

– Current Affairs –

August 2018

India now world's 6th largest economy

Addressing the nation on the 72nd Independence Day, PM Narendra Modi said, 'India has registered its name as the sixth largest economy in the world.'

The _____ World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) was held in Beijing, China.

- A. 24th
- B. 23th
- C. 26th
- D. 25th

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

The 24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) was held in Beijing.

President Ram Nath Kovind approved Nao Sena (Gallantry) medal for how many women of Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind approved Nao Sena (Gallantry) medal for the 6 women crew members of Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini, who circumnavigated the globe. Lt Cdr Vartika Joshi captained the 194-day mission. The mission started on 10th September 2017. Nao Sena Gallantry medals were also announced for marine Lt Cdr Anil Raina and Kunal Saini for anti-insurgency operations.

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India Ratings decreases growth forecast to 7.2% from 7.4% for FY19

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised down its FY19 economic growth forecast to 7.2% from 7.4% earlier.

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What is the name of home ground of Manchester City?

- A. Wanda Metropolis
- B. Emirates Stadium
- C. Etihad Stadium
- D. Old Trafford

Answer and Explanation

Answer: C

Manchester City Football Club is a football club based in east Manchester, England. Founded in 1880 as St. Mark's.

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JSW Group launched Inspire Institute of Sports (IIS) at _____ on 15th August 2018.

- A. Vijaynagar, Karnataka
- B. Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. Hyderabad, Telengana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), claiming to be India's first privately-funded High Performance Training Institute, was inaugurated in the presence of Olympic gold medallists Balbir Singh Sr. and Abhinav Bindra. The Institute aims to provide a world class training centre which can provide Indian athletes access to the most advanced infrastructure, coaching and sports science within the country. It is an initiative led by the JSW Group.

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Railways launches 'Digital Screens' at 22 stations

The Ministry of Railway has made 'digital screens' operational at 22 stations on the occasion of Independence Day to spread awareness among public about the opulent heritage of Indian Railways. The project aims at showcasing the legacy of Indian Railways through one to two-minute-long movie clips on digital LED screens at the entrance gate of railway stations and also at different comfort areas.

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Where is the head quarter of Asian Cricket Council (ACC)?

- A. Malaysia
- B. India
- C. Pakistan
- D. Nepal

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Asian Cricket Council (ACC):- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Was founded: 1983, Member Countries: 25 .

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Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology's 'iCRAFPT '18' was held in which city in Tamilnadu?

- A. Coimbatore
- B. Madurai
- C. Trichy
- D. Thanjavur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

By commemorating its golden jubilee 'iCRAFPT '18' , the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT), started an international conference on recent advances in food processing technology till August 19, 2018 at its campus in Thanjavur. It would be inaugurated by union minister of food processing industries, Harsimrat Kaur Badal. The theme of the conference is: 'Doubling Farmers Income through Food Processing'.

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India wins SAFF U-15 Championship

India defeated Bangladesh in the final of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-15 Women's Championship in Thimpu, Bhutan. A solitary second-half strike by Sunita Munda helped the Indian U-15 team clinch the title.

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Which of the following recently won India's 1st Medal in Cycling at the UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Aigle, Switzerland?

- A. Esow Alben
- B. Manoj Sahu
- C. Naman Kapil
- D. Venkappa Shivappa

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Esow Alben(19 year old Teen) claimed a Silver Medal at the UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Aigle, Switzerland.

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India's first mission to study the solar corona, that is planned to be launched in 2019-2020, by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota is;

- A. Aditya-L1
- B. Apoorva - I
- C. SuryaDev - M1
- D. Akash -I

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

ISRO's Aditya-L1 mission, India's first mission to study the solar corona, is planned to be launched in 2019-2020, by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. Aditya - L1 will be inserted in a halo orbit around the Lagrangian point 1 (L1) that is 1.5 million km from the Earth. Solar corona is the outer layers of the Sun. Lagrangian point is a point where the attraction by the Sun and the Earth becomes equal.

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Successful Flight Test of ATGM 'HELINA'

Indigenously developed Helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' has been successfully flight tested from Army Helicopter in the ranges of Pokhran. The weapon system has been tested for its full range.

What is the full form of UIDAI?

