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18th Lok Sabha Election

- This election is held to elect 543 Lok Sabha representatives from 36 states/union territories of the country.
- Along with the Lok Sabha, elections are being held for four state assemblies namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and by-elections for 35 assembly constituencies in 16 states.
- 96.8 crore people are eligible to vote in this election. 1.8 crore people, including 85 lakh women, are first-time voters.
- 12 states have more female voters than male voters.
- The practice of voting from home has been introduced for senior citizens above 85 years of age and persons with disabilities through Form 12D.
- The election will be held in 7 phases from April 19 to June 1.
- Votes cast in the election will be counted on June 4.
- The counting of votes for the states of Sikkim & Arunachal Pradesh will take place on June 2.
- As the tenure of the two state legislatures ends on June 2, the election process has to be completed on the same day, so counting of votes will be done in advance.

Paris Olympic

- The 33rd Olympic Games will be held for 19 days from July 26 to August 11 this year in Paris, the capital of France.
- The event was traditionally staged in the temple complex of Hera, wife of the Greek god Zeus. The actress, who played an ancient Greek priest, worshiped Apollo, the Greek sun god, and then set fire to it.
- Usually, a parabolic mirror structure is placed and the heat from the sun's rays is used to create the lamp in a traditional silver torch.
- An alternative arrangement was to keep the fire in a small vessel of Greek design.
- He who played the role of the head priest lit the torch from then on.
- First from him, Greek rower Stefanos Duskos, carrying the Olympic torch in a torch created for the Paris Olympics. He also received the olive plant which is considered as a symbol of victory and started the torch run.
- He then passed it to French swimmer Laure Manatou. Later it was passed to Margaritis Naseem, a senior European Union official from Greece, from him and engaged in the torch run.
- The torch run is about 5,000km in Greece and will be given to Paris Olympic organisers in Athens where the modern Olympics began (1896).
- From there, the torch travels across France for 68 days, 65 regions and 66 cities, arriving in Paris on July 26, the opening day of the tournament. between
- A total of around 11,000 people are carrying it in their hands to participate in the torch run.