

B.Hindi

C.English

D.Punjabi

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Hindi

Explanation: Renowned Hindi novelist and critique Mudrarakshas passed away after a prolonged illness in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He was 82.

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Union Cabinet approved Memorandum of Understanding between US and India for which purpose?

A.Wildlife Forensics and Conservation Genetics

B.Natural World Heritage Conservation

C.Nature Interpretation and Conservation Awareness

D.All the above

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.All the above

Explanation: The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between United States of America and India to enhance cooperation in the field of wildlife conservation and combating wildlife trafficking.

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Himachal Pradesh Becomes First State To Launch Green-Concept Based SDC

"Himachal Pradesh became the first state in the country to have a State Data Centre (SDC), designed using green data centre concept. It was launched by Chief Minister Virbhadr Singh in Shimla. The centre will offer 101 people-oriented service online through an integrated data base. CM Virbhadr Singh directed all government departments to make use of SDC for hosting e-Governance applications instead of creating their own infrastructure. Now, departmental applications can be hosted centrally in SDC free of cost and HIMSWAN connectivity could be provided in field offices to access departmental applications."

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Joint Indo-Korean coast guard exercise starts on June 8

i. Indian Coast Guard and their Korean Counterpart are taking part in a joint exercise codenamed Sahyog-Hyeobleod-2016 is being scheduled in the Bay of Bengal in Chennai. These exercises are scheduled every year alternately between the two countries.

- ii. The three day long exercise is kicked off on June 8 is to strengthen the working level relationship between the two Coast Guards and also refine the joint operating procedures.
- iii. Both the sides as following a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2004. Since then, the floating assets of both maritime forces have held exchanges in the form of combined exercises.
- iv. The best bit of this year's exercise is a mock anti-piracy mission in which a hijacked vessel is rescued in combined operation by teams from both the sides.

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Pakistan Tops In 2016 Malware Infection Index

"Pakistan has topped in the list of 19 countries figuring in the 2016 Malware Infection Index (MII) in the Asia-Pacific region. The index for the Asia-Pacific region was released by technology giant Microsoft in which India was placed at 8th position. The index identifies the key malware threats in the Asia-Pacific region and ranks markets in Asia-Pacific according to how much they are affected. More than 40% of computers in the 19 countries in Asia-Pacific region are infected against the global average being around 20%."

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Google, Tata Trusts launch 'Internet Sathi' in West Bengal to empower rural women

- i. Search giant Google India and Tata Trusts jointly launched Internet Saathi program googlein West Bengal to focus on training women and larger communities in the state to learn and explore various uses and benefits of the Internet.
- ii. This initiative is part of Google's Helping Women Get Online campaign to create awareness about the benefits of Internet among women in rural parts of India.
- iii. Internet Saathi launched in July last year that has trained and benefited over 2 lakh women across villages in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- iv. In West Bengal, the initiative will initially be rolled out to cover over 400 villages in Purulia district with an objective to reach 1 lakh women, the companies said in a joint statement.

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India-US Signed Six Agreements

India and the United States (US) have signed six agreements to enhance bilateral cooperation in various fields. These agreements were signed after wide range of bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Barack Obama in Washington. The agreements were signed in Terrorist Screening Information Clean Energy and Climate Change, cooperation on Energy Security among others.

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Delhi CM sets-up committee to look into matters related to water bodies

i. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal set up a high level committee headed by PWD Minister Satyendra Jain to look into the issues pertaining with water bodies in the capital.

ii. The high level committee will have Water Minister Kapil Mishra and Environmental Minister Imran Hussain as its members. While the Delhi Jal Board CEO Keshav Chandra will be the Member Secretary.

iii. The committee will study the matters of water bodies in NCT of Delhi with issues pertaining water issues like site inspections, proper identification/confirmation of water bodies for updated inventory, suggesting suitable recommendations to restore them, rain water harvesting for all the water bodies owning Agencies.

India, Japan and US Navies Kick Off 2016 Malabar Exercise

India, Japan and United States (US) navies have kicked off 2016 MALABAR trilateral naval Exercise on 10 June near South China Sea. This year it is the 20th edition of the naval exercise in which over 100 aircraft and 22 naval ships including a nuclear submarine are participating. The 20th edition of the naval exercise will be conducted for 8 days. It aims to achieve deeper military ties and greater interoperability amid rising tensions in the region. The exercise assumes significance as it is being conducted close to the East China Sea at a time when Chinese assertiveness in the region is a raging issue.

Japanese scientists developed a new tool that can predict the risk of which virus importation and local transmission across the world?

A.Pandemic

B.Zika

C.H1N1

D.HIV

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Zika

Explanation: Japanese scientists developed a new tool that can predict the risk of Zika virus importation and local transmission across the world.

Global Day of Parents is being observed on which day every for their selfless binder to children was announced by the UN General Assembly in 2012?

A.June 2nd

B.May 31st

C.May 30th

D.June 1st

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.June

Explanation: The Global Day of Parents is observed on the 1st of June every year for their selfless binder to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.

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Prime Minister released the first every national plan called as _____ plan to make nation disaster resilient and reduce the loss of lives and assets?

A.National Disaster Control

B.National Disaster Management

C.National Disaster reducing

D.National Disaster risk

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.National Disaster Management

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the first ever National plan National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) to make nation disaster resilient and considerably reduce the loss of lives and assets.

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Who has been appointed as the chief of National Anti-Doping Agency for five years to work for dope free sports?

A.Nitin Agarwal

B.Serwin Agarwal

C.Nivin Agarwal

D.Navin Agarwal

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.Navin Agarwal

Explanation: Senior IPS officer Navin Agarwal was appointed chief of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), working for dope-free sports for five years.

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Which Institute inked Memorandum of Understanding with a subsidiary of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited Kisan Sanchar Limited (IKSL) to work together in empowering farmers?

- A.Institute of Rice and Crops
- B.Sugar Institute of India
- C.Central Agricultural Research Institute
- D.Energy and Resources Institute

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.Energy and Resources Institute

Explanation: New Delhi based Energy and Resources Institute and a subsidiary of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited Kisan Sanchar Limited (IKSL) inked a pact to work together in empowering farmers.

