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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Ranil Wickremesinghe sworn in as PM of Sri Lanka after resignation of Mahinda Rajapaksa

- Sri Lanka's ousted Prime Minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe** was sworn into office two months after being removed by President Maithripala Sirisena, thus bringing an end to the weeks-long political crisis in the country
- Mr. **Wickremesinghe** was removed as Prime minister on **October 26** and was replaced by Mahinda Rajapaksa who resigned on 15th December after failing to garner a majority in Parliament
- Mr. Wickremesinghe has been sworn in as Prime minister for the 5th time, creating a record in Sri Lanka

United Arab Emirates President declares 2019 as Year of Tolerance

- **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has declared 2019 to be the “**Year of Tolerance.**” to highlight UAE as the Global Capital of Tolerance, instilling the values of co-existence and peace in local, regional and international communities
- The Year of Tolerance will focus on “Five Pillars”

- First one aims to deepen the values of tolerance and co-existence among cultures and peoples by concentrating on teaching the youth on the values of tolerance
- The second pillar will focus on solidifying the UAE as the global capital for tolerance, via a series of projects with dialogue between various cultures and civilizations
- The third will enact multiple cultural programmes and contributions to build tolerant communities
- The fourth pillar will see legislative and policy-oriented objectives that contribute mandating cultural and religious tolerance
- The fifth pillar will promote tolerance and co-existence through media initiatives

India announced \$1.4 billion Package for Maldives, Agreements Signed

- **India** announced a \$1.4 billion package for the Maldives to meet its immediate budgetary as well as some medium-term requirements
- The Maldives is weighed down by some \$3 billion in debt to China and the country is looking to India and Saudi Arabia, besides others, for help. In November 2018, New Delhi had offered an immediate loan of \$25 million to the Maldives during a visit by its new foreign minister Abdullah Shahid

- Here are 4 agreements that were signed during the state visit of Maldives President Ibrahim Solih:
 - 1. Agreement on the Facilitation of Visa Arrangements
 - 2. MoU on Cultural Cooperation
 - 3. MoU for Establishing Mutual Cooperation to Improve the Ecosystem for Agribusiness
 - 4. Joint Declaration of Intent on Cooperation in the field of Information & Communications Technology and Electronics.

Indian Film ‘Period : End of Sentence’ Made It To Oscars Shortlist

- **‘Period. End of Sentence’** made it to the Oscar shortlist in the Documentary Short Subject category
- This is a film about women in India fighting against the deeply rooted stigma of menstruation and delving upon the work of real-life ‘Pad Man’ Arunachalam Muruganantham
- A total of 104 films had originally qualified in the category

Global Gender Gap Report 2018: Iceland tops; India ranks 108th

- This year, the Gender Gap Index as released by World Economic Forum (WEF), was topped by **Iceland** with a score of **0.858**, holding the top spot in the index for the **10th consecutive** year
- Norway ranked at 2nd, Sweden at 3rd, and Finland at 4th
- **India** was ranked **108th** in the Global Gender Gap Index 2018, same as it was ranked in **2017**
- Among other South Asian countries, India fetched fourth place with top 3 being Bangladesh (48th), Sri Lanka (100th) and Nepal (105th).

Merriam-Webster selects 'Justice' as its 2018 Word of the Year

- Merriam Webster chooses its word of the year based on an increase in traffic and overall volume of traffic.
- They report “**justice**” saw a **74 percent increase** year over year, taking it higher than other words that might have been “trendy” or “buzzed about.”
- The word follows "**toxic**," picked by Oxford Dictionaries, and "**misinformation**," plucked by Dictionary.com.

India, China hold first People-to-People Exchanges meeting

- External Affairs Minister Sushma and her Chinese counterpart Wang Yi will co-chair the first-ever meeting of India-China High-Level Mechanism on Cultural and People-to-People Exchanges in New Delhi.
- India and China decided to set up people to people mechanism during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit in China.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Fresh bill introduced in Lok Sabha to make triple talaq penal offence

- The **Muslim Women** (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2018, commonly known as the **Triple Talaq Bill**, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 17
- Union Law Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** introduced the Bill, despite opposition from Congress member **Shashi Tharoor**
- Under the proposed law, giving **instant** triple talaq will be **illegal** and void and will attract a **jail** term of **three years** for the husband
- The introduced bill seeks to replace the Triple Talaq ordinance that was passed by the government in **September 19**

