

CURRENT AFFAIRS

KCR reelected

K. Chandrashekhara Rao took oath as the Chief Minister of Telangana state for a second term in a row on 13th December 2018. In the recent elections, Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) retained power by winning 88 seats in the 119-member Assembly.

Md Mahmood Ali, who was deputy chief minister in the previous government, was allotted the state's home ministry, as he also administered oath as minister on the same day.

E.S.L. Narasimhan, the Governor administered the oath at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad.

Zoramthanga is Mizoram's new CM

On 15th December 2018, Zoramthanga administered the oath of office and secrecy as the Chief Minister of Mizoram by Governor K. Rajasekharan.

Tawnluia sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister.

This is his third time Zoramthanga serving as chief minister of Mizoram and heading 12 Member ministry. In the 40-member state legislative Assembly, Mizo National Front (MNF) bagged 26 seats in the recent elections.

World's First Floating Nuclear Power Plant

On 11th December 2018, the world's first Floating Nuclear Power Plant (FNPP) Akademik Lomonosov has become operational in Russia. It was constructed by Russian state nuclear power firm Rosatom. Rosatom supplies the equipment suppliers and consultants for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project in Tamil Nadu.

The project is part of Russia's greater aims to secure rich deposits of oil and gas in North Pole region in Arctic. Russia says that it will be used to power oil rigs in remote areas of Arctic region where Russia is pushing to drill for oil and gas.

Jnanpith Award to Amitav Ghosh

Eminent English Novelist Amitav Ghosh was chosen for this year Jnanpith Award on 14th December 2018. Jnanpith Selection Board chaired by eminent novelist, scholar and Jnanpith laureate Pratibha Ray declared Jnanpith Award to Amitav Ghosh for his outstanding contribution towards literature.

Amitav Ghosh is one of the most prominent contemporary Indian writers. He is the first writer in English to win Jnanpith.

He belongs to West Bengal. His Ibis trilogy is a work of historical fiction. The book deals with the trade of opium between India and China run by the East India Company and the trafficking of coolies to Mauritius.

SC clean chit in Rafale

Supreme Court gave the Narendra Modi government a clean chit on the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets from France recently. It dismissed all the petitions seeking a direction to the CBI to register an FIR for alleged irregularities in the 58,000 Rupees crore deal.

It also said no reasons were found to interfere in the procurement process for the fighter jets. The apex court said it is not the job of the court to deal with the comparative details of the pricing.

Opposition parties had raised the issue of corruption in Rafale deal on a war footing in the recent 5 state elections.

FTII New Chairman appointed

Brijendra Pal Singh was appointed as the new chairman and President of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).

Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting appointed him, who is the producer of the famous crime drama CID telecasting in TV channels.

He succeeded Anupam Kher, who had resigned from the post in October because of some international commitments.

@CyberDost launched

Twitter account @CyberDost launched to spread awareness about cybercrimes and normal precautions to be taken. Cybercrimes are considered to be the biggest threat and the means to mitigate them is quite a challenging task. Union Home Ministry launched this handle aiming at enhancing people's basic knowledge about cybercrimes and precautions to be taken for prevention.

The "Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC)" Scheme is being implemented by government of India in order to check ever growing menace of cybercrime particularly against women and children.

@CyberDost also help to mitigate possibilities of disruption in normal business activities or losses due to cyber-crimes by creating ecosystem to prevent and control cyber-crimes.

New Governor of RBI

Former economic affairs secretary and current member of the Finance Commission Shaktikanta Das appointed as 25th RBI Governor.

On 12th December 2018, he assumed office and he was key official in both big economic moves of the NDA government viz. demonetisation and implementation of GST. He will serve as governor for the term of three years.

Earlier Urijit Patel resigned as RBI governor due to personal reasons. Before him, Sir Osborne Smith, Benegal Rama Rau and S. Jagannathan resigned before completion of their respective tenures as RBI Governor.

Katowice Climate Change Conference

24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change shortly called COP24, held between 2th and 14th December 2018 at Katowice in Poland.

The conference aims to finalise the practical implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement, the part of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

India strongly supports the objective of the Paris Agreement to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping the global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

India opened a pavilion to make consciousness about our nation constructive local weather actions in several sectors of economic system. The theme of Indian Pavilion is “One World One Sun One Grid”.

Sindhu clinched BWF Title

On 16th December 2018, P.V. Sindhu defeated Japanese Nozomi Okuhara 21-19, 21-17 to lift her maiden Badminton World Federation World Tour Finals title in Guangzhou, China.

- ★ By this, P.V. Sindhu became the first Indian to achieve the feat. Sindhu competed at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, winning gold in the mixed team event and a silver medal in the women's singles event.
- ★ Olympic silver medalist P.V. Sindhu made history by becoming the first Indian to win the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals.

MODELS QUESTIONS

1. Which of the National Park located in Telangana?
1) Madhav 2) Manas 3) Mrugavani 4) Mathiketta Shola
5) Mount Harriet
2. Present president of Badminton World Federation?
1) Poul-Erik Hoyer 2) Michel Bau
3) Gregory Verpoorten 4) Anton Subowo
5) Geraldine Brown
3. An Indian Atomic Power Station (APS) created a world record for the longest uninterrupted operation for 941 days. It is...
1) Kaiga (Karnataka) 2) Tarapur (Maharashtra)
3) Narora (UP) 4) Kudankulam (Tamilnadu)
5) Jaitapur (Maharashtra)
4. Who among the following was conferred with Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) the highest French civilian distinction recently?
1) Mukesh Ambani 2) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
3) Azim Premji 4) Sunil Bharti Mittal
5) Grandhi Mallikarjuna Rao
5. On 15th December 2018, India and which nation reviewed the status of Jaitapur nuclear power project located in Maharashtra?
1) Russia 2) Denmark 3) Japan 4) Sweden
5) France
6. On 10th November 2018, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a war memorial into pay tribute to thousands of Indian soldiers who died in the First World War.
1) USA 2) Italy 3) Germany 4) UK
5) France

7. Film and Television Institute of India headquarters is at.....
- 1) Pune 2) Mumbai 3) Kochi 4) Indore
- 5) Kolkata
8. First woman Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India is...
- 1) K.J. Udeshi 2) Shyamala Gopinath
- 3) Usha Thorat 4) Arundhathi Bhattacharya
- 5) Usha Ananth Subramanyam
9. Who is the Governor of RBI at the time of Indian Independence?
- 1) Osborne Smith 2) James Braid Taylor
- 3) C.D. Deshmukh 4) Benegal Rama Rau
- 5) K.G. Ambegaonkar
10. The World Bank unveiled how much fund in climate action investment for 2021 to 2025 to fight impact of climate change?
- 1) \$50 billion 2) \$20 billion 3) \$300 billion 4) \$100 billion
- 5) \$200 billion
11. Which Indian startup honoured by UN Climate Action Award at the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference?
- 1) GreenCover 2) LookGreen 3) HelpusGreen 4) GoalCover
- 5) RootsForU
12. Who is the World Bank Country Director in India?
- 1) Kristalina Georgieva 2) Christine Legarde
- 3) Junaid Ahmad 4) Shanta Devarajan
- 5) K.V.Kamath
13. Present chair person of National Human Rights Commission is.....
- 1) H.L.Dattu 2) Ram Shankar Katheria
- 3) Nand Kumar Sai 4) Rekha Sharma
- 5) Narendra Kumar

KEY

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