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1. Which word has declared People's Word of 2018 by Cambridge Dictionary?

- a) Nomophobia
- b) Acrophobia
- c) Aerophobia
- d) Emetophobia

Answer a) Nomophobia. The Cambridge Dictionary has declared 'nomophobia' as the People's Word of 2018 after running a public poll to choose between four shortlisted words by the dictionary's editors.

2. George HW Bush is passed away aged 94, is associated with_____.

- a) Actor
- b) Politician
- c) Journalist
- d) Musician

Answer b) Politician. The 41st President of the US, George HW Bush passed away at the age of 94, his son 43rd US President George W Bush announced.

3. CRZ in this "R" represents_____.

- a) Rules
- b) Rights
- c) Roads
- d) Regulation

Answer d) Regulation. CRZ approved the construction of Pulicat bridge.

4. First Global Aviation Summit to be held in_____.

- a) Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Allahabad
- d) Ahmedabad

Answer b) Mumbai. Supported by ICAO, IATA, ACI and CANSO, the 1st Global Aviation Summit will be held on January 15 and 16, 2019 at The Grand Hyatt in Mumbai.

5. Indian Owl Festival, India's first owl fest, held in _____.

- a) Assam
- b) Punjab
- c) Pune
- d) Nagaland

Answer c) Pune. The Indian Owl Festival, India's first owl fest, was held at Pingori village in Purandar taluka of Pune, Maharashtra.

6. 'Bhasha Sangam',is for_____.

- a) Adults Pension
- b) School Students
- c) Farmers
- d) Defence Soldiers

Answer b) School Students. The Government launched 'Bhasha Sangam', a unique initiative to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages. Bhasha Sangam launched under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

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7. Reggae music got UNESCO heritage tag, is originated from_____.

- a) Jamaica
- b) Japan
- c) Italy
- d) Maldives

Answer a) Jamaica. Reggae music of Jamaica.

8. Chidaoba wrestling got UNESCO heritage tag, is originated from_____.

- a) Armenia
- b) Turkey
- c) Russia
- d) Georgia

Answer d) Georgia. Chidaoba, wrestling in Georgia.

9. Which country will host the G20 summit in 2022?

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

Answer b) India. India will host the G20 summit in 2022, when the country celebrates its 75th year of Independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Saturday.

10. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Bank of Maharashtra?

- a) Sanjeev R
- b) Sanjith Kumar
- c) Davis Justin
- d) AS Rajeev

Answer d) AS Rajeev . State-owned Bank of Maharashtra announced the appointment of AS Rajeev as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

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12. Who has been take charge as new Chief Election Commissioner?

- a) Sunil Arora
- b) Ashik Abbas
- c) Aravind Sundaram
- d) Raja Karukuvel M

Answer a) Sunil Arora. Sunil Arora, the senior-most election commissioner, took charge as the Chief Election Commissioner, succeeding OP Rawat who demitted office on Saturday.

13. Which country president is going to be India's Chief Guest for Republic Day 2019?

- a) America
- b) South Africa

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- c) Canada
- d) Australia

Answer b) South Africa. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa accepted PM Narendra Modi's invitation to be the Chief Guest for India's Republic Day celebrations in 2019.

14. Who has been appointed as next CEO of World Gold Council ?

- a) Pranith Nath
- b) Sainath Sreeram
- c) David Tait
- d) Divyansh Raj

Answer c) David Tait. The market development organization for the gold industry, The World Gold Council announced the appointment of David Tait who has a very successful career in the financial services industry as the incoming Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

15. First global conference on Blue Economy held in _____.

- a) Nairobi
- b) Tanzania
- c) Mombasa
- d) Uganda

Answer a) Nairobi. Kenya, Japan and Canada co-hosted the first global conference on the sustainable blue economy in Nairobi from 26 to 28 November 2018, in an event which brought together over 4,000 participants from around the world

16. Who won World Chess Championship title 2018?

- a) Fabiano Caruana
- b) Hikaru Nakamura
- c) Sergey Karjakin
- d) Magnus Carlsen

Answer d) Magnus Carlsen. World number one Norwegian Magnus Carlsen has retained his World Chess Championship title, beating US opponent Fabiano Caruana in a tie-breaker event.

17. UNESCO headquarter is situated in _____.

- a) Canada
- b) Sweden
- c) Scotland
- d) Paris

Answer d) Paris. UNESCO accepted a joint bid for Korean wrestling to be recognized as one of the world's most treasured cultural practices.

18. Who is the current Governor of Telangana?

- a) Narayana Moorthy
- b) Srinivasa Reddy
- c) Narasimha
- d) Viswaraya

Answer c) Narasimha. The Telangana government and British Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation and support the knowledge ambitions and economic growth of Telangana.

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19. Kimberley Process is associated with_____.

- a) Gold
- b) Diamonds
- c) Weapons
- d) Silver

Answer b) Diamonds. The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) Plenary 2018, was held in Brussels, Belgium, in November 2018. EU handed over the Chairmanship of KPCS to India from 1st January 2019. This year was the fifteenth anniversary of KPCS.

20. According to Bain & Company's report, _____ is the fastest growing e-commerce market.

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

Answer a) India. According to the report, India's online retail market had a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 53% from 2013 to 2017.

21. Which country passport is most powerful passport in world?

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

Answer a) UAE. UAE passport holders can now fly to 113 countries without a visa, and 54 others with a visa-on-arrival. UAE moved from third to first place overtaking Germany and Singapore.

22. Who has been appointed as the director of Yes Bank?

- a) Manoj Patnaik
- b) Pranesh Raajan
- c) Ranjith Premanand
- d) TS Vijayan

Answer d) TS Vijayan. Private sector lender Yes Bank appointed former IRDAI Chairman TS Vijayan as an independent director for a period of five years.

23. International conference on bears starts in_____.

- a) Pune
- b) Jamshedpur
- c) Agra
- d) Manipur

Answer c) Agra. More than 80 delegates from 11 countries are participating in an international conference on bears being organised in the Taj city for the first time.

24. Ex Cope India 18, the bilateral military exercise between _____.

- a) India and Russia
- b) India and Japan
- c) India and Canada
- d) India and USA

Answer d) India and USA. The Air Forces of India (IAF) and the U.S. began the 'Ex Cope

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India-18', a 12-day military exercise, in the Kalaikunda and Panagarh air bases in West Bengal.

25. What is the currency of Mexico?

- a) Mexian Dollar
- b) Dhram
- c) Riyal
- d) Peso

Answer d) Peso. Andrs Manuel Lpez Obrador became first leftist president of Mexico

26. Which union minister has launched Hornbill Festival of Nagaland?

- a) Smrithi Irani
- b) Suresh Prabhu
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Nithin Gatkaari

Answer c) Rajnath Singh. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 10-day-long Hornbill Festival of Nagaland at Naga Heritage Village Kisama on 1st December 2018. More than 60,000 people have visited the Hornbill Festival.

27. Who has become first Indian to be elected ISSF Vice President?

- a) Ajay Kumar
- b) Raninder Singh
- c) Manpreet Singh
- d) Ugendra Prasad

Answer b) Raninder Singh. The elections were held during the General Assembly meeting of ISSF in Munich in which Raninder secured 161 votes to make it to the coveted position. The 51-year-old Raninder is currently the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

28. Who has been appointed as new Finance Secretary ?

- a) Ajay Narayan Jha
- b) Narayana Moorthi
- c) Gowtham Rajan
- d) Steffin John

Answer a) Ajay Narayan Jha. Ajay Narayan Jha, the Secretary of Department of Expenditure, has been appointed as new Finance Secretary to succeed Hasmukh Adhia who retired on November 30.

29. Which country's captain has won Ballon d'Or Award?

- a) Slovenia
- b) Split
- c) Serbia
- d) Croatia

Answer d) Croatia. Midfielder Luka Modrić, who led Croatia to their first-ever FIFA World Cup final, won this year's Ballon d'Or.

30. 'Share Joy, Not Rumours'-is launched by_____.

- a) Facebook
- b) Whatsapp

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- c) Twitter
- d) Youtube

Answer b) Whatsapp. WhatsApp launched its first-ever television campaign in India called 'Share Joy, Not Rumours' to address fake news ahead of 2019 general elections.

31. Soyuz space craft has been launched by which country?

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

Answer b) Russia. The Soyuz MS-11 was successfully launched from Kazakhstan to the International Space Station with a three-astronaut crew, after a failed launch in October.

32. Which space company has launched India's heaviest satellite ?

- a) SpaceX
- b) European Space Agency
- c) CNES
- d) Arianespace

Answer d) Arianespace. France-headquartered Arianespace successfully launched GSAT-11, the heaviest satellite built by ISRO from its port at French Guiana.

