1.	Labour	Day	is	observed	on	1	

- a) April 28
- b) April 29
- c) April 30
- d) May 1

Answer d) May 1. Labour Day is observed on May 1 every year to commemorate the struggles of the working class and labour movement to achieve eight-hour workdays.

#### 2. Which app has won PM's Excellence award for innovation?

- a) Byjus
- b) Eckovation
- c) Topr
- d) None of these

Answer b) Eckovation. The Unnayan Banka Project, an initiative by district administration of Banka, Bihar, in collaboration with mobile-based social learning platform Eckovation, has won Prime Minister's Excellence Award for Best Innovation 2018.

# 3. Which country has become the first country in the world to introduce a minimum unit pricing for alcohol?

- a) Scotland
- b) Finland
- c) Switzerland
- d) Sweden

Answer a) Scotland. Scotland has become the first country in the world to introduce a minimum unit pricing for alcohol, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said. Under the new regulation, alcoholic products in Scotland will cost a minimum of 50 pence (nearly ₹46) per unit.

#### 4. UNICEF headquarters is situated in\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Paris
- b) New York
- c) Italy
- d) Norway

Answer b) New York. UNICEF Australia has launched 'The HopePage', which allows users to make a donation by mining cryptocurrency Monero using the visitor's computer processing power.

#### 5. Who has become the world number one shooter in the 10-metre air pistol category?

- a) William cruz
- b) Aaron Justin
- c) Shahzar Rizvi
- d) Chandvi Mukund

Answer c) Shahzar Rizvi. Indian shooter Shahzar Rizvi became the world number one shooter in the 10-metre air pistol category after having won a silver medal at the recently concluded shooting World Cup in South Korea.

#### 6. Which country has launched the world's only floating nuclear power unit?

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) Japan

#### d) India

Answer b) Russia. Russia has launched the world's only floating nuclear power unit into the Baltic Sea. The 70-megawatt vessel left its shipyard from St Petersburg towards the Arctic via a Russian town to load nuclear fuel.

## 7. Who is the current brand ambassador of Centuary Mattress?

- a) Saina Nehwal
- b) PV Sindhu
- c) Deepika Palikal
- d) Sania Mirza

Answer d) Sania Mirza. Centuary Mattresses, India's leading mattress brand has appointed Sania Mirza as its brand ambassador, who will be seen in the company's nationwide campaign on the Power of Better Sleep.

## 8. Who has been named as the Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year for 2017/18?

- a) Sadio Mané
- b) Mohamed Salah
- c) Mohamed Elneny
- d) Zinedine Zidane

Answer b) Mohamed Salah. Mohamed Salah has beennamed as the Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year for 2017/18 after scoring 43 goals so far in an incredible debut season for Liverpool. The 25-year-old, who was last month crowned the Premier League's Players' Player of the Year, becomes the first African winner of the FWA accolade, which has been awarded since 1948.

## 9. Army's 'Vijay Prahar' exercise starts in \_\_\_\_.

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Orissa

Answer c) Rajasthan. Over 20,000 troops of the strike formations of the Army's South Western Command are engaged in the "Vijay Prahar" exercise to fine-tune the Army's jointmanship with the Indian Air Force (IAF) near Suratgarh in Rajasthan.

#### 10. 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Varanasi
- b) Pune
- c) Allahabad
- d) Lucknow

Answer a) Varanasi. The 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in the holy city of Varanasi in January 2019, giving a chance to the Indian diaspora to participate in Kumbha Snan and attend the Republic Day parade in New Delhi.

## 11. Harimau Shakti is a joint military exercise of which among following combined countries?

- a) India and China
- b) India and Japan
- c) India and Russia
- d) India and Malaysia

Answer d) India and Malaysia. The Indian and Malaysian armies will hold a two-week military exercise in Malaysia as part of efforts to bolster defence cooperation. The joint exercise 'Harimau Shakti' will take place in the dense forests of Sengai Perdik in Hulu Langat district of Malaysia.

## 12. GOBAR-DHAN Scheme launched to promote wealth and energy from \_\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Food
- b) Waste
- c) Medicine
- d) All the above

Answer b) Waste. Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation, Uma Bharti, launched the GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources) – DHAN scheme at the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) Auditorium, Karnal. The scheme aims to positively impact village cleanliness and generate wealth and energy from cattle and organic waste.

## 13. Which company has adopted Gandikota Fort?

- a) Reliance
- b) Tata Group
- c) Dalmia Bharat
- d) Airtel

Answer c) Dalmia Bharat. The Dalmia Bharat Group has adopted Gandikota Fort in Andhra Pradesh, along with the Red Fort in Delhi, for a period of five years under the government's 'Adopt A Heritage' scheme.

# 14. According to Swedish arms watchdog SIPRI, India has secured world's\_\_\_\_\_place in military spenders.

- a) Second
- b) Fourth
- c) Fifth
- d) Sixth

Answer c) Fifth. India has surpassed France to become one of the world's five largest military spenders, according to Swedish arms watchdog SIPRI.

#### 15. Who has been appointed as Australian cricket team's head coach?

- a) Mitchell Starc
- b) Mitchell Johnson
- c) Darren Lehmann
- d) Justin Langer

Answer d) Justin Langer. Former Australian cricketer Justin Langer has been appointed as Australian cricket team's head coach for all three formats. Langer replaces Darren Lehmann, who had stepped down after Australia's tour of South Africa amid the ball-tampering controversy.

#### 16. FIFA headquarters is situated in

- a) New York
- b) Norway
- c) Switzerland
- d) Paris

Answer c) Switzerland. World football governing body FIFA's president Gianni Infantino has proposed staging a 'mini-World Cup' every two years. The tournament, which will be

called 'Final 8', would feature eight teams and could commence in October or November 2021.

## 17. According to WHO, which city is the most polluted city in the world?

- a) Kanpur
- b) Allahabad
- c) Varanasi
- d) None of these

Answer a) Kanpur. As many as 14 Indian cities are among the 20 most polluted cities in the world in terms of PM2.5 levels, according to World Health Organisation's latest report on air quality. The data reveals that Kanpur is the most polluted city in the world, while three cities in the United States are the least polluted.

## 18. According to the study, who is the most popular world leader on Facebook from India?

- a) Ramnath kovind
- b) PM Modi
- c) Mamta Banerji
- d) Sonia Gandhi

Answer b) PM Modi. According to the study "World Leaders on Facebook" released in Geneva by Burson Cohn & Wolfe, over 43 million people follow PM Modi on the social media platform. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is far ahead of other world leaders, including US President Donald Trump, when it comes to popularity on Facebook.

#### 19. With which country, India has conduct Varuna naval exercise near Reunion Island?

- a) Russia
- b) France
- c) Japan
- d) China

Answer b) France. The Indian and French navies are conducting the third and last phase of the 2018 Varuna naval exercise, from 1st to 7th of May, in the vicinity of Reunion Island, a French administrative department in the India Ocean.

### 20. Green Revolution — Krishonnati Yojana scheme is for \_\_\_\_\_sector.

- a) Agriculture
- b) Education
- c) Bank
- d) All the above

Answer a) Agriculture. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for the Umbrella Scheme, "Green Revolution – Krishonnati Yojana" in agriculture sector beyond 12th Five Year Plan for the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with the Central Share of Rs. 33,269.976 crore.

#### 21. ICAI in this 'C' represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Committee
- b) Chamber
- c) Chartered
- d) Council

Answer c) Chartered. The Union Cabinet has approved the Mutual Recognition Agreement

between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA).

## 21. Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandan Yojana scheme is for\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Women
- b) Children Below 12
- c) Orphans
- d) Senior Citizens

Answer d) Senior Citizens. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for extending the investment limit from Rs 7.5 lakhs to Rs 15 lakhs as well as extension of time limits for subscription from 4thMay 2018 to 31stMarch, 2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandan Yojana (PMVVY) as part of Government's commitment for financial inclusion and social security.

## 22. Who is the current Finance secretary of India?

- a) Hasmukh Adhia
- b) Rajiv Shukla
- c) Ramsun Anandh
- d) Ajay Singh

Answer a) Hasmukh Adhia. The GST Council has decided to introduce a single monthly return for businesses in order to simplify the process and increase compliance. The new system would come into force in six months, Finance secretary Hasmukh Adhia said.

## 24. World Bank headquarters is situated in\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Canada
- b) Florida
- c) Washington
- d) Maryland

Answer c) Washington. According to the World Bank, India is set to achieve its target of universal access to electricity before the 2030 deadline. "India is doing extremely well on electrification... About 85% of the population has access to electricity," a World Bank official stated.

#### 25. GSTN in this 'N' represents\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Nation
- b) Network
- c) National
- d) None of these

Answer b) Network. The GST Council has approved a proposal to make the GST Network (GSTN) a government body. The government will acquire the 51% stake held by private entities and subsequently the central government will own 50% in GSTN and states will collectively hold the remaining 50%. Currently, a 49% stake in GSTN is held by the government.

#### 26. Google to set up 25,000 Wi-Fi hotspots in which Indian state?

- a) Maharatra
- b) Kerala
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said that

Google and his government will facilitate all Gram Panchayats with internet access, installing 25,000 Wi-Fi hotspots by December 2018.

27. According to FDI Confidence Index 2018, India securedrank.
a) 5th
b) 8th
c) 10th
d) 11th
Answer d) 11th. India's ranking fell three places to 11th spot in global consultants AT Kearney's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Confidence Index 2018.
28. EPFO launches View Pension Passbook Service on
a) Umang App
b) Armaan App
c) mAdhaar App
d) MyGov
Answer a) Umang App. Pensioners would now be able to view their pension passbook on mobile phones with the help of Umang app. Retirement fund body EPFO announced the launch of a facility to extend the special service to pensioners.
29. India, US hold round 3 of Maritime Security Dialogue in
a) Pune
b) Goa
c) New Delhi
d) Mumbai Answer b) Goa. India and United States held the third round of the India-US Maritime
Security Dialogue in Goa focussing on cooperation and developments in the Indo-Pacific
region.
30. North and South Korea to send jointteam at world championship.
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b) Football
c) Table Tennis
d) None of these  Answer a) Table Tannia North and South Karaa requested to field a unified team for the
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Halmstad, Sweden. The decision to form a unified team was a tripartite agreement between
the leaders North and South Korean Table Tennis teams and the ITTF.
31. World rankings in Badminton, Saina Nehwal securedrank.
a) 3rd
b) 5th
c) 9th
d) 10th
Answer d) 10th. After their bronze medal finishes at the Asia Championships in Wuhan,
China, both HS Prannoy and Saina Nehwal climbed into the top-10 of the badminton
rankings. Both Prannoy and Nehwal moved two places to reach World No 8 and World No

10 respectively.

32. Arun-3 Hydro power project is going on which cou	untrv?	?
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- a) India
- b) Nepal
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Bhutan

Answer b) Nepal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a two day State visit to Nepal from May 11 at the invitation of his Nepalese counterpart K.P. Sharma Oli. Both the Prime Ministers will jointly lay foundation stone of Arun-3 Hydro power project.

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b) 8th c) 10th

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### 43. Arjun Hingorani passed away at the age of 92, is associated with\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Politician
- b) Journalist
- c) Cinema
- d) Poet

Answer c) Cinema. Filmmaker Arjun Hingorani, who directed Dharmendra's debut film 'Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere' in 1960, has passed away at the age of 92.