Cabinet approved the expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

- The Union Cabinet approved the **expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**. The scheme aims at providing **deposit-free LPG connections** to eight crore households
- So far, the scheme targeted the poor and underprivileged so listed in the **Socio-Economic and Caste Census, 2011**

Centre suggested President's rule in J&K as governors rule comes to an end

- Jammu and Kashmir **Governor Satya Pal Malik** sent a report to the central government recommending imposition of **President's rule** in the State. This is because the six month of **governor's rule** is **close to expiry on December 19**. The Union Cabinet has cleared the proposal to impose President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir from December 19
- Now, **President Ram Nath Kovind** will issue a proclamation declaring that the powers of the Legislature of the State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament
- The State plunged into a political crisis in June this year after the Mehbooba Mufti-led coalition government was reduced to a minority following withdrawal of support by the **25-member BJP** in the State

Cyclonic storm Phethai struck Andhra Pradesh

- Cyclone **Phethai** made a landfall at **Katrenikona** in the East **Godavari** district of Andhra Pradesh, with a wind speed of **80 kmph**
- The cyclone caused huge damage to standing crops, especially paddy in East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Visakhapatnam districts
- Cyclone Phethai has crossed the **Kakinada** coast

Assam government approved Rs 600 crore farm loan waiver

- According to the Assam government scheme, it will write off **25 per cent loan** of farmers up to a maximum of **Rs 25,000** of all farm debts
- The waiver will be for all the loans taken through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and from PSU banks
- The cabinet also approved **subsidy** up to **Rs 10,000** to incentivise farmers if they take loan from KCC
- **Assam** is the **third** state to **waive farm loans** in the last few days after the newly formed **Congress** governments in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh announced it on December 17

Goa celebrates 57th Liberation Day

- Goa was liberated from around 450 years of Portuguese rule on 19th December 1961
- At the state-level Goa Liberation Day programme to be held in Panaji in North Goa, speaker of Goa legislative assembly Pramod Sawant will unfurl the tricolor, address the gathering and review the parade
- School students will present patriotic songs and other cultural performances at the programme, which will be also attended by freedom fighters

- In South Goa, the main function will be held at Margao, where state town and country planning minister Vijay Sardesai will hoist the national flag
- Programmes to mark Liberation Day have been organized across Goa's 12 talukas and major towns including Mapusa, Ponda, and Vasco

Cabinet approves Two new AIIMS in Tamil Nadu and Telangana

- The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of two new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at **Tamil Nadu** and **Telangana**
- Tamil Nadu's AIIMS will be set at **Madurai** and Telangana's will be set at **Bibinagar** at the cost of **₹1,264 crore** and **₹1,028 crore** respectively
- Each will add 100 Undergraduate (MBBS) seats and 60 B.Sc (Nursing) seats
- The two new institutes will be set up under the **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)**
- Construction of new AIIMS is fully funded by the central government

Jammu and Kashmir Becomes first State To Bring Law Against Sextortion

- **Jammu and Kashmir** become the first state in the country to enact a law banning sexual exploitation of women “by those in positions of authority, having a fiduciary relationship or a public servant”, Under Section 354E of the **Ranbir Penal Code (RPC)**
- Any person committing the offence of sextortion shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term not be less than three years, but may extend to five years and with fine

India's largest Cancer hospital 'National Cancer Institute' opened in Haryana

- The National Cancer Institute (NCI) at Haryana’s **Jhajjar** area, opened its OPD (out-patient department) services around five years after its foundation stone was laid by the then prime minister **Manmohan Singh** in **2014**. The hospital is expected to be fully operational by December 2020
- The 710-bed hospital is being built at a cost of **Rs 2, 035 crore**
- NCI is being headed by **Dr G K Rath** who is also the chief of Institute Rotary Cancer hospital at AIIMS

Lok Sabha passed the Surrogacy Regulation Bill

- The Lok Sabha passed the **Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill 2016**. The Bill aimed at **banning commercial surrogacy** to protect women from exploitation. It also proposed to allow only altruistic surrogacy by infertile Indian couples from a "close relative" only. The Surrogacy Bill

was approved by the Cabinet in August 2016. It was introduced in the Lok Sabha in November 2016 and was later referred to a parliamentary standing committee on health and family welfare in January 2017

