

The world's largest solar park has launched in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Karnataka

Answer: D

Explanation: The Karnataka government has launched the world's largest solar park 'Shakti Sthalaon' at Pavagada in Tumakuru district, about



180km from Bengaluru. The solar park has a capacity of 2,000 MW and has set up at an investment of Rs16,500 crore. The first phase of the park will generate 600MW, while the balance 1,400MW is expected to be commissioned by the end of 2018. The park will create employment and act as an incentive for natives and farmers to explore new opportunities of socio-economic growth in the region.

T. Thomas, who passed away on 2 March, 2018, was the former Chairman of which corporate entity?

- A. ITC
- B. HLL
- C. TCS
- D. IDBI

Answer: B

Explanation: T.Thomas, former Chairman of Hindustan Unilever Limited (then Hindustan Lever Limited or HLL), passed away on 2 March 2018 at the age of 90 in Mumbai. He was Chairman of the company from 1973-1980 and later he served as Unilever Director. Thomas led the company through the difficult price control era and laid the foundation for Unilever to retain the majority holding under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) at the time. He was also instrumental in recasting the company's then management trainee programme whereby trainees were given an exposure of working in rural areas for their all-round development. Thomas was also a Non-Executive Chairman of other big companies like Glaxo and Lafarge.

Which Indian woman wrestler has clinched India's first gold at the 2018 Senior Asian Wrestling Championships?

- A. Navjot Kaur
- B. Vinesh Phogat
- C. Sakshi Malik
- D. Sangeeta Phogat

Answer: A

Explanation: Navjot Kaur has scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to win a Gold medal at the Senior Asian Wrestling Championships. She clinched the coveted yellow metal in the 65 kg freestyle category at the tournament held at Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan on March 2, 2018. Navjot defeated Japan's Miya Imai, 9-1 in a one-sided final bout yesterday to give India's its first Gold of the ongoing Championships. Rio Olympics Bronze medallist Sakshi Malik won a bronze in the 62 kg division after getting the better of Kazakhstan's Ayaulym Kassymova, 10-7. The two medals took India's medals tally to six – 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Bronze.

Tata Boeing Aerospace inaugurated its facility to make fuselages and secondary structures. This first-of-its-kind facility is situated near which city?

- A. Surat
- B. Solapur
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Jaipur

Answer: C

Explanation: Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL)'s facility to make fuselages and secondary structures was inaugurated by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 1 March 2018 near Hyderabad. Construction of the manufacturing facility began in 2016 and was completed on schedule. The facility will also produce secondary structures and vertical spar boxes of this multi-role combat helicopter. The delivery of the first fuselage is expected in 2018. TBAL, Boeing's first equity joint venture in India, is the result of a 2015 partnership agreement with Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL).

Manu Bhaker won gold in 10m air pistol women event at the 2018 ISSF World Cup in Mexico. She hails from which Indian state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Haryana

Answer: D

Explanation: India's shooter Manu Bhaker from Haryana won the gold medal in 10 metre Air Pistol Women event at the 2018 ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico on March 4. She shot 237.5 points to bag top honour at the ongoing event. Meanwhile, in the men's 10-metre Air Rifle event, Ravi Kumar won a Bronze, which was his first World Cup medal. India has so far bagged 4 medals – two gold and two bronze at the event. A total of 404 athletes from 50 National Olympic Committees are participating in the 12-day competition, which will have 15 medal events including three mixed team events. India has fielded a 33-member squad.



Who has won the best actress award at the 90th Academy Awards 2018?

- A. Allison Janney
- B. Sally Hawkins
- C. Frances McDormand
- D. Saoirse Ronan

Answer: C

Explanation: Frances McDormand has won the best actress award at the 90th Academy Awards 2018 for her performance as a grieving mother in movie "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri", at the award ceremony held at Hollywood's Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles on March 5. It is the second time McDormand has picked up the best actress statuette, following a 1996 win for her performance in Fargo. Beside her, Gary Oldman won the Oscar for the Best actor for portraying the role of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the period drama in movie 'Darkest Hour'. Allison Janney took home the coveted Best Supporting Actress award for 'I, Tonya', while Sam Rockwell won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for his role in Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.

