

GK Digest - Second Week of Dec '17 (11-17th)

Sports

India Beat Germany Win Bronze at Hockey World League Final

- India defeated Germany 2-1 in the Hockey World League Final to grab the bronze medal at the event, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- SV Sunil and Harmanpreet Singh scored for the world number six Indian side.

Indonesia Open Aquatic Indian Diving Team wins 6 Medals

- Indian Diving Team won 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals in Indonesia Open Aquatic Championship 2017.
- The five-day championship concluded recently in Indonesia's Jakarta.
- More than 1,500 athletes from eight countries, participated in the 5-day event. At the championships, the diving category featured athletes from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Khelo India programme to be launched at cost of 1,756 crore rupees for period 2017-18 to 2019-20

- Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore confirmed union government will launch a 'Khelo India' programme at a cost of 1,756 crore rupees for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The initiative marks a watershed moment in the history of Indian sports, as the programme aims at mainstreaming sports as a tool for individual development, community development, economic development and national development.



Jitu Rai And Heena Sidhu Win Medals at Asian Championships

- Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu bagged a bronze each to continue India's medal charge at the 10th Asian Championship 10m Rifle/Pistol in Wako City, Japan.
- Jitu won an individual bronze in the men's 10m Air Pistol, which also helped the Indian team comprising Shahzad Rizvi and Omkar Singh besides Jitu, to bag the Team gold in the event.

Australia Beat Argentina to Win Gold in Hockey World League Final

- Australia beat Argentina 2-1 in the final of the Hockey World League Final (HWLF) to win gold at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Argentina beat India (who won bronze earlier) in the semifinals.
- Blake Govers scored the winner from a penalty corner with just three minutes left in the game.

India bags rich haul of 21 medals including six gold at Asian Airgun Shooting Championships

- India bagged a rich haul of 21 medals including six gold, eight silver and seven bronze medals at the 10th Asian Airgun Shooting Championships which was concluded on Monday in Wako City, Japan.
- On the last of a championship, Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Baker booked quota places for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) by winning a gold and a silver each. Saurabh Chaudhary won both the individual as well as the Team gold in the men's 10m Air Pistol Youth event, while Baker clinched a silver in the women's 10m Air Pistol Youth. India claimed another silver in junior women's 10m Air Pistol.



National Affairs

Mahesh Sharma Inaugurates Bodhi Parva BIMSTEC Festival of Buddhist Heritage

- Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the three days 'Bodhi Parva: BIMSTEC Festival of Buddhist Heritage' in New Delhi.
- India is hosting the "Bodhi Parva: BIMSTEC Festival of Buddhist Heritage" from 8 to 10 December as part of celebrations of 20th anniversary of BIMSTEC

Vice President Confers Yeraringan Award to M.S. Swaminathan

- Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu conferred 'Yeraringan' Award to Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, in Chennai. Prof. M.S. Swaminathan was a transformative leader who has inspired many scientists to focus on the problem of Indian agriculture.
- The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri Banwarilal Purohit was present on the occasion.

Rajasthan is First state in India to Offer e-mail IDs in Hindi

- Rajasthan becomes the first state in the country to launch free email addresses in Hindi (in Devanagari script) for its residents, as per the state IT department Principal Secretary Akhil Arora.
- The initiative aims to ensure maximum participation of people towards e-governance and that maximum facilities are available in the vernacular language.

India to Host 3rd Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of AIIB

- India will host the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) at Mumbai in June 2018.



- The Theme of the Annual Meeting, 2018 will be “**Mobilizing Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration**”.

India Ranks 100 in Global Prosperity Index

- India upgraded its ranks in ‘**The Legatum Prosperity Index 2017**’ and is now in 100th position.
- At present, the rising trend in India’s prosperity is significant in view of the fact that India registered lower economic growth following demonetisation and implementation of the goods and services tax (GST) reform in 2017.
- The index, which offers an insight into how prosperity is forming and changing across the world, ranks India 100th on the list of prosperous countries among 149 countries.