- A. Unique Identification Authority of India
- B. Uniquely Identification Authority of India
- C. Unique Identification Association of India
- D. Uniquely Identification Act of India

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

The Aadhar data is collected by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), a statutory authority established in January 2009 by the government of India, under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Which state decided to honour former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee with 3 awards?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Kerala

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Chouhan to have 3 awards after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The first award will be given for poets (as former PM was also a poet). The second award will be for the outstanding contribution in the field of journalism. And the third award would be for good work in administration.

Delhi replaces Gujarat to top 'most investor-friendly' destination list

Delhi has toppled Gujarat from the top spot in a list of 21 states and union territories with the most investment potential, according to a report by economic think-tank NCAER.

Who has been appointed as Managing Director of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL).

- A. Anurag Sachan
- B. Anurag Saini
- C. Aniket Sachan
- D. Anurag Sahani

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Anurag Sachan is appointed as Managing Director of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL).

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Who tops in the List of India's 28 Fugitive Economic Offenders?

- A. Chetan Sandesara
- B. Nirav Modi
- C. Vijay Mallya
- D. Mehul Choksi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Vijay Mallya (promoter of defunct Kingfisher Airlines) allegedly defrauded banks of about Rs 7,500 crore, according to the list the Finance Ministry submitted in the Lok Sabha. Mehul Choksi, promoter of Gitanjali Jewels (Rs.7,080 crore) and his nephew Nirav Modi (Rs.6,498 crore) took the second and third spots. The list also includes Sterling Biotech promoters Chetan Sandesara, Nitin Sandesara and Diptiben Sandesara, who allegedly defrauded banks of Rs.5,383 crore.

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Ajay Data first Indian in ICANN

Ajay Data has got a two-year term and will take up the position during ICANN 63 Meet in Spain. Ajay Data is the first Indian to have been selected as a member of ccNSO and will be representing India at a global level. He will be the custodian of Asia, Australia and Pacific Islands as a member of ccNSO.

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What is the full form of USSD?

- A. Unstructured Supplementary Service Data

B. Un-structure Supplementary Service Data

C. Unstructured Supplement Service Data

D. Un-structure Supplement Service Data

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD), sometimes referred to as “Quick Codes” or “Feature codes”, is a communications protocol used by GSM cellular telephones to communicate with the mobile network operator’s computers.

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ISRO announced to launch its heaviest satellite GSAT 11 on which of the following month?

- A. October
- B. September
- C. November
- D. December

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) heaviest satellite so far - the GSAT-11 (weighing over 5.7 tonnes i.e., 5,700-kg)- which the space agency had cleared for launch in June, will take off a spaceport in French Guiana on 30 November. GSAT-11 carries 40 transponders in the Ku-band and the Ka-band frequencies, and is capable of providing high bandwidth connectivity with up to 14 GB per second data transfer speed.

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India women win Blitz gold

The Indian women chess team at the Asian Nations Cup 2018 clinched the gold in the Blitz event held in Iran. It's India's first gold-medal finish at the event since 2014. They also won silver and bronze in the Rapid and Classical categories, respectively. The tournament began in the Iranian city of Hamadan.

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Who is the Governor of Goa?

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
- B. Banwari Lal Purohit

C. Mridula Sinha

D. Jitendra Singh

Answer and Explanation

Answer: C

Chief Minister: Manohar Parrikar. Governor: Mridula Sinha.

Who of the following entering into a strategic partnership with Reliance Money?

- A. PayPal
- B. Paytm
- C. PayU
- D. DHL Express

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

PayU India announced entering into a strategic partnership with Reliance Money, leading NBFC brands in India, to offer instant app-based personal loans, via LazyPay. It is an attempt to reach out to the underserved consumers in India. The loan amount will start from as low as Rs. 100 and will extend up to Rs. 1,00,000 with a duration varying from 15 days to 24 months. The loan amount will start from as low as Rs. 100 and will extend up to Rs. 1,00,000 with a duration varying from 15 days to 24 months.

Gurugram India's most polluted city

Gurugram, which has been NCR's most polluted for the past three days, was declared the most polluted among 62 cities in the country surveyed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), with air quality index (AQI) crossing the 300 mark.

Who is the CEO of NSE?

- A. Pawan Makija
- B. Vikram Makija
- C. Vikram Limaye
- D. Pawar Sutar

Answer and Explanation

Answer: C

National Stock Exchange: – Established in 1992 , MD & CEO – Vikram Limaye , Located in Mumbai.

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Which of the following sculpture will be returned to India by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest museum in the US?

