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1. KJ Joseph from Kerala has set a new world record for the maximum number of _____ in one minute.

- a) Sit-Ups b) Push-Ups c) Pull-Ups d) Jumps

Answer b) Push-Ups. The Karate and Kalari master did 82 push-ups in 60 seconds, that is 1.3 push-ups per second. The previous record was held by an American, Ron Cooper who did 79 push-ups in 2015.

2. _____ has been bestowed gold in national award for e-governance 2015-16 in the category of "Innovative Use of ICT by Central Government PSUs".

- a) SBI b) Canara Bank c) IRCTC d) Indian Airways

Answer c) IRCTC. The new version of Next Generation e-Ticketing System (NGET) by IRCTC bagged the Award. The new NGET can handle a peak load of 120,000 concurrent users to book seven lakh tickets a day.

3. A fine of _____ would be levied per day, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh, for any violation of TRAI's regulations by the service providers.

- a) Ten Thousand Rs b) Fifty Thousand Rs c) One Lakh Rs d) Five Lakhs Rs

Answer b) Fifty Thousand Rs. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has barred telecom service providers from charging differential rates for data services, effectively prohibiting Facebook's Free Basics and Airtel Zero platform by Airtel in their current form.

4. National Deworming Day is observed on

- a) February 9 b) February 10 c) February 11 d) February 16

Answer b) February 10. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Government of India is implementing the National Deworming Day in schools and preschools (anganwadis) across India on 10 February 2016. Albendazole, the tablet used for deworming, has been used widely for decades all around the world.

5. _____ has introduced a new flood alerts feature in India as a part of its efforts to make critical information around natural disasters more accessible to everyone.

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

Answer c) Google. Available via Google Public Alerts platform, the alerts will be displayed on Google apps such as Google web search, Google Maps and Google Now cards.

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6. Which state is planning to set up India's first civil aviation park?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Gujarat d) Karnataka

Answer c) Gujarat. The aviation park will have facilities such as air strips, training school, helipad and a flight simulator. The park will provide a platform for human resources and manufacturing activities related to the industry.

7. _____ has emerged as the top ranking state in terms of overall Internet readiness index.

- a) Gujarat b) Maharashtra c) Tamil Nadu d) Kerala

Answer b) Maharashtra. The report has been published by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Indicus Analytics. The report titled 'Index of Internet Readiness of Indian States' pits Karnataka and Gujarat as close second and third while Telengana and Tamil Nadu rank fourth and fifth respectively.

8. Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) has partnered with _____ to create technology solutions that will enhance broadband connectivity in rural India.

- a) Tata Networks b) Nokia Networks c) Reliance Networks d) Google

Answer b) Nokia Networks. Under the three-year partnership, Nokia will fund and provide technological expertise for research at IIT-M's Centre of Excellence for Wireless Technology (CEWiT).

9. The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) asks for _____% OBC Reservation in Private Sector.

- a) 23% b) 27% c) 33% d) 42%

Answer b) 27%. The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) advised enacting a legislation that would make it mandatory for private entities, including cooperative and philanthropic organisations, to reserve 27% of all hiring for people from the so-called other backward classes (OBCs).

10. _____ has inked an agreement with Indo-UK Healthcare Private Limited to establish medical institutions in the state with proposed investment of Rs 1,000 crore.

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

Answer b) Haryana.

11. The Hindu Marriage Bill 2015 has been approved by the Panel in

- a) Bangladesh b) Pakistan c) Myanmar d) United Kingdom

Answer b) Pakistan. The National Assembly Standing Committee on Law and Justice passed the final draft of Hindu Marriage Bill 2015, where five Hindu lawmakers were specially invited. The committee adopted the bill unanimously after making two amendments to fix the minimum age of marriage at 18 and making the law applicable to the whole country.

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12. Union Ministry of state for Petroleum and Natural gas (MoPNG) has released the Hydrocarbon Vision for north-east India.

- a) 2020 b) 2025 c) 2030 d) 2050

Answer c) 2030. The states covered under it are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Mizoram and Tripura.

13. Who is Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan?

- a) President of Iran b) Abudhabi Defence Secretary
- c) Iraq's Prince d) United Arab Emirates leader and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi

Answer d) United Arab Emirates leader and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi. He is on 3 day India visit along with seven ministers.

14. Quinton de Kock of _____ has become the fastest cricketer to make 10 One Day International (ODI) centuries.

- a) South Africa b) England c) Australia d) New Zealand

Answer a) South Africa. He took mere 55 innings to reach as many centuries. With this, he broke the record of Virat Kohli of India who took 80 innings to reach as many centuries.

15. Who has been appointed the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court?

- a) Justice Dhirendra Hiralal Waghela
b) Justice Mohit S Shah
c) Justice Ramesh N Tiwari
d) Justice Raja Ganapathy

Answer a) Justice Dhirendra Hiralal Waghela.

16. The 4-day National Arogya Fair has concluded in

- a) Bihar b) Uttarakhand c) Tamil Nadu d) Kerala

Answer b) Uttarakhand. The 4-day National Arogya Fair concluded successfully at Dehradun in Uttarakhand. The themes were based on Immune system, Homeopathy in Women's disorders, Treatment in Ayurveda, Yog se Arogya and Non-Communicable Diseases management in Siddha System etc.

17. World's largest concentrated solar plant opened in _____.

- a) Ghana b) Eritrea c) Iran d) Morocco

Answer d) Morocco. The Noor Ouarzazate Solar Complex, world's largest solar power plant opened in the Souss-Massa-Drâa area in Morocco, 10 km from Ouarzazate town. The plant holds the capacity to produce enough energy to power over one million homes by 2018 and reduce carbon emissions by an estimated 760000 tons per year.

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18. What is India's rank in US Chamber IP Index?

- a) 33 b) 35 c) 37 d) 38

Answer c) 37. India is placed at a poor second last position in the US Chamber of Commerce's latest IP index for not following international best practices in patent protection. Venezuela finished last out of the 38 economies studied, while the United States ranked first in the annual index.

19. Who has been appointed executive vice-chairman of the organisation TERI?

- a) Rama Swamy b) Kapil Mishra c) Salil Rao d) RK Pachauri

Answer d) RK Pachauri. Former chief of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) RK Pachauri has been appointed executive vice-chairman of the organisation despite an ongoing inquiry in a sexual harassment case against him.

20. _____ has won Indian Handloom tag recently?

- a) Chettinad cotton saris b) Silk Sari c) Cotton saari d) None

Answer a) Chettinad cotton saris. The Union textile ministry has bestowed the 'Indian Handloom Brand' tag on Chettinad cotton saris, which would enable them to promote the material in the international market. This will give a big boost to a group of 650 weavers from Koviloor and Karaikudi in Sivaganga district.

21. Ratan Tata has invested an undisclosed amount in Delhi-based bio-pharmaceutical firm. Name the firm.

- a) Ranbax Oncology Pvt. Ltd b) Salil Oncology Pvt. Ltd c) Invict Pvt. Ltd d) Invictus Oncology Pvt Ltd

Answer d) Invictus Oncology Pvt Ltd. Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, has invested an undisclosed amount in Delhi-based biopharmaceutical firm Invictus Oncology Pvt Ltd, next generation cancer therapeutic startup. The investment in Invictus Oncology is Tata's fifth in 2016.

22. IRCTC ties up with tea cafe chain _____.

- a) Chaayos b) Chai Cafe c) Chai d) Garam

Answer a) Chaayos. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) entering into a tie up with leading tea cafe chain Chaayos. The partnership with Chaayos will ensure that passengers get their tea and snacks delivered to their train seats directly.

23. ISRO to partner with _____ to track crime.

- a) Maharashtra Police b) Delhi Police c) Uttar Pradesh Police d) None

Answer b) Delhi Police. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will enter into a partnership with Delhi Police, in which it will help develop a mechanism to facilitate "predictive policing" and "live crime mapping". The system will provide real-time information from crime spots and identify gang activities. Personal Digital Assistant devices will be given to officials, that can store data of over two lakh criminals.

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24. A UN panel has proposed long-sought greenhouse gas emissions standards for ____ and ____ planes.

- a) Airlines and cargo b) Airlines and Jet c) Cargo and fighter d) Cargo and jet

Answer a) Airlines and cargo. A UN panel has proposed long-sought greenhouse gas emissions standards for airliners and cargo planes. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) said the agreement reached by the agency's environmental panel requires new aircraft designs meet the standards beginning in 2020, and that designs already in production comply by 2023.

25. The 14 day Indo-Nepal Combined Military Exercise has begun recently. Name the exercise.

- a) Kiran Surya IX b) Surya Kiran IX c) Suraj Kiran IX d) Shaurya

Answer b) Surya Kiran IX. The 14 day Indo-Nepal Combined Military Exercise Surya Kiran IX at general area, Pithoragarh commenced on 08 February 2016 and will culminate on 21 February 2016. A combined Ceremonial Parade was held by both the participating contingents.

26. Who won gold medal at SAG?

- a) Sapna Devi b) Joshna Chinappa c) Joshna Chinappa and Sapna Devi d) None

Answer c) Joshna Chinappa and Sapna Devi. India continued to dominate on the second day of the 12th South Asian Games (SAG) with Sapna Devi winning gold in the women's Wushu Taolu (Changquan) competition. Sapna scored 9.45 points to emerge as the winner while the silver went to Susmita Tamang of Nepal who had a score of 8.72. Pakistan's Nazia Parvaiz took the bronze with a score of 6:30 points.

27. Nida Fazli who dies was a/an ____.

- a) Singer b) Poet c) Actor d) Guitarist

Answer b) Poet. Renowned Urdu and Hindi poet Nida Fazli has died in Mumbai at the age of 78. Born in Delhi on October 12, 1938 and raised in Gwalior, his original name was Mukhtda Hassan Nija Fazli. Poet Nida Fazli passed away after suffering from a heart attack.

28. Sushil Koirala who died was a/an ____.

- a) Former PM of Nepal b) Former Vice President of Nepal c) Former secretary d) None

Answer a) Former PM of Nepal. Former Prime Minister of Nepal and Nepali Congress President Sushil Koirala passed away due to Pneumonia at the age of 79. Koirala, who was elected Prime Minister of Nepal on February 10, 2014, died at his residence in Maharajgunj in the outskirt of capital Kathmandu.

29. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated the state of the art Paradip Refinery in ____ to the nation.

- a) Karnataka b) West Bengal c) Odisha d) Kerala

Answer c) Odisha. Paradip is overall IOC's 11th refinery to be set up and has installed capacity of 15 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA).

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30. India is planning to eliminate Malaria by

- a) 2020 b) 2024 c) 2027 d) 2030

Answer c) 2027. On February 11, GOI is going to launch an ambitious programme that seeks to eliminate malaria by 2027. The WHO's global target for malaria elimination is 2030.

31. E-commerce company Moglix has announced an undisclosed financial investment in the company from

- a) Anil Ambani b) Mukesh Ambani c) Ashish Brothers d) Ratan Tata

Answer d) Ratan Tata. Moglix specialises in B2B procurement of industrial products like MROs, Fasteners and industrial electricals with manufacturers across India, China and other Asian countries as partners.

32. India's first international arbitration centre will be set up in

- a) Chennai b) Mumbai c) Delhi d) Kolkata

Answer b) Mumbai. In the absence of an international arbitration centre, the majority of global disputes land at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. Overseas disputes arbitration, if pursued in Mumbai, would bring revenue worth Rs 2 billion.

33. Which country will host the first ever Global Maritime Summit in April 2016?

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

Answer d) India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will host the first ever Global Maritime Summit in April this year and called for maritime cooperation stating that the seas must be used to build peace, friendship, trust and curb conflict.

34. The Hornsea Project is associated with

- a) Solar Energy b) Wind Energy c) Water Purification d) Artificial Rain

Answer b) Wind Energy. The UK wind energy industry received a boost with the announcement of the world's biggest offshore wind farm, to be built off the north-east coast. The project name is Hornsea Project.

35. The Armies of India and _____ have held a Joint Tactical exercise (JET) on the sensitive LAC in Eastern Ladakh recently.

- a) Nepal b) Bhutan c) Sri Lanka d) China

Answer d) China. The exercise is a part of ongoing initiatives being taken by India and China to ensure greater interaction between troops stationed along the LAC in a bid ensure peace and tranquillity on the border.

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36. Who has been appointed as the president of the South Asian Wrestling Federation (SAWF)?

- a) Ravishankar Prasad b) Kamal Mukherjee c) Brijbhushan Sharan Singh d) None

Answer c) Brijbhushan Sharan Singh. Tabiur Rehman from Bangladesh was also unanimously elected Secretary General.

37. Which Cricket team won the Chappell-Hadlee Trophy?

- a) England b) Australia c) New Zealand d) South Africa

Answer c) New Zealand. NZ won the three-match Chappell-Hadlee Trophy of cricket against Australia, 2-1.

38. Brendon McCullum represents which country?

- a) England b) New Zealand c) South Africa d) USA

Answer b) New Zealand. Brendon Barrie McCullum (New Zealand) has retired from One-Day Internationals (ODIs).

39. Which actor to get the 'Godavari Gaurav' award?

- a) Amitabh Bachchan b) Nana Patekar c) Amir Khan d) Salman Khan

Answer b) Nana Patekar.

40. Which state government will introduce a bill banning spitting in public places?

- a) Maharashtra b) Goa c) Kerala d) Tamil Nadu

Answer a) Maharashtra. Concerned over the sharp rise in infectious disease like tuberculosis, Maharashtra government will introduce a bill banning spitting in public places in the upcoming state Legislature Budget session scheduled next month. According to the proposed legislation, offenders spitting for the first time will have to pay a fine of Rs 1,000 and also do a day of community service at public places or at government offices.

41. _____ agreed to vacate the airbase at Leh district which will be used for expansion of the civilian airport by the Jammu and Kashmir government.

