

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 <u>Swami Vivekananda</u>.
- 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

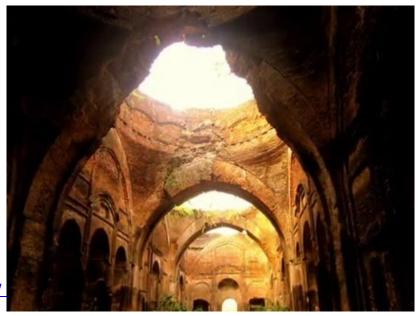
- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has set up a Human Space Flight Center in Bengaluru.
- The center, a new management structure within the organization, will be in charge of all human-related programme at the ISRO, including the <u>Gaganyaan project</u>, that will send three astronauts 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 <u>Fugitive Economic Offenders' Act</u>, 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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