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Supreme Court Upholds Abrogation of Article 370

- The Supreme Court's landmark decision on December 11, 2023, upheld the Union Government's 2019 move to abrogate the special status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under **Article 370 of the Constitution**.
- The judgment, delivered by a Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, addressed key constitutional questions and outlined significant conclusions.
- The court clarified that the concurrence of the State Government was not necessary, and Article 370 was deemed a temporary provision.
- The Court refrained from **adjudicating on the reorganization** of J&K into a Union Territory but upheld the creation of Ladakh as a UT.
- It directed the **Election Commission** to conduct elections for the J&K Legislative Assembly by **September 30, 2024**.



- The Court addressed the modification of **Article 367** through Constitutional Order 272, stating that changes made were ultra vires Article 370.
- However, this finding did not impact the overall judgment, as the recommendation of the J&K Constituent Assembly was deemed unnecessary for the President to declare Article 370 inoperative.

- The judgment underscored that Jammu and Kashmir did not retain an element of sovereignty upon joining the Union of India. The constitutional setup indicated that J&K became an integral part of India, with Article 370 being a feature of asymmetric federalism, not sovereignty.
- The Court affirmed that **Article 370 was a temporary provision**, and the power of the President under Article 370(3) to declare it inoperative persisted even after the dissolution of the J&K Constituent Assembly. The recommendation of the Constituent Assembly was not binding on the President.
- The Court held that the **President's exercise of power under Article 370(1)(d)** to apply all provisions of the Constitution to J&K did not require the concurrence of the State government. The principle of consultation and collaboration was not mandatory, and the President's action was deemed valid.

'Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam'

- Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**, inaugurated the Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada.
- During the inauguration, Minister Sitharaman highlighted the **rich legacy of Telugu culture** and the significant contributions of the Telugu language to classical traditions.



- She commended the efforts to organize the **grand music festival in Andhra Pradesh**, emphasizing the need to revive the glorious traditions and introduce them to the younger generation.
- Minister Sitharaman proposed that the Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam **become an annual feature**, expanding its reach to other prominent towns like Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam.

- The festival promises a three-day **classical music extravaganza** featuring performances by renowned musicians, an exhibition and sale of regional cuisine, local handicrafts, and handlooms.

‘Viksit Bharat@2047- Voice of Youth’

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched the ‘Viksit Bharat@2047 - Voice of Youth’ and also addressed the Vice Chancellors and Heads of other Higher Education Institutes including students across the nation virtually.
- Governor of Assam **Gulab Chand Kataria** hosted the programme at **IIT Guwahati** where around 1000 students, Vice Chancellors and the Heads of Institutions from about 61 Higher Educational Institutions of Assam attended physically. About 45 Higher Educational Institutions and about 600 colleges also participated in the virtual mode.
- Addressing the students and Academicians, the Governor said that we all have to **work together to achieve the set target** of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- It is a Sankalp of the Prime Minister to take our nation to be **developed by 2047**.
- He informed that the Centre as well as the State government has enhanced the **budgetary allocation in Education** to provide better quality education to our students.



- Education can take us to our set goals of a developed nation by 2047, added Governor Kataria.

- Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Minister for Education, Government of Assam speaking on the occasion said that we have been a **developing nation for the last 75 years** and how long will it continue for this reason the Prime Minister has set a timeline for us to be a developed nation and we must achieve the set target by 2047.
- Dr. Pegu said that we are now following the philosophy of Antodaya reach to the last man of our society. He also said that our **educational institution must focus on the weak students** and urged the Heads of Institutions to look into this issue seriously as we focus only on fast learners.
- He requested that Higher Educational Institutes teach students practical life management education and provide them with internship opportunities.

Indian Scale For Assessment Of Autism

- A two-day International Workshop on the **Indian Scale for Assessment of Autism (ISAA)**, will be held in New Delhi.
- The workshop is being organized by the **National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons** with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Secunderabad under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.



