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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Israel and US officially withdraw from UNESCO over anti-Israel bias

- The US had notified UNESCO of its decision to quit the organisation in **October 2017** and had called for its "**fundamental reform**". Israel followed the US in quitting UNESCO
- The Paris-based organisation has previously criticised Israel's occupation of **East Jerusalem** and granted **full membership** to **Palestine** in **2011**
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was **co-founded** by the **US** after World War II with the mission of seeking to “build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture”
- UNESCO is best known for its work to **preserve heritage**, including maintaining a list of World Heritage sites, and programmes to promote education in developing countries
- The US has pulled out of UNESCO before. The Reagan administration did so in **1984** because it viewed the agency as mismanaged, corrupt, and used to advance Soviet interests. The US **rejoined** in **2003**

Germany approved USD 8 billion rail and road tunnel link to Denmark

- German authorities gave their approval to an **US\$8 billion**(6.30 billion pounds) rail and road tunnel **linking Denmark and Germany**, despite environmental objections
- It is part-funded by the European Union
- The 19 km (11.8 mile) Fehmarnbelt link, connecting the Danish island of Lolland to the island of Fehmarn on the German side, was due to be completed in **2024**

Bangladesh's PM Hasina won third straight

- Bangladesh PM **Sheikh Hasina** has secured her **third** consecutive term, with her alliance winning **287** of the **298 seats** for which results have been declared for the 300-strong parliament
- The main opposition **Bangladesh Nationalist Party**, which boycotted the 2014 poll, has won just **six** seats in the general election held on December 30

Bangladesh ODI captain Mortaza becomes MP, wins election by 2,66,412 votes

- Bangladesh ODI captain **Mashrafe Mortaza** has become a member of parliament after winning from the **Narail 2** constituency in the country's 11th general elections

- The 35-year-old, who contested on a ticket from Sheikh Hasina-led **Awami League party**, received 2,74,418 votes, while his nearest competitor got 8,006 votes
- With this, he became the **first active cricketer** to become a Member of Parliament and the second national cricket team captain, after **Naimur Rahman Durjoy**, to enter the Parliament

Sweden ranked first in climate action CCPI

- **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)** reported that **Sweden** has been named the **first best performing country in the CCPI 2019** list. CCPI evaluates the climate protection performance of 60 countries, responsible for over 90% of global energy-related CO₂ emissions
- **Morocco** has been named second. Morocco, the North African country significantly increased the share of renewables over the past five years and increased new renewable energy capacity. **Lithuania** is in the third position in CCPI 2019
- The bottom five in the list are **Saudi Arabia, U.S., Iran, South Korea, and Taiwan**. With the connection of the world's largest solar plant to the grid, Morocco is on track for achieving its target of 42% installed renewable energy capacities by 2020

France Introduced GAFA Tax On Global Internet, Technology Firm

- **France** introduced its own tax on large internet and technology companies from January 1, finance minister Bruno Le Maire said Monday amid difficulties in finalizing a new EU-wide levy
- France has been pushing hard for a new so-called “**GAFA tax**” named after Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon to ensure the global giants pay a fair share of taxes on their massive business operations in Europe

Jair Bolsonaro takes oath as New President of Brazil

- Mr.Bolsonaro, 63 years, won the presidential election by a wide margin against Fernando Haddad of the left-wing Workers’ Party
- **Brazil Capital:** Brasilia
- **Currency:** Brazilian real

India, Pakistan exchanged list of nuclear installations

- According to an External Affairs Ministry release, the two sides exchanged the list under the Agreement on the **Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations** between India and Pakistan
- The agreement, which was signed on December 31, **1988**, and entered into force on January 27, **1991**, provides that the two countries inform

each other of nuclear installations and facilities to be covered under the pact on the first of January of every calendar year

- This is the **twenty seventh** consecutive exchange of such a list between the two countries, the first one having taken place on January 1, 1992

Donald Trump Signed Asia Reassurance Initiative Act Into Law

- U.S. President Donald J. Trump signed into law the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act (ARIA), which passed the U.S. Senate earlier in December
- According to the White House, the act establishes a multifaceted U.S. strategy to increase U.S. security, economic interests, and values in the Indo-Pacific region

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

About 123 crore Aadhaar cards issued to people till Nov 2018

- The UIDAI has issued a total of **122.90 crore** Aadhaar cards as on November 30, 2018
- Out of these, **6.71 crore** Aadhaar cards were issued to **children** aged below five years while over **29 crore** were given to those aged between **5-18 years**
- Union Minister Hansraj Ahir said the number of children born within last one year of the 2011 census is 2,08,98,228

