

Abhyaas Newsboard ...

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News of the month

Karnataka Assembly Elections & Post-poll Alliance



The State Assembly elections in Karnataka did not give a clear majority to any single party to form the government. BJP won 104 seats followed by the Congress party (INC) winning 79 and the Janata Dal(S) won 37 seats. B S Yeddyurappa staked his claim to form the government as the BJP secured the maximum number of seats, though it fell short of the majority. BJP was given the opportunity, however, just before the vote of confidence in the Assembly, Yeddyurappa resigned.

The post-poll alliance of JD(S) and INC was then invited to form the government. H D Kumaraswamy of the JD(S) took the oath as the chief minister and is in the process of forming the cabinet. This alliance has also paved the way for the bringing together of all the opposition parties as a precursor to the General Elections of 2019.

Notable opposition leaders present at the swearing-in ceremony were Congress' Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) Tejashwi Yadav, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Communist Party of India (Marxist)'s Sitaram Yechury, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Nationalist Congress Party's Sharad Pawar.

The Editor's Column

Dear Student,

The Karnataka elections and the formation of the government took multiple turns before H D Kumaraswamy took oath as the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

The 11th season of the IPL kept the entire country active as the Chennai Super Kings lifted the trophy.

CLAT 2018 was marked by technical glitches across the country with multiple petitions being filed for a retest. However, the Supreme Court has directed NUALS to release the results as per the schedule.

Walmart has entered a deal to own 77% stake in Flipkart for a whopping 16 billion USD.

Read on to go through the current affairs for the month of May 2018!!

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Persons in News

1. PC Chandra Group conferred P.C.Chandra Puraskaar 2018 to singer Asha Bhosle on the occasion of celebrating their 26th year of honoring excellence. Asha Bhosle has also been honoured with West Bengal's highest civilian award Banga Bibhushan.
2. Facebook has announced that Chris Daniels, who is the VP of the company's Internet.org initiative, will replace WhatsApp CEO and co-founder Jan Koum, who announced that he is quitting Whatsapp.
3. Hockey India has named Harendra Singh as the chief coach for the Indian men's hockey team.
4. Subhash Chandra Khuntia has been appointed as Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
5. Radhakrishnan Nair has been appointed as an additional (independent) director of ICICI bank for five years.
6. Mohamed Salah of Liverpool football team has been named the Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year for 2017/18.
7. Justin Langer has been appointed as the new coach of the Australian national cricket team.
8. Indian pugilist Neeraj Goyat has been awarded the WBC Asia Boxer of the Year Award
9. Jagdish Mukhi, who is the governor of Assam and Meghalaya, has been sworn in as the acting governor of Manipur in the absence of the governor, Najma Heptullah.
10. Gujarat Governor Om Prakash Kohli has been given the additional charge of Madhya Pradesh, as the incumbent Anandiben Patel is on leave.
11. Kummanam Rajasekharan was sworn-in as the 18th governor of Mizoram at the Durbar hall of Raj Bhavan, Mizoram.
12. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal has been appointed as the acting chief justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
13. Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar was sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur.
14. Indian-American Deepa Ambekar has been appointed as interim judge to the civil court of New York City, United States.
15. Former Finance Minister of West Bengal Ashok Mitra passed away after suffering from respiratory problems, at a hospital in Kolkata.
16. Australia's oldest scientist David Goodall, aged 104, ended his own life at a clinic in Switzerland.
17. Vladimir Putin became Russia's president for a historic fourth term at a ceremony in Kremlin. He will extend his power to another six years. He has nominated Dmitry Medvedev again as the Prime minister in his new term.
18. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has secured a place among the 10 most powerful people in the world in Forbes' 2018 list of the world's most powerful people.
19. Nisha Bhalla, a holistic coach and consultant from Mumbai was felicitated at the recently concluded Annual Women Economic Forum (WEF) 2018 Awards.
20. 92-year-old Mahathir Mohamad will become world's oldest elected leader after he will be sworn in as Malaysia's Prime Minister following a fiercely contested 14th General election.
21. Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan has been nominated as the Green Ambassador of the Sikkim government.