90th Academy Awards were presented on 4 March 2018 at Dolby Theatre (Los Angeles). Which film won the highest 4 Oscars including the award for 'Best Picture'?

- A. The Shape of Water
- B. Darkest hour
- C. Call me by your name
- D. None of above

Answer: A

Explanation: "The Shape of Water", the 2017 American fantasy drama directed by Guillermo del Toro, won the highest 4 Oscar Awards (including the 'Best Picture' award) in the 90th Academy Awards. The award ceremony presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) was held on 4 March 2018, rather than its usual late-February date to avoid conflicting with the 2018 Winter Olympics. Guillermo del Toro won the 'Best Director' award for this film. Best Actor award was won by Gary Oldman for his role in 'Darkest Hour' as Winston Churchill while Frances McDormand won the 'Best Actress' award for the film 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri'.

Which state government has launched 'Ama Gaon, Ama Vikas' programme?

- A. Manipur
- B. Kerala
- C. Odisha
- D. West Bengal

Answer: C

Explanation: The Odisha government has launched a programme "Ama Gaon, Ama Vikas (Our Village, our development)" to reach out to the people in rural areas and involve themselves in the developmental activities. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has flagged off mobile video vans for 'Ama Gaon Ama Vikas' programme that will move across the State to highlight various welfare schemes at villages in the state. Through these Wi-Fi enabled latest technology video wall vans, people can directly send their grievances to the Chief Minister's Office at the Secretariat in Bhubaneswar. This initiative will help people in solving their grievances instantly.

Conrad Sangma has been sworn-in as the 12th Chief Minister of Meghalaya. He is MP from which Lok Sabha constituency?

- A. Shillong
- B. Tura
- C. Mawlai
- D. Nongkrem

Answer: B

Explanation: Conrad Sangma, the President of National People's Party (NPP) & currently a Member of Parliament (MP) from Tura Lok



Sabha constituency, has been sworn-in as the 12th Chief Minister of Meghalaya. He is the son of former Lok Sabha Speaker late P A Sangma. NPP won 19 seats in the recently held Assembly polls and cobbled up a coalition government in the state with the support of other regional parties, the BJP and an Independent MLA. P A Sangma was a former Union minister and Lok Sabha speaker. He was also the Meghalaya chief minister from 1988 to 1990.

Which pan-India telecom operator filed for bankruptcy during February 2018?

- A. Airtel
- B. Idea
- C. Reliance Communication
- D. Aircel

Answer: D

Explanation: The country's sixth largest telecom operator Aircel along with its units – Aircel Cellular and Dishnet Wireless – on 28 February 2018 filed for bankruptcy in the National Companies Law Tribunal (NCLT) in Mumbai. It filed for bankruptcy after its Malaysian promoter Maxis Communications decided against pumping additional funds into the company. It thus became the fourth telecom firm to wind up its operations mainly due to fierce competition and high levels of debt. It is worth mentioning that prior to Aircel the three other telecom operators who had decided to wind-up their operations are – Anil Ambani-run Reliance Communications, Norway-based Telenor and the wireless business of Tata Teleservices.

Which state government has launched the free sanitary napkin scheme 'Khushi' for girl students across the state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha

Answer: D

Explanation: The Odisha government has launched the free sanitary napkin scheme 'Khushi' for girl students from Class 6 to 12 in all the government and government-aided schools in the state. The scheme will be implemented by the health and family welfare department of the state at a cost of Rs 70 crore per year.

Rashid Khan has become the youngest captain in international cricket history. He belongs to which country?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Sri Lanka

Answer: C

Explanation: Rashid Khan, the world's No.1 ODI and Twenty20 International bowler, has become the youngest international captain in cricket history by leading Afghanistan at the age of 19 years & 165 days against Scotland in the first match of the 2018 ICC World Cup qualifiers, played in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. He replaced Rajin Saleh of Bangladesh who captained his side against South Africa at the age of 20 years and 297 days in 2004.

Who has become the first-ever Indian architect to win the Pritzker Architecture Prize?