Transgenders can file sexual harassment case under IPC

- **Delhi High Court** has allowed that **Section 354A** of Indian Penal Code (IPC) can be used by **transgenders** to register complaints of **sexual harassment**
- According to the police, there was a lack of an appropriate penal section under which they could register such a complaint

Cabinet approved listing of 7 unlisted CPSEs on Stock Exchange

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval to list seven **Central Public Sector Enterprises** (CPSE) on the Stock Exchange through Initial Public Offering (IPO) /Further Public Offer (FPO)
 - Telecommunication Consultants (India) [TCIL]
 - RailTel Corporation India
 - National Seed Corporation India (NSC);
 - Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC);
 - Water & Power Consultancy Services (India) [WAPCOS Ltd.]
 - FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals (India) [FAGMIL]
 - Kudremukh Iron Ore Company (KIOCL)

Government doubled export incentives for onion farmers to 10 percent

- Government has doubled the export incentives for **onion** farmers from existing **5 percent** to **10 percent**

- This is the result of steep drops in recent weeks in the prices for onions, a staple food in India
- The export incentive for fresh Onions was **zero** before **July, 2018**. During July this year, the incentives were introduced at the rate of five percent. The Ministry said, now, with the current increase, Onions enjoy one of the highest incentives for Agro-exports

PM Modi inaugurated 6th International Rice Research Institute in Varanasi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited **Varanasi** and **Ghazipur** in Uttar Pradesh. He dedicated the **6th International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)**, South Asia Regional Center (ISARC) to the nation
- The Institute is built at the campus of National Seed Research and Training Center (NSRTC) in **Varanasi**
- During the visit, he laid the foundation stone of **medical College** in **Ghazipur**
- He also released a commemorative postal stamp on Maharaja Suheldev
- Another important announcement is the **SAMPANN software** which is developed to ease the problems of **pensioners**
- PM Modi also inaugurated **15 projects** worth Rs. 80 crore in his constituency Varanasi

Haryana government approved 11 projects to resurrect Saraswati river

- Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB) met under the chairmanship of chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar and approved 11 major projects, including the restoration of heritage sites, along the course of the river
- These include the construction of Somb Saraswati barrage, Saraswati reservoir and Adi Badri dam on Somb river, a tributary of the Yamuna that originates in the Shivalik Hills

Kerala State Cabinet approved Kerala Pravasi Welfare Act

- Kerala State Cabinet decided to recommend the Governor to promulgate an Ordinance amending the Kerala Pravasi Welfare Act. The Act aims at providing a regular income for Non-Resident Keralites (NoRKs) returning home
- The amount collected through the scheme will be used to fund development activities taken up by Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) and other agencies
- The Cabinet resolved to enhance the monthly remuneration for special Government pleaders to Rs.1,20,000, senior government pleaders to Rs.1,10,000 and that for government pleaders to Rs.1,00,000
- The proposed scheme will enable the Kerala Pravasi Welfare Board to receive deposits from non-resident Malayalis and use it, along with a

matching share from the government, to provide a monthly dividend for investors

Kaiga Atomic power station sets new world record

- Karnataka's Kaiga Atomic power station created a world record for the longest uninterrupted operation for 962 days on December 10. It had earlier set a record of 941 days
- The earlier record of 940 days by Heysham-2 unit 2 was set by the United Kingdom
- Generating Station-1 (KGS-1) at Kaiga in Uttara Kannada, Karnataka has now been shut down for maintenance after 962 days of operation
- It will be commissioned again after the maintenance activities
- Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) said that during its continuous operation of 962 days KGS-1 had produced 5 billion units of electricity at a plant load factor of 99.3%
- Kaiga has four indigenously developed Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors of 220 MW each fuelled by domestic fuel. Of them, KGS-2 has been operating since the last 661 days

Tripura government seeks Rs.8,389.71 crore from the Centre for tribal welfare

- Tripura government seeks a special package of Rs.8,389.71 crore from the Centre for development of the State's indigenous people who constitute one-third of its population
- The tribal people of the State remained backward as no previous government had taken any initiative for their development
- The BJP-IPFT government headed by Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb had taken the decision to seek the package from the Centre