## 44. UNSC in this 'S' represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) State
- b) Satellite
- c) Standard
- d) Security

Answer d) Security. Israel has announced its withdrawal from the bid for a non-permanent seat at the UN Security Council (UNSC) for the 2019-2020 term.

#### 45. NASA launched \$993-mn spacecraft to which planet?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Venus
- c) Mars
- d) None of these

Answer c) Mars. NASA has successfully launched a \$993-million spacecraft called InSight which is designed to study quakes on Mars and explore the red planet's deep interior.

# 46. According to new federal data, Which country's state has become world's 5th largest economy?

- a) UK
- b) India
- c) US
- d) Japan

Answer c) US. US state California's economy has surpassed that of the UK to become the world's fifth largest, according to new federal data released on Friday.

#### 47. World Laughter Day is observed on . . .

- a) First Sunday of May
- b) Second Sunday of May
- c) First Sunday of April
- d) Second Sunday of April

Answer a) First Sunday of May. World Laughter Day takes place on the first Sunday of May of every year. The first celebration was on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai, India, and was arranged by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement.

#### 48. Who is the Chairperson of NITI Aayog?

- a) Ramnath Kovind
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) SusmaSwaraj
- d) Vengaiyya Naidu

Answer b) Narendra Modi. NITI Aayog and IBM signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) to develop a crop yield prediction model using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to provide real time advisory to farmers in Aspirational Districts.

#### 49. APSTAR-6C is a which type of satellite?

- a) Navigation Satellite
- b) Communication Satellite
- c) Astronomical Stallite
- d) Bio Satellite

Answer b) Communication Satellite. A Chinese-built communications satellite owned by Hong Kong-based operator launched aboard a Long March 3B rocket from the Xichang space base in southwest China.

# 50. Which railway station has been awarded first prize for most beautiful station by Ministry of Railways?

- a) Madurai Railway Station
- b) Madhubani Railway station
- c) Kota Station
- d) Balharshah and Chandrapur stations

Answer d) Balharshah and Chandrapur stations. Balharshah and Chandrapur stations (Nagpur Division) of Central Railway have been awarded first prize for depicting the best art & refurbishing itself as the most beautiful station across Indian Railways.

## 51. First organised census of Indus Dolphins begins in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Orissa
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Punjab
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer c) Punjab. The Punjab Government, together with the WWF, started the census of the Indus Dolphin found in the Indus River. This is the world's extinct mammal species. Its aim is to preserve this species.

## 52. NMCG in this 'C' represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Clean
- b) Commission
- c) Council
- d) None of these

Answer a) Clean. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has brought on board Survey of India, the oldest scientific department in the country set up in 1767, to facilitate the Ganga rejuvenation task by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology.

#### 53. Who is the current President of Russia?

- a) Vladimir Putin
- b) Dmitry Medvedev
- c) Yekaterina Putina
- d) Bashar al-Assad

Answer a) Vladimir Putin. Vladimir Putin has sworn-in as the President of Russia for the fourth time, renewing another six-year term in office.

### 54. BRO in this 'B' represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Bureau
- b) Board
- c) Border
- d) None of these

Answer c) Border. Border Roads Organisation (BRO), is celebrating its Raising Day on 07 May 2018. BRO, a leader in the arena of infrastructural development in the border areas of the country is celebrating its 58 years of glorious service to the nation.

#### 55. Which country will host 15th Asia Media Summit?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) Vietnam
- d) India

Answer d) India. India would be hosting the 15th Asia Media Summit (AMS-2018) in New Delhi from May 10-12, 2018. The annual summit will be organised by Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) in collaboration with its partners and international organisations.

#### 56. What is the theme of 15th Asia Media Summit?

- a) Telling our Stories to all
- b) Telling our Stories Asia and More
- c) Telling our own Stories
- d) None of these

Answer b) Telling our Stories Asia and More. Summit's theme: "Telling our Stories Asia and More"

## 57. Skill India Organized 'Ajeevika And Kaushal Vikas Mela' in\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Bhubaneswar
- b) Cuttack
- c) Kolkata
- d) Puri

Answer a) Bhubaneswar. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), together joined hands to amplify the "Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan".

# 58. India secured \_\_\_\_\_place in third South Asian junior athletics championships.

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) Fourth

Answer a) First. India ended with 20 gold, 22 silver and 8 bronze medals (Total 50 Medals).

# 59. Which country has secured second place in third South Asian junior athletics championships?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Nepal
- c) Srilanka
- d) None of these

Answer c) Srilanka. Sri Lanka bagged rest of the 12 gold medals in the competition along with 10 silver and 19 bronze.

### 60. 18th Asian Junior Athletics Championships will be held in\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Russia
- d) Japan

Answer d) Japan. The juniors will represent India at the 18th Asian Junior Athletics Championships to be held in Gifu, Japan in June 2018.

## 61. India and Sri Lanka agree on information exchange for\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Drug Control
- b) Food and Safety
- c) Minerals resources
- d) None of these

Answer a) Drug Control. India and Sri Lanka agreed on cooperation on exchange of information and other aspects to tackle smuggling of drugs in both countries.

#### 62. Guatemala country is situated in which among the following continent?

- a) North America
- b) Asia
- c) Africa
- d) Australia

Answer a) North America. The Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu departed for a 6-day visit to Guatemala, Panama and Peru. This is the first official foreign visit of Venkaiah Naidu since he assumed office of the Vice President in August last year.

# 63. According to Forbes, who has been ranked in No.1 position among most powerful people in the world?

- a) Vladimir Putin
- b) Donald Trump
- c) Mukesh Ambani
- d) Xi Jinping

Answer d) Xi Jinping. Chinese President Xi Jinping ranked first, followed by Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump at the second and third rank respectively.

#### 64. How much percentage stake of Flipkart will be acquired by Walmart?

- a) 71%
- b) 77%
- c) 82%
- d) 97%

Answer b) 77%. According to reports, Walmart will acquire 77% stake in Flipkart for \$16 billion, valuing the homegrown startup at around \$20.8 billion.

# 65. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Bill Gates' Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have partnered to improve\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Sports
- b) Healthcare

- c) Education
- d) None of these

Answer c) Education. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Bill Gates' Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have partnered to accelerate breakthroughs in education. The initiative will focus on math, writing, and skills that correspond with things like memory and self-control.

## 66. Squirrel, a group messaging app, has been launched by\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Yahoo
- b) Google
- c) Apple
- d) Microsoft

Answer a) Yahoo. Yahoo has launched a group messaging app called Squirrel on iOS and Android, focussed on friends, family and work groups. Users can add members to a group through invitation links and can create separate 'chat rooms' for specific people or topics.

### 67. Which state has proposed 700-km-long hyperloop system?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. High-speed transportation system developer Hyperloop Transportation Technologies has submitted a pre-feasibility route study for building a hyperloop system in Andhra Pradesh.

#### 68. Who is the current Prime Minister of Armenia?

- a) Zaruhi Postanjyan
- b) Nikol Pashinyan
- c) Gagik Tsarukyan
- d) Serzh Sargsyan

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. Armenia's parliament elected Nikol Pashinyan as a new prime minister in a 59-42 vote. His election comes after Serzh Sargsyan's resignation as Prime minister of Armenia. Nikol Pashinyan is the leader of Civil Contract party. He is a former newspaper editor.

#### 69. Who has been appointed as Head of India Cloud Business by Google?

- a) Nitin Bawankule
- b) Bala Murali
- c) Nikil Sharma
- d) Nabeel Aslam

Answer a) Nitin Bawankule. Google appointed Nitin Bawankule as the country head for its cloud business in India, as the search giant looks at taking a larger share of the booming demand for those services in the country.

#### 70. September 2019 climate summit to be held in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Paris
- b) Delhi
- c) Texas
- d) New York

Answer d) New York. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced to hold a climate

summit in September 2019 in New York to review the commitments of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

# 71. Scientists at central Sheep and Wool Research Institute (CSWRI) headquarters is situated in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Rajastan
- d) Orissa

Answer c) Rajastan. Scientists at central Sheep and Wool Research Institute (CSWRI) Avikanagar, Rajasthan have come up with new laparoscopy technique involves into the abdomen through a small incision. Using it, Reproductive track of sheep kept as a livestock. The new technique is resolved and finally 60% of survival in the birth of lambs.

#### 72. Who is the current President of Costa Rica?

- a) Carlos Alvarado
- b) Epsy Campbell Barr
- c) Luis Guillermo Solís
- d) Rodolfo Piza Rocafort

Answer a) Carlos Alvarado. Carlos Alvarado was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. Alvarado swept to victory against conservative Protestant singer Fabricio Alvarado Munoz. At 39, Alvarado is the country's youngest president in modern history.

## 73. What is the Indian rank in Asia-Pacific on power index?

- a) 2nd
- b) 3rd
- c) 4th
- d) 5th

Answer c) 4th. India ranked fourth out of 25 nations in the Asia-Pacific region on an index that measures their overall power. The US has topped the list. India pegged as a "giant of the future". India is ranked fourth on the parameters economic resources, military capability, diplomatic influence and fifth on resilience.

#### 74. IoT means?

- a) Internet of Table
- b) Internet of Things
- c) Internet of Time
- d) Internet of Term

Answer b) Internet of Things. Alphabet Inc's Google launched Android Things (codenamed Brillo), a variant of an Android Operating System for the Internet of Things (IoT) devices.

#### 75. UNPCAP in this 'A' stands for\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Asian
- b) American
- c) African
- d) Arabian

Answer c) African. The third edition of the United Nations Peacekeeping Course for African Partners (UNPCAP) was inaugurated in New Delhi.

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- a) Arun-2
- b) Shakthi-2
- c) Shakthi-3
- d) Arun-3

Answer d) Arun-3. Arun-3 is the largest capacity project in the history of hydroelectricity that is scheduled to be constructed within the next five years.

#### 77. What is India's rank in Business Optimism Index 2018?

- a) 6th
- b) 9th
- c) 12th
- d) 18th

Answer a) 6th. India slipped to the 6th position globally in the business optimism index for the first quarter of this year. With a score of 89, India is at the sixth place in the index.

### 78. Who is the current Prime Minister of Malaysia?

- a) Najib Razak
- b) Anwar Ibrahim
- c) Muhyiddin Yassin
- d) Mahathir Bin Mohamad

Answer d) Mahathir Bin Mohamad. Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad became the world's oldest PM at the age of 92. Mahathir, who earlier led the country from 1981-2003, defeated scandal-hit Najib Razak in the general election, ending six decades of rule by a coalition he once led.

#### 79. Who has become the first President to visit Siachen base camp?

- a) APJ Abdul Kalam
- b) Ramnath Kovind
- c) Prathepa Patil
- d) None of these

Answer a) APJ Abdul Kalam. President Ram Nath Kovind visited the Siachen glacier base camp in Jammu and Kashmir to interact with the soldiers posted there. He is the second President to visit the camp after former President APJ Abdul Kalam visited it in 2004.

#### 80. In which game New Zealand's female and male to be paid equally?

- a) Cricket
- b) Football
- c) Basketball
- d) None of these

Answer b) Football. New Zealand's female international football players are set to be paid the same as the male international football players. The female players will also receive equal prize money, equal rights for image use and will also have the same travel benefits as their male counterparts.