- **The primary objective** of the workshop is to impart training to professionals in the utilization of the ISAA tool.
- The ISAA has been approved by the government for autism assessment which is being utilized by professionals within the country and across the **Asia Pacific Region**.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said that a large number of participants from India and nine other countries including the USA, UK, Germany, New Zealand, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Bangladesh, and Bhutan will attend the workshop.

Youth for Unnati and Vikas

- The **Ministry of Electronics and IT** has said that the program- '**YUVAi- Youth for Unnati and Vikas with AI**' will be featured at the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit beginning in New Delhi.
- The programme, designed to **equip the youth with essential AI skills**, has garnered attention for its innovative approach and commitment to enabling a future-ready workforce.



- The programme is a collaborative initiative of the **National e-Governance Division**, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Intel India.
- The Ministry said, YUVAi aims to foster a deeper understanding of AI, to enable school students **from class 8 to 12 across the nation** with AI skills, and to empower them to become human-centric designers and users of AI.

UP Delegation Heads To Davos For WEF

- A high-level **delegation from the Uttar Pradesh government** is set to participate in the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** meeting in **Davos, Switzerland**.
- The delegation aims to **showcase the state's strides towards** becoming a **trillion-dollar economy** and transforming metropolitan towns into focal points across various sectors.
- The **delegation includes key figures** such as Minister for Industrial Development Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi,' Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna, Infrastructure and Industrial Commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's Secretary, Amit Singh.



- With a focus on propelling Uttar Pradesh into the **league of trillion-dollar economies** within the next five years, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision drives the state's **multifaceted approach**.
- The delegation will shed light on the strategic development of metropolitan towns, emphasizing their role as hubs across diverse sectors.
- The delegation will elaborate on the concerted efforts directed at positioning **Lucknow as India's pioneering AI city**. This underscores the state government's commitment to harnessing the potential of artificial intelligence to drive economic growth and innovation.
- The decision to participate in the **prestigious WEF meeting provides** Uttar Pradesh with a global platform to showcase its achievements. The delegation aims to underscore the transformative changes in economic and industrial landscapes witnessed in the state over the past six and a half years.
- In alignment with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision, the state government has **strategically focused on information technology**, religious tourism, and agriculture sectors. The delegation will elaborate on the progress made in these critical areas and their role in shaping Uttar Pradesh's economic trajectory.

Women's Doubles Title

- India's **Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto** won the women's doubles title at the Guwahati Masters 2023 badminton tournament.
- Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto, the second seeds at the **BWF Super 100 tournament**, beat the Taipei's Sung Shuo Yun and Yu Chien Hui 21-13, 21-19 to win what was their second title as a pair.
- Results at the **Guwahati Masters 2023 badminton** tournament will count towards players' qualifying rankings for the **Paris 2024 Olympics**.

- The Indian badminton duo won the **Abu Dhabi Masters Super 100** tourney earlier this year. Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto also made the final of the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament last week in Lucknow but lost the title decider to Japan's Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi.



Thiruvalluvar In Cergy, France

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed happiness over the unveiling of the statue of Tamil poet and philosopher **Thiruvalluvar in Cergy, France**.
- In a social media post, Mr Modi said that the statue is a beautiful testament to the shared cultural bonds of India and France.
- He added that Thiruvalluvar stands tall as a **symbol of wisdom and knowledge**, and his writings motivates millions across the world.



World's Most Popular Leader

- In a recent survey conducted by **US-based consultancy firm 'Morning Consult,'** Indian **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has secured the top position as the world's most popular leader, boasting an impressive **approval rating of 76%.**
- This notable achievement places him more than 10 percentage points ahead of the next leader in the rankings.



