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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

- **President of India inaugurated the 12th Global Healthcare Summit in Mumbai; centenary of world's oldest yoga institute also inaugurated in Mumbai**
On December 28, 2018, the President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **12th Global Healthcare Summit in Mumbai**. It was organized by the **American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin**.

ii. In his address he announced that since the launch of Ayushman Bharat in September 2018, 6.5 lakh patients belonging to the deprived families have been hospitalized and over **Rs. 850 crore** has been spent for their medical treatments.

- **Bogibeel Bridge, India's longest rail cum road bridge, inaugurated in Assam by PM Narendra Modi** On December 25, 2018, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated India's longest rail cum road bridge of **4.94 km** Bogibeel bridge, which spans the River Brahmaputra between Dibrugarh and Dhemaji districts

of Assam. Till now **Vembanad rail bridge in Kerala** was dubbed as the longest railway-bridge in India at 4.62km of length.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Thailand 1st Southeast Asian nation to legalise medical marijuana and kratom**
On December 25, 2018, Thailand approved the licensed use of **marijuana** and **kratom** for medical use and research. It became the first country in Southeast Asia to take such action.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Sheikh Hasina:** On 31st December, 2018, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's alliance won Bangladesh's election with a thumping majority giving her a third straight term.

OBITUARY

- **Larry Roberts** On December 26, 2018, **ARPAnet** head and early internet pioneer **Larry Roberts** died at 81.
 - He was the program manager for ARPAnet (precursor to the internet), and conceptualised the computer-to-computer networks in the 1960s.
 - Later he formed his company **Telenet** and to commercialise packet switching technology.
- **Mrinal Sen:** On December 29, 2018, legendary filmmaker and Phalke

awardee, **Mrinal Sen**, passed away at 95 in Kolkata.

- **Hamidi Kashmiri** On 26th December 2018, Former Kashmir University (KU) Vice Chancellor (VC) and Padma Shri awardee Professor **Hamidi Kashmiri** passed away at his residence in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir at the age of 86.
- **Sulagitti Narasamma**: On 25th December 2018, Social worker and Padma Shri awardee **Sulagitti Narasamma** passed away following a chronic lung disease at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital in Bengaluru, Karnataka at the age of 98.
- **Dwijen Mukhopadhyay** On 24th December 2018, Veteran **Rabindra Sangeet** singer **Dwijen Mukho-padhyay** died at his residence in Salt Lake, West Bengal following various age-related ailments at the age of 91.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Tamil Nadu**: On December 29, 2018, **Chariot festival** was celebrated in **Madurai Meenakshi temple** in **Tamil Nadu**. The Chapparam (Chariot) festival symbolizes the importance of preserving all kinds of food and fodder.
 - A specialty of the festival is that the chariot of Goddess Meenakshi is pulled by lady devotees alone.
- **Tamil Nadu**: On December 23, 2018, the State Minister for Culture and Tamil Development **Shri K Pandiarajan** announced setting up of the country's **first music museum in Thiruvaiyaru, Tamilnadu**.
 - The venue chosen for the project is the birth place of Saint Tyagaraja, one of the Trinities of Carnatic music. The other two of the Trinity are **Muthuswami Dikshitar** and **Syama Sastri**.
 - The museum will be set up with assistance from the Central government.

AWARDS

- **Swachh Surveksahan 2018 award for Best Capital city in the Solid Waste Management given to GHMC**

On December 28, 2018, Swachh Surveksahan 2018 award for Best Capital City in the Solid Waste Management was conferred to Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

- **Madhya Pradesh's Divya Patidar Joshi crowned Mrs. India 2018 title in New Delhi** On December 26, 2018, **Divya Patidar Joshi** from **Madhya Pradesh** was crowned with the **Mrs. India 2018** title at the **Mrs. India My Identity Beauty Pageant 2018 finale** held in **New Delhi**.
- **Aadi Sai Vijaykaran, first Indian to win the "Top Debater in the World" title** On 26th December 2018, 13 years old class 8 student from KC High School in Chennai, **Aadi Sai Vijaykaran** became the **first** Indian to win the Junior Debate Championship at the World Scholar's Cup held at Yale University, USA from November 16-21.

SPORTS

- **Jasprit Bumrah becomes top wicket-taker in international cricket in 2018** On 30th December 2018, 25 years old Indian fast bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** became the highest international wicket-taker of 2018 with **78 wickets** after taking 9 wickets in the 3rd Test Match against Australia held in Melbourne Cricket Ground, Australia.
- **Rishabh Pant became 1st ever Indian wicket-keeper to take 20 catches in a Test series** On 30th December 2018, 21 years old Indian wicket-keeper **Rishabh Pant** became the 1st ever player to take **20 catches** in a Test series by surpassing former cricketers **Naren Tamhane** and **Syed Kirmani** who had recorded 19 catches in 1954-55 and 1979-80 respectively.
 - Pant achieved the feat to take 20 catches in just 3 matches whereas Naren Tamhane and Syed Kimani took 19 catches in 6 and 7 matches respectively.
- **Virat Kohli breaks Dravid's 16 year old Test record with 82-run knock** On 27th December 2018, Indian Cricket team Captain, **Virat Kohli** surpassed former India's Captain **Rahul Dravid's** 16 years

record of highest runs in overseas Tests after playing a knock of 82 runs on the second day of 3rd Test against Australia.

i. Rahul Dravid had scored 1137 runs in Overseas Tests in 2002 which was broken by Virat Kohli who had scored 1138 runs in 2018.

