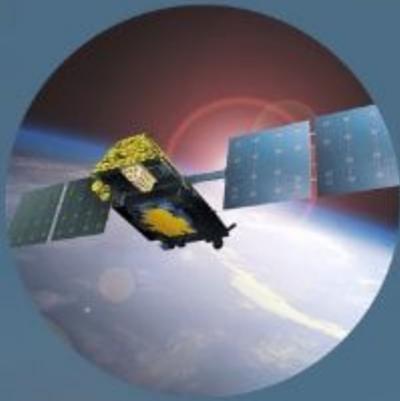
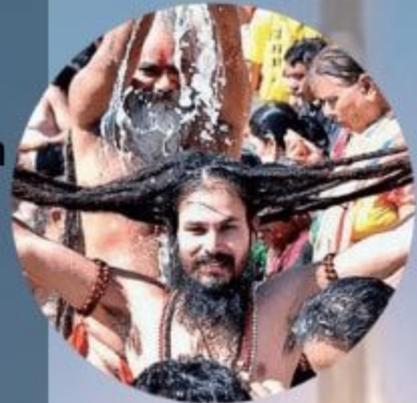


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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

USA launches new innovation initiative at Raisina Dialogue, 2019

- Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) of United States Chamber of Commerce launched a new innovation strategy at Raisina Dialogue, 2019 in New Delhi
- The Initiative is titled as “Fair Value for Innovation”
- The Initiative will examine economic underpinnings in order to enable breakthrough innovation and explore the opportunities to harness innovation capital in India and around the globe through research, advocacy, partnerships and programs
- India is the first market where GIPC is launching this new innovation initiative. The theme of this year’s Raisina Dialogue is “A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes”
- The inaugural address was delivered by Prime Minister of Norway H E Ms Erna Solberg

Donald Trump threatens to declare national emergency

- President Donald Trump has again threatened to declare a national emergency along the border with Mexico

- In a fight with Democrats in Congress, Mr.Trump said funding for a wall will keep out dangerous immigrants
- The Congress has now shut down parts of the government for a record-tying 21 days
- Such a declaration, almost certain to be challenged in court, would, in theory, allow Mr. Trump to sidestep Congress and divert money from military projects toward construction of the wall that has been a core focus of his nationalist campaign
- In preparation for the possible emergency move, the White House has asked the military to look into diverting funds currently allocated for disaster relief to the wall

PIA banned entertainment on flights to Jeddah and Madina

- Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has banned in-flight entertainment for pilgrims travelling to Jeddah and Medina
- Instead, it will only play Koranic verses and naats (recitation of poetry praising the Prophet) for them. The decision was taken after considering the peoples' sentiments
- The PIA has also decided to welcome passengers on board with the Qaseeda Burda Sharif (Islamic hymn) playing in the background instead of soft music

U.S. think tank says that H 1B visa holders are prone to abuse

- South Asia Center of the Atlantic Council, a U.S. think tank, said that the H-1B workers are underpaid, vulnerable to abuse and frequently placed in poor working conditions
- It also sought safeguards like higher wages, fair working conditions and greater employment rights for those working under the visa programme
- The U.S. President Donald Trump said he would soon come out with reforms that would give H-1B visa holders certainty to stay in America and an easy pathway to citizenship
- The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows U.S. companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. It is popular among Indian IT professionals

Iran plans to launch two domestically made satellites

- Iran plans to launch two domestically made satellites into orbit to gather information on its environment
- The announcement was made by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani. One Satellite named Payam would orbit the earth at about 600 kilometres (370 miles) above its surface
- The second satellite Doosti would be tasked with the same purpose as Payam, with a focus on agriculture, and would orbit at an altitude of 250 kilometres. Both the satellites had been successfully tested and are ready for launch in the coming days

- US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Iran's plans for sending satellites into orbit would violate a 2015 UN Security Council resolution which endorsed an international accord on ending Tehran's nuclear programme.