Electronics and IT Ministry Launched First NIC-CERT

- Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched first NIC-CERT, a setup of National Informatics Centre to prevent and predict cyber attacks on government utilities.
- They launched in New Delhi.
- NIC-CERT has been set up with the objective of creating a comprehensive framework that integrates world-class security components and inbuilt threat intelligence for detection, prevention and incident response.

President of India Lays Foundation Stone of NYAYA GRAM Project

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, laid the foundation stone of the 'Nyaya Gram project' of the High Court of Allahabad in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- This judicial academy will make a significant contribution to the capacity of the lower judiciary in Uttar Pradesh. As per the President,



the Nyaya Gram project would prove to be a milestone in fulfilling the requirements of the Allahabad High Court.

Agreement and MoU

India and Morocco Sign MoU for Enhanced Cooperation in Healthcare

- Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Dr Abdelkader Amara, Ministry of Health, Kingdom of Morocco signed the MoU.
- The main areas of cooperation include the following:
- Non-communicable diseases, including child cardiovascular diseases and cancer;
- Drug Regulation and Pharmaceutical quality control;
- Maternal, child and neonatal health;
- Hospital twinning for the exchange of good practices.

International Affairs

Google Opens 1st Machine Learning Research Lab in Asia with Google AI China Center

- Google announced that it will open a research lab focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Beijing, China. It will be its first such centre in Asia.
- The "Google AI China Centre" will join the other AI research groups that the company has in other parts of the world, including in New York, Toronto, London and Zurich.



Michael Jordan is World's Highest-Paid Athlete of All Time

- In the latest list released by Forbes, Michael Jordan named as the highest-paid athletes of all time.
- The 54-year-old has a whopping \$1.7 billion in the bank.
- Former world number one golfer Tiger Woods is standing at the second spot. Late America golfer Arnold Palmer is at No.3 with incredible \$1.4 billion to his name.

Mount Hope Becomes UK's New Highest Mountain

- Mount Hope, in the British Atlantic Territory, was recently re-measured and found to be 377 metres taller than previous calculations.

Youthquake is Named Word of the Year by Oxford Dictionaries

- Oxford Dictionaries crowned "**youthquake**" as its word of 2017 in a nod to the unexpected level of youth engagement in this summer's election in the United Kingdom.
- An amalgamation of "youth" and "earthquake", the noun is defined as "a significant cultural, political, or social change arising from the actions or influence of young people."

India's first Tesla car registered in Mumbai

- India First Tesla car registered in Mumbai.
- The Tardeo Regional Transport Office (RTO).
- The Model X car, is owned by the business conglomerate Essar's CEO Prashant Ruia and is reportedly exempted from RTO taxes as it is an electric vehicle.



USEFUL LINKS

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December Month - Important Quiz Questions

- 1) Which day is observed on November 14th across the world?
 - a) World Diabetes Day
 - b) World Peace Day
 - c) World Environment day
 - d) World Earth Day
- 2) Which country to host 1st Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit recently ?
 - a) India
 - b) China
 - c) Japan
 - d) Nepal
- 3) Who is sworn in as new US Ambassador to India ?
 - a) Kenneth Juster
 - b) Victor James
 - c) George Andrews



d) Bill Clinton

4) Who gave the National Child Awards 2017 on Occasion of Children's Day recently ?

a) Shri Narendra Modi

b) Shri Suresh Prabhu

c) Shri Ram Nath Kovind

d) Shri Nitin Gadkari

5) Who becomes first transgender to be appointed in Rajasthan Police ?

a) Ganga Kumari

b) RajaKumari

c) Shree Radha

d) MeenaKumari

6) What is the theme of the First Ever APCERT Conference in New Delhi ?

a) Adaptive Learning in real world contexts

b) Building Trust in the Digital Economy.

c) Navigating through Line

d) Dieseling through the way

Answers

1) A 2) B 3) A 4) C 5) A 6) B



7) Who is the first Indian to Qualify for LPGA Tour Championships ?

