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NATIONAL NEWS

November 1

1. What is the rank of India in the Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index 2019?

Answer : 77

Explanation :

- India jumped 23 positions in the **World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index 2019** and is **now ranked 77 out of 190 countries in 2018**, a development that could help the country attract more foreign investments. It was ranked 100 in 2017. India has become the **top-ranked country in South Asia for the first time** and third among the BRICS.
- **According to the Doing Business Report (DBR, 2019), New Zealand topped the list**, followed by Singapore, Denmark, and Hong Kong.

2. What is the New name of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha?

Answer : Veer Surendra Sai Airport

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has approved the renaming of **Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha** as “**Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda**”. Veer Surendra Sai is a well-known freedom fighter of Odisha.
- Renaming of the Jharsuguda airport in his name will fulfill the long-pending demands of the **Odisha Government**, which reflects the sentiments of the local public of the respective area.

3. Where was India Mobile Congress (IMC)-2018 held ?

Answer : Aerocity, New Delhi

Explanation :

- India Mobile Congress is one of the biggest marquee Mobile, Internet, and Technology event for South-East Asia organized by **COAI and DoT**. IMC 2018 was held in **Aerocity, New Delhi**. The congress was held under the theme of **NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS**.
- The congress aims at building ideas, forging lasting Industry relationships, showcasing cutting-edge mobile technology & product trends, providing sectoral insights, industrial solutions, case studies & workshops.

4. Who is the Chairman of 19th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)?

Answer : Shri Arun Jaitley

Explanation :

- To review the current global and domestic economic situation and financial sector performance, the 19th Meeting of **the Financial Stability and Development Council**

(FSDC) was held under the **Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley in New Delhi.**

5. Who announced that the Kingdom of Netherlands will be the Partner Country 25th DST – CII Technology?

Answer : Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Explanation :

- **Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change** announced that the **Kingdom of Netherlands** will be the **Partner Country 25th DST – CII Technology** Summit to be organized in 2019. This was announced at **the Silver Jubilee edition of Technology Summit – 2019.**
- The 25th Technology Summit -2019 will be made a global event and the visit of their Prime Minister to India in May 2018 has marked the 10th anniversary of Science, Technology & Innovation collaboration between the two countries.

6. How much amount was inked by India and Russia for inducting two new warships equipped with Brahmos missiles in the India Navy?

Answer : \$950 -million

Explanation :

- **India and Russia** inked a **\$950 -million** deal for inducting two new warships equipped with **Brahmos** missiles in **the India Navy**. The two frigates of the **Project 11356 class** will be bought directly from Russia and 2 more will be built in an Indian Shipyard.
- The gas turbines will be built at a local yard and the state-owned **Goa Shipyard** has been nominated for building the 2 more frigates.

7. Which statue is called as the Statue of Unity ?

Answer : Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's memorial

Explanation :

- **PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's memorial on the leader's 143rd birth anniversary in Gujarat's Narmada district.** Called the Statue of Unity, the bronze sculpture is the world's **tallest statue measuring 600 feet (182m)** and overshadows China's Spring Temple Buddha (153m) and USA's Statue of Liberty (93m). The memorial was constructed in 33 months at Rs2,989 crore.

November 2

1. Where did the 109th session of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council held?

Answer : Manama, Bahrain

Explanation :

- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, K. J. Alphons along with senior officials attended the **109th session of United Nations World Tourism Organization**

(UNWTO) Executive Council in Manama, Bahrain from 30th October to 1st November 2018.

- India will be the chair of Programme and Budget Committee of UNWTO Executive Council till 2021.

2. Name the tracking system mandated by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways?

Answer : Vehicle Location Tracking (VLT)

Explanation :

- To ensure safety of passengers especially women, the **Ministry of Road Transport & Highways** mandated that all new public service vehicles except auto rickshaws and e-Rickshaws, registered on and after **1st January 2019** to be equipped with Vehicle **Location Tracking (VLT)** with emergency buttons.
- They will also provide feed to the VAHAN data base or the relevant data base of the State with regard to the over speeding, device health status.

3. Where did the first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property was held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- To deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy, the first ever **India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property** was held in **New Delhi**. The main topics of discussion were: patent filing, regulatory landscape, copyright and infringement, technology transfer, and enforcement.

4. Who is the Indian delegate for Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayo?

Answer : Dr Rajiv Kumar

Explanation :

- The Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayog – Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council, Peoples' Republic of China was held in Mumbai. The Chinese delegation was led by Mr. Li Wei, President of DRC and the Indian delegation was led by Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.

5. Where did the (AVIAMAT-2018) conclude?

Answer : Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, in New Delhi

Explanation :

- A **two** day seminar on '**Emerging Trends in Aviation Engineering and Logistics**' (**AVIAMAT-2018**) concluded at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, in New Delhi. It was organized by the **Indian Air Force** and **Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa** delivered the key note address.

6. Who approved release of 2nd installment of Central Share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)?

Answer : Shri Rajnath Singh

Explanation :

- The **Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh** approved release of **2nd installment of Central Share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** in advance for the **year 2018-19**, to help the State in providing relief measures to the affected people.
- As per report by **IMCT(Inter-Ministerial Central Team)**, further assistance will be provided from the **National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)**.

7. Who launched an early warning dissemination system (EWDS)?

Answer : Naveen Patnaik

Explanation :

- To provide early and timely information on natural calamities to the people of the state, **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** launched an **early warning dissemination system (EWDS)**. It has been developed as a part of the Central and state government project with the assistance of **World Bank**.

8. What is the theme of 3-day 2nd edition of the Navy Commanders' Conference of 2018?

Answer : 'Optimisation' and 'Emerging Technologies'

Explanation :

- The **3-day 2nd** edition of the **Navy Commanders' Conference of 2018** commenced. This is a part of Pm Narendra Modi's vision of '**Security and Growth for All in the Region**' (**SAGAR**) and providing an environment of stability and peace in the IOR.
- The themes for this conference were: '**Optimisation**' and '**Emerging Technologies**'.

November 3

1. Who released the CII report- "Igniting Potential in Senior Care Services"?

Answer : Ms. Anupriya Patel

Explanation :

- **1st 'Annual Senior Care Conclave – Igniting Industry for India's Ageing Sector'** held at the **Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi**. Hon'ble Minister of State for **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, Government of India, Ms. Anupriya Patel delivered the key note address and released the CII report- "**Igniting Potential in Senior Care Services**".
- The conclave aimed to discuss, debate and catalyze the growth of the sector by unlocking latent and potential opportunities.

2. Where did the DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018 commenced?

Answer : Mizoram, India

Explanation :

- first-of-its-kind exercise **DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018**, a joint military exercise between **Indian & Japanese** Armies, commenced at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengete, **Mizoram, India**.

- It will be a **14** days long exercise continuing till **November 14, 2018**. The respective armies were represented by: Japan: **32nd Infantry Battalion** and India: **6/1 Gorkha Rifles**.

3. Who formed a new industry expert committee, under its Emerging Technology Council?
Answer : Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)

Explanation :

- To promote Augmented and Virtual Reality(AR/VR) technology to drive economic growth, job creation, and skill development in the country, the **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)** formed a new industry expert committee, under its **Emerging Technology Council**, focused on **AR/VR**.

4. Where did the 13th Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee Meet concluded?
Answer : Mantripukhari Garrison

Explanation :

- The **3-day 13th Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee Meet** concluded at **Mantripukhari Garrison** in north **Imphal**. A **19-member** delegation consisting of officials of the Myanmar Army, police and bureaucratic departments attended the meeting. It was held under the aegis of Spear Corps of Indian Army.

5. Name the site launched by Kerala Tourism Department, to give boost to Malabar tourism?
Answer : ‘SMiLE Virtual Tour Guide’

Explanation :

- To give boost to **Malabar** tourism, the **Kerala Tourism Department** launched a ‘**SMiLE Virtual Tour Guide**’ site for the region in **north Kerala**. It was conceived by and executed by **Bekal Resorts Development Corporation (BRDC)** that focuses on eco-friendly and experiential tourism.
- SMiLE is the acronym for: ‘**Small and Medium Industries Leveraging Experiential**’ Tourism.

6. Which decommissioned carrier will be converted into India’s first ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre?

Answer : INS Viraat

Explanation :

- The **Maharashtra state cabinet** on cleared the decks for the Navy’s **longest-serving aircraft carrier, INS Viraat**, now retired, to be converted into **India’s first-ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre**.
- The ship is the **world’s oldest aircraft carrier**, according to the Indian Navy, which bought it in 1986 and recommissioned it a year later. At present, Viraat is at Mumbai’s Naval dockyard after its decommissioning in 2017.

7. Who launched the Soura Jananidhi’ scheme?

Answer : Naveen Patnaik

Explanation :

- **Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik** has launched ‘**Soura Jalanidhi**’ scheme which aims at **increasing use of solar energy for helping farmers in irrigation**. ‘Soura Jalanidhi’ is a dug well based solar pump irrigation system in convergence mode.

November 4

1. Which ICGS, the 4th in the series of 98 M offshore patrol vessels(OPVs), was launched at L&T Kattupalli, Chennai, Tamil Nadu??

Answer : Varaha

Explanation :

- **ICGS Varaha**, the **fourth** in the series of **98 M offshore patrol vessels (OPVs)** of Indian Coast Guard, was launched at **L&T Kattupalli, Chennai, Tamil Nadu**. The **98 M OPV** has been designed and built indigenously by **Larsen & Toubro** as part of the ICG shipbuilding contract for construction of seven OPVs awarded to L&T.
- This ship will be fitted with advanced technology navigation and communication equipment, sensor and machinery.

2. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Gyan Kumbh in which city?

Answer : Haridwar

Explanation :

- **President Ram Nath Kovind** has stressed the need to impart quality education to the students. After inaugurating a two-day **Gyan Kumbh at Patanjali Yogpeeth in Haridwar**, He said that besides educating children, it is imperative on the part of teachers to inculcate good manners and character building in the students.
- Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat**, Higher Education Minister **Dhan Singh Rawat** and Swami Ramdev were also present on the occasion.

3. What is India's rank globally in web borne threats according to Kaspersky Labs?

Answer : 12

Explanation :

- Globally, **India ranks 12th** when it comes to the dangers associated with surfing the web, according to a new report from Russia-based global cybersecurity firm **Kaspersky Lab**. About a third of Internet users in the country were attacked by web-borne threats between the July-September period of this year.
- “Social engineering” was another form of attack that users in India frequently fell prey to. These attacks require user participation, with the user having to download the malicious file to their computer.

4. Which organization launched UTS application?

Answer : Indian Railways

Explanation :

- **Ministry of Railways** has introduced Unreserved Mobile Ticketing with a view to promote three C's- **Cashless transactions (Digital payment), Contact less ticketing (no need to physically visit the point of sale) and Customer convenience and experience.**
- The facility of booking unreserved tickets, including season tickets and also platform tickets is available through the 'UTSONMOBILE' app available for Android, IOS and Windows phones.

5. Who announced the 12 key initiatives for the growth and support of the MSME sector?

Answer : PM Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- At the launching ceremony of Government's **Support and Outreach Initiative for MSME at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi**, PM Narendra Modi announced 12 key initiatives for the growth and support of the **MSME** sector.
- The 12 initiatives would help address 5 aspects of growth for the sector, including access to credit, access to market, technology upgradation, ease of doing business, and a sense of security for employees.

6. Where did the Indo-French Conclave held?

Answer : Nagpur, Maharashtra

Explanation :

- **Indo-French Conclave** was held in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**, in which French and Indian firms signed **12 agreements** worth **200 million euro**. The Indo-French Conclave was organized by Indo French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI) and the Embassy of France in India.

7. Where did the "Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue- 2019" conclude?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- The **two-day** long preparatory meeting of the **"Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue- 2019"** concluded in **New Delhi**. It was the first phase of the main exercise scheduled for **21-24 February, 2019** in Delhi which will be organized by the **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** on behalf of Government of India.

8. Which government approved Odisha Aerospace & Defence Manufacturing Policy, 2018?

Answer : Odisha government

Explanation :

- **Odisha Aerospace & Defence Manufacturing Policy, 2018** was approved by the state cabinet and rolled out by Odisha government. This was done ahead of the second edition of 'Make In Odisha Conclave' to be held here from **November 11 to November 15**.

- These steps will help in setting up **first state-of-the-art Aerospace and Defence Park** in the state.

November 5

1. Who organized 78th annual conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics?

Answer : The Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

Explanation :

- The **3-day 78th annual conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics** was held in **New Delhi**. It was organized by: **The Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi; International Food Policy Research Institute, Delhi; and Tata-Cornell Institute, Ithaca, USA.**

2. Who are signed an MOU for collaboration in LPG services?

Answer : Oil Marketing Companies & CSC e-Governance Services India Limited

Explanation :

- **Oil Marketing Companies (IOCL, HPCL & BPCL) and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited** signed an MOU for collaboration in LPG services. This will be done under **Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY)**.

3. Name the microprocessor, which can be used for wireless and networking systems?

Answer : 'Shakti'

Explanation :

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has designed and boot up **'Shakti'**, which can be used for **wireless and networking systems**, as well as **mobile computing**. 'Shakti' is India's first and indigenous microprocessor. **Bluespec**, an open-source high-level synthesis language was used in making the chips.

4. Which country has agreed for the deputation of experts in five fields to assist Zimbabwe?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- During the visit of Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu, India has agreed for the deputation of experts in five fields to assist Zimbabwe. **Around 6 agreements in various fields** were signed in areas including Mining, Visa waiver, Broadcasting and Culture. India will extend Line of credits of more than 350 million US Dollars to Zimbabwe for two power projects and a drinking water project.

5. Where did the Turga pumped storage hydel power project was constructed?

Answer : Purulia in West Bengal

Explanation :

- **India and Japan** has signed a **Rs 1,817 crore loan agreement** for the construction of the **Turga pumped storage hydel power project at Purulia in West Bengal**. The project will contribute to the industrial development and living standards in the state.
- The objective of the project is to strengthen the capability to respond to fluctuation in supply and demand of power and to improve stability of the power supply by constructing the pumped storage facilities.

6. Indian Railways with which government launched a scheme named “Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana”?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- The **Delhi** government along with the **Indian Railways** launched a scheme to give free tourism package for senior citizens travelling to 5 religious circuits. The name of the scheme is: **Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana**.
- The MOU was signed by: The **Delhi Tourism & Transportation Development Corporation Ltd.**, Delhi government and The **Indian Railways and Catering Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia at the Delhi Secretariat in New Delhi.

7. Where did the Gyan Kumbh was inaugurate?

Answer : Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar

Explanation :

- To inculcate good manners and character building in the students, a **two-day Gyan Kumbh** was inaugurated by **President Ram Nath Kovind** at **Patanjali Yogpeeth** in **Haridwar**. He also addressed the first convocation of the **AIIMS at Rishikesh**.

November 6

1. Who approved the strategy for operationalisation of Operation Greens?

Answer : Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Explanation :

- **Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)** under Union Minister **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal** approved the strategy for operationalisation of **Operation Greens**. The strategy consists of **Short term Price Stabilisation Measures and Long Term Integrated value chain development projects**.
- **The Short term Price Stabilisation measures would be** implemented by the Nodal agency **NAFED** and MoFPI will provide **50%** of the subsidy for transport and storage of **TOP (Tomato, Onion, Potato)**.

2. Where did the “Bal Ganga Mela” organize?

Answer : HCL’s Noida campus

Explanation :

- To encourage students to become ambassadors of change, **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** partnered up with **HCL Foundation** and **German development agency GIZ** (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) to organize “**Bal Ganga Mela**” at HCL’s **Noida** campus.

3. Who approved redevelopment of Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH)?

Answer : CM Nitish Kumar

Explanation :

- The **Bihar** cabinet, chaired by **CM Nitish Kumar**, approved redevelopment of **Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH)** into world’s largest 5462-bed hospital. It also took 33 more decisions in the cabinet. Additionally, it would be a “green building” which will have its connectivity with “**Loknayak Ganga Path**”.

4. Who declared a war on drugs?

Answer : Manipur government

Explanation :

- Manipur government has declared a war on drugs. Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh announced that the state government and the security forces have initiated projects to eliminate drug addiction and take strict action against drug dealers.
- Manipur government along with the Army and Assam Rifles is eliminating poppy cultivation. Poppy cultivators are rehabilitated with lemongrass cultivation.

5. What is the expenditure of Delhi’s Signature Bridge?

Answer : Rs 1,518.37 crore

Explanation :

- **Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal** inaugurated **Delhi’s Signature Bridge**, the first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge in India. The bridge was constructed by the Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation (DTTDC) **at an expenditure of Rs 1,518.37 crore.**
- The **675-metre bridge** aims to reduce travel time and traffic congestion between the north-eastern and northern parts of Delhi.

6. Who are signed an MoU on cooperation in sports?

Answer : India and South Korea

Explanation :

- **India and South Korea** signed an MoU on cooperation in sports in New Delhi. **Sports Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore** and **Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of South Korea Do Jong-hwan** signed the MoU.
- The objective of the MoU is to establish a framework to facilitate and promote cooperation between the two countries on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

7. Who has formed a new industry expert committee, under its Emerging Technology Council, focused on AR/VR?

Answer : Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)

Explanation :

- The **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)** has formed a new industry expert committee, under its Emerging Technology Council, focused on AR/VR. It has been framed with an aim to **promote Augmented and Virtual Reality (AR/VR)** technology to drive economic growth, job creation, and skill development in the country,
- The committee is chaired by **Namrita Mahindro, Senior General Manager, – Digital Transformation, Mahindra Group** and co-chaired by Satyajeet Singh, Head –Strategic Product Partnership, India & South Asia, Facebook.

November 7

1. Where did the 49th International Film Festival of India held?

Answer : Goa

Explanation :

- **The 49th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2018** will be held in **Goa** from **20th to 28th of November**. The festival will showcase **212 films** from over **68 countries** which reflects the diversity of taste. International Competition section has 15 films out of which three are Indian.
- Information and Broadcasting Ministry stated that Festival will open with World Premiere of **The Aspern Papers** with international star cast.

2. Which country has been elected as a member of the International Telecommunication Union council (ITU) for another 4 year term from 2019 to 2022?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** has been elected as a member of the **International Telecommunications Union- ITU** Council for another four-year term from **2019 to 2022**. The elections to the Council were held during the ongoing **ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 at Dubai**.
- India secured **165 votes** and ranked third among the 13 countries elected to the council from the Asia-Australasia region, and eighth among the 48 countries elected to the council globally. The **ITU has 193 member states** who elect representatives to the Council.

3. Name the India's first nuclear ballistic missile submarine?

Answer : INS Arihant

Explanation :

- **INS Arihant, India's first nuclear ballistic missile submarine**, has completed its first "deterrence patrol". **The 6,000-tonne INS Arihant**, under development for three decades under a highly classified programme, comes under the direct control of the Nuclear Command Authority headed by PM Modi.
- The INS Arihant can now be considered a fully functional underwater ballistic missile delivery platform.

4. Who is the head of “The National Green Tribunal”?

Answer : Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel

Explanation :

- **The National Green Tribunal** has ordered a **four-member committee** to conduct an inspection near the **Polavaram dam in Andhra Pradesh** and submit a report after a plea alleged that muck was being dumped illegally at the site.
- A bench **headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel** constituted a committee comprising representatives of the Central Pollution Control Board, additional principal chief conservator of forests, the State Pollution Control Board and the district magistrate to give a report on the factual aspects.

November 8

1. How much amount released to 6 border states under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP)?

Answer : Rs. 113.36 crore

Explanation :

- To ameliorate the problems of people living in these isolated locations, the **Home Ministry** released **Rs. 113.36 crore** to **6** border states under the **Border Area Development Programme (BADP)**.
- The 6 states where the amount was released were: **Assam, Nagaland, Sikkim, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand**. With this release the total amount released so far during this fiscal to the States having International Border is **Rs. 637.98 crore**.

2. Which company signed a MoU providing end-to-end solutions for passenger ropeway projects?

Answer : WAPCOS & Doppelmayr

Explanation :

- For providing end-to-end solutions for passenger ropeway projects, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation **Shri Nitin Gadkari** oversaw the MOU signing of between **WAPCOS and Doppelmayr**.
- This projects would help in reducing traffic congestion and pollution, development of tourism destinations and employment generation in the country.

3. Which district was renamed as Ayodhya by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath?

Answer : Faizabad

Explanation :

- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** renamed **Faizabad** as **Ayodhya**, the birthplace of Lord Ram. The Faizabad district comprises the twin towns of Faizabad and Ayodhya on the banks of the river Saryu.

4. Ekana International Cricket Stadium located in which city was renamed as the “Bharat Ratan Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium”?

Answer : Lucknow

Explanation :

- **UP Governor Ram Naik** approved renaming of **Ekana International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow** in the memory of late PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. As per the proposal, the Ekana International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow was renamed as the “**Bharat Ratan Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium**“. It has a seating capacity of around 50,000.

5. Which state launched the technology-driven and citizen-friendly ‘Mo bus’ service?

Answer: Odisha

Explanation :

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the technology-driven and citizen-friendly ‘**Mo bus**’ service in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. Mo bus service has facilities like: free wi-fi, CCTV surveillance, public information display system and on board announcements.
- Mo bus service has been launched for the residents of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri. Nearly 300 buses will be launched in 3 phases.

6. What is the loan amount signed by Central and Andhra Pradesh governments and the World Bank to enhance agricultural productivity?

Answer : \$172.20 million

Explanation :

- **The Central and Andhra Pradesh governments and the World Bank** have signed the loan agreement for a **\$172.20 million project** to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability, and climate resilience of poor and marginalized farmers in Andhra Pradesh.
- The projects seek to ensure that farming continues to remain a financially viable activity. The **Andhra Pradesh Integrated Irrigation and Agriculture Transformation Project (APIIATP)** will be implemented in rural areas largely dependent upon rain-fed agriculture.

November 9

1. The UN Postal System has issued how many stamps with diyas in celebration of Diwali as “the quest for the triumph of good over evil”?

Answer : two stamps

Explanation :

- **The UN Postal System** has issued **two stamps** with diyas in celebration of **Diwali** as “the quest for the triumph of good over evil”. The stamps are in the \$1.15 denomination,

which is the basic rate for international air mail letters. They are sold in sheets with 10 stamps and stickers and a large picture of the UN headquarters lit up for Diwali.

- The stamps had been officially released last month and are now available at the UN headquarters post office and online.

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3. PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate Ring Road and Babatpur Airport Road in which city?

Answer: Varanasi

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate **two important national highways in Varanasi** on November 12, having a total length of **34 kilometres** and constructed at a cost of **Rs. 1,571.95 crore**. The **16.55 km Varanasi Ring Road Phase-I** has been completed at a cost of **Rs. 759.36 crore**, while the work of four-laning and construction of **17.25 km Babatput-Varanasi road on NH-56** has cost **Rs. 812.59 crore**.
- The roads have been constructed by the **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** under **Bharatmala programme**. The **Babatpur Airport highway** will link Varanasi to the airport and go on to Jaunpur, Sultanpur and Lucknow.

4. The WCD Ministry has setup which online marketing portal for unique organic products of the women farmers and entrepreneurs from across the country?