- A. Marble Sculpture of female yakshi
- B. Statue of Suparshvanatha
- C. Dancing girl of Mohenjo Daro
- D. Limestone sculpture of 'Head of a Male Deity'

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

An eighth-century stone sculpture of Goddess Durga and a third century limestone sculpture 'Head of a Male Deity' will be returned to India by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest museum in the US. The stone sculpture of Durga Mahishasuramardini was donated to the museum in 2015. The limestone sculpture, donated in 1986, was part of Nagarjunakonda Site Museum's excavated inventory.

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Vice President releases the Book 'Bebak Baat'

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that continuous communication between public representatives and the public is crucial for development of our nation. He was addressing the gathering after releasing the Book 'Bebak Baat', authored by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel.

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Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve in _____ is one of the world's highest ecosystems(1220 meters above sea level).

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Sikkim
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer and Explanation

Answer: B

Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve in Sikkim is one of the world's highest ecosystems (1220 meters above sea level).

Google has launched a new video-based Q&A app which allows people to answer questions about themselves, then share those answers directly on Google. The name of the app is;

- A. Lynda
- B. Cameos
- C. Duolingo
- D. Photomath

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Google has launched a new video-based Q&A app called 'Cameos' on the App Store, which allows people to answer questions about themselves, then share those answers directly on Google. The app is aimed at celebrities and other public figures, who are often the subject of people's Google searches. With the Cameos app, they can address fans' questions in their own voice, instead of leaving the answers up to other websites.

India to grow at 7.5% in 2018, 2019: Moody's Report

The Indian economy is expected to grow by around 7.5% in 2018 and 2019 as it is largely resilient to external pressures like those from higher oil prices, according to Moody's Investors Service. Moody's put G-20 growth at 3.3% in 2018 and 3.1% in 2019. The advanced economies will grow 2.3% in 2018 and 2% in 2019, while G-20 emerging markets will remain the growth drivers at 5.1% in both 2018 and 2019.

Who is the minister for communication in India?

- A. Jayant Shukla
- B. Jayant Sinha
- C. Manoj Sinha
- D. Anju Sharma

Answer and Explanation

Answer: C

Manoj Sinha is a minister of communication and minister of state for railways. He is a civil engineer. He was a student of IIT BHU .

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The book "No Spin" is the autobiography of which veteran cricketer?

- A. Shane Warne
- B. Muttiah Muralitharan
- C. Anil Kumble
- D. Bishan Singh Bedi

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The book "No Spin" is the autobiography of renowned Australian bowler Shane Warne, which will release on October 30. It is the true story behind the headlines, in Warne's own voice, and challenges some of the enduring myths and untruths that surround him. The memoir is written with cricketer and TV presenter Mark Nicholas. Warne is widely regarded as one of the finest bowlers in the history of the game. He played his first Test match in 1992, and took over 1,000 international wickets.

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Who won the Silver medal in 400-meter race in Asian Games 2018?

- A. Dutee Chand
- B. Hima Das
- C. Srabani Nanda
- D. Anjana Thamke

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

18-year-old Hima Das won the Silver medal in 400-meter race in ongoing Asian Games 2018, Indonesia. Hima clocked 50.79 seconds to complete her race. Dutee Chand also bagged silver medal in women's 100 meter race. Dutee clocked 11.32 seconds to complete her race. Muhammed Anas won Silver medal in Men's 400m race. Anas clocked 45.69 seconds to complete his race.

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SBI expects 10% credit growth in FY19

State Bank of India said it has 'set its house in order' and the credit growth is expected to see 10 per cent growth by the end of the current fiscal. SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar also said the bank is in the process of recruiting 8,000 people this year and hopes to also bounce back into profits from the current quarter as the major chunk of provisioning for bad loans was done in the first quarter.

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Narendra Modi has launched a book on former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee:-'Atal Ji Ne Kaha', it is written by _____.

A. L K Advani

B. Brijendra Rehi

C. Narendra Modi

D. Nitin Gadkari

Answer and Explanation

Answer: B

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Who introduced the GST helpline for customers?

A. BIS

B. NAA

C. NIC

D. TRAI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA) has introduced a helpline to encourage consumers to resolve all the queries to file complaints against the companies that are not passing GST rate cut benefits. Since the rollout of GST on July 1, 2017, the GST Council has cut tax rates on several occasions on a number of items. The helpline number is 011-21400643. It will guide the consumers to register their complaints, provide information and resolve queries related to profiteering under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) law. NAA said that the consumers can call the helpline number between 9.30 am to 1 pm and 1.30 pm to 6 pm on all working days.

