

**India successfully conducted night trial of which ballistic missile?**

- A. Akash-I
- B. Agni-I
- C. Trishul-II
- D. Agni-II

Answer: B

Explanation: India has successfully carried out night user trial of Agni-I short-range nuclear-capable ballistic missile. The test flight was conducted by Indian Army's Strategic Forces Command off Abdul Kalam Island in Bay of Bengal, off the coast of the Indian state of Odisha. The test was second known nighttime trial of Agni-I since its first such successful test in April 2014.



**Jharsuguda Airport is situated in which state?**

- A. Kerala
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha
- D. Chhattisgarh

Answer: C

Explanation: Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the renaming of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as "Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda". Veer Surendra Sai is a well-known freedom fighter of Odisha. Renaming of the Jharsuguda airport in his name will fulfill the long-pending demand of the Odisha Government, which reflects the sentiments of the local public of the respective area. It will also be a befitting tribute to the contribution of the revered personality associated with the State.

**Which country launches new high-orbit satellite BeiDou-3?**

- A. Japan
- B. USA
- C. North Korea

D. China

Answer: D

Explanation: China successfully launched a high orbit satellite BeiDou-3 to boost BeiDou global satellite navigation system being built to rival United States Global Position System (GPS). The satellite was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the southwestern Sichuan Province. It is the first BeiDou-3 satellite in high orbit, about 36000 km above the Earth. In a geostationary orbit, following the Earth's rotation, it will view the same point on Earth continuously. The satellite is meant to serve countries in the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It will be the fourth global satellite navigation system after the US GPS system, Russia's GLONASS and the European Union's Galileo.

**Which state Government launches Saura Jalnidhi scheme?**

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Odisha Government has launched Saura Jalnidhi scheme to encourage use of solar energy in irrigation by farmers. Under this scheme, farmers will be given 90% subsidy and 5,000 solar pumps. This will provide irrigation benefits in 2,500 acres of the state. The beneficiary of this scheme will be farmers who have valid farmer identity cards and have minimum 0.5 acres of agricultural land.

**India's First Indigenous Microprocessor, Shakti was created by?**

- A. IISc Bangalore
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IIT Mumbai

Answer: C

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has designed and booted up 'Shakti', which can be used for wireless and networking systems, as well as mobile computing. 'Shakti' is India's first and indigenous microprocessor. Bluespec, an open-source high-level synthesis language was used in making the chips. The concept to design the chip was germinated in 2011 and some preliminary works were carried out. In 2017, the project gained speed with about Rs 11 crore funding from the Indian government.

**The joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian-2018' began between India and which country?**

- A. China
- B. France
- C. Indonesia
- D. Japan

Answer: D

Explanation: The first-ever Indo-Japan joint military exercise "Dharma Guardian- 2018" started at a jungle warfare school in Mizoram's Vairengte with a focus on strengthening counter-terror cooperation. The Japanese contingent is represented by 32nd Infantry Battalion, while the Indian side by 6/1 Gorkha Rifles.

**Which noted journalist has been chosen for the prestigious Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award?**

- A. Ruby Sarkar
- B. Rajesh Parshuram Joshte
- C. VS Rajesh
- D. N. Ram

Answer: D

Explanation: N. Ram, the veteran journalist and The Hindu publishing group chairman, has been chosen for the prestigious Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award 2018 for his outstanding contribution towards journalism. The award will be presented by the Press

Council of India (PCI) on November 16 on the occasion of the National Press Day (NPD).

**Who has been appointed the new Secretary General of Lok Sabha?**

- A. Snehlata Shrivastava
- B. Anup Mishra
- C. Rama Devi
- D. Nischal Jain

Answer: A

Explanation: The tenure of the Lok Sabha Secretary General, Snehlata Shrivastava, has been extended by Speaker Sumitra Mahajan for one year. Snehlata, who is 1982-batch retired IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, was appointed last year in rank and status of a Cabinet Secretary. She was scheduled to retire on the 30th of this month. Her extension will be effective from the 1st of December 2018 to the 30th of November 2019. She is the first woman Secretary General of the Lok Sabha.

**Which Indian personality has recently bestowed with France's highest civilian honour "Knight of the Legion of Honour"?**

- A. Kailash Satyarthi
- B. Amartya Sen
- C. Jawahar Lal Sarin
- D. Soumitra Chatterjee

Answer: C

Explanation: Jawahar Lal Sarin, the president of the Alliance Francaise de Delhi's governing body, has been bestowed with France's highest civilian honour "Knight of the Legion of Honour". The award was presented to Sarin by Ambassador of France Alexandre Ziegler in recognition of his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting the French language. The Alliance francaise de Delhi was started as a French association by Francophiles in 1956.