Answer : “Mahila-E-Haat”

Explanation :

- **The Women and Child Development Ministry** has set up an **online marketing portal** for unique organic products of the **women farmers and entrepreneurs** from across the country, besides serving as an **e-platform** to bring them together and promote and celebrate their achievements.
- Named **“Mahila-E-Haat”**, the portal was launched ahead of the **“Women of India National Organic Festival, 2018”** which was organised by the ministry to promote women entrepreneurs.

5. Which state got Rs 1255 crore World Bank loan for a project aiming at enhancing agricultural productivity?

Answer : Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Andhra Pradesh** got around **Rs. 1,255 crore World Bank loan assistance** for a project aiming at enhancing agricultural productivity. **The central government, state government and World Bank** signed the loan agreement for a **\$172.20 million** project to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability and climate resilience of about two lakh poor and marginalised farmers in the state.
- The **AP Integrated Irrigation and Agriculture Transformation Project (APIIATP)** will be implemented in rural areas largely dependent upon rain-fed agriculture.

November 10

1. Manipur government signed a MoU with Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt. Ltd. and which company for implementation of Smart City Project in Imphal?

Answer : IL&FS Township and Urban Assets Limited

Explanation :

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Manipur government** and **IL&FS Township and Urban Assets Limited** and **Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt. Ltd.** for implementation of Smart City Project in Imphal.
- According to the MoU, the companies will design, develop, manage and implement Smart City Projects under the Smart City Mission in Imphal. The project will be finished within 3 years.

2. How much fund allocate from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund by Kerala government for 2017 Ockhi cyclonic storm affected people?

Answer : Rs 13.92 crore

Explanation :

- The Kerala government has commenced a scheme to offer free education and vocational training to the children of fishermen who died or went missing in the **2017 Ockhi cyclonic storm**. **Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** announced that government would allocate Rs 13.92 crore from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund.
- It expects that 194 students, which includes children at all levels, from lower primary to professional colleges, have been identified as beneficiaries. This Project will continue till **2037**.

3. The Cabinet approved setting up of a Central Tribal University in which state?

Answer : Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- The Union cabinet has approved setting up of '**Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh**'. The proposed university will come up after necessary amendment in the Central Universities Act.
- The '**Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh**' will be set up in Relli village of Vizianagaram District as provided under the Thirteenth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

4. Who will representing India at the Paris Peace Forum?

Answer : M Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** embarked on a three-day visit to France. He will be representing India at the **Paris Peace Forum being held to commemorate the centenary of the end to the First World War.**
- The aim of Paris Peace Forum is to establish a global platform to reaffirm the importance of multilateralism, international cooperation and reform of global governance institutions.

5. Which is the Miniratna Indian public sector unit engaged in the business of dredging?

Answer : Dredging Corporation of India Limited

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet has approved strategic sale of government stake in **Dredging Corporation of India to consortium of four ports.** The government currently holds 73.44 per cent in Dredging Corporation of India Ltd(DCIL).
- Dredging Corporation of India Limited, or DCI, is a **Miniratna Indian public sector unit engaged in the business of dredging.** DCI does dredging for Indian seaports exclusively.

6. Who establish an ombudsman for digital payments by March 2019?

Answer : The Reserve Bank of India

Explanation :

- **The Reserve Bank of India** is likely to establish **an ombudsman for digital payments by March 2019** to take the load off the increasing number of complaints currently being handled by the banking ombudsman.
- Given the rapid adoption of digital payments across the country, RBI in its Annual Report for 2017-18 had announced that it was considering a plan to establish a separate ombudsman to handle consumer complaints related to digital transactions

November 11

1. The 25th edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise(SIMBEX) kicked off at which place?

Answer : Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal

Explanation :

- The **25th** edition of **SIMBEX**, an acronym for “**Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise**” started off of **Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.** The 2018 edition marks the Silver Jubilee of SIMBEX and will continue till **November 21, 2018.** The sea phase of this year’s edition is being conducted under the Command of Rear Admiral **Dinesh K Tripathi**, NM, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet.
- Sea Phase from 12 to 16 November in the Andaman Sea. The second harbour phase from 16 to 19 November will be held at **Visakhapatnam – ‘the City of Destiny’.**

2. Which state-owned company signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to acquire Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC)?

Answer : NBCC

Explanation :

- State-owned **NBCC** (formerly National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited) signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to **acquire Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC)**.
- HSCC functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It offers consultancy services in healthcare and other social sectors in India and other countries.

3. Which state launched GPS Mapping of Government Schools and Personnel Location System?

Answer : Nagaland

Explanation :

- **Nagaland** Chief Minister **Neiphiu Rio** launched GPS Mapping of **Government Schools and Personnel Location System** in **Kohima**. This would help in computerization and digitization of records of all the government schools.
- This is a first in the country initiative and was under taken by the School Education Department of the state.

4. Which state cabinet decided to set up development boards for the Matua and Namasudra communities?

Answer : West Bengal

Explanation :

- **West Bengal** cabinet, headed by CM **Mamata Banerjee**, decided to set up development boards for the **Matua and Namasudra** communities. The names of the two boards will be: West Bengal Namasudra Welfare Board and West Bengal Matua Welfare Board.
- The boards will also ensure better implementation of the government's developmental projects.

5. Name the research paper by National bureau of economic research (NBER)?

Answer : Mobility & Congestion in Urban India'

Explanation :

- According to a recent research by **National bureau of economic research (NBER)**, analysis of the current status of mobility in urban India, using Google maps was conducted. The name of the research paper is: '**Mobility & Congestion in Urban India**'.

6. Election Commission has set up 'Sangwari' polling booths in which state to encourage women voters to vote in the Assembly elections?

Answer : Chhattisgarh

Explanation :

- Election Commission has set up '**Sangwari**' **polling booths** in various constituencies of **Chhattisgarh** to encourage women voters to vote in the Assembly elections. 'Sangwari' means friend, in Chhattisgarhi dialect. These women friendly booths will be manned by all-female staff like presiding officers, supervisors and security personnel.

- Chief Electoral Officer of Chhattisgarh, Subrat Sahoo announced that, 5 Sangwari Polling Centres have been set up for women in every assembly segments.

November 12

1. What is the name of report released by International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC)?

Answer : 2018 Pneumonia and Diarrhea Progress Report

Explanation :

- According to an annual report released by **International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC)** at the **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**, vaccinations in India are still out of reach of girls under the age of **five** in rural India. The name of the report is: 2018 Pneumonia and Diarrhea Progress Report.
- It measures the countries via the Global Action Plan for the Prevention of Pneumonia and Diarrhea (GAPPD) score. The IVAC report does not reflect on the pneumonia vaccine introduced by India in 2017 under the universal immunisation programme.

2. Where was the Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities 2018 event held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, **Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar** inaugurated **3-day Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities, 2018** event in New Delhi. It was organized by: **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)**.
- The objective of the event is to: Leverage IT skills among youth with disabilities and Spread awareness about the application of ICT for persons with disabilities especially in Asia-Pacific region.

3. Which state is celebrating “Jashn-e-Virasat-e-Urdu”, a festival to celebrate Urdu culture and its heritage?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- Delhi government announced **“Jashn-e-Virasat-e-Urdu”**, a festival to celebrate Urdu culture and its heritage. This festival aims to promote the growth of Urdu as a language. It is a 6-day festival. It will end on November 15, 2018. It was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, at Central Park, Connaught Place, in New Delhi.

4. Who gave nod to Tamil Nadu for launching its State Shelter Fund?

Answer : Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Explanation :

- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** gave nod to Tamil Nadu for launching its **State Shelter Fund** for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment. The fund's name is: **Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund**. And this is the category-I Alternative Investment Fund.
- This was announced at an event called '**Innovative and Alternative Finance for Business and Infrastructure Development in India**'.

5. Who launched the 'Bhubaneswar Me Wi-Fi' project?

Answer : Naveen Patnaik

Explanation :

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the '**Bhubaneswar Me Wi-Fi**' project to make Bhubaneswar a fully Wi-Fi enabled city before the Hockey World Cup. This project has been implemented by the Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited.
- Internet speed will be 2mbps. Each user will get 250mb free data per day. After exceeding this limit user can pay and use the Wi-Fi.

November 13

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated first multi modal terminal constructed on River Ganga in which city?

Answer : Varanasi

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated **first multi-modal terminal constructed on river Ganga** in his Lok Sabha constituency **Varanasi**. He reiterated that the foundation stones for various projects have been laid to make Ganga pollution-free.
- The Prime Minister said with the completion of the multi-modal terminal, **east Uttar Pradesh has now been connected to the Bay of Bengal**.

2. Which edition of Kolkata International Film festival began at the Netaji Indoor Stadium, West Bengal?

Answer : 24th

Explanation :

- **The 24th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)** began at the **Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal**. It was jointly inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee**, **Dadasaheb Phalke** awardee **Soumitra Chatterjee** and veteran actor **Amitabh Bachchan**.

3. Met Department declared which cyclone storm in Bay of Bengal?

Answer : 'Gaja'

Explanation :

- Deep Depression over Southeast and adjoining Central Bay of Bengal intensified into a **Cyclonic storm ‘Gaja’**. The Met Department predicts that it is very likely to intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 24 hours.
- The Met department advised fishermen not to venture into Andaman Sea during the next 12 hours.

4. Who arrested a female over-ground worker (OGW)?

Answer : Jammu and Kashmir Police

Explanation :

- **Jammu and Kashmir Police** arrested a female **over-ground worker (OGW)** carrying ammunition including grenades and live rounds. The woman was arrested during a search operation at a check-point **in Lawaypora area** on the outskirts of **Srinagar city**. A case has been registered under relevant sections of law and a probe has been initiated in the matter.

5. Who inaugurate Global Cooling Innovation Summit?

Answer : Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Explanation :

- 2-day **Global Cooling Innovation Summit** was inaugurated by Union Science & Technology Minister, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** in **New Delhi**. It is a first-of-its-kind solutions-focused event which aims to address the climate threat that comes from the growing demand from room air conditioners.
- It also launched **Global Cooling Prize— Mission Innovation challenge that will promote development of a residential cooling solution that has at least five times (5x) less climate impact than today’s standard.**

6. Where did the “Water Handloom Hut” inaugurate?

Answer : Loktak Lake in Imphal

Explanation :

- Tripura’s forest and tribal welfare minister, **Mevar Kumar Jamatia**, inaugurated first ever **“Water Handloom Hut”** in the North East region at **Loktak Lake** in **Imphal, Manipur**. It is part of the **5** water handloom huts built on phumdis (floating biomass) at Loktak Lake in **Bishnupur** district.
- The huts will improve the socio-economic conditions of the weavers residing in the phumdis at Loktak Lake and build tourism.

November 14

1. Where did the 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held?

Answer : Singapore

Explanation :

- **The 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting** was held **in Singapore** as part of the **33rd ASEAN Summit** and Related Summit Meetings. Apart from taking stock of regional economic integration efforts during the year, it also reiterated ASEAN's commitment to free and open trade by deepening the integration of its economies and realising the **AEC Blueprint 2025**. The blueprint seeks sustained and long-term growth for the ASEAN region.
- The meeting was attended by the ASEAN Economic Ministers and AEC Ministers. The agreements will help create a more conducive environment for the growth of e-Commerce in the region through advancing trade rules in e-Commerce and building up greater digital connectivity in ASEAN.

2. Where did the "Exercise Indra 2018" held?

Answer : Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh

Explanation :

- **India and Russia** will hold joint military exercises **in Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh** from November 18. "**Exercise Indra 2018**" will begin at the Babina Field Firing Ranges.
- The aim of the exercise is to practice joint planning and conduct enhance interoperability of the two Armies in peace keeping and enforcement environment under UN aegis.

3. DG Carbons Roadshow programme was held in which city?

Answer : Abu Dhabi

Explanation :

- The Government has set up a **state of -the-art National Data Repository**. Disclosing this at the **DG Carbons Roadshow programme in Abu Dhabi** Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas **Dharmendra Pradhan** said it is a database of all the geo-scientific data of hydrocarbon resources in the country.
- **National Data Repository** is equipped with cutting-edge technology and provides ready access to interested companies.

4. Name the new Scheme prepared by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy?

Answer : Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS)

Explanation :

- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** prepared a draft of new Scheme called **Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS)**. This was done in consultation with National Institute of Wind Energy Chennai. The draft Scheme comprises of guidelines for the benefit of all the stakeholders from concept to lifetime of wind turbine.

5. Name the project sign by Kochi Corporation and Vilnius?

Answer : 'International Urban Cooperation'

Explanation :

- **Kochi Corporation** and **Vilnius** signed a memorandum of understanding of cooperation in **Vilnius**, the capital city of **Lithuania**. It was signed as a part of the European Union (EU) project '**International Urban Cooperation**'.
- The delegation held discussions on urban development policies, cultural heritage, democratic administrative system and modern technologies of both cities. According to the MOU, in January 2019, the Vilnius team will visit Kochi to identify more areas of cooeperation between the two cities.

6. Who is the founder of All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy at Dhargal?

Answer : Shripad Naik

Explanation :

- Union minister of state for Ayush **Shripad Naik** laid the foundation stone for the **All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy** at **Dhargal, North Goa**. The project will be a medical hub and will contribute to research due to its proximity to the biodiverse Western Ghats and the sea.

November 15

1. Ministry of Finance has issued a notification regarding the release of the Rs 75 coin to commemorate 75th anniversary of which leader?

Answer : Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

Explanation :

- The government will release a **Rs 75 coin to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** hoisting the Tricolour for the first time at Port Blair. The Ministry of Finance has issued a notification regarding the release of the Rs 75 coin along with its specifications.
- On December 30, 1943, Bose, who raised the Indian National Army (INA) to fight against the British, had hoisted the Tricolour for the first time at Cellular Jail, Port Blair.
- The coin will carry an inscription saying '**First Flag Hoisting Day**' in both **Devanagari script and English**.

2. Which country topped the list with the lowest risk of a natural disaster as well as crime rates in the World Economic Fund on crime rates?

Answer : Iceland

Explanation :

- **Iceland topped** the charts with the lowest risk of a natural disaster as well as crime rates, while **India** ranked as the **fourth** most dangerous country to visit. The data was extracted from reports in the **World Economic Fund on crime rates**, the **World Risk Report on**

natural disasters, the NHS Fit For Travel website on health and the Foreign Office's assessments of the risks of terrorism.

- Despite the risk of terrorist attack marked as being “likely”, UAE which is home to one of the most popular holiday destinations, Dubai, was ranked second. Singapore which stood in third place was also ranked highly across all categories.

3. Which state government launched a Cloud based skill initiative with Amazon Web Services(AWS)?

Answer : Andhra government

Explanation :

- **The Andhra government** launched a **Cloud-based skill initiative with Amazon Web Services (AWS)**, Amazon's Cloud arm, where it will skill 60,000 students across the state's over 300 engineering and non-engineering colleges **by 2020**.
- An **MoU** to build skills and literacy under the mission titled “**Cloud For All-Knowledge and Skills Mission,**” was exchanged between Sambasiva Rao, CEO, Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) and Sunil PP, India Education Lead, Public Sector, Amazon Internet Services Private Limited in Vijayawada.

4. Which state police launched the e-learning portal “NIPUN” to impart in-service training to its personnel?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- In consonance with the spirit of digital India, the **Delhi Police** launched an **e-learning portal ‘NIPUN’** to impart in-service training to its personnel. **Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik** lauded the efforts of the Training Division in using the technology to reach out to a large number of police personnel to keep them updated about any changes in the law.
- The e-learning portal aims at imparting online training and information through specialized courses designed by experts.

5. UNICEF along with which organization launched UNICEF-Atal Tinkering Lab Hackthon to commemorate Children's Day?

Answer : NITI Aayog

Explanation :

- To encourage children towards making new innovations, **NITI Aayog** and **UNICEF** launched **UNICEF- Atal Tinkering LabHackthon** to commemorate **Children's Day**. It is a **72-hour** problem solving quest whose winners will be announced on **20th** of November. This is a part of the Atal Tinkering Labs and Atal Innovation Mission.
- During the **Children's Day Week**, from **November 14- 20 2018**, AIM and UNICEF are jointly seeking linkages to create a platform of innovation.

6. Where was the 38th edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF) inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Culture, Mahesh Sharma?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- The **38th** edition of **India International Trade Fair (IITF)** was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Culture, Mahesh Sharma at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi. Theme of the 38th IITF was: '**Rural Enterprises in India**'. The event will take place for 14 days. It will end on 27th November 2018.

7. Who launched "Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme"?

Answer : Radha Mohan Singh

Explanation :

- To provide cheaper loans to startups in the cooperative sector, Agriculture Minister **Radha Mohan Singh** launched of a scheme named "**Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme**".
- **This scheme was launched while** inaugurating the **65th All India Cooperative Week** organised by the **National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)** in **New Delhi**.

November 16

1. What is the place of India for emitter of carbon dioxide from the power sector before 2030?

Answer : second

Explanation :

- **India will overtake the US** to become the **world's second-biggest emitter of carbon dioxide** from the power sector **before 2030** as the nation's electricity demand skyrockets, the **International Energy Agency** said in its latest **World Energy Outlook**.
- Carbon dioxide emissions from India's power sector are expected to rise nearly 80 per cent by 2040. **China will remain the biggest emitter**.

2. A four-day regional meeting of the World Customs Organisation began in which city?

Answer : Jaipur

Explanation :

- A four-day regional meeting of the **World Customs Organisation began in Jaipur** with representatives of 33 member countries of Asia attending it. The meeting is slated to deliberate upon various issues including the steps required for the capacity building and reforms in customs.
- The meeting is being jointly chaired by WCO Deputy Secretary General Ricardo Travino and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairman S Ramesh.

3. Which government has finalised its new emblem for official use, five years after the state's bifurcation in 2014?

Answer : Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- **The Andhra Pradesh government** has finalised its **new emblem** for official use, five years after the state's bifurcation in 2014. The state emblem, inspired by the **Amaravati School of Art**, consists of "Dhamma Chakka" – "the Wheel of Law" embellished with a ring of Triratnas alternating with pinnate leaves and precious stones. The National Emblem is placed at the bottom of the emblem.

4. Which union ministry launched new initiative, Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)?

Answer : Ministry of Human Resource Development

Explanation :

- **Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Dr. Satya Pal Singh** launched two new initiatives namely, **Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) and Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT) in New Delhi**. The full form of LEAP is: **Leadership for Academicians Programme**.
- **It will be a three** weeks Flagship leadership development training programme (2 weeks domestic and one week foreign training) for second level academic functionaries in public funded higher education institutions.

5. Where was the 4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine inaugurated?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- The Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated **4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine**. It was held along with the **Asia Pacific Geriatric Medicine Network Conference at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi**.
- It had the theme: '**Future of Geriatric Medicine practice – Are you Ready?**'

6. Where is the 3rd India International Cherry Blossom Festival celebrated?

Answer : Shillong, Meghalaya

Explanation :

- The **4-day 3rd India International Cherry Blossom Festival** was celebrated at Polo 5th Ground, **Shillong, Meghalaya**. The festival celebrates the unique autumn flowering of the Himalayan Cherry Blossoms.
- The 2018 edition was inaugurated by **Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma** in the presence of Japanese Ambassador to India, **Kenji Hiramatsu**.

7. Where did the Biotechnology Policy 2018 held?

Answer : Bhubaneswar

Explanation :

- To make Odisha a top biotech investment destination in the country, the **Odisha** government launched a Biotechnology Policy 2018 at the **Make in Odisha Conclave** held in **Bhubaneswar**.
- This is a part of the development of the biotechnology sector in Odisha which will be based on three key pillars – innovation, entrepreneurship and investment.

November 17

1. Name the state for increased supply of hydropower, signed 105 million dollar loan agreement by India & ADB ?

Answer : Himachal Pradesh

Explanation :

- **India and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a **105 million dollar** loan agreement to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in **Himachal Pradesh** for increased supply of hydropower.
- The loan agreement was signed by Additional Secretary in the Finance Ministry **Sameer Kumar Khare**, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission, **Kenichi Yokoyama**.

2. Where did the 6th Indian Social Work Congress was held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- The **6th Indian Social Work** Congress was held in **New Delhi**. It was jointly organized by **National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI)** and **Department of Social Work (Delhi School of Social Work), University of Delhi**.
- The **theme** of 6th ISWC 2018 was **“Human Development and Social Inclusion: Imperatives for Social Work Education and Practice”**.

3. Where is the India's first specialized hospital for elephants open?

Answer : Farah block's Churmura village

Explanation :

- **India's first specialized hospital for elephants** was formally opened by Agra Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar at Farah block's Churmura village.
- Located close to the elephant conservation and care centre, the hospital is designed to treat injured, sick or geriatric elephants and is equipped with a medical hoist for lifting elephants.

4. Which state celebrate Nongkrem dance festival recently?

Answer : Khasi Hills, Meghalaya

Explanation :

- **Nongkrem dance festival**, an annual event during which prayers are offered for good harvest, peace, and prosperity of the community was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm by the inhabitants of the **Khasi Hills, Meghalaya** recently. The unique dance is performed by the members of Hima Khyrim, a sub-tribe of the indigenous Khasi tribe.

5. The 3rd edition of the India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018 was held in which city?

Answer : Shillong

Explanation :

- The **third** edition of the **India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018** got underway **at Polo 5th Ground, Shillong**. It was inaugurated by the Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma in the presence of Japanese Ambassador to India, Kenji Hiramatsu.
- The four-day long festival is being organised by the **Forest and Environment Department, Govt of Meghalaya, Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development** in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

6. Who chaired the “Himalayan State Regional Council” constituted by NITI Aayog?

Answer : Dr VK Saraswat

Explanation :

- **NITI Aayog** has constituted the ‘**Himalayan State Regional Council**’ to ensure sustainable development of the Himalayan region. The Himalayan State Regional Council **will be chaired by the Dr VK Saraswat**, Member, NITI Aayog and will consist of the Chief Secretaries of the Himalayan States as well as the Secretaries of key Central Ministries, senior officers of NITI Aayog special invitees.

7. Where did the 15-day Aadi Mahotsav festival commence?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **15-day Aadi Mahotsav festival** commenced in the national capital Delhi. It would be attended by Tribal Affairs Minister **Jual Oram**. There are 2 venues of the festival- **Delhi Haat** and **Central Park in New Delhi**. It will feature exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through one hundred stalls.
- The theme of the festival is ‘**Celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce**’.

8. Where was the 26th Conference of Central and States Statistical Organizations held?

Answer : Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh

Explanation :

- **26th Conference of Central and States Statistical Organizations** was held at Dharamshala in **Himachal Pradesh**, the conference took place for 2 days on 15th and 16th November. It was organized by **Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**.
- The theme of this year's Conference is "**Quality Assurance in Official Statistics**".

9. Which state government launched the 'Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme' to offer insurance coverage to dairy farmers in the state?

Answer : Kerala

Explanation :

- **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** launched the '**Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme**' to provide insurance coverage to dairy farmers in the state. The government subsidized scheme, as proposed, will give insurance coverage to dairy farmers at low premium rates.
- Moreover, farmers belonging to the general category will be getting 50% subsidy on premiums while those belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) category would get 70% subsidy on the premium.

November 18

1. Who approved setting up of 1023 Fast Track Special Courts?

Answer : Women and Child Development (WCD)

Explanation :

- Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry has approved setting up of **1023 Fast Track Special Courts** to dispose off pending **cases of rape and POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act** throughout India.
- Law and Justice Ministry had sent a proposal regarding this to WCD Ministry. The Empowered Committee of officers for the Nirbhaya Fund headed by Women and Child Development secretary Rakesh Srivastava approved the proposal.