- a) Indian All Force b) Indian Aviation Force c) Indian Air Force d) None

Answer c) Indian Air Force. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has agreed to vacate the airbase at Leh district which will be used for expansion of the civilian airport by the Jammu and Kashmir government. IAF will develop its base at an alternate site in the strategically-located district of Jammu and Kashmir bordering Pakistan and China under an agreement intended to be finalised by this month end

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42. Sri Aurobindo International Centre for Education in _____ has become India's first fully solar powered institute (Educational).

- a) Assam b) Hyderabad c) Kerala d) Puducherry

Answer d) Puducherry. Sri Aurobindo International Centre for Education, Puducherry has become India's first fully solar powered institute (Educational). The institute generates thrice the electricity it consumes through solar power plants installed on the roofs of the dining room, primary school, library and high school in the campus. The institute has been self-reliant in energy since September 2014.

43. Tax reforms proposed in _____ sector recently.

- a) Defense b) Aviation c) Gems and Jewellery d) Alcohol

Answer c) Gems and Jewellery. Government of India is considering a package of tax incentives for the labour-intensive leather and gems and jewellery sectors in the forthcoming Budget to provide a boost to manufacturing as well as exports. Leather and leather goods sector is a focus area under the 'Make in India' initiative of the central government and the aim is to increase its exports to USD 15 billion by 2020 from the current USD 6 billion.

44. Which country wants India to pay oil dues in euros?

- a) Iran b) Afghanistan c) Syria d) Iraq

Answer a) Iran. Iran has asked Indian refiners such as Essar Oil and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) to clear its past oil dues amounting to over \$6 billion in euros within six months. With US lifting sanctions, Iran has told Indian authorities that the three-year old mechanism, paying 45 per cent of oil import bill in rupees and keeping the remaining 55 per cent pending for payment channels to clear, has come to an end.

46. The United Nations Postal Administration has released six new postage stamps promoting equality for _____ people.

- a) Disable b) Inferior c) Schedules tribes d) LGBT

Answer d) LGBT. The United Nations Postal Administration has released six new postage stamps promoting equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender or LGBT people. The colorfully designed stamps by artist and UNPA art director Sergio Baradat are also meant to celebrate the diversity of the gay community and marks the first time the global body's post office has issued stamps with an LGBT theme. The stamps were unveiled in a ceremony at the U.N.

47. _____ launches long range rocket.

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

Answer b) North Korea. North Korea has launched a long-range rocket carrying what it called a satellite, but its neighbours and the United States denounced the launch as a missile test, conducted in defiance of U.N. sanctions and just weeks after a nuclear bomb test.

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48. Which Country has become the first country in the world to ban supermarkets from throwing away or destroying unsold food?

- a) India b) Pakistan c) France d) Switzerland

Answer c) France. France has become the first country in the world to ban supermarkets from throwing away or destroying unsold food, forcing them instead to donate it to charities and food banks. Under a law passed unanimously by the French senate, large shops will no longer bin good quality food approaching its best-before date.

49. Sudhir Tailang who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Singer b) Guitarist c) Hair stylist d) Cartoonist

Answer d) Cartoonist. Eminent cartoonist Sudhir Tailang, who chronicled contemporary Indian politics with wit and humour, has died due to brain cancer. Tailang was under treatment for brain cancer since 2014 and breathed his last at his East Delhi residence in Mayur Vihar. He would have turned 56 on February 26 and is survived by his daughter and wife.

50. Dan Hicks, who passed away recently, was a/an_____.

- a) Singer b) Singer-songwriter c) Hair stylist d) Cartoonist

Answer b) Singer-songwriter. Singer-songwriter Dan Hicks, known for his rootsy blend of folk, jazz and country music, has died due to throat and liver cancer at the age of 74. The Bay Area musician and Montgomery High School graduate was best known for his band Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks, formed in 1967. The group incorporated elements of jazz, swing, folk, bluegrass, jug band, bebop and acid mariachi among other styles.

51. Who has been chosen for the prestigious Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi classical music award for 2015-2016?

- a) Rama Swamy b) Pandit Shyam Lal c) Pandit Ram Narayan d) None

Answer c) Pandit Ram Narayan. Sarangi maestro Pandit Ram Narayan has been chosen for the prestigious Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi classical music award for 2015-2016. The annual award, instituted by the Maharashtra government, is given to individuals who have excelled in classical vocal or instrumental music.

52. _____received SEBI nod for Mutual Fund business.

- a) Mahindra AMC b) Muthoot Finance c) Axis Fund d) None

Answer a) Mahindra AMC. TMahindra Asset Management Company has received markets regulator SEBI's approval for setting up of their mutual fund business. Mahindra AMC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (MMFS), got the regulator's nod on February 4. However, the company did not disclose by when it will start offering mutual fund products. At present, there are over 40 mutual fund houses operating in the country.

53. GOI to set up National Organic Farming Research Institute in _____.

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

Answer c) Sikkim. The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has decided to set up the National Organic Farming Research Institute in Sikkim. The decision to this effect was taken by the Union Agriculture Minister Radhamohan Singh and Sikkim Agriculture Minister Som Nath Paudyal in New Delhi.

54. PM Modi inaugurates Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited petrochemical complex the region's first petrochemical project at _____.

- a) Patna, Bihar b) Lepetkata in Dibrugarh district, Assam c) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh d) None

Answer b) Lepetkata in Dibrugarh district, Assam. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited petrochemical complex the region's first petrochemical project at Lepetkata to the nation. The Prime Minister also inaugurated a wax de-oiling unit at Numaligarh Refinery Limited.

55. Which Country has declared a state of disaster in rural areas hit by a severe drought?

- a) Armenia b) Afghanistan c) Zimbabwe d) Singapore

Answer c) Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe, has declared a state of disaster in rural areas hit by a severe drought, as more than a quarter of the population face food shortages. An estimated 2.4 million people are now in need of food aid, more than a quarter of the population.

56. International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation is observed on _____.

- a) February 6 b) February 5 c) February 4 d) February 3

Answer a) February 6. International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation is observed on February 6 every year to make the world aware of female genital mutilation (also called FGM) and to promote its eradication. At least 200 million women and girls alive today have undergone female genital mutilation, with half of them living in Indonesia, Egypt and Ethiopia.

57. Which two countries signed MoUs in education and health sectors?

- a) India and Pakistan b) India and Sri Lanka c) India and Japan d) India and China

Answer b) India and Sri Lanka. India and Sri Lanka have reviewed the progress made in their bilateral ties discussing various issues, including that of fishermen, a major irritant in the relations, as the two countries signed MoUs in education and health sectors. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Lankan counterpart Mangala Samaraweera discussed the entire gamut of relationship during the 9th Indo-Lanka Joint Commission meeting.

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58. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 12th South Asian Games, 2016 in_____.

- a) New Delhi b) Chennai c) Goa d) Guwahati

Answer d) Guwahati. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 12th South Asian Games, 2016 in a glittering ceremony at the Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati. In his address at the Indira Gandhi Athletics Stadium, Mr. Modi said he is privileged to be among the players of the SAARC countries. He said the South Asian Games demonstrate 3-Ts – Team work, Togetherness and Talent.

59. Edgar Mitchell who died was a/an_____.

- a) Singer b) Astronaut c) Athlete d) Guitarist

Answer b) Astronaut. US astronaut Edgar Mitchell – the sixth man to walk on the moon and only one of 12 who ever achieved the feat – has died aged 85. As part of the Apollo 14 mission in 1971, he spent more than nine hours on the Moon conducting experiments.

60. FDI in India doubles to _____ in Dec 2015.

- a) \$5.5 Billion b) \$4.5 Billion c) \$6.5 Billion d) \$7.5 Billion

Answer b) \$4.5 Billion. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country more than doubled to about \$4.5 billion (Rs 30,514.5 crore) in December 2015. In December 2014, India had received \$2.16 billion. The major sectors that attracted foreign inflows include computer software and hardware, trading, services, automobile and telecommunications.

61. The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) approves GI tag for Indian_____.

- a) Basmati Rice b) Dal c) Turmeric d) None

Answer a) Basmati Rice. The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) has directed the Assistant Registrar of Geographical Indications Registry, Chennai, to proceed with registration of Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Basmati rice as per the geographical demarcation conducted by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (Apeda).

62. _____ becomes Associate Member of European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO).

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

Answer b) India. Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology, and Government of India has signed an agreement to become an Associate Member State of State European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO).

63. Heritage development projects for _____ and _____ approved.

- a) Telangana and Orissa b) Kerala and Andhra Pradesh c) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana d) None

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Ministry of Urban Development has approved projects worth over Rs.12 cr for improving tourist infrastructure in heritage places of Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and Warangal in Telangana. An inter-Ministerial HRIDAY National Empowered Committee approved development of a Heritage Park in Amaravati besides developmental works at 1000 Pillar Temple and Kazipet Durgah and rejuvenation of pond at Padmakshi Temple in Warangal city.

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64. Who has been appointed as the commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan?

- a) Jack Nicholas b) Ilii Sharma c) John Nicholson d) Sameer Bhatia

Answer c) John Nicholson. Army Lieutenant General John Nicholson has been appointed as the commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan. He succeeded US General John Campbell who has been leading the Afghan operations for nearly 18 months.

65. World Cancer Day is observed on ____.

- a) February 6 b) February 5 c) February 4 d) February 3

Answer c) February 4. World Cancer Day is an international day marked on February 4 to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. World Cancer Day was founded by the Union for International Cancer Control(UICC).

66. _____ acquires Jasper Technologies for \$1.4 bn.

- a) Barkha b) Dell c) IMS d) Cisco

Answer d) Cisco. Cisco Systems said that it intends to acquire Silicon Valley-based Internet of Things (IOT) start-up Jasper Technologies Inc. for US\$1.4 billion in cash. Jasper allows companies to manage connected objects through cellular networks with a cloud-based software program, and was valued at US\$1.4 billion in its most recent round of venture funding.

67. Birla Corp Acquires cement arm of _____.

- a) IC Infra b) Ambuja Cements c) Reliance Infra d) None

Answer c) Reliance Infra. Reliance Infrastructure (RInfra) has sold its cement business arm to Birla Corporation for Rs 4,800 crore, a deal that will help Anil Ambani-led Group lower its debt burden. RInfra has announced the signing of share purchase agreement with Birla Corporation Limited, the flagship Company of the M P Birla Group, in relation to 100 percent sale of its subsidiary RCCPL.

68. ICC removes which Country from Permanent member status

- a) India b) Pakistan c) South Africa d) None

Answer a) India. The International Cricket Council is all set to scrap the controversial constitutional amendments, which gave executive clout and financial power to India, Australia and England, with its Shashank Manohar-led Board recommending complete overhaul of the current power structure. In its first meeting of 2016 after Manohar took over as ICC Chairman

69. Who won Wealth Mumbai International Open Chess tournament?

- a) Salil Mehta b) Swapnil Dhopade c) Himal Gusain d) Shardul Garge

Answer b) Swapnil Dhopade. Grandmaster Swapnil Dhopade of Maharashtra, with an overall tally of eight points, emerged victorious in the Rs 7.5 lakh prize money IIFL Wealth Mumbai International Open Chess tournament. International Master Stany G A of Karnataka finished a close second with 7.5 points, while Chandigarh's Himal Gusain with seven points was placed third.

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70. Manipuri documentary bags top award at 14th MIFF. Name it.

- a) Pheer b) Quisa c) Phum Shang d) None

Answer c) Phum Shang. Manipuri movie “Phum Shang” has won the Golden Conch award for the best documentary film (up to 60 minutes) at the 14th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) for Documentary, Animation and Short Films. Swiss drama “My Name is Salt” and Indian entry “Placebo” shared the Gold Conch award for the best feature length documentary film.

71. Mu Sigma appoints _____ as new CEO.

- a) Amitabh Bhanu b) Amba Sharma c) Ambiga Dhiraj d) Rishabh Jadeja

Answer c) Ambiga Dhiraj. Analytics services provider Mu Sigma Inc. has appointed its chief operating officer (COO) Ambiga Dhiraj as its chief executive officer (CEO). Mu Sigma’s founder and former CEO, Dhiraj Rajaram, will remain the chairman.

72. Who has been appointed vice-president and chief investment officer of the newly-created Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?

- a) Tanmay Gupta b) Rishabh Bajaj c) Arpan Pandey d) DJ Pandian

Answer d) DJ Pandian. Former chief secretary of Gujarat DJ Pandian has been appointed vice-president and chief investment officer of the newly-created Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). AIIB President-designate Jin Liqun had last month called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also had meetings with officials of the Finance Ministry.

73. Who has appointed Major General Jai Shanker Menon to head the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)?

- a) Helen Clark b) Ban Ki-moon c) Anthony Lake d) Harry Dexter White

Answer b) Ban Ki-moon. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Major General Jai Shanker Menon to head the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), which monitors the Syria-Israel ceasefire in the Golan Heights. Menon succeeds Lieutenant General Purna Chandra Thapa of Nepal whose assignment ended recently.

74. Which Country became second largest smartphone market?

- a) India b) Indonesia c) UAE d) UK

Answer a) India. India has surpassed the US to become the world’s second largest smartphone market, crossing 220 million in active unique smartphone users in 2015. According to Hong-Kong-based Counterpoint Technology Market Research, Smartphone shipments in India grew a healthy 15 percent annually in the December quarter of 2015 versus the previous quarter and 23 percent on the year-earlier quarter.

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75. Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal signed in_____.

- a) Christchurch b) Nelson c) Hamilton d) Auckland

Answer d) Auckland. The Trans Pacific Partnership, one of the biggest multinational trade deals ever, has been signed by ministers from its 12 member nations in New Zealand. The ceremony in Auckland brings the huge trade pact, which has been five years in the making, another step towards to becoming a reality. The 12 nations account for some 40% of the world's economy – they now have two years to ratify or reject the pact.

76. Joint Declaration between India and _____.

- a) Sri Lanka b) Vietnam c) Germany d) Armenia

Answer c) Germany. The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was apprised about signing of a Joint Declaration between the ministry of science & technology and the federal ministry of education and research of Germany on the extension of the tenure of the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC).

77. _____ has launched India's first anti-diabetic ayurvedic drug for type two Diabetes mellitus.