A new high level committee to protect Assams heritage

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the **setting up of a high-level committee** for implementation of **Clause 6 of the Assam Accord**. It provides for constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of Assam
- It also recommended reserving Assembly seats for indigenous communities in the State
- The Cabinet approved several measures to fulfil the demands of the Bodo community

- **Assam Accord:**

- The Assam Accord (1985) was a **Memorandum of Settlement (MoS)** signed between representatives of the Government of India and the leaders of the Assam Movement in New Delhi on 15 August 1985
- A six-year agitation demanding identification and deportation of illegal immigrants was launched by the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) in 1979
- It culminated with the signing of the Assam Accord

BANKING & FINANCE

ESAF small finance bank gets RBI nod to operate as scheduled bank

- **ESAF Small Finance Bank** received the Reserve Bank approval to operate as scheduled bank making it the fifth scheduled bank that operates from Kerala after Federal Bank, South Indian Bank, Catholic Syrian Bank, and Dhanlaxmi Bank
- The ESAF Small Finance Bank Ltd has received the RBI's approval for inclusion in the second schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 paving its way to operate as a scheduled bank
- In 2016, RBI gave approval to ESAF MFI along with 9 other applicants to start banking operations as a small finance bank and within two years of its commencement of operations, it has received the scheduled bank tag
- On the operation front, the ESAF Small Finance Bank has a network of 432 outlets across 13 states with 2.6 million customers and a loan book of Rs 4,660 crore and deposits of over Rs 3,300 crore

Former SEBI chief UK Sinha to head RBI panel on MSMEs

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set up a committee under former SEBI Chairman UK Sinha to address issues regarding the sustainability of **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**
- This comes after RBI allowed one-time **restructuring** of **MSME loans** of up to **₹25 crore**

Cabinet clears merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda

- With the merger, **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** will become the country's **third-largest bank** after State Bank of India and ICICI Bank
- This marks the **first-ever three way amalgamation** in the country's banking sector
- The merger will come into force on **April 1, 2019**
- As per the scheme of amalgamation, Bank of Baroda will be the **transferee bank** while the other two public sector banks will be **transferor banks**
- **About Bank of Baroda:**
 - Headquarters: Alkapuri, Vadodara
 - CEO: P. S. Jayakumar

- Founded: 20 July 1908, Vadodara
- Tagline: India's International Bank
- **About Dena Bank:**
 - Headquarters: Mumbai
 - CEO: Shri Karnam Seka
 - Founded: 26 May 1938
 - Tagline: Your Trusted Family Bank
- **About Vijaya Bank:**
 - Headquarters: Bengaluru
 - CEO: R. A. Sankara Narayanan
 - Founded: 23 October 1931
 - Tagline: A friend you can bank on

HDFC Mutual Fund becomes the largest Asset Management Company in India

- HDFC Mutual Fund has surpassed ICICI Prudential MF to regain top position after two years as the largest asset management company (AMC)



- While HDFC MF looks after assets worth Rs 3.35 lakh crore, ICICI Prudential MF manages Rs 3.08 lakh crore
- With AUM of Rs 2.64 lakh crore, SBI MF stands at the third slot
- Aditya Birla and Reliance MF follow next with Rs 2.42 lakh crore and Rs 2.36 lakh crore, respectively

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO Planning to Launch 32 Space Missions in 2019

- The missions include the second lunar mission **Chandrayaan-2** (₹800-crore mission) to land on the moon with lander and rover
- India's maiden **human space mission** in 2021-22, **Gaganyaan**, will also be pursued this year
- Among the ISRO's achievements in 2018 were launch of the heaviest satellite **GSAT-29** (3,423 kg) on November 14 and building the heaviest communication satellite **GSAT-11** (5,854 kg), launched on December 5 onboard the Arianespace space agency's rocket from French Guiana on the north Atlantic coast of South America
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman - **K. Sivan**

Chandrayaan-2 mission launch most likely in Feb

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will most likely launch Chandrayaan-2, the country's second mission to the Moon
- The features of the Chandrayaan-2 mission are: Chandrayaan-2 mission is a totally indigenous venture comprising of an orbiter, a lander, and a rover. There would be a controlled descent and the lander would soft-land on the lunar surface at a specified site and deploy a rover

China named its lunar rover as Yutu 2

- China successfully deployed Chang'e-4 lunar probe to carry out a string of experiments on the unexplored far side of the moon
- It has named the lunar rover as 'Yutu 2'
- The Lunar rover Yutu 2 touched the lunar surface and left a trace on the loose lunar soil
- The rover's touchdown is part of China Chang'e-4 lunar probe. Analysts say that China's lunar probe is part of its Made in China-2025 project. It will be focusing on advanced technology, including space applications