- A. Chitra Vishwanath
- B. Raj Rewal
- C. Balkrishna Doshi
- D. Hafeez Contractor

Answer: C

Explanation: Balkrishna Doshi became the first-ever Indian to win the prestigious Pritzker Prize, widely considered architecture's Nobel equivalent. 90-year old Doshi, a pioneer of low-cost housing design, has distinguished his work by committing to sustainable

architecture and inexpensive housing, bringing modernist design to an India rooted in traditionalism. He is one of the last living architects to have apprenticed with the Franco-Swiss trailblazer Le Corbusier. The international Pritzker prize, established by Chicago's Pritzker family in 1979, bestows laureates with \$100,000 along with a bronze medallion. Doshi is the 45th Pritzker laureate and the first from India.

India's first helicopter-taxi service has launched in which city?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Kochi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata

Answer: A

Explanation: India's first helicopter-taxi service has been successfully launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka which drastically reduces travel time for commuters. At present, the Heli taxi service is operating between Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) and Electronic City. The service is expected to reduce the time taken to cover the distance from 2 hours to 15 minutes. The helicopter will seat up to six people apart from the pilot and the service will cost Rs 3,500 plus GST.

Neiphiu Rio sworn in as as the new Chief Minister of which state?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader Neiphiu Rio was on 8 March 2018 sworn in as the chief minister of Nagaland. Rio's NDPP is allied with the BJP, and has the support of the JD(U) and an Independent – giving it the backing of 32 of the 60 MLAs in the state. This is the fourth CM term for Neiphiu Rio, his earlier three terms being in 2003-08, 2008-13 and 2013-14. The results for Nagaland Assembly elections were declared on 3 March 2018. Rio has replaced T.R. Zeliang, who was state Chief Minister since July 2017.

Pyare Lal Wadali, the famous sufi singer passed away. He belonged to which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Punjab
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: B

Explanation: Pyare Lal Wadali (75), the famous Sufi singer, has passed away in Amritsar, Punjab on March 9, 2018. He was the younger of the singers of legendary Sufi set Wadali Brothers. The Wadali Brothers – comprising Puranchand Wadali and Pyarelal Wadali – had carved a distinct mark for themselves in the genre of Sufi music. Born into the fifth generation of musicians, Pyarelal and Puran Chand Wadali became popular with their Sufi music and were spotted after performing at the Harballabh temple in Jalandhar in 1975. The duo had taken the country by storm some years ago, by their hit album featuring Sufi songs such as 'Tu mane ya na mane dildara', 'aasan te tenu rab manya' and Tanu Weds Manu's 'Rangrez mere'.

Govt launches which Biodegradable Sanitary Napkins on 8th March 2018?

- A. Suvidha
- B. Swatch
- C. Nirman
- D. Sulabh

Answer: A

Explanation: Government on 8th March launched 'Biodegradable Sanitary Napkins' under the 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana', on the occasion of International Women's Day. After launching the 'Biodegradable Sanitary Napkins' which is named 'Suvidha', Union Chemicals & Fertilizers Minister Ananth Kumar said that keeping the health and hygiene issues faced by women the government has come up with the initiative. He added that the product will boost health security of women. A pack of 4 napkins will be available in the market at a price of Rs 10 which is much lesser than the price of similar products in the market.

Who has been sworn in as the 10th Chief Minister of Tripura?

- A. Biplab Kumar Deb
- B. Prabhash K Devvarman
- C. Pradyot Kishore Manikya
- D. Jishnu Debbarma

Answer: A

Explanation: Biplab Kumar Deb, a member of the royal family, has been sworn-in as 10th chief minister in Agartala on March 9, 2018. He is the state president of BJP in Tripura. Jishnu Debbarma took oath as the deputy chief minister. With this, BJP ended the 25-year Left Front rule in the State by winning 35 out of the 59 seats. Its ally, the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura, won eight seats, taking the tally to 43. As per the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tripura is the state's de jure head, but de facto executive authority rests with the chief minister.

PM inaugurates two-day National Legislators Conference in which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Jaipur
- D. Chennai

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 10th March inaugurated a two-day National Legislators Conference in Delhi. The motive of the conference is to bring MPs and MLAs on a single platform where ideas and plans for development can be exchanged. Role of public representatives in development and optimum use of resources will be the subjects on agenda for discussions.

Emmanuel Macron is President of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. UK
- C. France
- D. Grece

Answer: C

Explanation: India and France exchange 14 agreements in key strategic areas including defence, maritime security and technology following bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

French President Emmanuel Macron on 10th March 2018. Both the leaders hold joint press briefing highlighting joint vision for Indian Ocean. Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated the warmth of relations between the two countries.

