

GENERAL AWARENESS

Voter Verification and Information

The Election Commission of India (ECI) launched a Voter Verification and Information Programme (VVIP) for citizens for verifications of their names, new registrations, changes in the voter details and corrections in the Voter Id's for the upcoming General Elections 2019.

A 'PwD App' to enable Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to request for new registration, change in address, change in particulars and mark themselves as PwD through the use of the mobile application launched by Election Commission of India.

The Voter Helpline number is 1950.

“Asiatic Lion Conservation Project”

A dedicated “Asiatic Lion Conservation Project” with a budgetary contribution of Rs 97.85 Crore from Central Government was launched. The government approved the project for three financial years of 2018-21. The Asiatic Lion is one of the 21 critically endangered species identified by the Ministry for taking up recovery programmes. Asiatic Lion, being listed in Schedule-I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, to be accorded the highest degree of protection.

‘Parmanu Tech 2019’

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh delivered the keynote address at the ‘Parmanu Tech 2019’ conference, organized by the Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) at New Delhi on 6th February 2019.

The conference discussed issues related to Nuclear Energy and Radiation Technologies.

Dr Singh added that nuclear energy will be a big and cost-effective source of energy in future when the other sources of power are gradually depleting.

GSAT - 31

India's latest communication satellite, GSAT - 31 was successfully launched from the Spaceport in French Guiana during the early hours of 6th February 2019.

The launch vehicle Ariane 5 VA - 247 lifted off from Kourou Launch Base, French Guiana carrying India's GSAT - 31 and Saudi Geostationary Satellite 1/Hellas Sat 4 satellites, as scheduled. GSAT - 31 will augment the Ku-band transponder capacity in Geostationary Orbit.

It will provide DTH Television Services, connectivity to VSATs for ATM, Stock-exchange, Digital Satellite News Gathering (DSNG) and E-governance applications. The satellite will also be used for bulk data transfer for a host of emerging telecommunication applications.

Shehri Samridhi Utsav

Shehri Samridhi Utsav launched having an aim to extend the outreach of Deendayal Antyodaya Mission – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), to the most vulnerable, showcase its initiatives and facilitate access of Self-Help Group (SHG) members to the other government schemes.

This was launched across the country with by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

DD Arunaprabha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched DD Arunaprabha on 9th February 2019 in Arunachal Pradesh. He also laid foundation stone of Film and Television Institute (FTI) and several other projects in the state. DD Arunaprabha is the 24th satellite channel operated by Doordarshan. He also laid the foundation stone for the construction of Greenfield Airport at Hollongi.

AMIF

On 6th February 2019, the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for the creation of a corpus of Rs. 2000 crore for Agri - Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF) to be created with NABARD for development and up-gradation of agricultural marketing infrastructure in Gramin Agricultural Markets and Regulated Wholesale Markets.

AMIF will provide the State / UT Governments subsidised loan for their proposal for developing marketing infrastructure in 585 Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs) and 10,000 Grameen Agricultural Markets (GrAMs).

Hirkani Maharashtra launched

Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched Hirkani Maharashtra scheme on 9th February 2019 at Mumbai. Under Hirkani Maharashtra, women's SHGs will pitch their business plan at taluka level. Ten groups will be selected from each taluka and Rs. 50,000 will be given to each SHG to implement their idea.

MODEL QUESTIONS

- The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy is..?
1) Rajiv Gaubua
2) A.N.Jha
3) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
4) A.B.Pandey
5) K.N.Vyas
- Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the Sela Tunnel Project in...
1) Arunachal Pradesh 2) Meghalaya 3) Manipur 4) Assam
5) Jammu and Kashmir
- Who was adjudged as the man of the match in the Final match of Ranji Trophy?
1) Snell Patel
2) Jaydev Unadkat
3) Aditya Sarwate
4) Dharmendrasinh Jadeja
5) Cheteshwar Pujara
- Election Commission of India initiated Voter helpline number is
1) 100 2) 104 3) 121 4) 1947
5) 1950
- Election Commission of India launched which Mobile App to enable citizens to report on violation of election code of conduct?
1) "VoteVIGIL" 2) "cEVM" 3) "cVIGOR" 4) "cNOTA"
5) "cVIGIL"
- EVMs used in Elections. EVMs stand for...?
1) Electric Voting Machine 2) Electronic Value Machine
3) Enroll Voting Machine 4) Electronic Vibrating Machine
5) Electronic Voting Machine
- Gir National Park located in the state of..?
1) UP 2) Gujarat 3) Rajasthan 4) Tamilnadu
5) Odisha

ANSWERS: 1-5; 2-1; 3-3; 4-5; 5-5; 6-5; 7-2.

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