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1. Leeladhar Jagudi receives 28th Vyas Samman

Famous Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagudi was awarded the 28th Vyas Samman for the year 2018 for his collection of poems in the book titled “Jitne Log Utne Prem” (published in 2013).

The award was instituted in 1991 and is conferred by K K Birla Foundation to recognize the literary work of Hindi writers (an Indian Citizen).

A cash prize of Rs. 4 lakhs is given to the recipient along with a citation

2. 35th ASEAN Summit in Bangkok, Thailand

The 35th ASEAN Summit is being hosted by Thailand from 31st October-4th November 2019. 16th ASEAN- India Summit is also organized on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit.

ASEAN Summit is a biannual meeting in which heads of the government of 10 ASEAN nations participate to discuss various issues related to political, security, economic, etc.

1st ASEAN Summit was held in Bali, Indonesia in 1976.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a three-day visit to Thailand

Indian Prime Minister will embark on a three-day visit to Thailand to attend the 16th ASEAN- India Summit, 14th East Asia Summit and 3rd Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Summit.

India and ASEAN nations will be discussing the areas of cooperation, deepening economic partnerships, enhancing digital connectivity, etc. PM Modi will also address the Indian diaspora in Bangkok during the visit.

He will also issue a commemorative coin on the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He will launch Thai translation of Tamil classic ‘Tirukkural’ during the visit.

4. Six Indian states celebrate their formation day

Six Indian states viz. Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Kerala celebrate their formation day today.

Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala were formed on 1st November 1956 whereas Punjab and Haryana came into existence as separate states on 1st November 1966.

Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh and came into existence as an Indian state on 1st November 2000.

5. UN Climate Change Conference or COP 25 to be held in Spain

The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 25) will be held in Spain from 2nd to 13th December 2019.

Initially, Chile was offered to host the conference but it later refused due to the ongoing protests in the nation.

The objective of this conference is to review the progress in the implementation of the convention and suggest measures to be taken for furthering the implementation of the same.

6. 'Dharma Guardian' 2019 - bilateral joint military exercise

'Dharma Guardian' is a bilateral joint military exercise between India and Japan. This is the second edition of this exercise which is being conducted in Mizoram from 19th October to 2nd November 2019.

The aim of this exercise is to prepare the armies of the two nations to deal with security challenges and fight against terrorism.

7. Two new countries sign the ISA Framework Agreement

Eritrea and Saint Kittis & Nevis signed the [International Solar Alliance](#) framework agreement during the second assembly of ISA held in New Delhi.

With the addition of these two nations, the total signatories of the agreement have reached 83.

Eritrea is an African country while Saint Kitts & Nevis are islands that form a single country and are located in the Caribbean Sea.

8. Defence Minister to attend SCO meeting in Tashkent

India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be attending a key meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). This is the third such meeting of the council of heads of the SCO member nations after India became a member of SCO in 2017.

He will also hold bilateral meetings with the Uzbekistan government. The focus of the SCO meeting will be on enhancing multilateral economic cooperation in the region.

9. ASI finds traces of a trade centre at Gottiprolu in Andhra Pradesh

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) excavated a **2000-year-old brick, a Vishnu sculpture, a terracotta figurine of a female with two hands lifted upwards and a small rectangular brick tank.**

Other major findings were copper and lead coins, iron spearhead, terracotta beads, stone, etc. The two fortified townships indicate that people used the location for trade due to its proximity to the sea, river, and lake.

10. Multilingual writers' meet to be hosted by Arunachal Pradesh

A two-day event will be organized during the Multilingual writers' meet in Arunachal Pradesh. The meet is jointly hosted by Sahitya Akedmi and Central Agriculture University, Imphal.

More than 25 famous multilingual writers and poets from all over the country and state's literary dignitaries will be participating in the meeting.

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