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IMPORTANT DAYS

- Dec 01 : World AIDS Day
- Dec 03 : World Disability Day
- Dec 04 : National Navy Day
- Dec 11 : UNICEF Day
- Dec 23 : Kisan Diwas
- Dec 25 : Christmas Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Three day 4th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh** On December 15, 2018, the three day 4th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices “Increasing access to medical devices” concluded **Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone** in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. It was the **first** time the WHO Global Forum on Medical devices was being held in **India**.
- **NRTI: India’s first and World’s third railway university at Vadodara, dedicated by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal & Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** On December 15, 2018, **Union Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** dedicated the nation’s first **National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI)** in **Vadodara, Gujarat**. It is **India’s first and world’s 3rd** railway university after **Russia and China**.

- The Vice-Chancellor of the university is **Ashwani Lohani** who is the **Chairman** of the **Railway Board of India**. The Ministry of Railways had sanctioned **Rs. 421 crore** for the upcoming **5** years for the operation of the project. **iv**. It has been built on 110 acres of land at Pipaliya village in Waghodiya Taluka, District Vadodara.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Luxembourg became the first country to make public transport free** On December 7, 2018, **Luxembourg** became the **first** country to abolish all fares on public transport by **2019**. The move of free public transport was done to enhance the traffic congestion scenario in Luxembourg City, which is one of the worst traffic congestion-hit cities in the world.
- **Dubai Crown Prince Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum launches world’s largest Arabic audio library in Dubai** On 6th December 2018, Crown Prince of Dubai, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, launched the **Dubai Audio Library**, the largest Arabic audio library in the world.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Zoramthanga:** On 15th December 2018, the President of **Mizo National Front (MNF)**, **Mr. Zoramthanga** sworn in as the Chief Minister of Mizoram for the third time at Raj Bhavan in **Aizawl**.

- **Shaktikanta Das** On 11th December 2018, **Shaktikanta Das**, former Economics Affairs Secretary appointed as **25th Governor** of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of three years. He succeeded **Urjit Patel** after he resigned from the post on 10th December 2018.

OBITUARY

- **Sondra Locke** On 3rd November 2018, **Sondra Locke**, the Oscar-nominated Hollywood actress died at 74.
- **Thoppil Ajayan** On December 13, 2018, National award winning **Malayalam film director Thoppil Ajayan**, passed away at 66. His film “**Perumthachan**” (The Master Carpenter), fetched Ajayan the **Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director** and Kerala State Film Award for Best Debut Director in 1990.
- **CN Balakrishnan** On December 11, 2018, Senior **Congress leader** and former Kerala minister **CN Balakrishnan** passed away at 87 in **Kochi, Kerala**.
- **Mushirul Hasan** On December 10, 2018, renowned **historian** and former vice-chancellor of **Jamia Millia Islamia**, Professor **Mushirul Hasan**, passed away at 71.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Lepa Rada:** On 11th December 2018, **Arunachal Pradesh** gets its **24th district – Lepa Rada**, a day after **Shi Yomi** became a new district. Lepa Rada is carved out of the Lower Siang district, comprising four administrative circles – Tirbin, Dari, Sago and Basar. **Basar** will be the headquarters of Lepa Rada.
- **Shi Yomi became 23rd district of Arunachal Pradesh** On December 9, 2018, **Arunachal Pradesh** got **Shi Yomi** as its **23rd** district after its inauguration by **Chief Minister Pema Khandu** in presence of **Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju**.
 - i. The district, consisting of four circles — Mechuka, Pidi, Tato and Monigong — was carved out of **West Siang** district.

AWARDS

- **Renowned English writer Amitav Ghosh selected for Jnanpith Award, 2018** On 14th December 2018, Jnanpith Selection Board chaired by eminent novelist, scholar and Jnanpith laureate **Pratibha Ray** selected Renowned English writer **Amitav Ghosh** for the prestigious Jnanpith Award 2018. Amitav Ghosh is one of the most prominent contemporary Writer who is famous connecting past with present in relevant ways in his novels. Shadow Lines, The Glass Palace, The Hunger Tide, River of smoke, Flood of Fire are some of the greatest novels of Amitav Ghosh.
- **Tata Steel bags Prime Minister’s Trophy for the ‘Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant’ for the year 2016-17** On 13th December 2018, Tata Steel Limited had been declared as the winner of the **Prime Minister’s Trophy** for the ‘**Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant**’ in the country for the performance year **2016-17** making it the fourth consecutive year for Tata Steel being honoured with this coveted award.
- **Jharkhand gets “Krishi Karman” award in rice category** On 13th December 2018, the **Union Ministry of Agriculture** had selected **Jharkhand** for “**Krishi Karman**” award in the rice category. The award which carries a cash prize worth **Rs 2 crore** and a citation will be given away in February 2019 by Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi**.
- **Sascha Bajin, Naomi Osaka’s coach became first ever WTA Coach of the Year** On December 11, 2018, **Sascha Bajin**, coach of the world number five **Naomi Osaka**, became the **first-ever** recipient of the **Women’s Tennis Association (WTA) Coach of the Year Award**.
- **Miss World 2018:** On 8th December 2018 **Mexico’s Vanessa Ponce de Leon** won the coveted **Miss World 2018** crown at the **68th edition** of the prestigious Miss World

grand event held in the **Chinese city, Sanya**. The 26-year-old Vanessa was crowned by Miss World 2017 **Manushi Chhillar** of India.

