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IMPORTANT DAYS

- Jan 9 : NRI Day
- Jan 12 : National Youth Day
- Jan 15 : Army Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Civil aviation ministry launched Country's first GI store in Goa** on January 29, 2019, Civil Aviation minister Suresh Pabhu launched the country's first Geographical Indication (GI) store at **Dabolim International Airport in Goa**. The GI stores will promote local products made by the artisans and handicrafts at the airport.
 - The store is set up by Airports Authority of India in partnership with The Cashew Export Promotional Council of India. The Plan of implementing 101 more stores are in cards, which may extend to 201 stores in near future.
- **Ministry of Textiles launched "Artisan Speak" held at Elephanta Caves, near Mumbai to showcase GI Textiles** On January 26, 2019, Ministry of Textiles and Government of India launched Artisan Speak at Elephanta Caves (UNESCO heritage site) near Mumbai, to strengthen the handlooms and textiles sector of India. This is first of its kind of meeting held in **Elephanta Caves in Mumbai**.
 - It is organized by the **Ministry of Textiles, in partnership with Reliance**.
 - Several agreements signed will establish

long-term market linkage between industry players and handloom weavers.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **World Economic Forum Annual Meeting held in Davo:** From 22nd January 2019, the flagship event of World Economic Forum, **The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting-2019** was held in **Davos-Klosters, Switzerland**. The theme of the event was **"Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution"**. The event concluded on 25th January 2019. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its **World Economic Outlook Update** in Davos, Switzerland. The report stated that India's gross domestic product (GDP) is poised to grow by **7.5%** in the 2019-20 fiscal and **7.7%** in 2020-2021.
- **Dubai Airport retains top position as world's Busiest Airport** On 28th January 2019, Dubai International (DXB) airport became the world's busiest airport for international passengers for the fifth consecutive year in 2018.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **G Ashok Kumar** On January 30, 2019, **Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar** assumed charge as **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff**. He served as the Navigating Officer of Indian Naval Ships Beas, Nilgiri, Ranvir and Vikrant and as a Commanding Officer of INS Kulish and

Ranvir, and Executive Officer onboard INS Brahmaputra.

ii. He held as a **deputy Chief of naval Staff from June 6, 2016.**

- **Dilip Sadarangani** On 28th January 2019, South India based private sector lender Federal Bank appointed Dilip Sadarangani as the part-time Chairman. He has been on bank's board since 2013.

OBITUARY

- **Amrik Singh Nagra** On January 25, 2019, Former Punjab Ranji cricketer and coach **Amrik Singh Nagra** died due to **cardiac arrest in Ludhiana.**
- **George Fernandes** On January 29, 2019, former defence minister George Fernandes breath his last due to prolonged illness of **Alzhemier's disease.** He passed away at the age of 88.
- **Michel Legrand** On 26th January 2019, French music composer Michel Legrand died at the age of 86 in Paris.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **9th Hyderabad literary festival held in Hyderabad** On 25th January 2019, 9th Hyderabad literary festival (HLF) conducted in Hyderabad, Telangana, India. It is a 3 day annual event organized by 'Hyderabad Literary Trust' in association with the Government of Telangana. **China** is the focus country in the 9th edition of Hyderabad literary festival (HLF). **Gujarati** was the language in focus for HLF 2019.
 - ii. The literary festival began in January 25. It gave special tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in his 150th birth anniversary year.
 - iii. The event will pay special attention to Gujarati keeping an eye on its tradition on each edition of the festival.
 - iv. The logo of HLF 2019 released on the inaugural day. The event will also pay tribute to Mrinalini Sarabhai and Kaifi Azmi to mark their birth centenaries.

AWARDS

- **Bharat Ratna Award 2019** On January 26, 2019, President Ram Nath Kovind announced the recipients of Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award, they are former president Pranab Mukherjee, social activist Nanaji Deshmukh (posthumously) and musician Dr Bhupen Hazarika (posthumously) in New Delhi
- **Jayant Kaikini was named the winner of the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature for his translated work "No Presents Please."** On January 29, 2019, Kannada poet and short story writer **Jayant Kaikini** was entitled as the winner of the **DSC Prize for South Asian Literature** for his translated work "No Presents Please." **Jayant and translator Tejaswini Niranjana** received the award from eminent writer Ruskin Bond.
- **India bags Award of Excellence for 'Best in Show' at New York Times Travel Show 2019** On January 27, 2019, **India** received the Award of Excellence for 'Best in Show' in New York Times Travel Show 2019. It is the largest travel show in North America which held New York, USA from 25th of January, 2019. The Ministry of Tourism led by Tourism Ministry Secretary Yogendra Tripathi participated as the '**Presenting Partner**' in the **New York Times Travel Show (NYTTS 2019)**
 - ii. This programme is conducted with a motive to enhance India's visibility and share In US tourism market.

SPORTS

- **Nagaland CM inaugurated State's first Astro Turf Football Pitch** On 29th January 2019, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated first Astro Turf Football Pitch of the State at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima, Nagaland.
 - i. The pitch was inaugurated on the occasion of 100th birth anniversary of the legendary footballer Dr. T. Ao.
 - ii. The state government also planned to partner with Bhaichung Bhutia Football schools for a game development plan. It will

begin with young-footballers in which under-16 footballers all over the state will receive an opportunity to be part of this program.

iii. The Astro Turf has size of 105×66 metres for playground which is FIFA approved size. An exhibition match was also played between Chief Minister XI and Chief Secretary XI.