- a) The Council for Science and Industrial Research
b) The Council for Scientific and Industry Research
c) The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
d) The Cabinet for Scientific and Industrial Research

Answer c) The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. SS Tarapore, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and a noted economist, has passed away in Mumbai, at the age of 80. Tarapore joined the RBI in 1961 and retired in 1996 as deputy governor, having been involved in almost all aspects of monetary policy.

78. _____ wins 61st National School Athletics championship.

- a) Kerala b) Maharashtra c) Tamil Nadu d) Orissa

Answer a) Kerala. Kerala has emerged champions in the 61st National School Athletics Meet, which began on January 29 and concluded on February 2. Kerala emerged as the overall winner for the 19th consecutive time

79. Which Film has bagged the Best First Foreign Film Award conferred by the French Syndicate of Cinema Critics 2016 (FSCC)?

- a) Masaan b) Titli c) Citylight d) None

Answer b) Titli. Indian filmmaker Kanu Behl directorial "Titli" has bagged the Best First Foreign Film Award conferred by the French Syndicate of Cinema Critics 2016 (FSCC). This is the first time an Indian film has won this award.

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80. Who has been presented with the lifetime achievement award at NDTV Indian of the Year Awards?

- a) Amitabh Bachchan b) Shatrughan Sinha c) Rishi Kapoor d) Dharmendra

Answer a) Amitabh Bachchan. Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has been presented with the lifetime achievement award at NDTV Indian of the Year Awards. Jaya, who has worked with Amitabh in films like “Chupke Chupke”, “Abhimaan”, “Mili” and “Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham”, said she always knew her husband would make it big one day.

81. Urban Ladder appoints _____ as CMO.

- a) Tanmay Gupta b) Rishabh Bajaj c) Salil Mehta d) Sanjay Gupta

Answer d) Sanjay Gupta. Online furniture store Urban Ladder has named former Marico Ltd executive Sanjay Gupta as its chief marketing officer. Gupta will lead marketing, branding and content among others at Urban Ladder, the company said in a statement.

82. Which company is to build the World’s tallest Clock Tower?

- a) HCL b) IBM c) Infosys d) Accenture

Answer c) Infosys. Infosys, India’s leading software company, is all set to beat the 96-metre tall Big Ben, the iconic free-standing clock tower in London, with a 135m structure.

83. _____ gets world’s longest cable car system.

- a) Vietnam b) Indonesia c) UAE d) UK

Answer a) Vietnam. The world’s longest three-rope cable car system was inaugurated in Vietnam’s Lao Cai province. With a total length of 6,292.5 metres, the system was recognized by the Guinness World Records as the world’s longest three-rope cable car route, and also the world’s biggest height gap between its departure and arrival stations of 1,410 metres.

84. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed an MoU with _____.

- a) RUSSIA OJSC b) RUSNA OJSC c) RUS NANO OJSC d) RUSNANO OJSC

Answer d) RUSNANO OJSC. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed an MoU with RUSNANO OJSC of Russia to cooperate in diverse sectors and facilitate high-technology investments in India. As per the MoU, both the Parties will establish a joint working group with a view to further develop cooperation between the Parties and work on the development of the definitive agreements.

85. India and _____ Ink 3 Agreements.

- a) Sri Lanka b) Vietnam c) Brunei d) Armenia

Answer c) Brunei. India and Brunei have decided to boost defence ties by conducting joint military exercises as the two countries signed three agreements after Vice President Hamid Ansari held talks with the top leadership.

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86. SS Tarapore who passed was a_____.

- a) Former Chief Minister b) Former District Judge c) Former RBI Governor d) None

Answer c) Former RBI Governor. SS Tarapore, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and a noted economist, has passed away in Mumbai, at the age of 80. Tarapore joined the RBI in 1961 and retired in 1996 as deputy governor, having been involved in almost all aspects of monetary policy.

87. Intizar Husain who died at 93 was a Pakistani_____.

- a) Singer b) Actor c) Writer d) Orator

Answer c) Writer. Intizar Husain, veteran Urdu short story writer, poet and journalist has passed away at the age of 93. Husain's books include 'Gali Koochay', 'Kankari', 'Din Aur Dastan', 'Shehr-i-afsos', 'Kachhuay', 'Khaimay Say Door', 'Khali Pinjra', 'Morenama' and 'Sheharzad Kay Naam'.

88. Balram Jakhar who passed away was a _____.

- a) BJP Leader b) Congress Leader c) AAP Leader d) None

Answer b) Congress Leader. Veteran Congress leader and former Lok Sabha Speaker Balram Jakhar passed away at the age of 92. The former Lok Sabha Speaker and Governor of Madhya Pradesh was ailing for over a year following a brain stroke. He suffered respiratory arrest last month. Jakhar served as Speaker of Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1989 during which he contributed to the establishment of Parliament museum.

89. Who has been appointed mentor of the Kings XI Punjab for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar b) Virender Sehwag c) Rahul Dravid d) None

Answer b) Virender Sehwag. Former India cricketer Virender Sehwag has been appointed mentor of the Kings XI Punjab for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL). Sehwag will work closely with head coach Sanjay Bangar and would be responsible for guiding and motivating the squad.

90. Who has been appointed Senior Director for the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group at the World Bank?

- a) Atul Mittal b) Saroj Kumar Jha c) Satish Mishra d) Salil Mehta

Answer b) Saroj Kumar Jha. Saroj Kumar Jha has been appointed Senior Director for the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group at the World Bank. Jha, an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, was World Bank's Regional Director for Central Asia based in Almaty since February 2012.

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91. The Reserve Bank of India has kept key interest rates unchanged at_____.

- a) 6.00 b) 5.50 c) 6.75 d) 7.5

Answer c) 6.75. The Reserve Bank of India has kept key interest rates unchanged at 6.75%, in line with market expectations saying that it awaits further data on the development of inflation and the impact from the 7th Central Pay Commission which has recommended wage hikes.

92. India has got its first underwater restaurant in_____.

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

Answer c) Ahmedabad. India has got its first underwater restaurant in Ahmedabad, giving a new experience to food lovers. According to reports, the restaurant – The Real Poseidon – has a dining area which has been created 20 feet below ground level.

93. Which has been emerged as the fastest-growing state in the whole country with a growth rate of 9.7% in 2013-14?

- a) Bihar b) Goa c) Hyderabad d) Meghalaya

Answer d) Meghalaya. The tiny hill state of Meghalaya has been emerged as the fastest-growing state in the whole country with a growth rate of 9.7% in 2013-14. The state has scored higher than the fastest-growing big state of Madhya Pradesh (9.5%) and several notches ahead of the national growth rate. The data has been released by IndiaSpend.

94. WHO declared _____ as an international emergency.

- a) Zika Virus b) EBOVE c) HIV d) None of the above

Answer a) Zika Virus. The World Health Organization declared the Zika virus and its suspected link to birth defects an international public health emergency, a rare move that signals the seriousness of the outbreak and gives countries new tools to fight it.

95. World's First "Robot Run" Farm to come up in_____.

- a) 2020 b) 2016 c) 2018 d) 2017

Answer d) 2017. A Japanese firm plans to open the world's first fully automated, human-free farm – which means robots will do almost every job from watering seedlings to harvesting crops. Spread, a Kyoto-based company said it intends to start operating the farm by 2017 with an entire staff of robots and produce 30,000 heads of lettuce a day.

96. Craftsvilla acquires _____ for \$4.5 Million

- a) Blaze b) Overnite Express c) Sendd d) Doton

Answer c) Sendd. Mumbai-based ethnic etailer, Craftsvilla, has acquired Mumbai-based on-demand shipping service provider startup Sendd for about \$4.5 Mn. Sendd was founded by Nav Agrawal (IIT Bombay dropout), Sumeet Wadhwa (IIT Bombay Alumni) and Sargun Singh (IIT Bombay Alumni) in April 2015.

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97. Delhi and _____ ink pact for visa-free travel of envoys

- a) Kabul b) Herat c) Puli Khumri d) Khost

Answer a) Kabul. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the Chief Executive Officer of Afghanistan, Abdullah Abdullah, and expressed his gratitude to the government and people of Afghanistan for their bravery in protecting Indians when the Indian consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif was attacked early this month.

98. Aditya Mehta has won the National Snooker Championship 2016. He defeated_____.

- a) Pankaj Advani b) Manan Chandra c) Neil Robertson d) None

Answer b) Manan Chandra. Aditya Mehta has won the National Snooker Championship 2016. He defeated Manan Chandra by 6-3 in the men's final round of the National Snooker Championship 2016 that took place in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. In women's final round at National snooker championship 2016 Vidya Pillai claimed the title by defeating Ameer Kamani by 4-2.

99. Who has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Mexico?

- a) Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi b) Atul Jain c) Rahul Jain d) Tanmay Gaur

Answer a) Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi. Senior IFS officer Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Mexico. Pardeshi, a 1991-batch IFS officer, is currently posted as Joint Secretary (Passport division) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

100. Who has been appointed as Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and has become the first woman to head a paramilitary force?

- a) Aneeta Mishra b) Sonal Jain c) Seema Ramasundram d) Archana Ramasundram

Answer d) Archana Ramasundram. Senior IPS officer Archana Ramasundram has been appointed as Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), the first woman to head a paramilitary force. Ramasundram is currently Director, National Crime Records Bureau. She has been appointed to the post till the date of her superannuation, September 30 next year. 58-year-old Ramasundram is the first woman police officer to have been appointed as the chief of a paramilitary force. The SSB is entrusted with guarding the country's frontiers with Nepal and Bhutan.

101. CBDT Signs Two Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements with which country?

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

Answer b) UK. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has entered into two bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) with United Kingdom. With this signing, CBDT has concluded three bilateral APAs the first one being a bilateral APA signed with Japan in December, 2014.

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102. Which Country Lifts Ban on Import of Indian Groundnut?

- a) Japan b) Armenia c) Vietnam d) Pakistan

Answer c) Vietnam. Vietnam has formally lifted the ban on import of Indian groundnut, thereby providing market access after nine months. The Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development (MARD) has formally communicated the decision to the Indian Government stating that the Plant Protection Department of Vietnam (PPD) will issue import permits for groundnuts for January 18, 2016.

103. Which country to partner ISRO in Mars Mission?

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

Answer a) France. France will partner India in its next Mars mission, which the Indian Space Research Organisation plans to launch in 2018. French space agency, CNES has signed a letter of intent with the ISRO for French participation in the next Mars mission. India's first Mars mission was a technology demonstrator.

104. Which Indian Player replaces Finch as No 1 batsman in T20 Internationals?

- a) Rahul Sharma b) MS Dhoni c) Virat Kohli d) None

Answer c) Virat Kohli. Virat Kohli was rewarded for his stupendous performance in India's clean sweep against Australia in the T20 internationals as he replaced Aaron Finch as the top-ranked batsman in the ICC list for the shortest format.

105. Song Young-han beats whom to win Singapore title?

- a) Seine Netlio b) Tatiana Calderon c) Pietro Fittipaldi d) Idol Spieth

Answer d) Idol Spieth. South Korean Song Young-han held his nerve to edge his role model, world number one Jordan Spieth, by a shot to win the Singapore Open in a weather-delayed Monday finish. Song returned to par the last three holes of his final round for a one-under 70 and 12-under total of 272, claiming the first title of his career after a number of second place finishes on the Japan, Korean and OneAsia Tours.

106. Which Country became the number one side in the ICC T20 rankings?

- a) China b) India c) South Africa d) Pakistan

Answer b) India. India became the number one side in the ICC T20 rankings after whitewashing Australia in the three-match series. India, who are also the number one in Tests, overtook the West Indies to reach the top spot in the shortest format. India have 120 rating points, two more than the Caribbean unit. Sri Lanka also have 118 rating points like the West Indies but they are third in the charts. India have hit top form in the T20 format ahead of the World T20 to be held at home in March-April. They had famously won the inaugural World T20 in South Africa in 2007.

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107. Benoit Violier dies aged 44, was a/an_____.

- a) Chef b) Singer c) Painter d) Guitarist

Answer a) Chef. Benoit Violier – whose renowned three-star restaurant in a small Swiss town was in December ranked best in the world – was found dead in his in an apparent suicide. Mr Violier, 44, ran the Restaurant de l’Hotel de Ville in Crissier, near the city of Lausanne.

108. Frank Finlay who died at 89, was a/an_____.

- a) Actor b) Writer c) Painter d) Athlete

Answer a) Actor. Frank Finlay, the British actor known for his Oscar-nominated work as Iago in Othello and 1975’s The Three Musketeers, has died, at the age of 89. Finlay had over 100 credits to his name and last appeared in the U.K.’s television mini-series Four Seasons in 2009.

109. Who has been named La Liga’s Player of the Month for January?

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo b) Neymar c) Ruz Wayne d) Lionel Messi

Answer d) Lionel Messi. Lionel Messi has been named La Liga’s Player of the Month for January. This is the first time that the Barcelona star has received the award. Messi, 28, was recognised after an opening month to 2016 in which he scored six times in five league games.

110. Who has been voted as the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Year by fans in an online poll?

- a) Jordan Speith b) Anirban Lahiri c) Thongchai Jaidee d) Danny Chia

Answer b) Anirban Lahiri. India’s Anirban Lahiri has been voted as the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Year by fans in an online poll. Lahiri reinforced his stature as one of the global game’s rising young stars with a spectacular season to remember in 2015. He also became the first Indian to feature at The Presidents Cup and ended the year by winning the Asian Tour Order of Merit title.

111. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of TERI?

- a) R Pankaj Mishra b) Ghulam Azad c) RK Pachauri d) Ashok Chawla

Answer d) Ashok Chawla. The Governing Council of TERI appointed Ashok Chawla, former Union Finance Secretary and former Chairman of the Competition Commission, as its new chairman. The Council received widespread criticism from the media and women’s rights lawyers after the elevation of climate scientist RK Pachauri to the post of Executive Vice Chairman.