#### 81. Who is the union minister of Road Transport and Highways of India?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Piyush Goyal
- c) Nitin Gadkari
- d) Arun Jaitley

Answer c) Nitin Gadkari. The government has approved green licence plates for electric vehicles bearing numbers in white fonts for private cars and yellow font for taxis, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said.

# 82. Stanford University in the United States will partner with, which Indian state to combat chronic diseases?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Maharastra
- d) Orissa

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh Health Minister Sidharth Singh has said that the Stanford University in the United States will partner with UP to combat diseases like Japanese encephalitis and acute encephalitis syndrome.

## 83. New Ebola outbreak declared in\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Congo
- b) Tanzania
- c) Uganda
- d) Burundi

Answer a) Congo. The Democratic Republic of Congo declared a new outbreak of Ebola in the northwestern part of the country. The Health Ministry said there were two confirmed cases of the virus and 17 deaths in the Bikoro province.

# 84. According to International Monetary Fund (IMF), India, China contribute \_\_\_\_\_% to global growth.

- a) 30%
- b) 38%
- c) 45%
- d) 62%

Answer c) 45%. China and India should aim for 'growth-friendly' fiscal consolidation to promote sustainable, inclusive growth as they together contribute 45% to global growth, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said.

#### 85. Who is the President of Panama?

- a) Isabel de Saint
- b) Juan Carlos Varela Rodrigues
- c) Lorena Castillo
- d) Ricardo Martinelli

Answer b) Juan Carlos Varela Rodrigues. India and Panama have signed two agreements on exemption of Visas for holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports and in the field of Agriculture. These agreements were signed in the presence of Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and President of Panama Juan Carlos Varela Rodrigues.

#### **86.** What is Operation Insaniyat?

- a) Sends food for Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh
- b) Sponsor the education for poor children in Bangladesh
- c) Provide a medicine to refugees in Bangladesh
- d) All of these

Answer a) Sends food for Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh. India has sent to Bangladesh its second relief consignment to help tens of thousands of displaced Rohingya Muslims who

fled Myanmar following a military crackdown, triggering one of the world's worst refugee crises.

## 87. Who has been launched a Digital India Internship Scheme portal?

- a) Ministry of Communications and Information
- b) National Informatics Centre
- c) National e-Governance Plan
- d) Ministry of Electronics and Information technology

Answer d) Ministry of Electronics and Information technology. The Government of India has launched a limited period chance for students to earn up to Rs 20,000 with the Digital India Internship. With this internship, students can secure a first-hand practical work experience under the guidance of a qualified and experienced Supervisor/Mentor.

## 88. Vijay Prahar is associated with\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Indian Navy
- b) Indian Air Force
- c) Indian Army
- d) None of these

Answer c) Indian Army. The Indian Army's 'Vijay Prahar' exercise in which over 25,000 troops of strike formation of South Western Command (SWC) participated has concluded. The month-long exercise was conducted in the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges of Jaipur close to Suratgarh in Rajasthan.

## 89. Which vaccination campaign has begin in Yemen after a year-long delay?

- a) Rubella
- b) Cholera
- c) TB
- d) Chickenpox

Answer b) Cholera. The first vaccine campaign against cholera in Yemen has started, the World HealthOrganization (WHO) said, a year and a half after an epidemic was triggered by war and a health and sanitation crisis.

#### 90. Which car company has launched Cullinan SUV?

- a) BMW
- b) Rolls-Royce
- c) Honda
- d) Fiat

Answer b) Rolls-Royce. Luxury automaker Rolls-Royce has launched its first-ever SUV named Cullinan after the largest diamond ever discovered. Priced at over ₹2.1 crore, the all-terrain car is powered by 6.75 litre twin-turbo engine delivering 563 horsepower of torque.

## 91. Mount Merapi stratovolcano is located in which country?

- a) Philippines
- b) Malaysia
- c) Indonesia
- d) Singapore

Answer c) Indonesia. Mount Merapi, the most active of over 120 Indonesian volcanoes, has erupted, sending an ash column as high as 5,500 metres into the sky.

#### 92. Who is the Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting?

- a) Suresh Prabhu
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) N.K.Sinha
- d) Rajyavardhan Rathore

Answer d) Rajyavardhan Rathore. Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs & Sports, Rajyavardhan Rathore presented the World Television Awards 2018 at the concluding session of two-day 15th Asia Media Summit in New Delhi.

## 93. National Technology Day 2018 is observed on?

- a) May 02
- b) May 07
- c) May 11
- d) May 18

Answer c) May 11. The National Technology Day was observed across India on May 11, 2018 to commemorate the anniversary of Pokhran nuclear tests of 1998. The day also marks India's scientific prowess and technological advancements.

# 94. Which organization has released a report that over 7.6 million babies are not breastfed each year?

- a) UNICEF
- b) WHO
- c) UNESCO
- d) None of these

Answer a) UNICEF. The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on May 10, 2018 released a report titled 'Breastfeeding: A Mother's Gift, for Every Child', claiming that over 7.6 million babies are not breastfed each year.

#### 95. Who is the CEO of Flipkart?

- a) Sachin Bansal
- b) Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- c) Abhimanyu bindhra
- d) Rakesh Anandh

Answer b) Kalyan Krishnamurthy. Flipkart co-founder Sachin Bansal announced his exit from the company on May 9, 2018. Binny Bansal, on the other hand, will retain his 5.5 per cent stake in the company and remain Flipkart Group CEO. Kalyan Krishnamurthy will also continue as CEO of Flipkart.com.

#### 96. Who is the Union Defence Minister?

- a) Radha Mohan Singh
- b) Sushma Swaraj
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Smriti Irani

Answer c) Nirmala Sitharaman. The first biannual Naval Commander's Conference of 2018 concluded on May 11, 2018 after four days of intense deliberations on a wide range of issues. The conference was inaugurated by Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

### 97. Which state government has launched a Rythu Bandhu Scheme?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Telangana

- c) Karnataka
- d) Kerala

Answer b) Telangana. The Telangana government has launched a new scheme in which the farmers in the state will get Rs 8,000 per acre each every year as crop investment support. The government plans to spend Rs 12,000 crore every year under this scheme, benefiting 58 lakh farmers.

# 98. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) headquarters is located in ${\bf \cdot}$

- a) Mumbai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Pune
- d) Kolkata

Answer c) Pune. The Indian Air Force successfully conducted scheduled test for airmen recruitment (STAR) online last week for the first time. The exam was conducted in collaboration with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) Pune, an organisation functioning under the ministry of electronics and information technology.

## 99. 6th US-India Aviation Summit held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) New Delhi
- b) Chennai
- c) Bangalore
- d) Mumbai

Answer d) Mumbai. The US-India Aviation Summit is being hosted next month in Mumbai as a technical, policy and commercial forum by the Indian Ministry of Civil Aviation and the US Trade and Development Agency.

## 100. According to Fitch, India predicts \_\_\_\_\_\_% growth rate.

- a) 5.5%
- b) 6.1%
- c) 7.3%
- d) 8.6%

Answer c) 7.3%. Credit rating agency Fitch has said that India's economic growth will accelerate to seven point three per cent in the current financial year and seven point five per cent in the next fiscal.

#### 101. International Nurse Day is observed on\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) 12 May
- b) 18 May
- c) 24 May
- d) 25 May

Answer a) 12 May. International Nurses Day (IND) is an international day celebrated around the world on 12 May of each year, to mark the contributions nurses make to society.

#### 102. What is the theme of International Nurses Day 2018?

- a) "Nurses A Voice to Lead -Health is a Humanity's duty
- b) Nurses A Voice to Lead Health is a Human right
- c) "Nurses A Voice to Lead Improve Healthcare
- d) "Nurses A Voice to Lead Health is Wealth

Answer b) Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right. International Council of

Nurses (ICN) has chosen the theme "Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right" for International Nurses Day 2018.

## 103. International Nurses Day, is a remembering of\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Florence Nightingale's Birthday
- b) Florence Nightingale's Deathday
- c) Mother Terasa's Birthday
- d) Mother Terasa's Deathday

Answer a) Florence Nightingale's Birthday. International Nurses Day (IND) is an international day celebrated around the world on 12 May (the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth) of each year, to mark the contributions nurses make to society.

### 104. India Nepal flag offs bus service between Janakpur and Ayodhya under

- a) Lakshman Circuit
- b) Seetha Circuit
- c) Krishna Circuit
- d) Ramayan Circuit

Answer d) Ramayan Circuit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli have jointly inaugurated a direct bus service between Janakpur and Ayodhya – the two sacred cities for Hindus.

#### 105. World's second oldest rock discovered in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Meghalay
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer c) Odisha. A rock sample recovered nearly eight years ago from Champua in Odisha's Kendujhar district has put India at the forefront of geological research in the world. Scientists have found in the rock a grain of magmatic zircon.

### 106. NASA is planning to send helicopter to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020.

- a) Moon
- b) Mars
- c) Jupiter
- d) Venus

Answer b) Mars. NASA is planning to send the first unmanned helicopter to Mars in its mission scheduled to launch in 2020, to test the viability and potential of heavier-than-air vehicles on the red planet.

## 107. Carbon Monitoring System (CMS) is associated with\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Satellite
- b) Army
- c) Navy
- d) None of these

Answer a) Satellite. A NASA programme that cost \$10 million per year to track carbon and methane, key greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming, has been cancelled. The end of the programme — called the Carbon Monitoring System (CMS) — which tracked sources and sinks for carbon and made high-resolution models of the planet's flows of carbon

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## 108. SCO Tourism Ministers' conference held in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Japan
- b) Russia
- c) India
- d) China

Answer d) China. The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Shri K. J. Alphons attended the Tourism Ministers' conference by Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Wuhan, China.

## 109. Lewis Hamilton is a racing driver, represents which company?

- a) Mercedes
- b) Redbull
- c) Ferrari
- d) None of these

Answer a) Mercedes. Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton MBE is a British racing driver who races in Formula One for the Mercedes AMG Petronas team. Lewis Hamilton won for the second race in succession by dominating an eventful Spanish Grand Prix.

#### 110. Which Union Minister has allotted the additional charge of the Finance Ministry?

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Suresh Prabhu
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Piyush Goyal

Answer d) Piyush Goyal. In a Cabinet reshuffle, Railways Minister Piyush Goyal was allotted the additional charge of the Finance Ministry while Arun Jaitley recovers from a kidney transplant.

## 111. According to RTI, Modi-led govt spent \_\_\_\_\_ crore on publicity since 2014.

- a) 3200 crore
- b) 4300 crore
- c) 4800 crore
- d) 5100 crore

Answer b) 4300 crore. The PM Narendra Modi-led NDA government has spent over ₹4,300 crore on advertisements and publicity since 2014, according to an RTI response.

#### 112. Who has become the oldest world number one male tennis player?

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Rafael Nadal
- c) Andre Agassi
- d) None of these

Answer a) Roger Federer. Roger Federer has become the oldest world number one male tennis player for the second time in his career, despite not playing a match since March.

#### 113. Who has became the fastest climber to scale the highest peaks on seven continents?

- a) Christopher Sam
- b) Stephen Ling
- c) Steve Plain
- d) Andrew Jaz

Answer c) Steve Plain. Australian Steve Plain became the fastest climber to scale the

highest peaks on seven continents, taking 117 days, after he scaled Mount Everest, according to his expedition company in Nepal.

