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**State: Jammu and Kashmir**
- Capital: Srinagar (Summer) + Jammu (Winter)
- Governor: Narinder Nath Vohra
- Districts: 22
- Largest city: Srinagar
- Official languages: Urdu
- Loksabha: 6 + Rajya Sabha: 4
- Border (State): Himachal Pradesh and Punjab
- Border (Country): Pakistan, China
- Dachigam National Park
- Hemis National Park
- Kazinag National Park
- Kishtwar National Park
- Salim All National Park
- Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary
- Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hokersar Wildlife Sanctuary
- Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary
- Wular Lake = Largest Fresh Water Lake in Asia.

**The Hindu**

Justice Kalpesh Satyendra Jhaveri was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court.

**India Today**

All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed MOU with IIT-Delhi to boost research in traditional medicine.

**Static**

All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)
- Established: 10 October 2017
- Director: Prof. Dr Abhimanyu Kumar
- Location: New Delhi

AYUSH MINISTER
Shripad Yesso Naik
Constituency: North Goa

**The Hindu**

Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahliramani was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.

**www.axisbank.com**

Axis Bank has introduced iris authentication for Aadhaar-based transactions.

**Economy**

- Axis Bank has become the first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets.
- The process of transaction through iris scan is very simple.
• Customer need to select the desired service (funds transfer, cash withdrawal, etc.) and feed-in their Aadhaar numbers in the micro ATM.
• Next, they will have to choose ‘IRIS’ as the desired mode of authentication.
• Verification will be done by scanning the eyes of the customers through the tablet’s iris sensor camera in 3-5 seconds.
• The transaction will be completed after the biometric details are verified from the UIDAI database.

Axisc

Axis Bank

Founded: 1993 + Chairman: Sanjiv Misra + Headquarters: Mumbai
Tagline: Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Indian Express

Former Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee has passed away recently. He was 89.

Hindustan Times

Indian Navy has launched “Operation Madad” for assisting the state administration and undertaking disaster relief operations.

National

• The Southern Naval Command at Kochi has rescued scores of people stranded in the flood-hit areas of Kerala as part of the Indian Navy’s “Operation Madad” for the rain and landslide-ravaged state.
• The Indian Army also launched a major rescue and relief operation “Operation Sahyog” in Kerala.
• Navy Chief: Admiral Sunil Lanba
• Army Chief: General Bipin Rawat

Defence

• In 2014, Modi had launched the initiative to transform India into a global design and manufacturing hub.
• The government has announced two corridors, one in Tamil Nadu and the other in Uttar Pradesh.
• For the corridor in UP, six nodal points have been identified, viz Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Jhansi.

DEFENCE MINISTER
Nirmala Sitharaman
Constituency: Rajya Sabha = MP = Karnataka

Justice Manjula Chellur took Oath as Chairperson of Appellate Tribunal for Electricity.

Appointment

• Justice Manjula Chellur took Oath as Chairperson, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, Ministry of Power.
• She was the first woman Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.
• Justice Manjula chellur also served as the Chief Justice of Kerala High Court and the first female judge of the Karnataka High Court.

Raj Kumar Singh
Minister of Power (Independent Charge)
Constituency: Arrah, Bihar

The Hindu Businessline

DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance (DPLI) has signed a Bancassurance agreement with SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Economy

• DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance (DPLI), a private life insurer, has entered into a Bancassurance partnership with SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd for the distribution of specialised products to the latter’s customers.
• Under this agreement, SVC Co-operative Bank will offer DPLI’s customised products and solutions to its
customers through its extensive pan-India network of 198 branches as well as online network.

(Shamrao Vithal) SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd
Founded: 1906 + Headquarters: Mumbai

The Hindu Businessline

Pune has been ranked first in the Ease of Living Index.

Money Control

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has signed a bancassurance agreement with Vijaya Bank.

Economy

- This corporate agency agreement will enable distribution of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance products through the bank’s network of 2,129 branches across the country.

VIJAYA BANK

- Founded: 23-Oct-1931
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- MD & CEO: R. A. Sankara Narayanan
- Tagline: A friend you can bank upon

Index

- Pune has been ranked first in the Ease of Living Index launched by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, with Navi Mumbai coming in second.
- According to the ministry, Greater Mumbai has been ranked three, followed by Tripuri, Chandigarh, Thane, Raipur, Indore, Vijaywada and Bhopal.
- The survey was conducted on 111 cities in the country.
- Ease of Living Index has been based on four parameters - governance, social institutions, economic and physical infrastructure.
- Chennai has been ranked 14 and New Delhi 65.