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PNB gets top rank in Digital Transaction

According to a report of Department of Financial Services, Punjab National Bank has been rated as number one state-owned bank in terms of digital transactions. The bank is rated as 'Good' by the government with a score of 71 which is the highest category of performance.

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Pincky Balhara and Malaprabha Jadhav reached the semi-finals in the women's _____ category in KURASH Game.

- A. 52kg
- B. 59kg
- C. 54kg
- D. 56kg

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Pincky Balhara and Malaprabha Jadhav reached the semi-finals in the women's 52kg category in KURASH Game.

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India-Kenya Joint Trade committee meeting

The meeting was co-chaired by Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu and Mr. Peter Munya, Cabinet Secretary (Minister) for Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Government of Kenya. Indians are the third-largest group of tourists to Kenya.

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National Sports Day is a tribute to the greatest hockey player, Major _____ on his birth anniversary.

- A. Dhyan Chand
- B. Dhanraj Pillay
- C. Arjun Hallapa
- D. C B Singh

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

National Sports Day is a tribute to the greatest hockey player, Major Dhyan Chand on his birth anniversary.

Which among the following rebranded as Google pay to offer Instant Bank Loans?

- A. PayPal
- B. Payoneer
- C. Tez
- D. Phonepe

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Google recently partnered with HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd., Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. and Federal Bank Ltd. to offer instant, pre-approved loans to customers. About Tez Release date: September 19, 2017 Tez got about 8.5 million installations. Over 30 million transactions were made on the app as of October 27, 2017.

India and the World Bank sign \$300 Million Agreement

The Government of India and the IBRD of World Bank signed a total of \$300 million agreement for the India Energy Efficiency Scale-Up Program in Delhi. Out of the \$300 million, \$220 million is a Loan Agreement and a \$80 million is a Guarantee Agreement.

Government has constituted a _____-member PM-STIAC (A New Science And Technology Council) to advise PM Narendra Modi.

- A. 22
- B. 21
- C. 23
- D. 24

Answer and Explanation

Answer: B

Government has constituted a 21-member PM-STIAC (A New Science and Technology Council) to advise PM Narendra Modi.

Indian women's team won _____ medal in the compound archery team event at the 2018 Asian Games.

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. None of the above

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Indian women's team won silver medal in the compound archery team event at the 2018 Asian Games. The Indian team comprised Muskan Kirar, Madhumita Kumari and Jyothi Surekha Vennam. The Indian team was defeated by South Korea in the finals at the 18th Asian Games.

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India and ADB Sign \$375 Million Loan

The government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$375 million loan agreement to contribute to double farming incomes in Madhya Pradesh by expanding irrigation networks and system efficiency.

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Through which of the following state does National Waterway-1 not pass?

- A. Uttrakhanad
- B. UP
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

The NW-1 passes through West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

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Indian Railways and this organisation Sign MoU for use of Natural Gas in Railway Workshops.

- A. ONGC
- B. GAIL

C. Indian Oil Corporation

D. Bharat Petroleum

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

In order to replace Industrial gases like Dissolved Acetylene, LPG, BMCG and Furnace Oil / High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil with environment friendly Natural Gas, Indian Railways has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s GAIL (India) Limited, to provide infrastructure facilities for supply of Natural Gas to Indian Railways Workshops, Production Units and Depots at Rail Bhavan. This MoU is a broad-based, in principle agreement, between GAIL and Indian Railways for the creation of infrastructure and supply of CNG/LNG/PNG for both industrial and domestic purposes.

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How many branches of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will be opened by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 21st August, 2018?

A. 480

B. 520

C. 650

D. 340

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 650 branches of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) on the 21st August, 2018. The IPPB has been setup under the Department of Post, Ministry of Communication with 100% equity owned by the Indian government. The IPPB will leverage the vast network of the Department of Posts with 1.55 lakh access points, three lakh postmen and Grameen Dak Sewaks.

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What is the full form of NASA?

A. National American and Space Administration

B. National Aeronautical and Space Administration

C. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

D. National Aeronautics and Space Administrative

Answer and Explanation

Answer: C

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a civilian agency of the government of the United States of America, charged with space and aeronautical Assesments.

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SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2018

The Parliament passed the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2018. The Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha by the Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawar Chand Gehlot on august 2018.

