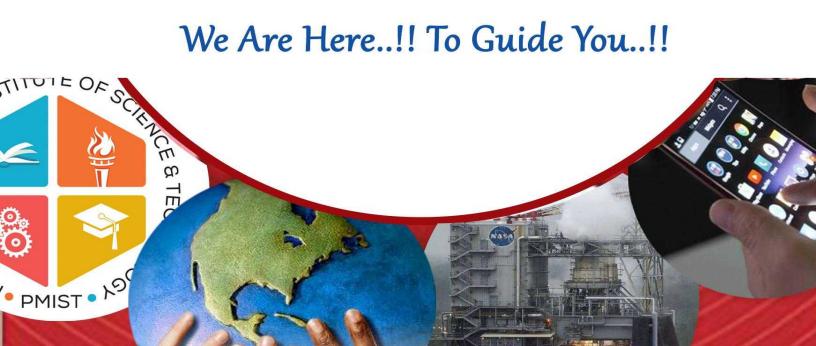


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NATIONAL NEWS

- The 2019 Lok Sabha elections witnessed a voter turnout of 67.10% (interim), which is the highest ever voter turnout in the history of general elections, as per Election Commission of India. The previous highest voter turnout of 66.44% was recorded in 2014.
 - The highest voter turnout was recorded in the first phase when 69.61 per cent of the electorate voted.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The World Health Organization has certified Algeria and Argentina as malariafree, following three consecutive years where no new cases of the deadly disease have been reported.
 - The World Health Organization reports Algeria is the second country in Africa to be recognized as malaria-free after Mauritius, which was certified in 1973.

ECONOMY

• The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) have announced initiatives to encourage tech startups, especially fintech, by making data and systems available to them through the regulatory sandbox (RS).

SPORTS

• Sethu FC beat Manipur Police by SC 3-1 to win the Indian Women's League trophy. Sethu FC from Madurai emerged champions of the third edition of the Indian Women's League at the Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana.

APPOINTMENTS

• In Andhra Pradesh, YSR Congress Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy will be sworn in as chief minister of Andhra Pradesh on 30th of this month at Vijayawada.

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 Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy has announced this following his party achieving inching towards a landslide victory in the legislative elections for Andhra Pradesh Legislative assembly held on April 11th.

AWARDS

- Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a private life insurer, has been conferred with the FICCI Claims Excellence Award. The recognition comes for its customer-friendly claims services in the life insurance sector.
 - The insurer improved its individual claim settlement ratio, the number of claims paid to the number of claims received, to 96.85 per cent in financial year 2017-18.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- On 24th May 2019, people in Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe observe Commonwealth Day.
 - The Theme of this year's Commonwealth Day is "A Connected Commonwealth".