**Which district has been renamed as Ayodhya by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath?**

- A. Lucknow
- B. Allahabad
- C. Faizabad
- D. Kanpur

Answer: C

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh government has approved renaming of Faizabad and Allahabad divisions as Ayodhya and Prayagraj respectively. The decision was taken at a meeting of the state cabinet presided over by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Earlier, the government renamed the Mughalsarai Railway station, another historic spot, as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction.

**Who is appointed New Enforcement Directorate Chief?**

- A. Sanjay Mishra
- B. Raman Malik
- C. Suresh Mishra
- D. Rajan Kumar

Answer: A

Explanation: Indian Revenue Service officer Sanjay Mishra was appointed as the new Enforcement Directorate Director (ED) in an additional capacity for three months. He has replaced Karnal Singh. He has also been appointed as the Principal Special Director in the same agency.

**What is the theme of the 33rd ASEAN summit 2018?**

- A. Partnering for change, engaging the world
- B. Resilient and Innovative Asean
- C. One ASEAN at the Heart of Dynamic Asia
- D. Strengthening ASEAN Maritime Cooperation

Answer: B

Explanation: The 33rd edition of ASEAN summit 2018 has started in the city-state of Singapore on November 11 with theme 'Resilient and innovative Asean'. The main event is being held at Suntec Singapore Convention Centre, wherein the ten ASEAN members will be discussing key issues on economic, security and cultural cooperation. The summit is being chaired by Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Besides the main event, several related meetings like Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), East Asia Summit (EAS) and Fintech Festival are also taking place during the 5-day event. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the East Asia Summit and Associated meetings of ASEAN on 14th and 15th November in Singapore.

**Who resign as CEO of Flipkart Group?**

- A. Ruchit Bansal
- B. RP Sharma
- C. Binny Bansal
- D. Naman Singh

Answer: C

Explanation: Co-founder Binny Bansal has resigned as CEO of Flipkart Group. This was announced by Walmart, the new owner of the e-commerce company. Kalyan Krishnamurthy will continue to be CEO of Flipkart, which will now include Myntra and Jabong, continuing to operate as separate platforms within the Flipkart business.

**ISRO Launches GSAT-29 on 14th November 2018. It is a ----- Satellite ?**

- A. Weather
- B. Communication
- C. Education
- D. Farm mapping

Answer: B

Explanation: ISRO's heavy-lift rocket GSLV-MkIII-D2 blasted off from Sriharikota on November 14 carrying India's latest communication satellite GSAT-29 on board. The 27-hour countdown for the launch began at 2.50 p.m. IST on November 13 and the rocket blasted off at 5.08 p.m. from the spaceport at Sriharikota, about 100 km from Chennai. The satellite aims at solving the communication barriers faced by Village Resource Centres (VRCs), which are responsible for providing space-based services to ISRO from rural areas. The launch took place from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

**The first-ever bilateral naval exercise 'Samudra Shakti 2018' began between India and which country?**

- A. Cuba
- B. Indonesia
- C. Philippines
- D. Maldives

Answer: B

Explanation: The first-ever bilateral naval exercise 'Samudra Shakti 2018' began between Indian and Indonesian Navy at the port of Surabaya in Indonesia from November 12, 2018. From Indian side, INS Rana of the Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command is participating in the exercise.

**During November 2018 which public sector bank entered 100th year of its formation?**

- A. SBI
- B. PNB
- C. Union Bank of India
- D. Allahabad Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: Union Bank of India on 11 November 2018 celebrated its 100th Foundation Day in Mumbai. Established on 11 November 1919, the bank's corporate office in Mumbai was inaugurated by



Mahatma Gandhi. The bank presently has assets of US\$ 13.45 billion and around 4,300 branches including 4 overseas branches in Hong Kong, Dubai, Antwerp and Sydney.

**Name the Partner Country of the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2019.**

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. United States
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Saudi Arabia

Answer: A

Explanation: The 9th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar in January 2019 with theme 'Shaping of a New India'. The 'Youth Connect Forums'. United Arab Emirates (UAE) will participate in the summit as a partner country for the second consecutive year.

