

GENERAL AWARENESS

Modi Sworn in

Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister for the second consecutive term on 30th May 2019. President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of Office and Secrecy to him and his team of 57 ministers at a glittering ceremony on the forecourts of the Rashtrapati Bhawan 24 Cabinet ministers 9 Minister of State with Independent charge and another 24 as Minister of State sworn in. The new Modi Government has the maximum representation of 10 faces from Uttar Pradesh, followed by seven from Maharashtra.

Buhari sworn in second time

On 29th May 2019, Muhammadu Buhari sworn in for a second term as Nigeria's president, following a campaign that focused on tackling security threats and rooting out corruption. Buhari, a former military ruler, won 56 percent of the votes.

PM- KISAN scheme for All

On 31st May 2019, in the first Cabinet meeting, the government decided to extend PM- KISAN scheme to all 14.5 crore farmers in the country costing Rs.87,000 crore a year.

PM Kisan Pension Yojana

Union Cabinet on 31st May 2019, declared the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana under which small and marginal farmers will get a minimum fixed pension of Rs.3,000 per month on attaining the age of 60 years.

This scheme is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for a small and marginal farmers across the country, with the entry age of 18-40 years. The Centre said it will match the contribution made by the eligible farmer in the pension fund.

Burn Out and Video gaming

World Health Organization for the first time recognised “burn-out” in its International Classification of Diseases (ICD) which is widely used as a benchmark for diagnosis and health insurers.

In the latest update of its catalogue of diseases and injuries around the world, WHO defines burn-out as “a syndrome conceptualized as resulting from chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed”. It said the syndrome was characterized by three dimensions. The feelings of energy depletion or exhaustion, the increased mental distance from one’s job, or feelings of negativism or cynicism related to one’s job and the reduced professional efficacy.

For the first time, WHO recognised video gaming as an addiction, listing it alongside gambling and drugs like cocaine.

Pema Khandu Again

BJP leader Pema Khandu was sworn- in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for a second term. Along with Pema Khandu, 11 other ministers of the cabinet were also sworn in. Governor Dr. BD Mishra administered the oath of office and secrecy to the council of ministers. The BJP led by Khandu won 41 seats in the 60-member Assembly, in the elections held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections.

New Sikkim CM

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) President Prem Singh Golay (Tamang) on 28th May 2019 took oath as the new Chief Minister of Sikkim.

Governor Ganga Prasad administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Golay and his council of ministers at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok amid a huge gathering of people.

World Competitiveness Ranking

India has moved up one place to rank 43rd most competitive economy in the world on the back of its robust economic growth, a large labour force and its huge market size.

Singapore topped the index by toppling the USA to grab the top position, a global study showed in the 2019 edition of the IMD World Competitiveness Rankings. India has scored well on several economic parameters and tax policies but has lagged in terms of public finance, societal framework, education infrastructure, health and environment in this ranking.

This IMD World Competitiveness Rankings, established in 1989, incorporate 235 indicators from each of the 63 ranked economies to evaluate their ability to foster an environment where enterprises can achieve sustainable growth, generate jobs and increase welfare for its citizens.

All-women crew to fly M-17 Chopper

Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (co-pilot) and Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal (Flight Engineer) became the country's first all-women crew to fly a medium lift helicopter Mi-17 V5 on 27th May 2019. The chopper took off from a forward air base in South Western air command. The pilots had undergone their basic flying training at the Helicopter Training School at Air Force Station. Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal from Chandigarh is the first woman flight engineer of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Kailash Mansarovar

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) included the Indian part of Kailash Mansarovar in its tentative list of world heritage sites. In the month of April, the Archeological Survey of India, which is under the Culture Ministry, sent the proposal mooted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to UNESCO. In the proposal, Kailash Mansarovar is in the mixed category – both as a natural as well as a cultural heritage.

The Indian site is part of the larger landscape of 31,000 sq km referred to as the 'Kailash Sacred Landscape' constituting the Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar in the remote south-western portion of the Tibet Autonomous Region of China and adjacent districts in the far-western region of Nepal.

If it comes through, Uttarakhand, a major transit point of the annual Kailash Mansarovar yatra, will benefit as communities living along the yatra route can be incorporated in the plan to develop sustainable tourism for the site.

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Union Minister of 'Jal Shakti' in the union cabinet is ...?
 - 1) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
 - 2) Giriraj Singh
 - 3) Arvind Ganpat Sawant
 - 4) Mahendra Nath Pandey
 - 5) Prahlad Joshi
2. Amit Sha is the new Union Minister of Home Affairs. He is elected to Loksabha from ?
 - 1) Gandhi nagar
 - 2) Vadodara
 - 3) Lucknow
 - 4) Varanasi
 - 5) Amethi
3. Which of the among NDA partner decided not to be part of the new government by taking no birth in the new union council of ministers?
 - 1) Shiv Sena
 - 2) Republic Party of India
 - 3) JD (United)
 - 4) Shiromani Akalidal
 - 5) Lok Janshakti Party

4. Chandrani Murmu became the youngest member of Lok Sabha history. She won the Keonjhar Lok Sabha seat from....?
- 1) Kerala 2) Madhya Pradesh 3) Odisha 4) Rajasthan
5) Tamil nadu
5. World No Tobacco Day observed on...?
- 1) 1st May 2) 1st June 3) 31st May 4) 30th June
5) 15th May
6. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee?
- 1) Bipin Rawat 2) Karambir Singh 3) B.S.Dhanoa 4) Rajnath Singh
5) Nirmala Sitharaman
7. Sri Lanka, India and which nation sign MoU for development of Eastern Terminal of Colombo Port?
- 1) USA 2) UK 3) France 4) Japan
5) Germany
8. Union Environment Ministry launched Which song to spread awareness about Air pollution on 29th May 2019?
- 1) Hawa Aane De 2) Hawa Khol De
3) Hawa Hawa De 4) Hawa Hone De
5) Hawa Chalo De
9. Which Indian origin woman appointed as the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships?
- 1) Padmasree Warrior 2) Komal Mangtani
3) Anita Bhatia 4) Neha Narkhede
5) Kamakshi Sivaramakrishnan
10. Which Public Sector bank announced that it launched 'Bank on Wheels' facility in 14 of its lead districts in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, besides Vijayawada?
- 1) SBI 2) Indian Bank 3) IOB 4) Andhra Bank
5) UBI
11. Which nation launched a nuclear-powered icebreaker called the 'Ural'?
- 1) USA 2) China 3) Russia 4) Japan
5) Australia
12. The Monaco Grand Prix clinched by..?
- 1) Pierre Gasly 2) Max Emilian Verstappen
3) Valtteri Viktor Bottas 4) Sebastian Vettel
5) Lewis Hamilton

KEY

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