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? Which team has won the 72nd edition of Santosh Trophy for the year 2018?

Kerala



- ◆ Kerala defeated Bengal to clinch the title.
- ◆ The final match held at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata.
- ◆ Kerala kept a spotless record in the penalty shoot-out to win their sixth title.
- ◆ Kerala has won the Santosh Trophy six times so far.
1973, 1992, 1993, 2001, 2004
- ◆ The captain of Kerala team - Rahul V. Raj



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? Who has recently won the Ulloor smaraka Sahitya award?

☑ **Ravi varma Thampuran**

◆ His novel 'Poojyam' has been selected for this award.

? The South African anti-apartheid campaigner and former wife of the late President Nelson Mandela has died recently is:

☑ **Winnie Mandela**

◆ She is known as 'the mother of new South Africa'.

? The first Indian institution to be granted membership by Hyperledger project hosted by Linux Foundation is:

☑ **The Kerala Blockchain Academy (KBA) of the state-run Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management-Kerala (IIITM-K)**

◆ Hyperledger is an open source collaborative effort created to advance cross-industry blockchain technologies.



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? The space station of China which has crashed into Pacific ocean recently is:

☑ **Tiangong-1**

? Which country has become the world's first almond importer?

☑ **India**

◆ **The largest almond producing country in the world - California**

? Which is the second largest mobile phone producing country in the world?

☑ **India**

◆ **First position - China**

? Which day is observed as the international children's book day?

☑ **April 2**

◆ **World Autism Awareness Day - April 2**

? Which state government has introduced the scheme 'Rupashre'?

☑ **Bengal**

◆ **It provides marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker fami-**



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lies with a budgetary allocation of Rs 1,500 crore.

? Which bank has launched India's first artificial intelligence-powered voice-bot 'Keya' in the banking sector?

Kotak Mahindra Bank

◆ Keya uses automatic speech recognition, natural language understanding and text-to-speech technology.

◆ The bank which launched a robotics based 'digital export import' payment solution - Yes bank

? The first city in India to switch from Euro-IV grade petrol and diesel to Euro-VI grade petrol and diesel is:

Delhi

? What is the position of India in the world Economic Forum's Energy Transition Index?

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- ? The country has lifted the 2018 Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey title by outplaying England in finals is:
- ☑ **Australia**
- ? Which country cooperated with the US for the joint military training exercise 'Foal Eagle'?
- ☑ **South Korea**
- ◆ **Foal Eagle is the largest annual joint military exercise in South Korea.**
- ? Who was adjudged 'Sportsperson of the Year' by Telangana Sports Journalists Association?
- ☑ **Mithali Raj (Indian women's cricket team captain)**
- ? The first ever mission will be launched by NASA, dedicated to exploring the deep interior of Mars is:
- ☑ **InSight (Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport)**



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- ◆ InSight is NASA's Discovery Program mission that aims to place stationary lander equipped with seismometer and heat transfer probe on surface of Mars.
- ? The Government of India is going to launch a programme which aimed at engaging college youth with Swachhata work in villages in coming Summer vacation is:
 - ☑ **Swachh Bharat Summer Internship (SBSI) 2018**
- ? In which state was India's longest elevated road constructed?
 - ☑ **Uttar Pradesh (Hindon Elevated Road, 10.5 km)**
- ◆ **The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh - Yogi Adityanath**
- ? The veteran Malayalam film personality, who has been awarded the prestigious J.C. Daniel award for the year 2017 is:
 - ☑ **Sreekumaran Thampi**



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◆ **2016 - Adoor Gopalakrishnan**

? Who will be played the role of the most influential political figures in India, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, in the film 'Yatra'?

☑ **Mammootty**

◆ **The director of the film 'Yatra' - Mahi V. Raghav**

? Who is the newly elected the President of Myanmar?

☑ **Win Myint**

◆ **Capital of Myanmar - Naypyidaw**

? In which state was India's first insect museum inaugurated?

☑ **Tamil Nadu**

? Who has been appointed the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India?