3. Where was the 9th Session of the India-Kyrgyz Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IK-IGC) held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- The 2-day **9th Session of the India-Kyrgyz Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IK-IGC)** concluded in **New Delhi**. It started on **November 15, 2018**. Kyrgyz proposed the creation of joint food and food processing ventures for agriculture and meat product for export to the **Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) markets**.

- Both the parties decided to hold the **10th** meeting of the Kyrgyz-Indian inter-governmental Commission on Trade-Economic and Scientific-Technical Cooperation in **Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic**.

4. Where did the 9th Annual Defence and Security Dialogue between India and China held?

Answer : Beijing

Explanation :

- The 9th Annual Defence and Security Dialogue between India and China held in Beijing. It was held between the two defence delegations headed by defence secretary Sanjay Mitra and China's deputy chief of Joint Staff Department of the Central Military Commission.
- The 9th Annual Defence and Security Dialogue was held after one-year gap due to Doklam standoff.

5. Who hosted the GDCM 2018?

Answer : Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)

Explanation :

- The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry hosts, 2 days conference of Global Digital Content Market 2018 (GDCM 2018) in **New Delhi**.
- It was the 2nd edition of the conference, 1st edition was held in Geneva in 2016. **India** has been chosen as the host nation for GDCM 2018 by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

6. How much dollar Loan Agreement signed to support lending by IIFCL?

Answer : \$300 million

Explanation :

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** signed a **\$300 million** Loan Agreement to support lending by **India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)** in **New Delhi**. The last-tranche funding would help at least 13 sub-projects involving roads and renewable power generation through IIFCL project.
- Further, this loan would help prepare for the financial closing of **\$2.4 billion** in investments.

November 19

1. Joint military exercise INDRA, between India and which country, started at Babina Military Station, in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh?

Answer : Russia

Explanation :

- On combating insurgency, the **10th** joint military exercise between **Indian and Russia– EXERCISE INDRA**, under **the United Nations (UN)** started at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Babina Military Station, in **Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh**. This exercise will continue for 11 days and it will expect to finish on **November 28, 2018**.
- Participants in the training exercise include: 5th Army of the Russian Federation from Russian side and Mechanised Infantry Battalion of Republic of India from the Indian side.

2. Which state launched its Online Open Learning training platform named KOOL?

Answer : Kerala

Explanation :

- The **Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE)** unveiled its Online Open Learning training platform named- KOOL. It will enable training to teachers, students and the general public and the first batch will commence from **December 2018**. KOOL has been developed as an expansion of ‘**Samagra**’, the resource portal of the education department.
- It will be used under a **MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) model**, which will enable the state’s schools to go Hi-Tech. This will help Kerala to become **India’s first complete digital state in Education**.

3. Which city will setup Animation,Gaming and Visual effects Institute?

Answer : Mumbai

Explanation :

- **The government will set up Animation, Gaming and Visual effects Institute in Mumbai** to encourage youth participation in the field of film and cinematography. Information and Broadcasting Minister **Rajyavardhan Rathore** said, the government is taking several steps to nourish the talent of the youth of the country.
- Talking about the **India International Film Festival, which begins in Goa**, the Minister said, it is a platform for marketing cinematographic products and promoting India and Indian films in the International arena.

4. Who will head the tribunal that has been set up by Delhi High Court to ban two Tripura militant groups?

Answer : Justice Suresh Kait

Explanation :

- **The Centre** has set up a tribunal, **headed by** Delhi High Court Judge **Justice Suresh Kait**, for adjudicating whether or not two Tripura-based militant outfits should be declared banned organisations under the law. The decision has been taken **by the Home**

Ministry exercising the powers conferred under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act**.

- A fresh ban of five years were imposed on the two insurgent groups of Tripura by the central government last month for their “**violent and subversive activities**”, which aim at establishment of an independent nation by secession of Tripura from India through armed struggle.

5. Where did the Three educational institutions that have been built by India was inaugurate?

Answer : Nepal

Explanation :

- **Three educational institutions** that have been built **by India** were inaugurated **in Nepal**. **The Shree Saraswati Tika Higher Secondary School** has been built with an Indian assistance of 37.10 million Nepalese Rupees. **Shree Laxmi Adarsha Multiple Campus** was also inaugurated in Lekhnath and the **Shree Gupteshwor Mahadev Multiple Campus** in Pokhara.

November 20

1. When is Quami Ekta week (National Integration Week) observed in India?

Answer : November 19-25, 2018

Explanation :

- **Qaumi Ekta Week** will be observed across the country from 19 November to foster and reinforce the spirit of communal harmony and national integration. The observation of the week will help to highlight the inherent strength and resilience of the nation to withstand actual and potential threats to the eclectic and secular fabric of the country. As part of the week-long programmes, **19 November** will be observed as **National Integration Day**. The **last day of the Qaumi Ekta Week will be observed as Conservation Day**.
- **The National Foundation for Communal Harmony**, an autonomous organisation with the **Ministry of Home Affairs**, organises Communal Harmony Campaign coinciding with the Qaumi Ekta Week and observes the **Communal Harmony Flag Day on 25th November**.

2. What is the edition of Indo-Japan Business Council- KONNICHWA PUNE Festival was held in Pune?

Answer : First

Explanation :

- The 2-day **1st Indo-Japan Business Council- KONNICHWA PUNE** concluded in **Pune, Maharashtra**. It was organized by the **Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC)**. The festival aimed to boost investment, promote businesses and cultural exchange between India and Japan.

- Maharashtra has emerged as one of the top destinations for the Japanese companies operating **750** out of the total **1309** Japanese firms in the country.

3. Which state became the 3rd Indian state after Maharashtra and Gujarat to permanently ban Hookah bars or lounges?

Answer : Punjab

Explanation :

- Punjab becomes 3rd Indian state after Maharashtra and Gujarat to permanently ban Hookah bars or lounges. The ban was announced after President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to a bill passed by Punjab state assembly.

4. Which fund is an Indian rupee 10 billion corpus announced by Government of India in its 2013 Union Budget?

Answer : Nirbhaya Fund

Explanation :

- The government has approved three new proposals – **fast-track special courts, procurement of forensic kits in sexual assault cases and setting up video surveillance system at 50 railway stations** under the **Nirbhaya Fund**. The decision was taken by the Empowered Committee of Officers headed by Women and Child Development Ministry (WCD) Secretary **Rakesh Srivastava**.
- **Nirbhaya Fund** is an Indian rupee **10 billion corpus** announced by Government of India in its **2013 Union Budget**.

5. Where is the 14th edition of Jashne Bachpan, a theatre festival for children, held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- The 14th edition of international children's theatre festival, '**Jashne Bachpan**', was **inaugurated in New Delhi**. The plays will be performed in vernacular languages like Bengali, Marathi, Assamese, and Malayalam besides non-verbal, English, Hindi and other foreign languages.

November 21.

1. According to a WHO report, which is the only country to have recorded a substantial decline in malaria cases in 2017 by 24 percent?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **The World Health Organisation (WHO)** in a report stated that **India** is the only country to have recorded a substantial decline in malaria cases in 2017 out of the 11 highest burden countries worldwide. India accounted for 4 percent of global malaria

cases in 2017 and has made significant progress in bringing down its malaria burden since.

- As reflected in this year's **World malaria report**, the country registered a 24 percent reduction in cases over 2016, largely due to substantial declines of the disease in the highly malarious state of Odisha, home to approximately 40 percent of all malaria cases in the country.

2. RBI Central Board decided to constitute a BFS of the Central bank to examine the framework for banks under PCA. What is "S" in BFS?

Answer : Supervision

Explanation :

- **The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Central Board** decided to constitute a **Board for Financial Supervision (BFS)** of the Central bank to examine the framework for banks **under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA)**.
- The decision was taken after the RBI's Central Board meeting in Mumbai. The Board decided to constitute an expert committee to examine the ECF, the membership and terms of reference of which will be jointly determined by the Government of India and the RBI.

3. Which ministry has introduced the upgraded version of AirSewa 2.0 web portal?

Answer : Civil Aviation Ministry

Explanation :

- The government has launched an **upgraded version of AirSewa digital platform**. **Chatbots** will now help air travellers in addressing their grievances. Besides, passengers can have access to real-time flight status and schedule for both domestic and international flights, according to the Civil Aviation Ministry.
- **AirSewa 2.0**, the upgraded version of the web portal and mobile app, provides chatbot support for faster resolution and personalised traveller experience.

4. Which state launched BhuSeva Programme?

Answer : Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu** launched **Bhu-Seva programme**. Under the programme, each land in the state would be allotted a unique **11 digit** identity number, which would be called '**Bhudhar**'. All revenue land-related transactions, like mutation, registration etc, will be carried out through the Bhudhar card.
- As a part of this project, all the integrated services of government departments related to lands will be available through **Bhu Seva**.

November 22

1. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the foundation of India's first Sri Vishwakarma Skill Development University?

Answer : Palwal

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone of **Vishwakarma Skill University at village Dudhola in Palwal from Sultanpur village in Gurugram district**. A sum of over **Rs 1,000 crore** would be spent on setting up this Skill University, which would impart skill training to the youth and encourage them to be self employed.
- The University has signed MoUs with **21** industries for training of different courses. The construction work would be carried out in three phases and there is a plan to complete the first phase **by 2020**.

2. Where was the 27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change held on?

Answer : New Delhi.

Explanation :

- **The 27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change** has urged the advanced countries to enhance their support to the developing nations in effectively implementing the Paris Agreement to combat climate change. The BASIC countries comprise Brazil, South Africa, India and China. The two-day Meeting on Climate Change concluded **in New Delhi**.
- It resolved to promote low carbon transition to safeguard the future of mankind. **Brazil will host the next meeting of BASIC in 2019**.

3. India's first Justice City to be setup in which state?

Answer : Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Andhra Pradesh** is building a world-class and **India's first 'Justice City'** within its new capital Amaravati with the vision to provide a state-of-the-art ecosystem built on latest technology for supporting the judicial system in the state.
- **Amaravati will be the first city in India** to be home to the nation's first dedicated city on Justice. The Justice City is expected to generate employment for more than 1.3 lac people.

4. Which state government implemented Sashakt Mahila Yojana?

Answer : Himachal Pradesh government

Explanation :

- **The Himachal Pradesh government** in the cabinet meeting accorded its approval to implement **Sashakt Mahila Yojna** in the state with a vision **to empower rural women** by providing them an interface for organisation and socio-economic development.

- The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur in Shimla**. The scheme not only envisages to link rural women with sustainable livelihood opportunities but also to improve their skill by imparting training.

5. In which state The First International Public Art Symposium (IPAS) was inaugurate?

Answer : Bhubaneswar

Explanation :

- **The First International Public Art Symposium (IPAS)**, jointly organised by the Artist Network Promoting Indian Culture (ANPIC), the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) and the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) was inaugurated by Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik in Bhubaneswar**.
- **IPAS is the first open-air museum of waste-to-art** where noted artists from 14 countries have come to participate and made different sculpture from waste materials and scraps.

6. Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javedkar launched the Institution's Innovation Cell(IIC) in which city?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- Union Human Resource Development **Minister Prakash Javadekar** launched the **Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC) in New Delhi at the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE)** foster an attitude of research among students. More than 1,000 higher education institutes have already established IICs on their campuses to promote innovation.

7. With Which Country India had Signed a deal worth USD 500 million for construction of two Talvar-class missile frigates in Goa for the Indian Navy?

Answer : Russia

Explanation :

- **India and Russia** confirmed a **USD 500 million** deal for construction of **two Talvar-class** missile frigates in **Goa** for the **Indian Navy**. The agreement was signed under the government-to-government framework for defence cooperation between: Defence PSU **Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL)** and Russia's state-run defence major **Rosoboronexport**.

November 23

1. Where did the 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health will be held?

Answer : Hyderabad

Explanation :

- The **50th Union World Conference on Lung Health** will be held **in Hyderabad** next year. The conference '**Ending the Emergency: Science, Leadership, Action**' which

will be held from October 30 to November 2 next year, the **International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease** said.

- The meeting culminated in a political declaration signed by world leaders committed to ending tuberculosis by 2030. **The Indian government has committed to eliminate TB in India by 2025.**

2. Sangai festival 2018 begins in which state?

Answer : Manipur

Explanation :

- **Manipur Tourism** is once again returning with one of their most important yearly event, the **Manipur Sangai Festival**. Celebrated each year, this is one of the most popular festivals of India.
- **Manipur Sangai Festival 2018** will be celebrated from November 21 to November 30, and it was first celebrated in the year 2010.

3. Who launched the month-long Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan in Lucknow?

Answer : Yogi Adityanath

Explanation :

- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** launched month-long **Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan** or Women Empowerment campaign in **Lucknow**. It is aimed to empower women in the state through various programmes including education, **self-employment, health, cleanliness, nutrition**.
- For the awareness of the campaign, women officers and female staff of the state government will go door-to-door in villages to educate women about the schemes.

4. How many districts included in the Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects?

Answer : 129 Districts

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the **Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects in 65 Geographical Areas (GAs) in 129 Districts** under the 9th CGD Bidding Round recently awarded by **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)**, remotely from Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

5. Which organization signed a MoU with the IIM Calcutta Innovation Park?

Answer : Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Explanation :

- The **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** signed a memorandum of understanding with the **IIM Calcutta Innovation Park** to help facilitate incubation of start-ups

primarily in the **Eastern and North Eastern states**. It will primarily be focusing on developing start-up ecosystems that make a socio-economic impact in the **eastern and north eastern states**.

6. Who approved the extension of the term of the Commission examining the issue of Sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes?

Answer : Narendra Modi

Explanation :

- Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the extension of the term of the Commission examining the issue of **Sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (in the Central List)** for six months beyond **30th November, 2018 and till 31st May 2019**.

November 24

1. Which state will host 7th International Tourism Mart 2018?

Answer : Tripura

Explanation :

- **Tripura** will host three-day **7th International Tourism Mart** from November 22 at **Agartala** with tour operator delegates from 18 countries participating in an effort to popularise tourist destinations in the northeastern states.
- Union Minister of State for Tourism **K J Alphons** will inaugurate the 7th International Tourism Mart on October 22 at Prajna Bhavan in Tripura. The event will include cultural festivals and discussions on the **theme** for this year is '**Adventure Tourism**'.

2. President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate Kartarpur Corridor in which city?

Answer : Gurdaspur

Explanation :

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** and Punjab Chief Minister Captain **Amarinder Singh** will lay the foundation stone for the **Kartarpur Corridor at Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur** on November 26. The decision to build the corridor from Dera Baba Nanak to the International Border was taken by the **Union Cabinet**.
- Pakistan's Foreign Minister, **Shah Mahmood Qureshi**, had announced that Pakistan's Prime Minister **Imran Khan** would be breaking ground for the **Kartarpur corridor** on November 28.

3. Which state has topped the list of states with the highest employability?

Answer : Andhra Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Andhra Pradesh** has **topped** the list of states with the **highest employability** followed by Rajasthan and Haryana, as per the **India Skills Report 2019** conducted jointly by **Wheebox, People Strong, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**. Further, the report

stated that **Andhra Pradesh is one of the preferred hiring destinations in India**, which offers equal space to both male and female workers.

- **The India Skills Report 2019** further held that around **70** per cent of the youth face problem due to lack of professional guidance in finding desirable jobs that worth their skills.

4. What is the worth of project for the conservation of the Asiatic lions?

Answer : Rs 351 Crore

Explanation :

- The **Gujarat** government launched **Rs 351** Crore project for the conservation of the **Asiatic lions**, after the **Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)** outbreak, in the next **five** years. The project also includes an emergency ambulance van akin to the 108 emergency service.
- It also includes a 'state of the art' veterinary hospital to be built **at Rs 50 crore in Sasan Gir** region.

November 25

1. Where was the 2nd Edition of India Gold and Jewellery Summit inaugurated?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- **The Government** has decided to set up a **domestic Gold Council in India**. Commerce and Industry Minister **Suresh Prabhu** said this while inaugurating the **2nd Edition of India Gold and Jewellery Summit in New Delhi**.
- Mr Prabhu underlined the need for an integrated Gold policy to address all the issues in holistic way. He said that his ministry will make sure that gems and jewellery business does not suffer from financial issues.

2. Where did the Baliyatra festival inaugurate?

Answer : Cuttak

Explanation :

- Odisha Finance and Excise minister **Sashi New Delhi Behera**, in the presence of three of his cabinet colleagues, inaugurated the **Baliyatra festival in Cuttak**. The festival, associated with the maritime glory of ancient Kalinga, is basically a trade and cultural fare that attracts revellers not only from state but from outside also.
- The day also being auspicious Kartika Purnima, more than a lakh people visited both the fare grounds and were seen relishing their favourite food stuffs from the vendors and food stalls lined up for the occasion.

3. Who inaugurate 'Jhiri Mela'?

Answer : Satya Pal Malik

Explanation :

- Jammu and Kashmir Governor **Satya Pal Malik** inaugurated a week long '**Jhiri Mela**' at **village Jhiri in Jammu district**. The annual fair is commemorated in the memory of the martyrdom of 'Baba Jitto', a farmer who gave up his life about 500 years ago in protest against the oppressive demands of a land lord. Governor welcomed the devotees who have thronged the shrine of Baba Jitto and his daughter 'Bua Kodi'.
- A cultural programme comprising folk songs and a Dogridance was presented by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages on the occasion.

4. Name the sexual harassment complaint portal?

Answer : SHe-Box

Explanation :

- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** linked the workplace sexual harassment complaint portal, **SHe-Box**, to all the Central Ministries, Departments and **653** districts across 33 States/Union Territories, for speedy disposal of cases. The cases would be directed to the concerned the central/ state authority having the jurisdiction to take the rightful action.
- The Ministry also published a **Handbook and Training Module on the SH Act** to provide information about the provisions of the Act.

5. Name the license cancelled by **AAI** of low-cost carrier for seven airports on poor and irregular services by Air Odisha?

Answer : UDAN

Explanation :

- The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** cancelled the **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) licence** of low-cost carrier **Air Odisha** for **seven** airports for poor and irregular services. The 7 airports are — **Jharsuguda, Raipur, Raigarh, Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur and Visakhapatnam**.

6. Abbreviation for EIB?

Answer : European Investment Bank

Explanation :

- The **European Investment Bank (EIB)** will increase its support for India's wind energy projects by expanding the **existing lending programmes with SBI**.
- EIB and SBI have agreed to cooperate on financing renewable energy and providing new support for wind energy projects across India by expanding the ongoing financing initiative in the field of onshore wind projects.

November 26

1. Which countries are participate in its Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative?

Answer : Uttar Pradesh's Noida and Greater Noida

Explanation :

- The United Nations has selected **Uttar Pradesh's Noida and Greater Noida** to participate in its **Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative**. According to UN, the twin-cities in Gautam Buddh Nagar district, adjoining the national capital, have been selected in the "**University City**" category ahead of Mumbai and Bengaluru as the only invitee from India.

2. A chatbot specially designed to provide medically verified information for health-related queries was launched by Lupin. Name it?

Answer : ANYA

Explanation :

- **Lupin** announced the launch of a **chat bot** named '**ANYA**' specially designed to provide medically verified information for health-related queries. ANYA is the first bot of its kind to be launched in India for disease awareness.
- Launched at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes, **ANYA is an intelligent and patient-friendly chat bot trained to help patients with health-related concerns.**

3. Which country has set a Guinness world record with plankathon?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **India** has achieved a new spot on the **Guinness World Records** as 2,353 people, led by Bollywood actress and fitness enthusiast **Shilpa Shetty Kundra, in Pune** held the **abdominal plank position for 60 seconds** simultaneously. The initiative was organised by **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company** at the Armed Forces Medical College ground in Pune.
- India set the new record breaking the earlier record created by China where 1,779 people held a plank for 60 seconds at the Central Park in Lu'an, Anhui, China on March 18 in 2017.

4. Which country's foreign Affairs Minister arrived in India completing 70 years of diplomatic relations?

Answer : Romania

Explanation :

- **Romania's Minister of Foreign Affairs Teodor Melescanu** arrived in **New Delhi** on a four-day official visit to the country. His visit coincides with India and Romania completing **70 years** of diplomatic relations. On November 26, Melescanu will be meeting External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj at Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan.**

- During the visit, the Romanian Foreign Minister is slated to deliver a lecture on ‘Going global vs. staying local: Romania’s agenda as a connector between Europe and Asia’ at the Observer Research Foundation, according to the MEA.

5. Who notified the insertion of the item Quadricycle’ as a ‘non transport’ vehicle?

Answer : Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)

Explanation :

- **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** notified the insertion of the item ‘**Quadricycle**’ as a ‘**non transport**’ vehicle under the **Motor Vehicles Act 1988**. Earlier, these were only allowed for transport usage under the Act.

6. Which city became the first in India to launch a dedicated Open Transit Data portal to spot locations of cluster buses at intervals of 10 seconds?

Answer : Delhi

Explanation :

- **Delhi** Government launched a dedicated **Open Transit Data portal** in the website www.otd.delhi.gov.in – to spot locations of cluster buses at intervals of **10** seconds. This portal was designed and developed **by IIIT-Delhi**. Thus, Delhi became the **first city in the country** to open up transit data of city buses.
- It will also enable the government to install real-time Passenger Information Systems (PIS) or display boards at bus stops and terminals also providing the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) at any bus stop.

7. Jangalmahal’ festival to revive and popularise the culture and heritage of Jangal Mahal was celebrated in?

Answer : West Bengal

Explanation :

- A three-day-long annual ‘**Jangalmahal**’ festival began in the adjoining forested areas of **West Midnapore, Bankura and Purulia** districts of **West Bengal**. Initiated and organized by the ‘**Jangal Mahal Udyog**’, the festival aims to revive and popularise the culture and heritage of Jangal Mahal.

November 27

1. Which state has emerged as the top performer among the states under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana scheme?

Answer : Gujarat

Explanation :

- According to the **National Health Agency**, after 2 months of launch of **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**, **Gujarat** has emerged as the top performer among the states under the scheme.
- Around 76,000 hospital admissions have been cleared in Gujarat since September 23, **Tamil Nadu** ranked second at 54,273 and **Chhattisgarh** third at 53,180 sanctioned hospitals.

2. Which state unveiled a 70 feet tall statue of Lord Buddha?

Answer : Bihar

Explanation :

- Bihar Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** unveiled a **70-feet tall statue of Lord Buddha at Rajgir in Nalanda district**. It is the second tallest statue of Buddha in the country.
- The statue has been installed above a 16-metre radius pedestal in the middle of **Lake Ghora Katora**. It is made of pink sandstone. The Chief Minister said this place will be developed as a centre of eco-tourism.

3. Which state government will install a 221 metre bronze statue of Lord ram?

Answer : Uttar Pradesh

Explanation :

- **Uttar Pradesh government** will install a **221-metre bronze statue of Lord Ram in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh** principal secretary (information) **Avanish Awasthi** said. The height of the actual statue would be 151 metres, its overhead umbrella would be 20 metres while the pedestal would be 50 metres. A museum would be housed at the pedestal.

4. Who laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Dera Baba Nanak-Karatarpur Sahib road?

Answer : M Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- **Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu** laid the foundation stone for the construction of the **Dera Baba Nanak-Karatarpur Sahib** road corridor in **Punjab**. he corridor will be developed by the **National Highways Authority of India** and funded by the Government of India.
- **Kartarpur Sahib** in Narowal district of **Pakistan's Punjab** province is located across the Ravi River and is about four km from the **Dera Baba Nanak** shrine.

