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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Crouch to launch anti loneliness strategy

- **Tracey Crouch**, the world's first Minister for loneliness, is set to launch her **first anti-loneliness** strategy.
- She was appointed by the UK government in 2018 as it found that the young people can be affected by loneliness more than the elderly.
- It also aimed at helping new parents, who risk isolation after they get home with a newborn.
- Ms.Crouch is to unveil a plan that will feature a pledge by businesses to do more to help staff cope with the sense of isolation.

### Nimesh Shah elected as AMFI Chairman

- **Nimesh Shah**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund elected as Chairman of the trade body, Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- He replaced A Balasubramanian, CEO of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund.

### Europa Nostra urged the Bulgarian authorities to rescue Buzludzha

- Experts from cultural heritage organisation Europa Nostra have urged the Bulgarian authorities **to rescue Buzludzha**,



a vast flying saucer-like monument, on a central Bulgarian mountainside.

- The monument is a brutalist concrete monument that was built to glorify communism nearly 40 years ago.
- The 230-foot-high structure, made of 70,000 tonnes of concrete, 3,000 tonnes of reinforced steel and 40 tonnes of glass, looks like it is hovering at around 1,400 metres above sea level.
- It has a 40-metre-wide ceremonial hall and was covered from floor to ceiling in mosaics depicting the history of Bulgaria's communist party.
- Europa Nostra listed it as one of the **most endangered heritage sites** in Europe in 2018.

## UN requested to repatriate Lt. Col. Kalana Amunupure in Mali

- The United Nations (UN) requested Sri Lanka to immediately **repatriate Lt. Col. Kalana Amunupure**, the commander of the country's contingent in the UN peacekeeping force in Mali.
- The recommendation comes after the review of his human rights background.
- UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said that the request for Lt. Col. Kalana Amunupure to leave was made based on the recently received information.





- Earlier this year a list drawn up by ITJP identified several alleged perpetrators of war crimes that had been deployed by Sri Lanka on UN peacekeeping missions.
- While human rights defenders have called for better vetting of troops deployed on UN missions, Sri Lankan officials have boasted that their involvement in the missions was indicative of the prestige of their armed forces.

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Central Government to Provide Rs 7.8 Crore Textile Tourism Complex In Meghalaya

- Ajay Tamta stated that the Ministry will release **Rs 7.8 crore** for the construction of a textile tourism complex in Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya.
- The Union Minister visited different weaving centers in Shillong.

### Youth Road Safety Learners Licence Programme launched by MoS Road Transport Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya

- Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Chemical & Fertilizer today



launched the **Youth Road Safety Learners Licence programme** in New Delhi.

- This programme will be in collaboration with Diageo India and the Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE).
- It will provide a structured training program for young, first-time drivers.

### **Punjab Chief Minister laid foundation stones for 5 projects in Amritsar**

- Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh laid the foundation stones for **five infrastructural projects**, worth **Rs 127.86 crore**, in Amritsar.
- Out of the total Rs 127.86 crore, Rs 111.56 crore would be borne by the Amritsar Improvement Trust (AIT) with the Railways contributing Rs 16.30 Crore.
- The projects for which the foundation stones were laid includes ROB at Vallah Phatak on Amritsar-Delhi Railway line and on Amritsar-Attari section at Khazana Gate, RUB at Jaura Phatak on Amritsar-Delhi section and Amritsar-Pathankot section, and of Flyover at Sant Singh Sukha Singh (SSSS Chowk) on Majitha Road, beside.

### **Union Minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurates two-day Agri-startup and Entrepreneurship event in New Delhi**

- The theme of the event was unleashing potentials in agriculture for young entrepreneurs.



- More than 100 agripreneurs participated in the event. Several issues faced by young entrepreneurs in the production of seasonal crops were discussed in the conclave.
- He announced that 45 models on integrated farming for 15 different climate zone in India have been developed.

## **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approves Renaming Of Allahabad To Prayagraj**

- Uttar Pradesh Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh informed the media regarding the decision.

### **About Uttar Pradesh:**

Land area: 243,286 km<sup>2</sup>

Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath

Population: 20.42 crores (2012)

Governor: Ram Naik Districts: 75

## **Preparatory Meeting for the First National Summit on Invest in AYUSH held in New Delhi**

- This Summit is to encourage all the Departments of the Government and Private Companies to invest in AYUSH.
- Many Initiatives are taken by Ministry to increase the market size of AYUSH for this they had a close relationship with FICCI, CII, Ph.D. Chambers and ASSOCHAM etc.