33. Among the following antibiotics, which one is used in poultry industry?

- a) Cephalosporins
- b) colistin
- c) Fluoroquinolones
- d) Macrolides

Answer b) colistin. The government has reportedly proposed a ban on colistin, an antibiotic widely used in the poultry industry to make chickens gain weight faster.

34. Delhi Daredevils renamed as _____.

- a) Delhi Capitals
- b) Delhi Lions
- c) Delhi Devils
- d) Delhi Express

Answer a) Delhi Capitals . Indian Premier League franchise Delhi Daredevils has been renamed as Delhi Capitals ahead of the 2019 Indian Premier League season.

35. Kylian Mbappe wins Best Young Player award , is associated with_____.

- a) Cricket
- b) Hockey
- c) Football
- d) Basket Ball

Answer c) Football. France's 19-year-old World Cup-winning forward Kylian Mbappe won the Trophée Kopa, awarded at the Ballon d'Or ceremony to the best young player under 21 years of age at Monday's ceremony in Paris.

36. Which company has become world's most valuable company at \$870 bn?

- a) Google
- b) Microsoft

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- c) Amazon
- d) Apple

Answer c) Amazon. World's richest person Jeff Bezos' Amazon briefly became the world's most valuable company, days after Microsoft dethroned Apple.

37. Indian Navy Day is observed on_____.

- a) Dec 2
- b) Dec 3
- c) Dec 4
- d) Dec 5

Answer c) Dec 4. India celebrates Navy Day to commemorate the success of Operation Trident during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war.

38. Which game has won 'Best Game of 2018' among 3 Google Play awards?

- a) PubG
- b) Grand Theft
- c) Minecraft
- d) H1Z1

Answer a) PubG. Online multiplayer battlefield game PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds (PUBG) has won three awards in Google's 'Best of 2018' awards for Android apps on Play Store.

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- d) Croatia

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40. SpaceX aerospace agency is associated with which country?

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

Answer b) USA. Elon Musk-led startup SpaceX on Monday successfully launched 64 satellites aboard its Falcon 9 rocket into Earth's orbit, setting a new US record.

41. Ludhiana city is situated in_____.

- a) Delhi
- b) Punjab
- c) Assam
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer b) Punjab. The Punjab Cabinet cleared a proposal to set up an international civil terminal at Air Force Station, Halwara in Ludhiana district. The Punjab government will provide over 135 acres of land, free of charge, for the terminal.

42. Who has become the recipient of the first-ever Ballon d'Or awarded to a female footballer?

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- a) Dzsénifer Marozsán
- b) Amandine Henry
- c) Ada Hegerberg
- d) Pernille Harder

Answer c) Ada Hegerberg. Ada Hegerberg became the recipient of the first-ever Ballon d'Or awarded to a female footballer. Hegerberg has represented Norway at the youth international level, and made her debut for the senior team in 2011.

43. World Bank to raise _____ billion to fight climate change.

- a) \$200
- b) \$300
- c) \$500
- d) \$800

Answer a) \$200. The World Bank Group said it will double its 5-year investments to \$200 billion to fight climate change between 2021-2025.

44. Which state has become the first state in the Northeast and second in the country, after Himachal Pradesh, to launch a pan-India single emergency number '112' under the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Assam
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Manipur

Answer a) Nagaland. Nagaland became the first state in the Northeast and second in the country, after Himachal Pradesh, to launch a pan-India single emergency number '112' under the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS).

45. Who is the first Indian to be elected in ISSF judges committee?

- a) Ramkumar M
- b) Sibin Therattil
- c) Rigil Gilbert
- d) Pawan Singh

Answer d) Pawan Singh. Pawan Singh is also the Joint Secretary General of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). He was a former coach of the Indian shooting team.

46. Who has been appointed as an independent director to the board of Yes bank?

- a) Vijaya Kumar
- b) Elangovan Sembagam
- c) TS Vijayan
- d) Lalith Yadav

Answer c) TS Vijayan. Yes Bank appointed T.S Vijayan, former Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) chairman, as an independent director on the board of the private sector bank with immediate effect.

47. Which city in India has topped in fastest-growing cities from 2019 to 2035?

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

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Answer c) Surat. Diamond hub Surat topped the list with a projected annual average growth rate of 9.17% through 2035. Further, 17 of the 20 fastest-growing cities will be Indian, with Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai among the strongest performers.

48. Accounting for 7% of global emissions in 2017, India is the _____ highest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world.

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

Answer a) Fourth. Accounting for 7% of global emissions in 2017, India is the fourth highest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world, a study by Global Carbon Project said.

49. Who has been named the Sexiest Asian Woman in 2018 by UK newspaper 'Eastern Eye'?

- a) Priyanka Chopra
- b) Deepika Padukone
- c) Ishwarya Rai
- d) Parineethi Chopra

Answer b) Deepika Padukone. Actress Deepika Padukone beat Priyanka Chopra to be named the Sexiest Asian Woman in 2018 by UK newspaper 'Eastern Eye'.

50. Which airline has become first Indian airline to have 200 aircraft?

- a) Spicejet
- b) Air India
- c) Kingfisher
- d) IndiGo

Answer d) IndiGo. IndiGo became India's first airline to have 200 aircraft in its fleet. With nearly 43% share in the domestic air travel market, the Gurugram-based low-cost carrier is the country's largest airline.

51. Which country has become first country to make public transport free?

- a) Canada
- b) Bolivia
- c) Sweden
- d) Luxembourg

Answer d) Luxembourg. Luxembourg is set to become the first country in the world to make all public transport free, implementing the move in 2020.

52. Allo is associated with _____.

- a) Google
- b) Microsoft
- c) Apple
- d) None of the above

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Answer a) Google. Technology major Google has confirmed that it will shut down its messaging app Allo in March 2019 after 2.5 years of debut.

53. India's longest railroad bridge is called _____.

- a) Chatraba Bridge
- b) Bogibeel Bridge
- c) Mongila bridge
- d) Lamorghese Bridge

Answer b) Bogibeel Bridge. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Bogibeel Bridge, India's longest railroad bridge, falling in the eastern part of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on December 25, an official said.

54. Which country has become the first Latin American country to join China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)?

- a) Costa Rica
- b) Panama
- c) Colombia
- d) Guatemala

Answer b) Panama. Panama has become the first Latin American country to join China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Panamanian counterpart

55. Who has become India's top-paid sportsperson of 2018 at 228 crore?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) PV Sindhu
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Saina Nehwal

Answer c) Virat Kohli. Team India captain Virat Kohli has featured as the highest-earning sportsperson in the 2018 Forbes India Celebrity 100 list with ₹228.09-crore earnings.

56. A bilateral air exercise 'SHINYUU Maitri-18', between _____.

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

Answer a) India and Japan. A bilateral air exercise 'SHINYUU Maitri-18', between the Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) and Indian Air Force (IAF) began on December 3, 2018 at Air Force Station Agra. The exercise will end on December 7, 2018.

57. Who has been appointed as CEO of International Association of Athletics Federations?

- a) Ajay Singh
- b) John Abraham
- c) Abful Rahman
- d) Jon Ridgeon

Answer d) Jon Ridgeon. Ridgeon will take up the new role in March 2019. He will replace Frenchman Olivier Gers, who resigned from the post in March citing differences with the global governing body's commercial strategy.

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58. World Soil Day is observed on _____.

- a) 5 December
- b) 6 December
- c) 7 December
- d) 8 December

Answer a) 5 December. World Soil Day is celebrated annually on the 5th of December at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome.

59. Exercise sea vigil is associated with_____.

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

Answer d) Indian Navy. Indian Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba announced conduction of a 2-month long Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (Tropex) in January 2019. It would end in March 2019. The main objective is to check on the coastal defence

system

60. Witness Protection Scheme is introduced by_____.

- a) Railways
- b) Lok Sabha
- c) Rajya Sabha
- d) Supreme Court

Answer d) Supreme Court. The Supreme Court (SC) introduced a witness protection regime in the country noting that one of the main reasons for witnesses turning hostile is that they are not given security by the State.

61. Who has been awarded by PETA hero to Animals award?

- a) RS Prabhu
- b) Smrithi Devi
- c) Amrutha Balan
- d) Imran Hussain

Answer d) Imran Hussain. Delhi Minister of Food Supplies, Environment and Forest and Elections Imran Hussain was awarded by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)-India for banning the Chinese Manjha, or the glass-coated kite strings, across Delhi.

62. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for YONO?

- a) Swetha Gupta
- b) Swapna Barman
- c) Anu priya
- d) Bala Deepika

Answer b) Swapna Barman . State Bank of India roped in Asian Games gold medalist Swapna Barman as brand ambassador for its digital app YONO (You only need one).

63. Who has been appointed as S Africa's 1st female chief prosecutor?

- a) Cyril Ramaphosa
- b) Uma Riya
- c) Shamila Batohi

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d) Praneethi Bennet

Answer c) Shamila Batohi . South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed Indian-origin Shamila Batohi as the country's first female chief prosecutor.