5. Where did the “Our Vote- Our Future” exhibition inaugurate?

Answer : Hyderabad

Explanation :

- **Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Dr Rajat Kumar** inaugurated a five-day exhibition on “**Our Vote- Our Future**” in **Hyderabad**. This exhibition was organized by the Regional Outreach Bureau of Information and Broadcasting Ministry. It aims to increase the polling percentage at least 10 per cent.

6. Who passed the bill to amend the anti-adulteration law to make it more stringent?

Answer : Maharashtra government

Explanation :

- **Maharashtra government** has passed the bill to amend the **anti-adulteration law** to make it more stringent, prescribing life imprisonment and heavy penalty to curb food and milk adulteration. Due to the amendment, the adulteration offence will be cognizable and non-bailable.

7. When was Jolly Grant airport built?

Answer : 1974

Explanation :

- The **Uttarakhand cabinet** has ratified a proposal to rename the **Jolly Grant airport** in the state capital after **late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. The Jolly Grant Airport, which is named after the area where it is situated, belongs to the **Airport Authority of India (AAI)**. It was built in the year **1974**.

November 28

1. Who launched Logix India 2019?

Answer : Suresh Prabhu

Explanation :

- The Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, **Suresh Prabhu**, launched the logo and brochure of **Logix India 2019** in **New Delhi**. **3-day Logix India 2019** is scheduled to take place in **New Delhi** from **31st January to 2nd February 2019**.
- It will be organized by the **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** to improve logistics cost effectiveness and operational efficiencies for India's global trade.

2. Which organization will build a world-class autism township near Kolkata?

Answer : IAC

Explanation :

- A non-profit organization named **the India Autism Center (IAC)** in association with the state government will build a world-class autism township near Kolkata at a cost of **Rs 500 crore**. This is a one-of-its-kind initiative, IAC, a non-profit organization under Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013 -will come up over a 52-acre plot at Sirakol in South 24 Parganas in the next five years.

3. Who released lexicons of 21 tribal languages for multilingual education (MLE)?

Answer : Odisha government

Explanation :

- To bring back the tribal languages in circulation and prevent them from vanishing, **Odisha** government released lexicons of 21 tribal languages for **multilingual education (MLE)** purposes for elementary schools in tribal dominated districts.
- Thus, this step towards tribal proficiency will help in better connection between the government functionaries and the tribal communities.

4. Where did the 7th International Tourism Mart (ITM) was held?

Answer : Agartala, Tripura

Explanation :

- To highlight the tourism potential of the North Eastern region in the domestic and international markets, The **3-day 7th International Tourism Mart (ITM)** was held for the first time at the Pragna Bhawan in **Agartala, Tripura**. It was inaugurated by the Governor of Tripura, Prof. **Kaptan Singh Solanki**.

5. “HAUSLA” 2018 will be inaugurated in which city?

Answer : India

Explanation :

- **The National Festival for Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs)- “Hausla 2018”** of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) was inaugurated by the Secretary, **Shri Rakesh Srivastava** in New Delhi. The **theme** for the event is **“Child Safety”**.
- In this festival Children will be participating in various events like Debate, painting competition, athletics meet, football, chess competition and Safe Neighborhood Day.

6. Who decided to rename the Dehradun airport after former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

Answer : Uttarakhand government

Explanation :

- The **Uttarakhand government** has decided to rename the **Dehradun airport** after former prime minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. The proposal to rename the Jolly Grant airport after Atal Bihari Vajpayee was approved by the state cabinet at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat**.
- The cabinet also gave its nod to the setting up of the **Uttarakhand State Agency For Public Services** to ensure time-bound delivery of services and redressal of complaints.

November 29

1. Government launched which portal for affordable credit and to connect directly with loan beneficiary?

Answer : PAiSA

Explanation :

- A centralized electronic platform for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** named **“PAiSA – Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access”**, was launched by Ministry of Housing.
- **PAiSA** is yet another effort by the government to connect directly with the beneficiaries, ensuring that there is greater transparency and efficiency in delivery of services.

2. Which ministry will launch Operation Raksha Gyan Shakti?

Answer : Department of Defence

Explanation :

- **‘Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti’**, has been formally launched Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman in **New Delhi**. As part of the ongoing initiatives to enhance self-reliance in defence, the Department of Defence Production has instituted a new framework titled **‘Mission Raksha GyanShakti’** which aims to provide a boost to the IPR culture in indigenous defence industry.

3. India’s premier National Research Laboratory CSIR will establish a High Skill Development Centre in which city?

Answer : Chandigarh

Explanation :

- India’s premier National Research Laboratory **CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH)** announced a new partnership with Merck, a leading **German science and technology company**, to establish a **‘High End Skill Development Centre’** in **CSIR-IMTECH, Chandigarh**.
- This ‘High End Skill Development Centre’ will enrich skills by conducting **workshops, trainings and seminar series on cutting edges life science processes, tools and techniques**. The centre will facilitate hands-on experience **to learning and real time sample analysis**.

4. Who is in collaboration with the Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE)?

Answer : NITI Aayog

Explanation :

- **NITI Aayog** in collaboration with the **Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) & Temasek Foundation (TF) International** organized the **2nd Phase of Urban Management Programme** on **‘Water Recycling and Reuse’** at India Habitat Centre in **New Delhi**.
- **8 States/UTs** were selected for the capacity building workshops through a Challenge Method. They were – **Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Puducherry and West Bengal**.

5. What is the new name of West Bengal Green University?

Answer : Rani Rashmoni Green University

Explanation :

- State assembly of West Bengal passed “**West Bengal Green University (Amendment) Bill 2018**” to rename the West Bengal Green University as **Rani Rashmoni Green University** in the commemoration of Rani Rashmoni’s 225th Birth anniversary.

6. What is the % announced by central government of Air India’s ground handling subsidiary- (AIATSL)?

Answer : 100% disinvestment

Explanation :

- The Central government announced **100% disinvestment** of Air India’s ground handling subsidiary- **Air India Air Transport Services Limited (AIATSL)** to partially pay off the accumulated **Rs 500 billion debt of Air India**.
- The decision was taken by an inter-ministerial panel, **Air India Specific Alternate Mechanism**, headed by Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley**.

November 30

1. Where did the International Gita Festival, 2018 will be organised?

Answer : Kurukshetra in Haryana

Explanation :

- **The International Gita Festival, 2018**, will be organised in **Kurukshetra in Haryana** from December 7-23, in which Mauritius will be the partner country and Gujarat the partner state.
- The Gita festival will also be organised in Mauritius next February. About 200 famous painters from across the country would reach Kurukshetra to draw paintings on the walls of Kurukshetra on the **theme of the Mahabharata** under the ‘**paint-the-wall**’ competition.

2. What is the single emergency number launch by Himachal Pradesh?

Answer : “112”

Explanation :

- **Himachal Pradesh** became the **first Indian state to launch a single emergency number “112”** which will connect to police, fire, health and other helplines through an **Emergency Response Centre (ERC) in Shimla** along with **12 District Command Centers (DCCs)** covering entire State.

- The service is part of the **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)** which includes a **‘112 India’** mobile app integrated with panic button of smartphones and ERSS state website for ease of citizen in availing immediate assistance.

3. Who is the partner with ‘South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference’?

Answer : UNESCO-MGIEP

Explanation :

- **Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS)**, functioning under **Ministry of Culture** will be organising a 3 day **‘South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference’** in partnership with **UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (UNESCO-MGIEP)** and Standing Together to Enable Peace from November 28-30.
- The conference will be held **at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, Delhi**. The conference is being organized to mark the beginning of celebration of **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.

4. Name the mobile app for reduce traffic congestion launched by Naveen Patnaik?

Answer : ‘Mo Cycle’

Explanation :

- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** launched a **public bicycle sharing project and a mobile app ‘Mo Cycle’** to reduce traffic congestion, enhance space efficiency and improve air quality in the city. About 2000 MO CYCLES will be operated by three leading vendors, Hero-Hexi, Yaana, and Yulu, at about 400 plus Mo Cycle stations around the city.

5. India –UK joint naval exercise “Konkan-2018” started in which state?

Answer : Goa

Explanation :

- **India and United Kingdom** Exercise **KONKAN-18** held at **Goa**, which is scheduled till **december 2,2018**. Naval cooperation between **India and the United Kingdom** is based on the long term strategic relationship between both countries. Both Navies have, over the years, **undertaken bilateral activities such as training exchanges and technical cooperation**.
- The **Bilateral KONKAN** exercise provides a platform for the two Navies to periodically exercise at sea and in harbour, so as to build interoperability and share best practices.
- The exercise is aimed at deriving mutual benefit from each others’ **experiences and is indicative of the continuing cooperation between the two countries**.

6. Name the unique initiative launched by government to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages?

Answer : Bhasha Sangam

Explanation :

- A unique initiative called **Bhasha Sangam** launched by government to introduce **school students to 22 Indian languages**. The initiative, under **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**, was launched on 22nd of this month and will continue till the 21st of December.
- Bhasha Sangam is a programme for schools and educational institutions to **provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages**.

7. Who formed a committee to prepare a policy for dealing with the scrapping of banned petrol and diesel vehicles?

Answer : National Green Tribunal (NGT)

Explanation :

- The **National Green Tribunal** (NGT) has formed a committee to prepare a policy for dealing with the scrapping of banned petrol and diesel vehicles. The committee will consist of secretary, Ministry of Road Transport, central government with representatives from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Environment Ministry and the Delhi government.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

November 1

1. Which are the countries have the world's "most powerful" passport with access to 165 countries?

Answer : Singapore and Germany

Explanation :

- In the latest ranking of the **Global Passport Index**, the Indian passport was ranked **66th** in the world. In the latest ranking of the **Global Passport Index**, the Indian passport was ranked 66th in the world. Other than India, **Kyrgyzstan and Zimbabwe** share the 66th rank.
- **Singapore and Germany** have the world's "most powerful" passport with access to 165 countries.

2. Who is the PM of Italy?

Answer : Giuseppe Conte

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed his Italian counterpart **Giuseppe Conte**, who is on a day-long visit to India. During his visit, PM Conte will hold talks with PM Modi to boost cooperation in key areas such as trade and investment, besides participating in the **India-Italy Technology Summit**.

November 2

1. What is the stand for ISA?

Answer : International Solar Alliance

Explanation :

- In a boost to Prime Minister Narendra Modi-initiated **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, **Japan** announced joining the group submitting the instrument of ratification. **Japan** will be the **71st country to sign** and **48th country to ratify the ISA Framework**.
- The decision was announced at the end of bilateral Summit between Prime Minister Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe.

2. How many people gathered in northern Indonesia to witness the inauguration of ‘Little India Gate’?

Answer : Nearly 7,000 people

Explanation :

- Nearly 7,000 people gathered in northern **Indonesia** to witness the inauguration of ‘**Little India Gate**’, the first-of-its-kind structure in the country which recognises the contribution of Indian community in the development of **Medan city**.

November 3

1. Where did 3-day long 1st Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health held?

Answer : Switzerland

Explanation :

- To combat one of the world’s most significant causes of premature death: Air Pollution, the **3-day long 1st Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health** concluded at the **World Health Organisation’s** headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Theme of the conference was: “**Improving Air Quality, Combatting Climate Change-Saving Lives**”.

2. In Asia, How many people undernourished, according to a report launched by UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)?

Answer : Switzerland

Explanation :

- **Nearly half a billion people in Asia are hungry** and lack access to adequate nourishing food, including in the region’s largest cities, said a new **report** by the **UN food security** agency. An estimated 486 million people remain undernourished in Asia, according to a report launched by **UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**.

November 4

1. Where was India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS) 2018 held?

Answer : Dubai

Explanation :

- **India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS) 2018** was held in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. The summit aimed to promote investments from UAE to India and India to UAE. It aimed to identify the investment areas, projects, funding needs and helped to raise investments to funds vital infrastructure projects.
- Focus Indian States were: Delhi, Assam, Punjab and West Bengal.

November 5

1. Where was The 18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting held?

Answer : Durban, South Africa

Explanation :

- The **18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting** was held in **Durban, South Africa**. The Theme of the IORA meeting was: “IORA: Uniting the Peoples of Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Middle East through enhanced cooperation for Peace, Stability And Sustainable Development”.
- Launch of a special initiative entitled the “**IORA Nelson Mandela ‘Be the Legacy’ internship programme**” was done to empower the youth and pay tribute to Nelson Mandela.

2. Which country is one of the world’s most active Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) testing environments?

Answer : Singapore

Explanation :

- **Singapore** has maintained its rank as **number one Asian city** in the **Sustainability Index** by engineering firm **Arcadis**. The Sustainability Index assessed cities based on 3 pillars: profit pillar, people pillar and planet pillar.
- As per the study, Singapore is one of the world’s most active Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) testing environments.

November 6

1. Who is the Minister of State for External Affairs?

Answer : Gen. VK Singh

Explanation :

- **Gen. VK Singh** Minister of State for External Affairs, attended the **18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting in Durban, South Africa**. This meeting is taking place during the on-going celebrations of the **150th year of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi** and the **100th birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela**.
- India supports the intensification and invigoration of IORA activities, from renewable energy and the blue economy to maritime safety and security.

2. What are the countries resumed their battalion-level marine exercises “Korea Marine Exercise Program (KMEP)”?

Answer : South Korea and United States

Explanation :

- **South Korea** and the **United States** resumed their battalion-level marine exercises “**Korea Marine Exercise Program (KMEP)**”, in **Pohang, South Korea**. KMEP was suspended in May 2018 for 6 months in the middle of peace efforts with North Korea by South Korea and United States.

3. Where did the ‘Sharjah-India Business Roundtable’ held?

Answer : South Korea and United States

Explanation :

- **India** and **Sharjah** decided to boost economic ties at **The ‘Sharjah-India Business Roundtable’**, that was held in **Sharjah, UAE**. It was organized by Sharjah FDI Office, **Invest in Sharjah**.

November 7

1. Who is the Vice President of India?

Answer : Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- During the visit of Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu, India has agreed for the deputation of experts in five fields to assist Zimbabwe. **Around 6 agreements in various fields** were signed in areas including Mining, Visa waiver, Broadcasting and Culture. India will extend Line of credits of more than 350 million US Dollars to Zimbabwe for two power projects and a drinking water project.

November 8

1. How many MoUs did have sing between India and Malawi?

Answer : three

Explanation :

- **India and Malawi** have signed three MoUs on Extradition Treaty, cooperation in the field of Atomic Energy for peaceful purposes and VISA Waiver for Diplomatic and Official Passports. The MoU was signed during Vice President Venkaiah Naidu visit in Malawi. India will also extend a new Line of credit of 215 million US dollars to Malawi for 18 water projects.

November 9

1. What did was unveile by China at the Air Show China 2018 in Zhuhai?

Answer : UAV – CH7

Explanation :

- **China** has unveiled its new-generation stealth combat **unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)**, stated to be the **most advanced drone** developed so far by the country. The **UAV – CH7** was unveiled at the **Air Show China 2018** in Zhuhai, South China’s Guangdong Province.
- The **CH7** makes China the **second** country, following the **US**, to produce high-altitude long-endurance combat UAVs with advanced penetration capabilities.

November 10

1. Who is the attorney general of US?

Answer : Matthew Whitaker

Explanation :

- US President **Donald Trump** said Attorney General **Jeff Sessions’** chief of staff, Matthew Whitaker, will be acting attorney general. It marked the first cabinet member exit from the Trump administration after the midterm elections.

November 11

1. Which country has involved India as a digital partner?

Answer : China

Explanation :

- China has involved India as a digital partner, as part of Beijing's drive to cyber-connect with Eurasia, its new frontier for trade and investments. At a conference on defining common international standards for two-dimensional (2D) barcodes, Chinese officials announced that India is already on board in this global exercise.

2. What is the rename of 5th World Internet Conference (WIC) was held in China?

Answer : Wuzhen Summit

Explanation :

- The **5th World Internet Conference (WIC)**, also known as the **Wuzhen Summit**, was held in **Wuzhen, China**. The conference aimed to bring out exchanges, mutual learning, cooperation and sharing in the digital fields and stressed on peace and development of the global cyberspace.
- Two reports were released on Internet development in China and the world. More than 20 themed forums and discussions were conducted.

3. Which became the first country in the world to impose a ban on **sunscreens** toxic to coral reefs?

Answer : Palau

Explanation :

- **Palau** became the first country in the world to impose a ban on **sunscreens** toxic to coral reefs. The laws passed by the Western Pacific nation will go into effect in 2020. This is part of a larger push to reduce the impact of tourism on the archipelago.
- Additionally, **Thailand** also announced in October that it would have to close **Maya Bay** indefinitely.

November 12

1. Which country has involved India as a digital partner?

Answer : China

Explanation :

- **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** embarked on a seven-day 3-South African nation visit to **Botswana, Zimbabwe** and **Malawi**.
- VP inaugurated the **13th Annual Global Expo Botswana 2018** which was held in **Gaborone, Botswana**. **Botswana** decided to join the **International Solar Alliance**

November 13

1. In Which country 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit began?

Answer : Singapore

Explanation :

- The **33rd** edition of the **ASEAN Summit** began in **Singapore**. Prime Minister of Singapore **Lee Hsien Loong** is the Chairman of the Summit, which will continue till 15th November along with other related summits like **East Asia Summit (EAS)**, **Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP)** and **ASEAN plus summits**.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is scheduled to attend the **East Asia Summit** and Associated meetings of ASEAN on 14th and 15th November in Singapore.

2. What are the countries signed an agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters?

Answer : India and Morocco

Explanation :

- **India and Morocco** signed an agreement on **Mutual Legal Assistance** in Criminal Matters. This MOU will strengthen bilateral cooperation, provide a broad legal framework for prevention, investigation and prosecution of crimes. It will also help in tracing, restraint and confiscation of funds meant to finance terrorist acts.
- This was a part of the minister's resolve to jointly counter the threats posed by organized crime and terrorism.

3. Who is the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund?

Answer : Christine Lagarde

Explanation :

- **The Third Edition Of The FinTech Festival Kicks Off In Singapore** Alongside The **ASEAN Summit**. It Will Begin With **The Three-Day Fintech Conference**. Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi**, and **Christine Lagarde**, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, will address the audience on the third day of the FinTech Conference.

November 14

1. In Which place 7-day inaugural edition of Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' held?

Answer : Port of Surabaya

Explanation :

- To strengthen bilateral relations, expand maritime co-operation, enhance interoperability and exchange best practices, **INS Rana** reached the port of Surabaya to participate in the 7-day inaugural edition of **Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti'**.
- It would include operations such as Joint Manoeuvres, Helicopter Operations, Surface Warfare exercise, ASW exercise and Anti-Piracy exercises.

2. What is the theme of 3rd annual meeting of World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Future Councils?

Answer : Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Explanation :

- Experts to identify new ideas and models that can be applied to critical global challenges, the 2 day **3rd annual meeting of World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Future Councils** concluded in **Dubai, UAE**.
- This year's Annual Meeting theme is: **Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution**.

November 15

1. Which country is the **2nd** biggest emitter of carbon dioxide from the power sector in the world?

Answer : US

Explanation :

- According to the report by the **International Energy Agency** titled '**World Energy Outlook**', India would surpass US as the **2nd** biggest emitter of carbon dioxide from the power sector in the world after **China**. India's growing energy demand is the reason for the title which is expected to be achieved before **2030**.
- Globally, **India and Southeast Asia** combined are the growth centers for coal-fired power, with demand more than doubling over the period to **2040**.

November 16

1. After, How many years the UN Security Council has unanimously agreed to lift sanctions against Eritrea?

Answer : Nine years

Explanation :

- The **UN Security Council** has unanimously agreed to lift sanctions against **Eritrea after nine years**. An arms embargo, asset freeze, and travel ban were imposed in 2009 amid claims Eritrea supported al-Shabab militants in Somalia. Eritrea always denied the accusations. The resolution, drafted by the UK, was backed by the US and its allies.
- Eritrea agreed a peace deal with Ethiopia in June following two decades of animosity, while the leader of Eritrea and the UN-backed government in Somalia recently signed a joint cooperation agreement.

2. Where did the 13th East Asia Summit held?

Answer : Singapore.

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the **13th East Asia Summit in Singapore**. The summit is a regional forum held annually by **leaders of 18 countries** in the East Asian, Southeast Asian and South Asian regions, including Russia and the United States.
- He presented awards to winners of first India-Singapore Hackathon. Mr. Modi attended the second Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Summit with 16 member states.

November 17

1. What is the theme of the Summit World Tolerance Day?

Answer : 'Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration'.

Explanation :

- The two-day summit to mark the **World Tolerance Day** was inaugurated in **Dubai**. Held for the first time in UAE, the **theme** of the Summit was '**Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration**'.
- More than 2,000 ministers and government leaders from around the world are participating in the Summit.

2. Which word has declared as the word of the Year by Oxford Dictionary?

Answer : ‘Toxic’

Explanation :

- **Oxford Dictionary** has declared the adjective ‘**toxic**’ as the **Word of the Year** for what it says reflects the ethos, mood, or preoccupations in 2018. The adjective toxic is defined as ‘poisonous’. **The Oxford Word of the Year** is a word or expression that is judged to have lasting potential as a term of cultural significance.
- The word toxic was selected from a shortlist that included contenders such as ‘gaslighting,’ ‘incel’ and ‘techlash.

November 18

1. What is the speed of Morocco’s first high-speed rail line?

Answer : Speed of up to 320 kph (199 mph)

Explanation :

- French President Emmanuel Macron and Morocco’s King Mohammed VI have inaugurated **Morocco’s first high-speed rail line**, the first ever such line in **Africa**. Known as the LGV, it will connect the economic hubs of Tangier and Casablanca in 2 hours 10 minutes at a speed of up to **320 kph (199 mph)** instead of almost 5 hours on a regular train.

November 19

1. Who did the Morocco’s first high-speed rail line inaugurate in Africa?

Answer : French President Emmanuel Macron and Morocco’s King Mohammed VI

Explanation :

- **Morocco’s** first high-speed rail line, the first ever such line **in Africa** was unveiled. It was inaugurated by **French President Emmanuel Macron** and **Morocco’s King Mohammed VI**. It is known as **LGV** and will connect the economic hubs of Tangier and Casablanca in 2 hours 10 minutes.

2. Which has unanimously agreed to lift sanctions against Eritrea after nine years?

Answer : The United Nations Security Council

Explanation :

- **The United Nations Security Council** has unanimously agreed to **lift sanctions against Eritrea after nine years**. The resolution, drafted by the UK, was backed by the US and its allies. The UN vote comes amid a thaw in relations between Eritrea and its neighbours following years of conflict.

November 20

1. Who is the Minister for Transportation and Telecommunications of Bahrain?

Answer : Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohammed

Explanation :

- The Bahrain government will sign an agreement with India early next year for cooperation in **space technology**. It was announced by **Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohammed**, Minister for Transportation and Telecommunications, Bahrain.

- The agreement will be mainly **for training purposes** and both countries will cooperate.

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Answer : LGV

Explanation :

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- The king named the first line **Al Boraq** after a mythical winged creature that transported the prophets to the heavens.