SPORTS

- **Bhubaneswar to host one of Hockey Series Finals in 2019** On 13th December 2018, **Odisha** sports minister **Chandra Sarathi Behera** announced that **Bhubaneswar** is set to host one of the three Hockey Series Finals to be held from **June 6 to 16 2019**.
 - India** will host the **second** of the Hockey Series Finals, **Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)** will host the **first** event from April 23 to May 1. The last Hockey Series Final will be hosted by **Le Touquet, France** from June 15 to 23.
- **EU parliament approves 'world's largest' free trade deal with Japan** On 12th December 2018, the **European Parliament** approved a free trade agreement between **Japan** and the **EU**, covering 635 million people and almost one-third of the world's economy. The world's largest free trade agreement, the **EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement** will remove duties on almost all agricultural and industrial products as well as open up the service sector and procurement.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Akademik Lomonosov: World's first floating nuclear plant installed in Russia** On December 11, 2018, Russian state-run atomic energy corporation **Rosatom** announced commencement of installation of **Akademik Lomonosov, the world's first "floating" nuclear power plant (FNPP)**. It has a capacity of **70MW** and is equipped with two reactors of **35MW** each. The life span of the project is **40** years, with the possibility of being extended up to **50** years.
- **India test fires nuclear capable Agni-5 missile, 2nd test in six months** On 10th December 2018, India successfully

test fired the surface-to-surface ballistic missile **Agni-5** from **Dr Abdul Kalam Island** in the Bay of Bengal off Odisha coast.

- This is the seventh trial of the indigenously-developed surface-to-surface missile, while second one in the last six months.
- Agni-5** is a three stage missile with a length of 17 metre and width of two metre, can carry 1.5 tonnes of nuclear warheads and has a strike range of **5,000 km**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Book written by Arvind Subramanian "Of Counsel: The Challenges of the Modi Jaitley Economy" was launched in Mumbai**

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. NITI Aayog has launched 'AI 4 All Global Hackathon' to develop AI (Artificial Intelligence) Applications to make positive social and economic impact in India, in partnership with which Singapore based AI startup?
 - 1) iRobot
 - 2) Thoughtworks
 - 3) Perlin
 - 4) Freshwork
 - 5) None of these
2. Kazakhstan opened a consulate, under the leadership of the managing director of Chandan Steel Limited _____, in Gujarat to further business partnership, on 10th December 2018?
 - 1) Dilip Chandan
 - 2) Ram Kishan Maurya
 - 3) Vishwas Chandan
 - 4) Shyam Kumar
 - 5) None of these
3. Name the 2nd edition of the 11-day exercise between Indian Air Force (IAF) and Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFSAF) that commenced at Air Force Station Jodhpur, on 10th December 2018?
 - 1) INDRAAIR 2018
 - 2) AIRINDRA 2018

- 3) AVIAINDRA 2018
- 4) AVIONICS 2018
- 5) None of these
4. Which district became the 23rd district of Arunachal Pradesh on 9th December 2018?
 - 1) Shi Yomi
 - 2) Min Shu
 - 3) Sei Jong
 - 4) Jeo Rada
 - 5) None of these
5. Tamil Nadu Government launched 24-hour toll free helpline number ____ for women facing domestic violence and sexual harassment to get assistance such as police help, legal aid or medical services, on 10th December 2018?
 - 1) 108
 - 2) 181
 - 3) 193
 - 4) 175
 - 5) None of these
6. Which entity conducted the largest ever Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) at 2144 centres in 92 cities across India, on 9th December 2018?
 - 1) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
 - 2) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
 - 3) Indian Certificate of Secondary Education
 - 4) Staff Selection Commission (SSC)
 - 5) None of these
7. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) launched the Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train, on 8th December 2018, which will tour for ____ days, across several cities?
 - 1) 24
 - 2) 12
 - 3) 16
 - 4) 30
 - 5) None of these
8. United Nations Conference adopted a global pact “The Global compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”, on 10th December 2018. Where was the United Nations conference held?
 - 1) Marrakesh, Morocco
 - 2) Philadelphia, United States
 - 3) Sri Lanka, Colombo
 - 4) Budapest, Hungary
 - 5) None of these
9. Which entity announced that it will implement an ‘Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions’ covering services provided by entities falling under Reserve Bank’s regulatory jurisdiction?
 - 1) Union Ministry of Finance
 - 2) State Bank of India (SBI)
 - 3) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
 - 4) Indian Banks’ Association (IBA)
 - 5) None of these
10. Where was the 54th SKOCH Summit on the State of Power, Oil and Gas held on 5th December 2018?
 - 1) Mumbai
 - 2) Dehradun
 - 3) Raipur
 - 4) New Delhi
 - 5) None of these
11. Who became the first Asian/Indian to win the 2018 Mister Supranational title in the 3rd edition of the competition held in Krynica-Zdroj, Poland, on 9th December 2018?
 - 1) Rakesh Shetty
 - 2) Prathamesh Maulingkar
 - 3) Manish Jain
 - 4) Pramod Karmakar
 - 5) None of these
12. Name the Indian who won the ‘Best entertainment host/presenter’ award at the Asian Academy Creative Awards, held on 8th and 9th December 2018, in Singapore?
 - 1) Amitabh Bacchan
 - 2) Salman Khan
 - 3) Kapil Sharma
 - 4) Karan Johar
 - 5) None of these
13. Which politician will be awarded as “Best Woman Parliamentarian – Rajya Sabha” by Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu, in New Delhi, on 13th December 2018?
 - 1) Sushma Swaraj
 - 2) Vasundhara Raje
 - 3) Mamta Banerjee
 - 4) Kanimozhi
 - 5) None of these

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