China successfully tested its Mother of All Bombs

- China successfully tested its most powerful non-nuclear weapon, dubbed as the Mother of All Bombs
- The bomb, whose strength is only second to that of a nuclear weapon, was dropped by a Chinese H-6K bomber
- The bomb is five to six metres long (16 to 20 feet), but weighs less than the American version

- In a short video published on the website of state arms manufacturer Norinco, the massive bomb drops on to a plain and produces a gigantic ball of fire and black smoke

Chang'e-4 lunar probe landed on far side of the moon

- Chang'e-4 lunar probe, a Chinese space probe, touched down on the far side of the moon
- The probe, which has a lander and a rover, that was launched in December made the soft landing and transmitted the first-ever close-range image of the far side of the moon
- It touched down at a targeted area near the moon's south pole in the Von Karman Crater
- The purpose of the Chang'e-4 includes astronomical observation, surveying the moon's terrain, landform, and mineral makeup, and measuring the neutron radiation and neutral atoms to study the environment of its far side

VISITS

Bhutan PM Dr. Lotay Tshering concluded his 3-day visit to India

- This was Prime Minister Dr. **Lotay Tshering**'s first overseas visit after assuming the office in November 2018
- This was also the **Golden Jubilee year** of the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between India and Bhutan
- Mr Modi and Dr. Tshering reiterated their commitment to jointly develop **10,000 MWs** of hydropower generating capacity in **Bhutan** and in this regard discussed the **Sankosh Hydropower Project**
- Prime Minister Modi had announced a **4,500 crore rupees** financial assistance to **Bhutan** for its **12th five-year plan**
- India will give a transitional Trade Support Facility of **400 crore rupees to Bhutan** over a period of five years to strengthen bilateral trade and economic linkages

BILLS & ACTS

LS passed a Bill to amend the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill

- The Lok Sabha passed a Bill to amend the **Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018**
- The amendment will allow individuals to offer voluntarily biometric ID as a means of identity verification for obtaining services such as opening a bank account and getting a mobile phone connection
- The Bill also gives a minor the option to opt out of the 12-digit identity scheme on attaining the age of 18

LS passed Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill

- The Lok Sabha passed the **Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2018**
- The Bill will allow a panel of eminent professionals to run the scam-tainted Medical Council of India (MCI) so that medical education can be regulated in the best manner
- Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda said this Bill superseded the MCI and the powers of the council had been vested in a Board of Governors (BoG)

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- The BoG will have all eminent personalities and include directors of AIIMS and PGI, Chandigarh. This board will continue to perform till a council is constituted
- The Bill seeks to replace an ordinance issued in September 2018.
- A separate Bill to replace the MCI with the National Medical Commission is pending in Parliament

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

TB Radhakrishnan sworn-in as 1st Chief Justice of Telangana High Court

- Justice **Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan** had been serving as the Chief Justice of the combined high court of the two Telugu states since July last year
- Telangana High Court came into existence on **January 1, 2019** after the bifurcation of the High Court at Hyderabad
- Justice **Praveen Kumar** was sworn in as the acting Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh HC, which also came into existence the same day

Axis Bank MD & CEO Shikha Sharma retires; Amitabh Chaudhry takes charge

- Amitabh Chaudhry, the former MD and CEO of **HDFC Standard Life Insurance** Company, was in September named the MD and CEO of **Axis Bank** for a period of three years
- In July 2017, the board of Axis Bank had approved the reappointment of Sharma, who was to start her **fourth term** as MD and CEO from June 2018

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- However, in April this year, Sharma wanted her new term to be reduced to seven months from a three-year tenure without citing any reasons

Vinod Kumar Yadav appointed as Railway Board Chairman

- General Manager of South Central Railway, **Vinod Kumar Yadav**, has been appointed as **Chairman of Railway Board** and **ex-officio Principal Secretary** to Government of India
- His appointment came after **Ashwani Lohani's** superannuation on Monday (31 December)
- Vinod Kumar Yadav belongs to the 1980 batch of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE)

Sudhir Bhargava appointed as the new CIC

- Centre has appointed Sudhir Bhargava as the new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)
- Four new members have also been appointed to CIC, taking its strength to seven
- Four vacancies still remain. Mr. Bhargava, a former Secretary to the Social Justice Ministry, has been a Commissioner since June 2015. He will be the ninth chief of the CIC

