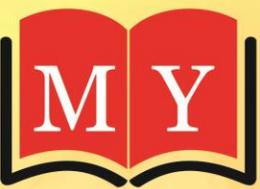


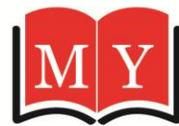
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## National News

### 1. PM launches “PM-KISAN” from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh

- ✦ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) from Gorakhpur.
- ✦ The Prime Minister said that farmers can now avail credit upto Rs. 1.60 lakh, through Kisan Credit Cards. He also touched upon other welfare schemes for the benefit of farmers.
- ✦ The Prime Minister congratulated the farmers for the launch of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. He also congratulated farmer families engaged in dairy farming, and fisheries, as they now have access to Kisan Credit Cards.

### 2. Rajnath Singh inaugurates Waste to Wonder Park in Delhi

- ✦ Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a new park which houses the replicas of seven wonders of the world at Sarai Kale Khan
- ✦ The park, which is called the 'Waste to Wonder Park', was built by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC).
- ✦ It is the first-of-its-kind tourist attraction in the world, with the replicas of the Taj Mahal, the Great Pyramid of Giza, Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Christ the Redeemer statue of Rio de Janeiro, Rome's Colosseum, and the Statute of Liberty.

### 3. Odisha approves Rs 466 crore sanitary napkin scheme for girls.

- ✦ Odisha government Friday approved a Rs 466 crore Khusi scheme aimed at improving menstrual hygiene among adolescent girl students in the state.
- ✦ The state cabinet approved the scheme Khusi with an outlay of Rs 466.08 crore over a period of five years.
- ✦ Under the scheme, free sanitary napkins will be provided to 17.25 lakh adolescent girl students of Class-VI to XII studying in government and non-government aided schools of the state.

### 4. Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated VIVID 2019

- ✦ VIVID-Vision Insight and Voices as India goes Digital”- the District Informatics Officer (DIO) meet, is being organised by National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- ✦ The meet is held as an initiative to interact with the DIO's and to share their experiences as well as contribution, as digital change-makers at the grass-root level in the States.
- ✦ The National meet will cover a wide range of relevant topics in various technical sessions sessions including Emerging Technologies , Cyber Threats & Counter , Enterprise Level Applications, and many other relevant topics.

### 5. Odisha launches boat ambulance service for remote areas

- ✦ The Odisha government has launched a boat ambulance service to ferry patients to hospitals in remote areas at a cost of Rs 5.40 crore.
- ✦ While the first such boat ambulance was introduced at Batighar under Mahakalpada tehsil in the coastal Kendrapara district.
- ✦ The floating ambulances will cater to the needs of people in areas where the '108' ambulance service has failed to make headway, due to lack of proper road route.

#### **6. Tamil Nadu becomes first state in Mainland to get 2 Coast Guard Dists**

- ✦ Tamil Nadu became the first state in the country to get a second Coast Guard district headquarters - Thoothukudi.
- ✦ Inaugurated by state Governor Banwarilal Purohit, the Thoothukudi district headquarters has been set up with an aim to augment security mechanism on the eastern coast and the state in particular.
- ✦ This is the first state to have two district headquarters, which were necessitated by frequent issues pertaining to fishermen.

#### **7. Govt launches Rail Drishti Dashboard to keep people informed about ongoing Railway works**

- ✦ Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched Rail Drishti Dashboard in New Delhi.
- ✦ Mr Goyal said the Dashboard has been launched to keep people informed about the work going on in the Railways across the country.
- ✦ People will get useful information from Rail Drishti through Railway WiFi facilities that are continuously expanding in the country.