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What will be the theme of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit-2019?

- A. Moulding a New World
- B. Shaping of a New India
- C. New Horizons to Reach
- D. Dream Big Achieve Great

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The theme of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit-2019 will be 'Shaping of a New India'. It was decided at the first meeting of the Advisory Committee of the event. The summit is proposed to be held between January 18 and 20 next year.

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Nirmala Sitharaman and Yogi Adityanath inducted defense industrial corridor in _____,UP to develop special areas dedicated to defense production.

- A. Aligarh
- B. Agra
- C. Jhansi
- D. Lucknow

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Nirmala Sitharaman and Yogi Adityanath inducted defense industrial corridor in Aligarh,UP to develop special areas dedicated to defense production.

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Karnataka government appointed 4 AAGs

The Karnataka government has appointed 4 Additional Advocates General (AAGs) to represent the government in the Principal Bench of the High Court of Karnataka.

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India's 1st Tribal Language to get own Wikipedia Edition is;

- A. Dhundhari
- B. Lushai
- C. Santhali
- D. Halbi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Santhali (Santali), a tribal language primarily spoken in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, received global recognition when it got a Wikipedia edition in its own script. The language is been spoken by over 6.4 million people in the states of Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Assam. The initiative to get a Santhali edition for Wikipedia, began six years ago, in 2012. Santhali, written in the Ol Chiki script currently has content of about 70,000 words.

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Under _____ initiative, Rajasthan Govt will organise a human chain along the 650-km-long Pakistan border on the occasion of independence day.

- A. Shahadat ko Naman
- B. Shahid ko Salam
- C. Shahadat ko Salam
- D. Shahid ko Naman

Answer and Explanation

Answer: C

Under Shahadat ko Salam initiative, Rajasthan Govt will organise a human chain along the 650-km-long Pakistan border on the occasion of independence day.

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3 women honoured at 19th IACCGH

Indian-American Aruna Vishwanathan was one of the 3 women honoured with 'Women in Business: Making a Difference Award' at the 19th annual Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) gala, in Houston, United States.

_____ is planning to launch a TV channel to promote scientific temper among people and conduct training camps for school students.

- A. BARC
- B. ISRO
- C. SpaceX
- D. DRDO

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to launch a TV channel to promote scientific temper among people and conduct training camps for school students. ISRO will select students and organise training camps for 25 to 30 days and the students will be allowed to visit laboratory and make their small satellite. ISRO was planning to set up an incubation centre for startups.

_____ has emerged as the cleanest station in A1 station category.

- A. Jodhpur
- B. Jaisalmer
- C. Jaipur
- D. Jabalpur

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Jodhpur has emerged as the cleanest station in A1 station category.

Hindu Playwright award 2018

Annie Zaidi was awarded the Hindu Playwright Award 2018 for her play Untitled-1, at the launch of the 14th edition of The Hindu Theatre Fest at the Taj Coromandel, in Chennai.

This state government started a 'Tatkal sewa' for property registration across the state.

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Odisha
- D. Telangana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The Punjab government started a 'Tatkal sewa' for property registration across the state. Under this, people can seek appointment for 'tatkal' (instant) registration for properties for an hour-long slot from 9 am to 10 am. The facilitation charges for the service would be Rs. 5000. 20 additional dedicated sub-registrars had been deputed at Ludhiana (East), Jalandhar, Amritsar, Patiala, Kharar and some more districts. So far 1,62,410 online documents have been registered under the new system.

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_____ has been appointed as the CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

- A. Ashish Kumar Bhutani
- B. Ashish Kumar Bhumari
- C. Ashish Kumar Bhatia
- D. Ashish Kumar Mishra

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Ashish Kumar Bhutani has been appointed as CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

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Exam Warriors releases in Odia

Union Minister for Oil and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Odia edition of the book 'Exam Warriors' written by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

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The first Asian Games were held in _____.

- A. India
- B. China

C. Japan

D. Indonesia

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

The 1951 Asian Games, officially known as the First Asian Games, was a multi-sport event celebrated in New Delhi, India from 4 to 11 March 1951. The Games received names like First Asiad.

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SBI raises retail fixed deposit rates by 5-10 bps

State Bank of India raised its interest rates on fixed deposits by 5-10 basis points on deposits of below Rs 1 crore. These changes will apply to senior citizens as well. Interest rates on recurring deposits of SBI are the same as that on FDs.