## 114. Who has become the first female Bishop of London?

- a) Sarah Mullally
- b) Sherin Sam
- c) Rachel Treweek
- d) Libby Lane

Answer a) Sarah Mullally. Sarah Mullally became the first female Bishop of London at a service held at St Paul's Cathedral. The 56-year-old, who worked with the National Health Service (NHS) for over 35 years, now holds the third most senior position in the Church of England.

## 115. eNAM in this 'A' represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Association
- b) Agriculture
- c) Army
- d) None of these

Answer b) Agriculture. The government will link additional 200 wholesale mandis to the online trading platform eNAM this fiscal and also encourage inter-mandi transactions. At present, 585 regulated mandis in 14 states are linked with the electronic National Agriculture Market (eNAM) launched in April 2016.

## 116. UNDP to set up skill development centre in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Chennai
- b) Mumbai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Hyderabad

Answer d) Hyderabad. Aimed at empowering vulnerable and marginalized women by imparting skills training, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced to set up a skill development center at 'Bharosa,' an integrated support center for distressed women and children in Hyderabad.

#### 117. Which country will host 2018 BIMSTEC summit?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) Bhutan
- d) Nepal

Answer d) Nepal's Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli announced to host the 2018 Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit.

#### 118. Indigenous ammunition project is related to\_\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Indian Navy
- b) Air Force
- c) Indian Army
- d) Indian Railway

Answer c) Indian Army. After years of deliberations, the Army has finalised a mega Rs 15,000-crore project under which a range of ammunition for its critical weapons and tanks

will be produced indigenously to overcome long delays in imports and address the problem of a dwindling stockpile.

## 119. Type 001A is associated with which country?

- a) Japan
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) USA

Answer b) China. China's first domestically manufactured aircraft carrier started sea trials, a landmark in Beijing's ambitious plans to modernise its navy as the Asian giant presses its claims in disputed regional waters. The carrier, known only as "Type 001A", set out for the trials from a port in northeastern China.

# 120. According to report, Which country has world's largest remittance-receiving country in 2017?

- a) USA
- b) India
- c) China
- d) Russia

Answer b) India. India was the largest remittance-receiving country in the world, with migrant workers from the country sending home \$69 billion in 2017, according to a report which said remittances to the Asia-Pacific region amounted to \$256 billion last year.

## 121. Which singer has honoured with Swara Mauli Award?

- a) Shreya Ghosal
- b) P.Suseela
- c) Chithra
- d) Lata Mangeshkar

Answer d) Lata Mangeshkar. Melody queen Lata Mangeshkar was honored with the Swara Mauli title by spiritual guru Vidya Narasimha Bharati Swami. Mangeshkar, 88, was conferred with the award at her residence in Mumbai.

#### 122. BPay is launched by which Bank?

- a) Fino Payments Bank
- b) Equitas Bank
- c) HDFC
- d) IDBI

Answer a) Fino Payments Bank. Fino Payments Bank launched a suite of digital products that can be accessed online and through mobile phones with the focus to build the transaction platform. Fino had launched its mobile banking app BPay in 2017.

## 123. Balkavi Bairagi is passed away at 87, is associated with\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Lyricist
- b) Poet
- c) Politician
- d) All the above

Answer d) All the above. Noted Hindi film lyricist, Nandram Das Bairagi, popularly known as Balkavi Bairagi, passed away in his sleep. Bairagi, a Lok Sabha member between 1984 and 1989 and also a former Rajya Sabha MP. He was 87. He wrote several Hindi poems, among which, "Jhar gaye paat, bisar gayi tehni" is considered a gem by many Hindi poets.

### 124. Anne V. Coates Passea away at 92, is associated with\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Politician
- b) Cinema
- c) Scientist
- d) None of these

Answer b) Cinema. British film editor Anne V. Coates, who won an Oscar for David Lean's epic film Lawrence of Arabia passed away. She was 92. She also received an Academy Honorary Award, known as a Lifetime Achievement Oscar, in November 2016 by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

## 125. IMD in this 'M'represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Member
- b) Meteorological
- c) Monumental
- d) None of these

Answer b) Meteorological. The Meteorological Department will add 30 doppler radars in the next two-three years across the country, of which several will be in the northeast. A doppler radar are a tool to provide precise information about thunderstorms, dust storms, hailstorms, rainfall and wind patterns.

#### 126. Which state governor has taken additional charge of Madhya Pradesh?

- a) Orissa
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharastra

Answer c) Gujarat. Gujarat Governor Om Prakash Kohli was given the additional charge of Madhya Pradesh while the state's Governor Anandiben Patel is on leave.

### 127. Allahabad Bank headquarters is situated in\_\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Kolkata
- b) Mumbai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Pune

Answer a) Kolkata. The Allahabad Bank board has stripped all functional responsibilities of the bank's MD and CEO Usha Ananthasubramanian with immediate effect. This comes after the Finance Ministry asked Allahabad Bank board to divest Ananthasubramanian of all powers after she was charged by the CBI in the Nirav Modi case. Ananthasubramanian had headed PNB between August 2015 and May 2017.

#### 128. Who has been elected as ICC Chairman?

- a) Pranith Patel
- b) Avinash Kumar
- c) Shashank Manohar
- d) Vinodh Kannan

Answer c) Shashank Manohar. Former BCCI President Shashank Manohar has been reelected as the independent Chairman of International Cricket Council after he was the sole nominee put forward by the ICC Board. Manohar had become the first independent ICC Chairman in 2016.

129. Margot Kidder passed away at 69, is associated with  a) Politician b) Journalist c) Poet d) Cinema Answer d) Cinema. Actress Margot Kidder, best known for playing the role of Lois Lane in the Superman film franchise of the 1970s and 1980s, passed away at the age of 69. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of her death.
130. Which country will deliver world's largest amphibious aircraft by 2022?  a) Russia b) India c) USA d) China Answer d) China. China aims to deliver its domestically developed AG600, the world's largest amphibious aircraft, by 2022, state media reported.
131. E C G Sudarshan passed away at 86, is associated with  a) Chemist b) Physicist c) Biologist d) None of these Answer b) Physicist. Sudarshan, an outstanding theoretical physicist, has passed away at the age of 86 due to natural causes. Sudarshan had been teaching as a professor at University of Texas for over 40 years. He served as Honorary Advisory Council Member of Houston Sri Meenakshi Temple. He was associated with the temple from 1977.
132. Heena bags gold, Nivetha bronze in Hannover in, which Category?  a) Shooting b) Swimming c) Weightlifting d) Chess Answer a) Shooting. Indian shooter Heena Sidhu clinched the gold medal while compatriot P Shri Nivetha settled for bronze in the women's 10m air pistol at the International Shooting Competitions of Hannover (ISCH) ahead of next week's ISSF Munich World Cup.
133. According to Mercom, India secured world's largest solar market.  a) 2nd b) 3rd c) 4th d) 5th Answer b) 3rd. India emerged as the third largest solar market in the world in 2017 behind China and the US, Mercom Communications India said in a report. As per the report, India set a new record with 9.6 GW of solar installations in 2017, which was more than double the 4.3 GW installed in 2016.
134. WHO launches 'REPLACE' to eliminate trans in foods by 2023. a) Chemicals b) Toxin c) Fat

#### d) All the above

Answer c) Fat. The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched a comprehensive plan – REPLACE, to eliminate industrially-produced artificial trans fats from the global food supply by 2023. The global health body estimates that every year, trans fat intake leads to over 5,00,000 deaths worldwide from cardiovascular diseases.

#### 135. Who is the founder of Sulabh International?

- a) Rahul Anandh Sharma
- b) Baba Dhakshin
- c) Dr Bindeshwar Pathak
- d) Murali Vinayakam

Answer c) Dr Bindeshwar Pathak. The founder of Sulabh International, Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, has been honoured with the Nikkei Asia Prize in Japan for his contribution to Asia's development. He has been described as "an Indian social reformer tackling two of his country's biggest challenges — poor hygiene and discrimination".

### 136. First all-woman Post office passport seva kendra starts operations in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Uttarkhand
- b) Maharastra
- c) Orissa
- d) Punjab

Answer d) Punjab. The 192nd Post Office Passport Seva Kendra, opened in Phagwara, will be the first in the country to have all-women staff. Union Minister Vijay Sampla and Regional Passport Officer Harmanbir Singh Gill inaugurated the passport office.

### 137. International Day of Families is observed on?

- a) 15 May
- b) 19 May
- c) 24 May
- d) 30 May

Answer a) 15 May. The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. In 1993, the General Assembly of United Nations decided that 15 May of every year should be observed as The International Day of Families.

#### 138. Green Skill Development Programme for?

- a) Agriculture
- b) Free Medicine
- c) job opportunities
- d) All the above

Answer c) job opportunities. In its bid to create over five lakh job opportunities by 2021 through green skills, the government has launched a mobile application to begin enrolments in 30 expert course under its Green Skill Development Programme (GSPD).

#### 139. According to Swachh Bharat Survey, Which is the cleanest city in India?

- a) Pune
- b) Chennai
- c) Ahmedabad
- d) Indore

Answer d) Indore. Indore has been named the cleanest city in the country, followed by Bhopal and Chandigarh, according to the Centre's Swachh Survekshan 2018.

140. Which Indian minister has first to visit N Korea in 20 years?  a) Suresh Prabhu b) Rajnath Singh c) VK Singh d) Arun Jaitley Answer c) VK Singh. Minister of State for External Affairs General VK Singh became the first Indian minister to visit North Korea in two decades. Singh will hold talks with his North Korean counterparts today.
141. Cabinet approves setting up of a new AIIMS in  a) Uttarkhand b) Jharkhand c) Chandigarh d) Bangalore Answer b) Jharkhand. The Union Cabinet has approved setting up of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Deoghar, Jharkhand.
142. Cabinet approves establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation at  a) Bhopal b) Ahmedabad c) Gujarat d) Hyderabad Answer a) Bhopal. The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) at Bhopal as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 under the aegis of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
143. BARC is this "B" represents  a) Bhabha b) Biological c) Biosphere d) None of these Answer a) Bhabha. President Ram Nath Kovind hasinaugurated an integrated centre for crisis management (ICCM) at the iconic Bhabha Atomic Research Centre here that will help the nation respond more effectively to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergencies.
144. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana is for  a) Education b) Medical Field c) Adult Pension scheme d) Agriculture Answer d) Agriculture. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved an initial Corpus of Rs.5,000 crore for setting up of a dedicated "Micro Irrigation Fund" (MIF) with NABARD under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

145. Central University of Andhra Pradesh is establishing at \_\_\_\_\_

a) Gunturb) Chittor

- c) Kadapa
- d) Anandhpur

Answer d) Anandhpur. The Union Cabinet has given its in-principle approval for establishing a Central University by the name of "Central University of Andhra Pradesh" in Janthaluru Village of Ananthapur District, Andhra Pradesh.

# 146. In 2017, Japan was ranked \_\_\_\_\_among 193 countries in terms of women's participation in politics.

- a) 86th
- b) 92nd
- c) 129th
- d) 158th

Answer d) 158th. The Upper House of the Japanese Parliament has enacted a law to promote the participation of women in politics. The law urges political parties to field equal number of male and female candidates in national and local elections and set targets for gender parity. In 2017, Japan was ranked 158th among 193 countries in terms of women's participation in politics.