64. According to Forbes, who has been topped in highest-earning celeb in India?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Shah Ruhk Khan
- c) Salman Khan
- d) Deepika PAdukone

Answer c) Salman Khan. Salman Khan has been named the highest-earning celebrity in India for the third time in a row by Forbes, with earnings of ₹253.25 crore

65. Which university has to be renamed as Prayagraj University?

- a) Allahabad University
- b) Ahmedabad university
- c) Delhi University
- d) Pune University

Answer a) Allahabad University. The Vice-Chancellor of Allahabad University has reportedly submitted a proposal to rename the university as Prayagraj State University.

66. Who won the Best Entertainment Host at Asian Academy Creative Awards?

- a) Kamal Hassan
- b) Nani
- c) Salman Khan
- d) Amitabh Bachchan

Answer c) Salman Khan. Salman Khan won the Best Entertainment Host for 'Bigg Boss', and Anurag Kashyap won the Best Direction [Fiction] for season one of 'Sacred Games' at the inaugural Asian Academy Creative Awards in Singapore.

67. Who has been named as Mr Supranational 2018 ?

- a) Pranesh Bennat
- b) Prathamesh Maulingkar
- c) Gautam Vasudev
- d) ArunVijay Yash

Answer b) Prathamesh Maulingkar . Mr India Prathamesh Maulingkar was named Mr Supranational 2018 on Saturday during the third edition of the pageant that took place in Poland.

68. Who is the current Minister for Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation?

- a) Arun Jaitley
- b) Smrithi Irani
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Suresh Prabhu

Answer d) Suresh Prabhu. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Minister for Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the Kannur International Airport, the state's fourth international airport.

69. India's first underwater museum to open at _____.

- a) Vishakapatnam

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- b) Puducherry
- c) Thuthukudi
- d) Kolkata

Answer b) Puducherry. INS Cuddalore, a Pondicherry-class vessel that was decommissioned in March, will be turned into India's first underwater museum off the Puducherry coast, as per reports.

70. Who has been crowned Miss World 2018?

- a) Vanessa Ponce
- b) Keerthy vas
- c) Dakota Johnson
- d) Fahriye Evcen

Answer a) Vanessa Ponce. Vanessa Ponce de Leon was crowned Miss World 2018 by the outgoing pageant winner, India's Manushi Chhillar, in China's Sanya on Saturday.

71. Vanessa Ponce is from_____.

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

Answer c) Mexico. Mexico's Vanessa Ponce de Leon was crowned Miss World 2018 by the outgoing pageant winner, India's Manushi Chhillar, in China's Sanya on Saturday.

72. Which country has launched mission to land on face of Moon not seen from Earth?

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

Answer a) China. China launched the first-ever spacecraft that will attempt landing on far side of the Moon, which always shows the same face to Earth as it's close enough to be locked by the planet's gravitational field.

73. Who has been nominated as US Attorney General?

- a) John Abraham
- b) Bear Jylm
- c) William Barr
- d) Nick Kondia

Answer c) William Barr. US President Donald Trump nominated William Barr to be the new Attorney General. Barr was previously the US Attorney General from 1991 to 1993 under late President George HW Bush and will replace the current acting Attorney General, Matt Whitaker.

74. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme is for_____.

- a) Provide every household LPG
- b) Saving scheme for girl Child
- c) House for all
- d) None of these

Answer a) Provide every household LPG. A report released by Indian Council of Medical

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Research (ICMR) stated that household air pollution in India has reduced because of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).

75. Who has been nominated as US next top military advisor?

- a) Mark Milley
- b) Adam Wills
- c) Raymond T. Odierno
- d) Joseph Dunford

Answer a) Mark Milley. US President Donald Trump on Saturday nominated four-star Army General Mark Milley to be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

76. Who won the Best Direction [Fiction]at Asian Academy Creative Awards?

- a) Mani Ratnam
- b) Anurag Kashyap
- c) SS Rajamouli
- d) S Sankar

Answer b) Anurag Kashyap.

77. Who has become first Indian to win ‘Breakthrough Table Tennis Star’ award?

- a) Vishnu Nath
- b) Kidambi Srikanth
- c) Manika Batra
- d) Sonia Megham

Answer c) Manika Batra. Indian table tennis player Manika Batra became the first Indian to win the ITTF’s ‘Breakthrough Table Tennis Star’ award.

78. Who has been appointed as Vice Chairman to 7 Tata trusts?

- a) Vijaya Kumar
- b) Venu Srinivasan
- c) Saravana Kumar
- d) Narayana Moorthy R

Answer b) Venu Srinivasan. TVS Motor Chairman Venu Srinivasan and former Defence Secretary Vijay Singh were appointed Vice Chairmen of seven Tata trusts.

79. Who will be sworn-in as Mizoram CM on December 15?

- a) Aung sung Su Kyi
- b) Tin Oo
- c) Sing Twin
- d) Zoramthanga

Answer d) Zoramthanga. Zoramthanga, who was unanimously appointed as the leader of MNF legislature party in Mizoram, will be sworn-in as the Chief Minister on December 15.

80. Which movie has been named the top Indian movie of 2018 by the global film and TV website IMDb?

- a) AndhaDhun
- b) Simmba
- c) Ramleela
- d) Ranguski

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Answer a) AndhaDhun. Ayushmann Khurrana and Tabu starrer 'AndhaDhun' has been named the top Indian movie of 2018 by the global film and TV website IMDb.

81. Who will be sworn-in as Telangana CM on December 13?

- a) K Chandrashekar Rao
- b) Narayana Rao
- c) Gourav Konda
- d) None of these

Answer a) K Chandrashekar Rao. TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao will be sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Telangana on December 13 after he was unanimously elected as the leader of the state legislative party.

82. Japan picks _____ as symbol for 2018.

- a) Cyclone
- b) disaster
- c) Peace
- d) Both a and b

Answer b) disaster. Japan has picked the kanji character for "disaster" as its "defining symbol" for the year 2018, following a series of natural disasters that struck the country this year.

83. Who has been appointed as RBI Governor for three years?

- a) Shaktikanta Das
- b) Shivananda Raj
- c) Yogeshwara Rao
- d) Amirtha Elango

Answer a) Shaktikanta Das. Shaktikanta Das, who was Economic Affairs Secretary when demonetisation was announced, has been appointed as the RBI's 25th Governor for a period of three years.

84. International Mountain Day observed on _____.

- a) December 09
- b) December 10
- c) December 11
- d) December 12

Answer c) December 11. The Theme for the 2018 edition of the International Mountain Day is: "#MountainsMatter".

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- c) Sing Twin
- d) Zoramthanga

Answer d) Zoramthanga. Zoramthanga, who was unanimously appointed as the leader of MNF legislature party in Mizoram, will be sworn-in as the Chief Minister on December 15.

88. Which movie has been named the top Indian movie of 2018 by the global film and TV website IMDb?

- a) AndhaDhun
- b) Simmba
- c) Ramleela
- d) Ranguski

Answer a) AndhaDhun. Ayushmann Khurrana and Tabu starrer 'AndhaDhun' has been named the top Indian movie of 2018 by the global film and TV website IMDb.

89. Who will be sworn-in as Telangana CM on December 13?

- a) K Chandrashekar Rao
- b) Narayana Rao
- c) Gourav Konda
- d) None of these

Answer a) K Chandrashekar Rao. TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao will be sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Telangana on December 13 after he was unanimously elected as the leader of the state legislative party.

90. Japan picks _____ as symbol for 2018.

- a) Cyclone
- b) disaster
- c) Peace
- d) Both a and b

Answer b) disaster. Japan has picked the kanji character for "disaster" as its "defining symbol" for the year 2018, following a series of natural disasters that struck the country this year.

91. Who has been appointed as RBI Governor for three years?

- a) Shaktikanta Das
- b) Shivananda Raj
- c) Yogeshwara Rao
- d) Amirtha Elango

Answer a) Shaktikanta Das. Shaktikanta Das, who was Economic Affairs Secretary when demonetisation was announced, has been appointed as the RBI's 25th Governor for a period of three years.

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92. International Mountain Day observed on _____.

- a) December 09
- b) December 10
- c) December 11
- d) December 12

Answer c) December 11. The Theme for the 2018 edition of the International Mountain Day is: “#MountainsMatter”.

93. Who is the New CM of Madhya Pradesh?

- a) Raj Nath
- b) Praveen Kamal
- c) Kamal Nath
- d) Vaudev Yadav

Answer c) Kamal Nath. After emerging as single-largest party with 114 seats in Madhya Pradesh, Congress announced that nine-time Lok Sabha MP Kamal Nath will be sworn in as the state's Chief Minister.