GST Council approves rollout of e-way bill from which day?

- A. 1st May 2018
- B. 15th April 2018
- C. 1st July 2018
- D. 1st December 2018

Answer: B

Explanation: For intra-State movement, the e-way bill will be rolled out in a phased manner beginning April 15, and will cover all the States by June 1, 2018. Businesses will continue to file summary sales return GSTR-3B till June as the GST (Goods and Services Tax) Council on Saturday extended the present system of return-filing by three months. Briefing reporters after the council meeting, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said electronic way or e-way bill for movement of goods between States would be implemented from April 1.

Which Bollywood personality has been honored with the 'Godavari Gaurav' award?

- A. Hema Malini
- B. Amol Palekar
- C. Shahrukh Khan
- D. Sridevi

Answer: B

Explanation: Amol Palekar, the well known actor and director, has been honoured with the 'Godavari Gaurav' award at an event in Nasik on March 10, 2018. He is known for his performance in films like "Gol Maal" , "Choti Si Baat", "Chitchor" among others. The award, which carries a prize of Rs 21,000 and a memento, has been instituted by city-based 'Kusumagraj Prathishthan'. The award was given by noted Marathi writer Madhu Mangesh Karnik, who is the chairperson the Prathishthan. Classical singer Pandit Satyasheel Deshpande also received the 'Godavari Gaurav' award.

Which state in March 2018 passes Bill To Award Death Penalty For Those Who Rape Girls Under 12 Years Of Age?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Rajasthan assembly has passed an amendment bill awarding death penalty for convicts involved in the rape of girls below 12 years of age. State Home Minister Gulab Chand Kataria introduced 'The Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2018' in the assembly, which was passed in the House by a voice vote following a debate. The new amendment added sections 376-AA and 376-DD to the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The amendment says that a person who is convicted of raping/gang-raping a girl up to twelve years of age will be given a death sentence or rigorous imprisonment, which shall not be less than fourteen years and 20 years, respectively.

Which union minister has been given additional charge of the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation?

- A. Birender Choudhary
- B. Prakash Javadekar
- C. Suresh Prabhu
- D. Smriti Irani

Answer: C

Explanation: Suresh Prabhu, the Union Minister of Commerce and Industries, has been given additional charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation on March 10, after the resignation of Ashok Gajapathi Raju of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) was accepted by President Ram Nath Kovind. Mr. Raju and another TDP MP Y.S. Chowdary resigned from the Council of Ministers after party supremo and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu decided to pull out his Ministers from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. Mr. Naidu took the decision after facing relentless attacks from the Opposition for failing to secure special category status for Andhra Pradesh. However, TDP continues to be a part of the NDA.

What is name of first ever Multi-Nation Naval Exercise at sea in Andaman Sea?

- A. RAKSHAK-10
- B. MILES-18
- C. PRAHAR-18
- D. KM-10

Answer: B

Explanation: The first-ever multi-nation naval exercise at sea, MILES-18, began at the Andaman sea. 11 naval ships of 8 countries and nine Indian ships are participating in the three-day exercise. Apart from enhancing inter-operability, the exercise aims to hone search and rescue procedures, maritime interdiction operations, core operational skills and exercise a variety of maritime security scenarios.

PM Modi, French President Macron Jointly inaugurate Solar Power Plant in which state?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday inaugurated 101 megawatt solar power plant at Dadar Kala village in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh on 12th March 2018. This is the largest solar projects in the country set up by French company ENGIE. The company was awarded the project in 2016 with the cost of Rs. 680 crore. The unveiling of the inaugural plaque of 101 megawatt solar power plant at Mirzapur breathing fresh energy into India-France ties. Solar Energy Corporation of India has signed Power purchase agreement for 25 years with the company.

Union Government has launched TB-free India Campaign from which city to eradicate TB from India by 2025?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Delhi
- C. Lucknow

D. Varanasi

Answer: B

Explanation: The Delhi End TB Summit has started in New Delhi on 13th March 2018, which is co-hosted by the Union Health Ministry, WHO South East Asia Regional Office and Stop TB Partnership. In it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a TB-free India Campaign to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) from India by 2025, five years ahead of a globally-set deadline. The campaign will take the activities of National Strategic Plan (NSP) for TB elimination forward in a mission mode. The NSP is backed by a funding of over Rs 12,000 crore over the next three years to ensure that every TB patient has access to quality diagnosis, treatment and support.

