

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Krishi Kumbh 2018

The government of Uttar Pradesh in association with the Government of India is organising a mega Agriculture Expo called “Krishi Kumbh - 2018” from 26th - 28th October 2018 at Lucknow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Krishi Kumbh Mela 2018 Via Video Conference.

This Krishi Kumbh 2018 promotes modern technique and diversification in agriculture that could help in doubling farmers' income. The event was held at Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research Lucknow. Participation of over one lakh farmers is expected in this mega event besides national and international VIPs is a big success.

Japan and Israel acted as partner countries in the initiative and share their technology in the event.

Primary objective of Krishi Kumbh 2018 is to provide a common platform to farmers, farmers group, technical experts and entrepreneurs for seamless exchange of knowledge regarding agriculture production, food processing etc.

IAEA Fusion Energy Conference

27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2018) held in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat on 22nd October 2018. The event organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and hosted by the Department of Atomic Energy and Institute of Plasma Research, Gujarat.

The purpose of the Conference is to know and understand the worldwide advances in fusion theory, experiments, technology, engineering safety and socio-Economics.

It fostered the exchange of scientific and technical results in nuclear fusion research and development through its series of Fusion Energy Conferences.

Experts from across the world discussed the new challenges being faced by the fusion community in the light of a number of next-step fusion devices being implemented currently

DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018

On 1st November 2018, first-of-its-kind exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2018, a joint military exercise between Indian & Japanese Armies, commenced at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengete, Mizoram, India.

14 days long exercise aims to build and promote army to army relations in addition to exchanging skills. Both the armies jointly train, plan and execute a series of well developed tactical drills for neutralisation of likely threats that may be encountered in urban warfare scenario.

The Japanese contingent is represented by 32nd Infantry Battalion, while the Indian side by 6/1 Gorkha Rifles.

‘UTSONMOBILE’

On 1st November 2018, Indian Railways launched ‘UTSONMOBILE’ app to enable passengers to book unreserved tickets using their smartphones and computers connected with internet. This facility enables seamless booking of unreserved tickets all over Indian Railways

Initially the pilot project for booking of unreserved tickets through mobile phone was commenced in December, 2014 on select stations on Central Railway. Gradually, unreserved Mobile ticketing was extended to all suburban sections in metropolitan cities of Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Secunderabad between 2015 and 2017 along with the facility of paperless ticketing.

World Internet Conference (WIC)

Fifth World Internet Conference (WIC) was held in Wuzhen, China between 7th to 9th November 2018. It aimed to bring out exchanges, mutual learning, cooperation and sharing in the digital fields and stressed on peace and development of the global cyberspace. 15 of the latest scientific and technological achievements in the global internet industry were unveiled.

The summit aimed at reaching faster Internet speed, more digital profit, and better web security.

SIMBEX

SIMBEX, the “Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise” scheduled from 10th to 21st November 2018 begun in Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

The initial harbour phase held at Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands from 10th to 12th November which will be followed by sea phase from 12th to 16th November in the Andaman Sea.

- ★ The second harbour phase will be held from 16th to 19th November at Visakhapatnam ‘the City of Destiny’.
- ★ The final sea phase would be held in the Bay of Bengal from 19th to 21st November 2018.
- ★ The sea phase of this year’s edition is being conducted under the Command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi from Indian side and 2018 edition marks the Silver Jubilee of SIMBEX.

SIMBEX will witness a diverse range of exercises at sea ranging from live weapon drills including multiple missile firings, Heavy Weight Torpedo (HWT) and Medium Range Gun/ Anti-Submarine Rocket firings etc.

Competition Commission of India got new chief

Ashok Kumar Gupta appointed as the chairman of Competition Commission of India (CCI) on 9th November 2018. He will replace present chairman Sudhir Mittal.

- ★ The CCI keeps a tab on unfair business practices across sectors. It’s aim is to create and sustain fair competition in the economy that will provide a ‘level playing field’ to the producers and make the markets work for the welfare of the consumers.
- ★ It is the duty of the Commission to eliminate practices having adverse effect on competition, promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in the markets of India.

Ayodhya Deepotsav 2018

Ayodhya Deepostav 2018, an event organised to mark Diwali celebrations in Ayodhya town entered Guinness Book of World Records on 7th November 2018, when over three lakh clay lamps were illuminated at Ram Ki Paidi on Chhoti Diwali as part of Deepotsava.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and South Korean First Lady Kim Jung-sook who is the chief guest on the occasion participated.

On this occasion, the UP Chief Minister announced that Faizabad District will be renamed as ‘Sri Ayodhya’ district.

13th India-Japan Annual Summit

13th Annual Bilateral Summit of India-Japan attended by Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe on 29th October 2018 at Tokyo. Modi described India and Japan as a “winning combination” and said Japan is most trusted partner in its economic and technological modernisation at the end of the summit.

Some of the important MOU signed by both nations are:

- ★ India and Japan sign \$75 billion currency swap agreement.
- ★ Establishing the “Platform for Japan-India Business Cooperation in Asia-Africa Region” for exchanges between Japanese and Indian businesses and development of smart islands in India.
- ★ Launching of a comprehensive India-Japan Digital Partnership to develop “Japan-India Start-Up Hub” in Bengaluru
- ★ Linking of Japan’s Asia Health and Well-being Initiative (AHWIN) with India’s healthcare initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat.
- ★ Japan announced joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA). It will be the 71st country to sign and 48th country to ratify the ISA FA (ISA Framework Agreement).

On October 29th, 2018, PM Modi addressed “Make in India: India-Japan Partnership in Africa & Digital Partnership” in Tokyo also.

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Present Governor of Uttar Pradesh is.....
 - 1) Ram Naik
 - 2) E.S.L.Narasimhan
 - 3) P.Sadasivam
 - 4) Lalji Tandon
 - 5) Satya Pal Malik
2. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was established in.....?
 - 1) 1945
 - 2) 1964
 - 3) 1919
 - 4) 1957
 - 5) 1981
3. Where is the head quarters of IAEA?
 - 1) New York
 - 2) Rome
 - 3) Vienna
 - 4) Geneva
 - 5) London
4. Present Director-General of IAEA?
 - 1) Yukiya Amano of Japan
 - 2) Francis Gurry of Australia
 - 3) Roberto Azevedo of Brazil
 - 4) Salil Shetty of India
 - 5) Le Loung Minh of Vitenam
5. 13th Annual Bilateral Summit of India-Japan held in.....?
 - 1) Japan
 - 2) India
 - 3) Switzerland
 - 4) France
 - 5) USA
6. The currency of Japan is.....
 - 1) Dollar
 - 2) Rupee
 - 3) Renminbi Yuan
 - 4) Euro
 - 5) Yen
7. Who is the present Ambassador of India in Japan?
 - 1) Navtej Sarna
 - 2) Ruchi Ghanashyam
 - 3) Sujan R Chinoy
 - 4) Ajay Bisaria
 - 5) Vijay Keshav Gokhale