- **The Bill stated:**

- Singles, homosexuals and live-in couples cannot apply for surrogacy
- The couples who already have children will also not be allowed to opt for surrogacy
- It entitles only Indian citizens to avail of surrogacy, whereas foreigners, NRIs and PIOs are not allowed to commission surrogacy in the country
- Women within the age group of 23 years to 50 years and men aged between 26 and 55 years will be eligible to go in for surrogacy. The child, thus born, will be deemed to be the legal offspring of the intended couple
- A woman can be a surrogate only once in her lifetime

NPCIL's Kaiga Unit-1 creates world record for continuous operation

- A 220-MW unit of Nuclear Power Corporation of India's (NPCIL) **Kaiga Atomic Power Station** has created a world record for continuous operation for **941 days**



- The previous world record of 940 days held by **Heysham 2** Unit-8 of the **United Kingdom**
- Kaiga Atomic Energy Station is the **third greatest** nuclear electricity plant in India. Tarapur (1400 MW) of Maharashtra is the biggest and Rawatbhata (1180 MW) of Rajasthan is the 2nd most significant energy plant in India
- It provides electric power to Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

India to host the first ever India China Film Festival strengthening the cultural understanding amidst

- A three day India China Film Festival is set to begin in New Delhi from 22nd of December this year culminating on 24th of December. In order to strengthen and deepen cultural understanding between the two countries, the film festival is being organized during the first India-China High-Level Mechanism on Cultural and People-to-People Exchanges.
- Jackie Chan's 2012 action movie "CZ12" will open the India-China Film Festival here.
- The three-day Festival will be organized at Siri Fort Auditorium II, New Delhi by the Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Indian Government.

- The duo cultural and people-to-people exchanges will probably be encouraged by way of this initiative.
- A total of seven films including four Chinese and three Indian Films will be screened during the Festival.
- The opening film of the Festival will be ‘CZ12’ also known as ‘Chinese Zodiac’.

Union Government Launches Asiatic Lion Conservation Project

- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched the “Asiatic Lion Conservation Project” to protect and conserve the population of Asiatic Lion and its associated ecosystem.
- The Asiatic Lion Conservation Project is aimed at the conservation and recovery of Asiatic Lion with the help of up to date techniques, instruments, regular scientific research studies, disease management, modern surveillance and patrolling techniques.

BANKING & FINANCE

Nepal government banned all Indian currency notes above Rs 100

- The Nepal government has banned the validity of Indian currency notes of **Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200** denominations in the country
- India is currently Nepal's **largest trade partner**, and their decision to ban all Indian currencies above Rs 100 denomination would also **affect** Nepalese people and business for their transactions
- The Indian government had introduced new currency notes of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200 after the demonetisation of old notes in **2016**
- However, the citizens of Nepal have been using the new Indian currency in their country for nearly two years now

Rs 1.10 lakh crore lost to bank frauds since 2015: RBI data

- According to a data released by the RBI, over **₹1.10 lakh crore** has been lost due to **bank frauds** since **2015**
- The number of such frauds has gone up from 4,693 to 5,917 between 2015-16 and 2017-18

Four public sector banks may come out of PCA

- **Four public sector banks** that were under the **Prompt Corrective Action (PCA)** framework of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), may come out of the restrictions following an improved performance. The 4 banks are Bank of Maharashtra, Corporation Bank, Allahabad Bank and Bank of India
- This follows a review of the performance of all **11 banks that are under the PCA framework**, as decided during the November board meeting of the RBI. The board of financial supervision of the RBI has reviewed the banks' half-yearly performance
- RBI may provide **some relaxations to the risk thresholds** in order to help the banks come out of the PCA. With 11 out of 21 public sector banks under the PCA framework, credit flow to the productive sectors of the economy has been impacted. Estimates suggest that these 11 banks have **17% share** in the loan market

Capital First merges with IDFC Bank to create IDFC First Bank

- Private sector **IDFC Bank** and Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) **Capital First** have announced completion of their merger to create **IDFC First Bank**

- Capital First Founder and Chairman **V Vaidyanathan** has been appointed Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the merged entity
- IDFC Bank Founder, MD and CEO **Rajiv Lall** will serve as Part-Time Chairman of IDFC First Bank
- It will serve 7.2 million customers through its 203 bank branches, 129 ATMs, 454 rural business correspondent centres across the country's urban and rural geographies.

Karnataka Bank partnered with Paisabazaar.com to offer home loans to customers

- Paisabazaar.com, online marketplace for financial products and Karnataka Bank entered into a partnership to offer the bank's home loan product to customers on the Paisabazaar platform.
- Paisabazaar.com works with 30 partners for its home loan product, which includes the country's biggest private and public banks and housing finance companies (HFCs).