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RBI increased the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to _____

- A. 6.3%
- B. 6.7%
- C. 6.8%
- D. 6.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.5% and the reverse repo rate to 6.25%. This is the third bi-monthly policy review of the 2018-2019 financial year. The marginal standing facility rate and the bank rate have been adjusted to 6.75%. This decision was made by the Monetary Policy Committee headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel. Repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks in the event of a shortfall of funds.

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Who will be conferred with 24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award?

- A. Arun Jaitley
- B. Pratibha Patil
- C. Gopalkrishna Gandhi
- D. Amit Shah

Answer and Explanation

Answer: C

Gopalkrishna Gandhi will be conferred with 24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award. Gopalkrishna Devdas Gandhi is a retired IAS officer and diplomat, who was the 22nd Governor of West Bengal serving from 2004 to 2009. He is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

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Rajasthan becomes first State to implement Centre's 'Biofuel Policy'

Rajasthan becomes the first state to implement Centre's 'Biofuel Policy.' For this Rajasthan has established a Centre of Excellence in Udaipur to promote research in alternate fuels and energy sources.

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Which become the first State in the country to implement the national policy on biofuels?

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Rajasthan has become the first State in the country to implement the national policy on biofuels unveiled by the Centre this year. The desert State will lay emphasis on increasing production of oilseeds and establish a Centre for Excellence in Udaipur to promote research in the fields of alternative fuels and energy resources. The policy on biofuels seeks to help farmers dispose of their surplus stock in an economic manner and reduce the country's oil import dependence.

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Who is the Chairman of ITC Ltd?

- A. Y C Modi
- B. Y C Deveshwar
- C. H C Deveshwar
- D. H C Modi

Answer and Explanation

Answer: B Yogesh Chander Deveshwar is an Indian businessman and mechanical engineer. He serves as the Chairman of ITC Limited.

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Ballistic Missile Interceptor AAD Successfully Flight Tested

DRDO conducted the successful test of the Ballistic Missile Interceptor Advanced Area Defence (AAD) at from Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.

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This state made Yoga mandatory for all Colleges and Universities, recently.

- A. Uttarkand
- B. Andra Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Karnataka

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The Karnataka government has made Yoga mandatory for all colleges and universities in the State. It was decided at a meeting of Vice-chancellors and other officials of state universities which was chaired by State Higher Education Minister G T Devegowda. According to the officials, all government, aided and private degree colleges in the state must conduct yoga for 20-minutes. It also said that a proposal to recruit 5,000 teaching staff has been approved by the Chief Minister and the Finance Department of the State.

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What is the current repo rate, as per the 3rd bi-monthly policy, released by RBI?

- A. 6.32
- B. 6.50
- C. 6.75
- D. 7.20

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hiked policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.50% in its third bi-monthly monetary policy review of 2018-19. Repo rate is the

rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks in the event of any shortfall of funds. Reverse repo rate, the rate at which the Reserve Bank borrows money from commercial banks within the country, was adjusted to 6.25%. Accordingly, the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate too stand adjusted at 6.75%. This time too, RBI has maintained neutral stance with an objective of achieving the medium-term target for headline inflation of 4 per cent while supporting growth.

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India has been elected as president for the _____ years of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development.

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Five

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

India has been elected as president for the two years of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development.

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Fortune 500 list of world's largest companies released

Seven Indian companies have been listed in Fortune 500 list 2018 of world biggest corporations. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is the highest ranked company from India followed by RIL which jumped 55 places. The US-based retail company, Walmart has topped the list.

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The researchers from this country creates world's first single-chromosome yeast.

- A. USA
- B. Japanese
- C. Chinese
- D. India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Researchers from China have claimed to have created the world's first single-chromosome yeast while not affecting the majority of its functions. The researchers involved in the creation are molecular biologists from the Centre for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences in China.

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Himachal Pradesh CM _____ launched 'Shaur Nahin' App.

- A. Jai Ram Thakur
- B. Jai Thakur
- C. Jai Ram Ramesh
- D. Ajay Thakur

Answer and Explanation

Answer: A

Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur launched 'Shaur Nahin' App.

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RBI bars Fino Payments Bank

Reserve Bank of India observed that a few Fino Payments Bank accounts had deposits in excess of the stipulated amount of Rs 1 lakh. According to RBI's operating guidelines for payments banks, a customer can make deposits of up to Rs 1 lakh per account in a year.

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