112. Which country has announced the appointment of India-origin Harinder Sidhu as the new High Commisisoner-designate?

- a) UK b) Australia c) Sri Lanka d) Nepal

Answer b) Australia. She will be the second envoy from Australia with Indian roots. Currently, US Ambassador to India Richard Verma’s parents hail from Punjab, while Canadian High Commissioner Nadir Patel was born in Gujarat.

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113. Who has been named as vice-chairman of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce Commission?

- a) Davinder Singh b) Sukhwinder Singh c) Sanjay Singh d) Prashanth Vengadesh Singh

Answer a) Davinder Singh. A top Indian-origin lawyer in Singapore has been named as vice-chairman of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce Commission, a private sector world business organisation with a central role in global trade and commerce.

114. Tithal beach is in which Indian State?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Gujarat d) West Bengal

Answer c) Gujarat. The Tithal beach in Valsad district of Gujarat is all set to become the first disabled-friendly beach in India.

115. Peacock, the national bird of India, may soon be termed a vermin in _____.

- a) Maharashtra b) Goa c) Karnataka d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Goa. Peacock is India's national bird and is a protected species under the Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

116. What is Nidar?

- a) A Handgun b) A Missile c) A Tank d) A ship

Answer a) A Handgun. Two years after India launched Nirbheek, a handgun pitched as the country's "first gun for women", a state-run arms factory has launched a similar gun which it says is India's lightest gun. The new .22-calibre revolver is named Nidar.

117. _____ has released an app called Fetch! which utilises facial recognition and artificial intelligence to recognise the dog's breed.

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

Answer b) Microsoft. It is available for Web users as well on what-dog.net

118. Kavita Raut is associated with

- a) Squash b) Badminton c) Running d) Archery

Answer c) Athletics. Indian long-distance runner Kavita Raut has qualified for the Rio Olympics in women's marathon after winning the event in the 12th South Asian Games.

119. Leslie Bassett, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Photographer b) Film Maker c) Musician d) Philanthropist

Answer c) Musician.

120. According to CRISIL India likely to grow at _____% in 2016-17.

- a) 7.6 b) 7.7 c) 7.8 d) 7.9

Answer d) 7.9. According to Crisil Research, Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.9 per cent in the fiscal starting April, lower than earlier forecast of 8.1 per cent. Crisil noted that the economy's modest recovery has been shaped by good luck on crude oil and commodities, and a supportive policy environment.

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121. Who is the present Health Minister?

- a) Harshvardhan b) JP Nadda c) Sunil Tiwari d) Kishore Mukherjee

Answer b) JP Nadda. JP Nadda, the Health Minister has launched the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) 2016-2030, which outlines India's strategy for elimination of the disease by 2030

122. _____ has stopped production at its bottling plant at Kaladera near Jaipur (Rajasthan), Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Brynihat (Meghalaya).

- a) Pepsi b) Kingfisher c) Bacardi d) Coca Cola

Answer d) Coca Cola. Hindustan Coca-Cola is part of the company's Bottling Investments Group (BIG) that packages, sells and distributes non-alcoholic, ready-to-drink beverages.

123. Aleppo is the city in which country?

- a) Russia b) Iran c) Syria d) Iraq

Answer c) Syria. World powers pressed Russia to stop bombing around Aleppo in support of a Syrian government offensive to recapture the city.

124. _____ has proposed \$860 million in aid for Pakistan.

- a) Russia b) China c) World Bank d) USA

Answer d) USA. The aid includes \$265 million for military hardware, which it said would help the country fight terrorists, secure nuclear weapons and improve ties with India.

125. YouTube has launched its first original movies and series' exclusively for _____ subscribers.

- a) YouTube Red b) YouTube Black c) YouTube Blue d) YouTube Yellow

Answer a) YouTube Red. In an aim to compete with the likes of Amazon and Netflix, YouTube has decided to play the subscription game, and give its paying subscribers a selection of content just for them.

126. NATO and the _____ have signed an agreement to improve cooperation in cyber defence.

- a) European Union b) Russia c) BRICS d) Singapore

Answer a) European Union. The technical agreement, signed at NATO headquarters, establishes a framework for emergency response teams from NATO and the EU to exchange information and share best practices.

127. Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) of _____ will store crude oil in India's 1.5 million tonnes-Mangalore strategic petroleum reserve using it as a wholesale storage capacity.

- a) Iran b) Iraq c) Qatar d) UAE

Answer d) UAE. India, which is 79 per cent dependent on imports to meet its crude oil needs, is building underground storage facilities at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and Mangalore and Padur in Karnataka to store about 5.33 million tonnes of crude oil to guard against global price shocks and supply disruptions.

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128. UTSONMOBILE was recently launched by _____.

- a) SBI b) Flipkart c) BSNL d) Indian Railways

Answer d) Indian Railways. The unreserved ticketing mobile application 'UTSONMOBILE' was launched in South Central Railway. The APP was developed with the help of Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS).

129. Siachen Survivor Lance Naik Hanamanthappa was passed away in Delhi Hospital due to Multiple Organ Failure. He belongs to which Indian state?

- a) Uttar Pradesh b) Karnataka c) Andhra Pradesh d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer b) Karnataka. The soldier of 19 Madras Regiment was rescued alive on Monday night (February 8th) after being buried under 35 feet of snow for six days. He was flown to Delhi in an Air Force aircraft.

130. Aurobindo Mukherjee, who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Journalist b) Politician c) Director d) Classical Dancer

Answer c) Director. Veteran film director Aurobindo Mukherjee passed away at the age of 97. Mukherjee was ailing from geriatric problems for some time. Mukherjee was the maker of cult Bengali classics like 'Agniswar', 'Mouchak' and 'Nishipadma' — all starring matinee idol Uttam Kumar — in the early 70s.

131. Kailash Yadav, who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Wildlife Photographer b) Marathi Poet c) Short Story writer d) Politician

Answer d) Politician. Uttar Pradesh minister Kailash Yadav passed away at Medanta hospital in Gurgaon after suffering a massive cardiac arrest. The minister of state for panchayati raj, he was a three-term legislator from Jangipur in Ghazipur.

132. Which film won the Best cinematography Award in the BAFTA 2016?

- a) Madmax : Fury Road b) The Revenant c) Fast and Furious d) The Big Short

Answer b) The Revenant. 'The Revenant' scooped the best film, best actor and best director awards at the 69th edition of the biggest film awards outside the U.S.

133. Who is the lead hero in The Revenant?

- a) Leonardo DiCaprio b) Denzel Washington c) Ryan Gosling d) Mark Wahlberg

Answer a) Leonardo DiCaprio. BAFTA stands for British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

134. _____ has been appointed Director of Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Rajendranagar.

- a) Dr Vikas N Tiwari b) Dr Vilas A Tonapi c) Dr Shivam R Krishnan d) Dr Kannan K Kumar

Answer b) Dr Vilas A Tonapi. He is presently the Principal Scientist at Seed Science and Technology of the IIMR. Dr. Tonapi earlier served as Head, Division of Seed Science and Technology, IARI, New Delhi.

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135. GOI is planning to lower stake in PSU banks to _____.

- a) 51% b) 49% c) 45% d) 40%

Answer a) 51%. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that the government will soon announce a series of major banking reforms, including lowering its stake in state-owned banks to 51 per cent.

136. _____ is the Overall best performing city in 'Swachh Sarvekshan-2016'?

- a) Visakhapatnam b) Mysuru c) Bengaluru d) Chennai

Answer b) Mysuru.

137. _____ is the Best performer in North-East and Best performer among capitals.

- a) Imphal b) Gangtok c) Aizawl d) Shillong

Answer b) Gangtok

138. Apple is setting up its first technology development center outside the US, in

- a) Hyderabad b) Chennai c) Mumbai d) Bengaluru

Answer a) Hyderabad. The \$25 million center will be housed in Tishman Speyer's WaveRock facility, which encompasses 0.7 million square feet. It is set to open by June, becoming fully operational by the end of the year.

139. According to Monster Salary Index (MSI), _____ sector is the highest paying sector in India.

- a) BFSI b) IT c) Defence d) Manufacturing

Answer b) IT. According to Monster Salary Index (MSI), Information Technology sector is the highest paying sector in India with a median gross hourly salary of Rs 346.42. Next comes Banking Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) with a median gross salary of Rs.300.23 per hour. Those in the manufacturing sector get paid the least at Rs 254.04.

140. Who is the present Union Minister of Food Processing Industries?

- a) Ravi Shankar Prasad b) Arun Jaitley c) Venkaiah Naidu d) Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Answer d) Harsimrat Kaur Badal. In order to give an impetus to the growth of the Food Processing Sector in Jharkhand, the first Mega Food Park in the State promoted by M/s. Jharkhand Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd. has been inaugurated Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries at Village Getalsud, District Ranchi.

141. Oracle is planning to set up a campus in

- a) Bengaluru b) Hyderabad c) Lucknow d) Jaipur

Answer a) Bengaluru. Global computer giant Oracle is planning to set up a campus in Bengaluru and start an initiative to help more than half a million students in India develop computer science skills. This was conveyed by Oracle's global CEO Safra Catz to Prime Minister Narendra Modi when she called on him Delhi.

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142. LAMITYE is the joint military exercise between India and _____.

- a) Sri Lanka b) Bhutan c) Seychelles d) Mauritius

Answer c) Seychelles. The Seventh Joint Military Training Exercise between the Indian Army and the Seychelles People's Defence Forces (SPDF) – LAMITYE 2016, will be conducted at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Victoria, Seychelles from 15 February to 28 February 2016.

143. Who won the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy?

- a) Williams Sisters b) Sania Mirza - Martinga Hingis pair c) Sharapova - Sonia pair d) Iva - Tania pair

Answer b) Sania Mirza - Martinga Hingis pair. The unstoppable pair continued their imperious form as they swept aside the Russian-Czech pair of Vera Dushevina and Barbora Krejčíková 6-3, 6-1 in the finals of the women's double event.

144. Which country wins ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2016?

- a) India b) England c) South Africa d) West Indies

Answer d) West Indies. The Indian under-19 cricket team's quest for an unprecedented fourth World Cup title ended in disaster as the West Indies outwitted the Rahul Dravid-coached side.

145. Who received the Pride of Kerala Award recently?

- a) Deepika Palligal b) Nayanthara c) Vidya Balan d) Mohan Lal

Answer c) Vidya Balan. The 38-year-old "Kahaani" actress, who hails from Kerala, took to Twitter to share her joy on receiving the prestigious honour.

146. Who has been appointed as the Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Buenos Aires?

- a) Alex Ferguson b) Arsene Wenger c) Tamar Hahn d) Jwan Hua Chin

Answer c) Tamar Hahn. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Hahn was the Regional Adviser for Resource Mobilization and Partnerships at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama City, Panama, since 2013.

147. Who has been named ambassador of the government's 'Make in India' initiative?

- a) Deepika Padugone b) Azim Premji c) Ratan Tata d) Piruz Khambatta

Answer d) Piruz Khambatta. He is the Chairman of Rasna.

148. _____ has a proposal to develop an online fuel management system.

- a) Indian Airways b) Indian Railways c) Indian Cargo Ships d) Delhi Transport Corporation

Answer b) Indian Railways. Indian Railway is firming up a proposal to develop an online fuel management system, a first of its kind for the national transporter, to check pilferage and bring transparency in fuel consumption.

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149. Who founded the Banaras Hindu University (BHU)?

- a) Bala Gangadhar Tilak
- b) Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya
- c) Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru
- d) Mahatma Gandhi

Answer b) Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya. Banaras Hindu University (BHU) founded by Freedom fighter Pt Madan Mohan Malviya has turned 100 years on 13th February 2016. BHU was founded as important seat of higher education in 1916.

150. BandPage has been acquired by _____ for a reported \$8 million.

- a) IBM
- b) Soundcloud
- c) YouTube
- d) Microsoft

Answer c) YouTube. BandPage is already heavily integrates into both YouTube and Google, delivering photos and band info for more than 500,000 artists, along with direct to fan offerings from hundreds of musicians.

151. Stefan Löfven is the Prime Minister of

- a) Norway
- b) Sweden
- c) Denmark
- d) France

Answer b) Sweden. India and Sweden have resolved to scale up bilateral relations and expressed their commitment to a transparent, fair and predictable global trade regime under the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

152. Name the Android app that can detect earthquakes using smartphones.

- a) EarthShake
- b) SafeShake
- c) MyShake
- d) SaveShake

Answer c) MyShake. University of California, Berkeley scientists have developed an Android app that can detect earthquakes using smartphones. Called MyShake, it is available in the Google Play Store.

153. Antonin Scalia, who passed away recently was a/an

- a) US Supreme Court Justice
- b) US Defence Secretary
- c) US Chief Surgeon
- d) US Navy Chief

Answer a) US Supreme Court Justice. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, the leading conservative voice on the high court, has died at the age of 79. Scalia, the longest-serving justice on the Supreme Court, taught at the University of Chicago from 1977 to 1982. He was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan.

154. ONV Kurup and Anatoli Ilyin are associated with _____ and _____ respectively.

- a) Journalist and Tennis Player
- b) Poet and Football Player
- c) Politician and Rugby Player
- d) Actor and Boxer

Answer b) Poet and Football Player. Renowned Malayalam poet and lyricist ONV Kurup passed away at a private hospital at the age of 84. Soviet football legend Anatoly Ilyin died at the age of 84. Striker Ilyin was capped 31 times by the then Soviet Russia (the USSR) between 1952-59 and scored 16 goals.

155. Kirthiga Reddy is associated with

- a) IBM
- b) Google
- c) Microsoft
- d) Facebook

Answer d) Facebook. Facebook Inc's India managing director, Kirthiga Reddy, said she is stepping down and returning to the United States to "explore new opportunities" at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, California. Reddy joined Facebook in 2010 as its first employee in India.

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156. Name the firm that is going to set up India's first LCD manufacturing facility.

- a) Twilight Ventures b) Twinstar Display Technologies
- c) Glow Tech International d) Bright View Tech

Answer b) Twinstar Display Technologies. NRI billionaire Anil Agarwal has announced that his firm Twinstar Display Technologies will set up India's first LCD manufacturing facility. The firm will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Maharashtra government to set up the facility.