AWARDS

Sonam Kapoor named India's Person of the Year by PETA

- Actress Sonam Kapoor has been named India's Person of the Year for 2018, by animal rights organisation **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)** for her animal advocacy efforts
- Kapoor was named PETA India's Hottest Vegetarian Celebrity in **2016**
- Past recipients of PETA India's Person of the Year Award include Anushka Sharma, Sunny Leone, Shashi Tharoor, Kapil Sharma, Hema Malini, R. Madhavan and Jacqueline Fernandez

Deepika Padukone named top Indian star of 2018 by IMDb

- The '2018 Top 10 Stars of Indian Cinema' list, based on global film and TV website **Internet Movie Database's (IMDb) 'StarMeter'** stats and page views, was released
- **Shah Rukh Khan** was **second** on the list, followed by Aamir Khan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Pakistani activist Asma Jahangir wins UN Human Rights Prize for 2018

- Late **Pakistan lawyer** and human rights activist **Asma Jahangir** was announced as one of the four winners of the UN Human Rights Prize for 2018. Her daughter **Munizae Jahangir** received the prestigious award on behalf of her mother
- Other winners included:
 - Women’s rights activist in Tanzania - **Rebeca Gyumi**;
 - Activist for the rights of indigenous Brazilian communities - **Joenia Wapichana** and
 - Ireland’s human rights organisation **Front Line Defenders**.
- United Nations Human Rights Prize, an award given every **five years** since 1968.
- President of the UN General Assembly - **María Fernanda Espinosa**.

APPOINTMENTS

Advocate Madhavi Divan appointed Additional Solicitor General in Supreme Court

- With her appointment, Divan becomes only the **third woman** to become an ASG (Additional Solicitor General) in the Supreme Court
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment and Divan will hold office till **June 30, 2020**
- Senior advocate **Indira Jaising** was the first woman to be appointed as the ASG, while the second one was **Pinky Anand**, who still holds the post

Star India chairman Uday Shankar elected Vice President of FICCI

- Uday Shankar is the first ever Indian media and entertainment executive to assume the leadership position in a national industry chamber - The **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**
- Shankar entered media as a political journalist with **The Times of India** and rose to become the CEO and editor of 'Star News'. He spearheaded the launch of 24-hour Hindi news channel '**Aaj Tak**' in

2000, and 'Headlines Today' in English in 2003, as editor and news director of 'TV Today' Group

Pranab K Das is new Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairman

- Senior bureaucrat **Pranab Kumar Das** has been appointed as Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (**CBIC**), the apex policy-making body for indirect taxes
- He will succeed **S. Ramesh**, who superannuates on December
- The CBIC is headed by the Chairman and consists of six members, who overlook various areas such as customs, central excise, service tax, Goods and Services Tax (GST), administration and budget, among other

Belgium Prime Minister Charles Michel resigns

- He has resigned amid pressure on his government over his **support** for the **UN global pact on migration**
- Michel, 42, took office in **October 2014** after forming a right-wing coalition, becoming at 38 the country's youngest prime minister since 1841

Infosys appoints Airtel's Nilanjan Roy as new CFO

- Infosys Ltd has appointed Bharti Airtel Ltd's global CFO Nilanjan Roy as chief financial officer, effective 1 March 2019.
- He replaces interim CFO Jayesh Sanghrajka, who will resume his responsibilities as deputy CFO.
- Roy spent 13 years with Airtel, before which he worked for 15 years with Unilever across their global operations.

Harsh Vardhan Shringla appointed new Indian Ambassador to US

- Shringla, a 1984-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) diplomat will succeed Navtej Sarna.
- At present, Shringla is serving as Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh.
- Senior diplomat Riva Ganguly Das, presently Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations, has been appointed as new High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

SPORTS

IPL 2019 Auction: 8 teams spend Rs 106.80 crore on 60 players

- A total of **60** players were sold out of the **351**, where 40 were Indians (Capped and Uncapped) and a total of 20 overseas players were sold
- **Kings XI Punjab** spent **₹32.5 crore** and bought the most number of players (13) in the auction, while **Chennai Super Kings** spent **₹5.2 crore** to fill their two available slots
- **IPL 2019 Eight Teams:**
 - 1) Royal Challengers Bangalore
 - 2) Delhi Capitals (Delhi Daredevils)
 - 3) Kolkata Knight Riders
 - 4) Mumbai Indians
 - 5) Kings XI Punjab
 - 6) Rajasthan Royals
 - 7) Chennai Super Kings