November 21

1. Which country has top position in Global Annual talent ranking released by renowned IMD Business School, Switzerland?

Answer : Switzerland

Explanation :

- India has slipped two places to rank 53rd Position in Global Annual talent ranking released by renowned IMD Business School, Switzerland on 20 November 2018. Switzerland retained the top Position for the fifth consecutive year. Denmark attained 2nd rank, while Norway attained 3rd Rank.
- Singapore also topped the Asia region with 13th Rank while China is ranked 39th. India ranked at 51st Position in 2017.

November 22

1. Which country have decided to step up defence cooperation and oil exploration with India?

Answer : Vietnam

Explanation :

- **India and Vietnam** have decided to step up **defence cooperation and oil exploration with India**. It aims to boost their bilateral ties as they reaffirmed the importance of freedom of navigation, over-flight and unimpeded economic activities in the South China Sea.
- Kovind and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Phu Trong agreed to effectively implement the Joint Vision Statement on **Vietnam-India Defence Cooperation for the period of 2018-2020**.

2. What is the Full form of VSHORAD?

Answer : Very Short Range Air Defense

Explanation :

- **Russian** defence major Rosoboronexport emerged as the lowest bidder in the **Indian Army's** tender for procurement of a batch of **Igla-S, very short range air defense** or **VSHORAD** program missile system, worth **\$1.47 billion**.
- Furthermore, **600 missiles** will be produced in India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Make in India initiative.

November 23

1. Who unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Parramatta in Sydney?

Answer : The President Ram Nath Kovind (India)

Explanation :

- **India and Australia** signed five agreements to boost **investments and enhance cooperation** during President Ram Nath Kovind's visit to the country and he had also unveiled the statue of **Mahatma Gandhi** at Parramatta in Sydney. Kovind, the first Indian head of state to visit the country, held talks with Australian Prime Minister **Scott Morrison** in Sydney to step up bilateral strategic ties.
- The agreements were signed in the field of **disability sector, education, trade-investment, scientific cooperation, agriculture and on higher education focussing on PhD** by both the nations.

2. In which place the 12th world congress of the **International Society for Mountain Medicine (ISMM)** will be held?

Answer : Kathmandu, Nepal

Explanation :

- The 12th world congress of the **International Society for Mountain Medicine (ISMM)** will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal. "**Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas**" will be the theme of 4 day congress. The program includes many aspects of **mountain medicine**, from science through to expedition medicine.
- The biennial event mainly focuses on science and research aspects of high altitude medicine. It will also include practical workshops related to **trekking, expedition medicine and clinical education**.

November 24

1. In which place the **ConMac 2018** held?

Answer : Bhaktapur (Kathmandu, Nepal)

Explanation :

- The **Embassy of India** in Nepal and **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** organized a 3-day exhibition of construction equipment and technology - **ConMac 2018** in Bhaktapur near **Kathmandu, Nepal**. It was inaugurated by Nepal's Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transport Raghbir Mahaseth.
- Ambassador of India to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri will be the Guest of Honour. The exhibition aims to further enhance high level engagement between construction industries of the two countries.

November 25

1. When will the Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 be held in Monaco?

Answer : February 18, 2019.

Explanation :

- The 'Oscars of sports', the Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 will be held in Monaco on February 18 next year. Sport's premier global awards ceremony will celebrate the best of 2018 across eight individual and team categories, with the winners collecting a prized Laureus Statuette.

November 26

1. Who is the National Security Advisor of India?

Answer : Ajit Doval

Explanation :

- The 2-day 21st round of **India-China Special Representatives border talks** concluded at **Dujiangyan** near southwest China's **Chengdu city**. This was held between: National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval** from the Indian side and Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councillor **Wang Yi** from the Chinese side.

November 27

1. What is the name of the World's first ever underground luxury hotel?

Answer : The InterContinental Shanghai Wonderland

Explanation :

- World's first ever underground luxury hotel named- **The InterContinental Shanghai Wonderland**- opened in **Songjiang** district, southwest of **Shanghai, China**. It houses 18 storeys with 16 of them below the ground.

2. Who are the members of the Laureus Academy?

Answer : Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar

Explanation :

- The **19th edition** of the prestigious **Laureus World Sports Awards** will be held in **Monaco on February 18, 2019**. Considered as the '**Oscars of sports**', the Laureus World Sports Awards celebrate global sporting achievements across the calendar year.
- Former India cricket captains Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar are **members of the Laureus Academy**.

November 28

1. Where did the 2-day 1st Russia—India Strategic Dialogue conclude?

Answer : St. Petersburg, Russia.

Explanation :

- To have bilateral discussions dedicated to the priorities of the economic policy of the two countries, the **2-day 1st Russia—India Strategic Dialogue** concluded in **St. Petersburg, Russia**.
- The joint Russia—India Trade, Economic, and Investment Cooperation Development Strategy was also presented in the forum.

2. Which state is the first U.S. state to accept tax payments in the form of crypto currency?

Answer : Ohio

Explanation :

- **Ohio** is now the first U.S. state to accept tax payments in the form of crypto currency. The state will use **BitPay**, a crypto currency **global payment system**, to complete the process.

- The launch of OhioCrypto.com, which will allow citizens to pay taxes with Bitcoin. Businesses in the US state of **Ohio** can now pay their taxes using Bitcoin (BTC), marking the **first state** within the nation to officially accept **crypto currencies** to pay for such transactions.

3. How did the president of martial law imposed by Ukraine's parliament call?

Answer : "Growing aggression"

Explanation :

- **Ukraine's parliament** has imposed **martial law** in the country to fight what its president called "**growing aggression**" from **Moscow** after a weekend naval confrontation off the disputed **Crimean Peninsula** in which Russia fired on and seized three Ukrainian vessels amid renewed tensions between the neighbors.
- Russia and Ukraine blamed each other in the dispute that further ratcheted up tensions ever since **Moscow annexed Crimea in 2014**.

November 29

1. Why did Nepal government have launched a Social Security Scheme in Kathmandu?

Answer : For formal sector workers of the country

Explanation :

- **Nepal government** has launched a **Social Security Scheme in Kathmandu** for formal sector workers of the country. Unveiling the scheme Prime Minister **K.P.Sharma Oli** said a new era of social security has begun in Nepal.
- The new social security scheme is contribution based and it will cover **health and medical facilities, safe motherhood, accident and physical incapacity security, security to dependent family members and security at old age**.

2. What is the theme of 13th G-20 2018 summit?

Answer : Building Consensus for a Fair and Sustainable Development

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Argentinian capital Buenos Aires to take part in the **13th G-20 2018 summit**. The **theme** of the summit is – **Building Consensus for a Fair and Sustainable Development**. The Prime Minister will be speaking on several welfare schemes including **Ayushman Bharat, soil health card, MUDRA Yojna** among other issues in **Putting People First session**.
- Prime Minister will also attend a trilateral meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

3. What is the aim of Sustainable Blue Economy Conference concluded at Nairobi, Kenya?

Answer : To work through the framework of the **Indian Ocean Rim Association**.

Explanation :

- To advance the global conversation on the sustainable development of the Blue Economy, the **1st 3-day Sustainable Blue Economy Conference** concluded at **Kenyatta International Convention Center, KICC, in Nairobi, Kenya**. It started from November 26, 2018.
- It aims to work through the framework of the **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)**.

November 30

1. Who is the Ambassador of India to the UAE?

Answer : Mr. Navdeep Suri

Explanation :

- The two day Second edition of **India-UAE Strategic Conclave** organized by **Economic Times, India** was held in the Capital of United Arab Emirates (UAE), **Abu Dhabi**. Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Mr. **Navdeep Suri** inaugurated the conclave where Key Business leaders and senior government officials lay down the blueprint to improve Economic cooperation between the two countries and explore the opportunities to enhance trade.

2. Which released the 3rd edition of 'Inclusive Wealth Report 2018'?

Answer : UN Environment (**Paris, France.**)

Explanation :

- UN Environment released the 3rd edition of '**Inclusive Wealth Report 2018**' and an **Inclusive Wealth Index** on margins of UN Environment Finance Initiative Global Roundtable in **Paris, France**.
- According to the preliminary finding, the **Republic of Korea, Singapore and Malta** topped the chart of biennial survey of growth in the wealth of nations.

3. Which released the latest edition of Global Water Monitor & Forecast Watch List?

Answer : IScience (US based limited liability Corporation)

Explanation :

- According to the latest edition of **Global Water Monitor & Forecast Watch List (November 2018)**, released by **IScience** (US based limited liability Corporation), Water deficits will increase and intensify in India in **2019**.

SPORTS

November 1

1. Who become the first Indian to win an Asian Snooker Tour event?

Answer : Pankaj Advani

Explanation :

- **Nineteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani** has won the second leg of the Asian Snooker Tour in **Jinan, China**. Advani delivered a power-packed performance to outclass China's Ju Reti 6-1 in the final and become the **first Indian to win an Asian Snooker Tour event**.

November 2

1. Who was named as the brand ambassador of the 10th edition of AIBA Women's World Championship?

Answer : MC Mary Kom

Explanation :

- Olympic bronze medalist boxer **MC Mary Kom** was named as the **brand ambassador** of the **10th edition of AIBA Women's World Championship**, which will be held from November 15-24, 2018, **in New Delhi**.
- The logo depicted "fire and women's empowerment". Theme of the anthem was: "Make some noise, scream and shout! We are here to knock you out!!!"

November 3

1. What is the slogan of **World Corporate Games** held at Qatar?

Answer : Qatar, where the World comes to compete'

Explanation :

- **Sports for Life, organisers of the World Corporate Games**, announced that the 2019 edition will be held in Qatar under the slogan '**Qatar, where the World comes to compete'**. The 23rd edition is set to be held in November and will be the first ever to take place in the Middle East.
- The announcement was made on the sidelines of the **Qatar-Germany Investment and Business Forum held in Berlin**.

2. Which country will host a Formula One race in April 2020?

Answer : Hanoi (Vietnam)

Explanation :

- **Vietnam** will host a **Formula One race in April 2020**. Vietnam will be only the third Southeast Asian country to host a Formula One race, after Malaysia and Singapore. The race will be hosted in the capital **Hanoi**.

November 4

1. Which country won the 5th SAFF U-15 Championship 2018?

Answer : Bangladesh

Explanation :

- The **5th SAFF U-15 Championship 2018** was held at the ANFA Complex, Kathmandu, **Nepal**. **Bangladesh** beat Pakistan 3-2 on penalties in the final, and won its 2nd **SAFF U-15 Championship title**. Earlier, Bangladesh had won the title in 2016.
- Pakistan finished as the runner-up. India beat Nepal 1-0 and finish in the third position.

November 5

1. Who became the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals?

Answer : Simone Biles

Explanation :

- **Simone Biles made history** by picking up her record **13th career gold medal at the world gymnastics championships** in Doha, Qatar. Simone Biles became the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals. She hails from **the USA**.

November 6

1. Who won SaarLorLux Open Badminton Championship Super 100 badminton tournament in Saarbrücken, Germany?

Answer : Subhankar Dey

Explanation :

- **India's Subhankar Dey** upset fifth seed Rajeev Ouseph in straight games to win the **SaarLorLux Open Badminton Championship Super 100 badminton tournament in Saarbrücken, Germany**. The unseeded Subhankar got the better of England's Ouseph in the finals.

November 7

1. Who won the Malaysian MotoGP?

Answer : Marc Marquez

Explanation :

- World champion **Marc Marquez** won the **Malaysian MotoGP** surging past Valentino Rossi who crashed out when leading. Suzuki's Alex Rins came in second after overtaking Yamaha rider Johann Zarco, who finished third, in the final stage of the race at Sepang, Malaysia.

November 8

1. Tennis Player Luksika Kumkhum related to which country?

Answer : Thailand

Explanation :

- Thailand's **Luksika Kumkhum** won her first WTA (Women's Tennis Association) title by winning the singles title in the **L&T Mumbai Open** at the Cricket Club of India courts, **in Mumbai**.
- In the Doubles, Natela Dzalamidze and Veronika Kudermetova of Russia won the title by defeating Bibiane Schoofs of Netherlands and Barbora Stefakova of Czech Republic 6-4, 7-6(4).

November 9

1. Which pairs struck gold at the 11th Asian Championship in India's 10m rifle mixed team?

Answer : Elavenil Valarivan and Hriday Hazarika

Explanation :

- **India's 10m rifle mixed team** pairing of **Elavenil Valarivan and Hriday Hazarika** struck **gold** at the **11th Asian Championship** with a junior world record score in the final **in Kuwait city**. Mehuli Ghosh and Arjun Babuta also won bronze in the same event.

2. For Which game Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary won gold medal in the 11th Asian Airgun Championships?

Answer : 10m air pistol mixed team

Explanation :

- **Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary** set the junior world record by winning the **10m air pistol mixed team gold medal in the 11th Asian Airgun Championships**. India's junior shooting squad thus ended the championship with a tally of 11 medals, including four gold.
- A second Chinese team won bronze while India's second pair in the finals, Abhidnya Patil and Anmol Jain, finished fourth.

November 10

1. How old are Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia?

Answer : 24-year-old

Explanation :

- **Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia** touched a new high in his career by achieving the **number one rank in the world in the 65kg category**. The 24-year-old Bajrang, who has won five medals this season, including **CWG and Asian Games gold and a silver at the World Championship**, was placed atop the ranking table **with 96 points in the UWW list**.

November 11

1. Who has been appointed captain of the United States national cricket team?

Answer : Saurabh Netravalkar

Explanation :

- **Saurabh Netravalkar**, a former Mumbai medium pacer and India U-19 cricketer, has been appointed **captain** of the **United States national cricket team**. He was India's highest wicket-taker in the 2010 U-19 World Cup. He also played Ranji Trophy for a season.

November 12

1. Where was 11th Asian Air Gun championship held?

Answer : Kuwait

Explanation :

- **11th Asian Air Gun championship** was held at Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Olympic Shooting Complex at Kuwait City, **in Kuwait**. India's junior shooters won a total of **11 medals**: 4 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals.

November 13

1. Which award is won by Mercedes?

Answer : Constructors championship

Explanation :

- Five-time world champion **Lewis Hamilton** won **Brazilian Grand Prix** in Brazil. This is Lewis Hamilton's 10th victory of 2018 and 72nd victory of his career. **Mercedes** won the **constructors championship** for the 5th consecutive season.

November 14

1. How many times Czech Republic won the 2018 Fed Cup Trophy?

Answer : 6 times

Explanation :

- **Czech Republic** won the **2018 Fed Cup** Trophy for the 6th time in eight years, in Czech Republic. Czech Republic defeated defending champion United States 3-0 in the final and won the 2018 Fed Cup.
- It was the first victory for Czech Republic against United States, since Czech Republic was created after separation from Czechoslovakia in 1993.

2. Which government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with All India Football Federation (AIFF)?

Answer : Odisha Government

Explanation :

- The **Odisha government** and the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) that will see the coastal state hosting several youth teams of the national team and academies including the setting up of a **high-performance centre in Odisha**.

November 15

1. In which Stadium National team camps hosted by AIFF?

Answer : Kalinga Stadium Complex

Explanation :

- **Odisha** government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** to host National team camps and become the home of the I-League side Indian Arrows. The training and related infrastructure like gymnasiums, swimming pool, etc, will be set up at the Kalinga Stadium Complex.
- The Indian Under-15 National team and AIFF's development side Indian Arrows, consisting of Indian Under-17 World Cup players, have been using the infrastructure.

November 16

1. Who are the toppest batsmen and bowlers ranking in ICC ODI (One Day International)?

Answer : Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah

Explanation :

- India captain **Virat Kohli** and fast bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** maintained their **top positions** in the batsmen and bowlers ranking respectively in the latest ICC (International Cricket Council) **ODI (One Day International) rankings** published on 13th November 2018.

2. Which medal is won by **Aabid Hamid** at the **World Kick Boxing Championship** in **Argentinas**?

Answer : Gold medal

Explanation :

- **Aabid Hamid**, a 15-year-old Kashmiri student, has won **gold medal**, at the **World Kick Boxing Championship** in **Argentinas**, held from 5th to 10th November 2018.
- Aabid Hamid won gold medal in the 52kg category. He was the only gold medal winner from India in the tournament. He was part of nine-member Team India.

November 17

1. How old is **Aabid Hameed** Kashmiri?

Answer : 15-year-old

Explanation :

- **Aabid Hameed**, a 15-year-old Kashmiri, was the shining light at the recently concluded **World Kickboxing Championship in Argentina** when he became the lone gold medal winner (junior category, 55 kg) for India.
- Aabid was a part of the nine-member Indian contingent which went to the South-American country for the Championship.

November 18

1. Who has retired from all crickets, due to bleeding lung condition?

Answer : John Hastings (Australia)

Explanation :

- **Former Australia all-rounder John Hastings** has retired from all crickets, citing the risks posed by a bleeding lung condition. Hastings played one Test, 29 ODIs and nine Twenty20 internationals for Australia before retiring from Tests and ODIs a year ago to become a T20 specialist.

November 19

1. Who won the Bengaluru Open ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Challenger title?

Answer : Prajnesh Gunneswaran

Explanation :

- **Prajnesh Gunneswaran** won the **Bengaluru Open ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Challenger title** in Bengaluru. Prajnesh Gunneswaran defeated Saketh Myneni and won the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger title.

November 20

1. Where did the ATP World Tour Finals held?

Answer : London

Explanation :

- German Player Alexandar Zverev beat Serbian player Novak Djokovic by a margin of 6-4 and 6-3 to win the ATP World Tour Finals in London. Alexander Zverev is now the first German to win ATP Singles title since Boris Becker did it in 1995.
- The ATP world tour season features only the world's best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams.

November 21

1. How many times the International Badminton titles won by Indonesian pair in the tournaments sanctioned by Badminton World Federation (BWF)?

Answer : 8 times

Explanation :

- Indonesian men's doubles players **Marcus Fernaldi Gideon/Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo** won the final match of 2018 Hong Kong Open after trashed their Japanese rivals Takeshi Kamura/ Keigo Sonoda 21-13, 21-12.
- It was the **8th international badminton titles** for the Indonesian pair in the tournaments sanctioned by Badminton World Federation (BWF).

November 22

1. Where did women's World Boxing Championship held at?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- India's **Mary Kom** defeated China's Wu Yu 5-0 in the **48kg** quarterfinals of the women's **World Boxing Championships in New Delhi**. She is assured of a medal. **Mary becomes the most successful medal winner** in the Championship's history with seven medals across different weight categories.

November 23

1. Which prize was won by Lakshya Sen in LI NING BWF World Junior Championship?

Answer : Bronze medal

Explanation :

- LI NING BWF World Junior Championship was organized at **Markham, Canada** in which India's top Junior Shuttler **Lakshya Sen** won the bronze medal in Men's Single event.
- Lakshya Sen lost 22-20, 16-21, 13-21 to Thailand's **Kunlavut Vitidsarn** in the semi-final of the men's single junior championship on 17th November 2018.

November 24

1. Who became the first Indian batsman to touch the 11,000-run figure in the Ranji Trophy?

Answer : Wasim Jaffer

Explanation :

- **Veteran first-class cricketer Wasim Jaffer** became **the first Indian batsman to touch the 11,000-run figure in the Ranji Trophy**. The Vidharbha batsman achieved the milestone during the third-round match against Baroda in Nagpur at the **Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA) Stadium, Nagpur, Maharashtra**.
- The cricketer, who had made his first-class debut in 1996-97, emerged as one of the legends of the Indian domestic cricket. The former opener had made his international **Test debut against South Africa** in April 2008.

November 25

1. Who becoming India's only six-time world boxing champion?

Answer : Mary Kom

Explanation :

- Legendary **boxer Mary Kom** scripted history, becoming **India's only six-time world boxing champion** after defeating Hanna Okhota of Ukraine.
- Mary has also registered her name in history books as she has now **equalled** male pugilist **Felix Savon of Cuba**, becoming an all-time best boxer with six gold and one silver medal in World Championships.

2. Men's Hockey World Cup anthem was composed by whom?

Answer : A.R. Rahman

Explanation :

- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** released **Men's Hockey World Cup anthem** composed by renowned music director and composer **A.R. Rahman** and penned by veteran lyricist **Gulzar**. The Chief Minister released the hockey sports anthem '**Jai Hind**' in the presence of Rahman **in Bhubaneswar**.
- Rahman will be performing live during the inaugural ceremony of hockey world cup **at Kalinga Stadium** on November 27 and also at a concert **at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack** on November 28.

November 26

1. Where did the Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2018 organise?

Answer : Canberra (Australia)

Explanation :

- India's **C.A. Bhavani Devi** won the **gold** medal in the **Sabre event** in the **Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2018 held in Canberra, Australia**. Bhavani Devi is the **first Indian to win a gold** medal in the Commonwealth Championship. She defeated England's Emily Ruaux 15-12 in the final.

November 27

1. Who won a double gold in junior sport pistol?

Answer : Manu Bhaker

Explanation :

- **Manu Bhaker** of Haryana won a **double gold in junior sport pistol** while Ravi Kumar and Rahi Sarnobat were crowned national champions in the men and women's events respectively **in Thiruvananthapuram**. The 16-year-old Bhaker claimed the individual gold in junior girl's sport pistol with 24, a yellow metal in junior team and a silver in senior team.

2. Who recorded his 11th win of the season as the F1 season?

Answer : Lewis Hamilton

Explanation :

- World champion **Lewis Hamilton** recorded his **11th** win of the season as the F1 season came to an entertaining close **in Abu Dhabi**. The world champion crowns a championship-winning season with victory in the final race. Vettel takes second, ahead of Max Verstappen in third.

November 28

1. Who beat by Sameer Verma to retain the Syed Modi International World Tour Super 300 tournament in Lucknow?

Answer : Guangzu Lu (China)

Explanation :

- Olympic medallist **Saina Nehwal** settled for **silver**, while **Sameer Verma** beat China's Guangzu Lu to retain the Syed Modi **International World Tour Super 300 tournament in Lucknow**.
- This was Verma's third title in the ongoing year following his victories at the Swiss and Hyderabad Open. It helped him surpass Kenta Nishimoto at World No.8 and seal his spot in the year-ending BWF World Tour Finals.

November 29

1. Which is the official mascot for the Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup?

Answer : Turtle 'Olly'

Explanation :

- The 14th edition of Hockey Men's World Cup kicked off with a grand opening ceremony at the Kalinga Stadium in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. Chief Minister of Odisha **Naveen Patnaik** declared the Hockey World Cup open. The event is being held from **28th November to 16th December 2018**.
- **Turtle 'Olly'** is the official mascot for the Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup. It represents the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles that travel thousands of miles in the ocean and arrive in millions every year on Odisha's beaches for their annual nesting.

November 30

1. How many times Magnus Carlsen has won the Chess Championship?

Answer : 4 times

Explanation :

- Norway's **Magnus Carlsen** retained his title as World Chess Champion beating US opponent **Fabiano Caruana** in a tie-breaker event. Magnus Carlsen has won the Chess Championship thrice earlier. He had two match lead and he needs only a draw in the third tie-breaker to seal his victory.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

November 1

1. Where did Agni-1 ballistic missile test conduct from?

Answer : Dr Abdul Kalam Island (Odisha coast)

Explanation :

- India's indigenously developed nuclear-capable **Agni-1** ballistic missile had a successful 2nd time night time test, conducted from **Dr Abdul Kalam Island** off the **Odisha coast**.