157. Swedish defence firm Saab has tied up with an Indian company. Name the company.

- a) Geetha Group b) Kalyani Group c) Raman Group d) Hindustan Aeronautics

Answer b) Kalyani Group. Kalyani Group has tied up with Swedish defence major Saab to form a joint venture firm for the multi-billion dollar contract for short range surface to air missile and man-portable very short-range air defense (VSHORAD) programmes.

158. PM Modi inaugurates Make in India Centre in

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

Answer a) Mumbai. Kicking off the 'Make In India Week', Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Make In India Centre at the MMRDA Grounds in Mumbai along with Swedish Prime Minister Kjell Stefan Lofven and the Prime Minister of Finland, Juha Petri Sipila.

159. What is India's rank in most disaster-hit countries in 2015?

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

Answer a) Third. According to a study released by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), India has been ranked third among the top five most disaster-hit countries in 2015. India has suffered more than 2,800 deaths and over Rs 22,000 crore economic damage in the last year alone. After China and the US, which have been hit by 26 and 22 disasters respectively last year, India is the most affected country having suffered 19 disasters in 2015.

160. To improve ease of doing business, the government will soon introduce BIN. What is 'I' in 'BIN'?

- a) India b) International c) Identification d) Identity

Answer c) Identification. BIN - Business Identification Number.

161. DMK is one of the major parties in which state?

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

Answer c) Tamil Nadu. Senior Congress leader Gulam Nabi Azad has formally announced that the party will fight the Tamil Nadu Assembly polls in an alliance with the DMK. Mr. Azad said the DMK leadership will identify other potential allies and initiate talks.

162. The United States and _____ will sign a bilateral agreement to restore regular flights between the two countries after more than half a century.

- a) Cuba b) Venezuela c) Syria d) Nigeria

Answer a) Cuba. While US law prohibits travel to Cuba for tourist activities, this arrangement will facilitate authorized travel.

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163. Canada, the US and _____ signed a deal in Winnipeg, Canada, to tap into energy cooperation among the three countries.

- a) Norway b) Denmark c) Mexico d) Italy

Answer c) Mexico. Under the memorandum, the three countries will collaborate and share information in key areas such as low-carbon electricity, clean energy technologies, energy efficiency, carbon capture, use and storage, climate change adaptation, and reducing emissions from the oil and gas sector, including from methane.

164. The US government has approved the sale of F-16 fighter jets to _____.

- a) Afghanistan b) Pakistan c) Sri Lanka d) Indonesia

Answer b) Pakistan. The deal includes up to eight F-16 fighter jets built by Lockheed Martin Corp, radar and other equipment valued at \$699 million.

165. _____ is building the world's largest shopping mall.

- a) Australia b) Switzerland c) Dubai d) UK

Answer c) Dubai. Dubai said it would press ahead with plans to build the world's largest shopping mall despite an economic slowdown looming in the region, but would assess market demand before proceeding with the project's later stages.

166. Recently the United States has temporarily deployed an additional Patriot missile battery in _____.

- a) South Korea b) Japan c) Syria d) Iran

Answer a) South Korea. The move came as the two allies plan to start detailed discussions on bringing in an advanced, high-altitude US missile defence system opposed by China as early as next week.

167. World Radio Day is observed on _____.

- a) February 12 b) February 13 c) February 14 d) February 16

Answer b) February 13. February 13 is observed as World Radio Day every year. The day celebrates the radio as a way of educating people, providing information, and promoting freedom of expression across cultures. This year, the UNESCO theme for World Radio Day is "Radio in Times of Emergency and Disaster".

168. International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed on _____.

- a) February 11 b) February 12 c) February 13 d) February 14

Answer a) February 11. International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed on February 11. The year 2016 marks the first observance of this day. 2016 Theme: "Transforming the World: Parity in Science".

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169. Manish Arora has been conferred with the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour). Who is he?

- a) Indian Ambassador b) Fashion Designer c) Philanthropist d) Journalist

Answer b) Fashion Designer. The Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur is France's premier award to recognise eminent accomplishments of service to France. It is bestowed on both citizens of France as well as foreigners.

170. Sameer Anjaan has entered the Guinness Book of World Records. Who is he?

- a) Gymnastic Specialist b) Lyricist c) Environmentalist d) Social Activist

Answer b) Lyricist. Renowned Indian lyricist Sameer Anjaan has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for writing lyrics to the most number of Bollywood songs. The official record states that Sameer wrote 3,524 songs for 650 Bollywood movies, as verified on December 15, 2015.

171. Who has been appointed as Director General of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)?

- a) Jayant Misra b) Krishna Kant Bhattacharya c) Jayashankar Kumar d) Pranav Gupta

Answer a) Jayant Misra. Senior IRS officer Jayant Misra has been appointed as Director General of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). The post was vacant for the last eight months.

172. Who invested in Hyderabad based packaging material maker Bollant Industries?

- a) Anil Ambani b) Sanjay Bansal c) Mukesh Ambani d) Ratan Tata

Answer d) Ratan Tata. Hyderabad based packaging material maker Bollant Industries has raised an undisclosed funding from Ratan Tata. This is the third non tech investment by Ratan Tata. Launched in 2012 by Srikanth Bolla, Bollant Industries manufactures eco-friendly paper and biodegradable products and provides mainstream employment to several hundred differently-abled people.

173. Cabinet approves collaboration between Ministry of AYUSH and _____.

- a) WHO b) AIIMS c) UN d) UNICEF

Answer a) WHO. The long-term collaboration with WHO would help in improving International acceptability and branding of Ayush systems, facilitate awareness generation regarding AYUSH systems of Medicine by means of education, skill development, workshops, publications and exchange programs between AYUSH and WHO.

174. The Government of _____ would soon ink an MoU with British Pig Association (BPA) to develop and promote piggery in the state.

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

Answer b) Punjab. A decision to this effect was taken by Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal during a meeting with BPA Export Manager Chris Jackson.

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175. Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari launched a dedicated website to the union government's Maritime India Summit 2016. Name the website.

- a) www.maritimeinvest.in b) www.maritime.in
c) www.investmaritime.in d) ww.maritimeinvestindia.in

Answer a) www.maritimeinvest.in. The website will facilitate investors and participants access detailed information about the summit, including registrations.

176. BAE Systems is associated with

- a) Mobile Phone making b) Android and Ios App Developing c) Defence d) Satellites

Answer c) Defence. BAE Systems has announced selection of Mahindra as its India partner for the nearly \$700 million deal for the supply of 145 M777 Howitzers. M777 Howitzers are ultralight weight artillery guns having a strike range of 25 kms.

177. World's first wireless flexible smartphone has been developed. What is the name?

- a) EasyPend b) SuFlex c) ReFlex d) Phone360

Answer c) ReFlex. ReFlex is based on a high definition 720p LG Display Flexible OLED touch screen powered by an Android 4.4 "KitKat" board mounted to the side of the display.

178. The ASTRO-H satellite has been launched by Japan to study

- a) Moon b) Sun c) Black Holes d) Meteorites

Answer c) Black Holes. Japan has successfully launched a jointly developed space observation satellite tasked with studying mysterious black holes. The ASTRO-H satellite, developed in collaboration between the agency, NASA and other groups, is set to orbit at an altitude of about 580 kilometres (360 miles) and observe X-rays emanating mainly from black holes and galaxy clusters.

179. _____ has won The National Chess team Championship for the first time.

- a) Indian Airways b) State Bank of India c) Indian Railways d) Postal Department

Answer c) Indian Railways. The 36th Championship was held at Bhubaneswar from 8th to 14th February, 2016.

180. Akbar Kakkattil, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Journalist b) Historian c) Short Story Writer d) Banker

Answer c) Short Story Writer. Renowned short story writer and novelist Akbar Kakkattil (62) passed away in Kozhikode, Kerala. A two-time winner of the prestigious Kerala Sahitya Akademi award, Kakkattil was undergoing treatment for a lung-related ailment for over a week in the hospital.

181. Boutros Ghali, who passed away recently, was a former Secretary General of

- a) WHO b) UN c) G7 d) G4

Answer b) UN. Former UN Secretary General Boutros Ghali, a veteran Egyptian diplomat who helped negotiate his country's landmark peace deal with Israel, has died at the age of 93. He led the United Nations in a chaotic 1990s tenure that began with hopes for peace after the Cold War.

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182. Cabinet grants 'in-principle' approval to the LIGO-India mega science proposal. What is LIGO?

- a) India b) Information c) Interferometer d) Interference

Answer c) Interferometer. LIGO-India project (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory in India) is piloted by Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Science and Technology (DST). The project is associated with the Research on gravitational waves.

183. Who has been elected as President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)?

- a) M Devaraja Reddy b) K Kumar Reddy c) N Kalyan Singh d) G Devnath Patel

Answer a) M Devaraja Reddy. ICAI is a statutory body for the regulation of the profession of Chartered Accountants in India. It has been established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

184. 1989, the Album of _____ has won the Album of The Year Award.

- a) John Michele b) Taylor Swift c) Etlee d) Asif Kapadia

Answer b) Taylor Swift. Album of The Year is the most prestigious award in the music industry, and it's Taylor's second Album of the Year win (she first won in 2010 for Fearless).

185. Who is Kendrick Lamar?

- a) Secretary of Sweden b) Norway's Ambassador to India c) Italy's Foreign Minister d) Rap Artist

Answer d) Rap Artist. The 28-year-old rap artist scooped five prizes: best rap song, best rap performance, best rap/sung collaboration, best music video and best rap album in the Grammy Awards.

186. The prestigious Infosys Prize is given in how many categories?

- a) Three b) Four c) Five d) Six

Answer d) Six. The six categories are – Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences.

187. Who won the Infosys Prize 2015 under Life Sciences category?

- a) Prof. Umesh Waghmare b) Prof. Jonardon Ganeri c) Dr. Amit Sharma d) Prof Mahan Mj

Answer c) Dr. Amit Sharma. He is a Group Leader, Structural and Computational Biology Group, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi.

188. Which bank has recently declared the United Breweries company as a "willful defaulter"?

- a) Canara Bank b) HDFC Bank c) ICICI Bank d) Punjab National Bank

Answer d) Punjab National Bank. On 13 November 2015, State Bank of India (SBI) had declared United Breweries and Mallya as wilful defaulters.

189. Name the Telecom company which is associated with Rs.14,200 crore tax dispute?

- a) Airtel b) Reliance c) Vodafone d) Aircel

Answer c) Vodafone. Vodafone has disputed the tax bill levied by Indian authorities over its 2007 purchase of the India business of Hutchison.

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190. The government of India has increased the PF interest rate to _____% for the ongoing financial year ended March 2016.

- a) 8.5 b) 8.6 c) 8.7 d) 8.8

Answer d) 8.8. EPFO has been paying 8.75 per cent interest rate for the last two fiscals to its 5 crore organised sector subscribers.

191. Indian Railways has joined hands with _____ for technical cooperation in rail sector to run goods trains in cold conditions.

- a) Russia b) Norway c) Sweden d) Denmark

Answer c) Sweden. Railways also aims to acquire Swedish expertise to run semi-high speed train on existing tracks

192. Prithvi -II is a

- a) Surface to Surface Missile b) Air to Surface Missile c) Air to Air Missile d) Surface to Air Missile

Answer a) Surface to Surface Missile. India has successfully test fired its indigenously developed Prithvi-II missile from Chandipur off the Odisha coast. The medium range missile is capable of carrying 500 kg to 1000 kg of warheads and is thrust by liquid propulsion twin engines.

193. Rajamani, who passed away recently, was a

- a) Journalist b) Wildlife Photographer c) Music Director d) Politician

Answer c) Music Director. Popular southern composer Rajamani has passed away at the age of 60 due to sudden cardiac arrest. He composed music for nearly 70 films and rendered background score for over 700 films. His last film as a composer was 2012 Malayalam romantic-drama "Hide n' Seek".

194. Who has been nominated for 'Global Teacher Prize'?

- a) David Miller b) Robin Chaurasiya c) Kumar Gautham d) Nisha Subramani

Answer b) Robin Chaurasiya. Robin Chaurasiya, an Indian teacher who runs a non-profit school in Mumbai for girls from the city's red light areas has been named in the top 10 short-list for a global prize for teachers.

195. The Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley inaugurated the Non Tax _____ Portal.

- a) Bill b) Receipt c) Reform d) Payment

Answer b) Receipt. The Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley inaugurated the Non Tax Receipt Portal (NTRP), developed by the Office of Controller General of Accounts (CGA). The portal provides a one-stop platform to citizens /corporates/other users for making online payment of Non-Tax Receipts to Government of India.

196. Warren Richardson is associated with

- a) Cricket b) Volleyball c) Photography d) Economist

Answer c) Photography. The jury of the 59th annual World Press Photo Contest has selected an image by Australian photographer Warren Richardson as the World Press Photo of the Year 2015.

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197. The Union Cabinet gave its approval to amend section _____ of the Delimitation Act, 2002 and section _____ of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

- a) 9 and 11 b) 11 and 8 c) 6 and 13 d) 11 and 9

Answer d) 11 and 9. The proposed amendments will now be available before the Parliament for passing. It will enable Election Commission to carry out limited delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies in the Cooch Behar District of West Bengal.

198. The China's Silk Road Train does not pass through

- a) Kazakhstan b) Turkmenistan c) Iran d) Nepal

Answer d) Nepal. The first freight train to resurrect the ancient Silk Road route arrived in Iran from China. It took just 14 days for the 32-container train loaded with Chinese goods to complete the 5,900 mile (9,500 km) journey from China's eastern Zhejiang province through Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.

199. IMCOR is associated with India and _____.

- a) Malaysia b) Moscow c) Myanmar d) Mauritius

Answer c) Myanmar. As part of the ongoing India-Myanmar defence relations, Navies of the two countries have conducted IMCOR along the Maritime boundary since 2013. IMCOR - India-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol. It was successfully undertaken from February 13 to 16, 2016 along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) in the Andaman Sea.