#### **8. PM Modi Inaugurates 40-Acre National War Memorial Near India Gate**

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a new National War Memorial, situated in the India Gate complex in New Delhi, to the nation.
- ✦ The National War Memorial complex, spread across 40 acres, includes a central obelisk, an eternal flame, and six bronze murals depicting famous battles fought by the Army, the Air Force and the Navy.
- ✦ The design of the National War Memorial has a layout comprising four concentric circles, namely, the 'Amar Chakra' or Circle of Immortality, the 'Veerta Chakra' or Circle of Bravery, the 'Tyag Chakra' or Circle of Sacrifice, and the 'Rakshak Chakra' or Circle of Protection.

#### **9. Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey launches national programme to eliminate viral hepatitis**

- ✦ Union minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey launched a national programme aimed at eliminating viral hepatitis, recognized as an important public health problem.
- ✦ The minister of state for health launched the National Action Plan - Viral Hepatitis at Mumbai in presence of Amitabh Bachchan, the goodwill ambassador for hepatitis,
- ✦ The Minister said, the aim of the programme is to combat hepatitis and achieve countrywide elimination of Hepatitis C by 2030.

**10. Madhya Pradesh rolls out 100-day employment scheme for youths**

- ✦ The Congress government in Madhya Pradesh rolled out its flagship 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' that guarantees 100 days of employment every year to urban youths from economically weaker sections (EWS).
- ✦ The scheme, as part of which youths would be imparted skill development training, was launched by Chief Minister Kamal Nath here.
- ✦ Only those youths, whose family's annual income is less than Rs 2 lakh and who are in the age group of 21-30 years, are eligible for the scheme.

**11. Rising India Summit 2019 held in New Delhi**

- ✦ PM Narendra Modi delivers the keynote speech at the News18 Rising India Summit 2019 in New Delhi.
- ✦ Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Kamal Nath fields a question during 'Matters of States' session at the News18 Rising India Summit in New Delhi.

**12. Union Textile Minister Inaugurates Titanwala Museum in Rajasthan**

- ✦ Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated the 'Titanwala Museum' in Bagru that showcases the Chhipa community's hand-block printing.
- ✦ The museum is an example that art and culture are not dependent on the government for being nurtured or preserved.
- ✦ The museum is an effort towards preserving the art of traditional Bagru block printing. The museum will be open from Monday to Sunday between 9 am and 6 pm.

**13. Assam launches PRANAM Commission to protect parents of govt employees**

- ✦ Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had launched the PRANAM Commission, a panel set up to look after the issues concerning a Bill ,for protection of parents of state government employees.
- ✦ Assam government would ensure that no state government employee can ignore their elderly parents and unmarried differently abled siblings.
- ✦ PRANAM Bill, which was approved by the cabinet last year, makes it mandatory for state government employees to look after their parents and unmarried Divyang siblings who do not have their own sources of income.

**14. PM Modi unveils 'world's largest Bhagavad Gita' at Delhi's ISKCON temple**

- ✦ A giant Bhagavad Gita, running into 670 pages and weighing about 800 kgs, was unveiled at Delhi's ISKCON temple by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✦ Modi termed the Bhagavad Gita as the "largest manual for human beings" and claimed that the holy book has solutions to all problems one faces in life.
- ✦ According to ISKCON, this book will have the largest principle sacred text ever to be printed. The book has an artistic touch of 18 exquisite paintings and an innovative elegant layout.

**15. HRD ministry launches scheme to provide apprenticeship opportunities to fresh graduates**

- ✦ Union minister Prakash Javadekar launched a scheme for providing industry apprenticeship opportunities to fresh graduates.
- ✦ The Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) is a programme basket comprising the initiatives of three central ministries.
- ✦ SHREYAS portal will enable educational institutions and industry to log in and provide their respective demand and supply of apprenticeship.

**16. IRCTC launches 'IRCTC iPay', its own payment gateway**

- ✦ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), which handles catering, tourism and online ticketing operations for the Indian Railways, has launched its own payment aggregator called 'IRCTC iPay'.
- ✦ With the launch of IRCTC iPay, passengers will not need any third-party platforms as all payment options like credit card, debit card, UPI – Unified Payment Interface, International Card are integrated into the platform.
- ✦ The option of IRCTC Prepaid Card cum wallet, Auto Debit shall also be available shortly.