The test was undertaken as a part of periodic training activity by the **Strategic Forces Command (SFC)**.

- It was developed by advanced systems laboratory of the DRDO with **Defence Research Development Laboratory and Research Centre Imaratand** integrated by Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad.

November 2

1. What is the use of Shakti microprocessor?

Answer : Reduce the reliance on imported microprocessors in communication and defence sectors

Explanation :

- Researchers at **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IITM)** have designed and booted up **India's first microprocessor, Shakti**, which could be used in mobile computing and other devices.
- According to IITM, the **Shakti** microprocessor can be used in low-power wireless systems and networking systems besides reducing reliance on imported microprocessors in communication and defence sectors.

November 3

1. For which purpose China launched a high orbit satellite?

Answer : To boost its home-grown BeiDou global satellite navigation system

Explanation :

- **China** has successfully launched a **high orbit satellite** to boost its home-grown **BeiDou global satellite navigation system** being built to rival United States Global Position System (GPS). The satellite was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the southwestern Sichuan Province.
- Launched on a **Long March-3B carrier rocket**, **it is the 41st of the BeiDou navigation system, and will work with 16 other Beidou-3 satellites** already in orbit.

November 4

1. What is the name of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) bot to identify galaxies in deep space?

Answer : ClaRAN

Explanation :

- Researchers have taught an Artificial Intelligence (AI) bot named "**ClaRAN**" to **identify galaxies in deep space**. The AI bot named "ClaRAN" used to recognise faces on Facebook. It has been trained to scan images taken by radio telescopes.
- ClaRAN was developed from an open source version of Microsoft and Facebook's object detection software. ClaRAN is an open source software and is publicly available on Microsoft-owned GitHub.

November 7

1. What is INS Arihant?

Answer : Indian nuclear submarine (6,000-tonne ship)

Explanation :

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced successful completion of first deterrence patrol of the Indian nuclear submarine **INS Arihant**. INS Arihant, is a **6,000**-tonne ship that comes under the direct control of the Nuclear Command Authority headed by PM Modi.
- **Thus** the success of INS Arihant places India in the league of the few countries that can design, construct and operate **Strategic Strike Nuclear Submarines (SSBN)**.

November 8

1. Name the telescope has spotted a formation of galaxies that look like a smiling face in the sky?

Answer : Hubble Space telescope

Explanation :

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**)’s **Hubble Space telescope** has spotted a formation of **galaxies that look like a smiling face** in the sky. The image of galaxies looking like a smiling face was captured with Hubble telescope’s Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3).
- Hubble telescope captured the image in order to understand how new stars are brought to life throughout the cosmos.

November 11

1. What is the use of fluorescent carbon nanodot developed by IIT (Roorkee) Researchers?

Answer : Simultaneous detection and destruction of cancer cells.

Explanation :

- Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee**, have developed fluorescent carbon nanodots for **simultaneous detection and destruction of cancer cells**. The nano sized (10-9 metre) carbon materials would serve as therapeutic and diagnostic agents for cancer. They have been extracted from the leaves of the rosy periwinkle plant.
- The research team is led by P Gopinath. The research is supported by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Union Ministry of Science and Technology.

2. Who unveiled the world’s first artificial intelligence (AI) anchor that can read news in English and Chinese?

Answer : Xinhua (China’s state-run press agency)

Explanation :

- **Xinhua, China’s** state-run press agency, unveiled the **world’s first artificial intelligence (AI) anchor** that can read news in English and Chinese. Two AI news anchors were unveiled. One reads news in English and the other in Chinese.
- The virtual newsreaders combine the images and voices of human anchors with AI technology. They have minimal facial expressions and lip movements.

November 12

1. What is NASA's Ralph?

Answer : It is a space instrument, will detect the chemical fingerprints of Trojan asteroids.

Explanation :

- **NASA's Ralph**, a space instrument, will travel with the **Lucy mission** to **Jupiter's Trojan asteroids**, in 2021. The Lucy spacecraft carries a near-twin of Ralph named **L'Ralph**. L'Ralph will investigate Jupiter's Trojan asteroids.
- L'Ralph will detect the chemical fingerprints of Trojan asteroids. These data would be helpful in finding how organic molecules form in primitive bodies, a process that might have led to the emergence of life on Earth.

2. What is the name of new artillery guns inducted in Army?

Answer : K9 Vajra and M777 howitzers

Explanation :

- The Army inducted new artillery guns and equipment, including **K9 Vajra** and **M777 howitzers**, at Deolali artillery centre in Nashik district, Maharashtra. **M777 American Ultra Light Howitzers** and the **K-9 Vajra** were inducted. The '**Composite Gun Towing Vehicle**' was also inducted for towing the existing guns in service with India.

November 13

1. What is the world's largest supercomputer?

Answer : Spiking Neural Network Architecture (SpiNNaker)

Explanation :

- **Spiking Neural Network Architecture (SpiNNaker)** machine, the world's largest supercomputer designed to work like the human brain has been switched on for the first time. It has a million-processor-core. It can complete over 200 million actions per second. Each of its chips have 100 million transistors.
- It follows the massively parallel communication architecture of the brain to send information simultaneously to thousands of destinations.

2. Which has developed a portable solar-powered cold storage device for storing vegetables, fruits, etc?

Answer : Indian Institute of Technology-Madras

Explanation :

- **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M)** has developed a **portable solar-powered cold storage device** for storing vegetables, fruits, etc. It has storage facility with temperature in the range of 4 to 10 degree Celsius.
- The project was funded by Department of Science and Technology (Ministry of Science and Technology) and IIT-M.

November 14

1. What is objective of mission to Venus planned for 2023?

Answer : To identify important science experiments

Explanation :

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has issued **an announcement of opportunity (AO)** to international space scientists to propose their scientific payloads to be carried on its **mission to Venus planned for 2023**. This AO has a specific objective to identify important science experiments that are in line with the pre-selected proposals from India.
- Proposals will be accepted till December 20, 2018. Payload capacity of the proposed satellite will be around 100 kg with 500W of power.

2. What is the purpose to send “Tissue Chips in Space” to the (ISS)?

Answer : To understand the role of microgravity on human health and disease

Explanation :

- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has planned to send **tissue chips** or **organs-on-chips**, to the International Space Station (ISS) to test their response to stress, drugs and genetic changes. The tissue chips are small devices containing human cells in a 3D matrix. They are made of flexible plastic. They have ports and channels to provide nutrients and oxygen to the cells inside them.
- This “Tissue Chips in Space” initiative will help to understand the role of microgravity on human health and disease.

November 15

1. Which bands are carried by GSAT-29 satellite?

Answer : Ka and Ku band

Explanation :

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its latest communication satellite **GSAT-29**, which was put in Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit by India’s 5th generation heavy-lift rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III D2 (**GSLV-Mk III D2**).
- GSAT-29 satellite weighs 3423 kg. It carries Ka and Ku band high throughput transponders that will provide communication services to remote places in the North East and Jammu and Kashmir. GSLV Mark III D2 placed the satellite in the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit in a little over 16 minutes after the lift off.

November 16

1. Who announced the soft launch of its e-commerce portal?

Answer : India Post

Explanation :

- **India Post** announced the soft launch of its **e-commerce portal**. Department of Posts has done only soft launch of the portal. The full fledged operations of the service will begin after mid-December 2018.
- India Post will utilise its parcel business network for this purpose. Department of Posts has been focusing on e-commerce sector to improve its revenue receipts.

November 17

1. What is full form of MCGS?

Answer : Maldivian Coast Guard Ship

Explanation :

- Indian Navy successfully completed refit of **Maldivian Coast Guard Ship (MCGS) Huravee** at Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam and formally handed over the ship to Major Mohamed Jamshad, Commanding Officer MCGS Huravee.
- The refit to MCGS Huravee is an initiative by the Indian Navy to further Indian Navy's diplomatic outreach to friendly foreign navies in the Indian Ocean Region. During the refit, major repairs were done on the ship's hull, main propulsion and auxiliaries.

November 18

1. What is the temperature of an 'artificial sun' built by China?

Answer : 100 million °C

Explanation :

- **China** has built an '**artificial sun**' that reaches **100 million °C**, the temperature of Sun's core of 15 million °C. Scientists from 6 times China's Institute of Plasma Physics announced that plasma in their **Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST)** also called the "artificial sun", reached 100 million °C, the temperature required to perform nuclear fusion on Earth.
- The record temperature was achieved through various new techniques in heating and controlling the plasma. But they were able to maintain the state for only about 10 seconds.

November 20

1. In Which place the 0.7 m GROWTH- India telescope located?

Answer : Hanle (Ladakh)

Explanation :

- The 0.7 m GROWTH- India telescope located at Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh has made its first observation which is a **follow-up study of a nova explosion**. The GROWTH-India is a part of multi-country collaborative initiative known as **Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen (GROWTH)** to observe transient events in the Universe.
- GROWTH-India is India's first fully robotic telescope designed to capture cosmic events.

November 21

1. For which parameters the world's standard definition has been changed?

Answer : kilogram, the ampere, the kelvin and the mole

Explanation :

- **The world's standard definition of the kilogram, the ampere, the kelvin and the mole has been changed**, after representatives from 60 countries voted to redefine the **International System of Units (SI)** for **weight, current, temperature and amount of chemical substance**.

- The definition of the kilogram for **more than 130 years**, the **International Prototype of the Kilogram (IPK)**, a cylinder of a platinum alloy stored at the **International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) in France**, will now be retired.
- It will be replaced by the **Planck constant**, the fundamental constant of quantum physics. While the stability of the IPK could only be confirmed by comparisons with identical copies, a difficult and potentially inaccurate process, the Planck constant is ready for use everywhere and always.

November 22

1. Which is the first medical imaging scanner?

Answer : Explorer

Explanation :

- Scientists announced that, **the world's first medical imaging scanner "Explorer"** that can capture a 3D picture of the whole human body at once in 20-30 seconds, has produced its first scans. Explorer has been developed by scientists from the University of California – Davis in the US in partnership with Shanghai-based United Imaging Healthcare (UIH).

2. For which purpose Satellite Shiyen Weixing-6 will be used?

Answer : For space environment detection and related technical tests.

Explanation :

- **China** successfully launched five satellites, including a new space environment research satellite and four nano satellites on a single rocket. The rocket **Long March -2D** carried away the satellites from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China's Gansu province.
- Satellite named **Shiyen Weixing-6** will be used for space environment detection and related technical tests.

November 23

1. Which team announced the national roll-out of its Neighbourly app in Delhi and Bangalore?

Answer : Google's Next Billion Users (NBU)

Explanation :

- **Google's Next Billion Users (NBU)** team announced the national roll-out of its **Neighbourly app** in **Delhi and Bangalore**. It will help people by sourcing local information from their neighbors about their neighbourhood in an easier way. The full-fledged app offers services in **8** vernacular languages and is a targeted app with a geographic radius between **1 to 5 km**.

2. Who developed smartphone-based system to detect adulteration in milk?

Answer : IIT Professor Shiv Govind Singh (Hyderabad)

Explanation :

- Researchers, headed by **IIT Professor Shiv Govind Singh**, at Indian **Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad**, developed smartphone-based system to detect adulteration in milk. This could be done by using an indicator paper that changes colour according to acidity which further can be incorporated with algorithms on a smartphone to accurately detect the colour change.

November 24

1. Which research can be the first step towards the revolution of aviation industry by Researchers at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)?

Answer : 'Ion Drive' plane with no moving part

Explanation :

- Researchers at **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, USA have created the first ever 'Ion Drive' plane with no moving part by adapting a technology that is previously used in Spacecraft. Due to absence of moving parts, the plane will not produce any harmful exhaust. The Maintenance cost will also reduce and the plane will not create any noise.
- The research will pave the way for the possibility of silent drones in the near future. The research can be the first step towards the revolution of aviation industry.

2. How far the star system is away from earth?

Answer : 8000 light years

Explanation :

- An International team of scientists has discovered a massive star system in the **Milky Way Galaxy** that challenges the existing theories related to the death of big stars.
- The star system described in the Journal "**Nature**" is around **8000 light** years away from earth and adorned with a dust "pinwheel" strangely moving with a slower speed.

November 25

1. What is the Name of two fast patrol vessels launched by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd?

Answer : ICGS Amrit Kaur and ICGS Kamla Devi

Explanation :

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) launched two fast patrol vessels (FPV) ICGS Amrit Kaur and ICGS Kamla Devi, (named after freedom fighters) in the river Hooghly in Kolkata. The ships were launched by Veena Naravane, wife of Lt General Manoj Mukund Naravane, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, of the Army's Eastern Command.

2. Which country have developed enzymes using radio frequency radiation?

Answer : Washington, USA

Explanation :

- As per a study published in **ACS Biomaterials Science and Engineering Journal**, for the **first** time, scientists have developed enzymes using **radio frequency radiation** in Washington, USA. This was made by making a special complex consisting of enzymes and magnetic Nanoparticles.
- Thus, by using the radiofrequency field, one can control the activity of enzymes in the body and adjust cell metabolism

November 26

1. What is the Name of a new satellite system launched by Russia's state space corporation?

Answer : 'Marathon'

Explanation :

- Russia's state space corporation, **Roscosmos** planned to venture into the **Internet of Things (IoT)** with the launch of a new satellite system named '**Marathon**'. The satellite system will be a part of Russia's Sphere satellite constellation, which will be fully established by **2026**. The Sphere constellation project, will involve the construction and deployment of 640 satellites.

November 28

1. What is the Name of a new satellite system launched by Russia's state space corporation?

Answer : 'Marathon'

Explanation :

- **After seven months** of traveling through space, the **NASA In Sight mission** has landed on Mars. **The 360-kg lander** also shared its first photo from Mars, showing an area called **Elysium Planitia**, where it will dig five meters below the surface. In Sight will study the interior of Mars.

November 29

1. From which centre PSLV-C43 launched?

Answer : Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota

Explanation :

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully launched **PSLV-C43**. This launch took place from the first launch pad of the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota**. Marking the **45th** mission that uses the polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV) rocket, ISRO launched its latest **Earth-mapping satellite, HysIS**, as part of the mission.
- The **HysIS** satellite adds a mass of **360kg** to the payload, and launched beside 30 other satellites from six nations. Out of these, 23 are from the United States.

2. Name the India's first advanced robot founded by Graduates of Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay?

Answer : Miko 2

Explanation :

- Graduates of Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay (IIT-B) who are Co-founders of a start-up called **Emotix** have launched India's first advanced personal robot **Miko 2** for Kids. IIT Bombay graduates **Sneh Rajkumar Vaswani** along with his batchmates Prashant Iyengar and Chintan Raikar have founded the Tech start-up Emotix.
- Miko 2 is India's first advanced robot that can see, hear, sense, express, talk, recognize faces, remember names, Identify moods and initiate a conversation.

November 30

1. What is the stand for CARE?

Answer : Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics

Explanation :

- **The University Grants Commission (UGC)** announced that it will set up a **Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics (CARE)** which will compile a list of “**credible quality journals**” and ultimately replace UGC’s own list of journals. CARE will be headed by the UGC Vice Chairman Dr. **Bhushan Patwardhan**.
- The commission admitted that the percentage of research articles published in poor quality journals is reported to be high in India which has adversely affected its image. The body will be tasked to prepare a “**CARE Reference List of Quality Journals**”.

2. Who has announced the launch of the world’s first GST calculator?

Answer : Casio India

Explanation :

- **Casio India** has announced the launch of the world’s **first GST calculator** with two new innovations **MJ-120 GST** and **MJ-12GST** dedicated to the Indian market. It will make manual invoicing easy and hassle-free.

AWARDS

November 1

1. Who will be conferred the 2018 Gleitsman Award on 6th December 2018?

Answer : Malala Yousafzai

Explanation :

- Nobel Prize Winner **Malala Yousafzai** will be conferred **the 2018 Gleitsman Award** on 6th December 2018. This announcement was made by Harvard’s Kennedy School. Malala Yousafzai will be honoured by Harvard University for her work in promoting girls’ education.
- Malala Yousafzai became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. She was awarded for her global work in supporting schooling for all children.

November 2

1. What stand for CCTNS?

Answer : Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems

Explanation :

- **Punjab Police** bags **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS)** good practice award for the development of Digital Criminal Intelligence Gazette and generation of **State Crime Record Bureau (SCRB)** reports.
- Union Home Secretary **Rajiv Gauba**, Director Intelligence Bureau **Rajiv Jain**, Director National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) **Ish Kumar** and **Punya Srivastava** joint secretary conferred the awards to DGP IT&T, **V.K. Bhawra** who has also got individual award for his immense contribution in CCTNS implementation in Punjab.

November 3

1. Who is called as “Mayyazhiyude Kathakaran”?

Answer : M Mukundan (Malayalam novelist and short story writer)

Explanation :

- Noted **Malayalam novelist and short story writer M Mukundan** has been selected for the **Kerala government’s** highest literary award ‘**Ezhuthachan Puraskaram**’ for this year. The 76-year old writer has been chosen for his overall contributions to the Malayalam literature.
- Considered as one of the pioneers of modern Malayalam literature, Mukundan is known as “**Mayyazhiyude Kathakaran**”.

November 4

1. Which film has been listed in BBC’s list of 100 best foreign language films?

Answer : Pather Panchali

Explanation :

- The film **Pather Panchali** has been listed in **BBC’s list of 100 best foreign language films**. It is the only film from India to feature in the list. It was directed by Satyajit Ray and released in 1955.

November 5

1. Who became the fifth Indian to be inducted in the ICC Hall of Fame?

Answer : Rahul Dravid

Explanation :

- **Rahul Dravid became the fifth Indian** to be inducted in the **ICC Hall of Fame on Thursday as Sunil Gavaskar** presented him with the memento prior to the start of the **fifth One-Day International between India and West Indies**.
- Dravid was presented with the framed cap by Gavaskar as he was formally inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

November 6

1. For which magazine, Namrata Biji Ahuja awarded the IPI (International Press Institute) India Award for excellence in journalism 2018?

Answer : Nagaland underground camps

Explanation :

- **Namrata Biji Ahuja** of The Week magazine has been awarded the **IPI (International Press Institute) India Award for excellence in journalism 2018**. Namrata Biji Ahuja is a senior special correspondent with The Week magazine. She has received this award for her exclusive story on Nagaland underground camps.

2. Who was awarded ‘Lifetime Achievement Award 2018’ by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)?

Answer : Dr. Ramdas M Pai

Explanation :

- **Dr. Ramdas M Pai**, Chancellor and President of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), was awarded '**Lifetime Achievement Award 2018**' by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), in New Delhi.

November 8

1. Who was honoured as a 'Distinguished Fellow' by IndiaGlobal?

Answer : Anupam Kher

Explanation :

- **Veteran actor Anupam Kher** was honoured as a '**Distinguished Fellow**' by IndiaGlobal – a leading US think-tank that works on issues concerning non-resident Indians.
- The actor was given a fellowship at the **3rd IndiaGlobal Summit**. The event was held at the prestigious MIT Sloan School of Management in Boston, and was facilitated by MIT Sloan India Business Club.

November 10

1. **Arunima Sinha** has been awarded an honorary doctorate by which university?

Answer : UK university

Explanation :

- **Arunima Sinha**, the Indian mountaineer who became the **world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest in 2013**, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by a prestigious UK university for her inspirational achievements.
- Ms Sinha, 30, was conferred with the honorary doctorate by the University of Strathclyde at a graduation ceremony in Glasgow. She was honoured in the Barony Hall for her inspirational achievements in mountaineering.

November 11

1. Why Jawahar Lal Sarin was honoured as 'Knight of the Legion of Honour'?

Answer : due to his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting the French language

Explanation :

- **Jawahar Lal Sarin** was conferred with France's highest civilian honour '**Knight of the Legion of Honour**'. It was given by French Ambassador to India **Alexandre Ziegler**.
- He received the honor due to his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and **promoting the French language**.

November 12

1. Name of the book penned by **Swati Chaturvedi**?

Answer : 'I am a Troll: Inside the Secret World of the BJP'

Explanation :

- **Swati Chaturvedi**, an Indian freelance journalist, won the **2018 London Press Freedom Award for Courage**. She received the award at the 1st award ceremony organised by the

United Kingdom chapter of Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF) or Reporters Without Borders in London.

- She is the author of the book 'I am a Troll: Inside the Secret World of the BJP's Digital Army'.

November 13

1. Which is the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea?

Answer : Mt Giluwe

Explanation :

- Indian mountaineer **Satyarup Siddhanta** became the **first Indian** to climb **Mt Giluwe** – the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea. He summited an elevation of 4,367 metres which will be followed by **Mt Wilhelm** – the highest mountain of Papua New Guinea.

2. Who won the Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018 in Assam?

Answer : Dr Debabhuson Borah

Explanation :

- Young writer-critic **Dr Debabhuson Borah** was announced as the winner of the prestigious **Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018** in **Assam**. He was honoured for his contribution for his book on literary criticism titled '**Nirbochon**'.
- The award was announced by the Munin Barkotoki Memorial Trust which aims to encourage writers in **Assamese**.

November 14

1. Who is the Ambassador of France to India?

Answer : Alexandre Ziegler

Explanation :

- **Jawahar Lal Sarin**, president of the **Alliance française de Delhi's** governing body, was presented with the **Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur**, France's highest civilian honour. The Legion d'Honneur (Legion of Honour), **instituted in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte**, is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France, regardless of the nationality of the recipient.
- The award was presented to Sarin **by Ambassador of France Alexandre Ziegler** in recognition of his outstanding contribution to enhancing Indo-French cultural cooperation and promoting the French language.

2. What Stand for UNESCO?

Answer : United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Explanation :

- The **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation programme** recognizes the efforts of private individuals and organizations that have **successfully conserved structures and buildings of heritage value in the region**.

- The renewal of the early 20th-century Shijo-cho Ofune-hoko Float Machiya has received the Award of Excellence in this year's UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

November 15

1. What are the awards won by Lionel Messi?

Answer : Pichichi Trophy, Di Stefano trophy & La Liga league's best player of the 2017-18

Explanation :

- Barcelona forward **Lionel Messi** was declared **La Liga league's best player** of the **2017-18** campaign, by Marca at an awards ceremony in Barcelona, Spain. The award was presented at Marca's football awards for the 2017-18 season. Marca is a Spanish national daily sport newspaper.
- **Lionel Messi** also won the **Pichichi Trophy** given to the top scorer in La Liga each year. He also won the **Di Stefano trophy**, awarded to the best player of the season.

November 17

1. Where did the Global Education Leaders Award 2018 inaugurate?

Answer : Atlantis, Dubai

Explanation :

- **Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati**, Director, **Blue Bells Group of Schools** has been conferred with the coveted **Global Education Leaders Award 2018** by His Highness **Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan**, member of the **Cabinet and Minister of State for Tolerance, UAE**.
- The event was held **at The Atlantis**, Dubai in the presence of His Excellency **Navdeep Singh Suri**, Indian Ambassador to UAE, **Mr. Manpreet Singh Badal**, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Govt. of Punjab.

November 18

1. Who has been honoured with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the 6th Indian Social Work Congress in New Delhi?

Answer : Dr. Martha Farrell

Explanation :

- Late **Dr. Martha Farrell** has been honoured with the "**Lifetime Achievement Award**" at the 6th **Indian Social Work Congress in New Delhi**. Dr. Farrell was recognized for her lifelong work towards **gender equality, women's empowerment and prevention of sexual harassment at workplace**.
- She was among 14 people killed in a terrorist attack on a guest house in Kabul, Afghanistan on May 13, 2015. **Suheil Tandon**, Martha's son along with the team of **Martha Farrell Foundation** received the award.