Pakistan decided to shelve CPEC power project

- The Pakistan government has decided to shelve a major coal-based power plant project under the \$60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), citing sufficient generation capacity already lined up for the next few years
- Pakistan has requested Beijing to formally delete the project from the CPEC list. It has officially conveyed to Beijing that it was no more interested in the 1,320 MW Rahim Yar Khan power project in view of sufficient generation capacity already lined up for the next few years

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tamil Nadu State Cabinet approved the building rules

- Tamil Nadu State Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami-led Cabinet cleared the Combined Development Regulation and Building Rules
- The salient features of the building rules include simplified application forms for planning permission, standardization of development rules and elimination of the scope for discretion on the part of planning authorities
- The State Law Department is carrying out a scrutiny of the Rules. Once the law department approves the Rules, the final order will be issued by the State's Housing and Urban Development Department
- The State Cabinet also gave its nod to provisional allocations for various departments and the process of preparation of the Budget speech

Nashik in Maharashtra to be the site of the countrys second defence innovation hub after Coimbatore, TN: MoS Defence

- Union Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhamre announced that Nashik in Maharashtra will be the site of the country's second defence innovation hub after Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu

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- It was announced at a defence industry stakeholders meeting in Ojhar, Nashik
- This is in line with the Defence Ministry's target of making the country among the top five arms exporters by 2025

Tamil Nadu government uses plastics to help pave way for 600 km of roads

- Tamil Nadu Highways Department is set to soon take up the work to relay around 600km of Other District Roads (ODR) in the State, under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme (CRIDP), using shredded plastic
- The work is expected to commence in February. ODRs are single-lane roads with a width of 3.5 m and handle the traffic of up to 5,500 passenger car units (PCU) daily
- For laying a kilometre of ODR, 7-10 tonnes of bitumen is required and 6- 8% of this is plastic
- The percentage varies according to the rainfall in the region. This is the third year the State government is relaying ODRs using plastic. The Indian Roads Congress laid down standards for laying of roads using plastic waste in 2013
- It has specified that the pieces should not be larger than 2.36mm and dust and impurities not more than 1%. Each year around Rs.800 crore is spent on relaying ODRs

- The cleaned and shredded plastic is usually added to the bitumen in the hot mix plant at a temperature of 140 degrees-175 degrees Celsius
- The road using this mix is laid at a temperature of 110 degrees-120 degrees Celsius

Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo 2019 in Mumbai

- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the three-day 10th India Rubber Expo – 2019 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai
- He announced that a National Rubber Policy would soon be put to place to improve the productivity of the sector enabling India's efforts to become a 5 trillion-dollar economy
- The India Rubber Expo is Asia's largest rubber expo

MP CM Launches Rs.50,000 cr Farm Loan Waiver Scheme Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath launched his government's Rs 50,000-crore farm debt-waiver scheme named 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana'.
- It is expected to benefit 55 lakh small and marginal farmers.

- The eligibility cut-off date has been extended to December 12, 2018, from March 31, 2018.

Puducherry announced ban of Single-Use Plastic from March 1, 2019

- Chief Minister V Narayanasamy announced that production, sale, and use of single-use plastic products will be banned in the Union Territory of Puducherry from March 1, 2019.
- He also announced the following decisions of the cabinet to introduce ‘voluntary retirement scheme’ for the workers and staff of the century-old Anglo-French Textiles (AFT) mill and two other textile mills, named Bharathi and Swadeshi (run by Puducherry Textile corporation) in a phased manner in the next six months.
- One percent quota of reservation would also be provided to the members of the ‘Irular, Villi and Vettaikaran’ communities under the Scheduled Tribes Category in education and employment opportunities.

Union Minister Harshvardhan launches special weather services for Kumbh Mela

- Union Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Dr Harshvardhan launched the special weather services for the benefit of people visiting Prayagraj during Kumbh Mela at a function in New Delhi.

- The service will provide information of the prevailing weather and forecasts for next 3 days through four Automatic Weather stations (AWS) and a mobile van AWS that have been installed and operationalized at different locations at Prayagraj.
- The observational sites are distributed in all four directions within 5-10 km radius.
- It will be helpful for the local and state authorities by providing the real-time location-specific weather information for efficient management of the entire event and also benefit the pilgrims by keeping them abreast of the latest weather information.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO's top priority is Gaganyaan

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced that working on the human space flight programme Gaganyaan and launching a major student outreach apart from the scheduled missions is its top priority
- A separate Human Space Flight Centre has been formed in ISRO. The Gaganyaan project will come under it and that's how we will target the first unmanned mission in December 2020
- Dr. Sivan, Chairman of ISRO, announced a Young Scientist Programme (YSP) and termed it their most important project to reach out to students
- He also said that ISRO is planning to spread its wings in new areas. This year ISRO has planned 32 missions, including 14 launch vehicles, 17 spacecraft and one demo