## **International News & Foreign Affairs**

**1. JioSaavn only Indian company to make it to '50 Most Innovative Companies' list**

- ✦ India based global audio and music streaming service JioSaavn announced that it has secured the first rank India-wise and 28th rank globally in the 2019 list of "50 Most Innovative Companies".
- ✦ JioSaavn is the only Indian company that made it to the list, published by US-based business publication Fast Company.
- ✦ The other domestic companies that ranked top on the India list of "Most Innovative Companies" include branded budget hotel marketplace OYO, biodegradable sanitary pad manufacturers Sathi and ride-hailing service Ola.

**2. 4th Global Digital Health Partnership summit inaugurated**

- ✦ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda along with Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated the 4th Global Digital Health Partnership Summit in New Delhi.
- ✦ The Global Digital Health Partnership is an international collaboration of governments, government agencies and multinational organisations dedicated to improving the health and well-being of their citizens through the best use of evidence-based digital technologies.

- ✦ The summit will provide an opportunity to support governments and health system reformers to improve the health and well-being of their citizens through digital technologies.

### **3. Indian passport improves its ranking on global index, jumps 10 ranks in 5 years**

- ✦ Indian passport is gaining strength on the global index as more and more countries are offering visa on arrival and visa-free entry to Indians.
- ✦ As per the 2019 Passport Index, the Indian passport has steadily strengthened its position over the past five years. It has jumped from 77th position in 2015 to 67th position in 2019.
- ✦ The Tourism Ministry for India is also offering e-tourist visa facilities to 166 countries, following a number of amendments in the e-visa regime of the country in order to make this process more tourist friendly.

### **4. Afghanistan opens new export route to India through Iran's Chabahar port**

- ✦ Afghanistan began exports to India through an Iranian port as the landlocked, war-torn nation turns to overseas markets to improve its economy.
- ✦ Chabahar port is the result of healthy cooperation between India, Iran and Afghanistan this will ensure economic growth.
- ✦ At the inauguration of the new export route, President Ashraf Ghani said Afghanistan was slowly improving its exports in a bid to reduce its trade deficit.

### **5. India Ranks 47th Out of 100 Countries in The Facebook Inclusive Internet Index 2019**

- ✦ India has been ranked 47th in the overall "Inclusive Internet Index 2019" score while Sweden topped the chart, followed by Singapore and the US, a Facebook-led study has revealed.
- ✦ The 'Inclusive Internet' score was based on the scores of availability, affordability, relevance and readiness categories.
- ✦ The United Kingdom, Namibia and Ireland are top performers of the year.

### **6. Banglar Shiksha web portal to provide Real-Time Data on schools**

- ✦ West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee inaugurated a web portal, which is set to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools.
- ✦ This is probably the first-of-its-kind online initiative in the state as well as in the country.
- ✦ The system will enable the headmaster and class teacher to access the academic performance of a student.

### **7. India, Brunei Sign Agreement to Exchange Information on Tax And Banking Matters**

- ✦ India and Brunei signed an agreement for the exchange of information in tax matters which will help curb tax evasion and tax avoidance.

- ✦ The pact, based on international standards of tax transparency, will enable the exchange of information, including banking and ownership information between the two countries for tax purposes.
- ✦ Notably, Brunei and India share a fair degree of commonality in their perceptions on major international issues.

## Banking

### 1. PNB ranks highest in implementation of 'reforms agenda' in 2018

- ✦ Punjab National Bank has been ranked first among public sector banks in the implementation of 'reforms agenda', followed by Bank of Baroda and State Bank of India.
- ✦ PNB with a score of 78.4 out of 100 has been ranked first in the EASE index, followed by BoB (77.8), SBI (74.6), Oriental Bank of Commerce (69), Canara Bank (67.5) and Syndicate Bank (67.1).
- ✦ EASE Index makes first ever independent and objective measurement of each PSBs on 140 metrics across 6 themes. Responsive, Responsible, Clean and customer friendly banking to be the new normal.