94. Who has been appointed as new FTII President?

- a) Vishnu Singh
- b) Vijaya Kumar Bhatt
- c) Surendar Nath
- d) BP Singh

Answer d) BP Singh. Creator of Indian TV show 'CID' Brijendra Pal Singh has been appointed as the new president of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Society and Chairman of Governing Council.

95. Who is the new CM of Telungana?

- a) K Chandrashekar Rao
- b) Narayana Rao
- c) Gourav Konda
- d) None of these

Answer a) K Chandrashekar Rao. Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) chief K Chandrashekar Rao took oath as the Chief Minister of Telangana today.

96. ACARE project is associated with _____.

- a) Agriculture
- b) Engineering
- c) Politics
- d) None of these

Answer a) Agriculture. President Ram Nath Kovind dedicates – India assisted project 'Advanced Centre for Agricultural Research & Education' – to the people of Myanmar; project focuses on Genetics, Post Harvest Technology, Participatory Knowledge Management and capacity building for farmers in Myanmar.

97. DSRV system is associated with _____.

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

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Answer c) Navy. The Indian Navy launched its first non-tethered Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) system at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

98. Who has honoured with Meethoileima title?

- a) PV sindhu
- b) Mary Kom
- c) Vijender Singh
- d) Saina NEhwal

Answer b) Mary Kom. Mary Kom was honored by Chief minister N.Biren Singh who also handed over a cheque of Ten lakh rupees.

99. Who has been appointed as Vice-Chair of UN Panel of Auditors till 2020?

- a) Vaibhav Raj
- b) Rajiv Mehrishi
- c) Arjun Sarja
- d) Amar Nath

Answer b) Rajiv Mehrishi. Comptroller and Auditor General Rajiv Mehrishi became the Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors for a term of 2 years ending on June 30, 2020.

100. Which country has topped in Climate Change Performance Index?

- a) India
- b) Poland
- c) Sweden
- d) Canada

Answer c) Sweden. Sweden tops in the Ranking.

101. What is the position of India in Climate Change Performance Index?

- a) 3rd
- b) 5th
- c) 10th
- d) 11th

Answer d) 11th. India at 11th position

102. Who is the Current PM of Srilanka?

- a) Ranil Wickremesinghe
- b) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- c) Maithripala Sirisena
- d) Gotabhaya Rajapaksa

Answer b) Mahinda Rajapaksa. Sri Lanka's former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe won the vote of confidence from a majority of Sri Lankan parliamentarians, including 14 from the opposition Tamil National Alliance (TNA), as their preferred candidate to serve in the post.

103. Who has been appointed England's director of cricket?

- a) Ross Taylor
- b) Sam Anderson
- c) Ashley Giles
- d) None of these

Answer c) Ashley Giles . Former England cricket team spinner Ashley Giles will succeed

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former captain Andrew Strauss as the managing director of England's men's cricket in January, the ECB has confirmed.

104. NGT - in this "T" represents _____.

- a) Tribe
- b) Tribunal
- c) Trades
- d) Training

Answer b) Tribunal. Calling the closure "unjustifiable", the court asked Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board to provide required clearances for opening the plant in three weeks. It also directed the company to spend Rs 100 crore over three years for welfare activities.

105. Who is the new CM of Mizoram?

- a) Zoramthanga
- b) Aung Sung Suu Kyi
- c) Viral Thanga
- d) Laldenga Beev

Answer a) Zoramthanga. Mizo National Front chief Zoramthanga was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Mizoram. Zoramthanga, who has been the Chief Minister of Mizoram twice, was a close aide of MNF founder Laldenga.

106. Who has become first writer in English to win Jnanpith?

- a) Nithyajith Desai
- b) Pranay Sankar
- c) Auragpali
- d) Amitav Ghosh

Answer d) Amitav Ghosh. Writer Amitav Ghosh has been conferred with the 54th Jnanpith Award, a literary award presented to an author for "outstanding contribution towards literature".

107. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Star and Disney India?

- a) Uday Shankar
- b) Manu Patel
- c) Udhay Ragav
- d) Swapna Pandit

Answer a) Uday Shankar. The Walt Disney Company has announced the appointment of Uday Shankar as Chairman of Star and Disney India, and President of The Walt Disney Company Asia Pacific.

108. Who is the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan?

- a) Ashok Gehlot
- b) Shambhu Singh
- c) Sachin Pilot
- d) None of these

Answer a) Ashok Gehlot. Senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot will be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Congress announced.

109. Who is the new CM of Madhya Pradesh?

- a) Gunal Kumar

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- b) Vishkara Yash
- c) Kamal Nath
- d) Sibin Therattil

Answer) Kamal Nath. Congress leader Kamal Nath will take oath as the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh on December 17 at the Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal.

110. Which state has passed resolution to declare cow 'Rashtra Mata'?

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Nagaland

Answer) Himachal Pradesh. The Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed a resolution to declare cow as 'Rashtra Mata (mother of the nation)'.

111. Who has been appointed Securities Appellate Tribunal presiding officer?

- a) Varun Yadav
- b) Tarun Agarwala
- c) Ajay Kumar
- d) Yash Chopra

Answer) Tarun Agarwala. Justice Tarun Agarwala retired Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court appointed as the presiding officer in the Securities Appellate Tribunal, Mumbai.

112. Aga Khan Gold Cup Tournament is associated with_____.

- a) Kabbadi
- b) Volley Ball
- c) Football
- d) Hockey

Answer) Hockey. Steel Authority of India's Hockey Academy beat Army XI Danapur to clinch the 115th All India Aga Khan Gold Cup hockey tournament held at Major Dhyani Chand hockey stadium in New Delhi.

113. Operation Oliva is associated with_____.

- a) Fish
- b) Turtles
- c) Elephant
- d) Ostrich

Answer) Turtles. The Coast Guard launched an exercise along the serene sea waters of Gahirmatha marine sanctuary in Odisha to protect the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles.

114. National Energy Conservation Day celebrated on_____.

- a) December 14
- b) December 15
- c) December 16
- d) December 17

Answer) December 14. The main aim of National Energy Conservation Day is to create awareness among the people about the significance of our energy resources and also to minimize the energy consumption.

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115. Who is the next five years sponsors for International Cricket Council (ICC) ?

- a) Royal Stag
- b) MRF Tyres
- c) VIVO
- d) Micromax

Answer) Royal Stag. International Cricket Council (ICC) signed a contract with Pernod Ricard India Pvt Ltd, the makers of whiskey brand Royal Stag for a five-year global partnership as an official sponsor.

116. Who is the new Chhattisgarh Chief Minister?

- a) Bhupesh Baghel
- b) Adhi Narayana
- c) Upendra Singh
- d) None of these

Answer a) Bhupesh Baghel. State Congress chief Bhupesh Baghel has been named as the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh. This is the third time Baghel has won from the Patan seat in Chhattisgarh, winning twice when the constituency was part of undivided Madhya Pradesh.

117. Who has become the first ever batsman to record 11 international hundreds each in two calendar years?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Ricky Pointing
- c) Chris Gayle
- d) Virat Kohli

Answer) Virat Kohli. India captain Virat Kohli smashed his 25th Test hundred during the first innings of the second Test against Australia at Perth on Sunday.

118. Which country won FIH Hockey World Cup?

- a) Netherland
- b) Sweden
- c) Canada
- d) Belgium

Answer) Belgium. Belgium, Olympic silver medallists, defeated Netherlands 3-2 via a penalty shoot-out to win the FIH Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

119. Haj agreement 2019 was signed between _____.

- a) India and Qatar
- b) India and Singapore
- c) India and Saudi arabia
- d) Both a and c

Answer) India and Saudi arabia. Haj agreement 2019 was signed between India and Saudi Arabia by Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, and Haj and Umrah Minister of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dr Mohammad Saleh bin Taher Benteen at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

120. India's first private UAV factory inaugurated in _____.

- a) Bangalore
- b) Hyderabad

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- c) Chennai
- d) Cochin

Answerb) Hyderabad. India's first private sector unit for manufacturing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) was inaugurated by Telangana's Home Minister Mohammad Mahmood Ali at Adani Aerospace Park in Hyderabad, Telangana.

121. Which company has bagged Prime Ministers Trophy for the Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant for the year 2016-17?

- a) Rana Tan
- b) Agni Steels
- c) Tata Steels
- d) None of these

Answerc) Tata Steels. Tata Steel Limited had been declared as the winner of the Prime Minister's Trophy for the 'Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant' in the country for the performance year 2016-17 making it the fourth consecutive year for Tata Steel being honored with this coveted award.

122. Which state has recieved Krishi Karman award in rice category?

- a) Assam
 - b) Haryana
 - c) Punjab
 - d) Jharkhand
- d) Jharkhand. The Union Ministry of Agriculture had selected Jharkhand for "Krishi Karman" award in the rice category.