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Former Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has agreed to feature a campaign against drug and liquor abuse in which state?

- A.Tamilnadu
- B.Kerala
- C.Bihar
- D.Maharashtra

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Kerala

Explanation: Former Mumbai Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has agreed to feature a campaign against drug and liquor abuse in the state after a request of CPI-M LDF government in Kerala.

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Who has signed the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf United States of America with Gol to enhance Co-operation on Energy Security, Clean Energy and Climate Change?

- A.P.K. Pujari
- B.Richard R Verma
- C.Barack Obama
- D.John Kerry

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Richard R Verma

Explanation: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America was signed to enhance cooperation on energy security, clean energy and climate change.

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Which State/UT joined with HCOC for elevating India's membership application towards desire Missile Technology Control Regime?

A.Maharashtra

B.Odisha

C.Goa

D.Delhi

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.Delhi

Explanation: Delhi has combined with HCOC for elevating India's membership application towards desired Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).

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TATA Trusts signed with State Government on implementing interventions in healthcare areas like nutrition, mental health and cancer care?

A.Bihar

B.Uttar Pradesh

C.Madhya Pradesh

D.Uttarakhand

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C.Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: Tata Trusts and Madhya Pradesh government jointly signed an agreement on implementing interventions in healthcare areas like nutrition, mental health and cancer care in the state.

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Kerala's Ruling LDF candidate and two times Legislator P Sree ramakrishnan was elected as _____ of the 14th Assembly of the state.

A.Welfare Minister

B.Chief Minister

C.Speaker

D.Deputy Chief Minister

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C.Speaker

Explanation: Kerala's Ruling LDF candidate and two-time legislator P Sree ramakrishnan was elected kerala-speaker as the Speaker of the 14th Assembly of the state.

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Who has been ranked No. 1 in the Latest football rankings announced by FIFA?

A.Argentina

B.Germany

C.Colombia

D.Belgium

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Argentina

Explanation: 1-Arentina, 2-Belgium, 3-Colombia, 4-Germany & 5-Chile

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Who has signed on behalf of the Singapore with Indian Government to enhance the scale and complexity of existing bilateral military interaction?

A.Ng Eng Hen

B.Mg Eng Sen

C.Mc Seng Hen

D.Mu Eng Pun

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Ng Eng Hen

Explanation:

Explanation: India and Singapore had the first dialogue between their defence ministers and they agreed to enhance the scale and complexity of existing bilateral military interaction.

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The Three day 15th edition of Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue was inaugurated in which country?

A.Japan

B.Malaysia

C.Singapore

D.Iraq

Answer & Explanation

Ans:C.Singapore

Explanation: The three day long 15th edition of Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue was inaugurated in Singapore to discuss various security issues in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Maharashtra Govt Grants Minority Status To Jews

"The Maharashtra Cabinet on 21 June approved the minority status to Jew community. Decision in this regard was taken at the state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai. This decision will benefit the students from these communities to avail scholarships from the state government. With this, Maharashtra becomes second state in the country to accord minority status to Jews after West Bengal."

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Andhra Pradesh village, "Mori" to be developed as 'Smart Village'

- i. The Andhra Pradesh Government and Garwood Centre for Corporate innovation of UC Berkeley-Haas School of Business joined hands to develop the village Mori into a Smart Village.
- ii. The Mori village in East Godavari district is known for cashew-exporting to turn 'smart' by mid-December 2016 using digital tools, real time information and uninterrupted internet connectivity.
- iii. The village will be provided 24*7 power supply, uninterrupted power supply (USP) and fibre optic connectivity. Around 1900 households will be connected with 15 Mbps link.

Andhra Pradesh:

- ♦ Governor E. S. L. Narasimhan
 - ♦ Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu
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Cabinet Approves Fund of Funds For Start-ups

"The Union Cabinet on 22 June approved the establishment of Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS). The establishment of the fund is in tune with the Start up India Action Plan that was unveiled in January 2016 to boost start up ecosystem in the country. This 10,000 rupees corpus fund will be established in line with the Start up India Action Plan, an initiative of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) which was unveiled by Union Government in January 2016."

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Andhra Postal circle releases stamps on Yoga booklet

i. Andhra Pradesh Postal circle on behalf of the International Day of Yoga released the apInformation booklet for public and stamps on yoga for Philatelists.

ii. The Information booklet contained illustrations and description of 24 yoga asana (postures) while 12 stamps on Suryanamaskarams were released.

iii. The booklet contains four Commemorative stamps released in 1991 on various yoga postures including Bhujangasana, Dhanurasana, Ushtrasana and Utthita Trikonasan

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Colombia , FARC Rebels Signed Historic Ceasefire Agreement

The Colombian government and the leftist FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) rebels have signed a historic ceasefire and disarmament agreement on 23 June 2016. It was signed in presence of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, FARC leader Timoleon Jimenez and UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon at a ceremony held in Havana, Cuba. The ceasefire and disarmament agreement is considered as one of the last steps toward ending a half-century conflict that has killed hundreds of thousands of people in Colombia. The deal puts a definitive end to fighting in Latin America's longest civil war, which has torn Colombia apart with shootings and bombardments in its coca-rich jungles and hills. The ceasefire and disarmament agreement establishes a bilateral ceasefire and end to hostilities and the definitive laying down of arms. Under the agreement, the FARC rebels must hand over its weapons to United Nations monitors within six months. The FARC's members (estimated to be around 7,000) will gather in "normalisation zones" for a demobilisation process.

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Union Government approved MoU between India and Germany

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Steinbeis GmbH Co. KG for Technology transfer

Venue: Germany

Purpose: Technology resourcing in manufacturing and enclosed with sub- sectors of Capital Goods.