## 147. According to UN, Which city has become world's most populous city by 2028?

- a) Bangalore
- b) Tokyo
- c) Mumbai
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. Delhi will surpass Tokyo as the most populous city in the world by 2028, a UN report has estimated.

#### 148. Chongqing Liangjiang Star-rocket has been designed by which country?

- a) Japan
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) South Korea

Answer b) China. China launched its first privately developed rocket 'Chongqing Liangjiang Star'. The launch of the rocket developed by 'OneSpace Technology' marks the first time a non-state Chinese rocket has successfully entered the orbit.

### 149. Who is the Chief Minister of Karnataka?

- a) BS Yeddyurappa
- b) D. V. Sadananda Gowda
- c) H. D. Deve Gowda
- d) Jagadish Shettar

Answer a) BS Yeddyurappa. BS Yeddyurappa of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) took oath as the Chief Minister of Karnataka. This comes after the Supreme Court refused to stay state Governor Vajubhai Vala's decision to invite BJP, which fell short of the majority mark, to form the government.

## 150. Who has become the first South Asian to be elected in Oregon in the western US State?

- a) Akshara Premkumar
- b) Rohini Nair
- c) Susheela Jayapal

d) Hima Venkatesh
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Answer c) Susheela Jayapal. Indian American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal's sister Susheela Jayapal became the first South Asian to be elected in Oregon in the western US State. She won the District 2 seat on the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners with 57% of the vote.

### 151. Mark Tully To Get Red Ink Award, is associated with\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Philosophist
- b) Journalist
- c) Poet
- d) Lyricist

Answer b) Journalist. Senior journalist Mark Tully will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Red Ink Awards in Mumbai. Tully worked with the BBC for three decades and was the broadcaster's Chief of Bureau for Delhi for 20 years.

# 152. Anindita Anaam was honored with the prestigious 'Shri Jayadev Rashtriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018', is associated with\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Journalist
- b) Scientist
- c) Social Activitist
- d) Dancer

Answer d) Dancer. US-based Kathak dancer Anindita Anaam was honored with the prestigious 'Shri Jayadev Rashtriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018' for outstanding contribution to the field of art. The award was presented to the Kathak exponent during the 'Jayadev International Dance Festival' in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

## 153. Which bank has launched Agenda 2525?

- a) Equitas Bank
- b) YES Bank
- c) IDBI
- d) Dena Bank

Answer b) YES Bank. YES Bank and YES Global Institute have launched Agenda 25×25, which pledges to create a synergetic startup environment for budding women entrepreneurs in India.

## 154. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed

on\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) May 06
- b) May 09
- c) May 12
- d) May 17

Answer d) May 17. The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day was observed across the world on May 17, 2018. The day aims to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

## 155. What is the theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2018?

a) Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All

- b) Enabling the positive use of Technology for All
- c) Enabling the positive use of Science and Technology for All
- d) Enabling the positive use of Modern Science and Technology for All

Answer a) Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All. The World Telecommunication Day is celebrated annually on May 17 since 1969, marking the founding of International Telecommunication Union and the signing of ITC in 1865.2018 Theme: Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All.

### 156. Who has been awarded as DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award - 2017?

- a) Dr. VK Saraswat
- b) Dr. Vasudev Kalkunte Aatre
- c) Dr G Satheesh Reddy
- d) Dr S Christopher

Answer a) Dr. VK Saraswat. Former Secretary Department of Defence R&D, Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri and Director General, DRDO Dr. VK Saraswat was given DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award – 2017.

#### 157. Who has become the first female Director of CIA?

- a) Gina Haspel
- b) Ratcheal Sam
- c) Markel Mashina
- d) Steffy Haspel

Answer a) Gina Haspel. The US Senate has voted in favour of appointing US President Donald Trump's nominee Gina Haspel as intelligence agency CIA's Director. With her appointment, Haspel became the first woman to lead the spy agency.

## 158. World's 1st migraine-prevention drug approved for sale in\_\_\_\_\_

- a) India
- b) UK
- c) US
- d) China

Answer c) US. US drug regulator has approved the sale of the first-ever medicine that prevents migraine, a debilitating headache which can last from hours to days, affecting nearly 15% people worldwide.

#### 159. Who has become youngest Indian woman to scale Mount Everest?

- a) Vasugi Kannan
- b) Shivangi Pathak
- c) Arunima Sinha
- d) Anu Sharma

Answer b) Shivangi Pathak. India's Shivangi Pathak has become youngest women of the country to scale Mt Everest from Nepal side. Born in Hisar of Haryana Shivangi climbed Mt Everest to spread the message that women could overcome any obstacle to achieve their goals.

#### 160. Zojila Tunnel is located in\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Sikkim
- d) Jammu & kashmir

Answer d) Jammu & kashmir. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of Zojila Tunnel on the Srinagar-Leh National Highway in Leh. The project has been built at a cost of Rs 5200 cr. Prime Minister Modi personally monitored the progress of this critical project.

## 161. Bantony Castle is located in\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Punjab
- c) Maharastra
- d) None of these

Answer a) Himachal Pradesh. The Himachal Pradesh government will spend 25 crore rupees on renovating and developing the historic British Raj 'Bantony Castle Estate as a major tourist attraction.

# 162. Which company has become first Indian stock exchange to get US SEC's DOSM recognition?

- a) Abhijit Trading Company Ltd
- b) BSE
- c) B&A Ltd
- d) Baba Arts Ltd

Answer b) BSE. BSE, Asia's oldest stock exchange, has become the first Indian exchange to be recognised as a designated offshore securities market (DOSM) by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

## 163. DGTR in this "T" represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Train
- b) Tesla
- c) Trade
- d) Toronto

Answer c) Trade. The Ministry of Commerce has issued a notification for a unified Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) that would subsume the Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied duties, Directorate General of Safeguards and some functions of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

## 164. According to UN WESP, India's economy is projected to grow\_\_\_\_\_% in 2018-19.

- a) 6.1%
- b) 6.5%
- c) 7.6%
- d) 7.8%

Answer c) 7.6%. India's economic growth is expected to climb to 7.5% in 2017-18 and 7.6% in 2018-19 supported by robust private consumption, a more supportive fiscal stance and benefits from past reforms, says a new United Nations report.

#### 165. Who has been honoured for being 'bridge builder between India and Europe'?

- a) Puneeth Rajkumar
- b) Amitabh Bachchan
- c) Anushka Sharma
- d) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer b) Amitabh Bachchan. Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has been honoured by European Union for strengthening Europe-India cultural ties. The 75-year-old actor took to

Twitter to share the pictures from the award ceremony and thanked EU Ambassador Tomasz Kozlowski for bestowing him with the honour.

## 166. Chelsea beat \_\_\_\_\_\_to win their 8th FA Cup title.

- a) Liverpool F.C.
- b) Real Madrid C.F.
- c) FC Barcelon
- d) Manchester United

Answer d) Manchester United. Chelsea defeated Manchester United 1-0 in the 2017/18 FA Cup final to win the title for the eighth time. Manchester United, who were featuring in an FA Cup final for a record-equalling 20th time, were denied a record-equalling 13th FA Cup title.

#### 167. Who is the CM of Karnataka?

- a) HD Kumaraswamy
- b) Ediyurappa
- c) Siddramaiah
- d) None of these

Answer a) HD Kumaraswamy. JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy has announced that Governor Vajubhai Vala invited the JD(S)-Congress post-poll alliance to form the Karnataka government, adding that he will be sworn in as the Chief Minister.

#### 168. Who has been appointed as independent director of Tata Sons?

- a) Athi Narayanan
- b) Ranjith Premanand
- c) Harish Manwani
- d) Karthik Kumar

Answer c) Harish Manwani. Hindustan Unilever (HUL) Non-Executive Chairman Harish Manwani has been appointed as an Independent Director of Tata Sons. Notably, Manwani will retire as the Non-Executive Chairman of HUL at the end of June.

#### 169. Which country has unveil world's first floating nuclear power station?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) USA
- d) Russia

Answer d) Russia. Russia unveiled the world's first floating nuclear power station at a ceremony in the port of the far northern city of Murmansk, where it will be loaded with nuclear fuel before heading to eastern Siberia.

#### 170. Who is the head of USIBC India office?

- a) Anuradha Premkumar
- b) Ambika Sharma
- c) Anupam Gupta
- d) Karthiga Nair

Answer b) Ambika Sharma. The U.S India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India. Ms. Sharma was Director General for International at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). She is the highest ranked female executive of an Indian industry body.

#### 171. Which Union Minister has Launched Intellectual Property Mascot IP Nani?

- a) Suresh Prabhu
- b) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- c) Uma Bharati
- d) Jagat Prakash Nadda

Answer a) Suresh Prabhu. Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu launched the Intellectual Property (IP) mascot 'IP Nani'. The mascot was launched during a conference on the National Intellectual Property Rights Policy in New Delhi.

## 172. According to WHO, India saw\_\_\_\_tuberculosis cases per 1,00,000 population in 2016.

- a) 169
- b) 190
- c) 211
- d) 279

Answer c) 211. India saw an estimated 211 cases of tuberculosis per 1,00,000 people in 2016, better than neighbouring Bangladesh and Myanmar which recorded 221 and 361 cases respectively in this category, according to the World Health Statistics 2018 released by WHO.

#### 173. Who has been appointed as CMD of Coal India Limited?

- a) Ajay Sharma
- b) Hariharan
- c) Vasudevan
- d) Anil Kumar Jha

Answer d) Anil Kumar Jha. Anil Kumar Jha, chairman and managing director of subsidiary Mahanadi Coalfields, is likely to take over as the chairman of its holding company, Coal India.

#### 174. International Museum Day is observed on\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) May 02
- b) May 09
- c) May 14
- d) May 18

Answer d) May 18. International Museum Day (IMD) is an international day a celebration that held every year on or around 18 May, coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

#### 175. International Museum Day 2018 theme is\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new publics
- b) Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new suggestions
- c) Hyperconnected museum: New suggestions, new knowledge
- d) Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new Knowledge

Answer a) Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new publics. 2018 Theme – Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new publics.

## 176. Which company has acquisition of Bhushan Steel?

- a) Jindal Steel and Power
- b) Steel Authority of India
- c) Tata Steel Ltd

#### d) None of these

Answer c) Tata Steel Ltd. Bamnipal Steel Ltd (BNPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Steel, has successfully completed the acquisition of a controlling stake, of 72.65 percent, in Bhushan Steel Ltd (BSL). Tata Steel Ltd had won the bid to acquire debt-laden Bhushan Steel Ltd (BSL) in an insolvency auction.

# 177. According to UK, Which among following country has been topped in money laundering?

- a) Nigeria
- b) Russia
- c) Pakistan
- d) none of these

Answer c) Pakistan. The United Kingdom has listed Pakistan, along with Nigeria and Russia, as the top three sources of money laundering to the country.

#### 178. INSV Tarini is associated with\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Indian Army
- b) India Navy
- c) Air Force
- d) Indian Railways

Answer b) India Navy. The first all-woman Indian Navy crew took 252 days to sail across the globe and was welcomed in Goa by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday. The six-member crew, which started the voyage onboard 55-foot INSV Tarini in September 2017, travelled over 21,600 nautical miles across three oceans.

## 179. Queqiao (Magpie Bridge) satellite is launched by which country?

- a) Japan
- b) USA
- c) China
- d) India

Answer c) China. China launched a Queqiao (Magpie Bridge) satellite, that will be the first ever to communicate with the Earth from the far side of the Moon.