Bescom to launch AI powered chatbots

- Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) is preparing to launch Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered chatbots to deal with the innumerable calls and messages that its multiple helplines receive when there are power cuts

- The power utility has called for an Expression of Interest from IT service providers to implement the idea on its social media pages, helpline, and app
- The chatbots are expected to be utilized in multiple interfaces, such as WhatsApp, social media, and the website

JAXA launched satellite into space to deliver artificial meteors

- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched a rocket carrying a satellite on a mission to deliver the world's first artificial meteor shower into space. ALE Co. Ltd, a start-up based in Tokyo
- He developed the microsatellite for the celestial show over Hiroshima early 2020 as the initial experiment for what it calls a “shooting stars on demand” service
- The satellite is to release tiny balls that glow brightly as they hurtle through the atmosphere, simulating a meteor shower.
- They would glow brightly enough to be seen even over the light-polluted metropolis of Tokyo
- The rocket carried a total of seven ultra-small satellites that will demonstrate various “innovative” technologies

Scientists have found evidence of methane rainfall on Titan

- Scientists have found evidence of methane rainfall on the north pole of Titan, the largest moon of Saturn, using data from the Cassini spacecraft
- The rainfall would be the first indication of the start of a summer season in Titan's northern hemisphere
- The researchers identified a reflective feature near Titan's north pole on an image taken on June 7, 2016, by Cassini's near-infrared instrument, the Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer
- The reflective feature covered about 46,332 square miles and did not appear on images from previous and subsequent Cassini passes
- The Cassini mission was a collaboration between NASA, Europe agency and Italian space agency. It was launched in October 1997
- The purpose of the spacecraft is to study the planet Saturn and its system, including its rings and natural satellites

Drone corridor proposed to expand unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) services in India

- A task-force constituted by the Union government has proposed the creation of a “Drone Corridor” in the country
- The task force is created to address the various challenges posed by Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in India

- It has recommended key principles in the Drone Ecosystem Policy Roadmap that will guide the drafting of ‘Civil Aviation Regulations’ (CAR) 2.0.
- Currently, a basic framework for regulations in the area has been established under the “DigitalSky Platform” in CAR 1.0 which took effect from December 1, 2018
- The roadmap was released at the Global Aviation Summit 2019 being held at Mumbai

SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launches Ten Iridium communications satellites

- SpaceX rocket delivered 10 satellites to low-Earth orbit on Friday, completing a two-year campaign by Iridium Communications to replace its original fleet with a new generation of mobile communication technology and added global aircraft tracking capability
- The Falcon 9 rocket blasted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base at 7:31 am and arced over the Pacific west of Los Angeles
- The previously used first stage was recovered again with a bullseye landing on a "droneship" in the ocean while the upper stage continued on to orbit
- The eighth and final launch of the \$3 billion (roughly Rs. 21,000 crores) Iridium NEXT project completed delivery of 75 new satellites to orbit for the McLean, Virginia, company

- Sixty-six will be operational and nine will serve as in-orbit spares. Six other satellites remain on the ground as spares

Researchers have discovered six new species of bent toed geckos

- Researchers have discovered six new species of bent-toed geckos, a type of small lizard, from northeastern India, and one of them is from Assam's capital, Guwahati
- While researchers found the Guwahati bent-toed gecko (*Cyrtodactylus guwahatiensis*, named after the city) near a small hillock in the urban sprawl of Guwahati city, the Kaziranga bent-toed gecko, the Jaintia bent-toed gecko, and the Nagaland bent-toed gecko have been discovered from Assam's Kaziranga National Park, the Jaintia hills of Meghalaya and Khonoma village in Nagaland, respectively
- The Abhayapuri bent-toed gecko is currently found only in the vicinity of Abhayapuri town in Assam's Bongaigaon district, and the Jampui bent-toed gecko, only in Tripura's Jampui Hills
- All the new lizards belong to the genus *Cyrtodactylus* and are called bent-toed or bow-fingered geckos, named after their bent toes

ISRO aims to send human astronauts to space by the year of 2021

- The year 2021 will be a busy year for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as it has set itself the target to send astronauts to space
- The Gaganyaan project by the space agency will make India the fourth nation to independently send humans into space announced ISRO chief Dr. K Sivan
- The Gaganyaan project was announced by PM Modi on Independence Day last year and union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad last month had said that three Indian astronauts will be sent to space for up to seven days by 2022 as part of the Gaganyaan