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Anil Kumble Appointed As Indian Cricket Team's Head Coach

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed former spinner Anil Kumble as the head coach of Indian Cricket Team. He will have tenure of one year. In his 18 years (from 1990 to 2008) of cricket career, he had played 132 Tests and 271 One Day Internationals (ODIs) matches. Till date, he is India's highest wicket-taker (1136 wickets). In his career, he had taken 619 test wickets and 337 ODI wickets At international level, he is the 3rd highest wicket-taker in Test cricket after Muttiah Muralidaran (800 wickets) and Shane Warne (708 wickets). He is only the second bowler after England's Jim Laker in Test cricket to take 10 wickets in an innings. He had achieved this feat in a test match against Pakistan in 1999 in Delhi. He was appointed Chairman of the ICC Cricket Committee in 2012 and still holds the position.

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Railway minister flags off Danapur-Saharsa Janhit Express

i. Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off a new train service between Danapur and Saharsa in Bihar over video-conferencing in New Delhi targeting to connect every region of the country with the rail network.

ii. The Minister also announced the extension of three train services in Bihar and Jharkhand.

◆ Jaynagar-Saharsa Janki Express was extended up to Katihar.

◆ Patna-Murliganj Koshi Express was extended up to Purnea Court.

◆ Jasidih-Chandan passenger train was extended up to Banka.

iii. It is the first passenger train to run on the newly constructed Chandan-Banka line.

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PM Modi Launches 'Smart City Mission' Projects

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 June launched the 'Smart City Mission' involving 83 projects from 20 different cities in the country. The ambitious mission of Union Government was launched at function held at Pune's Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex one year after it was announced. The Smart City Mission' projects launched included 14 projects of Pune (Maharashtra) and 69 projects from 20 different shortlisted cities in the country to be implemented at a cost of 1,770 crore rupees. PM Modi also inaugurated 'Make Your City SMART' contest, aimed at involving citizens' participation in designing smart cities. 'Smart Net Portal' was also inaugurated by PM Modi. The portal enables the cities under different urban missions to share solutions and ideas for various issues during the implementation of various missions.

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Union Defence Ministry gives nod for purchase of 145 Ultra Light Howitzers guns from the US

i. The Defence Ministry cleared decks for purchase of 145 Ultra Light Howitzers, worth about USD 750 million, from the US and also approved bulk production of 18 Dhanush artillery guns, the first acquisition of such weapon systems.

ii. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by the Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, and took up 18 proposals including new schemes worth Rs 28,000 crore for discussion.

iii. On the other hand the project has got nod that will now allow the Navy to issue tenders, was the proposal to build six next generation missile vessels under 'Buy Indian' category for Rs 13,600 crore.

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Akhil Sharma Won 2016 International Dublin Literary Award

Indian American author Akhil Sharma won the prestigious 2016 International Dublin Literary Award for his semi-autobiographical novel "Family Life." Family Life is Sharma's second novel and took him

13 years to write. The novel traces the journey of a family that emigrates from New Delhi to New York, where one brother is left severely brain-damaged after a tragedy strikes. Akhil Sharma Sharma was born in New Delhi. Later he had immigrated to US along with his family in 1979. His first novel was An Obedient Father published in 2000. It has won the prestigious PEN/Hemingway Foundation Award in 2001. The International Dublin Literary Award is an annual international literary award awarded for a novel written in English or translated into English.

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Union Government announced new Print Media Advertisement policy

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced new Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity.

Focus: Transparency and Equity

Objective: To Promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in Print Media

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China Successfully Launches 23rd BeiDou Navigation Satellite

China on 12 June launched its 23rd satellite in the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS). The satellite launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province will support China's global navigation and positioning network. The satellite was taken into orbit by a Long March-3C carrier rocket. It was the 229th launch of the Long March carrier rocket. It is the 23rd satellite in the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System, which is being developed as an alternative to GPS (Global Positioning System) of US. The satellite, after entering its designed work orbit and finishing in-orbit testing, will join others already in orbit and improve the stability of the system, preparing for BDS to offer global coverage.

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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched Child Labour Tracking System (CLTS)

Bihar Chief Minister initiated the special commission to protect against the Child labour named as Child Labour Tracking System.

Implemented in: Patna

♦ He allocated the amount of Rs.25,000 /- for safeguarded children from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

♦ He adopted the principle 'Charter of Demands' for the prevention of children from the Child Employment.

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Union Railway Minister and Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh flagged off the new superfast intercity express train between which cities?

- A.Hyderabad and Vijayawada
- B.Hyderabad and Secunderabad
- C.Secunderabad and Bengaluru
- D.Secunderabad and Vijayawada

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.Secunderabad and Vijayawada

Explanation: Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu flagged off the new superfast intercity express train between Vijayawada and Secunderabad with just one stop.

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Who has headed the Expert committee set on examining the specific Relief Act, 1963 submitted its report to Union Law & Justice Minister?

- A.Anand Mehta
- B.Anand Doss
- C.Anand Desai
- D.Anand Sharma

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C.Anand Desai

Explanation: The Expert Committee led by Anand Desai set on examining the Specific Relief Act, 1963 submitted its Report to Union Law & Justice Minister D.V.Sadananda Gowda in New Delhi.

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Which organisation has launched a new digital archive telling the exciting stories of war heroes, including six India in gov.uk portal?

- A.Foreign and Commonwealth office
- B.Britain Commonwealth office
- C.British Commonwealth association
- D.None of the above

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Foreign and Commonwealth office

Explanation: Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office has launched a new digital archive telling the exciting stories of war heroes, including six Indians, as part of government's centenary celebrations to mark World War I which can be accessed through the official gov.uk portal.

Which company has launched world's thinnest laptop named Spectre 13 in India about 10.4 mm thickness?

A.Wipro

B.HP

C.Microsoft

D.Zebronics

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.HP

Explanation: HP has launched the Spectre 13 in India, a laptop that's claimed to be the thinnest in the world by the US-based firm. With a thickness of 10.4mm, it's thinner than both the 12-inch MacBook and 13-inch MacBook Air.

Indian Space Research Organisation made a victory milestone by successfully launched how many satellites in a single mission using PSLV C-34?

A.10

B.20

C.30

D.40

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.20

Explanation: Indian Space Research Organisation made a victory milestone by successfully launched 20 satellites in a single mission including Two Indian Universities Student Satellites and Four Foreign Countries. Launching Vehicle: Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-34.

South Indian Bank Limited has announced the launch of which service a secure online money transfer service for Non Resident Indians?