☑ **K. Vijay Raghavan**

◆ He succeeded the nuclear physicist R. Chidambaram, who has been in the position for more than 16 years.



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? The Indian shuttler who has been featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2018 list is:

☑ **P.V. Sindhu**

◆ The Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma has also been featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2018 list.

? Who has won the Kerala Cricketer of the Year award 2018?

☑ **Salman Nisar**

◆ Salman Nisar has become the first player from the Kerala cricket academy to represent the state in Ranji trophy.

? One of the most influential non-political eco-conservation movements in the world, its 45th anniversary celebrated in March, 2018 is:

☑ **Chipko Movement**

◆ It was started in 1973.

◆ The leader of Chipko Movement - Sunderlal Bahuguna



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? The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University is:

☑ **Rakesh Bhatnagar**

? Which state government has decided to celebrate the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev as the 'Youth Empowerment Day' every year?

☑ **Punjab**

◆ **The martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev - March 23**

? As per the data released by the Union Ministry of Social Justice, the state with most number of beggars is:

☑ **Bengal**

? The state government, related to the toll-free helpline, 181-Sakhi is:

☑ **Assam**

◆ **The state government of Assam has launched a women's toll-free helpline called 181-Sakhi to tackle the recent surge in crime in the state.**



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- ? The country in which the construction of Arab world's first nuclear reactor has been completed is:
- ☑ **The United Arab Emirates (UAE)**
 - ◆ **With this development, UAE moves closer to becoming the first Arab nation to produce atomic power.**
- ? Which veteran director has been appointed the new chairman of the central panel of the 65th National Film Awards?
- ☑ **Shekhar Kapur**
- ? The country which received its first shipment of Liquefied natural gas (LNG) from US under a 20-year deal is:
- ☑ **India**
- ? In which country has Abdel Fattah al-Sisi been re-elected the president for a second term?
- ☑ **Egypt**



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- ? In which city of India was the first National Conclave on Psychological Trauma, Child Protection and Mental Illnesses inaugurated?
- New Delhi**
- ? Who was appointed the acting chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT) by the Supreme Court?
- Justice Jawad Rahim**
- ? Which country has decided to postpone the international workers day events from May 1 to May 7 this year?
- Srilanka**
- ? Who has been appointed as the state election icon for Karnataka Assembly polls?
- Rahul Dravid**
- ? In which country has the Asia's largest tulip garden been opened?
- India (in Kashmir)**



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- ? In which Indian state has the world's longest sandstone cave recently been discovered?
- Meghalaya**
- ◆ **Krem Puri is the world's longest sandstone cave.**
- ? The Kerala government is planning to institute an award for research excellence. The name of the award is
- Kairali award or Kerala Nobel**
- ? World water day is observed on:
- March 22**
- ◆ **The theme of 2018 world water day is 'Nature for Water'.**
- ◆ **World Meteorological Day - March 23**
- ? The former volleyball coach and the mentor of the big names in the Indian Volleyball industry, like Jimmy George, Shyamsundar Rao and K. Udayakumar,



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passed away recently is:

☑ **Kalavoor Gopinath**

? Where in Kerala was the #Future, first-ever Global Digital Summit of Kerala, held?

☑ **Kochi (on March 22 and 23)**

◆ It was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan.

◆ The Chief Minister also launched M-Kerala, a unified app for all government services.

? The unique initiative by the Government of Kerala to support children with congenital heart disease to win the Swasth Bharat Award 2018 is:

☑ **Hridyam project**

? The Parliament passed a key bill that will empower the government to fix the amount of tax free gratuity and the pe-



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riod of maternity leave with an executive order is:

☑ **Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill 2018**

? The author of the book 'Dark Days of Democracy' is:

☑ **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**

? The launching vehicle which will be used to launch the high power S-band communication satellite GSAT-6A is:

☑ **GSLV Mk-II (GSLV F08)**

◆ **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the communication satellite GSAT-6A from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.**

? The resting place of Stephen Hawking, the world's most recognizable scientist, is at:

☑ **Westminster Abbey (in London)**



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◆ The ashes of Professor Stephen Hawking will be interred at Westminster Abbey near the graves of Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.