Airports Authority of India to test remote ATC tower system

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is to run a pilot project that will in all likelihood see Gujarat's Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar as the first to do away with manned towers for providing Air Traffic Control (ATC) services at their airports
- Earlier, AAI and SAAB signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that the airports would run a pilot deployment of a Remote ATC Tower system where air traffic controllers and the control tower would be replaced by a bank of 16 high-definition, remotely operated, infrared cameras
- SAAB India, which is into defence and aviation, will lead the pilot project that is expected to take a year before it becomes operational. The system is projected as a measure that can help AAI save costs

- AAI, which manages more than 120 airports, is expected to operationalize more airfields in the coming months, especially with new routes being added under the regional connectivity scheme

Odisha again seeks special status for Odisha

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has again raised the demand for special category status for the State in view of the premise of historical Central neglect and frequent natural calamities
- Mr. Patnaik said that Odisha has made steady progress on the socio-economic development front despite several challenges
- Hence providing special category status will further accelerate industrial development and in turn more jobs for youth
- **About Special Category Status:**
 - Special Category Status is granted by the National Development Council (NDC)
 - This is to provide certain disadvantaged states with preferential treatment in the form of central assistance and tax breaks
 - Initially, 3 states namely Assam, Nagaland, and Jammu & Kashmir, were granted the status
 - Then 8 states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, and Uttarakhand, were added.

BANKING & FINANCE

IDFC Bank re-named IDFC First Bank: Registrar of Companies, Chennai

- Private sector lender IDFC Bank changed its name to IDFC First Bank Ltd owing to the merge of the bank with Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) Capital First on December 2018
- The change was effective from January 12, 2019 by virtue of ‘Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name’ issued by the Registrar of Companies, Chennai

GST exemption limit doubled to give relief to small businesses

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley raised the annual turnover for availing composition scheme to Rs 1.5 crore from Rs 1 crore effective from April 1, 2019, to provide relief to small businesses under Goods and Services (GST) regime
- The Goods and Services (GST) exemption limit has been doubled to Rs. 40 lakh annual turnover and Rs 20 lakh for northeastern states

RBI imposed Rs.3 crore fine on Citibank India

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine on Citibank India, a foreign lender, a penalty of Rs.3 crore for not complying with ‘fit and proper’ criteria for directors

- It also said that the action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers
- **About Citibank India:**
 - Established on 1902
 - Headquartered: Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - Citi Country Officer of the Bank: Pramit Jhaveri

Centre has allotted Rs.6,084 crore to the NREGA Scheme

- Centre has allotted Rs.6,084 crore to the National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREGA/MGNREGA) scheme to tide over the next three months. NREGA scheme has exhausted 99% of its annual allocation three months ahead of time
- This lifts the total allocation to MGNREGA for 2018-19 to Rs.61,084 crore, which is the highest ever allocation said the Ministry of Rural Development
- As on January 16, the scheme's financial statement shows that 15 States have a total negative net balance of Rs.4,064 crore, which includes payments due for unskilled wages for work that has already been done

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Su Tseng-chang appointed as Prime Minister of Taiwan

- Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen has appointed Su Tseng-chang as Prime Minister, during a Cabinet reshuffle following the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's heavy losses in local elections
- Su is a former premier appointed in 2006 by then-President Chen Shui-bian and was a chairman of Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party for two terms

Ashok Chawla resigned as chairman of TERI

- Ashok Chawla, Former Finance Secretary, has resigned as chairman of The Energy Resources Institute (TERI)
- Earlier, Mr.Chawla had stepped down as chairman of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on 11th January 2019 after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) received the Finance Ministry's approval to prosecute him in the Aircel-Maxis bribery scandal
- The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI):
 - Established: 1974
 - Director General: Ajay Mathur
 - Location: New Delhi
 - TERI is a research institute that specializes in the fields of energy, environment, and sustainable development.