- The CIC is the highest appeal body under the Right to Information Act. It has been functioning with just three members since the former chief and several members completed their tenure last month

Vivek Bhatia appointed as MD & CEO of Thyssenkrupp Industries India

- Thyssenkrupp, the German industrial giant, appointed **Vivek Bhatia** as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Thyssenkrupp Industries India**
- Mr.Bhatia was earlier the CEO - Asia Pacific at Thyssenkrupp AG, driving group activities for all Thyssenkrupp companies in the region
- Prior to joining Thyssenkrupp, Mr. Bhatia was earlier with Boston Consulting Group, India

AWARDS

Smriti Mandhana wins ICC women's cricketer of the year award

- India's opening batter Smriti Mandhana won the **Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award** for best cricketer of the year and the **ICC ODI player** of the year award
- Mandhana has helped India win an ODI series against England and T20 and ODI series against Sri Lanka and South Africa this year
- She finished as the **highest scorer** in ODIs in 2018 with 669 runs in 12 matches at an average of 66.90
- New Zealand's **Sophie Devine** was the runner-up for the ODI Player of the Year, while Pakistan bowler **Sana Mir** was third in the race
- India's T20I captain **Harmanpreet Kaur** was named the **captain of the ICC women's T20I team of the year**
- Meanwhile, New Zealand's **Suzie Bates** was named the captain of the ICC women's **ODI team** of the year

IIT Professor awarded with the National Geospatial Award for Excellence

- Jayanta Kumar Ghosh, a professor at the civil engineering department of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Roorkee, was conferred the National Geospatial Award for Excellence-2017 (Lifetime Achievement Award) at the Space Application Centre in Ahmedabad.
- The Indian Society for Remote Sensing is an organisation known in the area of space science, remote sensing and geospatial technology

OBITUARY

Veteran actor-writer Kader Khan passes away at age of 81

- Born in Kabul, Khan made his acting debut in **1973** with Rajesh Khanna's "Daag" and has featured in over **300 films**
- He wrote **dialogues** for over **250 movies**
- As a screenwriter, Khan frequently collaborated with Manmohan Desai and Prakash Mehra

Cricket coach Achrekar passed away

- **Ramakant Achrekar**, who has honed a battery of Test cricketers including Sachin Tendulkar, died at his residence in Mumbai. He was 86
- Achrekar served as a cricket coach on the Mumbai maidans for more than four three decades until he was paralysed in the late 1990s
- In 1990, Achrekar was honoured with the **Dronacharya Award for Outstanding coaches** in Sports and Games. He was honoured with one of the country's highest civilian award, the **Padma Shri in 2010**. He was honoured the **Lifetime Achievement** award by the Sports

QUIZ CORNER

1) Which small finance Bank gets RBI nod to operate as scheduled bank?

- A.ESAF small finance bank
- B.Equitas Small Finance Bank
- C.Dena Small Finance Bank
- D.Finotech Small Finance bank

Answer A

2) PM Modi inaugurated 6th International Rice Research Institute in _____.

- A.Ranchi
- B.Varanasi
- C.Bhubaneswar
- D.Kolkata

Answer B

3) Government has doubled the export incentives for onion farmers from existing 5 percent to _____ percent.

- A.10
- B.15
- C.20
- D.12

Answer A

4) Which of the following section of Indian Penal Code (IPC) can be used by transgenders to register complaints of sexual harassment?

- A.Section 354C
- B.Section 354D
- C.Section 354A
- D.Section 354B

Answer C

5) In the recent election, Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina has secured her third consecutive term, with her alliance winning _____ of the 298 seats.

- A.269
- B.274
- C.256
- D.287

Answer D

6) German authorities recently approved an US\$8 billion (6.30 billion pounds) rail and road tunnel linking _____ and Germany.

- A. Denmark
- B. Austria
- C. Switzerland
- D. France

Answer A

7) Prime Minister Modi had announced a _____ crore rupees financial assistance to Bhutan for its 12th five-year plan.

- A. 3,200
- B. 4,500
- C. 2,700
- D. 1,800

Answer B

8) Bhutan Prime Minister who recently concluded his 3-day visit to India is _____.

- A. Prayut Chan-o-cha
- B. Bakytzhan Sagintayev

C.Lotay Tshering

D.Joko Widodo

Answer C

9) India has cut import taxes on crude and refined palm oil from ASEAN countries to _____% from 44%.