- a) Aditi Ashok
- b) Gaurika Bishnoi
- c) Meher Atwal
- d) Gurbani Singh

8) Which city the foundation of International Solar Alliance held recently ?

- a) Italy
- b) Greece
- c) Germany
- d) France

9) Who is appointed President of 36th International Geological Congress ?

- a) Vijay Prasad Dimri
- b) Naresh kumar
- c) Suresh Rajan
- d) Vivek Chopra

10) What is the name of satellite launched by Virtual Nation Asgardia group ?

- a) Kosmos
- b) SES-10
- c) Asgardia 1
- d) Object 2014-28E

Answers

7) A 8) C 9) A 10) C



11) Which award is conferred to Anand Kumar recently by President RamNath Kovind ?

- a) Rashtriya Bal Kalyan Award
- b) Padma Bhushan
- c) Stree Shakti Puraskar
- d) Gandhi Peace Prize

12) Which ministry launches National Portal for power sector recently ?

- a) Minister of Power
- b) Minister of Coal And Railways
- c) Minister of External Affairs
- d) Minister of Finance

13) Which country Recognizes Yoga as Sport ?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Iran
- c) Pakistan
- d) Bulgaria

14) Which state hosting its first ever hot-air balloon festival ?

- a) Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Bihar

Answer

11) A 12) A 13) A 14) B



15) Which Indian Businessman topped Forbes List of Asia's Richest Families recently ?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Gautam Adani
- c) Adi Godrej
- d) D.N R Narayana Moorthy

16) Which day is observed on November 16 ?

- a) National Health Day
- b) National Press Day
- c) National Voters day.
- d) National Youth Day

17) Which country beauty queen crowned Miss International 2017?

- a) Indonesia
- b) India
- c) Pakistan
- d) Saudi Arabia

18) Which country Signs up Paris Agreement on Climate Change?

- a) Syria
- b) Egypt
- c) Cyprus
- d) State of Palestine

Answer

15) A 16) B 17) A 18) A



19) Which country Approves First Pill with Digital Tracking Device ?

- a) India
- b) USA
- c) Pakistan
- d) Bulgaria

20) Which new scheme was launched by targeting an initial amount of about Rs 8,000 crore ?

- a) Bharat 22 ETF
- b) Atal Pension Yojana
- c) Suraskha Savings Scheme
- d) Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

21) Who inaugurated in IITF 2017 ?

- a) Shri Vignesh raj
- b) Shri Suresh Sharma
- c) Shri Hunar Haat
- d) Shri Kailash Rajan

Answer:

19) A 20) B 21) C



22) Which state bagged an international award from Abu Dhabi recently ?

- a) Kerala
- b) West Bengal
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Bihar

23) Which state becomes first North East state to launch PoS for electricity bill payments ?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Assam
- c) Tripura
- d) Sikkim

24) Who signed a joint venture agreement with China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC) to construct 750 MW West Seti Hydropower Project ?

- a) China Electricity Authority
- b) Nepal Electricity Authority
- c) Japan Electricity Authority
- d) Pakistan Electricity Authority

Answer:

22) C 23) A 24) B

25) Who Launches Schemes Worth Rs 3,455 crore in Jharkhand?



- a) Shri Naresh Kumar
- b) Shri Suresh Raj
- c) Shri Ram Nath Kovind
- d) Shri Arun Jaitley

26) Which country to host Global Conference on Cyber Space for first time ever ?

- a) Canada
- b) Bulgaria
- c) India
- d) Albania

27) Which state partners with Nagaland and Manipur under Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat Yojana?

- a) Bihar
- b) Teleganna
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Punjab

Answer:

25) C 26) C 27) C



28) With Which country India approves MoU for Civil Aviation Cooperation recently?

- a) Belgium
- b) Poland
- c) Cuba
- d) Denmark

29) Who inaugurated Aadi Mahotsav in New Delhi ?