### 2. RBI, Bank of Japan sign Bilateral Swap Arrangement

- ✦ Reserve Bank of India and Bank of Japan have signed a Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA).
- ✦ It may be recalled that the BSA was negotiated between India and Japan during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Tokyo in October last year.
- ✦ The BSA provides for India to access 75 billion US dollars whereas the earlier BSA had provided for 50 billion dollars. The BSA was approved by the Union Cabinet in January this year.

### 3. Cabinet approves Rs. 1,450 crore for share capital of RBI in NHB

- ✦ The Union Cabinet approved Rs1,450 crore for the share capital of Reserve Bank of India in the National Housing Bank.
- ✦ Subsequent to the payment of this amount to RBI, the subscribed capital of NHB shall stand transferred to and vested in the central government.
- ✦ The Finance Bill 2018 amended the National Housing Bank Act, 1987 to transfer RBI's stake in the NHB to the government.

### 4. IFFCO Tokio launches India's first policy to protect bank locker

- ✦ IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company announced the launch of Bank Locker Protector Policy, which is the first policy in the industry to protect the contents of a bank locker such as jewellery and other valuables.
- ✦ The policy offers a cover against various risks including fire, earthquake, burglary, holdup, infidelity by a bank staff or any act of terrorism.

- ✦ The Bank Locker Protector policy bridges the gap offering protection to valuables stored in a bank locker.

#### 5. AIIB to provide USD 455 mn for Andhra rural roads project

- ✦ The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will provide a loan of USD 455 million to finance the Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project, which will connect about 3,300 habitations with a population of more than 250, and benefit around two million people.
- ✦ The project is likely to improve the life of a common man living in the remote and isolated areas in the state of Andhra Pradesh
- ✦ An agreement in this regard was signed between the AIIB and the government.

## New Appointments & Person in News

#### 1. Trump nominates Kelly Craft as United Nations ambassador

- ✦ Trump announced that he planned to nominate Kelly Craft, who's served as the US ambassador to Canada since September 2017.
- ✦ The post of the US ambassador to the UN was vacant due to the resignation of Nikki Haley.
- ✦ Kelly Knight Craft who is currently serving as ambassador to Canada was the first woman to ever hold the post.

#### 2. Muhammadu Buhari re-elected as Nigeria President

- ✦ Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has been re-elected for a second four-year term, the election commission says.
- ✦ The 76-year-old defeated his main rival, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, with a margin of nearly four million votes.
- ✦ Nigeria Capital - Abuja, Currency – Nigerian Naira

#### 3. PepsiCo's Former CEO Indra Nooyi joins Amazon's Board of Directors

- ✦ PepsiCo's India-born former CEO Indra Nooyi has joined Amazon's Board of Directors, the online retail giant has announced.
- ✦ Nooyi, who stepped down as CEO of Pepsico in October last year, is the second woman of colour to be added on the Amazon's Board of Directors.
- ✦ She was elected to PepsiCo's board of directors and became its President and Chief Financial Officer in 2001.

#### 4. IDBI Bank appoints LIC's Hemant Bhargava as non-executive chairman

- ✦ IDBI Bank has appointed Hemant Bhargava as non-executive, non-whole time chairman. Bhargava is currently the Chairman (in-charge) and Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- ✦ The bank said Bhargava has been appointed for three years or until he continues in his position at LIC.
- ✦ LIC has also proposed a change of name of the bank to either LIC IDBI Bank or LIC Bank.

### 5. Mukesh Ambani breaks into top-10 on Hurun Global Rich List

- ✦ Mukesh Ambani has become the first Indian to break into the top-ten of the Hurun Global Rich List of 2,470 billionaires having a net worth of \$1 billion.
- ✦ The 2019 edition of 'Loong Palace Hurun Global Rich List 2019' compiles a list of the richest individuals across the globe.
- ✦ Jeff Bezos, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Amazon, topped the list for the second consecutive year with total net worth of \$147 billion (Rs 10,44,000 crore).