Ameenah Gurib-Fakim Resigns as president of which country?

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. Mauritius
- D. South Africa

Answer: C

Explanation: Mauritius President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim has resigned after being embroiled in a scandal over the use of a credit card to buy luxury personal items. She will leave office on 23rd of this month. It has been alleged that Gurib-Fakim made personal purchases, buying jewellery and clothing using a credit card provided by London-based Planet Earth Institute. Africa's only female head of the state, Gurib-Fakim is an internationally renowned scientist and biologist.

Festival of Democracy was held in which city of Rajasthan?

- A. Ajmer
- B. Kota
- C. Udaipur
- D. Jaipur

Answer: D

Explanation: The Festival of Democracy begins in Jaipur, Rajasthan on March 17, 2018 to discuss developmental dialogues relevant to democracy in the country. It is being organised by Anjaneya Seva Samiti in collaboration with Talk India Foundation. It will hold discussions about vivid aspects of the nation ranging from politics

to cinema. The 2-day festival will be a platform to discuss substantive dialogue about vivid aspects of the nation, including politics, literature, art, health, sports, education, cinema and others.

Stephen Hawking was associated with which field?

- A. Politics
- B. Science
- C. Sports
- D. None of above

Answer: B

Explanation: Stephen Hawking, the legendary British scientist, had dedicated his life to unlocking the secrets of the Universe. His genius and wit won over fans from far beyond the rarified world of astrophysics. Born on 9 January 1942, Stephen William Hawking became one of the world's most well-regarded scientists, earning comparisons with Albert Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton. His 1988 book "A Brief History of Time" became an unlikely worldwide bestseller and cemented his superstar status. He had defied predictions he would only live for a few years after developing a form of motor neurone disease in 1964 at the age of 22. The illness gradually robbed him of mobility, leaving him confined to a wheelchair, almost completely paralysed and unable to speak except through his trademark voice synthesiser. Hawking died peacefully at his home in the British university city of Cambridge in the early hours of 14 March 2018.

Who is the newly elected President of Nepal?

- A. Bidya Devi Bhandari
- B. Kumari Laxmi Rai
- C. Ram Baran Yadav
- D. Bhimsen Thapa

Answer: A

Explanation: Bidya Devi Bhandari has been re-elected as President of Nepal for second term in office with an overwhelming majority. She defeated her Nepali Congress rival Kumari Laxmi Rai in the election held on March 13, 2018. Ms Bhandari secured 39,275 votes while the NC's Rai garnered 11,730 votes. She became Nepal's first woman President in 2015.

Angela Merkel elected 4th times chancellor of which country?

- A. Germany
- B. USA
- C. France
- D. Japan

Answer: A

Explanation: Germany's parliament has elected Angela Merkel for her fourth term as Chancellor, putting an end to nearly six months of political drift in Europe's biggest economy on 14th March 2018. Politicians voted 364-315 to re-elect Ms Merkel, Germany's leader since 2005, who ran unopposed. The coalition of Ms Merkel's conservative Christian Democratic Union, its Bavaria-only sister party, the Christian Social Union and the centre-left Social Democrats have 399 of the 709 seats in parliament.



Which city host the 105th session of the Indian Science Congress (ISC)?

- A. Delhi
- B. Jaipur
- C. Imphal
- D. Mumbai

Answer: C

Explanation: The 105th session of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) will be hosted by Manipur Central University in Imphal from 16 to 20 March 2018. The focal theme of the ISC is "Reaching the Unreached Through Science & Technology". The Indian Science Congress is an annual event, usually held in the first week of January. Top scientists from across the country and the world attend the event. The 104th ISC was held at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.

Xi Jinping Re-Elected president of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Lagos
- C. China
- D. USA

Answer: C

Explanation: Xi Jinping was re-elected as President for a second five-year tenure by China's rubber-stamp parliament. The Parliament has recently allowed Xi to have a life-long tenure. Xi was also elected as the head of the powerful Central Military Commission, the overall high command of the Chinese military. He became president in 2013. Wang Qishan has been elected as the new Vice President of China.