A.Payment2India

B.Remit2India

C.Remittance2India

D.Paid2India

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Remit2India

Explanation: Thrissur based South Indian Bank Limited has announced the launch of Remit2India Service a secure online money transfer service for NRIs.

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Union Government approved the Mega auction of _____ MHz Spectrum under the Initiative of Digital India Programme

A.1300

B.2300

C.3300

D.2400

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.2300

Explanation: Union Government approved the Mega auction of 2300 MHz Spectrum under the Initiative of Digital India Programme. About 2300 MHz spectrum exists for auction across 7 bands which will give a boost for Digital India.

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Telangana hailed Guda Anjaiah has passed away due to illness at the age of 61 years. He belonged to which category

A.Sports

B.Literature

C.Engineering

D.Medical

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Literature

Explanation: Eminent Telangana poet and lyricist Guda Anjaiah has passed away following a brief illness at his residence in Ragannagudem, Telangana. He was 61 year old.

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Who has written the book titled "A life in Diplomacy" was written by former Indian Diplomat. Name the Author?

A.Maharajakrishna Rathore

B.Maharajakishore Rasgotra

C.Maharajakrishna Rasgotra

D.Maharajasingam Rasgotra

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C.Maharajakrishna Rasgotra

Explanation: The book titled A Life in Diplomacy was in news that was written by former Indian diplomat Maharajakrishna Rasgotra.

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Who has been resigned from the Post of Chairman in Life Insurance Corporation of India after completion of three years?

A.M N Roy

B.C K Nair

C.S K Roy

D.D K Nair

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C.S K Roy

Explanation: State-run life insurance Company LIC's chairman SK Roy has resigned nearly two years ahead of completion of his five-year term. The reasons for his resignation are not known.

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Union Government approved how much funds for domain of textiles and apparels to establish over 1 Crore new jobs in three years?

A.5000 Crore

B.6000 Crore

C.6600 Crore

D.7000 Crore

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.6000 Crore

Explanation: Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a 6000 crore for domain of textiles and apparels. To establish over 1 crore new jobs in three years and investments extent of USD 11 billion and producing USD 30 billion in exports.

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Which state has become second state to award minority status to the Jewish Community in the Country?

A.West Bengal

B.Maharashtra

C.Assam

D.Rajasthan

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Maharashtra

Explanation: Maharashtra became the second State after West Bengal to award minority status to the Jewish community in the country. The State Cabinet approved based on the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission Act, 2004, which sanctions the government to declare a community minority.

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What is the name of agreement signed between Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Jinan in China that allows for exchange of ideas and technology in the fields of education and sports ?

A.Sister city

B.Brother city

C.Grey city

D.White city

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Sister city

Explanation: The agreement valid for five years and can be extended by another five years. The pact is also a part of an agreement signed between the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peoples Republic of China in May 2013.

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India – Ghana Signed Three Agreements

India and Ghana have signed three bilateral agreements to strengthen co-operation in varied fields. These agreements were signed on 13 June after delegation level talks between President Pranab Mukherjee and his Ghanaian counterpart John Dramani Mahama in Accra. The signed agreements include one for visa waivers for holders of diplomatic and official passports and one for setting up a Joint Commission.

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Gujarat govt to launch mobile app for delivery of common services

- i. The Gujarat government is set to launch the mobile app Digital Gujarat by August 15 that aims to put most of the services on the fingertips of citizens.
 - ii. Soon after this comes into working people could be able to avail a host of government services through their smartphones and tablets.
 - iii. This app facilitates various services that include procurement of ration card, senior citizen certificate, caste certificate, domicile certificate, income certificate, widow certificate, SC/ST certificate and various others.
 - iv. Apart from providing e-services, the app would come up with some other features, including e-Locker to digitally store certificates.
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Jupiter-like Planet Orbiting Two Suns Discovered

Scientists have discovered a Jupiter-like planet, Kepler-1647b, orbiting a system of two stars, making it the largest such cosmic body ever found. The planet Kepler-1647b, located in the constellation Cygnus, was discovered by astronomers from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre and San Diego State University (SDSU) in the US. Researchers said that the Kepler-1647 is 3700 light-years away and about 4.4 billion years old, roughly the same age as the Earth.

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Railways launched the Optional Catering Scheme as well as Janani Sewa on test mode

The Railway Minister taken steps to serve the Passenger under three initiatives

- ♦ Janani Sewa for mothers
- ♦ Optional Catering in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Trains on test mode
- ♦ Children's menu on trains

Launched by: Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu

Venue: New Delhi

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Union Cabinet approves MoU Between ISRO and Canadian Space Agency

The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on cooperation in the field of outer space. The MoU was signed between two parties in Ottawa, Canada in April 2015. It will lead to establishment of joint team, drawing members from CSA and ISRO. The joint team will work out the plan of action including defining and examining cooperative projects and the time-frame. It will provide opportunities for diverse research and development in the field of peaceful uses of space technologies.

Union Government launched scheme for wind power projects

Union Government initiated grid-connected wind energy projects targeted at producing 1,000 MW clean power

The scheme is organised by The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

The wind power is being provided to the non-wind erected states through bidding at various prices

Features of the Scheme: Progression among project sizes, effective e-bidding, e-auctioning processes

World's Longest, Deepest Rail Tunnel Inaugurated In Switzerland

Switzerland on 1 June inaugurated Gotthard Base Tunnel, world's longest and deepest railway tunnel. The tunnel is also the first flat low-level route through the Alps. It took 17 years and 12.2 billion Swiss francs to construct the tunnel. The Gotthard Base Tunnel has route length of 57.09 km and a total of 151.84 km of tunnels, shafts and passages. It is a part of the AlpTransit project, also known as the New Railway Link through the Alps (NRLA). It is situated 2.3km deep under the Alps. It is the third tunnel connecting the cantons of Uri and Ticino after the Gotthard Tunnel and the Gotthard Road Tunnel.

PM Narendra Modi released country's first National Disaster Management Plan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the first ever National plan National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) to make nation disaster resilient and considerably reduce the loss of lives and assets.