A.40

B.42

C.36

D.38

Answer A

10) Who was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, which came into existence on January 1, 2019 after the bifurcation of the High Court at Hyderabad?

A.Biswanath Somadder

B.Ramesh Ranganathan

C.TB Radhakrishnan

D.Praveen Kumar

Answer C

11) Who became the new managing director and CEO of Axis Bank for a period of three years?

- A. Aditya Puri
- B. Amitabh Chaudhry
- C. Sanjiv Sachar
- D. Shyamala Gopinath

Answer B

12) Who has been appointed as Chairman of Railway Board?

- A. Ratan Lal
- B. Lalit Chandra Trivedi
- C. Ashwani Lohani
- D. Vinod Kumar Yadav

Answer D

13) Who was named the captain of the ICC women's T20I team of the year?

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Ellyse Perry
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Natalie Sciver

Answer A



14) Which country ranked first as per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?

- A.Lithuania
- B.Morocco
- C.Sweden
- D.Ireland

Answer C

15) The merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with BoB will come into force on _____.

- A.April 1, 2019
- B.March 1, 2019
- C.April 30, 2019
- D.March 31, 2019

Answer A

16) How many space missions has been planned by ISRO to launch in 2019?

- A.32
- B.25
- C.18

D.43

Answer A

17) Which country followed the US in quitting UNESCO?

- A.Palestine
- B.Belgium
- C.Israel
- D.Mexico

Answer C

18) Where was the 106th edition of the Indian Science Congress held?

- A.Haryana
- B.Rajasthan
- C.New Delhi
- D.Punjab

Answer: D

19) What is the theme of the 106th edition of the Indian Science Congress where PM stressed the State universities to focus on research in his speech?

- A. Innovative Policies Science governance
- B. Future India– Science and Technology
- C. Sustainable Development: From vision to transition
- D. Science, Management, and Innovation

Answer: B

20) How many projects have been recently approved by the Haryana Government for the rejuvenation of Saraswati river?

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

Answer: B

21) Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Pakistan?

- A. Mushir Alam
- B. Gulzar Ahmed
- C. Saqib Nisar
- D. Asif Saeed Khosa

Answer: D

22) ----- appointed as Chairman Of Ordnance Factory Board?

- A.Saurabh Kumar
- B.Dinesh Karthik
- C.Senthil Kumar
- D.Dinesh kumar

Answer: A

23) Which cricketer fastest to 19000 international runs, breaks Sachin's record?

- A.Virat Kohli
- B.Naresh Kumar
- C.Sachin Tendulkar
- D.Ravindran Ashwin

Answer: A

24) For the setting up of setting up of a high-level committee for implementation of _____ of the Assam Accord?

- A.Clause 2
- B.Clause 6
- C.Clause 3
- D.Clause 5

Answer: D

25) How many projects worth over Rs.1500 crore on his one-day visit to Imphal, Manipur?

- A.12
- B.15
- C.10
- D.8

Answer: A

26) Which of the following Bill did the Lok Sabha pass to regulate the medical education in the best manner?

- A. Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016
- B. Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2017
- C. Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2018
- D. Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019

Answer: C

27) Which of the following country successfully tested its most powerful non-nuclear weapon, dubbed as the Mother of All Bombs?

- A. Russia

- B.US
- C.UK
- D.China

Answer: C

28) Who is appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner?

- A.Sushma Singh
- B.Sudhir Bhargava
- C.Deepak Sandhu
- D.Bimal Julka

Answer: B

29) Who is the Chief Minister of Tripura?

- A.Biplab Kumar Deb
- B.Raghubar Das
- C.Neiphiu Rio
- D.Naveen Patnaik

Answer: A

30) Which Bill allows the individuals to offer voluntarily biometric ID as a means of identity verification for obtaining services such as opening a bank account and getting a mobile phone connection?

A.Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2016

B.Aadhaar card (Amendment) 2016

C.Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017

D.Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018

Answer: D

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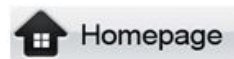
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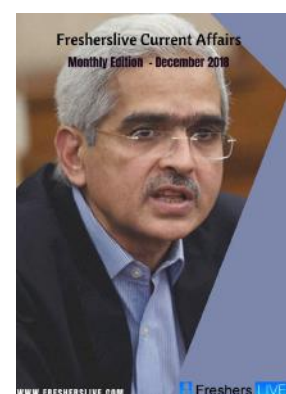
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