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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

- **15th Global SME Business Summit in New Delhi** On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 15<sup>th</sup> edition of a two day **Global SME Business Summit** was organised by the Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with Government e-marketplace in New Delhi. The Summit Concluded on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

### Key Points:

i. The agenda of the summit is to bring together renowned speakers with unbounded experience and expertise, a global audience, and various national and international SME stakeholders to integrate Indian MSMEs into the Global Value Chains (GVCs).

ii. The theme of the event was **‘Building Partnerships through Global Value Chains.’**

- **Haryana CM inaugurates World Herbal Forest Project in Morni Hill** On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** inaugurated the **World Herbal Forest Project**, a collaboration of **Patanjali** and Haryana Government, at Morni Hill, near **Chandigarh**.
- **Bihar’s sweet delicacy Silao Khaja gets GI tag** On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the traditional delicacy of **Nalanda district** of Bihar, **Silao Khaja** which is popular among the tourists visiting Buddhist sites of **Rajgir** and **Nalanda** was granted GI tag by Geographical Indications Registry at Chennai. The application to obtain GI Tag was filed by **Silao Khaja Audyogik Swavalambi Sahakari Simiti Limited, Bihar**.
  - Silao Khaja is a crisp, multi-layered dough sheeted sweet, made up of wheat-flour, sugar, maida, ghee, cardamon and aniseeds as ingredients.
- **India’s first military flight using Blended Bio-Jet Fuel Flown by IAF** On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the **Indian Air Force** flown India’s first military flight using Blended Bio-Jet Fuel on an An-32 transport aircraft in Chandigarh. The project is a combined effort of IAF, DRDO, Directorate General Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DGAQA) and CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum.
- **Pune District court Became the first Court in India to get facility of e-**

**payment** On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018, **Pune** District court became the **first** court in India to allow **e-payments** of court fee, judicial deposits, fines and penalties, the facility which will be eventually available across all courtrooms in the country to bring transparency to cash transactions.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **India ranks 108th in WEF gender gap index 2018** On December 18 2018, **WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2018** has been released and **India has ranked 108<sup>th</sup>** in World Economic Forum (WEF) same as the previous year 2017 at 108<sup>th</sup>. Iceland holds the top spot in the index for the 10th consecutive year. Philippines tops in Asia in the World Economic Forum's latest gender equality rating and ranked 8<sup>th</sup> worldwide.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

- **WV Raman:** On Dec.20 2018 Former **India opener WV Raman** has been appointed the new coach of the Indian women's cricket team. He played 11 Tests and 27 ODIs.
- **Pranab Kumar Das** On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet had approved the appointment of **Pranab Kumar Das** as the new Chairman of **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** from January 1, 2019.
- **Kamal Nath** On December 17 2018, Congress leader **Kamal Nath**, 72 took oath as **18<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh** after the 2018 Rajasthan Legislative Assembly election at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Governor Anandiben Patel administered the oath of office of Kamal Nath. He **Succeeds Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, who hold the Office as C.M. from 2005 till 16th December 2018.

## OBITUARY

- **Prabhanjan** On 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018, Noted **Tamil writer** and **Sahitya**

**Akademi** award winner **Prabhanjan** died due to Cancer at the age of 83 in Puducherry.

- **Tulsi Giri:** On December 18,2018, **Tulsi Giri(93)**, **Nepal's two-time prime minister and senior politician**, passed away in his residence in **Kathmandu**, Nepal.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- **President's Rule imposed in Jammu and Kashmir after 22 years** On December 20, 2018, six months after the Governor's (**Satya Pal Singh**) rule in **Jammu and Kashmir**, President's rule is imposed in J&K, after a span of **22** years.
- **Gujarat:** On December 20,2018, **Gujarat Ranked Best Performer in first ever States Start-up Ranking 2018** released by **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)** at an event in New Delhi.
- **Jhajjar:** On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018, **National Cancer Institute (NCI)** which is the largest cancer hospital of India built at a cost of **Rs 2035 crore** opened for public in **Jhajjar, Haryana** but the formal inauguration will be held in January 2019.

## AWARDS

- **C.R.I Pumps wins the Prestigious National Energy Conservation (NEC) Award 2018 from the Government of India for the 4<sup>th</sup> time** On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, **C.R.I. pumps**, one of the Leading Manufacturer of energy efficient pumps won the **National Energy Conservation Award 2018** in the pumps category for the fourth time.
- **Sonam Kapoor named PETA India's 2018 Person of the Year** On 18th December 2018, actor Sonam Kapoor named **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)** India's person of the year. In 2016, Sonam Kapoor was named PETA India's Vegetarian Celebrity, and she earned a Compassionate Business

Award from the group a year later for her cruelty-free handbag line.

i. She donates “Kind Kites” to children to help prevent injuries from manja.

- **Catriona Elisa Gray from Philippines bags Miss Universe 2018** On December 16 2018, Miss Universe 2018 was held at **Muang Thong Thani, Pak Kret, Thailand**. The 24-year-old Filipino-Australian beauty **Catriona Elisa Gray from Philippines** bagged Miss Universe 2018 title. There are totally 93 contestants from various Countries participated in this contest. She was crowned by Miss Universe 2017 Demi Leigh Nel-Peters of South Africa.