The 2018 Krishi Unnati Mela has started in which city?

- A. Kochin
- B. Pune
- C. Lucknow
- D. New Delhi

Answer: D

Explanation: The 3-day annual Krishi Unnati Mela has started at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, on its Pusa campus, in New Delhi on March 16 with a focus on doubling farmers' income. The objective of the event is to create awareness among farmers about the latest agriculture-related technological developments. During the mela, latest agriculture and allied sector technologies will be displayed at more than 800 stalls.

Cricket team of which country in March 2018 gains ODI Status?

- A. USA
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. China

Answer: B

Explanation: After Afghanistan's rapid rise to prominence in limited-overs cricket, Nepal took a massive step forward after achieving One-day International status, after their victory over Papua New Guinea. Nepal defeated the Pacific nation by six wickets in a playoff game in the ICC World Cup Qualifier being held in Zimbabwe, achieving the distinction for the first time.

Which country wins Nidahas T20 tri-series 2018?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Dinesh Karthik did a Javed Miandad with a last-ball six as India pulled off an incredible chase beating Bangladesh by four wickets in the Nidhas T20 Tri-series final, in Colombo on 18th March 2018. It would count as one of India's famous last ball sixes -- something that Pakistani legend did against India 32 years back in Sharjah. Karthik's gem of a cameo got him 29 off 8 balls with two boundaries and three sixes -- the last of them which will be forever be etched in the memory.

Who inaugurated Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship 2018?

- A. PM, Narendra Modi
- B. President, Ramnath Kovind
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Sushma Swaraj

Answer: B

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind on 19th March 2018 inaugurated a Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and presented the Gandhian Young Technological Innovation awards at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The five day festival is an initiative to recognise, respect, showcase, reward innovations and to foster a supportive ecosystem for innovators. Speaking on the occasion, President Kovind said that it was imperative to create an environment to transform innovation into entrepreneurship. The number of innovators participating in the festival this year has considerably increased. 250 innovators are participating in it.

Which state to recommend separate religion status for Lingayats, Veerashaivas?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamilnadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

Answer: D

Explanation: In a significant move, the Congress government in poll-bound Karnataka on 19th March decided to recommend to the Centre to grant religious minority tag to the numerically strong Lingayat and Veerashaiva Lingayat community. Briefing reporters after a Cabinet meeting, Law Minister T.B. Jayachandra said it had accepted the recommendations of an expert panel set up by the State government on the issue.

Which state has the Highest Number of Tribal Habitations in Country?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: D. Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 55770 fully covered tribal habitations with the safe drinking water in the country followed by Odisha and Jharkhand. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has informed that under the Scheme 'National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)', 10% of the total allocation of funds is earmarked to be used for the supply of drinking water to Scheduled Tribe (ST) dominated habitations.

Which Indian sportsperson was named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast?

- A. Sushil Kumar
- B. P V Sindhu
- C. Dipa Karmakar
- D. Saina Nehwal

Answer: B. P V Sindhu

Explanation: Shuttler P V Sindhu was named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games (CWG), which is scheduled to be held in Gold Coast, Australia on April 4, 2018.

Who has been appointed as the CEO of Ayushman Bharat mission?

- A. Meera Puri
- B. Indu Bhushan
- C. Rajeev Kumar
- D. Narendra Shah

Answer: B. Indu Bhushan

Explanation: Indu Bhushan was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Union Government's ambitious Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission (ABNHPM). Bhushan, the Director General of East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila, Philippines, has been appointed to the post for a period of two years. The Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission has the benefit cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year.

Kadakhnath is breed of which animal?

- A. Cow
- B. Goat
- C. Chicken
- D. Cat

Answer: C. Chicken

Explanation: Six years after it applied for the Geographical Indications (GI) tag for Kadakhnath, a chicken breed whose black meat is in demand in some quarters, Madhya Pradesh has got the coveted label. The protein-rich meat of Kadakhnath, chicks, and eggs are sold at a much higher rate than other varieties of chicken. Chennai-based GI Registry accepted the application of Gramin Vikas Trust, Jhabua, which was filed in 2012.

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