- To strengthen the existing AYUSH Industry sector including manufacturers of AYUSH drugs, cosmetics, food supplements, hospital industry.

## **Karnataka CM announced formation of Kodagu Development Authority**

- Karnataka Chief Minister H.D.Kumaraswamy announced the formation of the Kodagu Development Authority.
- The authority is to enable speedy reconstruction of the district, parts of which were ravaged by floods and landslips.
- So far, the State government funded Rs.127 crore for the rehabilitation works in the district.
- The objective of the interaction programme was to infuse confidence among the victims and elicit their views and expectations from the authorities.
- Mr.Kumaraswamy will visit the district again to review the rehabilitation.

## **Kerala the first smoke-free State to have 100% LPG**

- The revenue department has imposed the duty based on the recommendations of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR).
- A joint application was filed by domestic steel industries like JSW Steel Ltd, Sunflag Iron & Steel Co, Usha Martin, Gerdau Steel India, Vardhman Special Steels and Jayaswal





Neco Industries before DGTR to initiate an investigation on this issue.

- The DGTR performed investigations and made recommendations on anti-dumping duties on some steel products.

## **AWARDS & HONOURS**

### **Sikkim Won FAO's Future Policy Award 2018**

- Sikkim won the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Future Policy Award 2018 for being the world's first 100% organic state.
- Sikkim defeated 51 nominated policies from 25 countries, winning the Gold Prize of the Future Policy Award 2018, also known as “Oscar for Best Policies”. All the winners received the awards in a ceremony at FAO headquarters during the celebrations of the World Food Week in Rome.

### **Prema Gopalan won Social Entrepreneur of the Year award 2018**

- She was awarded for her work in promoting women's entrepreneurship and rural livelihood. She is the founder of Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP).



- SEOY awards was founded by Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation in 2010.

### **H M Pernal gets Vishwa Konkani book award**

- World Konkani Centre announced that writer, journalist and critic, He bagged the prestigious ‘Vimala V Pai Vishwa’ Konkani best book award for the year 2018.
- He has conferred this award for ‘Beeg Ani Beegath’, a collection of short stories in Konkani.

### **Anna Burns won Man Booker Prize for fiction for Milkman**

- Anna Burns won the prestigious Man Booker Prize for fiction for Milkman, a vibrant, violent story about men, women, conflict and power set during Northern Ireland’s years of Catholic-Protestant violence.
- She is the first writer from Northern Ireland to win the £50,000 (Rs.48 lakh) prize, which is open to English-language authors from around the world.
- She said her books took a long time to complete, and she has often struggled financially since her first novel, No Bones, was released in 2001.



## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### NASA's Chandra Observatory is back in action after brief shutdown

- NASA's Chandra X-ray telescope that suffered technical glitch is back online.
- Due to the glitch occurred in one of Chandra's gyroscopes it went into safe mode. Chandra X-ray telescope observes galaxies from the Earth's orbit.
- The team analyzed and completed plans to switch gyroscopes and place the gyroscope that experienced the glitch in reserve.
- Once configured with a series of pre-tested flight software patches, the team will return Chandra to science operations which are expected to commence by the end of this week.

### Ocean Cleanup Foundation launched floating pipe to gather ocean plastic

- The Ocean Cleanup Foundation has launched a project to collect the plastic in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Wilson, a 2,000-foot-long floating pipe has begun its mission to collect the plastic in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.
- The pipe is constructed in U shape.



- It features a three-metre-deep net to trap floating plastic under the water's surface.
- A boat will visit the spot every few months to remove the debris.

### **Climate warming threatens Pacific Walrus**

- Center for Biological Diversity petitioned U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list Pacific Walrus as a threatened species because of diminished sea ice brought on by climate warming.
- Pacific walrus prefers sea ice for moulting, mating, nursing and resting between dives for food. Pacific walrus males grow to 12 feet long and up to 1,815 kg.
- Females reach half that weight. Walruses dive and use sensitive whiskers to find clams and snails in dim light on the seafloor.
- Fish and Wildlife Service said that inaccessibility protected walruses for decades, but a rapid decline in summer sea ice has made them vulnerable.
- In the Chukchi Sea between Alaska and Russia, where Pacific walrus females and juveniles spend their summer, ice could be absent during that season by 2060 or sooner.



