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# March 2019 Legal Current Affairs for Law Entrance Exam

## MAR LEGAL CA QUIZ 12

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answer the questions given below.

**1. Which of the following dates is observed as “Janaushadhi Diwas”?**

- A. March 10
- B. March 5
- C. March 7
- D. March 8

**2. Who among the following has recently won the Acapulco International Title?**

- A. Leander Paes
- B. Alexander Zverev
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Nick Kyrgios

**3. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the Secretary of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways?**

- A. Ajit Kumar
- B. Alok Sinha
- C. Sanjeev Ranjan
- D. N N Sinha

**4. Who among the following has recently been appointed as Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre?**

- A. Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- B. Brajendra Tripathi
- C. Mukesh Lakhera
- D. Ramesh Singh Tyagi

**5. Kaja Kallas was appointed as first female Prime Minister of which of the following countries?**

- A. Belarus                                      B. Afghanistan  
C. Estonia                                      D. Sri Lanka

**6. To improve the drainage infrastructure of Dibrugarh in \_\_\_\_\_ , the government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have recently signed a \$26 million loan agreement.**

- A. Tripura                                      B. Assam  
C. Arunachal Pradesh                      D. West Bengal

**7. The Government of India, the World Bank and the representatives of Five States have signed the Loan Agreement for Additional Financing of \$137 Million for the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP). Which of the following states is not among them?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh                              B. Madhya Pradesh  
C. Tamil Nadu                                      D. Kerala

**8. Which of the following ministries has recently signed an MoU with Simtars, Australia for Cooperation in Occupational Safety?**

- A. Labour Ministry                              B. Home Ministry  
C. Finance Ministry                              D. HRD Ministry

**9. Marayur jaggery from which of the following states finally gets Geographical Indication tag?**

- A. Karnataka                                      B. Kerala  
C. Tamil Nadu                                      D. Maharashtra

**10. Who among the following was recently named Chief Scientist at WHO?**

A. Soumya Swaminathan

B. Padmini Rout

C. Eesha Karavade

D. Mina Swaminathan



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**Correct answers:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	D	C	A	C	B	A	A	B	A

**Explanations:**

1.

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**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<http://www.drugtodayonline.com/medical-news/latest/8869-march-7-to-be-celebrated-as-janaushadhi-day.html>

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<https://www.euronews.com/2019/03/03/tennis-nick-kyrgios-wins-the-acapulco-international-in-mexico>

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**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<https://egov.eletsonline.com/2019/03/sanjeev-ranjan-to-be-new-secretary-of-ministry-of-road-transport-and-highways/>

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**Who:** Dr AK Mohanty, a well-known scientist

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Dr Mohanty graduated from the 26th batch of the BARC Training School and thereafter he joined the Nuclear Physics Division of BARC in 1983.

**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/power/dr-a-k-mohanty-appointed-barc-director/68386493>

5.

**Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Kaja Kallas

**What:** was appointed as first female Prime Minister of Estonia

**When:** published on 4th March 2019

In Sunday's parliamentary election in Estonia, the center-right Reform party won 29.4% of the vote, setting up its leader Kaja Kallas to become the first female prime minister of the Baltic country, so long as she can form a coalition government.

Estonia's ruling Centre party took second place with 23.1%, and the far-right Estonian Conservative People's Party took 17.8% of the vote, double its last showing. The center-left Centre party had been expected to win based on polling, but the Reform party, which has a pro-business platform, pulled ahead. The Reform and Centre parties, both pro-EU, have alternated in power since Estonia's independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.



Kallas, a 41-year-old lawyer and a former member of the EU Parliament who specialized on digital issues, and the Reform party now must negotiate with other parties to create a government coalition. Her father, Siim Kallas, was the 14th Estonian prime minister and was an EU commissioner. Estonia's first female president, Kersti Kaljulaid, has been in office since 2016, though the role is largely ceremonial.

**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<http://fortune.com/2019/03/04/estonia-election-results-kaja-kallas/>

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**Who:** ADB

**What:** signed \$26 million loan agreement for Assam

**When:** published on 8th March 2019

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**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<https://nenow.in/north-east-news/new-delhi-adb-sign-26-million-loan-agreement-for-assam.html>

7.

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**Who:** the Government of India, the World Bank and the representatives of Five States

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In 2010, the Bank's Board approved \$350 million to finance the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project to improve the safety and sustainable performance of over 220 selected dams in India. This Ongoing Project has so far benefitted 25 Million Primary Beneficiaries from urban and rural communities providing them water and livelihood opportunities.

**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=189351>

8.

#### **Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Labour Ministry

**What:** signed an MoU with Simtars, Australia for Cooperation in Occupational Safety

**When:** published on 7th March 2019

Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) and Safety in Mines, Testing and Research Station (SIMTARS) propose to explore opportunities including the feasibility of technical knowledge sharing in the area of occupational safety, health and welfare of persons engaged in mining operations and also training of key persons or members of core group from the Inspectorate, Mining Industry and Academia for formulating the process of systematic implementation and monitoring of the concept of risk based safety management system through this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The MoU has been signed today between Shri Utpal Saha, Director General Mines Safety on behalf of Ministry of Labour and Employment and Shri Gitesh Agrawal, Queensland Trade and Investment Commissioner on behalf of SIMTARS, Queensland Government, Australia in presence of Shri Heeralal Samaria, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment. Shri Samaria said that new technologies are required for safety of mine workers because now availability of minerals is becoming difficult and miners have to go deeper. He congratulated both the parties and expressed hope that this MoU will help to avoid loss of precious lives of mine workers.

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=189302>

9.

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**What:** finally gets Geographical Indication tag

**When:** published on 7th March 2019

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**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/marayur-jaggery-finally-gets-geographical-indication-tag/article26460646.ece>

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## **Top 10 news of the day : 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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