- **India's Arjun Bhati wins US Kids Junior Golf World Championship held in Malaysia** On 21st December 2018, the 14 year old, Indian junior golfer **Arjun Bhati** bagged the **first** position against **America's Axl Mohru** during the three-level final match in the **U.S. Kids Junior Golf World Championship** held in **Malaysia**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **First test communication satellite of Hongyan constellation and six Yunhai-2 atmospheric environment research satellites were launched by China in its 297th Long March-2D rocket mission** On December 29, 2018, China successfully sent **six Yunhai-2** atmospheric environment research satellites and a test communication satellite of **Hongyan** constellation into orbit.
 - They were launched by a **Long March-2D rocket** from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China. It was the **297th** mission of the Long March rocket series.
 - The **six Yunhai-2 satellites** will study atmospheric environment, monitor space environment, prevent and reduce disasters and conduct scientific experiments.
 - The test satellite, the first for the constellation **Hongyan**, meaning "swan goose" in Chinese, will be used to verify the function of mobile communications in low earth orbit (LEO).
- **Russia successfully tested new hypersonic nuclear missile Avangard** On December 26, 2018, **Russian President Vladimir Putin** over saw the successful test of a new hypersonic missile dubbed "**Avangard**," with speeds of more than **30,000 kilometres per hour** in **Moscow**.

- **USTAAD: Railways develops AI-powered robot to check for faults in trains** The mechanical branch of **Central Railway's Nagpur division** has developed a new AI-powered robot named **USTAAD (Undergear Surveillance through Artificial Intelligence Assisted Droid)** which examines parts of the coach in real time with a HD camera and transmits them over WiFi.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Centre brings booklet on cyber safety for school children titled "A Handbook for Students on cyber Safety"**

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Where was the 5-day long 42nd Indian Social Science Congress inaugurated by Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, on 27th December 2018?
 - 1) Imphal, Manipur
 - 2) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
 - 3) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
 - 4) New Delhi, Delhi
 - 5) None of these
2. Government banned the Khalistan Liberation Force under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act on 27th December 2018, for its involvement in terror activities, aimed at secession of which state?
 - 1) West Bengal
 - 2) Punjab
 - 3) Haryana
 - 4) Uttar Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
3. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways notified that it is mandatory to fit High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) for all vehicles from ____?
 - 1) April 1, 2019
 - 2) June 1, 2019
 - 3) August 1, 2019
 - 4) February 1, 2019
 - 5) None of these
4. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari laid foundation stones for how many projects

- for Yamuna Rejuvenation under the Namami Gange Programme in New Delhi, on 27th December 2018?
- 1) 15
 - 2) 21
 - 3) 18
 - 4) 11
 - 5) None of these
5. Union Cabinet approved Framework Agreement between India and which country for Cooperation in the Exploration and Uses of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes, on 28th December 2018?
- 1) Sao Tome & Principe
 - 2) Nauru
 - 3) San Marino
 - 4) Marshall Islands
 - 5) None of these
6. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Indian Human Spaceflight Initiative named Gaganyaan Programme on 28th December 2018, for which the expenditure for first phase amounts to _____?
- 1) Rs 9023 crores
 - 2) Rs 8027 crores
 - 3) Rs 7899 crores
 - 4) Rs 4587 crores
 - 5) None of these
7. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal for amendment of which act that aims at providing stringent punishment for committing sexual assault crime on a child, on 28th December 2018?
- 1) Sexual Offenders Punishment (SOP) Act, 2016
 - 2) Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012
 - 3) Child Abusers Punishment (CAP) Act, 2015
 - 4) Protection of Children and Women from Sexual Offenders (PCWSO) Act, 2014
 - 5) None of these
8. Western Railway (WR) introduced a special heritage train on the Patalpani-Kalakund section in Ratlam district of _____, on 25th December 2018?
- 1) Madhya Pradesh
 - 2) Rajasthan
 - 3) Gujarat
 - 4) Goa
 - 5) None of these
9. A Nepali citizen will not be able to spend more than _____ rupees per month while paying for goods and services in India, as per the new restrictions imposed by Nepal government, on 25th December 2018?
- 1) Rs 50,000
 - 2) Rs 1 lakh
 - 3) Rs 2 lakh
 - 4) Rs 90,000
 - 5) None of these
10. Name the bank that penalised the highest number of employees for defrauding bank assets in the last 3 years out of 60 scheduled commercial banks operating in India?
- 1) Axis Bank
 - 2) ICICI Bank
 - 3) HDFC Bank
 - 4) State Bank of India
 - 5) None of these
11. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has relaxed norms for City Co-operative Bank, allowing its depositors to withdraw a sum not exceeding _____ rupees of the total balance in any deposit account, against the earlier limit of Rs 1,000?
- 1) Rs 5,000
 - 2) Rs 10,000
 - 3) Rs 15,000
 - 4) Rs 2,000
 - 5) None of these
12. Which group became India's largest conglomerate in terms of market capitalization with a total worth of Rs. 10.40 lakh crore, as per Bloomberg data, on 28th December 2018?
- 1) Tata Group
 - 2) HDFC Group
 - 3) Reliance Group
 - 4) Adani-Wilmar Group
 - 5) None of these
13. Reserve Bank of India cleared a proposal to give existing _____ rupees corpus to Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for funding micro finance institutions (MFIs), on 27th December 2018?
- 1) Rs 1000 crore
 - 2) Rs 2100 crore
 - 3) Rs 3000 crore
 - 4) Rs 4300 crore
 - 5) None of these