## BANKING & FINANCE

### RBI appointed Sandeep Bakhshi as MD and CEO of ICICI bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) approved the appointment of **Sandeep Bakhshi** as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank for three years.
- The approval is against a five-year term sought by ICICI. The appointment will be with effective from October 15.
- Mr.Bakhshi was elevated from the post of Chief Operating Officer (COO) to MD and CEO after the resignation of Chanda Kochhar on October 4.

### NIIF invests Rs 660 crores in HDFC Capital realty platform

- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) an investment of Rs 660 crore in HDFC's real estate investment platform HDFC Capital Affordable Real Estate, 2 (H-CARE ).
- It enables investors in NIIF Fund of Funds to participate in the attractive mid-income and affordable housing sectors in India.





## Reserve bank of India norms to facilitate payments between mobile wallets using UPI

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on released guidelines to facilitate payments among different mobile wallets, a move aimed at promoting digital transactions.
- The interoperability would be achieved in a phased manner such as interoperability of PPIs issued in the form of wallets through UPI, between wallets and bank accounts through UPI, and interoperability for PPIs issued in the form of cards through card networks.
- UPI is a payments system launched by the National Payments Corporation of India in August 2016.
- It facilitates instant fund transfer between two bank accounts on the mobile platform, without having to provide any detail of the beneficiary's bank account.

## SPORTS

### Panwar won the silver medal at Youth Olympic Games

- Suraj Panwar Soren won the silver medal in the men's 5000m race walk event at the Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- He opened India's account in athletics in the third edition.
- The athletic events were held in two stages.



- Suraj finished the first stage in 20:23.30s, the second stage in 20:35.87 and won the silver.
- Ecuador's Oscar Patin won the first stage in 20:13.69, won the gold after finishing second.
- The Youth Olympics' Asia Area qualification meet in Bangkok in July, Suraj had finished second in the 10,000m race walk behind China's Xin Wang.

### **Akash Malik won silver in archery at the Youth Olympic Games**

- Akash Malik, the 15-year-old son of a farmer, won the silver medal in archery at the Youth Olympic Games at the marquee event Buenos Aires.
- He became India's first silver-medallist in providing a fitting finale to the country's best-ever campaign.
- Malik lost a one-sided final to Trenton Cowles of the USA 0-6 as India concluded with three gold, nine silver, and one bronze at the event.
- He was seeded fifth after qualification and he hails from Haryana.

### **India won five more gold medals in Asian Para Games 2018**

- India won five gold medals in the sixth day of Asian Para Games 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia.



- K.Jennitha Anto clinched the gold in women's individual rapid P1 chess event after beating Manurung Roslinda of Indonesia 1-0 in the final round.
- Neeraj Yadav and Amit Balyan clinched gold and silver medals respectively in spear throwing event.
- Amit Kumar and Dharambir bagged gold and silver respectively in the men's club throw F51 event.
- Kishan Gangolli, in the men's individual rapid VI-B2/B3 event, to claim the top spot.
- In para-badminton, Parul Parmar won the women's singles SL3 event.

### **Adith won AITA championship series tennis tournament**

- Second seed Adith Amarnath of Karnataka won the boys' under-14 title in the All India Tennis Association (AITA) championship series tennis tournament in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Adith defeated fourth seed Kandhavel Mahalingam of Tamil Nadu 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the final.
- The results (finals): Boys: Under-14: Adith Amarnath bt Kandhavel Mahalingam 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
- Under-12: Jason Michael David bt Kandhavel Mahalingam 5-7, 6-2, 6-0. Girls: Under-14: Shrijana Thapa bt Soha Singh 7-5, 0-6, 6-2. Under-12: Soha Singh bt Sanjana Devineni 7-5, 6-0 .



## QUIZ CORNER

1) Central Government to Provide Rs 7.8 Crore Textile Tourism Complex in ----- ?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Sikkim
- C. Bhutan
- D. Nagaland

Answer: A

2) Which state bill on retrenching up to 300 employees sans govt approval gets presidential assent ?

- A. Bihar
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Assam

Answer: D

3) Who partners with payments platform PhonePe?

- A. OYO
- B. Mobikwik
- C. Flipkart
- D. Amazon

Answer: A



4) Which country launch first joint programme with India to train Afghanistan diplomats?

A.Saudi Arabia

B.Indonesia

C.China

D.Albania

Answer: C

5) What is the name of the emergency action plan launched by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?

A.General Response Active Plan (GRAP)

B.Government Response Action Plan (GRAP)

C.Graded Reverse Action Plan (GRAP)

D.Green Response Active Project (GRAP)

Answer: B

6) How much amount did the Karnataka government approve for the Ullal Project?

