

GENERAL AWARENESS

Petrotech - 2019

The 13th edition of PETROTECH – 2019, India's flagship Hydrocarbon Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh on 11th February 2019.

India today has the fourth largest refining capacity in the world. This will further grow by about 200 million metric tons by 2030."

Sushil Chandra New EC

Sushil Chandra was appointed as the new Election Commissioner. The appointment came ahead of this year's general elections.

Sushil Chandra is an IIT graduate and a 1980 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax cadre) and at the time of appointment as EC, he was the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). Now, the Election Commission has Sunil Arora as the Chief Election Commissioner and Ashok Lavasa and Sushil Chandra as the two commissioners.

Kashmir terror attack

In one of the biggest ever terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, not less than 40 jawans of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were martyred on 14th February 2019 in Pulwama district's Awantipora town.

A suicide bomber belonging to the terrorist outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad drove an SUV packed with explosives into a CRPF bus. Police identified the suicide bomber as Adil Ahmed, officials said who joined the Jaish in 2018.

Condemning the terrorist attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the sacrifice of the brave security personnel will not go in vain.

National Productivity Week

National Productivity Council (NPC) celebrated its 61st Foundation Day on 12th February. It observes foundation day as Productivity Day and celebrates National Productivity Week from 12th, 18th February 2019.

This year's theme is "Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability" which represents a unique opportunity for circular business models for Make - Use - Return.

Farm loan limit increased

RBI announced that the limit of collateral free agricultural loans has been increased from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.1.6 lakh.

RBI governor said this move will enhance coverage of small and marginal farmers in the formal credit system.

World Sustainable summit 2019

World Sustainable Development Summit 2019, organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) on 11th February 2019 at New Delhi.

Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu said that India's traditional practices reflected a sustainable lifestyle and the Vedic philosophy of India always emphasized the undeniable connection that human beings share with nature.

He said that India was on the course for achieving 175 GW renewable energy target and 40% of India's electricity generation is set to be from non fossil fuels, by 2022. India is committed to reducing 33 to 35 percent of emission intensity of its GDP during 2005 to 2030 in tune with its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), he added.

Dan David Prize

Noted Indian historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam won Israel's prestigious Dan David Prize for his work on inter-cultural encounters between Asians, Europeans and people of North and South America during the early modern era.

The international Dan David Prize is awarded annually to those who have made outstanding scientific, technological and humanistic accomplishments in fields representing the past, present and future of human achievement.

Helina test fired

India test-fired its helicopter-launched version of one of the most-advanced anti-tank weapons from the Odisha coast recently. Helina, the helicopter-launched version of the Nag anti-tank guided missile with a hit range of 7- 8 km, was launched from an Army chopper. The weapon system was tested for its full range near the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur in Balasore district, Odisha.

Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), it is one of the most-advanced anti-tank weapons in the world.

Exercise Rahat

Sapta Shakti Command of Indian Army conducted a two- day Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise "Exercise Rahat" started on 11th February 2019. This is the eighth such exercise conducted by the Indian Defence Forces. The exercise is being conducted in pursuance of the directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during Combined Commanders Conference - 2015, to achieve 'Disaster Resilient India'.

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. India withdrawn the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status granted to ...?
1) Malaysia 2) Sri Lanka 3) Bhutan 4) Pakistan
5) Bangladesh
2. Who is the governor of Jammu and Kashmir?
1) Lalji Tandon 2) Ram Naik
3) Satyapal Malik 4) Satyadev Naryan Arya
5) Tathagata Roy
3. Who is the present Director General of CRPF?
1) Rajni Kant Mishra 2) S.S.Deswal
3) Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar 4) Rajesh Ranjan
5) Kumar Rajesh Chandra
4. Present Chairman of Governing Council of TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) is.....?
1) Nitin Desai 2) Ajay Mathur
3) M.S.Swaminathan 4) Pranav R Mehatha
5) Ratan TATA

5. India raised customs duty on all products imported from Pakistan by.....?
- 1) 100% 2) 150% 3) 300% 4) 200%
- 5) 700%
6. International Conference on Making Elections Inclusive and Accessible held at?
- 1) Banglore 2) Hyderabad 3) Pune 4) New Delhi
- 5) Kochi
7. Who is the present Director-General of National Productivity Council?
- 1) Atul Sobti 2) Aswini Lohni
- 3) Dr.Amita Prasad 4) Shasi Shankar
- 5) Sanjiv Singh

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

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