- a) Shri Venkaiah Naidu
- b) Shri Naresh Kumar
- c) Shri Vijay Kumar
- d) Shri Suresh Rajan

30) With Which country India approves Scientific and Technological Cooperation agreement recently ?

- a) Belarus
- b) Israel
- c) Jordan
- d) Kenya

Answer:

28) B 29) A 30) A



31) Which city Fourth Global Conference on Sustained Eradication of Child Labour Held ?

- a) Argentina
- b) Poland
- c) Qatar
- d) Spain

32) Which state bans Plastic Bottles at Government Offices, Hotels ?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Punjab
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

33) Who won Spain's Cervantes Prize recently ?

- a) A.Nicanor Parra
- b) B.Sergio Ramirez Mercado
- c) C.Juan Gelman
- d) D.Sergio Pitol

Answer:

31) A 32) A 33) B



34) Who is appointed as ambassador of World Packaging Organisation (WPO) ?

- a) Shri Chakravarthi
- b) Shri Naresh Kumar
- c) Shri Suresh Menon
- d) Shri Anand Kumar

35) Who crowned National Womens Trap champion at 61st National Shooting Championship ?

- a) Shagun Chowdhary
- b) Grishma Nathan
- c) Nithya Menon
- d) Nithisha Raj

36) Who launches Journey of Women Law Reforms and The Law Commission of India Some Insights book ?

- a) Shri Arun Jaitley
- b) Shri Suresh Menon
- c) Shri Venkaiah Naidu
- d) Shri Prakash Javedkar

Answer:

34) A 35) A 36) C



37) With Which country India Agreed Deepen Security Co-operation recently ?

- a) France
- b) Pakistan
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Bulgaria

38) Who is selected for Prof. Yashwantrao Kelkar Youth Award 2017 ?

- a) Gopinath R.
- b) Suresh rajan
- c) Naresh Iyer
- d) Dilip Karthick

39) Which city First WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending TB held ?

- a) A.Russia
- b) B.Australia
- c) C.New York
- d) D.Albania

Answer:

37) A 38) A 39) A



40) Which state launches initiative to curb Childhood Obesity; Schools to get BMI Dialers to measure BMI ?

- a) Bihar
- b) Maharashtra
- c) West Bengal
- d) Kerala

41) Which state launches its first air ambulance for the public recently ?

- a) Assam
- b) Bihar
- c) Punjab
- d) Andhra Pradesh

42) How many crores did the India invest in foreign tourist arrivals in October 2017 ?

- a) 150 crores
- b) 14,354 crores
- c) 10,250 crores
- d) 16,250 crores

Answer:

40) B 41) A 42) B



43) Which state soon to get a Centre of Excellence on Space Sciences ?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Bihar
- d) West Bengal

44) Which state to get Mega Coastal Economic Zone in India?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Karnataka
- d) Kerala

45) Who wins Miss World 2017 title ?

- a) Manushi Chhillar
- b) Roshmitha Harimurthy
- c) Urvashi Rautela
- d) Himangini Singh

46) Who launches Joint Polar Satellite System-1 ?

- a) ISRO
- b) NASA
- c) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
- d) Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC)

Answer:

43) A 44) A 45) A 46) B



47) Which Bank Opens All Women Branch in Chennai ?

- a) RBL Bank
- b) Dena Bank
- c) Canara Bank
- d) Vijaya Bank

48) Which place RBL Bank Opens All Women Branch ?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kolkata
- c) Patna
- d) Chennai

49) How many millions deal of India - Israel got cancelled recently?

- a) 200 millions
- b) 500 millions
- c) 450 millions
- d) 380 millions

50) Which day is observed across the world on November 20th ?

- a) Universal Children's Day
- b) International Women's Day
- c) International Day of Peace
- d) International Day for Mine Awareness

Answer:

47) A 48) D 49) B 50) A

