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The “Quad” countries

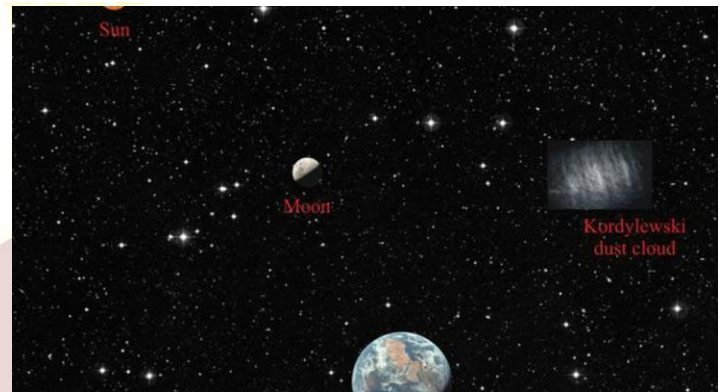
- Regional coalition known as the ‘Quad’, the quadrilateral formation includes Japan, India, United States and Australia.
- All four nations find a common ground of being the democratic nations and common interests of unhindered maritime trade and security.

Earth has three moons!

After more than half a century of speculation, it has now been confirmed that Earth has two dust ‘moons’ orbiting it which are nine times wider than our planet.

The dust ‘moons’ are huge but they are made of tiny dust particles that barely measure one micrometre across.

Dust moons are also known as Kordylewski clouds



India, Singapore bilateral naval exercise 'SIMBEX 2018' begins

Simbex is an acronym for Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercises.

The 2018 edition marks the silver jubilee of SIMBEX.

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New Chairman of Competition Commission of India

- former IAS officer Ashok Kumar Gupta
- CCI is quasi-judicial statutory body
- It functions under Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- CCI aims to eliminate practices that adversely affect competition in different industries and protect interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade.



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Centenary of Armistice that ended World War I

World War I also known as the First World War or the 'Great War', was a global war originating in Europe that lasted from July 28, 1914 to November 11, 1918.

Though the armistice signed on November 11 brought an end to the actual fighting, it took six months of Allied negotiations at the Paris Peace Conference to conclude a peace treaty.

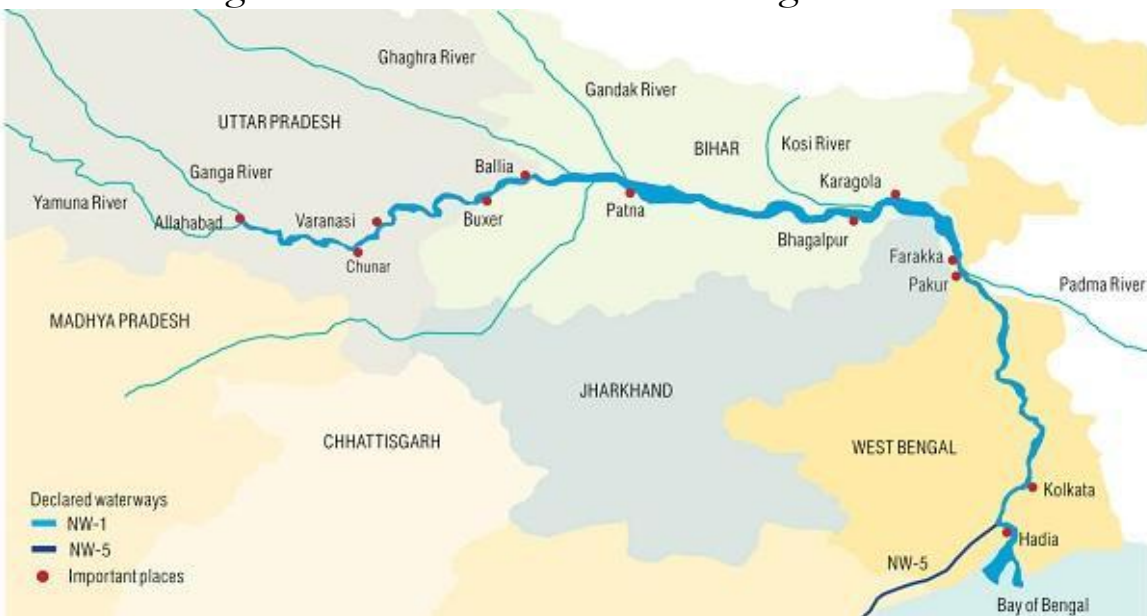
The Treaty of Versailles was the most important of the peace treaties that brought World War I to an end. The Treaty ended the state of war between Germany and the Allied Powers. It was signed on June 28, 1919 in Versailles, exactly five years after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