#### 180. BrahMos is a joint venture between which among following countries?

- a) India and China
- b) China and Japan
- c) China and Russia
- d) India and Russia

Answer d) India and Russia. India successfully test-fired the BrahMos missile to validate life extension technologies developed for the first time in the country. It has become the first Indian missile whose life has been extended from 10 to 15 years.

#### 181. Who won Italian open 78th career singles title?

- a) Alexander Zverev
- b) Roger Federer
- c) Rafael Nadal
- d) None of these

Answer c) Rafael Nadal. Rafael Nadal defeated world number three Alexander Zverev to win his eighth Italian Open title and 78th career singles title. With the win, Nadal reclaimed

the top rank, overtaking Roger Federer who had become the world number one for the fifth time in his career last week.

## 182. Which state of India has been affected by Nipah virus?

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamilnadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer a) Kerala. The Kerala Health Department has been put on high alert after the Nipah virus led to the death of around ten people in the state. There is no vaccine or medicine for the disease and the only form of treatment is intensive supportive care.

### 183. Who won the European Golden Shoe for the 5th time?

- a) Lionel Messi
- b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- c) Mohamed Salah
- d) None of these

Answer a) Lionel Messi. Barcelona forward Lionel Messi was crowned Europe's top-goalscorer for the fifth time after scoring on 34 occasions in the La Liga for the Catalan side. Messi's rival Cristiano Ronaldo, who has won the award four times in the past, ended up with 26 goals in the La Liga.

#### 184. Who is the current the President of Venezuela?

- a) Henrique Capriles
- b) Nicolas Maduro
- c) Diosdado Cabello
- d) Hugo Chávez

Answer b) Nicolas Maduro. Nicolas Maduro has been elected as the President of Venezuela for a second term with over 67% votes. The election saw around 46% voter turnout, against the 80% registered in the last presidential election in 2013.

# 185. According to the AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review, India is\_\_\_\_\_ wealthiest country in the world.

- a) 4th
- b) 5th
- c) 6th
- d) 7th

Answer c) 6th. India is the sixth wealthiest country in the world with a total wealth of USD 8,230 billion, according to the AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review.

# 186. According to the AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review, which is the top most wealthiest country in the world?

- a) Japan
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) US

Answer d) US. The United States is the wealthiest country in the world with a total wealth of USD 62,584 billion.

#### 187. 26th BASIC Ministerial Meeting of Environment Ministers held in\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Gauteng
- b) Pretoria
- c) Cape Town
- d) Durban

Answer d) Durban. The 26th BASIC Ministerial Meeting of Environment Ministers was organised in Durban, South Africa. The grouping is a bloc of 4 nations including Brazil, South Africa, India and China. India was represented by Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan.

#### 188. Who has been appointed as the Deputy CM of Karnataka?

- a) G Parameshwara
- b) Ramesh Kumar
- c) Maheswara M
- d) Sandeep GD

Answer a) G Parameshwara. After the JD(S)-Congress announced the cabinet positions in Karnataka, five-time Congress MLA G Parameshwara was selected as the Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister. Parameshwara, who has served as Karnataka Congress Committee President for over seven years, is the first Dalit leader to be appointed to the post.

# 189. According to IndiaSpend analysis of national health data, Which Indian state has the lowest meat consumption?

- a) Maharastra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Punjab
- d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer c) Punjab. Punjab has the lowest consumption of meat in India, with 10% of the men and 4% of the women in the state eating meat weekly, the IndiaSpend analysis of national health data has revealed.

#### 190. Hemu Adhikari passed away at 81, is associated with\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Politician
- b) Cinema
- c) Journalist
- d) Lyricist

Answer b) Cinema. Actor Hemu Adhikari, known for his cameo appearance in Rajkumar Hirani's 'Lage Raho Munna Bhai', passed away at 81 due to a lung ailment at his residence in Dadar, Mumbai on Monday.

#### 191. Which company has acquired Chennai-based TicketNew?

- a) Amazon
- b) Flipkart
- c) Shopclues
- d) Paytm

Answer d) Paytm. Paytm, the brand owned by One97 Communications, has acquired Orbgen Technologies, the entity that operates Chennai-based online ticketing platform TicketNew. Sources put the deal size at around \$40 million. Last year TicketNew raised Rs 1.2 billion from Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba.

## 192. Chhattisgarh would get a specialised anti-Naxal combat force called \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Red Lines
- b) Black Panther
- c) Anti-Naxals Force
- d) Red Force

Answer b) Black Panther. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh said Chhattisgarh would get a specialised anti-Naxal combat force called the "Black Panther", on the lines of the Greyhounds unit.

#### 193. International Bio-diversity Day is observed on\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) May 11
- b) May 17
- c) May 20
- d) May 22

Answer d) May 22. The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. The aim to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity is to make people aware of the importance of biodiversity issues.

### 194. Theme of International Bio-diversity Day 2018 is\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity
- b) Celebrating 25 Years of Duties for Biodiversity
- c) Celebrating 25 Years of Rights for Biodiversity
- d) None of these

Answer a) Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity. Theme for 2018 – Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity. The theme was chosen to mark the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity and to highlight progress made in the achievement of its objectives at the national and global levels.

#### 195. First commercial flight of Arunachal Pradesh lands at \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Itanagar
- b) Dibrugarh
- c) Pasighat
- d) Tezu

Answer c) Pasighat. A wartime airstrip laid 66 years ago helped Arunachal Pradesh create history by becoming the last of the eight northeastern States to be on India's commercial flight service map. Pasighat Airport, too, made it to the record books — as India's easternmost airport with civilian operations.

#### 196. Which country has won Asian champions trophy 2018?

- a) North Korea
- b) South Korea
- c) India
- d) China

Answer b) South Korea. The Indian women's Hockey team failed to defend its crown at the fifth Asian Champions Trophy, as it lost to hosts South Korea, 0-1 in the summit clash at Donghae City, South Korea.

#### 197. Who won T.K. Ramanathan Award For 2017-18?

a) Chidambara Raj

- b) Raja Karkuvel
- c) Suresh Kumar
- d) Prajnesh Gunneswaran

Answer d) Prajnesh Gunneswaran. Prajnesh Gunneswaran won the prestigious T.K. Ramanathan award for the year 2017-18 at the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) annual day function at the SDAT tennis stadium. He received a cash prize of Rs. 30,000.

# 198. Tamil Nadu is planning to build Indias next generation defence aircraft at

- a) Madurai
- b) Trichy
- c) Chennai
- d) Coimbatore

Answer d) Coimbatore. The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), which had conceived and designed the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, has set the ball rolling for building the next generation defense aircraft, the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), by extending an invitation to private players in Coimbatore to build a technology demonstrator.

### 199. Which director has won Cannes' Top award?

- a) Hirokazu Kore-eda
- b) Apichatpong Weerasethakul
- c) Xi Chiang
- d) None of these

Answer a) Hirokazu Kore-eda. Asian, Arab, and women filmmakers scored big at the closing ceremony of the 71st Cannes Film Festival, while Japanese director Hirokazu Kore-eda took home the top prize — the Palme d'Or.

# 200. According to ESPN's annual rankings, Who has been named as the world's most famous athlete?

- a) Lionel Messi
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Cristiano Ronaldo
- d) LeBron James

Answer c) Cristiano Ronaldo. Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo has been named as the world's most famous athlete for the third straight year in ESPN's annual rankings. Ronaldo's rival Lionel Messi ranked third in the list based on social media following and endorsements, while NBA star LeBron James was placed second.

#### 201. Who is the CM of Karnataka?

- a) HD Kumaraswamy
- b) Parameshwara
- c) KR Ramesh Kumar
- d) GD Gowda

Answer a) HD Kumaraswamy. JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy took oath as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka and will lead the Congress-JD(S) coalition government. Further, Karnataka Congress chief G Parameshwara took oath as the Deputy CM while Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar became the Assembly Speaker.

#### 202. Who has become 1st Polish author to win Man Booker?

- a) Jerzy Pilch
- b) Agnieszka Holland
- c) Andrzej Stasiuk
- d) Olga Tokarczuk

Answer d) Olga Tokarczuk. JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy took oath as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka and will lead the Congress-JD(S) coalition government. Further, Karnataka Congress chief G Parameshwara took oath as the Deputy CM while Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar became the Assembly Speaker.

#### 203. Elon Musk-led SpaceX is launched by which space agency?

- a) ISRO
- b) China National Space agency
- c) JAXA
- d) NASA

Answer d) NASA. Elon Musk-led SpaceX launched twin NASA satellites that would track the Earth's water movement and ice melt. The GRACE-FO satellites are at an 490-km altitude in a near-polar orbit, circling the Earth once every 90 minutes.[/su\_spoiler]

### 204. Philip Roth passed away at 85, is associated with\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Lyricist
- b) Journalist
- c) Author
- d) Politician

Answer c) Author. Author Philip Roth, who was both hailed and derided for laying bare the neuroses and obsessions that haunted the modern Jewish-American experience, died at the age of 85.

## 205. Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana scheme is associated with\_\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Healthcare
- b) Agriculture
- c) Education
- d) None of these

Answer b) Agriculture. The aim of the scheme is to primarily support farmers in case of distressed sales in the mandis which fetches them prices below the Minimum support prices (MSP).

#### 206. Who has been appointed as the BHEL Director?

- a) Aravind K Ramamoorthy
- b) V Arun Sathyan
- c) Pravin L. Agrawal
- d) Praveen Kumar

Answer c) Pravin L. Agrawal. State-run power equipment maker Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) appointed Pravin L. Agrawal as a part-time official director on its board. An Indian Forest Service officer, Agrawal is presently joint secretary in the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

#### 207. My MP Rojgar Portal aim is to provide\_\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Loan for students
- b) Pension for adults

- c) Jobs to Youths
- d) All of these

Answer c) Jobs to Youths. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched 'My MP Rojgar Portal' to provide jobs to youths as per their educational qualification, skills, and interest and ensure availability of able candidates to employers as per the need of their business.

# 208. According to Lancet Study, India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ among 195 countries in healthcare access, quality.

- a) 80th
- b) 96th
- c) 129th
- d) 145th

Answer d) 145th. India ranks 145th among 195 countries in terms of quality and accessibility of healthcare, behind its neighbours like China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan, according to a Lancet study. Goa and Kerala had the highest scores in 2016, each exceeding 60 points, whereas Assam and Uttar Pradesh had the lowest, each below 40.

#### 209. Which State Government has launched a new software, 'Nidaan'?

- a) Maharastra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Haryana
- d) Rajastan

Answer d) Rajastan. A new software, 'Nidaan', has been launched in Rajasthan for presumptive diagnosis and monitoring of seasonal and non-communicable diseases as well as the trends of ailments found in specific areas.

### 210. Who has been appointed as CEO of Airtel Payments Bank?

- a) Biswesh Kumar H
- b) Anubrata Biswas
- c) Shakundhala Devi
- d) Anupam Kumar

Answer b) Anubrata Biswas. Airtel Payments Bank has appointed former ICICI Bank senior executive Anubrata Biswas as its MD and CEO. Biswas was the joint general manager and retail business head (South India) for ICICI Bank.