- The survey, conducted from September 6-12, 2023, reveals that Prime Minister Modi not only leads in approval but also boasts the **lowest disapproval rating** among the top 10 leaders, standing at a mere 18%.
- This trend is consistent with previous surveys where Modi retained his position as the world's most popular leader.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who Inaugurated Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam In Vijayawada

- A. Smt Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. G Krishna Reddy

ANSWER: A

2. Which Ministry Organized International Workshop On Indian Scale For Assessment Of Autism

- A. Ministry Of Electronics And IT
- B. Ministry Of Social Justice And Empowerment
- C. Ministry Of Education
- D. Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare

ANSWER: B

3. What Is The Primary Objective Of The ISAA Workshop

- A. To Launch A New Scale For Assessment
- B. To Train Professionals In Using The ISAA Tool For Autism Assessment
- C. To Discuss Global Autism Statistics
- D. To Focus On Autism Awareness Programs

ANSWER: B

4. Which Program Aims To Equip School Students With AI Skills

- A. Viksit Bharat@2047
- B. AI For India
- C. YuVai
- D. Youth India With AI

ANSWER: C

5. Which City Is Being Positioned As AI City By UP Government

- A. Lucknow
- B. Prayagraj
- C. Varanasi
- D. Etah

ANSWER: A

6. Who Won Women's Doubles Title Guwahati Masters 2023 Badminton

- A. Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto
- B. Sung Shuo Yun and Yu Chien Hui
- C. Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi
- D. Tanisha Ponnappa & Ashwini Crasto

ANSWER: A

7. Significance Of Guwahati Masters 2023 Tournament For Players

- A. It Counts Towards Their Educational Qualifications
- B. It Affects Their Ranking For The Paris 2024 Olympics
- C. It's A Training Camp For Future Tournaments
- D. It Provides Monetary Rewards For The Winners

ANSWER: B

8. Recently The Statue Of Thiruvalluvar Unveiled Outside India

- A. London
- B. Paris
- C. France
- D. Berlin

ANSWER: C

9. Who Secured Top Position As World's Most Popular Leader In A Recent Survey

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Joe Biden
- C. Donald Trump
- D. Vladimir Putin

ANSWER: A

10. Which Ministry Organized YuVai - Youth For Unnati & Vikas With AI' Program

- A. Ministry Of Electronics And IT
- B. Ministry Of Social Justice And Empowerment
- C. Ministry Of Education
- D. Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare

ANSWER: A

11. What Event Uttar Pradesh Government Delegation Set To Participate At Davos

- A. Economic Summit
- B. Cultural Festival
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. Youth Empowerment Summit

ANSWER: C

12. Which Union Ministry Launched Haritsagar Guidelines

- A. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- B. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of Defence

ANSWER: A

13. As Per S&P Ranking, Which Indian Insurer Is Fourth Largest Insurer In The World

- A. UIIC
- B. NIA
- C. LIC
- D. Reliance

ANSWER: C

14. CBIC Launched Electronic Origin Data Exchange System Between India &

- A. Japan
- B. Korea
- C. UAE
- D. Egypt

ANSWER: B

15. Which Institution Launched The Periodic Labour Force Survey

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. ILO
- C. NSSO
- D. DPIIT

ANSWER: C

16. Article 280(1) Of The Constitutions Lays Down That The Modalities For Setting Up Which Institution

- A. Election Commission
- B. Finance Commission
- C. Planning Commission
- D. NITI Aayog

ANSWER: B

17. Which Of Following Is Not Correct Statement About Iyothee Thass Pandithar

- A. He Founded Dravida Mahajana Sabha In 1891
- B. He Launched A Magazine Dravida Pandian
- C. He Was A Vaidya / Ayurvedic Practitioner
- D. All The Above Are Correct Statements

ANSWER: C

18. Who Is Set To Become The New Chief Minister Of Mizoram

- A. Zoramthanga
- B. Lalthanhawla
- C. Lalduhoma
- D. Zoram Sangliana

ANSWER: C

19. Who Recently Took Oath As First Congress CM Of Telangana

- A. Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka
- B. K. Chandrashekar Rao
- C. Revanth Reddy
- D. K. Rosaiah

ANSWER: C

20. Drought Toolbox Has Officially Released In Which UNCCD Event

- A. COP15*
- B. COP16*
- C. COP17*
- D. COP14*

ANSWER: A