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International Affairs

Venezuela's President Maduro Wins Re-Election

- Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro was re elected for a second six-year term in presidential elections, according to the National Electoral Council (CNE).
- Some 14,638 voting centers have been set up nationwide for Venezuela's more than 20.5 million eligible voters, who are also voting for state legislators.
- Mr. Nicolas replaced Hugo Chavez after his death from cancer in 2013.

Fifth India CLMV Business Conclave Held In Cambodia

- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry of India, along with Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia organized the 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- After four rounds of the Business Conclave in India, this initiative was brought by Department of

Commerce of Government of India to Cambodia, for greater participation from the region.

- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) was the institutional partner of the event.
- The inaugural session of the Conclave was attended by Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry.
- Ministers of Commerce and Industry and Trade of Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam and Lao PDR were also present on this occasion.

India Stands 44th In Competitive Rankings, USA Tops: Report

- India rose one place to 44th this year in the global competitive rankings out of 63 countries that were ranked by the IMD World Competitiveness Center. India started from the 40th position in 2013 and dropped to the 44th rank in 2014.
- India's rank remained at 44 in 2015 and jumped four places to 41 in 2016, dropping to 45 in 2017, and rising to 44 in 2018.
- In contrast, China bagged the 13th rank in 2018 as compared to the 18th rank in 2016.
- The top 5 most competitive economies in the world are: 1. The USA, 2. Hong Kong, 3. Singapore, 4. The Netherlands and 5. Switzerland.

Barbados Elects Mia Mottley As first Female Prime Minister

- The Caribbean island of Barbados elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from the UK in 1966.
- Mottley's Barbados Labour Party won all 30 seats in the country's Parliament, coming to power for the first time in a decade.

Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting Held In Sweden

- The Third Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting was held at Malmo, Sweden.
- The Indian delegation was led by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science, Technology and Earth Sciences.
- Mission innovation countries launched Mission Innovation Champions Programme to felicitate clean energy innovators.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated Smart Grid Workshop at Copenhagen and Chaired public-private roundtable on Strategies on Decarbonisation through innovations in Smart Grids.

- India announced setting up of First International Incubator for clean energy in a public-private partnership at a total investment of around US \$ 5 million in Delhi.

US President Trump US in productive talks about reinstating North Korea summit

- US President Donald Trump very productive talks have been held with North Korea about reinstating the summit with Kim Jong-un.
- In a tweet Mr Trump the meeting could still take place on June 12 in Singapore and if necessary will be extended beyond that date.
- He cancelled the summit blaming the North's open hostility.
- But North Korea declared it was willing to talk to the US at any time in any form.
- Meanwhile, South Korea has welcomed the renewed prospect of the summit.
- The summit would be an unprecedented meeting between a sitting US president and a North Korean leader, which Washington hopes will result in the full denuclearization of the reclusive state.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates 330-MW Kishanganga hydel power project in Srinagar

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 330-MW Kishanganga hydel power project in Srinagar. Jammu and Kashmir Governor, Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti and Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Jitendra Singh were present on the occasion.
- The project has been built by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.
- It has been constructed at a cost of 5200 crore rupees.
- It is expected to generate 1,713 million units of electricity per annum.
- Jammu and Kashmir would get 12 percent of power from the project.
- He also laid the foundation stone of the ring road project in Srinagar.
- This will boost connectivity with Bandipora, Uri, and Ganderbal.
- Earlier, PM Modi laid the foundation stone of Zojila Tunnel, providing all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Kargil, and Leh.
- The Zojila pass will be Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel.

- It is situated at an altitude of 11,578 feet on Srinagar-Kargil-Leh National Highway which remains closed during winters.
- Jammu and Kashmir is going to get development projects worth 25,000 crore rupees.
- These projects will have a positive impact on the people of the states.
- There is great scope for agricultural growth across the state. He said Jammu and Kashmir can play a key role in holistic healthcare.

Tamil Nadu To Build India's Next Generation Defence Aircraft

- The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), which had conceived and designed the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, has set the ball rolling for building the next generation defense aircraft, the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), by extending an invitation to private players in Coimbatore to build a technology demonstrator.
- The proposal is not only the first time an indigenous military aircraft programme is seeing the involvement of private players, but it is also the first time a defense plane development project is proposed to be executed outside Bengaluru.

- The project to be implemented in Sulur in Coimbatore district which may house the permanent base of the Tejas squadron marks Tamil Nadu's first major defense aircraft project.

India Successfully Test-Fires BrahMos Missile Along Odisha Coast

- India successfully test-fired the Indo-Russian joint venture BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a test range along the Odisha coast to validate some new features.
- The missile was test-fired from a mobile launcher stationed at Launchpad 3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, according to DRDO.
- The trial was conducted to validate its "life extension" technologies developed for the first time in India by DRDO and team Brahmos.

India ranked 6th wealthiest country in the world - AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review

- The AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review ranked India as the 6th wealthiest country in the world with a total wealth of \$8,230 billion, while the United States was ranked as the wealthiest with a total wealth of \$62,584 billion.
- The review ranked China with a total wealth of \$24,803 billion in the second position and Japan with \$19,522 billion at the third place.