200. What is Cobra Gold?

- a) Upcoming James Bond Movie b) Multilateral Exercise
c) A Diamond d) Naval Operation to rescue people from Pirates

Answer b) Multilateral Exercise. A 12-member team of the Indian Army is participating in the "Cobra Gold" multilateral exercises being hosted by Thailand, along with its counterparts from China and Pakistan. India has been invited to the exercises as an "observer plus" country.

201. ISRO and University of Toronto's Institute for Aerospace Studies are collaborating on developing the NEMO-AM satellite. What is N in NEMO-AM?

- a) Neptune b) NASA c) Next d) National

Answer c) Next. NEMO-AM - Next Generation Earth Monitoring and Observation and Aerosol Monitoring.

202. Rio Haryanto is associated with

- a) Basket Ball b) Badminton c) Formula One d) Football

Answer c) Formula One. Rio Haryanto will become Indonesia's first Formula One driver after signing a deal with Manor Racing. The 23-year-old will make his F1 debut at the Australian Grand Prix on 20 March after testing in Barcelona next week.

203. _____ and _____ account for 55 percent of yearly global deaths from air pollution.

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

Answer a) China and India. Air pollution kills more than 5.5 million people around the world each year, with over half of those deaths occurring in fast-growing China and India.

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204. Who has been awarded the prestigious Israel Prize for his breakthrough studies in fields like religion and philosophy?

- a) David Shulman b) Patrick Ben c) Paul Bishop d) Simon Kerton

Answer a) David Shulman. Prof. Shulman introduced the field of India studies to Israeli academia and the general public, acting as a sort of ambassador for Indian civilisation in Israel.

205. _____ wins game of the year award.

- a) Game of Thrones b) Assassin's Creed c) Fallout 4 d) Grand Theft Auto

Answer c) Fallout 4. Bethesda's Fallout 4 has won Game of the Year at the DICE Awards, the equivalent of the Oscars of gaming. The announcement was made at the Pete Holmes-hosted affair at The Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas.

206. Who has been named as the Chairman of GST committee of state FMs?

- a) Sanjay Mishra b) Pratab Rudi c) Murali Manohar d) Amit Mitra

Answer d) Amit Mitra. West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra has been named the new chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on Goods and Services Tax (GST). He will succeed Kerala Finance Minister KM Mani who had to resign in November over corruption charges.

207. State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new initiative called 'Japan Desk' in _____.

- a) Tokyo b) Mumbai c) Delhi d) Kolkata

Answer c) Delhi. This SBI Japan Desk will serve as an one-point comprehensive and reliable information support source for India-bound investments of Japanese companies.

208. The World Bank has decided to lend support to the _____ government on energy reforms.

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

Answer c) Rajasthan. The decision was taken at a meeting between World Bank's country director in India, Onno Ruhl and Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje.

209. Playing It My Way is the Autobiography of

- a) Lionel Messi b) Yuvraj Singh c) Sachin Tendulkar d) Leander Paes

Answer c) Sachin Tendulkar. Cricket Legend and Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography, Playing It My Way, has entered the Limca Book of Records in the category of best-selling books across both fiction and non-fiction categories with 1,50,289 copies sold on order subscriptions.

210. Project Loon is associated with _____.

- a) Microsoft b) IBM c) NASA d) Google

Answer d) Google. Google's balloon-powered high-speed internet service known as 'Project Loon' began its first tests in Sri Lanka.

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211. Pyongyang is the Capital of _____.

- a) Cambodia b) North Korea c) Laos d) Turkmenistan

Answer b) North Korea. US President Barack Obama has signed legislation imposing new sanctions against North Korea in response to Pyongyang's nuclear and missile tests.

212. _____ has put a ban on foreign firms from "online publishing".

- a) Russia b) China c) Nepal d) Sri Lanka

Answer b) China. China is to ban foreign firms from "online publishing" under new rules, as the country increasingly seeks to minimise Western influence. Chinese websites are already among the world's most censored, with Beijing blocking many foreign Internet services with a system known as the "Great Firewall of China".

213. Ustad Abdul Rashid, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Economist b) Journalist c) Hindustani classical vocalist d) Bird Photographer

Answer c) Hindustani classical vocalist. Veteran Hindustani classical vocalist Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan passed away in Kolkata due to old age problems at the age of 107. Khan, the oldest performing musician, was awarded a Padma Bhushan in 2013.

214. Who has been appointed as a part-time member of the Prasar Bharati board?

- a) Amitabh Bachchan b) Aamir Khan c) Kajol d) Rani Mukherjee

Answer c) Kajol. Bollywood actress Kajol and Shashi Shekhar Vempati, who heads an online media company, were appointed as part-time members of the Prasar Bharati board which runs public broadcasters Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR).

215. Aditya Birla and _____ have formed a venture for Payment Bank?

- a) Airtel b) Idea c) Aircel d) Reliance

Answer b) Idea. The new entity, Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Ltd, is a 51:49 joint venture (JV) between it and Idea Cellular — its telecom subsidiary in which it owns 23.26%.

216. What is EPC?

- a) Environment - Production – Company b) Emergency - Permanent - Constitution
c) Excellency - Periodical – Commission d) Engineering - Procurement - Construction

Answer d) Engineering - Procurement - Construction. Government of India has approved eight highway projects worth Rs 6,000 crore for six states – Punjab, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Odisha. Of these, six will be implemented in EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) mode and two in hybrid annuity mode.

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217. Minister Uma Bharti will inaugurate Jal Manthan - 2 in _____.

- a) Allahabad b) New Delhi c) Varanasi d) Guwahati

Answer b) New Delhi. Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Sushri Uma Bharti will inaugurate Jal Manthan -2 on ~~February~~ ^{Feb} 22, 2016 New Delhi. The main theme of two day event is Integrated Approach for Sustainable Water Management.

218. Dissident Congress leader Kalikho Pul, 46, has sworn in as the _____ Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

- a) Sixth b) Seventh c) Eighth d) Ninth

Answer d) Ninth. He has the support of 18 rebel Congress MLAs, and two Independents and 11 BJP MLAs who gave outside support. The Centre had revoked President's Rule in the state before Governor J P Rajkhowa administered the oath of office to Pul.

219. Christine Lagarde is associated with

- a) WHO b) UNSC c) World Bank d) IMF

Answer d) IMF. The International Monetary Fund its board re-elected Managing Director Christine Lagarde to a second five-year term, starting on July 5.

220. Yerevan is the Capital of

- a) Albania b) Armenia c) Laos d) Czech Republic

Answer b) Armenia. India and Armenia have signed an agreement for cooperation in the agriculture sector. An memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singhand Armenian Agriculture Minister Sergo Karapetyan.

221. KP Sharma Oli is the Prime Minister of _____.

- a) Bhutan b) Nepal c) Myanmar d) Malaysia

Answer b) Nepal. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli have jointly inaugurated a power transmission line from Muzaffarpur (India) to Dhalkebar (Nepal). Both countries also signed seven agreements to strengthen economic ties.

222. Ksheer-Scanner System is associated with

- a) Water b) Wine c) Milk d) Fruit Juice

Answer c) Milk. The Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Vice President, CSIR Dr. Harsh Vardhan dedicated Ksheer-Scanner System for Detection of Adulteration and analysis of Milk.

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223. Who blasted the fastest century in Test history recently?

- a) Virat Kohli b) K Anderson c) Adam Smith d) Brendon McCullum

Answer d) Brendon McCullum. Brendon McCullum has blasted the fastest century in Test history, a 54-ball effort that broke the record jointly held by Viv Richards and Misbah-ul-Haq. In his 101st and final Test match, McCullum attacked Australia's bowlers relentlessly.

224. Umberto Eco & Harper Lee were died recently. They were

- a) Economists b) Novelists c) Journalists d) Musicians

Answer b) Novelists. The novelist and intellectual Umberto Eco has died aged 84. Eco was best known for his 1980 work *The Name of the Rose*, was one of the world's most revered literary names. Harper Lee, the author of the classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, has died in her hometown of Monroeville, Ala. The Pulitzer Prize-winning writer was 89.

225. Bhuvaneshwari Mishra, who passed away recently was a

- a) Singer b) Dancer c) Film Maker d) Actress

Answer a) Singer. Renowned singer Bhuvaneshwari Mishra passed away in New Delhi following a cardiac arrest at the age of 67. She was popular both as a classical and a playback singer.

226. National Award-winning _____ film "Ottaal" has been named as the Best Film by children's jury at the 66th Berlin International Film Festival.

- a) Kannada b) Tamil c) Malayalam d) Telugu

Answer c) Malayalam. *Ottal* narrates the story of an old fisherman and his grandson. The Movie has been honoured with the Crystal Bear award in the Generation Kplus section.

227. Faustin Archange Touadera, a former prime minister and maths teacher standing as an independent, has been elected president of the

- a) Central African Republic b) Armenia c) Albania d) Peru

Answer a) Central African Republic. Touadera won 62.71 percent of the vote compared with 37.29 for his rival Anicet-Georges Dologuele, a former banker nicknamed "Mr Clean" who had won the first round on December 30.

228. Indian Railways may introduce train hostesses on soon to be launched Gatiman Express, the first train in India to run at a speed of 160 kmph. This train runs between

- a) Varanasi - Hyderabad b) Agra - Guwahati c) Delhi - Agra d) Rameshwaram - Tiruvananthapuram

Answer c) Delhi - Agra. The train will have a high-power emergency braking system, automatic fire alarm, GPS-based passenger information system and sliding doors in the coaches. There will also be live TV service as part of infotainment.

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229. Public sector oil major ONGC has approved Rs.3,104 crore additional investment for drilling of wells and creating surface facilities in which Indian state?

- a) Tamil nadu b) Tripura c) Kerala d) Mizoram

Answer b) Tripura. As a result of geological mapping and exploratory efforts, so far 11 gas fields have been discovered by ONGC in Tripura.

230. Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said "VLEs have a major role in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of startup revolution in India". What is V in VLE?

- a) Vibrant b) Visual c) Village d) Violent

Answer c) Village. VLE - Village Level Entrepreneurs. The government is looking at providing banking services in every village of the country by leveraging technology and the network of Common Services Centres (CSCs).

231. The Public Investment Board has approved the Rs 800-crore proposal from _____ for setting up a payments bank.

- a) Indian Airways b) Indian Army c) India Post d) DLF India

Answer c) India Post. PIB, under the Finance Ministry, whets the investment proposals put forth by the state-run entities. The department is in the process of finalising the selection of a consultant for setting up India Post's payments bank.

232. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the ambitious 'Rurban Mission' in _____.

- a) Assam b) Karnataka c) Kerala d) Chhattisgarh

Answer d) Chhattisgarh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the ambitious 'Rurban Mission' for developing 300 villages across the country as urban growth centres amid his assertion that his government is for the poor, dalits and other oppressed.

233. International Mother Language Day is observed on

- a) February 20 b) February 21 c) February 22 d) February 23

Answer b) February 21. The IMLD has been observed every year since February 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. 2016 Theme: Quality education, language(s) of instruction and learning outcomes.

234. In the recently announced Zee Awards, the Best Actor Male (Jury) Award was won by

- a) Salman Khan and Amir Khan b) Amitabh Bachchan and Salman Khan
c) Ranveer Singh and Shah Rukh Khan d) Amitabh Bachchan and Ranveer Singh

Answer d) Amitabh Bachchan and Ranveer Singh. Amitabh Bachchan for Piku & Ranveer Singh for Bajirao Mastani.

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235. Best Actor Female (Jury) as well as Best Actress (Viewers' Choice) was won by

- a) Rani Mukherjee b) Parineeti Chopra c) Priyanka Chopra d) Deepika Padugone

Answer d) Deepika Padugone. She won the award for Piku and Bajirao Mastani respectively.

236. _____ and _____ Government have set up Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) for the implementation of Smart City Plans.

- a) Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka b) Gujarat and Rajasthan
c) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan d) Gujarat and Maharashtra

Answer c) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

237. The Cricket Association of _____ became the first one in India to work towards Swatch Bharat Abhiyan.

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Maharashtra c) Himachal Pradesh d) West Bengal

Answer c) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) has launched 'Swachh Himachal – Padhai bhi, Safai bhi' campaign in Dharamsala.

238. Katni in _____ will have India's longest railway bridge.

- a) Uttar Pradesh b) Maharashtra c) Madhya Pradesh d) Bihar

Answer c) Madhya Pradesh. Katni in Madhya Pradesh will have India's longest railway bridge, 14 km on the up line, almost three and half times longer than Vembanad rail bridge in Kerala that connects Edappally and Vallarpadam in Kochi and is 4.62 km long. Called Katni grade separator, down line of the bridge would be of 7 km. Its total length would be 21 km up and down side.

239. _____ is all set to soon become the first state in the country to have aquifer mapping done for its groundwater resources by May.

- a) Punjab b) Haryana c) Manipur d) Sikkhim

Answer b) Haryana. An aquifer is an underground layer of water-bearing rock, from which groundwater can be extracted. The mapping will assist the state in estimating the quantity and quality of groundwater in an aquifer and would help it in assessment of sustainable level of water extraction.

240. Which country has retained it's World's Largest Arms Importer Tag?

- a) China b) Israel c) India d) Pakistan

Answer c) India. India accounted for 14% of the global imports in the 2011-2015 timeframe. India's arms imports remain three times greater than those of its rivals China and Pakistan. Its biggest suppliers are Russia, the US, Israel and France. After India, China ranks second in the global arms import list with 4.7%, followed by Australia (3.6%), Pakistan (3.3%), Vietnam (2.9%) and South Korea (2.6%).

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241. _____ is dispatching 9,000 soldiers to help keep the Zika virus out of the country.

- a) UK b) Cuba c) Venezuela d) Bhutan

Answer b) Cuba. Cuba prides itself on its system of free, neighborhood-level health care, which has included intensive efforts to limit the Aedes aegypti mosquito that also carries the tropical diseases dengue and chikungunya.

