

GK Digest - First Week of Dec '17 (4th -10th)

Akash Missile Successfully Launched

- The Surface to Air Missile AKASH with indigenous radio frequency seeker against target Banshee has been successfully launched from the Launch Complex-III at ITR Chandipur, Odisha.
- The Radars, telemetry, and electro-optical systems along the coast have tracked and monitored all the health parameters of the missile.
- This missile is being inducted into Army as Short Range Surface to Air Missile (SRSAM).

Uttar Pradesh First State to Endorse Centre's Triple Talaq Draft Bill

- Uttar Pradesh becomes the first state to endorse the Centre's draft bill that makes instant triple talaq a cognizable and non-bailable offence.
- As per the draft law, its three years' imprisonment and a fine to a Muslim man trying to divorce his wife by uttering "talaq" three times.

Taj Mahal Named Second-Best UNESCO World Heritage Site

- The Taj Mahal, India's iconic ivory-white marble mausoleum in Agra, is the second best UNESCO world heritage site in the world, according to a new survey by online travel portal TripAdvisor.
- The Taj Mahal is rated after Cambodia's Angkor Wat. Other popular heritage sites on the survey include the Great Wall of China (Third) built by Xu Da of Northern Qi Dynasty in 1368 AD.
- Machu Picchu in Peru in South America has bagged the fourth spot.

Kerala's Alappuzha in Top 5 UN Clean City List

- The waste management system being implemented in Kerala's coastal town of Alappuzha recognized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as one of the five models across the world for fighting the pollution menace.
- Alappuzha, often called "The Venice of East", has been listed in the UNEP environment report entitled, 'Solid Approach to Waste: How Five

Cities are Beating Pollution' alongside cities like Osaka in Japan, Ljubljana in Slovenia, Penang in Malaysia and Cajica in Colombia.

President Ram Nath Kovind Confers National Awards for Divyangjan 2017

- President Ram Nath Kovind confers 'National Awards for Divyangjan 2017' on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities in New Delhi.
- The award distribution stresses on the generation of employment for Divyangjans. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu launched Deen Dayal Divyangjan Sahajya Yojana in Guwahati, Assam. The National Awards were presented in 14 main categories.

India to host 2 Day Connectivity Summit with ASEAN countries

- Ahead of the 25th anniversary of Dialogue Partnership between India and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Delhi will host a two-day ASEAN-India Connectivity Summit on December 11 and 12.
- The Summit's theme will be 'Powering Digital and Physical Linkages for Asia in the 21st Century.'
- The member countries of ASEAN comprises Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

India First Madame Tussauds Wax Museum Opened in New Delhi

- India's first Madame Tussauds wax museum opened in New Delhi with 50 life-like figures spanning across history, sports, music, films, and politics, for the public at the iconic Regal building in central Delhi.
- Madame Tussauds has been a successful tourist attraction in places like London, Las Vegas, New York, Orlando, San Francisco, and Hong Kong.
- The Delhi facility is the 23rd edition of Madame Tussauds.

Ellie Goulding Honored as UN Environment Global Goodwill Ambassador

- British singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding signed as a Global Goodwill Ambassador for UN Environment, joining the fight to save the lives and habitats of people and animals by cleaning up our air and seas, fighting climate change and protecting species.
- Ellie is also backing UN Environment's #CleanSeas campaign.

Amitabh Bachchan Launches Book on Indian Cinema

- Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan launched a book based on Indian cinema in showbiz capital Mumbai.
- The book titled 'Bollywood: The Films! The Songs! The Stars!' is a coffee table book, which provides historical insights, lesser-known facts and behind-the-scenes exclusives of the most iconic movies made in the history of the Indian film industry.

ADB Funds \$580 Million for Reliance's Bangladesh Power Plant Project

- The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Board of Directors approved debt financing and partial risk guarantees totaling \$583 million to develop the Reliance Bangladesh Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Power Project.
- The financing package of ADB includes loans and partial risk guarantees for the power generation facility, as well as for the LNG terminal and the power project, being set up for \$1 billion.

Time Readers Vote Saudi Crown Prince Person of the Year

- Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been voted the Time magazine readers' Person of the Year, despite spearheading the continued bombardment of Yemen, leading to the starvation of its citizens.
- The award goes to those who "for better or worse" influenced the year.

Syrian Boy Wins International Children's Peace Prize

- Sixteen-year-old Mohamad Al Jounde from Syria was awarded the International Children's Peace Prize for his efforts to ensure the rights of Syrian refugee children.
- Al Jounde, a refugee of the Syrian civil war, set up a school together with his family in a Lebanese refugee camp that currently provides 200 children with education.

World Smallest Mona Lisa created using DNA Origami

- Caltech scientists have made the world's smallest recreation of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the size of a bacterium, out of DNA.
- The technique, dubbed DNA origami, enabled scientists to fold DNA into desired self-assembling structures using 64 tiles, which were 100 nanometers wide.

Diddy Tops Forbes Highest Paid Musicians of 2017 List

- Forbes has revealed its annual list of the highest-paid musicians. Diddy [Sean Combs] was named the highest earner ranked in \$130 million.
- The top 3 in the list are
 - Diddy (\$130m)
 - Beyonce (\$105m)
 - Drake (\$94m)

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Deepika Kumari Wins Bronze at Indoor Archery World Cup

- India's Deepika Kumari won a bronze medal at the Indoor Archery World Cup Stage 2 that concluded in Bangkok, Thailand.
- She defeated Sayana Tsyrempilova of Russia.

India Wins First-Ever South Asian Regional Badminton Team Championship

- India won the first-ever South Asian Regional Badminton Team Championship. In the title clash played in Guwahati, India defeated Nepal, 3-0.
- In the Boys' singles competition Aryaman Tandon defeated Dipesh Dhami 21-9, 21-15 while, Ashmita Chaliha defeated Rashila Maharjan 21-9, 21-6 in the Girls' singles event.

Mehuli Ghosh and Tushar Mane became the first Indian shooters qualified for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games

- Mehuli Ghosh and Tushar Mane became the first Indian shooters to secure the women's and men's quota places for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) by winning a gold and bronze each at the 10th Asian Championship 10M Rifle/Pistol at Wako City, Japan.

Prithvi Shaw Named India's Captain for 2018 U-19 World Cup

- Mumbai's 18-year-old batsman Prithvi Shaw has been named the captain of the Indian Under-19 team for the 2018 U-19 World Cup
- The tournament is scheduled to be held in New Zealand starting January 13, 2018. This comes after Shaw slammed three tons and two fifties in five Ranji Trophy matches this season.

Cristiano Ronaldo wins Ballon d'Or, Equals Lionel Messi's Record

- Cristiano Ronaldo (from Portugal) won the Ballon d'Or for a fifth time to move level with rival Lionel Messi.
- The Real Madrid forward was named the winner of France Football's prestigious award at a ceremony in Paris, France.

- The award caps a year in which Ronaldo has won LaLiga, the Champions League and the Spanish Super Cup with Real Madrid, as well as helping Portugal qualify for the 2018 World Cup. Messi, the only other player to have won the award since 2008, finished second.

South Korea will have 85 robot volunteers at the Winter Olympics

- South Korea announced it will have 85 robots at the 2018 Winter Olympics, as volunteers. A humanoid robot has the ability to walk and will bear the Olympic torch in South Korea on December 11.
- 2018 Winter Olympics will start on February 9, 2018 in Pyeong Chang, South Korea.

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