Hardeep Singh Puri
Constituency: Rajya Sabha = MP = Uttar Pradesh

In the News

Q.1 Sir V S Naipaul, who won the Nobel Prize, has passed away recently. He was _____.

Ans: Novelist/ उपन्यासकार

Q.2 With which state Amazon India has signed a MoU to support MSME entrepreneurs across nine districts as a part of the state’s “One District One Product (ODOP) scheme”?

Ans: Uttar Pradesh/ उत्तर प्रदेश

Q.3 Nepal and Bangladesh have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the power sector. What is the capital of Bangladesh?

Ans: Dhaka/ ढाका

Q.4 Justice M R Shah took oath as new Chief Justice of the ______High Court.

Q.5 In which city, Israel has opened a Visa Application Centre for tourists from West Bengal and the north eastern states to encourage more Indian travellers to visit in the country?

Ans: Kolkata/ कोलकाता

Q.6 Who has released the ‘Digital North East Vision 2022’ in Guwahati?

Ans: Ravi Shankar Prasad/ रवि शंकर प्रasad

Q.7 In which city, Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 was held?

Ans: Birgunj, Nepal/ बिरगुण्ड, नेपाल

Q.8 Which Day is observed every year as the World Elephant Day?

Ans: 12 August/ 12 अगस्त
Q.9 Who has inaugurated Gaj Mahotsav in New Delhi?
Ans. Suresh Prabhu/ शुरेष प्राबू

Q.10 Which Day is observed as the International Youth Day?
Ans. 18th August/ 22 अगस्त

Q.11 Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Women?
Ans. Rekha Sharma/ रेखा शर्मा

Q.12 Who is author of "Untold Story of Broadcasting"?
Ans. Gautam Chatterjee/ गौतम चटजी

Q.13 With which Bank, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has signed a Bancassurance Agreement?
Ans. Vijaya Bank/ विजया बैंक

Q.14 In which city, 4th BIMSTEC Summit will be held?
Ans. Kathmandu/ काठमांडू

Q.15 According to the Reserve Bank of India’s survey of inward remittances for 2016-17, Which State has received the maximum funds sent from abroad?
Ans. Kerala/ केरल

Q.16 Where is the Headquarters of VIJAYA BANK?
Ans. Bengaluru/ बेंगलुरू

Q.17 What is the Capital of Angola?
Ans. Luanda/ लुआंडा

Q.18 Which day is observed as the World Heritage Day?
Ans. 18 April/ 18 अप्रैल

Q.1 Justice Kalpesh Satyendra Jhaveri was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the _______ High Court.
Ans. Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the _______ High Court.

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Ans. With which IIT, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)

Q.6 Which Operation has been launched by Indian Navy in Kerala for assisting the state administration and undertaking disaster relief operations?
Ans. "Operation Madad"/ "ऑपरेशन मदद"

Q.7 In which city Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have launched a defence industrial corridor?
Ans. Nirmala Sitharaman and Yogi Adityanath
रक्षा मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने एक रक्षा औद्योगिक गतिविधि की शुरुआत की है?
Ans: Aligarh/अलीगढ़

Q.8 Who took oath as Chairperson of Appellate Tribunal for Electricity in Ministry of Power?
किसने विद्युत मंत्रालय में विद्युत अपील ट्रिब्युनल की अध्यक्ष के रूप में शपथ ली?
Ans: Manjula Chellur/मंजुला चेल्लूर

Q.9 Which Insurance company has signed a Bancassurance agreement with SBC Co-operative Bank Ltd.?
की इंश्योरेंस कंपनी ने एसबीसी को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक लिमिटेड के साथ एक बैंकाश्युरेंस समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?
Ans: DPLI/डीपीएलआई

Q.10 Which City has been ranked first in the Ease of Living Index launched by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri?
किस शहर को आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पूरी द्वारा लांच की गई ईज ऑफ लर्व इंडेक्स में पहला स्थान दिया गया है?
Ans: Pune/पुणे