242. Name the Cyclone which recently hit Fiji and caused serious damages to the island country?

- a) Abraham b) Lucin c) Winston d) Lincoln

Answer c) Winston. Fiji has been struck by “Cyclone Winston” which brought with it wind gusts of 325 kilometres per hour and sea and ocean waves up to 12 metres high.

243. According to Greenpeace pollution in _____ is higher than China.

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

Answer c) India. Greenpeace research noted that 23 out of 32 National Air Quality Index (NAQI) stations in India had recorded more than 70% exceedance of the national standards, which puts public health at risk.

244. The 42nd Khajuraho Dance Festival began in the temple town of Khajuraho, Chhattarpur district in

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

Answer c) Madhya Pradesh. The festival will showcase classical dances, including Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Odissi and Kuchipudi, depicting the ancient tales like Mahishasur Mardini' and 'Krishna Rasa'.

245. The CII has signed an MoU with _____ to boost trade and explore business opportunities.

- a) Beijing Exports b) Moscow Exports c) Dubai Exports d) Tokyo Exports

Answer c) Dubai Exports. CII, a non-government organisation, has signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Dubai Exports, which works with other Dubai Government Departments to simplify the export process.

246. Minuteman 3 is the Intercontinental Ballistic missile of

- a) China b) Russia c) North Korea d) USA

Answer d) USA. The US Inter Continental Ballistic Missile Minuteman 3 was launched from Vandenberg Air force Base in California.

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247. Which country will host Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation from 12 April 2016 to save tigers?

- a) India b) Bhutan c) Bangladesh d) Sri Lanka

Answer a) India. It will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It will be the third such conference on tiger conservation to be hosted by India that will see the participation of all 13 tiger range countries.

248. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari sworn-in as Chief Justice of

- a) Meghalaya HC b) Tamil Nadu HC c) Gujarat HC d) Punjab HC

Answer a) Meghalaya HC. Justice Maheshwari succeeds Justice Uma Nath Singh who retired as Chief Justice on 14 January 2016.

249. REMI Award is associated with _____.

- a) Literature b) Music c) Filmography d) Philanthropy

Answer c) Filmography. Kanavu Variyam, a Tamil movie directed by a Chennai-based techie Arun Chidambaram, has gone on to win the prestigious REMI Award in the US. The award will be handed over to Chidambaram during the 49th WorldFest Houston International Film Festival, where the movie will have its world premiere.

250. Presidential Early Career award is given by the Government of which country?

- a) France b) Germany c) United Kingdom d) USA

Answer d) USA. US President Barack Obama to honour six Indian Americans, who have made to the list of 106 scientists and engineers, with the highest US government prize for young independent researchers.

251. Who has been chosen for appointment as Managing Director of the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)?

- a) Raj Kapoor b) Vinay Kumar Singh c) Mukhesh Khanna d) Pranav Bhatia

Answer b) Vinay Kumar Singh. The NCRTC is the implementing agency for the three corridors of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) in the NCR zone.

252. The Government of _____ is planning to get Geographical Identification (GI) tag for four traditional sweetmeat delicacies.

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) West Bengal d) Karnataka

Answer c) West Bengal. The four sweetmeats for which GI tags are being sought are 'Moa' of Jainagar, 'Sarpuria' of Krishnagar, and 'Sitabhog' and 'Mihidana' of Burdwan.

253. 'Swachh Paryatan Mobile App' is associated with the Ministry of

- a) Science & Technology b) Home c) Tourism d) Human Resource Development

Answer c) Tourism. The Ministry of Tourism in co-ordination with Ministry of Culture has launched

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the Swachh Paryatan mobile app. The objective is to increase citizens' participation in the protection and upkeep of heritage monuments in India.

254. Salesforce has acquired _____, a startup with general-purpose open source machine learning software.

- a) Cloud Nine b) Seven Cloud c) PredictionIO d) FortuneIO

Answer c) PredictionIO. Salesforce plans to use some of the tech to build out Salesforce's own machine learning capabilities as part of SalesforceIQ, both in-house as well as in products for Salesforce customers.

255. Which team has been crowned as the Champions of Hockey India League?

- a) Jaypee Punjab Warriors b) Kalinga Lancers c) Delhi Waveriders d) Ranchi Rays

Answer a) Jaypee Punjab Warriors. Jaypee Punjab Warriors was crowned Hockey India League (HIL) champions as they clinched their maiden title after thrashing Kalinga Lancers 6-1 in a lop-sided summit clash.

256. Francesca Schiavone is associated with

- a) Football b) Swimming c) Archery d) Tennis

Answer d) Tennis. Former French Open champion Francesca Schiavone won her first title since 2013 when she defeated Shelby Rogers of the United States 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the Rio de Janeiro final.

257. Who has been appointed the police commissioner of Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur?

- a) Ajit Singh b) Amar Singh c) Kalyan Singh d) Manoj Singh

Answer b) Amar Singh. Deputy commissioner Amar Singh, in his late 50s, will replace Tajuddin Mohamed, who will move to the federal headquarters as the deputy director of commercial CID (crime investigation department) next month.

258. Who has appointed its interim Managing Director & CEO of Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India?

- a) Saravana Kumar b) Arun Kumar c) Udai Kumar d) Vinoth Kumar

Answer c) Udai Kumar. Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India (formerly MCX Stock Exchange) has appointed its interim Managing Director & CEO Udai Kumar as MD & CEO after receiving necessary approvals from securities regulator SEBI.

259. RBI has extended the USD 2 billion currency swap arrangement to SAARC nations till mid-

- a) November 2016 b) March 2017 c) August 2017 d) November 2017

Answer d) November 2017. The Reserve Bank said that it has decided to extend the SAARC Currency Swap Arrangement till November 14, 2017. Under the arrangement, RBI is to offer swap arrangement up to an overall amount of USD 2 billion both in foreign currency and Indian rupee.

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260. Who has been conferred knighthood recently by the French government for his lifelong devotion to the promotion of arts?

- a) Ismail Mahomed b) Salim Malik c) Mohammad Yusuf d) Nainar Ahamad

Answer a) Ismail Mahomed. He was bestowed with 'The Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres' (Knight of the Order of Arts and Literature) by French Ambassador Elisabet Barbier in Johannesburg. Mahomed is the Artistic Director of the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown, Mahomed has received numerous other awards in his 30-year career.

261. Who took over as Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) recently?

- a) KN Shikar b) KN Vyas c) KN Guru d) KN Manoj

Answer b) KN Vyas. KN Vyas, Distinguished Scientist and Associate Director, Reactor Projects Group of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) took over as Director, BARC from Dr. Sekhar Basu, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy.

262. Mashrafe Bin Mortaza is set to be named as the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) "national goodwill ambassador for youth". He is a

- a) Cricket Player b) Badminton Player c) Journalist d) Social Activist

Answer a) Cricket Player. He represents Bangladesh Cricket Team. Mashrafe, who is currently the ODI and Twenty20 skipper, said that he had received the proposal a month ago and was extremely excited to receive the opportunity.

263. _____ is launching new mobile technologies that will allow customers to authenticate their online purchases using selfies or fingerprints.

- a) RupaY b) Master Card c) Visa Card d) Mastro Card

Answer b) Master Card. The technology will be rolled out by big banks in the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and some European countries over the next few months.

264. India's first nuclear armed submarine is now ready for full fledged operations. What is the name of the submarine?

- a) INS Vikrant b) INS Arjun c) INS Bheem d) INS Arihant

Answer d) INS Arihant. The submarine has passed several deep sea diving drills as well as weapons launch tests over the past five months. The formal induction into the naval fleet is only a political call away.

265. Which city has been ranked highest among Indian cities on a quality of life survey by consulting firm Mercer?

- a) Coimbatore b) Bengaluru c) Hyderabad d) Tiruvananthapuram

Answer c) Hyderabad. The city is only at number 138 on a global list of 230 cities. Pune follows at 145. Big metros Delhi and Mumbai rank 154 and 152 respectively.

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266. Guantanamo Bay detention facility is in

- a) Peru b) Morocco c) Cuba d) Armenia

Answer c) Cuba. President Barack Obama has called for the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility after delivering his plan to Congress to achieve a goal that has long eluded his presidency. The President wants to transfer the remaining 91 detainees to their home countries or to US military or civilian prisons.

267. Which city has been ranked Number One is World's Top City for quality of life?

- a) London b) Paris c) Tokyo d) Vienna

Answer d) Vienna. Vienna, Austria's grand capital on the Danube river, offers the highest quality of life of all cities in the world, while the Iraqi capital Baghdad, once more took its place at the bottom of a liveability list compiled by consulting firm Mercer.

268. The Parliament of _____ became the first in the world to completely run on solar power.

- a) USA b) Germany c) Pakistan d) Bhutan

Answer c) Pakistan. First announced in 2014, the venture has been funded by the Chinese government as an act of friendship, with the solar power plant costing around \$55 million.

269. _____ has announced the Telecom Infra Project recently.

- a) IBM b) Facebook c) Microsoft d) Google

Answer b) Facebook. The Project is working on providing currently unserved rural communities with wireless network efforts. A pilot 4G network is already underway in the Philippines, and Facebook has a project in planning for the Scottish Highlands.

270. The World's first waste supermarket has been opened in

- a) Switzerland b) Germany c) Denmark d) Italy

Answer c) Denmark. The world's first 'waste supermarket,' that sells expired food only, opened its doors in Copenhagen. Excited customers flocked to 'Wefood', who are selling a variety of products, that would otherwise end up in the bin, at reduced rates.

271. Who has been conferred with Aryabhata Award recently?

- a) R Gandhi b) Arvind Subramanian c) Avinash Chander d) AS Kiran Kumar

Answer c) Avinash Chander. Dr Avinash Chander, Former Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and ex-DRDO chief, has received the prestigious Astronautical Society of India's Aryabhata Award.

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272. Father Agnel School in _____ has pipped 500 schools from across the country to emerge as the 'greenest school'.

- a) Noida b) Tiruvananthapuram c) Varanasi d) Guwahati

Answer a) Noida. The award given away by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) came as part of a green school programme promoted by the CSE.

273. Gianni Infantino has been selected as the President of _____.

- a) ICC b) WHO c) FIFA d) UNSC

Answer c) FIFA. World football's governing body elected the Swiss-Italian lawyer Gianni Infantino after he defeated nearest rival Bahrain's Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa in the second round of voting. Infantino, 45, succeeds Sepp Blatter, who stepped down last year with the organization mired in allegations of corruption and wrongdoing.

274. Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) has inaugurated India's first Digital Automotive Experience Outlet called Unity Hyundai in _____.

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

Answer c) New Delhi. The company has taken a 'New Thinking, New Possibility' approach which is aimed at offering customers a completely new way to shop for a car by adopting digital-screens and artworks according to the varying tastes of different buyers.

275. President Pranab Mukherjee has declared _____ as the first digital state of the country.

- a) Maharashtra b) Tamil Nadu c) Kerala d) Telangana

Answer c) Kerala. The president noted Kerala's progress in becoming digitally enabled, right from the launching of a pilot Akshaya e-literacy project in Malappuram district in 2002 to now when the state revenue department alone is issuing about 30,000 digital certificates to the citizens daily.

276. Which state government has taken action against e-commerce giants Snapdeal, Amazon and Flipkart which were selling medicines online without valid licences?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana c) Karnataka d) Maharashtra

Answer d) Maharashtra. Food and Drug Administration, Maharashtra has taken regulatory action against these three companies, which were found to be selling or distributing medicines to consumers through internet without valid sales bill and requisite licenses.

277. _____ has won India's first-ever gold mining lease auctioned by the Chhattisgarh government.

- a) Vedanta Limited b) Reliance Industries c) Tata Groups d) Reddy Mines

Answer a) Vedanta Limited. The gold mine at Baghmara in Baloda Bazar district, about 140 km north-east of Raipur, is one of the oldest explored deposit of the precious metal in Central India.

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278. ISRO is working towards the establishment of a Satellite Tracking & Data Reception Station and Data Processing Facility in

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

Answer a) Vietnam. This facility is intended to acquire and process Indian Remote Sensing Satellite data pertaining to ASEAN region and disseminate to ASEAN Member countries.

279. BK Garudachar, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Journalist b) Economist c) Cricketer d) Hockey Player

Answer c) Cricketer. He was the former captain of Mysore who played as an all-rounder. Garudachar's best figures were 11 wickets for 62 runs when Mysore won their first Ranji Trophy match against Hyderabad during the 1941/42 season.

280. Rajesh Pillai, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Film Maker b) Philanthropist c) Politician d) Member of the Parliament

Answer a) Film Maker. South Indian filmmaker Rajesh Pillai died due to liver problem at the age of 42. His latest film Vettah, starring Kunjacko Bobban, Manju Warriar and Indrajith, released recently.

281. Who has been named as the Sports Person of the Year in the India Sports Awards 2015?

- a) Kuldeep Handoo b) Dipa Karmakar c) Lalita Babar d) Jai Kishore

Answer c) Lalita Babar. Long-distance runner Lalita Babar was named as the Sports Person of the Year in the India Sports Awards 2015. The Indian Sports Award were given away at the conclusion of day one of 'Turf 2015-16', organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) with the support of the Sports Ministry.

282. Who won the Breakthrough Sports Person of the Year?

- a) Dipa Karmakar b) Suresh Raina c) Kushan Jian d) Abhinav Gupta

Answer a) Dipa Karmakar.

283. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Diageo-controlled United Spirits Ltd?

- a) UK Sinha b) MK Sharma c) NR Mishra d) JN Jain

Answer b) MK Sharma. Mallya's exit from the board of United Spirits ended a long-drawn tussle between him and the majority owner, UK's Diageo, following allegations of irregularities on loans given to UB Group companies.

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284. Minister of Railways, Suresh Prabhu has announced plans to set up a dedicated, cross functional team called SUTRA. What is A in SUTRA?

- a) Arrangement b) Analytics c) Analysis d) Agency

Answer b) Analytics. SUTRA - Special Unit for Transportation Research and Analytics. The unit's objective is to carry out detailed analytics leading to optimised investment decisions and operations.