### 6. Former finance secretary Jha joins 15th Finance Commission as member

- ✦ Former finance secretary Ajay Narayan Jha joined the 15th Finance Commission as a member, pursuant to the resignation of Shaktikanta Das.
- ✦ Jha, a 1982 batch IAS officer of Manipur cadre, superannuated as a finance secretary to the Government of India on February 28.
- ✦ He joins in place of Shaktikanta Das who had resigned as a member of the Commission after being appointed as governor.

## Science Tech & Defence

### 1. Cobra Gold joint military exercise held in Thailand

- ✦ Twenty-nine countries, including Indonesia, concluded the biggest Asia-Pacific military joint exercise ever in Thailand.
- ✦ Around 4,500 personnel from the army, navy and the air forces participated in the 2019 Cobra Gold to evaluate their troops through the Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (Calfex), among other activities.
- ✦ This year's event also marks the first joint cyber operation that aims to identify and protect important information in case of a cyberattack.

### 2. Govt releases draft e-commerce policy.

- ✦ The government released the draft national e-commerce policy proposing setting up a legal and technological framework for restrictions on cross-border data flow.
- ✦ The draft policy said the framework would be created to provide the basis for imposing restrictions on cross-border data flow from specified sources.

- ✦ The policy aim at sector growth along with make in India, Digital India.

### **3. Bihar Becomes First State in India to Have Special Dog Squad For Detecting Liquor Consignment.**

- ✦ The state, two years after imposing a complete ban on liquor, has now become the first state in India to have a special dog squad for detecting liquor consignment.
- ✦ At present, 20 trained dogs are part of the squad. The canines were provided with nine months of training.
- ✦ The Bihar Police has spent Rs Rs 1.71 lakh on each dog, including the purchase and training cost.

### **4. India successfully test fires surface-to-air missile QRSAM amid tensions with Pakistan**

- ✦ India successfully test fired the short range Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) from a test range along the coast of Odisha.
- ✦ Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the missile has a strike range of 25 km to 30 km and has a capability of engaging multiple targets. The sleek and highly mobile air defence system has been developed for the Indian Army.
- ✦ The indigenously developed QRSAM will replace the 'Akash' missile defence system which is on its way out due to technological obsolescence.

### **5. India-Bangladesh joint military exercise Sampriti 2019 to be held from March 2**

- ✦ India and Bangladesh will be conducting a joint military exercise, 'Exercise Sampriti 2019' at Tangail, Bangladesh from March 2 to March 15, 2019.
- ✦ This will be the eighth edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries.
- ✦ The exercise is aimed to strengthen and broaden the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between the Indian and Bangladesh Armies.

### **6. Adobe, Atal Innovation Mission partner to enhance digital literacy, creativity skills**

- ✦ Software firm Adobe has partnered with Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to collaborate on enhancing digital literacy and creativity skills.
- ✦ The two parties have signed a statement of intent (SOI) to collectively drive the charter of developing creative skills and spreading digital literacy across all Atal Tinkering Labs in India.
- ✦ Adobe will also implement its Digital Disha Programme across 100 schools under Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) initiative.

## Important days

### 1. National Science Day Celebrated on 28 February

- ✦ National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928.
- ✦ The event is now celebrated all over the country in schools, colleges, universities and other academic, scientific, technical, medical and research institutions.
- ✦ The theme of the year 2019 is "Science for the People, and the People for Science"

### 2. Zero Discrimination day observed on 1st March

- ✦ March 1 is Zero Discrimination Day, an annual worldwide event that promotes diversity and recognizes that everyone counts.
- ✦ The symbol for Zero Discrimination Day is the butterfly, widely used by people to share their stories and photos as a way to end discrimination and work towards positive transformation.
- ✦ Organizations like the United Nations (UN) actively promote the day with various activities to celebrate everyone's right to live a full life with dignity regardless of age, gender, sexuality, nationality.