## **SPORTS**

- **Belgium to end the year as No. 1 in FIFA global ranking** On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) released the Global football ranking topped by Belgium who have 1727 points as per FIFA calculations. So Belgium is going to end the year as No. 1 ahead of World Champion France.
- **Kabaddi World Cup Winning Captain Anup Kumar announced retirement** On December 19, 2018, **Kabaddi World Cup Winning Captain Anup Kumar** announces retirement from the game. In his 15-year iconic career, Anup Kumar was part of the national team that won gold medals in 2010 and 2014.
  - ii. He won the **Arjuna Award in 2012**.
  - iii. He began his international career in 2006 at the South Asian Games in Sri Lanka and was the captain of the national team in 2014.
  - iv. He also won 2 gold medals at the Incheon Asian Games in 2014 and the Kabaddi World Cup in 2016.
- **India's stock market overtakes Germany to become 7<sup>th</sup> largest in the world** On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018, **India** achieved another milestone when Indian Stock market overtakes **Germany** for the first time in seven years to become the world's **seventh** largest stock market.

- **China launched first satellite to provide space-based broadband as part of Hongyun project** On December 22, 2018, **China** launched its first communication satellite, from a **Long March 11 carrier rocket**, to provide broadband internet services worldwide to rival Google and other firms.

i. It is the first in the **Hongyun project** planned by **China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp (CASIC)**.

### About the satellite:

i. It weighs **247** kilogrammes and works in a sun-synchronous orbit about **1,100 kilometres** above earth.

ii. Powered by solar arrays, the satellite would verify basic designs of Hongyun satellite and demonstrating low-orbit broadband communications technologies with a life span of more than **1** year.

- **ISRO launches the GSAT – 7A satellite from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh** On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018, **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**'s **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F11)** launched **2250kg** military communication satellite **GSAT-7A** from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. **GSAT-7A** is the **39<sup>th</sup>** Indian Communication satellite.

i. **GSAT-7A** is the first satellite built primarily for Indian Air Force to qualitatively unify its assets and improve combined, common intelligence during operation.

ii. The Satellite will improve the way Indian Air Force (IAF) interlinks, operates and communicates with its aircrafts during flight with the help of command centres on ground.

iii. The satellite will use “**Ku band**” for superior real time aircraft to aircraft communications.

iv. Space Vehicle, **GSLV-F11** is used to launch the satellite to an eventful geostationary orbit about 36000 km from

the Earth.GSLV-F11 was the seventh flight carrying indigenously developed cryogenic upper stage. This was the 13th flight of GSLV-MkII.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The book “A Rural Manifesto – Realising India’s Future through her Villages” authored by BJP MP Varun Gandhi released in Bengaluru.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

- Where did Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurate a three-day conference on Soft Power, on 17th December 2018?
  - 1) Kolkata
  - 2) New Delhi
  - 3) Mumbai
  - 4) Bengaluru
  - 5) None of these
- Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) signed a MoU with which company for training rural youth for skill development under Deendayal upadhyaya grameen kaushalya yojana (Ddu-Gky), on 19th December 2018?
  - 1) Maruti Suzuki India Ltd
  - 2) Infosys Limited
  - 3) Google India Limited
  - 4) Tata Motors Limited
  - 5) None of these
- Name the author of the book “Timeless Laxman”, written on famous cartoonist RK Laxman, released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Maharashtra, on 18th December 2018?
  - 1) Usha Srinivas Laxman
  - 2) Jayanti Laxman
  - 3) Manish Chawla
  - 4) Suchampa Bhaji
  - 5) None of these
- Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik, announced financial aid of Rs 10 Crore for the establishment of Odiya Cultural Centre, in which city on 17th December 2018?
  - 1) Cuttack, Odisha
  - 2) Surat, Gujarat
  - 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - 4) New Delhi, Delhi
  - 5) None of these
- Where did the high-level meeting between Indian and Indonesian Coast Guard conclude on 17th December 2018?
  - 1) Mumbai
  - 2) Ahmedabad
  - 3) New Delhi
  - 4) Visakhapatnam
  - 5) None of these
- Which Union Ministry has released the drafts of a new child protection policy, which would be the first policy dedicated to the protection of children which was earlier under National Child Policy 2013?
  - 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - 2) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
  - 3) Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - 4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
  - 5) None of these
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the ‘Republic’ Summit, organized by Republic TV, in \_\_\_\_\_, on 18th December 2018?
  - 1) New Delhi
  - 2) Hyderabad
  - 3) Bengaluru
  - 4) Mumbai
  - 5) None of these
- Where was National Cancer Institute (NCI), the largest cancer hospital of India, built at a cost of Rs 2035 crore, opened for public, on 18th December 2018?
  - 1) Mohali, Punjab
  - 2) Jhajjar, Haryana
  - 3) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
  - 4) Haridwar, Uttarakhand
  - 5) None of these
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the Foundation Stone of Thane-Bhiwandi-Kalyan Metro and the Dahisar-Mira-Bhayander Metro, worth \_\_\_\_\_ rupees in Kalyan, Maharashtra, on 18th December 2018?
  - 1) Rs 45,000 crores
  - 2) Rs 33,000 crores
  - 3) Rs 28,000 crores
  - 4) Rs 67,000 crores
  - 5) None of these
- The Central Government has set up National Medical Devices Promotion Council (NMDPC) to tackle patient safety and pricing on Medical Devices, under which Union Ministry?
  - 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
  - 2) Ministry of Finance
  - 3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  - 4) Ministry of Human Resource Development
  - 5) None of these

**Answers: 21123/34223**