285. Who will be the new director general of the Coast Guard?

- a) Dhananjay Singh b) Sukwinder Singh c) Rajendar Singh d) Mukesh Singh

Answer c) Rajendar Singh. Rajendra Singh will be the new director general of the Coast Guard. This is the first time that the force will get a chief from its own internal cadre since it was set up in 1978 as the country's fourth armed force after the Army, Navy and IAF.

286. The Reserve Bank of India has announced an open market operation (OMO) purchase of government securities worth _____ on March 3.

- a) Rs 10,000 Crore b) Rs 12,000 Crore c) Rs 14,000 Crore d) Rs 16,000 Crore

Answer b) Rs 12,000 Crore. The RBI conducts OMO purchases in order to infuse liquidity into the system whenever there is a deficiency, while it conducts OMO sales to suck excess liquidity from the system.

287. What is the present Child Mortality Rate in India?

- a) 46 b) 47 c) 48 d) 49

Answer c) 48. Union Women and Child Development minister Maneka Gandhi said India has the third highest child mortality rate among SAARC countries with 48 deaths reported per 1000 live births.

288. According to the The Indian Express Power List, who is the second powerful person in India?

- a) Amit Shah b) Sonia Gandhi c) Mohan Bhagwat d) Rajnath Singh

Answer c) Mohan Bhagwat. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who led his party the BJP to a landslide victory in the 2014 national elections, remains the most powerful Indian.

289. Who is the third richest person in the World?

- a) Amancio Ortega b) Jeff Bezos c) Carlos Slim Helu d) Bill Gates

Answer a) Amancio Ortega. Industrialist Mukesh Ambani remains India's richest person with a sharp surge of 30 per cent in his net worth to \$26 billion, pushing his global rank to 21st on a worldwide rich list topped by Bill Gates.

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290. The European Parliament called on the European Union to impose an arms embargo against _____.

- a) Saudi Arabia b) Iran c) Iraq d) Pakistan

Answer a) Saudi Arabia. EU lawmakers, who voted overwhelmingly in favor of an embargo, said Britain had licensed more than \$3 billion of arms sales to Saudi Arabia since Saudi-led forces began military operations in Yemen in March last year.

291. Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis Pair's winning streak (41 matches) has been ended by Elena Vesnina and Daria Kasatkina of _____.

- a) Switzerland b) Russia c) Germany d) Italy

Answer b) Russia. Mirza and Hingis had started their win streak in September at the U.S. Open, the first of nine straight titles.

292. Name the Indian Cricketer who has been named as global ambassador of Nissan?

- a) Rohit Sharma b) Virat Kohli c) MS Dhoni d) Suresh Raina

Answer a) Rohit Sharma. In its partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC), Nissan also named West Indies all-rounder Andre Russell and New Zealand women's team captain Suzie Bates as its ambassadors.

293. Which state government has announced housing scheme for transgenders recently?

- a) Kerala b) Madhya Pradesh c) Karnataka d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer c) Karnataka. Bengaluru Development Minister, KJ George, announced the housing scheme for over 600 transgenders living in the city and facing social exclusion.

294. India and _____ have signed an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation of income from international air transport.

- a) Mauritius b) Sri Lanka c) Maldives d) Brazil

Answer c) Maldives. The Agreement provides for relief from double taxation for airline enterprises of India and Maldives by way of exemption of income derived by the enterprise of India from the operation of aircraft in international traffic, from Maldivian tax and vice-versa.



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295. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has tied up with _____ to provide standardised accommodation options to train travellers.

- a) EasyTrip b) OYO Rooms c) TravelEZY d) Comfort Rooms

Answer b) OYO Rooms. The partnership is expected to provide a more user-friendly hotel booking window for rail travellers, as OYO Rooms will show their available inventory of rooms through the IRCTC website itself, along with the promise of offering standardised amenities to the train passengers.

296. Cabinet has recently gave approval for establishment of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and SETU. What is E in SETU?

- a) Education b) Employment c) Energy d) Emergency

Answer b) Employment. SETU - Self Employment and Talent Utilisation. Establishment of AIM and AIM Directorate would result in implementation of Mission activities in a focused manner.

297. Royal Enfield has recently opened its first exclusive store in _____.

- a) Nepal b) Laos c) Vietnam d) Thailand

Answer d) Thailand. The Eicher owned company has announced its complete range of motorcycles, apparel and accessories at the launch of its first exclusive store along with the price.

298. Afghanistan's National Women's Cycling Team has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by members of the parliament of which country?

- a) Germany b) Italy c) Norway d) Sweden

Answer b) Italy. The team has used the bicycle as a vehicle for social justice, enduring violence and social stigma.

299. Chabahar Port is in which country?

- a) China b) Iran c) Russia d) Pakistan

Answer b) Iran. India has approved a \$150 million credit line for the development of Iran's Chabahar port. The port in southeast Iran is central to New Delhi's efforts to circumvent arch-rival Pakistan and open up a route to landlocked Afghanistan where it has developed close security ties and economic interests.

300. Rabishield – World's first fast-acting Anti-Rabies drug to be launched in which country?

- a) India b) Germany c) USA d) UK

Answer a) India. The drug, rabies human monoclonal antibody (RMAB), has been developed by Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) and US-based Mass Biologics of the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

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301. The Department of Biotechnology and a consortium of top UK research institutions signed an MoU for establishment of a joint India-UK collaboration programme in _____.

- a) Crop Science b) Defence c) HIV d) Tuberculosis

Answer a) Crop Science. The aim of the agreement is to enhance collaborative research, promote knowledge exchange, and support capacity building to develop resilience in food security.

302. Who won the award for best sound for documentary “India’s Daughter” at the coveted Motion Picture Sound Editors’ 63rd annual Golden Reel Awards?

- a) AR Rahman b) Ritesh Desmukh c) Resul Pookutty d) MJ Reetu

Answer c) Resul Pookutty. The Oscar-winning sound engineer said he is the first Asian to win the coveted award at the 63rd Golden Reel Award from the Motion Picture Sound Editors’ (MPSE) of US for best sound.

303. Who has joined ICC and UNICEF’s effort to build a social movement for sanitation and toilet use, thereby leading to an open defecation-free India?

- a) MS Dhoni b) Kajol c) Sachin Tendulkar d) Aamir Khan

Answer c) Sachin Tendulkar. ICC and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)’s ‘Team Swachh’, a nationwide initiative in support of the Government of India’s ‘Swachh Bharat’ Mission, will be launched with the upcoming World Twenty20 and will tap into the power of cricket to spread the movement for sanitation in the country irrespective of class, gender, age, region and religion.

304. Who has been appointed as the first Chairman of the Banks Board Bureau?

- a) R Gandhi b) Aravind Mayaram c) Aravind Subramaniyan d) Vinod Rai

Answer d) Vinod Rai. The Bureau will advise the government on top-level appointments at public sector lenders and ways to address the bad loans problem among other issues. The bureau has been set up at a time when public sector banks are grappling with a huge problem of bad loans with their collective gross NPAs (Non Performing Assets) approaching Rs. 4 lakh crore level.

305. President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurate India’s first “Gender Park” in which Indian state?

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

Answer c) Kerala. The 24-acre park will promote research and other initiatives to facilitate complete gender equality. A gender institute in the park would focus on learning, research and capacity development, as part of supporting the efforts of the state and central governments in ensuring an inclusive, discrimination free society.

306. Who has invested an undisclosed amount in home rental company NestAway Technologies?

- a) Mukesh Ambani b) Sachin Bansal c) Ratan Tata d) Anil Ambani

Answer c) Ratan Tata. This is Tata’s eighth personal investment in a startup in 2016 so far. He has invested in over 20 startups.

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307. Enda Kenny is associated with which country?

- a) Denmark b) Norway c) Sweden d) Ireland

Answer d) Ireland. Ireland's ruling coalition was ousted by voters angry at the country's uneven recovery, leaving Prime Minister Enda Kenny facing the unpalatable prospect of trying to secure a deal with his biggest rival.

308. Muziris Heritage Project is associated with

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

Answer a) Kerala. President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the Muziris Heritage Project at Kodungalloor. The project is implemented by the State Government with the support of the Central Government. The Muziris Heritage Project utilizes at a global level the possibilities of a region, which lost its glory centuries ago.

309. Agonda beach and Palolem beach is in

- a) Kerala b) Goa c) Tamil Nadu d) Maharashtra

Answer b) Goa. According to the latest survey by Travel website Tripadvisor, India has three of the top ten beaches in Asia favored by travellers. The beaches are Agonda, Palolem (both in Goa) and Radhanagar on the Havelock Island in the Andamans.

310. _____ has received tentative approval from the US health regulator for its Ritonavir tablets used for treatment of HIV infection.

- a) Reddy Labs b) Sun Pharma c) Aurobindo Pharma d) Biocon

Answer c) Aurobindo Pharma. Established in 1986, Aurobindo Pharma is present in semi-synthetic penicillins and therapeutic segments such as neurosciences, cardiovascular, anti-retrovirals, anti-diabetics, gastroenterology and cephalosporins, among others.

311. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit US, Saudi Arabia and _____ next month.

- a) Germany b) Italy c) Belgium d) Sweden

Answer c) Belgium. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to Saudi Arabia as part of his three-nation trip from March 30 during which he will also visit Washington to attend Nuclear Security Summit (NSS). Starting his visit with Belgium on March 30 for India-EU Summit, Modi will travel to Washington for NSS from March 31 before his two-day bilateral visit from April 2 to Saudi Arabia.

312. Sanjay Leela Bhansali and _____ have been chosen for 2016 Dinanath Mangeshkar Award.

- a) Ranbir Kapoor b) Shah Rukh Khan c) Ranveer Sigh d) Rishi Kapoor

Answer c) Ranveer Sigh. On April 24 every year, the Mangeshkars honour the finest artistes in India to commemorate Lataji's father Pandit Dinanath Mangeshkar's death anniversary. The award will be bestowed upon them by Lata Mangeshkar at a function to be held in Pune on 24 April to commemorate Pandit Dinanath Mangeshkar's death anniversary.

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313. Bollywood actor _____ was felicitated by Melbourne based South Asian community members in Australia.

- a) Milind Soman b) Varun Pruthi c) Varun Dhawan d) Randeep Hooda

Answer d) Randeep Hooda. The members of a non profit organization South Asian Public Affairs Council (SAPAC) honoured the visiting actor with an achievement award for making his mark in the film industry.

314. Senior IPS officer _____ took charge as the new Commissioner of Delhi Police.

- a) Alok Kumar Verma b) Ashok Kumar Singh c) Dilip Bhattra d) Sanjay Mukherjee

Answer a) Alok Kumar Verma. Kumar succeeds BS Bassi who was at loggerheads with the AAP government on a range of issues in the last one year.

315. Who was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the Governing Council of International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)?

- a) Dinesh Sharma b) Suresh Sharma c) Ramesh Sharma d) Sravesh Sharma

Answer a) Dinesh Sharma. He has been elected for a period of two years in its 39th Session held in Rome. IFAD was set-up in 1977 as the 13th Specialised Agency of the United Nations and works towards removing poverty and hunger in rural areas all over the world.

316. National Science Day is observed on

- a) February 29 b) February 28 c) February 27 d) February 26

Answer b) February 28. National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on 28 February 1928. For his discovery, Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. The theme of the year 2016 is on "Scientific Issues for Development of the Nation".

317. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently exposed a scam of more than Rs 1000 Crores related to

- a) Electronic Items b) Basmati Rice c) Textiles d) Frozen Chicken

Answer b) Basmati Rice. According to a probe being done by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), over two lakh metric tonnes of Basmati rice was illegally offloaded in Dubai in the last over a year instead of in Bandar Abbas in Iran. Over 25 big exporters from Haryana and Punjab are under the scanner of DRI and other agencies for their involvement in the multi-crore scam.

318. From March 1' 2016, which country will have Visa-On-Arrival facility?

- a) Japan b) Netherlands c) Denmark d) Norway

Answer a) Japan. As announced by the Prime Minister, the Visa on Arrival for Japanese nationals is being launched from tomorrow i.e. 1st March, 2016. This facility will be available at six airports viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

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319. Lamitye 2016 - It is a joint training exercise between the armies of India and _____.

- a) Mauritius b) Maldives c) Sri Lanka d) Seychelles

Answer d) Seychelles. Lamitye 2016, the seventh Indo-Seychelles joint training exercises, aiming to improve interoperability between both armies in counter-insurgency operations, has concluded at Victoria, Mahe Island in Seychelles.

320. _____ will end the support for its app for BlackBerry devices including BlackBerry 10 by the end of 2016.

- a) Skype b) Viber c) Whatsapp d) Facebook

Answer c) Whatsapp. The company will also do away with WhatsApp Messenger for Nokia S40, Nokia Symbian S60, smartphones with Android 2.1, Android 2.2 and Windows Phone 7.1.

321. AS Kiran Kumar is the Chairman of _____.

- a) DRDO b) ISRO c) BHEL d) PETA

Answer b) ISRO. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman A S Kiran Kumar signaled country's readiness for Chandrayaan II mission, which will be India's second mission to the moon. Chandrayaan II is an advanced version of the previous Chandrayaan-1 mission.

322. Basant Bahadur Singh Rana is associated with

- a) Archery b) Shooting c) Walking d) Squash

Answer c) Walking. London Olympian Basant Bahadur Singh Rana clinched the gold medal in men's 50km race walk event on the second and final day of the National Championships in Jaipur.

323. Who won the 2016 Dubai ATP Tennis title?

- a) Novak Djokovic b) Andy Murray c) Stan Wawrinka d) Roger Federer

Answer c) Stan Wawrinka. World number four Stan Wawrinka overcame the spirited challenge of Marcos Baghdatis to win the Dubai Tennis Championship. The Swiss triumphed 6-4 7-6 (15-13) for his ninth straight final win and his second title of the season.

324. Who won the 2016 Qatar Open Title?

- a) Serena Williams b) Martina Hingis c) Maria Sharapova d) Suarez Navarro

Answer d) Suarez Navarro. Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain won her second career WTA title when she rallied past Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the Qatar Open final.

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