Delegates: Minister of Home Affairs Rajnath Singh, Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Senior officers of the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Home Affairs and National Disaster Management Authority

Aim: Disaster resilient and reasonably reduce the loss of lives and assets.

Raghavan Seetharaman Awarded Green Economy Visionary Award

Dr. R Seetharaman, Group CEO of Doha Bank, has been honoured with the 2016 Green Economy Visionary Award. He was honoured for his contribution in environment-friendly activities and for promoting green economy for nearly two decades. The banker was presented with the award at the 2016 Union of Arab Banks International Banking Summit held in Rome. Mohammed Jarrah Al-Sabah, Chairman of Union of Arab Banks, presented the award to Seetharaman.

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India & USA Signs MoU To Enhance Cooperation on Energy Security, Clean Energy & Climate Change

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America was signed to enhance cooperation on energy security, clean energy and climate change

Delegates: P.K. Pujari, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, Richard R Verma, US Ambassador to India

Objective: Contribute to a global effort to reduce the rise in greenhouse gas emissions.

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Asia's First Vulture Re-introduction Programme Launched In Haryana

The Haryana government on 3 June launched Asia's First 'Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme' at Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore. It was launched by state Chief Minister Manohar Lal by releasing 2 captive bred Himalayan Griffons vultures in the pre-release aviaries close to the breeding centre at Pinjore. The vultures were released as part of the soft release or reintroduction programme, in a pre-release aviary where they would have an unobstructive view of the surrounding. This would help them in getting used to the habitat in which they would be released in the wild in future. These birds have been wing-tagged and were leg-ringed for identification.

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IIT Kharagpur Research suggests Indus Valley Civilization is 8000 years old

Researchers explained that civilization was much older than about to 8th millennium

Researchers Involved from: Indian Institute of Kharagpur, Institute Archaeology, Deccan College Pune, Physical Research laboratory, Archaeological survey of India.

♦ Climatic conditions was the main reason of Harappan collapse.

♦ Researchers dated potteries of Early Mature Harappan time by a technique called optically stimulated luminescence (OSL)

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PM Narendra Modi Conferred Afghanistan's Highest Civilian Honour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on 4 June conferred with Amir Amanullah Khan Award, the highest civilian honour of Afghanistan. The award was bestowed upon him at the inaugural function

of the Afghan-India Friendship Dam (Salma Dam) by Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. The award is named after Afghan national hero Amanullah Khan who championed the cause of Afghanistan's freedom.

India and United States inked Memorandum of Understanding for exchange of information on terror

Union Government and United States signed the Memorandum of Understanding for Exchange of information on terror

Delegates: Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi, US Ambassador to India – Richard Verma

Purpose: Exchange of intelligence on terror on a real time basis that include biographic information of known and suspected terrorists.

Garbine Muguruza won 2016 French Open Women's Singles Title

Garbine Muguruza of Spain won the French Open Women's Singles tennis title at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France. In the final she defeated Serena Williams (United States). This was her first Grand Slam title. With this win, she also became the first Spanish woman to win a Grand Slam title since Sanchez-Vicario in Paris in 1998.

HP becomes first state to have State Data Centre

- i. Himachal Pradesh to have a State Data Centre designed using green data centre concept, to provide 101 people-concerned with service online through an integrated data base. With this the state became the first state.
- ii. Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh Launched the Rs 58-crore Data Centre that integrate the websites of various departments and all services could be accessible through the integrated data base, saving time and money spent on creation of infrastructure.
- iii. The Data centre makes departmental applications that can be hosted centrally in SDC free of cost and Himswan connectivity could be provided in field offices to access departmental applications.

Himachal Pradesh

♦ Capital: Shimla

♦ Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat

♦ Chief Minister: Virbhadra Singh

Anju Bobby George & Pullela Gopichand Become Members of Khelo India

India's lone athletics World Championship medal winner Anju Bobby George and chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand have been drafted as members of Khelo India, a national programme for the development of sports in the country, an initiative by the Government. Khelo India is a seven-member committee, in which Anju and Gopichand are the two sportspersons. The committee will be headed by Sports Secretary Rajiv Yadav. Known for her feats as a long jumper, Anju has recently quit as the president of the Kerala Sports Council along with 13 other members in protest against the "insulting behaviour" of Kerala Sports Minister E P Jayarajan.

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Union Defence Ministry gives nod for purchase of 145 Ultra Light Howitzers guns from the US

- i. The Defence Ministry cleared decks for purchase of 145 Ultra Light Howitzers, worth about USD 750 million, from the US and also approved bulk production of 18 Dhanush artillery guns, the first acquisition of such weapon systems.
 - ii. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by the Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, and took up 18 proposals including new schemes worth Rs 28,000 crore for discussion.
 - iii. On the other hand the project has got nod that will now allow the Navy to issue tenders, was the proposal to build six next generation missile vessels under 'Buy Indian' category for Rs 13,600 crore.
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India Becomes 35th Member of MTCR

India on 27 June became the 35th full member of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). It would be mutually beneficial in the furtherance of international non-proliferation objectives. In this regard, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar signed the instrument of accession to MTCR in New Delhi. It marks India's first entry into any multilateral export control regime. India's accession to the regime was conveyed by the MTCR Point of Contact in Paris through the French Embassy in New Delhi as well as Embassies of The Netherlands and Luxembourg. India was able to successfully enter this multilateral export control regime with the unopposed support of all 34 MTCR Partners. Earlier in 2015, India's bid for the membership to the group had failed after it was blocked by Italy.

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Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated train service between Patna to Ara

Railway Minister initiated train route between Patna to Ara region having Mainline Electric Multiple Unit based rail system

Delegates: Manoj Sinha, Minister of State for Railways, K. Mital, Chairman Railway Board, Jamshed , Member Traffic Railway Board

Railway Minister notified that the train service is mainly for the populous states of West Bengal, Jharkhand, UP and Bihar

About MEMU and DEMU

- ◆ The Mainline Electric Multiple Unit or MEMU is a commuter rail system in India

- ♦ Operated by the Indian Railway for semi-urban and rural areas
- ♦ A diesel multiple unit or DMU is a multiple-unit train powered by on-board diesel engines.

