

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Maldives New President

On 17th November 2018, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih took over as President of the Maldives. He replaced Yameen Abdul Gayoom, who attempted to cling to power was dashed by the Supreme Court, which dismissed his petition seeking cancellation of the election result.

Maldives, an Indian Ocean archipelago known for its luxury resorts, became a multiparty democracy in 2008.

The Prime Minister of India attended the oath ceremony of Solih. The new President set a number of goals for the first 100 days in office.

Jammu & Kashmir Assembly dissolved

On 21st November 2018, Jammu & Kashmir governor Satya Pal Malik unexpectedly dissolved the state legislative assembly.

The ex-chief minister Mehbooba Mufti with her traditional rivals, the National Conference (NC) and Congress earlier claimed to form government. But the Governor Satya Pal Malik dissolved assembly and said that he had taken such decision to stop horse trading and opposition main aim is to gain power rather than to form a responsive government.

The governor said that the impossibility of forming a stable government by coming together of political parties with opposing political ideologies made him to dissolve the assembly.

Mann Ki Baat 50th edition

On 25th November 2018, PM Narendra Modi, on his 50th monthly Radio broadcast "Mann Ki Baat" said that the main intention of the Mann Ki Baat is to stress about the welfare of the people but not for any politics gain.

He had given a call for youth to dream big and achieve great success. He said that his government has made a very important decision - that of opening the Kartarpur Corridor so that people of our nation can easily go to Kartarpur in Pakistan and visit the sacred place of Guru Nanak Dev.

He thanked media to promote cleanliness, road safety, drug free India and selfie with daughter and some other initiatives of the interest. He also thanked the TV channels that have made Mann Ki Baat as the most watched radio programme.

In the past, former US President Barrack Obama had also joined the PM address Mann Ki Baat episode broadcasted in January 2015.

The toll-free telephone lines were also introduced in September 2015 for connecting more people under this programme.

Viswakarma Skill Development University

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation Sri Vishwakarma Skill Development University at village Dudhola in Palwal district in Haryana via remote control.

The University would impart skill training to the youth and encourage them to be self employed. It's campus would be developed over 82.7 acres at a sum of over Rs.1,000 crore.

The university will have an aim to enhance employability through industry-integrated courses.

Konnichiwa Pune 2018

Konnichiwa Pune 2018 festival hosted by Indo-Japan Business Council. It brings together people, businesses, institutes and organisations to promote education, trade, cultural and food of India and Japan in a friendly festive manner.

The festival will provide a platform to initiate person to person engagement to build innovative ideas for improved business outcome between India and Japan, Asia's two vibrant democracies.

The trade ties have been strengthening and bilateral trade between the two nations is expected to reach US \$ 50 billion by fiscal year 2019-20.

First Naturopathy day

AYUSH ministry celebrated the first Naturopathy Day on 18th November 2018 with the aim of promoting the drug-less system of medicine to prevent diseases by altering the diet and lifestyle.

It is drug-less system and is very cost effective. The ideology and methods of naturopathy are based on vitalism and folk medicine. It is an alternative medicine based on the theory that diseases can be successfully treated or prevented without the use of drugs, by techniques such as control of diet, exercise, and massage.

NSE goBID launched

On 19th November 2018, National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) launched mobile app and web-based platform 'NSE goBID' for assisting retail investors in buying government securities.

It would be available to all the registered investors with NSE's trading members. It will also be helping the trading members in acquiring new retail investors.

SEBI says it is necessary to extend technology for improving the penetration of the capital markets. The retail participation in government securities only started after Sebi allowed exchanges to set up non-competitive bidding platforms by exchanges.

Bhuseva and Bhudaar

Andhra Pradesh government launched web portal 'Bhuseva and Bhudaar' which makes land records available to people with unique identification numbers just like Aadhar number. "Bhudaar" is an 11-digit unique identification code assigned to each agriculture land holding and rural and urban properties in the state.

The land records will be available to people on the lines of Aadhar card enable the people to carry their land records in their pocket.

The chief minister of AP also launched Bhudaar security policy to provide security to the land records of farmers. Bhuseva portal will provide information related to all transactions of a particular land or property in a single source. The history of transactions will be available initially for 12 years.

JashneBachpan

JashneBachpan, a theatre festival for children was held at the Little Theatre Group (LTG) auditorium in New Delhi. It was organised by National School of Drama's (NSD) and Theatre in Education (TIE) Company.

The festival saw performances of 21 productions from India and three foreign groups including Sri Lanka (non-verbal), Switzerland (English) and Indonesia (Javanese)

Its main aim was to bring theatre into prominence as it has lost its shine in modern era because of digital medium. It seek to make children aware of theatre.

The plays performed in vernacular languages like Bengali, Marathi etc and foreign languages. Folk dances from various states also performed.

Indira Gandhi Award

Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development is an award given annually by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust to individuals or organisations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order.

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) an independent research and advocacy think tank, has been named the recipient of the prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2018. It has base at New Delhi. The prize carries a cash award of 25 Lakh rupees and a citation.

CSE got this award for its pioneering work over almost four decades in environmental education and protection, for its steadfast advocacy of measures to combat environmental deterioration.

Model Questions

1. First Mann Ki Baat radio programme started in.....
 - 1) 2014
 - 2) 2015
 - 3) 2016
 - 4) 2017
 - 5) 2018
2. Jammu Kashmir summer capital is Srinagar and winter capital is...
 - 1) Ananthnag
 - 2) Ladakh
 - 3) Pahalgam
 - 4) Gulmarg
 - 5) Jammu
3. The capital of Maldives is.....
 - 1) Rawalpindi
 - 2) Nai pi dew
 - 3) Trincomali
 - 4) Suva
 - 5) Malé
4. Currency of Maldives is.....
 - 1) Dollar
 - 2) Franc
 - 3) Rufiyaa
 - 4) Kyat
 - 5) Dinar
5. National School of Drama head office located at.....
 - 1) Chennai
 - 2) Pune
 - 3) Tiruvananthapuram
 - 4) New Delhi
 - 5) Hyderabad
6. Union minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is.....
 - 1) Dharmendra Pradhan
 - 2) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
 - 3) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
 - 4) Jitendra Singh
 - 5) Inderjit Singh Rao