- **Virat Kohli overtakes Brian Lara to become 10th highest ODI run-getter** On January 22, 2019, **Virat Kohli**, was named **ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year**, Test Cricketer of the Year and Cricketer of the Year and he became the first man to grab all three big ICC awards. **Virat Kohli surpassed West India's Brian Lara**. The 30-year-old, who has scored 10,430 runs in 212 innings, overtook ex-Windies captain Brian Lara, who scored 10,405 runs in 289 ODI innings. Kohli's the only active player among the top-ten ODI run-getters.

(NGRAM) has the Strike range of **100 kilometers**, this is the **first indigenous** air-to-ground missile developed by the DRDO, after the supersonic BrahMos cruise missile developed jointly with Russia.

- **DRDO launches Long Range Surface to Air Missile off Odisha coast** On 24 January 2019, Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully launched Long Range Surface to Air Missile (LR-SAM) jointly developed by DRDO and **Israel Aerospace Industries** from INS Chennai off the coast of Odisha.
- **ISRO's PSLV C44 launched Kalamsat and imaging satellite Microsat R** On 25th January 2019, **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** successfully launched **PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) C44** carrying **Kalamsat V2** and imaging satellite **Microsat R** from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Roshni, an Android app developed by IIT Ropar helps the visually impaired to recognise Indian currency notes** On January 24, 2019, The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar**, has developed an app **Roshni** that would help the Visually Impaired to recognise currency notes. The app can recognise both old and new notes and gives audio information as to which note you are holding in your hands. This app was launched in **Chandigarh**. **Roshni** is the first Android app, which recognises **INR currency notes**.
- **India Tested The New Anti-Radiation Missile NGRAM at Balasore** On January 24, 2019, India tested the new generation anti-radiation missile (NGRAM) which would destroy all the surveillance and radar systems. The new missile was test fired from Sukhoi-30MKI fighter at Balasore, Odisha.

About the Missile:

- The Defence-Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has created this missile as a **surface to air** missile and is screened by **Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jet**.
- The new-generation anti-radiation missile

BANKING & FINANCE

- **UAE, Saudi Central banks launch common digital currency called 'Aber'** On 26th January 2019, Central banks of UAE and Saudi Arabia launched common digital currency called 'Aber'. UAE central bank will establish an additional means for the central financial transfer systems of the two countries and enable bankers to directly deal with each other. It was announced during their Executive Committee's First Meeting, which held in **Abu Dhabi**.
- **India replaces Japan as 2nd top Steel Producing: World Steel Report** On 28th January 2019, India became second largest steel producing country according to world steel association report. India has replaced Japan to attain the 2nd largest country.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- On January 24, 2019, A new anthology titled '**New Brazilian Poems**', translated and edited by Indian poet-diplomat **Abhay Kumar** was launched at the National Association of Writers of Brazil.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Which state government launched 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' for youths of the weak section in urban areas of the state, on 26th January 2019?
 - 1) Rajasthan
 - 2) Uttar Pradesh
 - 3) Himachal Pradesh
 - 4) Madhya Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
2. _____ was announced as the Hindi Word of the year for 2018 by the Oxford Dictionaries?
 - 1) Notebandi
 - 2) Bahubali
 - 3) Vikaas
 - 4) Nari Shakti
 - 5) None of these
3. Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik gave his assent to Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill 2014 to grant reservation to people belonging to which community for government jobs?
 - 1) Jat
 - 2) Pahari
 - 3) Gujjar
 - 4) Rajput
 - 5) None of these
4. Name the country that declared sugarcane juice as the "national drink" of the country, on 24th January 2019?
 - 1) India
 - 2) Sri Lanka
 - 3) Pakistan
 - 4) Nepal
 - 5) None of these
5. Economic Advisory Council of Prime Minister (EAC-PM) headed by NITI Aayog Member Bibek Debroy stated in its report that India will continue to grow in the 7 to _____ % range in the next few years despite global and structural challenges?
 - 1) 7.5 %
 - 2) 7.2 %
 - 3) 7.3 %
 - 4) 7.7 %
 - 5) None of these
6. What was India's rank in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) readiness index as per CISCO's 2019 Data Privacy Benchmark Study?
 - 1) 5
 - 2) 3
 - 3) 6
 - 4) 4
 - 5) None of these
7. Who received the Republic Day Journalism Award 2019 from Assam government, on 26th January 2019?
 - 1) Dharendra Nath Chakraborty
 - 2) Radhika Mohan Bhagawati
 - 3) Kanaksen Deka
 - 4) Manas Achrekar
 - 5) None of these
8. Romain Rolland Book Prize for literary translation was awarded to the Tamil translation of Andrei Makine's "La vie d'un homme inconnu" (The Life of an Unknown Man) by _____, at the Jaipur Literature Festival, on 25th January 2019?
 - 1) S Jayakumar
 - 2) Rajesh Kumar
 - 3) Bala Kumaran
 - 4) S R Kichenamourty
 - 5) None of these
9. Who was appointed the brand ambassador of medical products maker Ascent Meditech's brand 'Flamingo', on 25th January 2019?
 - 1) Shah Rukh Khan
 - 2) Hrithik Roshan
 - 3) Virat Kohli
 - 4) M C Mary Kom
 - 5) None of these
10. World Health Organization (WHO) stated that more than half of the leprosy cases globally was reported by _____, on 25th January 2019?
 - 1) South Africa
 - 2) India
 - 3) Egypt
 - 4) China
 - 5) None of these

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