November 19

1. Who is Mr. Ustad Amjad Ali Khan?

Answer : India's greatest Sarod Master

Explanation :

- One of India's greatest Sarod Master Ustad Amjad Ali Khan was **presented "Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement"** at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi for his immense contribution to the enrichment and promotion of Indian Classical Music.
- Ustad Amjad Ali Khan has already received fellowship of sangeet Natak Akademi, UNESCO Award, UNICEP National Ambassadorship, Fukuoka cultural Grand price of Japan & 'Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters' of France.

November 20

1. Who conferred "Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award" on Vasundhara Raje?

Answer : UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group)

Explanation :

- UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group) conferred "**Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award**" on Rajasthan Chief Minister **Vasundhara Raje** for providing Rajmail email service for citizens of Rajasthan in local script.

November 21

1. Who is called as Fortune in 2018 Business Person of the Year list?

Answer : Shantanu Narayen (Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Adobe)

Explanation :

- Indian-American **Shantanu Narayen**, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Adobe, has been named by **Fortune** in its **2018 Business Person of the Year list**. The list ranks 20 business executives delivering on the bottom line and beyond. Fifty six year old Shantanu Narayen ranks **12th** on the list.
- The list is topped by **Tricia Griffith**, CEO of insurance company Progressive. Second and third ranks are occupied by software company VMware CEO Pat Gelsinger, and graphics chipmaker Nvidia CEO, Jensen Huang, respectively.

2. Where did DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP held?

Answer : Dubai.

Explanation :

- Chandigarh based Young Indian golfer **Shubhankar Sharma** became the first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the year in **DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP** held in **Dubai**.

3. Which was awarded this year's Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development?

Answer : Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)

Explanation :

- **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)** was awarded this year's **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development** for its pioneering work in the field of

environmental education and protection and also for keeping the issue of environmental sustainability at the forefront of national attention and public policy.

- The award was announced by an international jury headed by ex-President **Pranab Mukherjee**.

November 22

1. Which was awarded this year's Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development?

Answer : Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)

Explanation :

- Bollywood superstar **Amitabh Bachchan** was awarded the third **Sayaji Ratna Award**, established in the memory of erstwhile **Baroda ruler Sayajirao Gaekwad III**. The Baroda Management Association had, in 2013, instituted the award to mark the 150th birth anniversary of the ruler, known for undertaking major social reform measures during his rule in the early twentieth century.

November 23

1. For which the Manipal Academy of Higher Education won silver in the International Green Apple Award?

Answer : For environmental best practice 2018

Explanation :

- The Manipal Academy of Higher Education won **silver** in the **International Green Apple Award** for **environmental best practice 2018**. The award was received by **Derrick I Joshua**, assistant direct director, environment sustainability, MAHE at a ceremony at at a ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, London.

2. What stand for WCCB?

Answer : The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

Explanation :

- **The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)** has been selected among the winners of the **Asia Environment Enforcement Awards** for its work in combating trans-boundary environmental crime, Union Environment Minister **Harsh Vardhan** said. This is the **second** time in a row that the awards are being given by **UN Environment to India**.
- **WCCB** is a statutory multi-disciplinary body established by the government **under the Environment Ministry** to combat organized wildlife crime in the country.

3. Which award is given to the design 'Urban wind turbine' of Nicolas Orellana of Chile and Yaseen Noorani ?

Answer : International James Dyson award 2018

Explanation :

- The prestigious **International James Dyson award 2018** was won by **Nicolas Orellana of Chile** and **Yaseen Noorani from Kenya** for their innovative design 'Urban wind turbine' called **O-Wind Turbine**. It would help cities to harness energy to produce electricity and was inspired from NASA's Mars Tumbleweed Rover
- It is a sphere shaped object with vents that spins and **converts the power of the wind into electricity**.

November 24

1. Who has won Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018, Lifetime Achievement?

Answer : Azim Premji (Chairman of Wipro)

Explanation :

- **Azim Premji**, chairman of Wipro, has won **Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018, Lifetime Achievement**. Wipro is India's fourth-biggest software services company by revenue and Azim Premji is the second richest Indian. The Forbes India Leadership Awards, India's most prestigious honour for the top executives, was held in Mumbai.
- Forbes India honoured entrepreneurs and company bosses across nine categories, with an emphasis on excellence, innovation, and transformational leadership.

November 25

1. Where did 12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) inaugurate?

Answer : Brisbane

Explanation :

- **Filmmaker Nandita Das** will be honoured with the **International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) Award** at the **12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) in Brisbane** on 29 November.
- She will be presented the award in recognition of her achievement in film in the Asia Pacific region. This was announced by Michael Hawkins, chairman of the Asia Pacific Screen Awards and its academy in a statement in Brisbane.

2. In which category Senior artist Mr. A. N. Patil was announced to be the recipient of the Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Award?

Answer : Lifetime Achievement

Explanation :

- Senior artist **Mr. A. N. Patil** was announced to be the recipient of the **Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Award**, in the category of **Lifetime Achievement**, instituted by the **Chitrakala Shilpi D.V. Halbhavi National Memorial Trust** in **Dharwad, Karnataka**.

November 26

1. Name the Chairman and Managing Director of BEL?

Answer : M.V. Gowtama

Explanation :

- State-run **Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)** won the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-Exim Bank Business Excellence Award** and the jury's commendation for being a role-model organisation. The award is the highest recognition in the CII-Exim Bank Award for Business Excellence, instituted by the CII and the Export-Import Bank of India to enhance the competitiveness of India Inc.
- BEL Chairman and Managing Director **M.V. Gowtama** received the award at the **Quality Summit**, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in **Bengaluru**.

November 27

1. Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Award is instituted by whom?

Answer : Chitrakala Shilpi D.V. Halbhavi National Memorial Trust (Karnataka)

Explanation :

- Senior artist **A. N. Patil** was announced to be the recipient of the **Kuncha Kala Tapasvi Award**, in the category of Lifetime Achievement, instituted by the Chitrakala Shilpi D.V. Halbhavi National Memorial Trust in **Dharwad, Karnataka**.

November 28

1. Who was conferred the 'Global Geospatial Industry Ambassador' Award at the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress?

Answer : Sanjay Kumar (Founder and CEO of Geospatial Media & Communications)

Explanation :

- **Sanjay Kumar**, Founder and CEO of **Geospatial Media & Communications**, was conferred the '**Global Geospatial Industry Ambassador**' Award at the **United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress** held at **Deqing city in China**. This was given by the UN-GGIM (United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management).

November 29

1. For which Azim Premji, received the highest French civilian distinction?

Answer : for his outstanding contribution to developing the information technology industry in India

Explanation :

- **Azim Premji**, philanthropist and Chairman of Wipro Limited received the **highest French civilian distinction**, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) from Ambassador of France to India Alexandre Ziegler.
- He received this award for his outstanding contribution to developing the **information technology industry in India**. Indian recipients who have received this prestigious award include **Shah Rukh Khan as well as Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee**.

November 30

1. Who has won the coveted Golden Peacock Award at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

Answer : Donbass

Explanation :

- **Donbass** directed by **Sergei Loznitsa** has won the coveted **Golden Peacock Award** at the **49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, which concluded in **Goa**. Donbass tells the story of a **hybrid war** taking place in a region of **Eastern Ukraine**, **involving an** open armed conflict alongside killings and robberies perpetrated on a mass scale by separatist gangs.

2. Where did 38th India International Trade Fair held?

Answer : New Delhi

Explanation :

- At the 2-week long **38th India International Trade Fair**, which was held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from November **14 to 27**, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu conferred awards first and second awards to the states of **Uttarakhand** and **Himachal Pradesh**. The states were awarded due to their pavilions showcasing potential to boost tourism and promotion of local products.

APPOINTMENT

November 1

1. Who was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court?

Answer : Vijai Kumar Bist

Explanation :

- **Justice Vijai Kumar Bist** was sworn in as the **Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court**. Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad administered Justice Vijai Kumar Bist the oath of office at Ashirwad Hall, Raj Bhavan. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist replaces Justice Satish Kumar Agnihotri, who superannuated on June 31, 2018.

November 2

1. Who is AOA in IAF?

Answer : Pradeep Padmakar Bapat VSM

Explanation :

- **Air Marshal Pradeep Padmakar Bapat VSM** took charge as **Air Officer-in Charge Administration (AOA)** of **Indian Air Force**. Air Marshal Pradeep Padmakar Bapat VSM succeeds Air Marshal HN Bhagwat AVSM VM who retired on 31 October 2018

2. Who was 12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman ?

Answer : Lt Gen P S Rajeshwar

Explanation :

- Ministry of Defence announced the appointment of **Lt Gen P S Rajeshwar** as the **12th Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman, COSC**. Prior to this, he was **Director General (Perspective Planning)** at the **Integrated HQ, Ministry of Defence**.

November 3

1. Whose were administered by Ranjan Gogoi?

Answer : Hemant Gupta, R Subhash Reddy, M R Shah and Ajay Rastogi

Explanation :

- Justices **Hemant Gupta, R Subhash Reddy, M R Shah and Ajay Rastogi** were sworn in as judges of the Supreme Court. **Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi** administered oath of office to the four judges.
- On 1st November 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind approved the promotion of these four judges as Supreme Court judges, based on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.

November 4

1. Who is the Managing Director and CEO of UCO Bank?

Answer : Atul Kumar Goel

Explanation :

- **Atul Kumar Goel** assumed charge as **Managing Director and CEO of UCO Bank**. Prior to this assignment, he was executive director of Union Bank of India. Goel takes over from R.K. Takkar, who completed his three-year tenure on November 1, 2018.

November 5

1. Who was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Lao People's Democratic Republic?

Answer : Dinkar Asthana

Explanation :

- **Dinkar Asthana** was appointed as the next **Ambassador of India to Lao People's Democratic Republic**. Dinkar Asthana is an Indian Foreign Service Officer (IFS) of the 1990 batch. Currently, he is Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

2. Who is the current MD and CEO of the HDFC bank ?

Answer : Aditya Puri

Explanation :

- **HDFC Bank** had announced that the **RBI had approved the re-appointment of Aditya Puri** as MD and CEO of the bank for another two years. Aditya Puri will now serve the office from November 1, 2018, to October 26, 2020.
- Puri has been with HDFC Bank since 1994, making him **the longest-serving head of any private bank in the country**.

November 6

1. Who is the new president of IESA?

Answer : Rajesh Ram Mishra

Explanation :

- **India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)**, announced appointment of **Rajesh Ram Mishra** as its new **President**. IESA is the trade body representing the Indian Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) industry.

November 7

1. Who was the president of AIBA?

Answer : Gafur Rakhimov

Explanation :

- **Uzbekistan's businessman Gafur Rakhimov** was elected **president of the International Boxing Association (AIBA)** despite fears that his appointment could lead to the sport's ejection from the Olympic Games.
- Rakhimov won 86 of the 134 second-round votes collected by AIBA officials in Moscow to beat his only opponent, former boxer Serik Konakbayev of Kazakhstan.

November 8

1. Which year India was re-elected as a Member of the ITU ?

Answer : 2018 at Dubai, UAE

Explanation :

- India was re-elected as a Member of the **International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council** at the elections of the council held during ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 at **Dubai, UAE**. India would be the Member of ITU Council for 4 more years (2019-2022). India secured the **3rd** rank among the 13 countries , by getting 165 votes, from the **Asia-Australasia** region.
- Recently, ITU decided to set up the **ITU South Asia Area Office and Technology Innovation Centre in New Delhi**.

November 11

1. Who is the chairperson of CCI?

Answer : Ashok Kumar Gupta

Explanation :

- Former IAS officer **Ashok Kumar Gupta** was appointed the **chairperson** of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. This was done by the **Corporate Affairs Ministry**. He replaced acting chairperson Mr. **Sudhir Mittal**.
- **Abhay Kumar** was appointed the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of **Madagascar**. He is an Indian Foreign Service Officer (IFS) of the 2003 batch. At present he is Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the Indian Embassy of Brasilia.

November 12

1. Who are the IRS officers selected by PM?

Answer : : P K Dash, Akhilesh Ranjan and Neena Kumar, Aditya Vikram and PCMody

Explanation :

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, appointed **3** IRS officers as the members of **CBDT**. The 3 appointments are as follows: **P K Dash, Akhilesh Ranjan** and **Neena Kumar**.
- The other 2 members are: IRS officers **Aditya Vikram** and **P C Mody** while the board's **Chairman** is **Sushil Chandra**.

November 13

1. Who is the chairperson of ACC?

Answer : Atul Kumar Goel

Explanation :

- **Former IAS officer Ashok Kumar Gupta** has been appointed as the chairperson of the Competition Commission of India. It was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- The appointment would be till October 25, 2022. Gupta would replace acting **chairperson Sudhir Mital**.

November 14

1. Who is CR in BIS for Asia and Pacific?

Answer : Siddharth Tiwari

Explanation :

- The **Bank for International Settlements (BIS)** announced appointment of **Siddharth Tiwari** as **Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific**. He succeeded **Eli Remolona**, who was Chief Representative of the Asian Office from 2008 to 2018. He also is a veteran of the International Monetary Fund.

November 15

1. Who were assigned additional portfolios of the MC and Fertilizers and the MP Affairs?

Answer : DV Sadananda Gowda and Narendra Singh Tomar

Explanation :

- Union Ministers **DV Sadananda Gowda** and **Narendra Singh Tomar** were assigned additional portfolios of the **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** and the **Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, respectively**. It is decided following the demise of Union Minister and Karnataka BJP leader Ananth Kumar.
- Asian Games gold-medallist **sprinter Hima Das** has been appointed as the **first ever youth ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India**. **UNICEF India** works with central government to ensure that each child born in this country gets the best start in life, thrives and develops to his or her full potential.

November 16

1. Who is presently High Commissioner of India to Mauritius?

Answer : Shri Abhay Thakur

Explanation :

- Shri Abhay Thakur (IFS:1992), *presently High* Commissioner of India to Mauritius has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

2. Who was sworn in as the chief justice of the Allahabad High Court?

Answer : Justice Govind Mathur

Explanation :

- **Justice Govind Mathur** was sworn in as the **chief justice** of the **Allahabad High Court**. He was administered the oath by Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik. In 2004, Justice Govind Mathur was appointed as a judge in the Rajasthan High Court. In 2017, he was transferred to the Allahabad High Court. He worked as University of Rajasthan's standing counsel.

3. Who was sworn in as the 4th Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court?

Answer : Sanjoy Karol

Explanation :

- **Justice Sanjoy Karol** was sworn in as the 4th **Chief Justice** of the **Tripura High Court**. Tripura Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki administered the oath of office and secrecy to Justice Sanjoy Karol.

November 17

1. Who was appointed the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Congo?

Answer : Nina Tshering La

Explanation :

- Ms **Nina Tshering La** was appointed the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Congo**. At present Nina Tshering La is the Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Congo. She has been concurrently appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Congo, with residence in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

November 18

1. Who is new Brexit Secretary?

Answer : Stephen Barclay

Explanation :

- **Stephen Barclay**, Junior Health Minister who voted to leave European Union in the 2016 referendum has been appointed as the new Brexit Secretary by British Prime Minister Theresa May. Barclay will focus on domestic readiness for Brexit. Earlier he served as a financial services minister.

November 19

1. Who is new Finance Secretary of UIDAI?

Answer : Ajay Bhushan Pandey

Explanation :

- **UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey** will be the new **Finance Secretary**, replacing Hasmukh Adhia, the Gujarat-cadre IAS officer who is set to retire on November 30. **Pandey** would continue to hold the additional charge of **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO** and **Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) Chairman** till further instructions, according to an order issued by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet**.

2. Who has elected in the post of President of Association of Surgeons of ASI?

Answer : Raghu Ram

Explanation :

- Eminent breast cancer surgeon Raghu Ram who is also the director of KIMS Ushalakshmi centre for breast diseases has been elected the President of **Association of Surgeons of India (ASI)** by defeating **Tamonas Chaudhuri** from Kolkata.

November 20

1. Who is IRS officer in ACC?

Answer : Sanjay Kumar Mishra

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi headed Appointments **Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** appointed **IRS officer Sanjay Kumar Mishra** as the full-time **chief** of the **Enforcement Directorate (ED)** for 2 years. Earlier in October 27, 2018, he was appointed as the **principal special director** in the central probe agency and was entrusted with the “additional” charge of ED director for three months.

2. Who is new coal officer in ACC?

Answer : Sumanta Chaudhuri

Explanation :

- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi named 1985-batch IAS from West Bengal cadre **Sumanta Chaudhuri** as the **new Coal Secretary**. He replaced **Inder Jit Singh**.

November 21

1. Who was Fijian Prime Minister ?

Answer : Voreqe Bainimarama

Explanation :

- Incumbent **Fijian Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama** was sworn in for a **second** term after his ruling **Fiji First party** won this year’s general elections. Bainimarama was

sworn in by President **Jioji Konrote** in the presence of representatives and high officials of the executive, legislative and judicial arms of the government.

2. Who is appointed as the chairman of IWAI?

Answer : Jalaj Srivastava

Explanation :

- **Jalaj Srivastava**, a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, has been appointed the chairman of the **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)**. The IWAI comes under the Union Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, currently headed by Nitin Gadkari.
- Srivastava, presently working as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, is expected to take charge of his new responsibility.

November 22

1. Who has appointed as UNICEF's latest Goodwill Ambassador??

Answer : Millie Bobby Brown

Explanation :

- **Millie Bobby Brown**, actor of Netflix sci-fi drama '**Stranger Things**' has been appointed as **UNICEF's latest Goodwill Ambassador**. The 14 –year old, Emmy award nominated star **is the youngest** person ever to be appointed to this position.
- Millie will use her global platform to help raise awareness of children's rights and issues affecting youth, such as lack of education, safe places to play and learn, and the impact of violence, bullying and poverty.

2. Who has appointed as brand ambassador of its anti-obesity campaign?

Answer : Dr Jagannath Dixit

Explanation :

- Medical education Ministry of the **Maharashtra government** has appointed **Dr Jagannath Dixit** as the brand ambassador of its **anti-obesity campaign**. In 2012, Dr Dixit had started a WhatsApp campaign to address this issue and to provide guidance to people affected by the lifestyle disease.

November 23

1. Who has been appointed as acting Executive Director of UNEP?

Answer : Joyce Msuya

Explanation :

- Tanzanian biologist Joyce Msuya has been appointed as acting Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**) after the resignation of Erik Solheim. Erik Solheim resigned from the post of Executive director of UNEP following an internal

audit report that said he had gobbled up \$500,000 in unnecessary and budgeted travel expenses in just 22 months.

2. Who is co-founder and CEO of WhatsApp India?

Answer : Abhijit Bose & Ezetap

Explanation :

- Facebook-owned Messaging Company WhatsApp has appointed **Abhijit Bose**, co-founder and CEO of Payment device maker Ezetap as the head of WhatsApp India.

November 24

1. Who has been appointed as the first 'Youth Advocate' of the north eastern region?

Answer : Nahid Afrin

Explanation :

- Popular **singer Nahid Afrin of Assam** has been appointed as the **first 'Youth Advocate' of the north eastern** region by the **UNICEF** to fight for child rights. The UNICEF engages 'Youth Advocates' to harness their voice as agents of change in society.
- Nahid made her playback debut in the 2016 Bollywood film 'Akira' starring Sonakshi Sinha in the lead. She received the best female playback singer award at the Assam state Film Award 2018.

2. Describe about the allegations of sexual harassment case Rahul Johri(BCCI)?

Answer : Allowed him to resume duties.

Explanation :

- The Committee of Administrators (CoA) appointed three-member probe panel cleared Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) CEO **Rahul Johri** of allegations of sexual harassment, dismissing the charges levelled by two women as "mischievous and fabricated" and allowed him to resume duties.
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November 25

1. Who has been appointed as head of UNEP?

Answer : Joyce Msuya

Explanation :

- **Tanzania's Joyce Msuya** has been appointed to **head the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, following the resignation of its **executive director, Erik Solheim**.
- Msuya was appointed to the global organisation as the deputy executive director, at the level of assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, in August this year.

November 27

1. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner of India?

Answer : Sunil Arora

Explanation :

- **Sunil Arora** has been appointed as the new **Chief Election Commissioner** of India. He succeeds **Om Prakash Rawat**. He will take over the top job on December 2. A former bureaucrat, Arora was appointed as Election Commissioner in August 2017.
- A 1980-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, Arora has worked in ministries such as finance, textiles and the Planning Commission. **Ashok Lavasa** is the **second election commissioner**.

November 28

1. Who was appointed as convenor of New Direct Tax Law Task Force?

Answer : Akhilesh Ranjan

Explanation :

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) member **Akhilesh Ranjan** was appointed as **convenor of New Direct Tax Law Task Force**, the committee which is drafting a new tax law and was constituted by the Government of India in November, 2017. He will replace former CBDT member Arbind Modi who retired in September this year.

November 29

1. Who has been appointed as chairperson of the AERB?

Answer : Nageshwara Rao Guntur

Explanation :

- Renowned scientist **Nageshwara Rao Guntur** has been appointed as chairperson of the **Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)** by the Ministry of Personnel and Training for the period of three years.
- **AERB** was established in November 1983 by President of India to carry out certain regulatory and safety functions in the fields of nuclear and radiation safety on a countrywide basis.

November 30

1. Who has been appointed as chairperson of the UPSC?

Answer : Shri Arvind Saxena

Explanation :

- The President has appointed **Shri Arvind Saxena** as UPSC (**Union Public Service Commission**) **Chairman**. Prior to joining UPSC as Member, Shri Saxena was working as **Director of the Aviation Research Centre (ARC)**
- Shri Arvind Saxena joined UPSC as a Member on May 8, 2015, and has been performing duties of the post of Chairman, UPSC since June 20, 2018. Saxena will be serving in the office till **August 7, 2020**, when he attains the age of 65 years.

2. Who has been appointed as chairperson of the NSDC?

Answer : Shri A.M. Naik

Explanation :

- **Shri A.M. Naik** has been appointed as **Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation** (NSDC) by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- Shri Naik was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's 3rd highest civilian award in 2009 for his outstanding contribution to the economic growth of the country.

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 1

1. When was Foundation day of Madhya Pradesh?

Answer : On 1st November & 63rd Foundation Day

Explanation :

- **Madhya Pradesh celebrates its 63rd Foundation Day – November 1**
- On **1st November 2018**, **Madhya Pradesh** celebrated its **63rd Foundation Day**. Madhya Pradesh was founded on November 1, 1956. Now it is the second largest state of India in terms of size with an area of 3 Lakh 8 thousand sq. km
- The foundation day was celebrated in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh. The **theme** for this year's celebrations was: **the heritage of MP**.

November 3

1. When was World Vegan day?

Answer : November 1

Explanation :

- **World Vegan Day – November 1**
- **World Vegan Day** is an annual event celebrated by vegans around the world every 1 November. The commemoration of this event began in **1994 by a UK celebrity, Louise Wallis**, who was at the time the chair of The Vegan Society.