- 8) Sunrisers Hyderabad

PV Sindhu 1st Indian to win gold at BWF World Tour Finals

- **PV Sindhu** defeated world number five **Nozomi Okuhara** of **Japan** to record her **300th** career match victory across categories and clinch the BWF World Tour Finals women's singles title
- Sindhu, who is ranked **sixth** worldwide, won the final with scoreline of 21-19, 21-17
- It was the 23-year-old shuttler's **first title** victory in 2018, after having lost five finals this year

Belgium beat Netherlands to win men's Hockey World Cup for 1st time

- **Belgium** defeated **Netherlands** in the final at the Kalinga Stadium in **Bhubaneswar** to clinch the men's Hockey World Cup for the first time
- This is the second consecutive time that Netherlands finished second in the tournament
- **Australia** crushed **England** 8-1 to win **Bronze** medal in Odisha World Cup 2018

Marathon runner Apoorva Chaudhary sets a national record

- **Apoorva Chaudhary**, the 28-year old ultra runner from Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh, created a **national record by completing 176.8 km** in the women's **24-hour event at the NEB 24 Hour Stadium Run** held at New Delhi under the aegis of **Athletics Federation of India**
- The previous record of 175.4 km was set by Meenal Kotak. Apoorva became the fourth Indian woman to run more than 100 miles (160 km) in 24 hours after Meenal, Hema Saini (172.3 km) and Aparna Choudhary (169.2 km)
- In the men's 24-hour run held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at New Delhi, Pranaya Mohanty from Bengaluru completed 206.8, becoming the third Indian to have crossed the 200 km distance and the first to have achieved it in a stadium race held in India

Kabaddi World Cup Winning Captain Anup Kumar announced retirement

- In his 15-year iconic career, Anup Kumar was part of the national team that won gold medals in 2010 and 2014.
- He won the Arjuna Award in 2012.
- He began his international career in 2006 at the South Asian Games in Sri Lanka and was the captain of the national team in 2014.

WV Raman appointed as the new coach of the India women's cricket team

- Ex-Indian men's cricket team opener WV Raman has been appointed as the coach of the Indian women's cricket team despite India's 2011 men's World Cup-winning coach Gary Kirsten being the first choice.
- Raman, who played 11 Tests and 27 ODIs, is now one of the most qualified coaches in the country.
- Raman is currently a batting consultant at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru.
- From his cricketing days, Raman is best remembered for being the first Indian to score a century in South Africa during the 1992-93 tour.

VISITS

Denmark's Foreign Affairs Minister Anders Samuelsen arrived on two-day visit to India

- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Foreign Affairs Minister of Denmark **Anders Samuelsen** on December 17 co-chaired the 2nd session of Joint Commission Meeting in **New Delhi**
- Both the leaders took stock of the ties and identified cooperation in renewable energy, agriculture, food processing, shipping, Smart Cities, digitization and culture
- Mr Samuelson last visited India in **November 2017** to participate at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit

QUIZ CORNER

1) Who becomes 1st Indian to win gold at BWF World Tour Finals title?

- A.HS Prannoy
- B.Kidambi Srikanth
- C.Saina Nehwal
- D.PV Sindhu

Answer D

2) Belgium defeated which team to clinch the men's Hockey World Cup for the first time?

- A.Netherlands
- B.Australia
- C.England
- D.Germany

Answer A

3) Who introduced the Triple Talaq Bill in Lok Sabha on December 17?

- A.Jagat Prakash Nadda
- B.Suresh Prabhu
- C.Ravi Shankar Prasad
- D.Prakash Javadekar

Answer C

4) Who has been elected as the Vice President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for 2018-19?

- A.James Murdoch
- B.Sandip Somany
- C.Sangita Reddy
- D.Uday Shankar

Answer D

5) Who becomes only the third woman to become an ASG (Additional Solicitor General) in the Supreme Court?

- A.Indira Jaising
- B.Madhavi Divan
- C.Pinky Anand
- D.Indermeet Kaur

Answer B



6) Which country President declares 2019 as Year of Tolerance?

- A.Pakistan
- B.Iran
- C.Indonesia
- D.United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Answer D

7) Which State has the highest leopard mortality rate in India in 2018?

- A.Uttar Pradesh
- B.Uttarakhand
- C.Rajasthan
- D.Himachal Pradesh

Answer B

8) Union Cabinet recently approved the establishment of two new AIIMS at _____ and _____.