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Who is appointed by the BCCI appointed former Spinner as the new Head Coach of Indian Cricket Team recently?

- A. Ajit Agarkar
- B. Ramesh Powar
- C. Anil Kumble
- D. Sunil Joshi

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C. Anil Kumble

Explanation: Kumble was appointed Chairman of the ICC Cricket Committee in 2012, a position he still holds. He was awarded Padma Shri and also received Arjuna Award. His Cricket career spanning over 18 years. His tenure would be for One year. He was among 57 candidates who applied for the position advertised by the BCCI. He has earlier mentored two IPL Sides namely Mumbai Indians and Royal challengers.

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Which Indian boxer settled for a bronze medal in the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) World Qualifying Tournament in Baku Azerbaijan?

- A. Pooja Rani
- B. Vijender Singh
- C. Vikas Krishan
- D. Mandeep Jangra

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C. Vikas Krishan

Explanation: During his quarterfinal contest against Korea's Lee Dongyun he was ruled out of the semifinal clash owing to a cut on his forehead. However the Indian won 3-0 to make the semifinal and assured himself of an Olympic quota berth. With this India will present with three Indian boxers Vikas and Manoj, Shiva Thapa (56kg) that have qualified for the Olympic Games.

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Which state governor launched Women Helpline – 181 at the District Hospital to support women affected by Violence?

A.Manipur

B.Sikkim

C.Assam

D.Nagaland

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.Nagaland

Explanation: Nagaland Governor P B Acharya launched womenhelpline – 181 at the District Hospital Dimapur in Nagaland and also inaugurated Sakhi, a one stop Centre, envisioned supporting women affected by violence.

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India Shooter clinched which of the following medal at the Men's 10m Air Pistol Event at the ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan?

A.Gold

B.Silver

C.Bronze

D.None of these

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Silver

Explanation: Indian shooter Jitu Rai has settled with a silver medal and Brazilian sport shooter Felipe Almeida Wu of Brazil who clinched gold at the Men's 10m Air Pistol Event at the ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.

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Which aerospace successfully demonstrated the integration of most daunting supersonic cruise missile system at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited?

A.Agni

B.Dhanush

C.Garuda

D.BrahMos

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.BrahMos

Explanation: BrahMos Aerospace successfully demonstrated the integration of most daunting supersonic cruise missile system BrahMos on Su-30MKI front-line strike fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Nasik.

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Asian Development Bank accorded \$500 million to build bridge over India's longest river bridge is in which State?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D. Bihar

Explanation: Asian Development Bank accorded \$500 million to build bridge over Ganga which is India's longest river bridge is in Bihar having distance of 9.8 km road.

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Which Government has signed an Armistice and demilitarization agreement with rebels force to end the Latin America's longest war?

- A. Chile
- B. Tasmania
- C. Nigeria
- D. Colombia

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D. Colombia

Explanation: The Colombian government and Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebels signed an armistice and demilitarization agreement.

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India-US inked 8 Memorandum of Understandings to strengthen economic growth & sustainable development. Which of the following agreement is not signed during the visit?

- A.Exchange of terrorist screening information
- B.Cooperation on Energy Security
- C.Clean Energy
- D.Solar Energy

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.Solar Energy

Explanation: The Prime Minister of India and President of United states were signed the 8 agreements related to various key areas such as Exchange of terrorist screening information, Cooperation on Energy Security, Clean Energy, Climate Change, Wildlife Conservation, Management and Combating Wildlife Trafficking.

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Which Ministry/nodal agency has announced new print media advertisement policy for Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity with focus of transparency and equity?

- A.Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- B.Press Information Bureau
- C.Press Trust of India
- D.Information Technology

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Explanation: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced new Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity.Focus: Transparency and Equity.

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Which country has developed a method CO₂ is pumped into the volcanic carfixrock and sped up a natural process where the basalts react with the gas to form carbonate minerals?

- A.Ireland
- B.Iceland
- C.United Kingdom

D. United States

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B. Iceland

Explanation: Scientists from Iceland developed a method in which CO₂ is pumped into the volcanic carbfixrock and sped up a natural process where the basalts react with the gas to form carbonate minerals (limestone).

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The Former Chairman MS Krishna Bhat has passed away in Mangaluru at the age of 78. He belonged to which Bank?

A. Punjab and Sind Bank

B. Andhra Bank

C. Karnataka Bank

D. Punjab National Bank

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C. Karnataka Bank

Explanation: The former Chairman of Karnataka Bank MS Krishna Bhat has died in Mangaluru. He was 78. Krishna had joined the bank in 1970, and was elevated to the position of General Manager in 1989. He became the Chief General Manager of the bank in 1994.

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The World Day against Child Labour is being observed every year on which date to foster the worldwide movement against child labour?

A. June 11th

B. June 12th

C. June 14th

D. June 13th

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B. June 12th

Explanation: The World Day against Child Labour is observed every year on June 12, is projected to foster the worldwide movement against child labour across all the forms.

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Jamaican Sprinter Usain Bolt won the 100m race in how many seconds is the second fastest time in the world in 2016 at the National Stadium in Jamaica?

A.9.87

B.9.86

C.9.85

D.9.88

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.9.88

Explanation: Jamaican Sprinter Usain Bolt won the 100m in 9.88sec, the second-fastest time in the world this year at the inaugural Jamaica National Racers Grand Prix at the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica.

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India Ranked 105th On Human Capital Index

"The World Economic Forum (WEF) on 28 June released the Human Capital Report 2016. The WEF prepared the report in collaboration with Mercer, an American global human resource and related financial services consulting firm. India occupied the 105th position among the 130 countries surveyed in the Index. In the Asia-Pacific region, it is placed behind Sri Lanka (50), China (71), Indonesia (72), Iran (85), Bhutan (91) and Bangladesh (104). India has secured 62nd, 98th, 106th, 119th and 120th position in the 0 to 14, 15 to 24, 25 to 54, 55 to 64, and 65 and Over categories respectively. Finland, Norway and Switzerland hold the top three positions, utilising around 85 per cent of their human capital."