123. Which movie has bagged 'Suvarna Chakoram' award at Kerala film festival?

- a) Dark Room
- b) Drishyam
- c) Husbands at Goa
- d) Everybody Knows

Answera) Dark Room. Iranian director Ruhollah Hejazi's "The Dark Room" was selected as best film at the 23rd International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) in Thiruvananthapuram, India.

124. Who was honoured with the French Knight of the National Order of Merit?

- a) Gnana Sampath
- b) Visu Chakravathy
- c) Ashok Amritraj
- d) Amit Nath

Answerc) Ashok Amritraj. Producer Ashok Amritraj was honoured with the French Knight of the National Order of Merit. French Minister of Europe and Foreign Minister, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian presided over the occasion.

125. Who won BWF World tour finals title?

- a) Saina Nehwal
- b) PV Sindhu
- c) Deepika Chander
- d) Both b and c

Answerb) PV Sindhu. PV Sindhu won her maiden BWF World tour finals title in Guangzhou,

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China. In the summit clash Sindhu defeated Nozomi Okuhara of Japan 21-19, 21-17 in 1 hour and 2 minutes.

126. Who has been appointed as ASG in Supreme Court?

- a) Bindu Vaithy
- b) Madhavi Divan
- c) Anu Priya
- d) Ashtalakshmi Elangovan

Answer) b) Madhavi Divan . The Central government has appointed advocate Madhavi Divan as the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) to represent it in the Supreme Court. Divan is the third woman to be appointed as ASG in the top court.

127. Who is the new Chhattisgarh Chief Minister?

- a) Bhupesh Baghel
- b) Adhi Narayana
- c) Upendra Singh
- d) None of these

Answer) a) Bhupesh Baghel. Bhupesh Baghel took oath as Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh at Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Raipur. Congress President Rahul Gandhi and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh were present during Baghel's swearing-in ceremony.

128. Who is the new CM of Madhya Pradesh?

- a) Amar Nath
- b) Vinoth Kannan
- c) Ajmal Kumar
- d) Kamal Nath

Answer) d) Kamal Nath. Kamal Nath has been sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh at the Jamboree Maidan in the state's capital Bhopal.

129. Who has been crowned Miss Universe 2018?

- a) Catriona Gray
- b) Steffi John
- c) Terasa Anders
- d) Lily Berg

Answer) a) Catriona Gray. Philippines' Catriona Gray has been crowned Miss Universe 2018, becoming the fourth woman from the country to win the title.

130. Who is the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan?

- a) Ashok Gehlot
- b) Shambhu Singh
- c) Sachin Pilot
- d) None of these

Answer) a) Ashok Gehlot. Ashok Gehlot was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan for the third time at the Albert Hall Museum in Jaipur.

131. Who will be inaugurate new campus of IIT Bhubaneswar on December 24?

- a) Ram Nath Govind
- b) Sushma Swaraj
- c) PM Modi

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d) None of these

Answerc) PM Modi. Besides dedicating the new IIT Bhubaneswar campus, Modi will lay the foundation stone for IISER, Berhampur.

132. Who has crowned Miss India Worldwide 2018?

- a) Anusha Sareen
- b) Sharine Vinoth
- c) Shree Saini
- d) Sakshi Sinha

Answerc) Shree Saini. Indian-American Shree Saini crowned Miss India Worldwide 2018 at the 27th annual global pageant held in the Fords City of New Jersey. It is Organised by the New York-based India Festival Committee (IFC).

133. Who is the PM of Nepal?

- a) Bidhya Devi
- b) Prasad Oli
- c) Tulsi Giri
- d) Aparan bhandari

Answerb) Prasad Oli. The Nepal government has banned the validity of Indian currency notes of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations in the country.

134. IDFC bank headquarter is situated in_____.

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

Answera) Mumbai. IDFC Bank and Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Capital First have announced completion of their merger to create IDFC First Bank.

135. ISRO has launched GSAT-7A satellite to help _____.

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Air Force
- d) To research about Glaciers

Answerc) Indian Air Force. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its 35th communications satellite GSAT-7A from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

136. Which actor has been named top Indian star of 2018 by IMDb?

- a) Ranveer Singh
- b) Deepika Padukone
- c) Anushka Sharma
- d) Salman Khan

Answerb) Deepika Padukone. Actress Deepika Padukone has been named the top Indian star of 2018, by the global film and TV website IMDb.

137. Who has taken charge of rank of Additional Director by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet?

- a) Indrajith Kumar
- b) Suresh Pranith

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- c) Vasudev Gupta
- d) Nageswara Rao

Answerd) Nageswara Rao. CBI's Joint Director M Nageswara Rao, who is currently the interim CBI Director, promoted to the rank of Additional Director by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

138. Which actor has named India's Person of the Year by PETA?

- a) Trisha Krishnan
- b) Sonam Kapoor
- c) Ranbir Kapoor
- d) Alia Bhat

Answerb) Sonam Kapoor. Actress Sonam Kapoor has been named India's Person of the Year for 2018, by animal rights organisation People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

139. Which country is going to be build artificial islands to bring back wildlife?

- a) Scotland
- b) Greenland
- c) Netherland
- d) Canada

Answerc) Netherland. Dutch engineers have created an artificial archipelago of five islands in "one of the largest rewilding operations in Europe".

140. Who has been elected as Vice President of FICCI?

- a) Udhaya Kumar
- b) Rajiv Menon
- c) Sai Nath
- d) Udhay Sankar

Answerd) Udhay Sankar. Uday Shankar is the first ever Indian media and entertainment executive to assume the leadership position in a national industry chamber – The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

141. NaVIC is associated with_____.

- a) Phones
- b) Apps
- c) Cars
- d) Railways

Answera) Phones. The satellite phones, NaVIC (Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System) receivers, has been designed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as a bid to the fishermen. So far, ISRO has delivered 200 NaVICs to the State government.

142. Who has become only the third woman to become an ASG (Additional Solicitor General) in the Supreme Court?

- a) Hima Vinoth
- b) Sherly Das
- c) Madhavi Divan
- d) None of these

Answerc) Madhavi Divan. With her appointment, Divan becomes only the third woman to become an ASG (Additional Solicitor General) in the Supreme Court.

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143. United Arab Emirates President declares 2019 as _____.

- a) Year of Tolerance
- b) Year of Peace
- c) Year of Truth
- d) Year of Dignity

Answer) Year of Tolerance. United Arab Emirates (UAE) President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has declared 2019 to be the “Year of Tolerance.”

144. Scientists have discovered the most-distant body has been nicknamed _____.

- a) Dumini
- b) Lambor
- c) Valvo
- d) Farout

Answer) Farout. Scientists have discovered the most-distant body ever observed in our solar system, located over 100 times farther than Earth is from the Sun. The new object has been nicknamed Farout.

145. Which state has become first state to bring law against Sextortion?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Assam
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer) Jammu & Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir become the first state in the country to enact a law banning sexual exploitation of women “by those in positions of authority, having a fiduciary relationship or a public servant”, Under Section 354E of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC).

146. Who has been appointed as the coach of the Indian women’s cricket team ?

- a) WV Raman
- b) Gary Kirsten
- c) Ricky Pointing
- d) Kapil Dev

Answer) WV Raman. Ex-Indian men’s cricket team opener WV Raman has been appointed as the coach of the Indian women’s cricket team despite India’s 2011 men’s World Cup-winning coach Gary Kirsten being the first choice.

147. Who has been appointed as new Indian Ambassador to US?

- a) Bhadrinath Tej
- b) Biplak Kumar
- c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- d) Ramson Shravanan

Answer) Harsh Vardhan Shringla. Harsh Vardhan Shringla, presently India’s High Commissioner to Bangladesh, has been appointed as the new Indian Ambassador to the US.

148. An instrument which is used to study quakes on Mars is called as _____.

- a) Manometer

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- b) Virtuometer
- c) Marsometer
- d) seismometer

Answer) seismometer. NASA announced that its \$993-million InSight lander has placed its first instrument, a seismometer, on Mars to study quakes on the planet.

149. Which country has passed law making handshake must for citizenship?

- a) Scotland
- b) Denmark
- c) Belgium
- d) Paraguay

Answer) Denmark. Danish lawmakers have approved a government-backed proposal to make citizenship applicants shake hands with the official conducting the naturalisation ceremony.

150. Which state government has topped first-ever state-wise rankings for providing a strong ecosystem to startups ?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Sikkim

Answer) Gujarat. Gujarat topped the first-ever state-wise rankings for providing a strong ecosystem to startups released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).

151. Over 5,000 people killed in Philippine President's _____ war.

- a) Drug
- b) Military
- c) Peace
- d) None of these

Answer) Drug. The death toll in the Philippines due to the war on drugs initiated by President Rodrigo Duterte has risen above 5,000.

152. Which US state has become 1st US state with female-majority legislature?

- a) Arizona
- b) California
- c) Utah
- d) Nevada

Answer) Nevada. Nevada has become the first state in the US with a majority female legislature.

153. Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)?

- a) krishna Das
- b) Krishna Kumar
- c) Pranab Kumar Das
- d) Murali Bhakshinathan

Answer) Pranab Kumar Das. Senior bureaucrat Pranab Kumar Das has been appointed as Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the apex policy-

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making body for indirect taxes. He will succeed S. Ramesh, who superannuates on December.

154. Who has won UN Human Rights Prize for 2018?

- a) Benazir Bhutto
- b) Asma Jahangir
- c) Munizae Jahangir
- d) None of these

Answerb) Asma Jahangir. Late Pakistan lawyer and human rights activist Asma Jahangir was announced as one of the four winners of the UN Human Rights Prize for 2018.

155. "Timeless Laxman" book is associated with_____.

- a) Sir CV Raman
- b) APJ Kalam
- c) BG Tilak
- d) R.K. Laxman

Answerd) R.K. Laxman. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a book "Timeless Laxman", based on the life and times of legendary cartoonist, the late R.K. Laxman.

156. Which country has topped in Global Gender Gap Report 2018?

- a) Iceland
- b) Australia
- c) India
- d) Nepal

Answera) Iceland. This year, the Gender Gap Index as released by World Economic Forum (WEF), was topped by Iceland with a score of 0.858, holding the top spot in the index for the 10th consecutive year.

157. According to Global Gender Gap Report 2018, India has secured _____rank.

- a) 100th
- b) 108th
- c) 120th
- d) 125th

Answerb) 108th. This year, the Gender Gap Index as released by World Economic Forum (WEF), was topped by Iceland with a score of 0.858.

158. Who has becomes the fastest Asian to cycle the globe?

- a) Hima Chandran
- b) Vedangi Kulkarni
- c) Madangi Vijaya Kumar
- d) Monisha Patel

Answerb) Vedangi Kulkarni. Vedangi Kulkarni, a 20-year-old cyclist from Maharashtra's Pune, has become the fastest Asian to cycle the globe.

159. Nana Chudasama died at 85, is associated with_____.

- a) Actor
- b) Journalist
- c) Scientist
- d) Politician

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Answerd) Politician. Chudasama was awarded Padma Shri in 2005 in recognition of his work in the social sector.

160. India marks National Mathematics Day in memory of _____.

- a) Sir CV Raman
- b) Ramanujam
- c) APJ Kalam
- d) None of these

Answerb) Ramanujam. National Mathematics Day is celebrated on December 22, since 2012, after former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made the declaration to pay tribute to Srinivasa Ramanujan on his birth anniversary.

161. India's place in Stock market is _____.

- a) 8
- b) 10
- c) 15
- d) 16

Answera) 8. India's stock market has overtaken Germany's to become the seventh-largest in the world with a market capitalisation of \$2.08 trillion.

162. A three day India China Film Festival is set to begin in _____.

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

Answerc) New Delhi. A three day India China Film Festival is set to begin in New Delhi from 22nd of December this year culminating on 24th of December.

163. Pandit Arun Bhaduri is passed away at 75, is associated with _____.

- a) Journalist
- b) Lyricist
- c) Singer
- d) Guitarist

Answerc) Singer. Pandit Bhaduri was considered to be one of the masters of Bengali songs and bhajans. The veteran singer had served as a guru (teacher) at the ITC Sangeet Research Academy.

164. Merriam-Webster selects ' _____ ' as its 2018 Word of the Year.

- a) Peace
- b) Toxic
- c) Information
- d) Justice

Answerd) Justice. Merriam Webster chooses its word of the year based on an increase in traffic and overall volume of traffic.

165. Anup Kumar has announced retirement, is associated with _____.

- a) Kabbadi
- b) Hockey
- c) Cricket

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d) Foot ball

Answer a) Kabbadi. In his 15-year iconic career, Anup Kumar was part of the national team that won gold medals in 2010 and 2014.

166. 'Changing India' book is associated with_____.

- a) PM Modi
- b) Manmohan Singh
- c) Ram nath Kovind
- d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer b) Manmohan Singh. Titled 'Changing India', the five-volume book, published by Oxford University Press, the book is being described as a definitive expression of the former prime minister Manmohan Singh's perspectives on a wide range of economic, social and political issues as they evolved under his long and eventful career.

167. which is the India's longest road-cum-rail bridge?

- a) Havelock Bridge
- b) Godavari Bridge
- c) Godavari Arch Bridge
- d) Bogibeel Bridge

Answer d) Bogibeel Bridge. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bogibeel Bridge, which is India's longest road-cum-rail bridge, in Assam's Dibrugarh.

168. Neil Island is located in_____.

- a) Andaman & Nicobar
- b) Lakshadweep
- c) Goa
- d) None of these

Answer a) Andaman & Nicobar. The Centre has reportedly decided to rename Ross Island, Neil Island and Havelock Island in Andaman and Nicobar as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island, Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep respectively.

169. Jai Narain Prasad Nishad is passed away at 88, Who is associated with_____.

- a) Journalism
- b) Politics
- c) Cinema
- d) Science

Answer b) Politics. Former Union Minister Captain Jai Narain Prasad Nishad passed away at the age of 88, owing to prolonged illness.

170. Who has been voted as the Most Stylish Man of 2018?

- a) Ranveer Singh
- b) Jhonny Dep
- c) Nick Jonas
- d) Hrithik Roshan

Answer c) Nick Jonas. Nick Jonas has been voted as the Most Stylish Man of 2018 in a poll conducted by international men's magazine GQ.

171. Who is the best driver of the 2018 season?

- a) Max Verstappen

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- b) Sebastian Vettel
- c) Daniel Ricciardo
- d) Lewis Hamilton
- d) Lewis Hamilton. Formula One drivers have chosen Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton as the best driver of the 2018 season.

172. Nirupam Sen is passed away at 72, is associated with_____.

- a) Journalism
- b) Politics
- c) Cinema
- d) Science
- b) Politics. Veteran Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader and former West Bengal minister Nirupam Sen passed away in Kolkata aged 72.

173. NECA- in this "C" represents_____.

- a) Conserve
- b) Communication
- c) Conservation
- d) Conflict
- c) Conservation. Indian Railways bagged 17 awards at the 'National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2018' held in New Delhi.

174. What is the capital of Burundi?

- a) Gitega
- b) Rwanda
- c) Tanzania
- d) Burkino Faso
- a) Gitega. Burundi confirmed the small central city of Gitega the country's new political capital.

175. Among the following states, which is not topped in performing states under maternity benefit programme PMMVY: MoSWCD?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu
- d) Tamil Nadu. Minister of State for the Women and Child Development Ministry Virendra Kumar released the performance of states and UTs under the maternity benefit programme named Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.

176. Who has received South Indian Education Society (SIES) Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati National Eminence Award as part of the Kanchi Mahaswami festival?

- a) Manmohan Singh
- b) Modi
- c) Rahul Gandhi
- d) Sonia Gandhi
- a) Manmohan Singh. Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh received South Indian Education Society (SIES) Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati National Eminence Award as

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part of the Kanchi Mahaswami festival. He was awarded for his contribution to the field of public leadership.

177. Who has awarded as the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year 2018 Award?

- a) Chandrababu Naidu
 - b) Kumara Samy
 - c) Naveen Patnaik
 - d) Mamta Banerjee
- d) Mamta Banerjee. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has been chosen as the best chief minister of the country by the Skoch Group.

178. According to the MORI Perils of Perception Survey 2018, India has secured _____ rank in the “misperception index”.

- a) 10th
 - b) 11th
 - c) 12th
 - d) 13th
- c) 12th. Indians placed at 12th rank in the “misperception index” according to the MORI Perils of Perception Survey 2018, done by Ipsos India, an independent market research company.

179. Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in _____.

- a) Madhya Pradesh
 - b) Rajasthan
 - c) Uttar Pradesh
 - d) Tamil Nadu
- b) Rajasthan. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has banned all mining activities within 10 km of the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.

180. Who has been elected as president of Archery Association of India?

- a) BVP Rao
 - b) Shikander Singh
 - c) Suklak Govind
 - d) Vasu Patel
- a) BVP Rao. BVP Rao was elected as the President of Archery Association of India(AAI), the election was held under the Supervision of former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi.

181. Fifteenth Global SME Business Summit in _____.

- a) Mumbai
 - b) New Delhi
 - c) Kolkata
 - d) Pune
- b) New Delhi. The 15th edition of a two day Global SME Business Summit was organized by the Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with Government e-marketplace in New Delhi.

182. Dipali Borthakur is passed away at 77, is associated with _____.

- a) Actress

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- b) Singer
- c) Lyricist
- d) Guitarist

b) Singer. She was a Padma Shri recipient in 1998 and was also known as “Asomiya Lata Mangeshkar.” She was honored with The Axiom Srestho by The Telegraph, Silipi Bota (2010) and Aideu Handique Silpi Award (2012) among others.