Madhya Pradesh Launches 'My MP Rojgar Portal'

- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched 'My MP Rojgar Portal' to provide jobs to youths as per their educational qualification, skills, and interest and ensure availability of able candidates to employers as per the need of their business.
- The portal was launched as a part of the 'Ham Chhu Lenge Aasman' Mukhyamantri Career Counselling programme 'Pahal' in Model School of Bhopal.
- It was prepared by the Madhya Pradesh Skill Development and Employment Generation Board under youth empowerment mission.

Sports

South Korea Won Asian Champions Trophy 2018

- The Indian women's Hockey team failed to defend its crown at the fifth Asian Champions Trophy, as it lost to hosts South Korea, 0-1 in the summit clash at Donghae City, South Korea.
- A goal by Youngsil Lee clinched the Korean team as the winner of Champions Trophy.
- The final was India's first defeat of the tournament. South Korea has lifted the title for the third time after having won it in 2010 and 2011.
- India, on the other hand, finished second best for the second time after having lost to Japan in the final of the 2013 edition.
- Indian striker Vandana Katariya was declared player of the tournament while youngster Lalremsiami was named as the upcoming player of the tournament.

Bala Prasath Won Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship

- Coimbatore racer Bala Prasath won the Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

- Bala, who was trailing in second place after Round 1 with 91 points, was in his element in Round 2 at the Kari Motor Speedway.

AB De Villiers Retires from International Cricket

- Star South African batsman AB de Villiers announced his decision to retire from international cricket with immediate effect.
- In his 14-year career, he played 114 Tests, 228 One-Day Internationals (ODI) and 78 T20 Internationals.
- Some of the Phenomenal Records of ABD are: The World Record for the fastest ODI 50 (16 balls), 100 (31 balls) and 150 (64 balls), the second highest individual Test score for South Africa (278*), the highest points (935) by a South African on the ICC Test rankings and has claimed the coveted SA Cricketer of the Year award twice (2014 and 2015).

WHO, Russia Launch New Campaign For Football World Cup 2018

- A new video campaign launched targeting football fans on the occasion of the World Cup 2018 to promote healthier and more active lives.
- The series of videos produced jointly by World Health Organization (WHO), Russia's Ministry of Health and the 2018 World Cup Russia Local Organising Committee.
- It is one of many joint activities that will be implemented around the month-long World Cup starting from 14th of June.
- The campaign consists of 3 videos, each tackling key health risk issues of Tobacco use, excessive salt consumption, and physical inactivity.

Archery World Cup Stage II 2018 Starts In Turkey

- The second stage of Archery World Cup 2018 started in Antalya, Turkey.
- India opened its account with a silver and a bronze medal in the compound section.
- India's women compound team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Muskan Kirar, and Divya Dhayal recovered from a poor start to lose to their Chinese Taipei opponents by three points to settle for a silver.

Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

1) Which country Unveils World's 1st Floating Nuclear Power Station recently?

- a) Australia
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) Japan

2) Which state to Build India's Next Generation Defence Aircraft recently?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh

3) Which country Won Asian Champions Trophy 2018 ?

- a) South Africa
- b) Pakistan
- c) Indonesia
- d) Japan

4) Which day is observed as May 21 recently?

- a) World War Orphan Day.
- b) Army day.

- c) Anti Terrorism Day
- d) World Laughter Day.

5) Who Won T.K. Ramanathan Award For 2017-18 recently?

- a) Dinesh Gupta
- b) Ramesh Kumar
- c) Vinoth Kumar
- d) Prajnesh Gunneswaran

6) How many percentage Tata Steel subsidiary acquires stake in Bhushan Steel ?

- a) 85%
- b) 72 %
- c) 95%
- d) 89%

7) Which rank did India obtain in the wealthiest country in the world - AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review?

- a) 6
- b) 5
- c) 4
- d) 3



- 8) Who won Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship recently?
- a) Shri Naresh iyer
 - b) Shri Suresh Kumar
 - c) Shri Bala Prasath
 - d) Shri Naresh Karthick
- 9) Which bank Locates Major Operations At GIFT City recently?
- a) Bank of Baroda
 - b) State Bank of india
 - c) IndusInd Bank
 - d) Canara Bank
- 10) Which country ranks 145th among 195 countries in terms of healthcare access: Lancet Study?
- a) Pakistan
 - b) Indonesia
 - c) Iran
 - d) India
- 11) Which city Smart Cities India 2018 Expo Underway recently?
- a) New Delhi
 - b) Hyderabad
 - c) Secunderabad

d) Chennai

12) Who launches UPI On Platform, Offers Own VPA Handle recently?

- a) ShareIT
- b) Mobikwik
- c) Payzapp
- d) Snapchat

13) Which place India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN To Be Held ?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Chennai
- c) Hyderabad
- d) New Delhi

14) Which is the first country In South-East Asia To Eliminate Trachoma: WHO ?

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

15) Which country Prime Minister Inaugurates Indo-Dutch Ganga Forum ?

- a) Indonesia



- b) Pakistan
- c) Dutch
- d) Albania

Answers:

1) B 2) A 3) B 4) C 5) D 6) B 7) A 8) C 9) A 10) D
11) A 12) B 13) A 14) B 15) C

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