar
- B. Sandeep Bakhshi
- C. P S Jayakumar
- D. Usha Ananthasubramania

Answer: B

Explanation: ICICI Bank board has appointed ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi as whole-time director and chief operating officer (COO), creating a new top position at India's second largest private bank, to steer all its businesses. Chanda Kochhar, ICICI Bank's managing director and CEO will remain on leave until a committee investigating allegations of impropriety completes its work. Bakhshi has been appointed for



a period of five years. Bakhshi will continue as non-executive director of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. N.S. Kannan has been appointed as CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance for five years.

Kaiga Generating Systems (KGS-1) is situated in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Bihar

Answer: C

Explanation: The 220 MW Unit-1 of Karnataka's Kaiga Generating Systems (KGS-1) set a new record of the continuous operation of 766 days on 18th June, surpassing the earlier record of 765 days set by the Unit-5 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS-5) in 2014. With this achievement, KGS-1 stands second in the world among the Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) and fourth among all nuclear power reactors in terms of continuous operation. The unit KGS-1 has been in operation since May 13, 2016. The 220 mw KGS-1 is an indigenous PHWR fuelled by domestic fuel.

Mehbooba Mufti resigns as Chief Minister of which state on June 19?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. West Bengal
- C. Bihar
- D. Tripura

Answer: A

Explanation: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on 19th June 2018 submitted her resignation to Governor NN Vohra, after the BJP announced it was leaving the alliance with her Peoples Democratic Party(PDP). The BJP's decision to end the coalition leaves Mufti with just 28 out of Jammu and Kashmir's 87 elected seats. The reason for the pullout was failure to control the situation in the state and meet its promises. BJP's General Secretary Ram Madhav also called for Governor's rule in Jammu & Kashmir.

Which country recently withdrew from the United Nations Human Rights Council?

- A. Israel
- B. United States
- C. South Korea
- D. Iran

Answer: B

Explanation: On June 19, the United States withdrew from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and condemned its bias against Israel. The announcement came after the top UN human rights official criticised Washington for separating migrant children from their parents who are seeking asylum after crossing into the country from Mexico.

Which city creates world record with 2 lakh people performing yoga?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Haridwar
- C. Mysore
- D. Kota

Answer: D

Explanation: Rajasthan's education city Kota turned into Yoga city when over one lakh people performed yoga at one place at the same time and created a new Guinness World Record on International Yoga day, 21st June. Yog Guru Baba Ramdev and Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje led people to perform Yoga at city's RAC ground. The international private organisation then handed over a certificate to Ms. Raje and Baba Ramdev, saying it had been the largest gathering worldwide of people performing yoga. Last year, 55 thousand people of Mysore had set a world record performing yoga at one place at the same time.

Government has launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Bihar

Answer: A

Explanation: On June 23, 2018 Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh. The Rs 3,866-crore project includes a dam and a canal system. This project will facilitate irrigation of agricultural land in Rajgarh district. It will also provide drinking water to villages in the area.

Who has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament 2018?

- A. Valtteri Bottas
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Kimi Raikkonen

Answer: B

Explanation: Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for Mercedes AMG Petronas, has won the 2018 Formula One French Grand Prix tournament at the Circuit Paul Ricard in Le Castellet, France on June 24.

Which country to host the 2018 ICC Women's World T20 tournament?

- A. England
- B. New Zealand
- C. West Indies
- D. South Africa

Answer: C

Explanation: The 2018 ICC Women's World T20 championship will be held in the West Indies from November 9 to 24. This is the first standalone ICC women's event in the shortest format of the game. India will begin their campaign against New Zealand on the opening day. The 10-team tournament, featuring three-time champions Australia and reigning winners England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and defending champions the West Indies, plus two qualifiers, will be played across three venues in the Caribbean. The finalists of the World T20 Qualifier in the Netherlands from July 7 to 14 will add to the line-up of the November tournament. The teams participating in the Qualifying event are Bangladesh, Ireland, the Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Scotland, Thailand, Uganda and the United Arab Emirates.

Which is the most spoken language in India after Hindi as per Census 2011 data?

- A. Tamil
- B. Marathi
- C. Bengali
- D. Telugu

Answer: C

Explanation: As per the data on language released by the Union government as part of Census 2011, Hindi is the most spoken language in India. Bengali has taken the second spot, followed by Marathi, Telugu, Tamil and Gujarati.

Which state announce Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana recently?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab
- C. Bihar
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: D

Explanation: Maharashtra government announced a new scheme called 'Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana', wherein farmers families where girl children are born will be given saplings for plantation. The scheme is aimed at empowering women and promoting tree plantation. The scheme was approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Which state government has been awarded for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: A

Explanation: The Madhya Pradesh government has been awarded for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign. The award ceremony was held in New Delhi on June 29, 2018. As per the report of the Registrar General of India, Madhya Pradesh has been registered an unprecedented 48-

digit decline in maternal deaths from 2014 to 2016. The maternal mortality rate was 221 in the year 2011-13, which has now dropped down further to just 173. There has been a significant decline of 22% in the last 3 years in the state. The results of the various awareness programmes like institutional delivery, ANM, Anganwadi workers, knock-out campaigns etc. have now started showing fruitful result. The State government official claimed that this decline will be more noticeable in the coming years.

Which country replaces India to Become World's Largest Poor Population as per Brookings Report?

- A. China
- B. Pakistan
- C. Nigeria
- D. Afganistan

Answer: C

Explanation: With the persistent decline in poverty, India is no longer a nation having the largest number of poor people in the world, according to a study published by the US-based think tank, Brookings. The study, titled 'The start of a new poverty narrative' and published in the Brookings' blog, is authored by Homi Kharas, Kristofer Hamel and Martin Hofer. According to the study, Nigeria has already overtaken India as the country with the largest number of extreme poor in early 2018, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo could soon take over the number 2 spot.

Who is author of book "Eleventh Hour"?

- A. Karan Thapar
- B. Kiran Bedi
- C. Arun Shourie
- D. Hussain Zaidi

Answer: D

Explanation: The novel "Eleventh Hour" is authored by Crime writer Hussain Zaidi to pay tribute to the men in uniform. The book is inspired by and derived from real-life events – a vast stash of RDX that has remained undiscovered since the Mumbai serial blasts of 1993 and the agencies totally clueless about it; the jailbreak in Bhopal of five men; the hijacking of an Indian ship and a commercial vessel by Somali pirates and Pakistan's designs to

spread terror in India. The novel is published by HarperCollins India. Zaidi, who has done investigative, crime and terror reporting in various newspapers, is the author of several books including "Black Friday", "Dongri to Dubai", "Mafia Queens of Mumbai" and "Byculla to Bangkok".

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