

GENERAL AWARENESS

SAUBHAGYA scheme

India achieved another milestone in the power sector with completion of electrification in hundred percent household in 25 states by 31st December 2018. So far 2.39 crore households connected under Saubhagya scheme.

The Saubhagya project has an aim to provide electricity to all households announced in 2017, having aim to complete the electrification process by end of 2018.

Now, only about 10.48 Lakh households are left to be electrified in 4 states viz., Assam, Rajasthan, Meghalaya and Chhattisgarh.

106th Indian Science Congress

On 3rd January 2019, Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Indian Science Congress (ISC) - 2019' in Lovely Professional University Jalandhar, Punjab.

Theme of 106th edition of ISC-2019 is "Future India: Science and Technology"

As part of the event, the Children's Science Congress also held on 4th January 2019.

Stressing on the need for research at state-funded universities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi added to the slogan, "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan" with a "Jai Anusandhan" . He urged scientists to find low-cost solutions for social good.

Sudhir Bhargava is new CIC

Sudhir Bhargava took oath as the chief information commissioner in the Central Information Commission (CIC) on 1st January 2019.

Mr. Bhargava was administered the oath of office by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Central Information Commission has been constituted with effect from 12th October 2005 under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

He was working as the Information Commissioner in the CIC.

New President of Brazil

On 1st January 2019, Jair Bolsonaro took oath as the president of Brazil. The retired military officer and his political views have been described as nationalist and populist in nature and himself as an advocate of far-right policies.

Bolsonaro swept the election results with 55.1 percent of the votes cast, as against 44.8 percent votes of his opponent, Fernando Haddad from the left-wing Workers' Party.

AP High court inaugurated

Justice Praveen Kumar sworn in as the Acting chief justice of the newly carved out High Court of Andhra Pradesh. Governor ESL Narasimhan administered the oath of office to him on 1st January 2019.

Marking a historic day in the Judiciary in Andhra Pradesh, President Ram Nath Kovind issued orders on 26th December 2018, constituting a separate high court of Andhra Pradesh from January 1st, 2019 with the principal seat to be located in Amaravati. Presently the high court is being temporarily housed in the Chief Minister's camp office, Vijayawada.

Justice T.B.N. Radhakrishnan took oath as the first Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court in Hyderabad.

World Braille Day celebrated

United Nations observed the first official World Braille Day on 4th January 2019, remembering the birth anniversary of Louis Braille who was the inventor of Braille script for the people with visual disabilities. World Braille Day underscores importance of written language for human rights.

World Braille day observed annually on 4th January from this year to raise awareness on the importance of Braille for approximately 1.3 billion people living with some form of distance or near vision impairment.

Rs.100 crore to TOPS scheme

Union Ministry of Sports Affairs declared Rs.100 crore for funding the athletes under the TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) ahead of 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

The scheme was launched in September 2014 to provide financial assistance to potential olympic medal winners.

The scheme nurtures the future sporting talent by supporting a group of athletes who are potential medal winner in 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games.

12th Global Healthcare Summit

President of India Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 12th Global Healthcare Summit organised by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin in Mumbai on 28th December 2018 at Mumbai. He acknowledged the professionalism and excellent reputation of doctors of Indian origin in the USA.

The President said that the goal of 'Health for All' must be integral to our programmes and policies. He noted the several initiatives of the Government of India, which he said were intended to make healthcare in the country more holistic and affordable for all citizens of the country like Ayushman Bharath.

World Book Fair

On 5th January 2019, 27th edition of New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) inaugurated at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Sharjah is the Guest of Honour of this fair.

Theme of this Book Fair is "Readers with special needs". The idea behind the theme is to emphasise on inclusive learning which includes audio, silent tactile and braille books for the benefit of visually challenged children.

During the fair, International Disability Film Festival was organised for the first time where over 45 documentaries from 27 countries were screened.

PM visit of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

In the two day visit of Andaman Nicobar islands, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted a 150-feet-high national flag at Port Blair to mark the 75th anniversary of freedom fighter Subhash Chandra Bose's declaration of the formation of the Azad Hind government in 1943.

7. Top three police stations in India for 2018 declared by Home Minister of India on 21st December 2018. They are Kalu (Bikaner, Rajasthan)..... and Farakka (Murshidabad, West Bengal)
- 1) Nettapakkam (Puducherry)
 - 2) Guderu (Karnataka)
 - 3) Chopal (Himachal Pradesh)
 - 4) Munsyari (Uttarakhand)
 - 5) Campbell Bay (Andaman and Nicobar islands)
8. Where is the Veer Savarkar International Airport that has been declared as an authorized Immigration check post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers?
- 1) West Bengal
 - 2) Odisha
 - 3) Andaman and Nicobar islands
 - 4) Chandigarh
 - 5) Jhansi
9. Louis Braille was an educator and inventor of a system of reading and writing for use by the blind or visually impaired. He belongs to ...?
- 1) Japan
 - 2) France
 - 3) Italy
 - 4) USA
 - 5) UK
10. Summer Olympics 2024 to be hosted by.....?
- 1) Rio de Janeiro
 - 2) London
 - 3) Beijing
 - 4) Paris
 - 5) Athens
11. Summer Olympics 2028 to be hosted by.....?
- 1) Barcelona
 - 2) Seoul
 - 3) Moscow
 - 4) Los Angeles
 - 5) Montreal

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