



Important Facts for Prelims (12th January 2019)

National Youth Day

- The National Youth Day is observed every **year on 12 January** to mark the birth anniversary of [Swami Vivekananda](#).
- The **first edition** of National Youth Day was celebrated in the year **1985**.
- **International Youth Day** is celebrated on **12th August**.

Human Space Flight Centre

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has set up a **Human Space Flight Center in Bengaluru**.
- The center, a new management structure within the organization, will be in charge of all human-related programme at the ISRO, including the [Gaganyaan project](#), that will send three astronauts to orbit the earth.
- **Two unmanned** flights are scheduled for **December 2020 and July 2021**, while **manned flight** is expected to take place by **December 2021**.

Starship Hopper

- The private space agency **SpaceX** has unveiled a spacecraft that will carry humans **to Mars and Moon in future**.
- The spacecraft is named as **“Starship Hopper”**. The prototype is 8 meters in diameter.

Vijay Mallya Becomes First Person to be Declared ‘Fugitive Economic Offender’

- Vijay Mallya became the **first person** to be declared a **‘fugitive economic offender’** under the [Fugitive Economic Offenders’ Act, 2018](#) by a **special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) Court**.
- Now, a **special FEOA court** can order the confiscation of a FEO’s properties, including those which are benami, and the proceeds of crime in and outside India.
- Once properties are confiscated, the Union government has the right over them, and it can **dispose them after 90 days**.



Phuti Masjid //

- Phuti Masjid was built by **Sarfaraz Khan** and is located in **Murshidabad, West Bengal**.
- Sarfaraz Khan was the maternal grandson of **Murshid Quli Khan**.
- Murshid Quli Khan was the founder of the city **Murshidabad** and the **Nasiri dynasty**. Murshid Quli Khan was born a poor Deccani Odia Brahmin before being sold into slavery.
- From 1717 until 1880, **three successive** Islamic dynasties - **Nasiri, Afshar and Najafi - ruled Bengal**.
- The first dynasty, the Nasiri, ruled from 1717 until 1740.
- Only two of its five planned domes were completed. As the builder died soon after construction began, the mosque was never completed. And so the name **Phuti Masjid, or broken mosque**.
- It is also known rather morbidly as Fouti Masjid. **'Fout'** means **death**, and the name was apparently given after the builder's death.

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