PM inaugurates Inland Multi-Modal Terminal Port in Varanasi

- on National Waterways-I on River Ganga as part of the World Bank-aided Jal Marg Vikas project.
- This waterway will function as a link to Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal and other east and south-east Asian countries

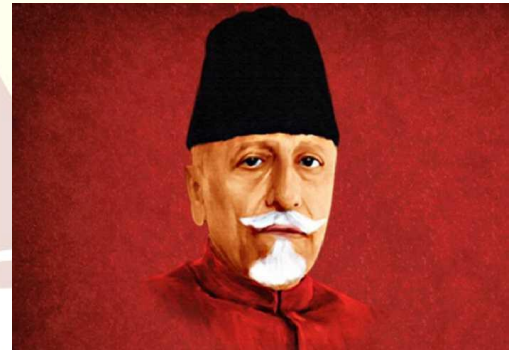
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- The JMVP will result in an environment-friendly, fuel-efficient and cost-effective alternative mode of transportation, especially for bulk goods, hazardous goods and over-dimensional cargo.



National Education Day: 11 November

- to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, the first education minister of independent India.



Amnesty International withdraws 'Ambassador of Conscience' Award from Aung San Suu kyi



Amnesty's highest honour, the 'Ambassador of Conscience' award is withdrawn from **Myanmar's leader and Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi** considering her failure to speak out and her shielding of the security forces from accountability for the **violence against the Rohingya**.

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'Samudra Shakti' begins

The inaugural edition of **India - Indonesia** Naval Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' began at Surabaya, Indonesia.



Stan Lee no more

Stan Lee, person behind **Spider-Man, Iron Man, the Hulk** and a convoy of other **Marvel Comics** superheroes that became mythic figures in pop culture, died on November 12, 2018. He was 95.

Wrestler Bajrang Punia achieves World No. 1 rank in 65 Kg category

Bajrang has won five medals this season, including Common Wealth Games and the **Asian Games gold** and a silver at the World Championship in Budapest.



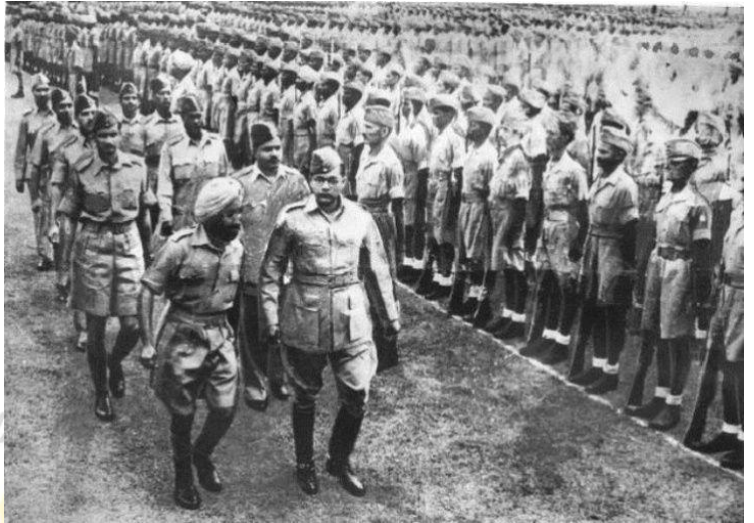
Rs 75 commemorative coin to mark anniversary of Tricolour hoisting by Netaji

- on the occasion of 75th anniversary of the hoisting of Tricolour for the first time by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Port Blair.

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- on December 30, 1943, Subhash Chandra Bose hoisted the Tricolor for the first time on free Indian soil at Cellular Jail of Port Blair

- On the same occasion, he announced the freedom of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the first Indian Territory, from the British rule. The island at that time was liberated from British rule by Japan which captured it during the World War - II.



'INDRA 2018'

India, Russia conduct joint military exercise 'INDRA 2018'

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