183. “Nancy Grace Roman “Passed away at the age of 93 , She was associated with which field?

- a) Economics
- b) Social work
- c) Sports
- d) Astronomy

Answer d) Astronomy. The first-ever woman to hold an executive position at NASA, Nancy Grace Roman, passed away at the age of 93 on December 25. Roman was the first Chief of Astronomy in the Office of Space Science at NASA Headquarters and is referred to as the ‘mother of Hubble’ telescope. She had joined NASA in 1959 and had retired in 1979.

184. _____ launched first satellite for space-based broadband to rival Google?

- a) China
- b) Canada
- c) Italy
- d) America

Answer a) China . The satellite was launched from a Long March 11 carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in north-western China. The satellite is the first in the Hongyun project planned by China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp (CASIC).

185. India’s first music museum to be set up in which Place of Tamil Nadu?

- a) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- b) Tiruchirappalli, Tamil nadu
- c) Thiruvaiyaru, Tamil Nadu
- d) Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Answer c) Thiruvaiyaru, Tamil Nadu. The country’s first music museum will be set up with assistance from the Central government in Thiruvaiyaru, Tamil Nadu, the birth place of Saint Tyagaraja, one of the Trinities of Carnatic music. The other two of the Trinity are Muthuswami Dikshitar and Syama Sastri. The Tyagaraja Aaradhana Music Festival which is held annually in January in Thiruvaiyaru attracts musical talents from all over the world.

186. Which state Assembly passed anti-mob violence bill to reduce the number of mob lynchings in the state?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Manipur
- c) Kerala
- d) Mizoram

Answer b) Manipur . Manipur Assembly led by CM N Biren Singh passed the ‘Manipur Protection from Mob Violence Bill’ to reduce the number of mob lynchings in the state. The bill recommends life imprisonment for those involved in mob violence if it results in the

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death of a victim. The assembly also passed the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018 unanimously.

187. Which Union Minister has been confirmed with Skoch Golden Jubilee Challenger Award?

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

Answer b) Suresh Prabhu. Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu conferred the Skoch Golden Jubilee Challenger Award at the 55th Skoch Summit in New Delhi. The Skoch Challenger Awards are the highest independently instituted civilian honors.

188. _____ has announced its decision to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

- a) Japan
- b) Belgium
- c) Albania
- d) Australia

Answer a) Japan . Japan is withdrawing from the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and will resume commercial whaling in July 2019, in a move expected to spark international criticism. International Whaling Commission (IWC) Headquarters- Impington, United Kingdom

189. Which cricketer inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)?

- a) S. Sreesanth
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Ricky Ponting

Answer d) Ricky Ponting . Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting became the 25th Australian cricketer to be officially inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

190. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) announced the extension of the ban on import of milk and its products, including chocolates, from _____ for four months till April 23, 2019?

- a) South Africa
- b) Qatar
- c) Russia
- d) China

Answer d) China. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) announced the extension of the ban on import of milk and its products, including chocolates, from China for four months till April 23, 2019. The ban was first imposed in September 2008 and later extended due to the suspicion of the presence of melamine in some milk consignments from China.

191. which State has announced to rename all Child Care Institutions running in the state as Jagannath Ashrams?

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- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Sikkim
- d) Haryana

Answer d) Haryana. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to name all the Child Care Institutes being run in the state as 'Jagannath Ashrams.'

192. Who has been appointed as India's chief boxing coach?

- a) C A Kuttappa
- b) Jagdish Singh
- c) Gurbaksh Singh Sandhu.
- d) Bobbili Srikanth Reddy

Answer a) C A Kuttappa. Dronacharya awardee CA Kuttappa has taken over as India's chief boxing coach at the ongoing national camp from which star pugilist Vikas Krishan (75kg) was left out following his professional plunge.

193. Who has been conferred with the 'Tansen Samman' for 2018 by the Madhya Pradesh government for her contribution in the field of music?

- a) Manju Mehta
- b) Raja Mansingh Tomar
- c) Saroj Suman Gulati
- d) Swati Chaturvedi

Answer a) Manju Mehta. Oted sitar player Manju Mehta has been conferred with the 'Tansen Samman' for 2018 by the Madhya Pradesh government for her contribution in the field of music. Union minister Narendra Singh Tomar presented the award to Mehta, 74, at the inaugural ceremony of the Tansen Music Festival.

194. Who has been conferred with the 'Champions of Change' award by vice president M Venkaiah Naidu for exemplary leadership in bringing about transformation in governance in the northeastern state?

- a) N. Biren Singh
- b) Naveen Patnaik
- c) Pema Khandu
- d) Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer a) N. Biren Singh

195. Padma Shri awardee Prof Hamidi Kashmiri passed away , HE was well known _____.

- a) Poet
- b) Singer
- c) Economist
- d) Social worker

Answer a) Poet. Hamid was a recipient Padma Shri award in 2010, the third highest civilian award. He had also received Ghalib Award and Sahitya Akademi Award (2005)

196. Who has become new FedEx president?

- a) Rajesh Subramaniam
- b) Jayesh Sanghrajka
- c) Dinkar Asthana

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d) Atul Goel

Answer a) Rajesh Subramaniam. Subramaniam is currently the executive vice president, chief marketing and communications officer of FedEx Corporation.

197. Who has taken over as the Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Operations)?

- a) Rajeev Sachdeva
- b) Rajeev Sachdeva
- c) Jayesh Sanghrajka
- d) Siddharth Tiwari

Answer a) Rajeev Sachdeva . He has earlier served in three out of the four wings of Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) headquarters. Commissioned as an Indian Air Force pilot in December 1981, Air Marshal Sachdeva has logged over 7,200 hours of transport and instructional flying experience.

198. Which city Will host the International Conference on Aluminium (INCAL) in January 2019 for the first time?

- a) Surat
- b) Pune
- c) Jhansi
- d) Bhubaneswar

Answer d) Bhubaneswar. Odisha will, for the first time, play host to the International Conference on Aluminium (INCAL) in January 2019. The conference, based on the theme "Driving Growth and Development", will be held from January 31 to February 3. Organised by the Aluminium Association of India (AAI), under the aegis of the Union mines ministry, the meet is aimed at bringing the international aluminium fraternity under one roof.

199. Recently Which union minister lays the Foundation stone of 11 Projects in Delhi over Yamuna River ?

- a) Uma Bharti
- b) Arun Jaitley
- c) Nitin Gadkari
- d) Piyush Goyal

Answer c) Nitin Gadkari. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone of 11 projects for Yamuna Rejuvenation under Namami Gange Programme in New Delhi. Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation said his Ministry is taking the initiative to increase the flow of the Yamuna river. He also stated that the air pollution and water pollution that affects Delhi will soon be gotten rid of.

200. The 26th National Childres's Science Congress has been inaugurated by the Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik in _____?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bhubaneswar
- c) Pune
- d) Delhi

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Answer b) Bhubaneswar. The 26th National Children's Science Congress has been inaugurated by the Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today in Bhubaneswar. Inaugurating the Congress session, Shri Patnaik has said that the progress of science is essential for the National growth and healthy Nation. Odisha government is organizing various programmes for the development of scientific temper among students.

201. Who has been appointed as MD CEO of Tata Coffee?

- a) Venu Srinivasan
- b) Chacko Purackal Thomas
- c) TS Vijayan
- d) David Tait

Answer b) Chacko Purackal Thomas . Tata Coffee Executive Director and Deputy CEO Chacko Purackal Thomas has been promoted as the managing director and chief executive officer. He will assume the charge from April 1, 2019.

202. Which State government has implemented the 7th Pay Commission's recommendations for all government employees from January 1?

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

Answer d) Maharashtra. The decision is likely to benefit nearly 20 lakh government employees in the state, including those working in Zilla Parishads (ZPs), aided-schools and also pensioners.. This will put an additional burden of Rs 21,000 crore on the state exchequer.

According to estimates, Class IV employees will get a hike of around Rs 4,000-Rs 5,000, Class III staffers will get Rs 5,000-Rs 8,000 more, while the Class II grade and Class I officers will get an increase between Rs 9,000-Rs 14,000.

203. _____ was crowned with the Mrs. India 2018 title at the Mrs. India My Identity Beauty Pageant 2018 .

- a) Nirupama Sen
- b) Avantika Srivastava
- c) Shefali Nadu
- d) Divya Patidar Joshi

Answer d) Divya Patidar Joshi. The Mrs. India My Identity Beauty Pageant 2018 finale was held in Delhi and Divya Patidar Joshi was crowned with the prestigious honour. Hailing from Madhya Pradesh's Ratlam, Divya won the crown of Mrs India this year from among 24 promising contestants.