? Who has been selected for the Swadeshabhimani-Kesari media award for the year 2016, instituted by the Kerala government?

☑ **K. Mohanan**

◆ 2015 - Thomas Jacob

? From where did India testfire the Brahmos supersonic cruise missile with an indigenous seeker?

☑ **Pokhran in Rajasthan**

◆ The Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos is a joint collaboration between India and Russia.

? Who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?



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☑ **Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey**

? Who is the author of the book 'Padapusthakam'?

☑ **Subhash Chandran**

? Who has been named the brand ambassador of 'Educate Girls', an international non-profit organisation?

☑ **Katrina Kaif (Bollywood actress)**

? In which state will India's first adventure sports academy be set up?

☑ **Andhra Pradesh**

◆ The first Indian state to get tribal instructors for literacy is Kerala.

◆ Bengaluru became the first city in India to have heli-taxi services.

? The film which is directed by Vijeesh Mani, to break the current Guinness world record, all the pre- and post-production works of the film were completed within 48 hours, making it the



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fastest film ever made is:

☑ **Viswaguru (A biopic on Sree Narayana Guru)**

? The Australia cricket captain has stepped down as captain of Indian Premier League side the Rajasthan Royals following the ball-tampering is:

☑ **Steve Smith**

? The state in which over 90 lakh cattle to get UID numbers of their own is:

☑ **Madhya Pradesh**

◆ **Madhya Pradesh will become the first state in India, to start work on a pilot project of this Centrally-sponsored scheme.**

? The city in India which set to go wireless with its overhead power cables being dismantled is:

☑ **Varanasi**

◆ **The world's oldest city - Varanasi**



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- ◆ Varanasi is on the banks of the Ganges in Uttar Pradesh.
- ? Who became the first transgender newsreader of Pakistan?
- ☑ **Marvia Malik**
- ? Who is appointed the new Vice Chancellor of the Thunchathzhuthachan Malayalam University?
- ☑ **Anil Vallathol (Dr. V. Anil Kumar)**
- ? In which country has Martin Vizcarra recently been appointed the new President?
- ☑ **Peru**
- ◆ **Capital of Peru - Lima**
- ? Who has won the Asian Billiards Championships title for the year 2017-18?
- ☑ **Pankaj Advani**
- ? Who has won the Australian Grand Prix for the year 2018?



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☑ **Sebastian Vettel**

? Who will be the India's flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2018?

☑ **P.V. Sindhu**

◆ The Commonwealth Games 2018 will be held in Gold Coast in Australia.

? Which day is observed as the World Tuberculosis day?

☑ **March 24**

◆ Theme of 2018 World Tuberculosis day - Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world

◆ World Theatre Day - March 27

◆ The birthday of the noted Indian Malayalam poet Kunjunn Mash is March 26.

? Indian Navy's indigenously built warship which has recently been decommissioned in Mumbai is:

☑ **INS Ganga**



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? The district has become the India's first district to have 100% solar powered Primary Health Centers (PHCs) to combat the issue of global warming is:

☑ **Surat (in Gujarat)**

? Who has been nominated as the India's representative to the Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO?

☑ **Professor J.S. Rajput**

? The oldest person to win an Oscar award for the best adapted screenplay for the film 'Call Me By Your Name' is:

☑ **James Ivory**

◆ **Guillermo del Toro won the Oscar award in the best director category for the movie 'The Shape of Water'.**

◆ **'The Shape of Water' won the Oscar for the best picture of 2017.**

? An international team of physicists have successfully created a 'giant atom' and



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filled it with ordinary atoms, creating a new state of matter termed :

Rydberg polarons

? Cybersecurity agencies have detected a new malware that can take over electronic devices and use them for Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks is:

Saposhi

? The government which presented a 'green budget' aimed at controlling pollution and monitoring its impact on the environment is:

Delhi Government

? The first commercial flight to cross Saudi airspace to land in Israel is:

Air India

? Who has been conferred with the 2017 G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for journalism?

Karan Thapar



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