A.Rs.198 crore

B.Rs.200 crore

C.Rs.197 crore

D.Rs.195 crore

Answer: A





7) Which country set to host 2019 World Relays ?

- A.Japan
- B.Pakistan
- C.Saudi Arabia
- D.India

Answer: A

8) Which of the following enacted law did the Bangladeshi newspapers protest against?

- A.Digital System Act 2017
- B.Digital Security Act 2018
- C.Democratic Social Act 2018
- D.Digitizing Service Act 2018

Answer: B

9) For which company did RBI approve the license to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)?

- A.Deutsche Bank
- B.BayernLB
- C.Kreditech
- D.KFW Bankgruppe

Answer: C

10) ----- appointed chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) ?

- A.Priyank Kanoongo



B.Dinesh Karthik

C.Suresh Kumar

D.Swaminathan

Answer: A

11) With which country did India on talks to conduct tri-service military exercise?

A.Italy

B.Germany

C.UK

D.France

Answer: A

12) Who is the Executive Vice-President of THERMAX Ltd.?

A.R.R.Sonde

B.M.S.Unni Krishnan

C.Meher Pudumjee

D.Harsh Mariwala

Answer: A

13) ----- won Social Entrepreneur of the Year award 2018?

A.Prema Gopalan

B.Sakthi Rajan

C.Vivek Sharma

D.Dinesh karthik

Answer: A



14) What kind of system did Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) launch that can forecast any changes in the environment three days in advance?

- A. Weather forecast system
- B. Pollution forecast system
- C. Meteor forecast system
- D. Air quality analyzing system

Answer: B

15) ----- shrine board enhanced the free insurance cover to pilgrims to Rs five lakh ?

- A. Vaishno Devi
- B. Sri Dhana
- C. Shree Vidhya
- D. Sakthi Gopalan

Answer: B

16) Who Lifts Santo Domingo Open Trophy ?

- A. Leander Paes
- B. Sania Mirza
- C. Mahesh Bhupathi
- D. Divij Sharan

Answer: A



17) ----- gets Vishwa Konkani book award ?

- A.H M Pernal
- B.Naresh Karthick
- C.Dinesh raj
- D.Sathish Kumar

Answer: A

18) Which of the following has launched a project to collect the plastic in the middle of the Pacific Ocean?

- A.Pacific-Ocean Rim Foundation
- B.United Nations Environment Program
- C.United Nations Development Program
- D.Ocean Cleanup Foundation

Answer: D

19) Which state Maritime Symposium 2018 inaugurated by Chief of Naval Staff ?

- A.Kerala
- B.Goa
- C.Bihar
- D.Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B

20) Who won the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Milkman?

- A.Rachel Kushner
- B.Anna Burns



- C.Esi Edugyan
- D.Daisy Johnson

Answer: B

21) Twelfth Asia Europe Meeting Summit Begins ----- ?

- A.Brussels
- B.Greece
- C.Spain
- D.Australia

Answer: A

22) Which country ranked 58th most competitive economy in World Economic Forum(WEF) index ?

- A.India
- B.Pakistan
- C.Indonesia
- D.Saudi Arabia

Answer: A

23) Who won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year award for Under Category by UK's Natural History Museum?

- A.Dabboo Ratnani
- B.Atil Kasbekar
- C.Arshdeep Singh
- D.Lala Deen Dayal

Answer: C





24) The DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018, joint military exercise, is to be held between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. India and Japan
- B. Russia and China
- C. India and Russia
- D. India and Korea

Answer: A

25) N D Tiwari who passed away recently is a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Writer
- B. Actor
- C. Politician
- D. Reformer

Answer: C

26) Which company Displaces Accenture As Largest IT Firm Servicing Banks ?

- A. Amazon
- B. Tata Consultancy Services
- C. Amazon
- D. Cognizant

Answer: B

27) Who authored Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior



- A.Rima Hooja
- B.Harish Yadav
- C.Naresh Gupta
- D.Dinesh Kumar

Answer: A

28) Who won International Olympic committee (IOC) award ?

- A.Suheil F. Tandon
- B.Naresh kumar
- C.Suresh kumar
- D.Dilip Kumar

Answer: A

29) Who was awarded for Hridaynath Award for lifetime achievement?

- A.Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi
- B.Venkat Rajan
- C.Suresh Kumar
- D.Dinesh Kumar

Answer: A

30) Which won five more gold medals in Asian Para Games 2018?

- A.India
- B.Pakistan



C.Indonesia

D.SriLanka

Answer: A

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