C.P.Joshi was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the Rajasthan Assembly

- C.P. Joshi, a Veteran Congress leader, was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the Rajasthan Assembly
- The House passed the motion for Mr.Joshi's election to the post by a voice vote on the second day of its first session, after the formation of the government by the Congress
- Mr.Joshi, the five-time Congress MLA, took over the chair from pro tem Speaker Gulab Chand Kataria, who will be the Leader of Opposition in the House
- Mr. Joshi, 68, was also an MP from Bhilwara in the 15th Lok Sabha and served as a Union Minister between 2009 and 2013
- He was also elected in the 2018 Assembly polls from Rajsamand's Nathdwara constituency

Asif Saeed Khosa sworn in as Chief Justice of Pakistan

- Justice Asif Saeed Khosa, known for adding lyrical flair in his judgments, sworn in as the Chief Justice of Pakistan in a ceremony at Islamabad
- It was attended by foreign legal luminaries, including former Indian SC judge Madan Bhimarao Lokur. Justice Khosa, 64, will retire on December 21

- He is the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan
- The Chief Justice is nominated by Imran Khan, the PM of Pakistan and appointed by Arif Alvi, the President of Pakistan
- Prior to this Mr. Khosa served as judge of the Lahore High Court. He succeeded Mian Saqib Nisar

AWARDS

Namita Gokhale wins Sushila Devi Literature Award

- Namita Gokhale was awarded in the ‘Best Book of Fiction Written by a Woman Author’ category at the inaugural edition of Bhopal Literature and Art Festival (BLF)
- She has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel “Things to Leave Behind”
- The shortlist books: Brothers (Manju Kapur) The Glass Bead Curtain (Lakshmi Kannan) The Untitled (Gayathri Prabhu,) Son of the Thundercloud (Easterine Kire) Things to Leave Behind (Namita Gokhale)

Lifetime Achievement Award given to Filmmaker Buddhadeb Dasgupta by WBFJA in the third Cinemar Samabartan ceremony held in Kolkata

- National award-winning filmmaker Buddhadeb Dasgupta was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award, in the name of late Satyajit Ray, by the West Bengal Film Journalists Association (WBFJA) in Kolkata
- It was given in the third edition of the ‘Cinemar Samabartan’ ceremony
- As a director, he has won the National Film Award for Best Direction twice, for Uttara (2000) and Swapner Din (2005)

Adi Godrej Conferred ICSI Lifetime Award

- Industrialist and Godrej Group Chairman Adi Godrej has conferred the ICSIs Lifetime Achievement Award for ‘Translating Excellence in Corporate Governance into Reality’
- The awards were instituted by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), which is celebrating its golden jubilee

SPORTS

Taslim Mir won U 17 badminton title at KIYG 2019

- Taslim Mir clinched the girls' U-17 badminton title at the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2019
- Taslim Mir defeated Manasi Singh and secured 23-21, 21-16 win at the Balewadi stadium, Maharashtra
- Gujarat's medal tally went up due to Taslim's slick movement and controlled stroke play. KIYG almost seemed child's play for the 13-year-old
- The results (all finals):

Girls:

- U-15: Taslim Mir (Guj) bt Manasi Singh (UP) 23-21, 21-16
- Doubles: Aarya Deshpande & Ananya Shirke (Mah) bt Sakshi Asrani & Anushka Mehta (Raj) 21-16, 21-13
- U-21: Aakarshi Kashyap (Chd) bt Malvika Bansod (Mah) 21-11, 21-16

Boys:

- U-17: Gandham Rao (TS) bt Ravi (Har) 15-21, 21-18, 21-11
- Doubles: Nikunj Pandey & Shubham Patel (Raj) bt C.S. Koushtik & R. Vikash Prabhu (TN) 21-15, 22-20
- U-21: Sanjay Aman (Mah) bt Rahul Bharadwaj (Kar) 21-17, 23-21.

Deep and Mulik won gold medal 43rd Bombay YMCA State level annual athletics

- Uran Gymkhana's Deep Patil and Shree Sidheshwar Sports Club's Shreya Mulik won the under-18 boys and girls' 100m gold medal in the 43rd Bombay YMCA State-level annual athletics meet at the University Pavilion, Marine Lines, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The results: U-18: 100m: 1.Deep Patil (Uran Gymkhana) 11.3; 2.Mohit Gawade (Somaiya Sports Academy, Vidyavihar) 11.6; 3.Aryan Somale (J.S. Sports Club, Mira Road) 11.7.
- U-18: 100m: 1.Shreya Mulik (Shree Sidheshwar SC) 12.6; 2.Michelle Fernandes (Holy Cross, Kurla) 12.8; 3.Siya Dawoor (Sprinters SC) 13.3.