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Assam's famous Kamakhya Temple receives an aid Rs. 25 crore for Infrastructure

- i. Union petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced an aid of Rs 25 crore over the next couple of years for the infrastructure development of Kamakhya temple.
- ii. The announcement comes from the Minister during the Ambubachi Mela festival which is the celebration of goddess Kamakhya's annual menstruation cycle, considered as a symbol of fertility by the Hindus.
- iii. The festival is the eastern India's largest congregation of pilgrims – drew a whopping 25 lakh devotees this year.

Kamakhya Temple:

The Kamakhya Temple situated on the Nilachal Hill in western part of Guwahati city in Assam is a Hindu temple dedicated to the mother goddess Kamakhya.

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"Union Cabinet Approves 7th Pay Commission Recommendations"

"Union Cabinet on 29 June approved the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission. The salaries and arrears, effective from 1 January 2016, will be made applicable now. The commission recommended 23.55 percent hike in pay and allowances of government employees. The minimum pay for government employees is recommended to be set at 18000 rupees per month. The maximum pay is recommended to be 225000 rupees per month for Apex Scale and 250000 per month for Cabinet Secretary and others presently at the same pay level. The increase in pay will be 16 percent, increase in allowances will be 63 percent and increase in pension will be 24 percent."

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Union Government Launches Vidyanjali Mobile App

The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) on 16 June launched the Vidyanjali Mobile App that can be used by anyone to register for volunteer work at government schools. Vidyanjali initiative is in line with the Union HRD Ministry's ongoing efforts under Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat. Vidyanjali is being launched in pilot phase across 2200 schools in 21 states by HRD Minister. Volunteers can easily register for Vidyanjali by logging on to the MyGov website or app @mygovindia.

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Union Government approved India's Membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program

Union Government signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam GFZ German Research Centre for geosciences which is government funded and Public Law Foundation of the State of Brandenburg, Germany.

India occupied globally eminent exports with great features of scientific drilling by achieving deep drilling and associated investigations in Koyana region

India will assign a position on two ICDP panels: Executive Committee (EC), Assembly of Governors (AOG)

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US Senate Approves Enhanced Military Cooperation with India

The United States (US) Senate (Upper House) has unanimously approved amendment to enhance military co-operation with India as part of National Defence Authorisation Act -2017 Under it, military co-operation with India will be for developing military doctrine, threat analysis, force planning, logistical support and intelligence collection and analysis. The bill was moved by Senator John Sullivan and the amendment was co-sponsored by Senator John Corny and Mark Warner, the two co-chairs of the Senate India Caucus along with Senator Mark Kirk.

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Review and planning meeting of Indo-EU 'Water4crops' project held in New Delhi

In order to cope with water scarcity in Agricultural Sector, Ministry of State for the Ministry of Science & Technology framed the "Water4crops" project.

On completion of 4 years of the Euro 9 Million Indian-European Union "Water4crops" project, the Delegates are arranged the Review and Planning Meeting

Project Worth: 9 Million Euro

Venue: New Delhi

Funded by: Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the governance of Ministry of Science & Technology & European Union

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IAF creates History by Inducting 3 Women Fighter Pilots For First Time

The Indian Air Force (IAF) created history by inducting 3 women fighter pilots for first time. These three women fighter pilots are Bhawana Kanth, Avani Chaturvedi and Mohana Singh. They were commissioned in the Indian Air Force (IAF) after passing out from the Air Force Academy near Hyderabad on 18 June 2016. Each of the three has cleared the first stage of training and has about 150 hours of flying. After getting their wings as flying officers, they will now train for six months on the Advanced Jet Fighter (AJT), the British-built Hawk. In October 2015, the Union Government had decided to open the fighter stream for women on an experimental basis for five years.

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Union Government launched e-Nivaran scheme to deal with real tax grievance

The Union Government initiated a step to launch "e-Nivaran" Scheme to deal with Tax related issues of the public on test mode.

Venue: Rajasva Gyan Sangam, New Delhi

Delegates: Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Senior Tax Officials

Version: First

Organised by: Central Board of Direct Taxes and Central Board of Excise and Customs

Feature of the Scheme: Officials have created a website to examine tax reforms.

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Nico Rosberg Won F1 European Grand Prix

Nico Rosberg of Germany on 19 June won the European Grand Prix Formula 1 championship in Baku, Azerbaijan. To win the title, the Mercedes driver overcame Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany in the final race. In this championship, Rosberg completed second career Grand Slam. Prior

to him, only Lewis Hamilton, Mika Hakkinen, Jack Brabham and Juan Manuel Fangio could able to achieve this rare feat. He recorded the first career Grand Slam in Russian Grand Prix in May 2016.

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Centre approves proposal for Greenfield Electronic Park in Odisha

i. Union Government gave its final approval for setting up of a Greenfield Electronic Park which is a dedicated IT hub near Bhubaneswar.

ii. The park, to be set up under Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) scheme of the Centre, will come up on 203 acres of land at a cost of Rs 205 crore out of this centre will give Rs 95 crore with the rest will borne by the Odisha government.

iii. The park intends to provide employment potential of 10,000 to 12,000 persons and common facilities for training, incubation and R & D activities to the interested entrepreneurs.

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Union Government Approves 100% FDI In Aviation, Defence and e-commerce Sectors

The Union Government has radically liberalized the foreign direct investment (FDI) norms by permitting 100 % FDI under government approval route for almost every sector including defence to give impetus to job creation and ease of doing business in the country. The decision in this regard was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by PM Narendra Modi. With these changes in FDI norms, India has become the most open economy in the world for foreign direct investment. Some of these sectors are Food products, Defence Sector – Present FDI regime in this sector permits 49% FDI participation in the equity of a company under an automatic route. Now, FDI beyond 49% has now been permitted through government approval route, in cases resulting in access to modern technology in the country, Pharmaceutical Sector, Aviation Sector, Animal Husbandry, Single Brand Retail Trading. The Union Government has also mentioned few sectors in the small negative list in which FDI continues to be prohibited in atomic energy, lottery, gambling, real estate and Real Estate Investments Trusts (REIT) and railways operations.