22. Rafael Nadal broke a 34-year-old record by winning his 50th straight set on clay, the most consecutive sets won by a player on a surface.
23. Mukul Rohatgi has been appointed as an eminent jurist in the selection committee for appointment of the Lokpal.
24. Shashank Manohar has been elected for a second term as the independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
25. Gina Haspel, the 61-year old spy, has been approved by the US Senate to head the CIA(US espionage agency) as its first woman director.
26. Harish Manwani, non-executive Chairman of Hindustan Unilever Limited, HUL, has been appointed as independent director of Tata Sons.
27. Rajinder Singh, Vice President of Hockey India, takes over as President of Hockey India following the resignation of Mariamma Koshy as President.
28. The New York Police Department (NYPD) has inducted Gursoach Kaur, its first female turbaned Sikh auxiliary police officer.
29. Shivangi Pathak from Haryana became the youngest Indian woman to scale Mount Everest at the age of 16.
30. Polish author Olga Tokarczuk won the Man Booker International Prize for her novel 'Flights', at an event in Victoria and Albert Museum in London.
31. JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy sworn-in as Karnataka CM.
32. Former South Africa captain A B de Villiers has announced his retirement from international cricket.
33. Airtel Payments Bank appoints Anubrata Biswas as MD & CEO.
34. The Caribbean Island of Barbados has elected its first woman Prime Minister Mia Mottley.
35. Alan Bean, the fourth man of Apollo 12 mission to walk on the Moon, dies in Houston, USA after a short illness.
36. Former Chief Justice Nasir-ul Mulk has been sworn in as the caretaker prime minister of Pakistan for an interim period of two months, after the Pakistani government completed its term
37. Sudha Balakrishnan has been named the first chief financial officer (CFO) of the Reserve Bank of India.
38. Andhra Pradesh government has announced neem, black buck, jasmine and rose-ringed parakeet as its official symbols. .
39. American rapper Kendrick Lamar was presented the Pulitzer Prize in music for his 2017 album DAMN.

Places in News

1. Maharashtra became the first State of India to provide digitally-signed land record receipts (also known as 7/12 receipts).
2. 'Vibrant North East 2018', an event in which people are made aware of Central Government's schemes and programmes, was held in Guwahati, Assam.
3. The first organized census on Indus dolphins is being conducting by the Punjab government along with WWF-India. Indus dolphin is one of the world's rarest mammals found only in India and Pakistan.
4. Uropeltis Bhupathi, a new snake species has been discovered in the Anaikatti hills, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

5. Israel announced its withdrawal from the contest for a non-permanent seat at the UN Security Council (UNSC) for the 2019-2020 term.
6. Madhya Pradesh State Government launched India's first Integrated Control and Command Centre (ICCC) for all seven smart cities of the state in Bhopal.
7. The second phase of the Indian and Malaysian armies' joint military exercise 'Harimau Shakti' was conducted in Hulu Langat forest of Malaysia.
8. Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated Arunachal Pradesh's biggest solar power plant at Energy Awareness Park in Itanagar.
9. Indian Navy is engaged in conducting a joint exclusive economic zone (EEZ) surveillance of Maldives.
10. Stanford University will partner with Uttar Pradesh to fight disease like Japanese Encephalitis and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome.
11. Punjab State Government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Kingdom for setting up of biogas and bio- Compressed natural gas (CNG) plants in the State.
12. A rock sample found eight years ago in Champua, in Kendujhar district of Odisha has been declared the world's second oldest rock.
13. First workshop on Ayushman Bharat program was held in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
14. With an aim to impart skill training and self-sufficiency the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has decided to set up a centre at BHAROSA, an integrated support centre for distressed women and children in Hyderabad.
15. First apex conference for Smart City CEOs was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
16. First all-woman Post Office Passport Seva Kendra starts operations in Phagwara, Punjab.
17. Guwahati is India's first railway station in the north-east to be run completely on solar power.
18. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the 14.2-km-long tunnel under the Zojila Pass in Jammu & Kashmir connecting to Ladakh. It is expected to be Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel.
19. Indore emerged the cleanest city according to Swachh Survekshan 2018 organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under the aegis of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).
20. A team of Indian scientists found a new frog species in a small industrial region in coastal Karnataka. It is named the Microhyla kodial after the city of Mangaluru (called kodial in the Konkani language) from where it was spotted about two years ago.
21. Russia unveiled the world's first floating nuclear power station at a ceremony in the port of the city of Murmansk.
22. Rajasthan launches 'Nidaan' software for disease monitoring and strengthening tele-medicine services in the government hospitals.
23. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared Nepal the first country to eliminate Trachoma. Trachoma was the second leading cause of preventable blindness in the Himalayan nation in the 1980s.
24. Columbia has become the first latin American nation to join NATO.
25. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of Delhi-Meerut expressway. The 14-lane expressway is expected to reduce the travel time from Nizamuddin bridge to UP-Gate from 45 minutes to 8 minutes.
26. United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) gave recognition to the Cochin International Airport as world's first fully solar energy-powered airport.