**Which state has passed the Maratha Reservation Bill?**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Goa
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: D

Explanation: The state cabinet of Maharashtra on November 18, 2018 passed the Maratha Reservation Bill, approving reservation for the Maratha community. The state government made the decision based on the recommendations of the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission. The move follows months of massive protests by members of the community demanding reservation in education and jobs.

**Who becomes first indian woman boxer to win record 6th gold medal at the World Boxing Championships?**

- A. M.C. Mary Kom



- B. Geeta Phogat
- C. Sakshi Malik
- D. Sunita Kumari

Answer: A

Explanation: Mary Kom struck her record 6th gold medal at the World Boxing Championships as she defeated Ukraine's Hanna Okhota via a 5-0 unanimous decision on 24 November 2018. In doing so, the Manipur boxer became the joint most successful boxer (Men and Women) in the history of World Championships, tied with the Cuban legend Felix Savon, who had also won six gold medals at the World Championships. It is Kom's 7th medal overall in the tournament – 6 gold and 1 silver. Mary Kom won a silver medal in the inaugural edition in 2001, and then went on to win a gold medal in the next five consecutive editions – 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010.

**Who has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner?**

- A. Bimal Jalan
- B. Anil Goswami
- C. Sunil Arora
- D. Nandan Nilekani

Answer: C

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Sunil Arora as the new Chief Election Commissioner. He would be succeeding OP Rawat who retired on November 24. The 62-year-old Arora was appointed to the Election Commission on August 31, 2017.

**Which Indian city is hosting the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup?**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Chennai
- D. Bhubaneswar

Answer: D

Explanation: Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha is hosting the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup, which is the 14th edition of this prestigious FIH tournament. The tournament is being held at the Kalinga Stadium in the city. Bhubaneswar is the third Indian city to host Men's Hockey World Cup after Bombay (1982) and New Delhi (2010). 16 teams are taking part in this World Cup – Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, England, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Spain. Australia is the defending champion. Olly, the Olive Ridley turtle, is the official mascot of 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup. The tournament will conclude on 16 December 2018.

**Who was appointed the new Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on 28 November 2018?**

- A. Sunil Malik
- B. A.M. Naik
- C. Sujata Mehta
- D. Pradip Joshi

Answer: B

Explanation: Engineering and construction major Larsen and Toubro's (L&T's) group chairman A.M. Naik was on 28 November 2018 appointed as chairman of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). NSDC, the body that oversees the short-term skill development programmes of the government and executes, among others, the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), had been functioning without a full-time chairman since November 2016, when then chairman S. Ramadorai resigned from both NSDC and the national skill development agency.

**Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of UPSC?**

- A. M. Sathiyavathy
- B. Pradeep Kumar Joshi
- C. Sujata Mehta

D. Arvind Saxena

Answer: D

Explanation: The President on 28 November 2018 appointed UPSC-member Arvind Saxena as Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Saxena was a student of civil engineering at the Delhi College of Engineering. Later he pursued M.Tech. in Systems Management from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi. He was selected for the Civil Services and joined the Indian Postal Service in 1978. His tenure will begin from the date he enters the UPSC office as the chairman. The term of his appointment will be till 7 August 2020 when he attains the age of 65 years or till further orders whichever is earlier. He joined the UPSC as a member in May 2015.

**Which country hosted the G20 summit 2018?**

- A. Australia
- B. Argentina
- C. Russia
- D. Denmark

Answer: B

Explanation: The G20 summit 2018 was held at Buenos Aires, Argentina on November 30 under the theme 'Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development'. The annual meeting was attended by leaders of the top 20 economies of the world including India PM Narendra Modi.

**What is the name of India's first-ever hyper spectral imaging satellite that was launched through ISRO's PSLV C-43 rocket?**

- A. Navik
- B. Insight
- C. HysIS
- D. Look

Answer: C

Explanation: 'HysIS' (which stands for Hyper Spectral Imaging Satellite) is the name of India's first-ever hyper spectral imaging satellite that was launched and successfully placed in its orbit on 29 November 2018 by ISRO's PSLV C-43 rocket. This rocket also carried 30 other satellites along with HysIS. The launch was done from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. It was the 13th flight of the core-alone version and 45th launch of the PSLV. The HysIS is an Earth observation which can provide images far clearer than regular optical or remote sensing cameras. This satellite will be used primarily to assist in a wide range of applications in agriculture, forestry, geological environments, coastal zones, among others. The 30 satellites are one each from Australia, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Malaysia, Netherlands and Spain, and 23 from the USA.

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