#### 211. Who is the supreme leader of North Korea?

- a) Kim Ju-ae
- b) Kim Il-sung
- c) Ri Sol-ju
- d) Kim Jong-un

Answer d) Kim Jong-un. US President Donald Trump cancelled the talks scheduled for June 12 with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, citing North Korea's recent "tremendous anger and open hostility".

#### 212. IIT-Kanpur signs 15-crore deal to make \_\_\_\_\_\_ in India.

- a) Flying cars
- b) Automatic cars
- c) Electric cars
- d) None of these

Answer a) Flying cars. IIT-Kanpur researchers have signed a ?15-crore MoU with VTOL Aviation India to develop vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) craft prototypes, potentially to be used as flying taxis.

#### 213. Who has been appointed as chairperson of Punjab & Sind Bank?

- a) Charan Singh
- b) Pawan Kumar
- c) VK Das
- d) Dharam Singh

Answer a) Charan Singh. Former RBI Director Charan Singh has been appointed at Punjab & Sind Bank.

### 214. Who has been appointed as chairperson of Dena Bank?

- a) Shanjal M
- b) Smruthi Das
- c) Anjali Bansal
- d) Rajesh Sharma

Answer c) Anjali Bansal. Anjali Bansal, former MD of TPG Private Equity, has been appointed at Dena Bank.

## 215. Who has been appointed as chairperson of Central Bank of India?

- a) Tapan Ray
- b) Lipin Das
- c) Sibin Boban
- d) L Nitheesh Kumar

Answer a) Tapan Ray. Former Corporate Affairs Secretary Tapan Ray will take charge at Central Bank of India.

# 216. According to Switzerland-based IMD World Competitiveness Center, India climbs \_\_\_\_\_ in global competitive rankings.

- a) 28th
- b) 35th
- c) 44th
- d) 56th

Answer c) 44th. India has jumped one spot to 44th this year in global competitive rankings released by Switzerland-based IMD World Competitiveness Center.

### 217. Which has become the 193rd nation to join the Chemical Weapons Convention?

- a) Jordan
- b) West Bank
- c) Jersulam
- d) Palestine

Answer d) Palestine. Palestine has become the 193rd nation to join the Chemical Weapons Convention and the move will take effect on June 16.

#### 218. Who is the PM of Netherland?

- a) Geert Wilders
- b) Mark Rutte
- c) Jesse Klaver
- d) Alexander Pechtold

Answer b) Mark Rutte. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who is in India at PM Modi's invitation held wide-ranging discussions on bilateral and international issues.

## 219. Which union minister has launched Samagra Shiksha scheme?

- a) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- b) Prakash Javadekar
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer b) Prakash Javadekar. Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar launched Samagra Shiksha scheme for school education.

### 220. Who has become only woman in the world to climb three highest peaks in Nepal?

- a) Nima Jangmu Sherpa
- b) Druhi Devi
- c) Eenakshi Bindhra
- d) none of these

Answer a) Nima Jangmu Sherpa. Nima Jangmu Sherpa, a Nepali woman created a world record by scaling three highest mountains in a single climbing season. 28 year old Nima Jangmu has become only woman in the world to climb three highest peaks in Nepal above 8,000 meters in one season within 25 days.

# 221. India's first National Sports University is set up in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Manipur
- b) Nagaland
- c) Assam
- d) Tripura

Answer a) Manipur. The Union Cabinet approved an ordinance to set up the country's first national sports university in Manipur. The Manipur government has already allocated land for the proposed university.

# 222. According to WHO, Which country has become first country in south-east Asia to eliminate Trachoma?

- a) Bhutan
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Nepal
- d) India

Answer c) Nepal. The World Health Organization (WHO) has validated Nepal for having eliminated trachoma as a public health problem – a milestone, as the country becomes the first in WHO's South-East Asia Region to defeat the world's leading infectious cause of blindness.

#### 223. Pakistan hosted SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure meeting in \_\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Lahore
- b) karachi
- c) Peshawar
- d) Islamabad

Answer d) Islamabad. Pakistan hosted its first ever Shanghai Cooperation Organisation-Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (SCO-RATS) three day meeting in Islamabad. Issue related to terrorist threats in the region and how to overcome them were discussed.

#### 224. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Press Council of India?

- a) Vinu Nair
- b) CK Prasad
- c) Srimathi R
- d) Nabeel Aslam

Answer b) CK Prasad. Former Supreme Court judge C K Prasad has been appointed the chairman of the Press Council of India (PCI) for a second term. Prasad headed the media watchdog for three years from November 2014. He had succeeded Justice Markanday Katju.

#### 225. What is the capital of Morocco?

- a) Rabat
- b) Fes
- c) Meknes
- d) Tangier

Answer a) Rabat. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Morocco on India-Morocco Cooperation in Renewable Energy. The MoU was signed on 10th April, 2018 in New Delhi.

#### 226. What is the currency of Denmark?

- a) Dinar
- b) Dollor
- c) Danish krone
- d) Euro

Answer c) Danish krone. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Denmark regarding cooperation in the areas of food safety.

#### 227. Who is the president of Angola?

- a) Bornito de Sousa
- b) Isabel dos Santos
- c) Ana Dias Lourenço
- d) João Lourenço

Answer d) João Lourenço . The Union Cabinet has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) the between India and Angola for promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Electronics and Information Technology.

#### 228. Which Indian Firm has become 1st Indian firm to cross Rs 7 trillion market cap?

- a) TCS
- b) Reliance Industries
- c) Infosys
- d) ITC

Answer a) TCS. Tata Consultancy Services' (TCS) market capitalisation surged past the Rs 7 trillion mark, making it the first Indian company to achieve this milestone.

# 229. Which among the following persons has released the official song for the 2018 FIFA World Cup titled 'Live It Up'?

- a) Sheree Zampino
- b) Will Smith
- c) Justin Bieber
- d) None of these

Answer b) Will Smith. The official song for the 2018 FIFA World Cup titled 'Live It Up', sung by American actor-rapper Will Smith, singer Nicky Jam and Albanian pop star Era Istrefi, has been released.

#### 230. Zorawar Chand Bakshi passes away at 97, is associated with\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Indian Navy
- b) Politician
- c) Journalist
- d) Indian Army

Answer d) Indian Army. One of India's most decorated Generals, Lieutenant General Zorawar Chand Bakshi, passed away aged 97. He was awarded the second-highest military decoration, Maha Vir Chakra, for his role in capturing the strategically important Haji Pir Pass during the 1965 war with Pakistan.

### 231. Who has became the youngest person in the world to scale six peaks?

- a) Arjun Ramasamy
- b) Prithiv Sharma
- c) Arjun Vajpai
- d) Ranjith Premanand

Answer c) Arjun Vajpai. Indian mountaineer Arjun Vajpai became the youngest person in the world to scale six peaks over 8,000 metres when he summited the treacherous Kangchenjunga, the third highest mountain in the world.

## 232. Data visualisation app has been launched by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) USFDA
- b) UNICEF
- c) WHO
- d) None of these

Answer b) UNICEF. The UNICEF launched a 'data visualisation app' which provides a user-friendly visual representation of complex analytics of the education scenario in the country. The app has been made with technical inputs from the UNICEF, in collaboration with the National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA) and the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

#### 233. Which Indian village won India Biodiversity Award 2018?

- a) Singchung Bugun
- b) Gokarna
- c) Kila Raipur
- d) Janjehli

Answer a) Singchung Bugun. The UNICEF launched a 'data visualisation app' which provides a user-friendly visual representation of complex analytics of the education scenario in the country. The app has been made with technical inputs from the UNICEF, in collaboration with the National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA) and the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

# 234. World's Largest Bird Sculpture 'Jatayu' to be inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Tamilnadu
- b) Andhra pradesh
- c) Telungana
- d) kerala

Answer d) kerala. Kerala tourism will inaugurate the world's largest bird sculpture, Jatayu Earth's Centre in Thiruvananthapuram. The replica of the bird 'Jatayu' — a character in the Ramayana — is 200 feet long, 150 feet wide, 65 feet tall and is positioned right at the top of a rock situated 1,000 feet above sea level.

## 235. Surya Kiran-XIII: India-Nepal joint battalion level exercise to be held in

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Meghalaya

Answer c) Uttarakhand. India and Nepal's joint military exercise Surya Kiran-XIII will be held at Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district from May 30 to June 12.

## 236. 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave held at \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Vietnam
- b) Cambodia
- c) Malaysia
- d) Myanmar

Answer b) Cambodia. The Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India along with Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia organized the 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave in Phnom Penh on 21-22 May 2018.

# 237. Football World Cup 2018 new campaign videos have been produced jointly by

- a) UNICEF, India's Ministry of Health
- b) USFDA, US Ministry of Health
- c) WHO, Russia's Ministry of Health
- d) None of these

Answer c) WHO, Russia's Ministry of Health. A new video campaign has been launched targeting football fans on the occasion of the World Cup 2018 next month to promote healthier and more active lives. The series of videos have been produced jointly by WHO, Russia's Ministry of Health and the 2018 World Cup Russia Local Organising Committee.

#### 238. Paytm AshaKiran initiative is launched to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Education to children
- b) Promote rural area
- c) Promote Healthcare
- d) Educate women

Answer d) Educate women. Paytm Payments Bank has announced a programme Paytm AshaKiran aimed at educating rural women about financial services. With this program, Paytm Payments Bank aims to educate rural women about the financial services and create new employment opportunities across smaller towns and cities in Indias formal banking systems.

#### 239. Prasthan exercise has been launched by\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Indian Railway
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Army
- d) Air Force

Answer b) Indian Navy. The Indian Navy conducted a security exercise, called "Prasthan", in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off the coast of Mumbai. The exercise, conducted by the Headquarters Western Naval Command, is held every six months.

#### 240. Which Indian state has become first northeastern state to get solar toilet?

- a) Manipur
- b) Nagaland
- c) Mizoram
- d) Tripura

Answer a) Manipur. Manipur has become the first state in north east and third in India to get solar toilets, which were inaugurated at Ibudhou Marjing Hill Heingang.

#### 241. Who is the first female Prime Minister of the Caribbean island of Barbados?

- a) Mia Mottley
- b) Sandra Mason
- c) Nita Barrow
- d) Sandra Mia

Answer a) Mia Mottley. The Caribbean island of Barbados has elected Mia Mottley as its first female PM since gaining independence from the UK in 1966.

#### 242. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Odisha?

- a) Bakshi Narayanan
- b) L Venkat Yadav
- c) Ganeshi Lal
- d) Ramesh Biswas

Answer c) Ganeshi Lal. Professor Ganeshi Lal has been appointed as the new Governor of Odisha with effect from the date that he assumes charge of the office. He will be replacing Governor Satya Pal Malik, who had been given additional charge of the state in March this year.

#### 243. Which city will host 2018 Global Wind Summit?

- a) Paris
- b) Munich
- c) Berlin
- d) Hamburg

Answer d) Hamburg. Hamburg to host 2018 Global Wind Summit. The first edition of the Global Wind Summit will be held here from September 25-28, 2018. The organisers of the four-day event are expecting speakers from about 100 countries, including India, China, the US, Spain and Denmark.

#### 244. ASEAN India Film Festival held in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Mumbai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Pune
- d) Bangalore

Answer b) New Delhi. I&B Minister Rajyavardhana Rathore launches six-day ASEAN India Film Festival in New Delhi. The six-day event was inaugurated by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore.