## Books & Authors

### 1. Shri M Venkaiah Naidu Launches BIMTECH Director Dr. H Chaturvedi's Book on 'Quality, Accreditation & Ranking' at New Delhi

- ✦ The book titled 'Quality, Accreditation and Ranking - A Silent Revolution in the Offing in Indian Higher Education' edited by EPSI's Alternate President, Dr. H Chaturvedi was released by the Hon'ble Vice President Naidu.
- ✦ The book released by the Vice President contains articles, essays and research papers authored by some of the prominent educationists, policy makers.
- ✦ Dr. H Chaturvedi is Professor and Director at Birla Institute of Management Technology, Greater Noida, India.

## Sports

### 1. Manpreet Singh honoured with AHF's Player of the Year

- ✦ Indian Hockey Team captain Manpreet Singh has been honoured with the 2018 Player of the Year award by the Asian Hockey Federation.
- ✦ Indian Hockey Women team's striker Lalremsiami bagged the Rising Player of The Year prize.
- ✦ Manpreet led the Indian team to an unbeaten streak at the Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat where the team was declared joint winners with Pakistan.

## 2. One gold, five silver medals for India at Makran Cup : Boxing

- ✦ National champion Deepak Singh was the lone Indian boxer to notch up a gold while five others claimed silver medals in the Makran Cup in Chabahar, Iran.
- ✦ Deepak (49-kilogram) defeated Jaafar Naseri in the finals. Earlier, Rohit Tokas (64kg) and Manjeet Singh Panghal (75kg) lost in the semifinals to sign off with bronze medals.
- ✦ Manish, also a national champion, lost to Danial Shah Baksh, while Satish was beaten by Mohammad Mlias.

## Awards

### 1. Oscars Awards 2019 announced ; Bohemian Rhapsody wins four Academy Awards

- ✦ Bohemian Rhapsody might have won the most Oscars at the 2019 Academy Awards with four wins. Black Panther and Netflix's Roma also ended up with three awards on the night.
- ✦ Colman, 45, earned one of the highest honors for her role as Queen Anne in The Favourite as she beat out Close, 71, whom many predicted would reign victorious for her role in The Wife.
- ✦ Best Picture- Greenbook, Best Actress in a Leading Role- Olivia Colman for the Favourite
- ✦ Best Actor in a Leading Role- Rami Malek for Bohemian Rhapsody.

### 2. Playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar to be honoured with META lifetime achievement award

- ✦ Eminent Indian playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar has been chosen for this year's META Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✦ The playwright will be conferred upon with the award on March 12, along with the winners of the 14th Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) festival.
- ✦ He has written more than 30 plays and essays, like 'Sultan', 'Holi', 'Garbo', 'Yatanagar', and 'Atmakatha' and is also a receiver of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship.

### 3. Manu Bhaker, Saurabh Chaudhary Win Gold In 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Event

- ✦ India's pair of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary clinched a gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol mixed team event on the closing day of the ISSF World Cup at the Dr Karni Shooting Range in New Delhi.
- ✦ The pair registered a total score of 483.5 to finish on the top in the mixed team event. This is India's third medal at the World Cup as Saurabh Chaudhary and Apurvi Chandela won a gold medal each.
- ✦ The Indian shooters in 10m air rifle mixed team event - Ravi Kumar and Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela and Deepak Kumar finished seventh and 25th respectively.

#### 4. PM Modi Confers National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 Awards

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi presents the 1st prize to Shweta Umre of Maharashtra during the National Youth Parliament Festival, 2019 Awards function.
- ✦ National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 has been jointly organised by National Service Scheme (NSS) and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, on the theme of "Be the Voice of New India" and "Find solutions and contribute to policy".
- ✦ The best three speakers at the National Youth Parliament will be awarded Rs 2 lakhs, Rs 1.50 lakhs and Rs 1 lakh respectively in order of merit along with a certificate by the Prime Minister Modi.

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