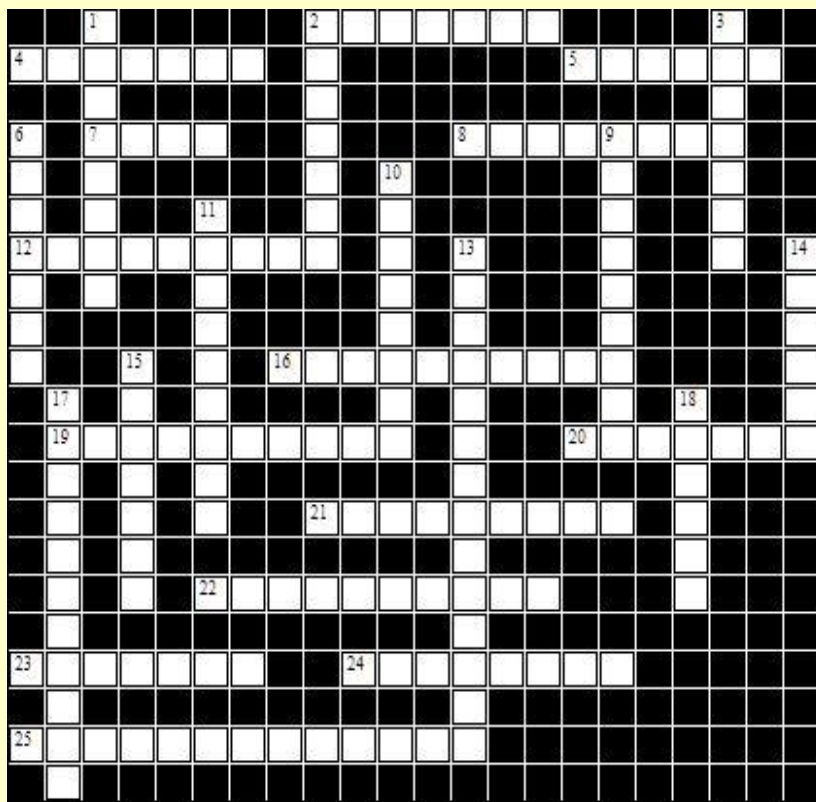
Events of Significance

1. NASA will be launching 'InSight', the first-ever mission dedicated to exploring the deep interior of Mars.
2. As per World Health Organisation (WHO), 14 Indian cities have figured in a list of 20 most polluted cities in the world, with Delhi and Varanasi having very high levels of pollution.
3. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) beyond 12th Five Year Plan for a period 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a cost of Rs. 14,832 crores.
4. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released a report, according to which India joined the United States and China as one of the world's five biggest military spenders.
5. Dalmia Bharat group has adopted the Gandikota Fort (located in Kadapa district, Andhra Pradesh) under Central Government's 'Adopt a Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan' scheme.
6. IT firm Cognizant has acquired Hedera Consulting, a Belgium-based business advisory and data analytics services company.
7. In a bid to enhance ease of getting visas, Union Ministry of Home Affairs launched online 'event clearance system' aimed at granting security clearance to foreigners wanting to visit India to attend conferences, seminars or workshops.
8. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched an initiative of online professional development of 1.5 million higher education faculty using the MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course) platform SWAYAM.
9. National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) has been recently set up by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation at New Delhi, after approval of the Cabinet.
10. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has involved Survey of India to strengthen the Ganga rejuvenation task by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology.
11. Swedish Academy said that, the Nobel Prize in literature will not be awarded this year due to sex-abuse allegations and other issues.
12. Aayog to Collaborate with IBM to develop Precision Agriculture using Artificial Intelligence.
13. Tapanuli Orangutan, the rarest ape species on earth, is on the verge of extinction.
14. NITI Aayog and Google signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) to enhance growth in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) ecosystem in India.
15. India signs 200 million US Dollar Loan Deal with World Bank for National Nutrition Mission (POSHAN Abhiyan) for 315 districts across all states/UTs.
16. Nokia said that, it has acquired SpaceTime Insight, a California-based startup, to expand its Internet of Things (IoT) portfolio and IoT analytics capabilities.
17. Indian Space Research Organization has developed an atomic clock to be used in navigation satellites to measure clear-cut location data. Currently ISRO imports atomic clocks from European aerospace manufacturer Astrium for navigation satellites.
18. Scientists have discovered a mineral named Moganite, in a lunar meteorite that points to abundant hidden reserves of water ice under the surface of the Moon, which can be used for future human exploration.
19. US President Donald Trump announced withdrawal of US from Iran Nuclear Deal. The nuclear deal is an agreement between Iran and what's called the P5+1 (the US, Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany).