Khelo India Youth Games: Maharashtra touch 200 medals to stay on top; Haryana overtake Delhi

- Khelo India Youth Games in Pune, Haryana made the big move yesterday, while hosts Maharashtra touched a new milestone of 200 medals
- Haryana, who topped the medals tally at last year's Games, bagged an incredible 10 gold medals along with eight silver and 15 bronze

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- They with 48 gold medals, 45 silver and 54 bronze, are second in the medals' tally, pushing Delhi with 47 gold, 33 silver and 47 bronze to the third spot
- Maharashtra, who also had a good day with eight gold medals, five from boxing, two from tennis and one from table tennis, reached 200 medals with 76 gold with 57 silver and 67 bronze

Wasim Jaffer became the 1st Asian to slam 2 first-class double tons after turning 40

- Wasim Jaffer, became the first Indian and the first Asian batsman to score two double centuries after turning 40 in first-class cricket
- This was achieved in the Ranji Trophy quarter-final for Vidarbha against Uttarakhand in Nagpur

Rani Ramphal to lead Indian women's hockey team for Spain tour

- Ace striker Rani Rampal will captain an 18-strong Indian women's team, while experienced goalkeeper Savita will be her deputy for the season opener in Spain starting Jan 26, Hockey India
- The Indian Hockey team is set to play four matches with Spain and two matches against the Women's World Cup runners-up, Ireland

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- The team will leave on January 24 for the Spain tour from Bengaluru, where they have been based for the past two weeks for the National Camp

India 1st away team to win bilateral series in all formats in Australia

- India defeated Australia in the third ODI at Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) to win the ODI series by 2-1 and became the first Visiting team to win bilateral series across the three formats against Australia in Australian soil
- Indian team lead by Virat Kohli also became the first ever Indian side to win bilateral ODI series in Australia
- Yuzvendra Chahal was given the player of the match award whereas Veteran Player M. S. Dhoni was honored with Player of the series award

QUIZ CORNER

1) Who won the girls' U-17 badminton title at the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2019?

- A. Manasi Singh
- B. Taslim Mir
- C. Aakarshi Kashyap
- D. Gandham Rao

Answer: B

2) In which State police did the towing vehicles should be operational in another 20 days?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Mangaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Mumbai

Answer: B

3) Lifetime Achievement Award given to Filmmaker Buddhadeb Dasgupta by WBFJA in the third Cinemar Samabartan ceremony held in-----?

- A. Chennai

- B.Kolkata
- C.Pune
- D.New Delhi

Answer: B

4) Which state CM launched One Family, One Job scheme in Rojgar Mela 2019 to give one state government job to one family?

- A.Sikkim
- B.Meghalaya
- C.Nagaland
- D.Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

5) Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore launched National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 in -----?

- A.New Delhi
- B.Chennai
- C.Hyderabad
- D.Mumbai

Answer: A

6) Which of the following State's Election Commission has developed an app to keep track of its polling officials?

- A.Andhra Pradesh
- B.Karnataka
- C.Uttar Pradesh
- D.Chhattisgarh

Answer: D

7) How much can a farmer under Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme can be benefited?

- A.Rs.2,000
- B.Rs.3,500
- C.Rs.5,000
- D.Rs.6,300

Answer: C

8) Who Conferred ICSI Lifetime Award?

- A.Adi Godrej
- B.Mukesh Ambhani
- C.Nitish Suresh
- D.Rajesh Sharma

Answer: A

9) Which bank appoints Brahm Dutt As Non-Executive Part-Time Chairman?

- A. Yes Bank
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Dena Bank
- D. Canara Bank

Answer: A

10) What are the names of the 2 satellites that Iran is planning to launch to gather information on its environment?

- A. Fajr, Omid
- B. Navid, Arirang 2
- C. Payam, Doosti
- D. Sina, Rasad

Answer: C

11) Which country skipper Sarfaraz Ahmeds record goes past MS Dhoni, Adam Gilchrist to become the wicket-keeper with most catches?

- A. Pakistan

- B.Saudi Arabia
- C.Australia
- D.West Indies

Answer: A

12) India's largest startup ecosystem, measuring 1.8 lakh sq ft, inaugurated by -----?

- A.Shri Pinarayi Vijayan
- B.Shri Suresh Kumar
- C.Shri Raj Kumar
- D.Shri Dinesh Kumar

Answer: A

13) Which union minister launches special weather services for Kumbh Mela?