November 4

1. Which place was Raising Day celebrated by Army Aviation Corps?

Answer : November 1 2018 & Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, New Delhi

Explanation :

- **Army Aviation Corps** celebrated its **33rd Raising Day on 01 Nov 2018**, and to mark this occasion, a Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at the **Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, New Delhi**. The ceremonial wreath was laid by Lieutenant General Kanwal Kumar, Colonel Commandant and Director General of Army Aviation, along with a host of serving officers, soldiers and veterans in attendance.

November 5

1. When was National Ayurveda Day?

Answer : November 5

Explanation :

- **National Ayurveda Day: 5 November**
- Ministry of AYUSH observes **Ayurveda Day** every year on **Dhanawantari Jayanti (Dhanteras)**. This year Ayurveda Day is being observed on 5th November 2018.
- On this occasion, Ministry has organized a “**National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda**” in association with NITI Aayog at Dr. Ambedkar International centre, Janapth, New Delhi, with the intention to encourage entrepreneurs and Ayurveda stakeholders towards businesses opportunities in the sector.

November 6

1. Describe about National Ayurveda Day?

Answer : November 5

Explanation :

- **National Ayurveda Day- November 5**
- **The National Ayurveda Day** is celebrated every year on the occasion of **Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras)**. This year Ayurveda Day is being observed on **5 November**. Ayurveda is perceived as one of the most ancient and well documented system of medicine equally relevant in modern times.
- The **Ministry of AYUSH** is organising a ‘**National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda**’ on November 4-5, aimed at raising awareness among the stakeholders about business opportunities available in the field, encouraging young entrepreneurs to use modern technologies and tap opportunities at global level.
- The **theme** of the **Third** Ayurveda Day is ‘**Ayurveda for Public health**’.

November 9

1. When is World Legal Service Day?

Answer : November -9

Explanation :

- **World Legal Service Day-Nov 9**
- Legal Services Day is used to celebrate **to make all the people aware of the Functions and their activities are done by the Legal Services in the Country**.
- The 9th of November is selected as the Legal Services Day which was first started by the Supreme Court in the year 1995 all across the India to offer help and support to the weaker and poor group of sections of people.

November 10

1. When is World Science Day for Peace and Development Day?

Answer : November -10

Explanation :

- **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is celebrated every year on **10 November**. The theme for 2018 is “**Science, a Human Right**”. The day highlights the

significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The day was **proclaimed by UNESCO in 2001**.

November 12

1. When was National education day?

Answer : November -11,2018

Explanation :

- **11th November** 2018, **National education day** was celebrated across India. In 2008, Central Government declared November 11 as National education day. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, freedom fighter, educationist and the first Education Minister of independent India from 1947 to 1958.
- This day recalls the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to education in India. On this day, various programmes are organized in schools throughout India.

November 13

1. Which year announced that Indian Army has dedicated for welfare of Disabled Soldiers?

Answer : November 2018

Explanation :

- **Army Chief General Bipin Rawat** announced that Indian Army has dedicated the Year 2018 to the welfare of Disabled Soldiers who have been disabled in the line of duty, when serving for India.
- This announcement was made at an event conducted by Indian Army to observe **2018** as the **Year of the Disabled Soldier**, at Mammon Cantt in Pathankot, Punjab.

November 14

1. When was National Public Service Broadcasting Day?

Answer : November -12

Explanation :

- **National Public Service Broadcasting Day – November 12**
- The **Public Service Broadcasting Day** was observed across India on **November 12, 2018**. The day is observed every year to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.

November 15

1. When was World Diabetes Day?

Answer : November -14

Explanation :

- **World Diabetes Day – November 14**

- **World Diabetes Day 2018** is observed on **November 14**. This day is undoubtedly one of the biggest health events of the year, with the condition being very common in India. According to the **World Diabetes Federation**, over 425 million people are currently living with diabetes.
- This year, the **theme** of World Diabetes Day is “**The Family and Diabetes**”.

2. When was World Antibiotic Awareness Week?

Answer : November -13 to 19

Explanation :

- **World Antibiotic Awareness Week- November 13 to November 19**
- Every year, **a week in November** is dedicated towards **spreading awareness about antibiotics**, the consumption of which widespread across the world. Known as the **World Antibiotic Awareness Week**, this event is aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of antibiotic resistance.
- **World Antibiotic Awareness Week 2018** is observed from November 13 to November 19. With the overall **theme** of “**Antibiotics: handle with care**”, the campaign aims to raise awareness of antibiotic resistance and how changing our behaviour can make a difference.

November 16

1. When was World Philosophy Day?

Answer : November -15,2018

Explanation :

- **World Philosophy Day – November 15, 2018**
- **World Philosophy Day** was celebrated all over the world. This day highlights the value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for individuals and the society.
- In 2005, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) established World Philosophy Day. It is celebrated every year on the third Thursday of November.

2. When was West Bengal Rosogolla Day?

Answer : November -14

Explanation :

- **West Bengal Government Observes Rosogolla Day on November 14**
- **West Bengal** government has decided to observe ‘**Rosogolla Day**’ on **November 14**, to commemorate the first anniversary of the state’s famous sweet getting **Geographical Indication** or **GI tag** as ‘**Bengal’s Rosogolla**’.
- Different varieties of rosogollas would be showcased in stalls of the ‘**Mishti Hub**’ (**Sweetmeat Hub**), set up in one part of the **Eco Park in Kolkata’s New Town** area. The Eco Park is managed by the West Bengal **Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (HIDCO)**.

November 17

1. When was International Day for Tolerance?

Answer : November -16

Explanation :

- **International Day for Tolerance – 16 November**
- **The World Tolerance Summit (WTS) 2018** was inaugurated on **November 16 in Dubai, UAE**. The **theme** of the summit was **‘Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration’**.
- The two-summit is the biggest gathering of government leaders, ambassadors, change-makers and key figures from the public and private sectors.

November 18

1. When was International Students Day?

Answer : November -17

Explanation :

- **International Students Day- November 17**
- November **17th** is annually seen as the **International Students’ Day** all over the world. It is seen an international observance of student activism as the date commemorates the anniversary of the **1939** Nazi storming of the University of Prague. The day was first marked in **1941** in **London** by the **International Students’ Council**.

November 19

1. When was The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims?

Answer : November -18

Explanation :

- **The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims – 18 November**
- **The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** was observed throughout the world. This day remembers people who had killed and injured on the roads across the world, together with their families, friends and others who are affected. This day also thanks the emergency services.
- In 2005, United Nations endorsed this day as a global observance. **Theme:** for The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2018 is **“Roads have stories”**.

November 20

1. When was the AYUSM Ministry First Naturopathy Day?

Answer : November -18

Explanation :

- **AYUSH Ministry Celebrating First Naturopathy Day**

- The AYUSH Ministry is celebrating its **first Naturopathy Day** across the country on November 18, 2018. The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy is organising health camps, workshops and exhibitions in association with local naturopathy centres and hospitals.
- More than 1,000 Naturopathy specialist doctors from all over the country participated in the event, which was organised by **International Naturopathy Organisation in association with Ministry of Ayush.**

November 21

1. When was Universal Children's Day?

Answer : November -20

Explanation :

- **Universal Children's Day- November 20**
- The United Nations' (UN) **Universal Children's Day**, which was established in 1954, is celebrated on **November 20** each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. **UNICEF**, the United Nations Children's Fund, promotes and coordinates this special day, which also works towards improving children's welfare.
- **'Children are taking over and turning the world blue'** is the **theme** of Universal Children's Day, 2018 as announced by the United Nations.

November 22

1. When was World Fisheries Day?

Answer : November -21

Explanation :

- **World Fisheries Day- November 21**
- **World Fisheries Day** is celebrated every year on **November 21** to highlight the importance of healthy oceans ecosystems and to ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world. Fisheries is an important sector in India that provides employment to millions of people apart from contributing to the food security of the country.
- The **theme** for World Fisheries Day 2018 was **"Labour rights are human rights: working together to ensure the rights of fishers – fighting trafficking and forced labour in the fishing sector"**.

November 23

1. When was Africa Industrialization Day ?

Answer : November -20

Explanation :

- **Africa Industrialization Day (AID) celebrated on November 20**
- The 2018 Africa Industrialization Day was celebrated at **United Nations Industrial Development Organization(UNIDO)'s headquarters in Vienna**, with an event

organized by UNIDO with the support of the **United Nations Office of the Secretary-General, the UN Economic Commission on Africa (UNECA), and the African Union Commission (AUC).**

- It focused on the context of the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). It was first established in **1989** by UNGA to raise awareness about the importance of Africa's industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent.
- The Theme for the 2018 edition is: **“Promoting Regional Value Chains in Africa: A pathway for accelerating Africa's structural transformation, industrialization and pharmaceutical production”**

November 26

1. When was International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women?

Answer : November -25

Explanation :

- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – 25th November**
- **The United Nations General Assembly** has designated **November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.** The premise of the day is to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence.
- The **Orange-themed event** was organised by the **United Nations Women**, along with the **UN in India**, as part of the **UN Secretary General's UNiTE campaign** that is set to continue till the International Day of Human Rights on December 10.
- The event, which was organised under the **theme ‘Orange The World: #HearMeToo’**, focused on women and girls who continue to experience violence and abuse, which is often overlooked, normalized, justified and made invisible.

November 27

1. When was Indian Constitution Day?

Answer : November -25

Explanation :

- **69th Indian Constitution Day- 26 November**
- **Constitution Day (National Law Day)**, also known as **Samvidhan Divas**, is celebrated in India on **26 November** every year to commemorate the adoption of Constitution of India. On **26 November 1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, and it came into effect on 26 January 1950.
- The Government of India declared 26 November as Constitution Day on 19 November 2015.

November 28

1. When was National Milk day?

Answer : November -26

Explanation :

- **National Milk Day : November 26**
- To acknowledge the contribution of the '**Father of White Revolution**', **Dr Verghese Kurien** towards Milk Revolution in the country, India celebrates **National Milk Day** every year on **November 26**.
- National Milk Day is dedicated to Dr Verghese Kurien who was the architect of Operation Flood, the programme which led India from being 50th in the world in terms of milk production to become the largest producer in just a couple of decades.

November 29

1. When was Indian Organ Donation Day? Explain the details?

Answer : November -27

Explanation :

- **Indian Organ Donation Day: 27 November**
- '**9th Indian Organ Donation Day**' was organized by the **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)** in **Delhi**. **Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare** stated that People's participation and people's awareness is the key to encouraging organ donation.
- The **best performing State of Tamil Nadu** was also felicitated. The State of **Maharashtra** received an award for being the **best State for promoting awareness of organ donations**.

November 30

1. When was the India Rivers Week? Explain the details?

Answer : November -24 to 26

Explanation :

- **India Rivers Week 2018**
- The India Rivers Week (IRW) 2018, a unique meeting on rivers in India was held at the **World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF)**, New Delhi, from November 24 to 26, 2018. The focus of this year's three-day meet was '**Can India Rejuvenate Ganga?**'
- This year's event was dedicated to **Dr G D Agrawal** also known as **Swami Gyanswarup Sanand**, who passed away on November 11 this year after a prolonged fast, which he undertook after the government's lack of response to his demands.

ECONOMY

November 1

1. Who was authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds with effect from October 1 to 10?

Answer: State Bank of India

Explanation :

- The State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, was authorised to **issue and encash electoral bonds** with effect from October 1 to 10. These could be done at **29 of the bank's authorised branches**.
- According to the provisions of the Electoral Bond scheme notified in January this year, these bonds could be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or an entity incorporated or established in India.

November 2

1. Which company has acquired IDFC Infrastructure Finance (IDFC-IFL)?

Answer: National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

Explanation :

- **The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** has acquired **IDFC Infrastructure Finance (IDFC-IFL)**, an infrastructure debt fund. This acquisition is the first investment from NIIF's strategic fund. The acquisition will allow NIIF to play a meaningful role in the private debt space in Indian Infrastructure.

November 3

1. Who was focus on providing growth capital to industry with an initial focus on small and medium enterprises (SMEs)?

Answer: NBFC

Explanation :

- **The NBFC** would focus on providing growth capital to industry with an initial focus on small and medium enterprises (SMEs). **Reserve Bank of India** gave licence to the **Kirloskar group** to launch a non-banking finance company (NBFC) named **Kirloskar Capital**.
- It will be headed by industry veteran **Vimal Bhandari** as **CEO**.

2. India signed agreement with which country for the construction of the Turga Pumped storage hydel power project at Purulia in West Bengal?

Answer: Japan

Explanation :

- **India and Japan** signed a **Rs 1,817 crore** loan agreement for the construction of the **Turga pumped storage hydel power project at Purulia in West Bengal**. The project will contribute to the industrial development and living standards in the state.
- The **Japanese Official Development Assistance loan agreement** was signed in New Delhi between **Ministry of Finance** Additional Secretary C.S. Mohapatra and **Japan**

November 4

1. Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) cut listing time for an IPO to _____ days from 6 days at present?

Answer: National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

Explanation :

- **The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** cut listing time for an IPO to 3 days from 6 at present. This will be done in a phased manner with the 1st phase starting from **January 1, 2019**.
- For the implementation, **Unified Payments Interface** was launched as an alternative payment option for retail investors, buying shares in a public issue.

2. Abbreviation for KOEL?

Answer: Kirloskar Oil Engines

Explanation :

- **Kirloskar Capital**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Kirloskar Oil Engines (KOEL)**, has received **RBI licence** to start a **non-banking financial company (NBFC)**. The company plans to lend more than **Rs. 1,000 crore** over the next three years.

November 5

1. Which bank allowed banks to provide partial credit enhancement (PCE)?

Answer: Reserve Bank of India

Explanation :

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** allowed banks to provide **partial credit enhancement (PCE)** to bonds issued by systemically important non-deposit taking **non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)** registered with the **RBI and housing finance companies (HFCs) registered** with the National Housing Bank.

November 6

1. Abbreviation for PCR?

Answer: Public Credit Registry

Explanation :

- **The Reserve Bank of India** has initiated the process to set up a digital **Public Credit Registry (PCR)** to capture all the details of borrowers, including wilful defaulters and also the pending legal suits in order to check financial delinquencies.

2. Who ruled against anti-dumping duty on the imports of a synthetic fluoropolymer?

Answer: US International Trade Commission (USITC)

Explanation :

- The **US International Trade Commission (USITC)** ruled against anti-dumping duty on the imports of a synthetic **fluoropolymer**, a key ingredient in non-stick coating for pans and other cookware, from **India and China**.
- PTFE imports from India would have been subject to an anti-dumping duty of 22.78 per cent if not for this ruling.

November 8

1. Where did the National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda held?

Answer: Public Credit Registry

Explanation :

- The **National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda** was held in **New Delhi**. It was organized by Ministry of AYUSH in association with NITI Aayog with aim of encouraging entrepreneurs and Ayurveda stakeholders towards businesses opportunities in the sector.
- The seminar is expected to develop awareness among stakeholders about the business opportunities, encouraging young entrepreneurs to use of modern technologies and modern innovations in business development in the sector and highlight opportunities at global level.

November 9

1. Meghalaya government announced _____ rupees investment in the second phase of Aqua Mission?

Answer: Rs.378 crore

Explanation :

- **The Meghalaya Government** announced **Rs.378 crore investment** in the second phase of the State's flagship aquaculture mission aimed at cutting down fish imports into the hill State.
- The mission — **Meghalaya State Aqua Mission 2.0** — was announced by Fisheries Minister Comingone Ymbon at the 5th state aqua festival held in Shillong at the U Soso Tham auditorium premises.

2. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reduced minimum tenor for borrowing through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) for infrastructure firms from 5 years to _____ years?

Answer: 3years

Explanation :

- **The Reserve Bank** has liberalised the norms governing foreign borrowings for infrastructure creation “in consultation with the Government”.
- As per the notification, the **minimum average maturity requirement for ECBs** (external commercial borrowings) in the infrastructure space raised by eligible borrowers has been **reduced to three years from earlier five years**.

3. What is the % for Unemployment rate in the country rose?

Answer: 6.9%

Explanation :

- Unemployment **rate in the country rose to 6.9% in October**, the highest in two years, according to a report by the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**. The estimated number of people employed during October 2018 was 397 million.
- This was **2.4% lower than the rate in October 2017**. Around 407 million individuals were estimated to be employed during the same period in 2017.

November 10

1. Who pledged contributions of \$13.36 million for the various UN agencies and development activities?

Answer: India

Explanation :

- **India** pledged contributions of **\$13.36 million for the various UN agencies and development activities**. India's pledged contributions include \$4.5 million to the UN Development Programme, \$5 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Near East, \$1.92 million to the World Food Programme.
- About 19 countries pledged a total of \$425.69 million at the Pledging Conference, reflecting an increase from the 2017 amount of \$398.98 million.

2. What is the % of Indian economy will expand in 2018?

Answer: 7.4 per cent

Explanation :

- The **Indian economy** will expand **7.4 per cent in 2018**, but the growth will slow down to **7.3 per cent in the next year** as domestic demand tapers on higher borrowing cost due to rising interest rates, **Moody's Investors Service** said.
- In its report titled '**Global Macro Outlook 2019-20**', Moody's said the economy grew 7.9 per cent in the first half (January-June) of 2018, which reflects post demonetisation base effect.

November 11

1. Which country overtook United States as the 2nd largest smartphone market after China, according to a report by research firm Canalys?

Answer: India

Explanation :

- According to a report by research firm **Canalys, India** overtook **US** as the **2nd** largest smartphone market after **China**. China saw a shipment of **100.6 million** smartphones in the 3rd quarter followed by India which saw **40.4 million** units during the same period.
- Worldwide smartphone shipments fell by 7.2 per cent year-on-year to 348.9 million units during July-September 2018, a fourth consecutive quarter of decline.

2. Reserve Bank of India cancelled the certificate of registrations of how many non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) for unspecified reasons?

Answer: 31

Explanation :

- The **Reserve Bank of India** cancelled the certificate of registrations of as many as 31 non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) for unspecified reasons. This can be seen from the fact that it also cancelled the certificate of registrations of **17** NBFCs following a request by them for the same.

November 19

1. Who is the chairman of a bankers' panel working on faster resolution of stressed assets in public sector banks?

Answer: Sunil Mehta

Explanation :

- **Sunil Mehta**, the chairman of a bankers' panel working on faster resolution of stressed assets in public sector banks, said an **Asset Management Company (AMC)** for resolving large bad loans has been formed and will be called as **Sashakt India Asset Management**.

November 26

1. What is the % of India's economic growth in 2019 and 2020?

Answer: 7.50%

Explanation :

- **India's economic growth will slow down** somewhat but remain robust, at close to **7.50% in 2019 and 2020**, the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and**

Development (OECD) has said in its **2018 Economic Outlook**. India's gross domestic product (GDP) grew 6.7% in 2017-18.

- **OECD** projects GDP at market prices to grow **7.3% in 2019 and 7.4% in 2020 from 7.5% in 2018.**

2. Who sanctioned Mudra loans under PMMY, grew faster than banks in FY 2018?

Answer: NBFC

Explanation :

- According to the **2017-18 annual report of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)**, NBFC sanctioned Mudra loans under PMMY, grew faster than banks in **FY 2018**. This is **the first time** that the bad loan data has been released by **Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency (Mudra)**.
- MUDRA in its last annual report stated that it has begun the process of tracking bad loans in the portfolio of Mudra loans.

November 27

1. How much % the RBI reduced the mandatory hedging provision?

Answer: 70 per cent

Explanation :

- Further easing the External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) norms, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** reduced the mandatory hedging provision to **70 per cent** from 100 per cent. The relaxation in hedging is for Indian companies raising foreign currency-denominated ECBs under Track I, which refers to medium-term borrowings with average maturity between **three and five years**.

2. How much loan agreement for improving Bihar's state highways signed by ADB?

Answer: \$200- million

Explanation :

- **The Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a **\$200-million** loan agreement for improving Bihar's state highways.
- ADB would provide the loan to finance the widening and upgrading of about 230 km of state highways in Bihar to all-weather standards with road safety features.

November 28

1. BEPS stands for?

Answer : Base Erosion and Profit Shifting

Explanation :

- India and China amended their bilateral Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) to prevent tax evasion through exchange of information. The protocol updated the existing provisions for information exchange to the latest international standards.
- It also incorporated changes required to implement treaty-related minimum standards under the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) action reports.

2. What is the maturity period of ECB?

Answer : 3 and 5 years

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank relaxed norms for **external commercial borrowings (ECBs)** by reducing the mandatory hedging provision to **70% from the current 100%**. The relaxed norms will apply to the ECBs with a maturity period between **3 and 5 years**.
- The RBI also clarified that the ECBs raised prior to this circular will be required to mandatorily roll over their existing hedge only to the extent of 70% of outstanding ECB exposure.

November 29

1. What is the main purpose of “status of Miniratna”?

Answer : company will have greater autonomy

Explanation :

- The Government of India conferred the National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) with the status of **Miniratna: Category –I**. This status will empower the company to take speedy decisions. With the status of Miniratna the company will have greater autonomy as the board’s power would get enhanced.

2. Which sector launched by RBI for problems faced by the startup sector?

Answer : Survey on India’s startup sector (SISS)

Explanation :

- To understand the problems faced by the startup sector, the **Reserve Bank** launched a **Survey on India’s startup sector (SISS)** to create a profile of the startup sector in India consisting of dimensions relating to turnover, profitability and workforce.

BOOKS

November 7

1. Whose biography, “Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography”?

Answer : AR Rahman

Explanation :

- Oscar-winning musician **AR Rahman** released his biography, **Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of AR Rahman**, in Mumbai. Written by author **Krishna Trilok**, the book is in association with Landmark and Penguin Random House.

November 9

1. Who is the co-author of 'The Fire Burns Blue: A History of Women's Cricket in India'?

Answer : Karunya Keshav and Sidhanta Pathak

Explanation :

- A book on history of women's cricket in India will hit the stands on November 30. The book, titled '**The Fire Burns Blue: A History of Women's Cricket in India**', is co-authored by sports journalists **Karunya Keshav** and **Sidhanta Pathak**.
- It would talk about the numerous "twist and turns" of women's cricket, including the early days of pioneers like Diana Eduljee and Shantha Rangaswamy in the early '70s and the stars of today like Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur.

November 12

1. Who released the book 'Yoga and Mindfulness'?

Answer : M. Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation :

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the book '**Yoga and Mindfulness**' authored by Yoga exponent, **Ms. Mansi Gulati**, at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Conference Hall, Vice President's House, in New Delhi. This book stresses that, yoga is not just asanas, but anything you do with mindfulness and dedication is yoga.
- It helps in understanding the philosophy behind yoga and also explains how various asanas are performed, with the help of pictures. It also lists the benefits of every asana.

November 13

1. Which publications released the book titled "Listen To Me"?

Answer : Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)

Explanation :

- The just-released **autobiography** of one of the most celebrated authors of our times, **Shashi Deshpande**, provides a deep and personal account that elaborates on the shaping of a writer's sensibility.
- Titled "**Listen To Me**", it is published by **Context**, an imprint of **Westland publications**, and is billed as "an examination of the life and times in which Shashi Deshpande wrote her finest works."

November 29

1. SPMRF stands for?

Answer : Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation

Explanation :

- The President of India, Shri **Ram Nath Kovind**, received the first copy of the book **“Making of New India: Transformation under Modi Government”**, from Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The book is edited by the nationalist think tank Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) and members of the Niti Aayog: Dr Bibek Debroy, Dr Anirban Ganguly and Shri Kishore Desai

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