20. Walmart Inc will acquire a 77 percent holding in Flipkart Group for \$16 billion. While Binny Bansal continues in Flipkart, Sachin Bansal exits.
21. Google has announced the launch of Android Things, Google's IoT platform.
22. China successfully launched Gaofen-5, a hyper-spectral imaging satellite, as part of the country's high-resolution earth observation project.
23. Union government has approved green licence plates bearing numbers in white fonts for private e-vehicles.
24. Yahoo has launched its own new group chat app named Squirrel.
25. Astronomers have discovered an unusual, first of its kind, carbon-rich asteroid in the Kuiper Belt. This object has been designated 2004 EW95.
26. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao launched 'Rythu Bandhu' (friend of farmers), an investment support scheme for farmers.
27. SpaceX launched its most powerful Falcon 9 rocket named Block 5, carrying the first high-orbit communications satellite for Bangladesh named "Bangabandhu Satellite-1" from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
28. Piyush Goyal takes over finance ministry, Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore elevated as Minister of State(Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Information Broadcasting, in a cabinet reshuffle.
29. India emerged as the third largest solar market in the world in 2017 behind China and the US.
30. 'IceCube', a tiny NASA satellite which is about the size of a loaf of bread has developed the first global map of ice clouds.
31. The first National Para Games as part of National Games for able-bodied athletes, will be conducted under the Khelo India Scheme in June-July 2018 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
32. A Chinese based pace startup , OneSpace launched its OS-X rocket.
33. An all-woman crew commanding the INSV Tarini returned to Goa on May 21 after successfully circumnavigating the globe in more than eight months(254 days) , the first-ever Indian expedition steered by women sailors.
34. China launches Queqiao satellite to explore dark side of Moon.
35. The South-Western command Chetak Corps are engaged in intense training exercise called 'Gandiv Vijay' in Rajasthan.
36. Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) launches India's first copper options.
37. On 22nd May 2018, International Biodiversity Day was celebrated all over the world.
38. Cabinet approves USOF scheme for provision of mobile services in Meghalaya.
39. Governments of India and Nepal have joined hands to plan on running a joint operation to control wildlife poaching.
40. Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII between India and Nepal to be conducted at Pithoragarh.
41. The Union Cabinet approved an ordinance to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016.
42. Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Maneka Sanjay Gandhi presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017 to the members of the INSV Tarini team in New Delhi.
43. The Union Minister of Human Resources and Development launched the 'Samagra Shiksha' scheme. This scheme is targeted towards providing education from pre-school till class 12.

44. Chennai Super Kings lift their 3rd IPL title at Wankhede stadium, in Mumbai playing their finals against Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL XI this year.
45. Facebook will be launching Whatsapp Pay, a payment service for its Whatsapp platform.
46. Microsoft becomes the third most valuable firm globally after Apple and Amazon.
47. Infosys acquires US-based company Wongdoody.
48. Scientists at Newcastle University have 3D printed human corneas for the first time.
49. World Labour Day was celebrated all over the world on May 1. The theme of the International Labour Day in the year 2018 is 'Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement'.
50. Uber and NASA announced that they are tying up to simulate flying taxis in urban areas.

Crossword – 0022



Across

2. friendly and polite
4. self-contradiction
5. to signal
7. to vomit
8. highest point
12. to manipulate
16. strong desire for success
19. increase in severity
20. tract of land
21. large number
22. to decorate with lights
23. relating to morals
24. remedy to neutralize the effects
25. negation of an idea

Down

1. pure and unadulterated
2. a pretense or deception
3. much sought after
6. to increase
9. plentiful
10. tending to unite
11. an obstacle
13. restore to good health
14. loud and bold
15. dabbler or beginner
17. sending foreigner outside the country
18. clever or cunning

Note: Solve this crossword and mail your solution with Crossword – 0022 in the subject line to **abhyaaslawprep@gmail.com** latest by **17th June 2018**. Do mention your name and enrolment id in the mail. First correct solution entry will get a prize.!!