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Punjab Government launched Mukh Mantri Punjab Hepatitis C Relief Fund

Punjab Government had initiated a special fund named as "Mukh Mantri Punjab Hepatitis C Relief Fund" by Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal.

Focus: To provide Free treatment for patients affected by Viral Disease Hepatitis C

First State in the Country to afford free treatment to Hepatitis C affected Person

Initial Contribution: Rs 20 Crore.

The Scheme is eligible to all the residents of Punjab and the cases will be registered in 25 hospitals.

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India Ranked 2nd On GRD Index On Ease of Doing Business

India has been ranked second position as per 2016 Global Retail Development Index (GRDI) released by London-based business consultancy A T Kearney. India has jumped 13 positions from last year (2015) to rank second among 30 developing countries on ease of doing business.

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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Launched Public Grievance Redressal Act

Chief Minister launched the Bihar Public Grievance Redressal Act enabling people to get their grievances redressed within a specific time period in the State.

Venue: Gandhi Maidan, Patna.

Feature: The Act has enabled people to get their issues redressed.

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Gangetic River Dolphin to be City Animal of Guwahati

- i. In a rare move Assam's Guwahati became the first city in the India to have its own citydolphin animal with the district administration announcing the Gangetic river dolphin as the symbol.
 - ii. The animal, locally known as Sihu would be the city animal of Guwahati.
 - iii. The Guwahati District administration had organised online and offline voting for three-month-long that attracted 60,003 participants to decide the city animal and Gangetic river dolphin received 24,247 votes among three protected creatures.
 - iv. In the voting process along with Gangetic river dolphin, the other two animals were black softshell turtle (Bor Kaso) and greater adjutant stork (Hargila) that was kept on the process.
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Who has been appointed as a part time member of the 21st Law Commission of India?

A.Satya Pal Jain

B.Kumar Singh

C.Akshay Kumar

D.Mahindra Pal Jain

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Satya Pal Jain

Explanation: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Additional Solicitor General of India and former Parliamentarian Satya Pal Jain was appointed as a part-time member of the 21st Law Commission of India.

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Which State become India's first state to launch open Government data portal to update data regarding organic and Agricultural activities?

- A.Manipur
- B.Delhi
- C.Meghalaya
- D.Sikkim

Answer & Explanation

Ans: D.Sikkim

Explanation: Sikkim becomes India's first State to launch open government data portal. Purpose: Updating data regarding Organic and agricultural and other activities in the portal.

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Who has won gold by defeating Spain by 13-9 at the FINA women Water Polo World League Super Final in Shanghai, China?

- A.USA
- B.Spain
- C.New Zealand
- D.Denmark

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.USA

Explanation: The USA Women's Senior National Team has won gold by defeating Spain by 13-9 at the FINA Women Water Polo World League Super Final in Shanghai, China.

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Pedro Pablo Kuczynski has been elected as the President of which country for a mandate lasting until 2021?

- A.Syria
- B.Peru
- C.Portugal
- D.France

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Peru

Explanation: Peruvians for Change party candidate Pedro Pablo Kuczynski has been confirmed as President of Peru after making a narrow victory against Keiko Fujimori in Peruvian presidential elections, 2016.

India accorded to provide financial grant of Rs. 48.84 million to which country for the construction of a college?

- A.Bhutan
- B.Nepal
- C.Afghanistan
- D.None of the these

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Nepal

Explanation: India to provide financial grand of Rs 48.84 million to Nepal for the construction of a college. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Ranjit Rae laid foundation stone of the building for Koteswor Multiple Campus in Kathmandu district.

Ministry of Tourism hold the "1st Meeting of National Committee on Ramayan Circuit & Krishna Circuit" under which scheme?

- A.Swadesh Darshan Scheme
- B.Swathiya Bima Scheme
- C.Swadesh Bima Scheme
- D.Swathiya Swachha Scheme

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Explanation: First Meeting of National Committee on Ramayana Circuit & Krishna Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme held in Uttar Pradesh.

Which Bank has introduced the Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets to further strengthen the Lender's Ability to deal with Stressed assets?

- A.World Bank

B.BRICS Bank

C.RBI

D.None of these

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C.RBI

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has come up with the Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets to further strengthen the lenders' ability to deal with stressed assets and to put real assets back on track.

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Which Bank chief to be joined in the Maharashtra based Ratnakar Bank Limited as Head of corporate banking?

A.Bank of America

B.Royal Bank of Scotland

C.HSBC

D.Bank of Japan

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Royal Bank of Scotland

Explanation: Maharashtra based Small sized private lender RBL Bank (formerly known as The Ratnakar Bank Limited) announced that the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) India chief Brijesh Mehra will be joining the company as head of corporate banking.

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Pompano Beach-based Stonegate Bank is set to issue the first credit card that can be used in which country?

A.Fiji

B.Vatican City

C.Cuba

D.Seychelles

Answer & Explanation

Ans: C.Cuba

Explanation: The card will be a limited-edition MasterCard. Stonegate will issue only 1,000 cards initially. Each card will feature artwork by celebrated Cuban painter Michel Mirabal.

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The Union Government gave approval to Rs. 2070 crore highways Project in which state under its hybrid annuity mode for faster movement of traffic?

A.Haryana

B.Punjab

C.Delhi

D.Assam

Answer & Explanation

Ans: B.Punjab

Explanation: The Union Cabinet gave nod to Rs 2,070-crore highways project in Punjab under its hybrid annuity mode to for faster movement of traffic between Chandigarh and Ludhiana.

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NASA's Kepler Space Telescope discovered Jupiter-like planet named as _____ orbiting two stars discovered.

A.Kepler-1647b

B.Kepler-1647c

C.Kepler-1657b

D.Kepler-1657c

Answer & Explanation

Ans: A.Kepler-1647b

Explanation: The planet Kepler1647b, located in the constellation Cygnus, which is 700 light-years away and about 4.4 billion years old, was discovered by astronomers from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre and San Diego State University (SDSU) in the US.

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Renowned Novelist and Critique Mudrarakshas passed away due to prolonged illness in Uttar Pradesh. He belonged to which language novelist?

A.Urdu