

GENERAL AWARENESS

17th Loksabha Speaker

Om Birla was unanimously elected as the Speaker of 17th Lok Sabha. He belongs to BJP party and elected to Lok Sabha from Rajasthan.

He said that as a Speaker of the Lok Sabha, will try to conduct parliamentary proceedings effectively so that every member could have their say in the house.

He also said that a training programme has been devised for 265 first timer MPs and for their convenience and an app will be developed for easy access of digital library, which will help them understand every parliamentary procedure.

Yoga Day in Ranchi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Yoga Day celebrations and performed asanas at Prabhat Tara ground in Ranchi along with 40,000 others, while Union ministers, Governors, Chief Ministers and yoga enthusiasts did the same in other parts of the country.

Joint Session

The President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Joint session of Parliament on 20th June 2019, said a strong national economy is possible only on the foundation of a strong rural economy.

PM awards for Yoga

Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of Yoga 2019 announced. Antonietta Rozzi, who is a practicing as Yoga teacher from Lerici, Italy is one among the recipient. She has more than 42 years of experience in the field of Yoga.

Another recipient, Japan Yoga Niketan was established in 1980 and has been a torch-bearer of Yoga in Japan. It functions in association with Yoga Niketan, Rishikesh, and S-VYASA Yoga University, Bengaluru. Swami Rajashri Muni is a practicing yogi from Limbdi, Gujarat. He founded the Lakulish International Fellowship's Enlightenment Mission (Life Mission) in 1993, and the mission has carried out substantial work for promotion of Yoga as well as in humanitarian service, it said.

Bihar School of Yoga, Munger, was founded in 1964 by Sri Swami Satyananda Saraswati. The school is known for Yoga techniques developed through a synthesis of many approaches based on traditional vedantic, tantric and yogic teachings in conjunction with contemporary physical and mental health sciences is also one among the recipients.

On the occasion of the 2nd International Day of Yoga celebrations at Chandigarh on June 21st, 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the institution of awards for the promotion and development of Yoga.

The winners will be felicitated with of a trophy, certificate and a cash award each, valuing Rs.25 lakh.

Promotion of MSMEs

India stressed the promotion Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in developing countries as they are important for employment and income generation. This was emphasized by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal at a session on "Promotion of Trade and Investment that contribute to Sustainable and Inclusive Growth" at G20 nations meet in Japan. Mr. Goyal stressed that there is a need to support MSMEs in developing countries to increase job creation and promote trade in a sustainable manner. MSMEs contribute around 45 percent in India's exports, about 25 percent to the GDP from service

activities and over 33 percent to the manufacturing output of India. With Japan, Goyal discussed issues related with a proposed mega free trade agreement Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

Widen Khelo India

Addressing the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament, the President said the new government has decided to widen the spectrum of the Khelo India Programme.

In order to make India a “global sports powerhouse”, it is important to unearth talents from across the country. “Under this programme, 2,500 talented players have been selected, and are being trained earlier. Now this facility will be provided to 2,500 new players every year,” he added.

Help for AU summit

India extended grant of 15 million dollars to the Republic of the Niger to assist in organising the African Union (AU) summit.

Asian Snooker Champion

India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani clinched the 35th men's Asian Snooker Championship in Doha to complete a career grand slam in cue sports. He defeated Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon of Thailand by 6-3 in the final on 21st June 2019, to become the only one to win the Asian and World championships in all formats.

First female head of Slovakia

Anti-corruption candidate Zuzana Caputova won Slovakia's presidential election, making her the country's first female head of state.

Ms Caputova, had no political experience but she defeated high-profile diplomat Maros Sefcovic. She won 58% of the votes.

Caputova was a civil activist best known for blocking a planned landfill site in her home town in 2016. She also played a role in anti-government protests that broke out after the murder of the investigative journalist Jan Kuciak.

KLIP Inaugurated

Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), claimed as the world's largest multi-stage and multi-purpose lift irrigation scheme, was inaugurated by Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrakeshwar Rao at Medigadda where the first barrage of the project is located in Jayashankar-Bhupalapally district on 15th June 2019.

The total length of Kaleshwaram project is approximately 1,832 kms, of which 1,531 kms is gravity canals and 203 kms comprise water tunnels. There are 20 water lifts and 19 pump houses in the project.

The massive project is divided into seven links and 28 packages and involved digging of 20 reservoirs in 13 districts with a total capacity to store 145 TMC.

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. List of Union Cabinet ministers given. The wrong combination is...?
 - 1) Giriraj Singh- Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
 - 2) Arvind Sawant- Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 - 3) Pralhad Joshi- Parliamentary Affairs and Coal Mines
 - 4) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi- Minority Affairs
 - 5) Dharmendra Pradhan- Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel

2. The list of Union minister of State (Independent Charge) given. The correct combination is....?
- 1) Mansukh L. Mandaviya- Shipping
 - 2) Hardeep Singh Puri- Housing and Urban Affairs
 - 3) Raj Kumar Singh- Power and New and Renewable Energy
 - 4) Prahalad Singh Patel- Culture and Tourism
 - 5) All of above correct
3. Which nation unveiled 50 billion dollar global investment plan for the Palestinians under the Middle East peace plan?
- 1) Russia
 - 2) Japan
 - 3) USA
 - 4) China
 - 5) France
4. RBI panel on MSMEs headed by recommended to double collateral-free loans limit to Rs.20 lakh
- 1) Rajiv Kumar
 - 2) Akhilesh Ranjan
 - 3) U K Sinha
 - 4) Nandan Nilekani
 - 5) Bezbarauah
5. To review the existing marketing structure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), the Central Government constituted a five-member committee headed by
- 1) M S Swaminathan
 - 2) Injeti Srinivas
 - 3) Dharmendra Pradhan
 - 4) Ashwini Lohini
 - 5) Kirit Parikh
6. Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process (KP) held at ?
- 1) Paris
 - 2) New York
 - 3) Tokyo
 - 4) Mumbai
 - 5) Canberra
7. Who was appointed as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?
- 1) Henrietta H. Fore
 - 2) Audrey Azoulay
 - 3) Inger Andersen
 - 4) Tedros Adhanom
 - 5) Yukiya Amano
8. Femina Miss India World 2019 crown clinched by...
- 1) Suman Rao
 - 2) Gowri Priya
 - 3) Riya Rathod Banjara
 - 4) Vineeta Dhanani
 - 5) Anukeerthy vyas
9. Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport of declared as International Airport
- 1) Nagpur
 - 2) Bhopal
 - 3) Pune
 - 4) Indore
 - 5) Lucknow
10. African Union (AU) Chair Person is
- 1) Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
 - 2) Idriss Déby
 - 3) Paul Kagame
 - 4) Alpha Conde
 - 5) Robert Mugabe

KEY

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