- A.Shri Arun Jaitley
- B.Shri Suresh prabhu
- C.Shri Prakash Javadekar
- D.Shri Harsh Vardhan

Answer: D

14) Where will be the Global Aviation Summit 2019 held?

- A.Kolkata
- B.New Delhi
- C.Hyderabad
- D.Mumbai

Answer: D

15) First National EMRS National Sports Meet 2019 Held in

_____.

- A.Hyderabad
- B.New Delhi
- C.Secunderabad
- D.Mumbai

Answer: A

16) Who won the title India's Youngest Grandmaster?

- A.Ramesh Kumar
- B.Sathish Kumar
- C.D Gukesh
- D.Raj Kumar

Answer:C

17) Which country to buy \$5 billion oil, gas from USA and \$12 billion defence?

- A.India
- B.Pakistan
- C.Indonesia
- D.Sri Lanka

Answer: A

18) Who laid the standards for laying of roads using plastic waste in 2013?

- A.National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- B.Indian Roads Congress (IRC)
- C.Road Safety Committees
- D.International Road Federation (IRF)

Answer: B

19) Which of following Municipal Corporation was imposed penalty of Rs.1 crore by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for dumping of waste, illegal running of plastic industries in non-conforming residential areas?

- A.Kolkata
- B.Bengaluru

C.Mysore

D.Delhi

Answer: D

20) Who is to be sworn in as the judges of Supreme court?

A.Arjan Kumar Sikri and Sharad Arvind Bobde

B.Dinesh Maheshwari and Sanjiv Khanna

C.Mukesh Shah and K.M.Joseph

D.Hemant Gupta and Vineet Saran

Answer: B

21) Who honoured with 2019 Japan Prize for his contributions in Biological Production, Ecology?

A.Shri Suresh Prabhu

B.Shri Mukesh Ambhani

C.Dr. Rattan Lal

D.Shri Dinesh Gupta

Answer: C

22) Who received Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018?

A.Ralph Nader

- B.Yohei Sasakawa
- C.Jackson Browne
- D.Omar Barghouti

Answer: B

23) Who inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo 2019 in Mumbai?

- A.Shri Suresh Prabhu
- B.Shri Rajesh Sharma
- C.Shri Naresh Kumar
- D.Shri Arun Jaitley

Answer: A

24) Gandhi Peace Prize Conferred for Last ----- years

- A.4
- B.5
- C.6
- D.8

Answer: A

25) Which state CM Launches Rs 50,000 cr Farm Loan Waiver Scheme Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana

- A.Madhya Pradesh
- B.Andhra Pradesh
- C.Bihar
- D.TamilNadu

Answer: A

26) Which of the following State seeks Special Category Status using 'natural calamities' as reason for backwardness?

- A.Assam
- B.Arunachal Pradesh
- C.Sikkim
- D.Odisha

Answer: D

27) Which of the following is a Non-Immigrant Visa (NIV) that allows U.S. companies to employ foreign workers?

- A.NATO visa
- B.U-1 visa
- C.H1-B visa
- D.All of the above

Answer: D

28) Which city to host the 4-day 2nd World Orange Festival for the first time?

- A.Nagpur
- B.New Delhi
- C.Chennai
- D.Hyderabad

Answer: A

29) In which State do the Airports Authority of India (AAI) plan to test remote Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower system?

- A.Gujarat
- B.Uttar Pradesh
- C.Telangana
- D.Maharashtra

Answer: A

30) Which of the Indian Lake possess 20% of India's seagrass distribution?

- A.Dal Lake
- B.Mansar Lake
- C.Loktak Lake
- D.Chilika Lake

Answer: D

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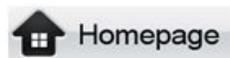
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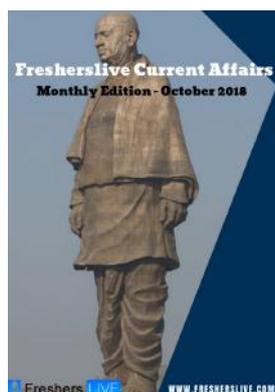
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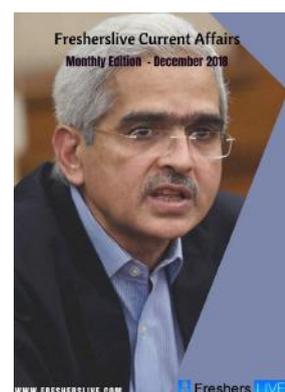
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