- A.Karnataka and Kerala
- B.Gujarat and Manipur
- C.Tamil Nadu and Telangana

D.Jharkhand and Meghalaya

Answer C

9) Who has been named the top Indian star of 2018, by the global film and TV website IMDb?

A.Deepika Padukone

B.Shah Rukh Khan

C.Aamir Khan

D.Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Answer A

10) Which state Becomes first State To Bring Law Against Sextortion ?

A.Jammu and Kashmir

B.Karnataka

C.Tamil Nadu

D.Andhra Pradesh

Answer A

11) How many public sector banks are under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A.7
- B.9
- C.11
- D.15

Answer C

12) Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)?

- A.Pranab Kumar Das
- B.S Ramesh
- C.Ranjit Sinha
- D.Sandip Somany

Answer A

13) Which of the following Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) recently merged with IDFC Bank?

- A.IndoStar Capital Finance Limited
- B.PNB Gilts Limited
- C.HDB Financial Services Limited
- D.Capital First Limited

Answer D

14) India's largest Cancer hospital 'National Cancer Institute (NCI)' opened in _____.

- A. Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Jhajjar, Haryana
- D. Kalyani, West Bengal

Answer C

15) India was ranked _____th in the Global Gender Gap Index 2018, same as it was ranked in 2017.

- A. 109
- B. 108
- C. 104
- D. 106

Answer B

16) Which of the following Atomic Power Station in India has recently created a world record for continuous operation for 941 days?

- A.Kaiga
- B.Tarapur
- C.Rawatbhata
- D.Kakrapar

Answer A

17) Which Satellite did ISRO launch to enhance the communication infrastructure of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- A.GSAT-11
- B.GSAT-7A
- C.GSAT-9
- D.GSAT-7

Answer B

18) How much did the Karnataka government approve for the developmental works under Nava Bengaluru Scheme?

- A.Rs.8,037.87 crore
- B.Rs.6,100 crore
- C.Rs.7,587.62 crore
- D.Rs.4,320.87 crore

Answer A



19) Which of the following Senate passed the First Step Act?

- A. Germany
- B. US
- C. UK
- D. Russia

Answer B

20) Who was reinstated as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

- A. Maithripala Sirisena
- B. Ranil Wickremesinghe
- C. Mahinda Rajapaksa
- D. Karu Jayasuriya

Answer B

21) Which of the following upcoming film has been named the ‘most anticipated film of 2019’ by the global film and TV website IMDb?

- A. Glass
- B. Avengers: Endgame
- C. Captain Marvel



D.Dark Phoenix

Answer C

22) What is the name of the newly found amphibian that was named after Donald Trump?

- A.Dermophis donaldtrumpi
- B.Caudata donaldtrumpi
- C.Gymnophiona donaldtrumpi
- D.Anura donaldtrumpi

Answer A

23) The MEMU (mainline electric multiple unit) train, having eight stainless-steel coaches, will cater to _____ cities within 200-300 km from Delhi.

- A.Assam
- B.Odisha
- C.Bihar
- D.Uttar Pradesh

Answer D

24) Which of the following becomes 1st US state with female-majority Legislature?



- A.Arizona
- B.Ohio
- C.Nevada
- D.Texas

Answer C

25) Which state named as the best performer in Start-up Ranking 2018?

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

Answer D

26) What is the name of the Genetically Modified (GM) indoor plant to remove pollutants inside the house?

- A.Amaryllis
- B.Devil's ivy
- C.Blushing Bromeliad
- D.Busy Lizzie

Answer B

27) How many central agencies have been authorised by Government to intercept, monitor and decrypt any ‘information generated, transmitted, received or stored in any computer’?

- A.Ten
- B.Eight
- C.Nine
- D.Six

Answer A

28) Which of the following word is chosen as Merriam-Webster’s 2018 Word of the Year?

- A.Toxic
- B.Justice
- C.Misinformation
- D.Parchment

Answer B

29) Which state government launched mobile app ‘Shiksha Setu’ to help college students?

- A.Haryana
- B.Bihar
- C.Assam
- D.West Bengal

Answer A

30) Union Government Launches -----?

- A.Lion Conservation Project
- B.Magnificent Metro Project
- C.Interceptor Sewage System
- D.Narmada Canal Solar Project

Answer A

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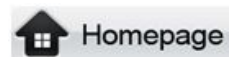
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