

GK DIGEST - 5th Week of May 2018

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International Affairs

Japanese Director Won Cannes Top Award

- Asian, Arab, and women filmmakers scored big at the closing ceremony of the 71st Cannes Film Festival, while Japanese director Hirokazu Kore-eda took home the top prize - **the Palme d'Or**. Kore-eda, in the festival's main competition, for the fifth time won the Palme d'Or for '*Manbiki Kazoku*' (Shoplifters). Kore-eda is only the second Asian Palme d'Or winner this millennium (after Thailand's Apichatpong Weerasethakul for *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives*, 2010).
- This is the seventh time that a director from Asia has bagged the coveted trophy.

Russia Unveils World's 1st Floating Nuclear Power Station

- Russia unveiled the world's first floating nuclear power station at a ceremony in the port of the far *northern city of Murmansk*, where it will be loaded with nuclear fuel before heading to eastern Siberia.
- It is built-in Saint Petersburg, the Akademik Lomonosov arrived in Murmansk where it was moored in the port and presented to the media.
- It is constructed by the state nuclear power firm *Rosatom*, the 144 by 30 meter (472 by 98 foot) ship holds two reactors with two 35 megawatt nuclear reactors that are similar to those used to power icebreaker ships.

Lionel Messi Won European Golden Shoe for the 5th Time

- Barcelona forward *Lionel Messi* won the *European Golden Shoe* for the fifth time.
- The Argentina international claimed the prize after scoring 34 goals in La Liga this season, helping his club to a 25th league triumph.
- Messi also won the award last year, as well as in 2010, 2012, and 2013.
- Four-time winner *Cristiano Ronaldo* finished *ninth* in the rankings after scoring 26 goals for Real Madrid in La Liga.

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.

Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting Held in Sweden

- The *Third Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting* was held at *Malmö, 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.

National Affairs

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 to be Host Country for Celebrations of World Environment Day 2018

- India will be the *host country* for celebrations of *World Environment Day 2018*.
- The announcement in this regard was made by the Environment Minister *Dr. Harsh Vardhan*.
- The theme for this year is '**Beat Plastic Pollution**'.
- The government has launched green deeds campaign to raise awareness about protection of the environment.
- The World Environment Day will be celebrated on 5th of June.

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar launches Samagra Shiksha scheme for school education

- Union Human Resource Development *Minister Prakash Javadekar* launched *Samagra Shiksha scheme* for school education from preschool to senior secondary levels.
- The scheme will mainly focus on improving quality of education, enhancing the learning outcomes and using technology to empower children and teachers.
- The scheme will be focused on digital education and it will enhance the use of digital technology in education through smart classroom and digital boards.
- The scheme will provide a holistic education for holistic development.
- It would help improve the quality of education by focusing on teachers and technology.
- An annual grant of Rs. 5000-20,000 will be provided for the strengthening of libraries in the schools.

Telangana Government announces unique life insurance scheme for farmers

- Telangana government has announced a unique life insurance scheme for farmers.

- Under the scheme, the government will provide *life insurance facility of five lakh rupees to the nominee*, after the death of the insured farmer.
- The entire premium will be paid by the government to the insurance agency and the nominee will get the amount within ten days of the claim after the death of the farmer. The dependent family will get the benefit irrespective of the reason for the death of the farmer. Making the announcement in Hyderabad, Chief Minister Chandra Sekhara Rao, Life Insurance Corporation India will implement the scheme.
- The farmers in the age group of 18 to 60 are eligible to enroll their names to get benefit from it.
- The scheme will come into force from 15th of August this year.

Sports

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).

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

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

2) Which place India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN to Be Held?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6) In how many states E-Way Bill System for Intra-State Goods Movement Comes into Force?

- a) 10
- b) 5
- c) 8
- d) 7

7) Which city to host 2018 Global Wind Summit?

- a) Tokyo
- b) Istanbul
- c) Karachi
- d) Hamburg

8) Which bank Hikes Interest Rate on Fixed Deposits?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Canara Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) Dena Bank

9) Who assumes charge as I&B Secretary recently?

- a) Shri Rajesh Kumar

- b) Shri Naresh Singh
- c) Shri Amit Khare
- d) Shri Vijay Kumar

10) Which company signed MoU with Maharashtra to Promote E-Mobility?

- a) Tata Motors
- b) Ashok Leyland
- c) L and T Company
- d) Zoho

11) Who Receives Pulitzer Prize In Music?

- a) Kendrick Lamar
- b) Ryan Kelly
- c) Maneulo Magneto
- d) Andrew Marshall

12) Who launched new system to improve weather forecasts?

- a) BSNL
- b) NTPC
- c) BHEL
- d) IMD

13) Which department launches new Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018?

- a) Income tax Department
- b) Telecom Regulatory Department
- c) External Affairs department
- d) Information and Technology Department

14) Which scheme Union Government launched recently?

- a) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna

b) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

c) SevaBhojYojna

d) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

15) Who is appointed as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission?

- a) Shri R K Agrawal
- b) Shri Suresh Rajan
- c) Shri Rajesh Sharma
- d) Shri Naresh Karthick

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

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

17) Which country Won Asia Champions Trophy 2018?

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

18) Which day is observed as May 21 recently?

- a) World War Orphan Day.
- b) Army day.
- c) Anti-Terrorism Day
- d) World Laughter Day.

19) Under which scheme First Para-National Games recently?

- a) Jan Dhan Yojana
- b) Khelo India Scheme
- c) Suraksha Scheme

d) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti
Bima Yojana

20) Which union minister presented
DRDO Awards 2016 & 2017?

- a) Shri Arun Jaitley
- b) Shri Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Shri Naresh Iyer
- d) Shri Suresh Prabhu

Answers

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