# 245. World Thyroid Day is observed on\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) May 18
- b) May 20
- c) May 24
- d) May 25

Answer d) May 25. World Thyroid Day is observed on May 25 every year and its objective is to increase awareness and understanding about thyroid health.

## 246. Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting held in\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Sweden
- b) Finland
- c) Norway
- d) Switzerland

Answer a) Sweden. The Third Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting was held at Malmo, Sweden. The Indian delegation was led by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science, Technology and Earth Sciences.

#### 247. With which country India launched a Clean Air India Initiative?

- a) Netherlands
- b) Belgium
- c) France
- d) Russia

Answer a) Netherlands. Prime Minister of Netherlands Mark Rutte, who is in India on a two-day visit, launched the 'Clean Air India Initiative' in the national capital. The campaign aims to curb air pollution in Indian cities by promoting partnerships between Indian start-ups and Dutch companies and build a network of entrepreneurs working on business solutions for cleaner air.

#### 248. Who launched 6-Day ASEAN India Film Festival?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Rajyavardhana Rathore
- c) Ramnath Kovind
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer b) Rajyavardhana Rathore. I&B Minister Col. Rajyavardhana Rathore launches six-day ASEAN India Film Festival in New Delhi. India and ASEAN share historical and cultural links.

#### 249. Who has been appointed as MD And CEO of Airtel Payments Bank?

- a) Ajay Singh
- b) Biswesh Kumar
- c) Anubrata Biswas
- d) Kishore Gupta

Answer c) Anubrata Biswas. Airtel Payments Bank appointed Anubrata Biswas as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Biswas fills the position, which was lying vacant since end-December after Shashi Arora quit the post.

## 250. Swadeshi' SIM cards is launched by\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Patanjali
- c) Dabur

d) Hindustan Unilever

Answer b) Patanjali. Yoga guru Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved launched 'Swadeshi Samriddhi' SIM cards, in partnership with state-owned telecom operator BSNL.

#### 251. Who is the CFO of RBI?

- a) Sudha Balakrishnan
- b) Vijitha Ravi
- c) Subbulakshmi B
- d) Hima Ravindran L

Answer a) Sudha Balakrishnan. The RBI has appointed Chartered Accountant Sudha Balakrishnan as its first-ever Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Until recently, Balakrishnan was a Vice President with the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), India's first and largest depository.

## 252. India launches second IT corridor in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Russia
- b) Japan
- c) USA
- d) China

Answer d) China. India launched its second IT corridor in China in the southwestern city of Guiyang which will focus on Big Data. Agreements worth ₹38 crore were signed at the launch of the corridor by Guiyang Municipal Government and India's NASSCOM.

### 253. Which team has received a Fair play award in IPL 2018?

- a) RR
- b) CSK
- c) KKR
- d) MI

Answer d) MI. Fairplay Award: Mumbai Indians.

#### 254. Which country will host first edition of Global Wind Summit?

- a) France
- b) Poland
- c) Germany
- d) Austria

Answer c) Germany. The first edition of the Global Wind Summit will be held in Hamburg, Germany, from September 25-28, 2018.

#### 255. NATO in this "A" represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) African
- b) Atlantic
- c) Asian
- d) Arctic

Answer b) Atlantic. One year after reaching partnership deal through a peace agreement with South America, Colombia has formally joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Colombia joined the ranks of Afghanistan, Australia, Iraq, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand and Pakistan.

# 256. Which airport has been recognized as world's first fully solar energy-powered airport by UNEP?

- a) Chennai
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Bangalore
- d) Cochin

Answer d) Cochin. The United Nations Environment Programme has recognized Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) as the world's first fully solar energy-powered airport.

# 257. Which state government has introduced 'Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kisaan Yojana'?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Tripura

Answer c) Himachal Pradesh. The state government of Himachal Pradesh has decided to promote organic farming. The state government has introduced 'Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kisaan Yojana' to enhance agricultural income by adopting low-cost climate-resilient Zero Budget Natural Farming System.

## 258. IMD to team up with \_\_\_\_\_\_ for sending extreme weather warnings.

- a) BSNL
- b) Reliance
- c) Airtel
- d) All of these

Answer a) BSNL. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is teaming up with state-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) to send extreme weather warnings to people. BSNL has come up with a technology.

### 259. Which player has received a stylish player award in IPL 2018?

- a) Rishabh Pant
- b) Sunil Narine
- c) Ambatti Rayudu
- d) Ishan Kishan

Answer a) Rishabh Pant. Stylish Player: Rishabh Pant.

#### 260. Kimbho app is launched by\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Patanjali
- b) Dabur
- c) Reliance
- d) Airtel

Answer a) Patanjali. Yoga guru Ramdev's Patanjali has launched a new messaging application called 'Kimbho', claiming that it will give "competition" to WhatsApp.

#### 261. Moody's cuts India's GDP growth forecast to % for 2018.

- a) 7.1 %
- b) 7.3 %
- c) 8.6 %
- d) 8.9 %

Answer b) 7.3 %. Global credit rating agency Moody's has cut India's GDP growth estimate to 7.3% for the calendar year 2018, down from its previous forecast of 7.5%.

262. Which Indian state has become first state to cut tax on fuel, price down Rs 1/L	262.	Which Indi	ian state has b	ecome first state	to cut tax on	fuel, price	down Rs 1/L?
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- a) Tamilnadu
- b) Karnatka
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Kerala

Answer d) Kerala. The Kerala government on Wednesday decided to cut the excise duty on fuel to effect a Rs 1 per litre reduction in petrol and diesel prices, starting June 1.

#### 263. NIC launches 1st data centre in eastern India in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Puri
- b) Bhopal
- c) Cuttack
- d) Bhubaneswar

Answer d) Bhubaneswar. Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has inaugurated the National Informatics Centre's (NIC) first data centre in eastern India in Bhubaneswar.

## 264. Who is the first interim woman President of Paraguay?

- a) Maria Elizabeth
- b) Raquel Naomi
- c) Alicia Pucheta
- d) Ramona Lia

Answer c) Alicia Pucheta. Paraguay gets a first interim woman President Alicia Pucheta for the first time in its history after outgoing leader Horacio Cartes stepped down ahead of schedule.

#### 265. Which Government has Launched Reuse Of Treated Waste Water Policy?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharastra
- c) Gujarat
- d) Assam

Answer c) Gujarat. The Gujarat government unveiled its 'Reuse of Treated Waste Water Policy' which aims to reduce the state's dependence on freshwater sources like the Narmada river.

# 266. Who has been appointed as President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission?

- a) R K Agrawal
- b) Sibin Boban
- c) Prithvi Sharma
- d) Balaji K

Answer a) R K Agrawal. The Gujarat government unveiled its 'Reuse of Treated Waste Water Policy' which aims to reduce the state's dependence on freshwater sources like the Narmada river.

#### 267. Gaj Yatra is aimed to\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Protect Natural Resources
- b) Protect Elephants
- c) Protect Animals
- d) Protect Forests

Answer b) Protect Elephants. Gaj Yatra Gaj Yatra is an 18-month-long national campaign aimed to protect elephants, India's national heritage animal in 12 elephant range states.

## 268. Which actor has launched Twin Pit Toilet Technology Campaign?

- a) Sushanth Singh Rajput
- b) Akshay Kumar
- c) Shah Rukh Khan
- d) Salman Khan

Answer b) Akshay Kumar. Film actor Akshay Kumar launched the twin pit toilet technology campaign in New Delhi. The actor appealed everybody to spread the awareness on the issue and make the cleanliness drive more effective.

#### 269. Who has been appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor?

- a) Aravindh Ramamoorthy
- b) Vinoth Kumar
- c) Saran Raj
- d) Pankaj Saran

Answer d) Pankaj Saran. The government has appointed senior diplomat Pankaj Saran as the deputy national security advisor. The tenure would be for two years. Mr Saran is currently serving as India's ambassador to Russia.

## 270. Who is the 1st N Korean official to visit US in 18 years?

- a) Ri Yong-gil
- b) Kim Yang-gon
- c) Hwang Pyong-so
- d) Kim Yong-chol

Answer d) Kim Yong-chol. Former North Korean spy chief Kim Yong-chol has arrived in New York, becoming the most senior North Korean official to visit the US since 2000.

# 271. Who has been honoured with the 'Hero to Animals Award' from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)?

- a) Papon
- b) Bhupen Hazarika
- c) Kalpana Patowary
- d) Zubeen Garg

Answer d) Zubeen Garg. Singer Zubeen Garg would be honoured with the 'Hero to Animals Award' from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India for his recent appeal to end animal sacrifice at the Kamakhya Temple in Assam.

#### 272. Indian economy grew in Q4.

- a) 7.7%
- b) 7.9%
- c) 8.1%
- d) 8.8%

Answer a) 7.7%. Indian economy grew 7.7% in the January-March quarter of 2017-18, the biggest expansion in seven quarters, on account of robust performance in manufacturing, construction and service sectors as well as good farm output, government data showed on May 31.

## 273. Facebook partners with \_\_\_\_\_\_ to launch Digital Literacy Programme.

- a) Competition Commission of India
- b) National Statistical Commission
- c) National Commission for Women
- d) Election Commission

Answer c) National Commission for Women. Social networking giant Facebook today said it has partnered with National Commission for Women (NCW) to launch a digital literacy programme in collaboration with the Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF).

#### 274. What is the state tree of Andhra Pradesh?

- a) Tamarind Tree
- b) Neem Tree
- c) Banyan Tree
- d) Mango Tree

Answer b) Neem Tree. Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated to create Telangana in June, 2014. Now the state has come up with new state symbols. Neem have been declared as the state tree.

#### 275. What is the state animal of Andhra Pradesh?

- a) black buck
- b) Chital
- c) Barbary sheep
- d) Nilgai

Answer a) black buck. Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated to create Telangana in June, 2014. Now the state has come up with new state symbols. Black buck have been declared as the animal of Andhra Pradesh.

#### 276. Mission Raftar is associated with\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Railway
- d) Indian Air Force

Answer c) Indian Railway. Ministry of Railways conducted a one day workshop "Mission Raftaar" aimed at raising the average speed of freight trains and coaching trains in New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Rajen Gohain, Minister of State for Railways & Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board.

#### 277. Who has been appointed as Northern Army Commander?

- a) Lt Gen Pradeep Varma
- b) Lt Gen Ashok Kumar
- c) Lt Gen Ajay Singh
- d) Lt Gen Ranbir Singh

Answer d) Lt Gen Ranbir Singh. Lt Gen Ranbir Singh, who was the Director-General of Military Operations (DGMO) when India carried out surgical strikes across the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, has been appointed Northern Army commander.

#### 278. Who is the Defence Minister?

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Shri Jayant Sinha
- c) Anant Geete

#### d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer d) Nirmala Sitharaman. Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the first biannual IAF Commanders' Conference of 2018 at Air Headquarters. During the inauguration, the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa briefed the Defence Minister regarding the current status of the IAF and on Exercise 'Gagan Shakti', which was conducted in April 2018.

### 279. CRY in this "C" represents\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Commission
- b) Child
- c) College
- d) None of these

Answer b) Child. The non-governmental child rights organisation, Child Rights and You (CRY) announced that it has received a USD 100,000 grant from global technology major Oracle for a digitally enhanced monitoring system that would potentially improve lives of underprivileged children across 19 states.