204. Recently which Indian state organized "Dwijing Festival 2018"?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Kerala
- c) Sikkim
- d) Assam

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Answer d) Assam. In Assam, the third Dwijing Festival has begun today on the bank of Aye river at Chirang district. Around 15 lakh tourists are expected to participate in the festival. Assam PHE minister Rihon Daimary inaugurated the festival in presence of several dignitaries.

205. _____ has become the first nation in Southeast Asia to legalize medical use of marijuana.

- a) Indonesia
- b) Thailand
- c) Singapore
- d) Laos

Answer b) Thailand.

206. Which of the following is the New name of Neil Island in Andaman & Nicobar Islands?

- a) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island
- b) Shaheed Dweep
- c) Swaraj Dweep
- d) Atal Dweep

Answer b) Shaheed Dweep. The three islands — Ross Island, Neil Island and Havelock Island — will now be called Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island, Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep, respectively.

207. Who is the Governor of Assam?

- a) Jagdish Mukhi
- b) Ram Naik
- c) Kaptan Singh Solanki
- d) Ram Naik

Answer a) Jagdish Mukhi

208. Which district emerged as most improved district in NITI Aayog's Delta ranking for the Aspirational Districts?

- a) Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh
- b) Aurangabad, Bihar
- c) Nuapada, Odisha
- d) Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu

Answer d) Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu. The NITI Aayog released the Second Delta ranking for the Aspirational Districts which measures the incremental progress made by them between June 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018, across six developmental areas of Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion, Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure.

Five most improved districts

- 1) Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu

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- 2) Nuapada, Odisha
- 3) Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Aurangabad, Bihar
- 5) Koraput, Odisha

209. The country's fiscal deficit touched _____ per cent of the full-year target of Rs 6.24 lakh crore on account of lower revenue collections, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

- a) 112.8
- b) 114.8
- c) 115.7
- d) 124.8

Answer b) 114.8. The government plans to reduce fiscal deficit to 3.3 per cent of Gross Domestic Product by March-end 2019. The fiscal deficit, or gap between expenditure and revenue, stood at Rs 7.16 lakh crore during April-November of the current financial year.

210. RBI Allows _____ To Use Existing Rs1000-crore Corpus for Lending To MFIs

- a) SIDBI
- b) BOB
- c) PNB
- d) SBI

Answer a) SIDBI. India's institutional framework to support microfinance would get a boost with Reserve Bank of India clearing a proposal to dig in an existing Rs 1000-crore corpus for funding micro lenders.

Small Industries Development Bank of India had kept this money for some other purposes and had recently sought RBI's approval for using it for microfinance sector, a senior Sidbi official confirmed. The development bank will now use the money to offer soft loans to MFIs on a condition that end borrowers should get loans at 15-17% rate, which is significantly lower than the prevailing 20-22% market rate.

211. "B. Prakash" has passed away. He was associated with which field?

- a) Sports
- b) Singing
- c) Acting
- d) Horse Riding

Answer d) Horse Riding. Champion jockey-turned-trainer B. Prakash passed away on Wednesday morning in Mumbai due to a massive heart attack. He was 40 and is survived by parents, wife and two daughters. Prakash, who started his career as a jockey in 1995, was recognised for his riding skills and was first retained by Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy and then late racing baron M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

212. _____ Police became the first police force in the country to digitize all malkhanas, rooms for keeping seized arms and ammunition, across every police station in the state.

- a) Delhi

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- b) Mumbai
- c) Bihar
- d) Assam

Answer a) Delhi. Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik inaugurated the e-malkhana project of the remaining 10 districts at Chinamaya.

213. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (IRRI SARC) in _____?

- a) Varanasi
- b) Agra
- c) Bhopal
- d) Patna

Answer a) Varanasi. This new Centre is expected to improve crop production, seed quality and the nutritional value of rice. It will also work with national partners to enhance farmers' knowledge and income and deliver advanced research, teaching and services in the connection.

214. WHO has been named Balkan athlete of the year?

- a) Leander Paes
- b) Luka Modric
- c) Novak Djokovic
- d) Zlatan Ibrahimović

Answer b) Luka Modric. Croatia and Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric has been named Balkan athlete of the year. Modric won the Champions League with Real Madrid and then led Croatia to the World Cup final in July, where the midfielder was voted player of the tournament.

215. Shehu Shagari who passed away, he was the former President of which country?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Myanmar
- c) Nigeria
- d) Australia

Answer c) Nigeria.

216. _____ has successfully tested a new hypersonic nuclear weapon delivery system 'Avangard'?

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

Answer b) Russia. Russia successfully carried out the launch of a liquid-fueled intercontinental-range ballistic missile (ICBM) carrying the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle payload. The Avangard is a modernized Russian delivery vehicle, designed to maneuver in the upper atmosphere at speeds in excess of Mach 5.

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216. _____ has announced 2019 as year of investment in backdrop of wider business with India?

- a) Kenya
- b) Uzbekistan
- c) Sudan
- d) Cuba

Answer b) Uzbekistan. Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev in his annual address to the Parliament on Friday announced 2019 as the 'Year of Active Investment and Social Development' in the backdrop of proposed investments from India to boost economy of this Central Asian country.

217. Who has launched SAMPANN to facilitate pensioners of the Telecom department?

- a) PM Narendra Modi
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- d) Arun Jaitley

Answer a) PM Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a comprehensive pension management software SAMPANN to facilitate pensioners of the telecom department. SAMPANN, an acronym for System for Accounting and Management of Pension, will help in the timely disbursement of pensions, he said at a public meeting in Varanasi.

218. Narendranath Chakraborty, passed away recently, he was the famous poet of which language?

- a) Marathi
- b) Urdu
- c) Bengali
- d) Telugu

Answer c) Bengali. He bagged the Sahitya Akademi award in 1974 besides the recipient of 'Ananda Purashkar'

219. The 26th International Camel Festival will be held in _____, Rajasthan on January 12 and 13, 2019.

- a) Jaipur
- b) Bikaner
- c) Jodhpur
- d) Jaisalmer

Answer b) Bikaner. The 26th International Camel Festival will be held in Bikaner, Rajasthan on January 12 and 13, 2019. On the second day of the festival, heritage walk will be organized from the Rampuriya Haveli to Bikaji's Tekri, in which the tourists will be welcomed by the city's architecture, art, culture, customs and recipes.

220. Who is CEO and Managing Director Central of the Bank?

- a) J Packirisamy
- b) Pallav Mohapatra
- c) P. S. Jayakumar
- d) Jai Kumar Garg

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Answer b) Pallav Mohapatra

221. Railway minister Piyush Goel announced that the Honey Bee plan in _____ that kept elephants away from the tracks will be expanded to other areas of the country.

- a) Sikkim
- b) Haryana
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

Answer c) Assam. Railway minister announced that Honey Bee plan in Assam that kept elephants away from the tracks will be expanded to other areas in India. It is a simple device that amplifies the recorded sound of honey bees to keep elephants away from the rail track.

222. The Government increased the export incentives granted for Onions under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) from existing 5% to ___ in the interest of farmers

- a) 9%
- b) 15%
- c) 12%
- d) 10%

Answer d) 10%. The Government has doubled the export incentives for onion farmers from existing 5 % to 10 %. It would result in better price for Onion in domestic markets It has been decided to encourage exports of Onions so that the domestic prices stabilize.

223. Indian Railways is planning to use an artificial intelligence-based robot Named _____ to monitor and record the health of the trains to avert the potential loss of life caused due to human error.

- a) Boss
- b) Kuri
- c) Sophia
- d) USTAAD

Answer d) USTAAD. The Indian Railway's Central Zone has developed a robot powered by artificial intelligence to take pictures and record videos of the under-gears of trains and send them to engineers for repairs and maintenance.

224. Chapparam (Chariot) is the festival of which state ?

- a) Manipur
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Sikkim
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer d) Tamil Nadu. The unique Chapparam (Chariot) festival, that symbolizes the importance of preserving all kinds of food and fodder, was celebrated with traditional rituals and festivities in the famous Madurai Meenakshi temple, in Tamil Nadu.

225. _____ is the author of the book "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From"?

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- a) Varun Gandhi
- b) Tony Joseph
- c) Karunya Keshav
- d) Rima Hooja

Answer b) Tony Joseph.

226. The 12th Global Healthcare Summit (GHS) was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind in _____?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Delhi
- c) Kerala
- d) Sikkim

Answer a) Maharashtra. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 12th Global Healthcare Summit organized by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin in Mumbai. Speaking on the occasion, the President acknowledged the professionalism and excellent reputation of doctors of Indian origin in the US. He said India and the US shared complementarities in the pharmaceutical field – in clinical research, drug discovery and manufacture. He said that both countries can work together to address common challenges posed by lifestyle diseases.

227. The 3rd edition of women's national boxing championships has started at the JSW Sports-owned Inspire Institute of Sport in which city of Karnataka?

- a) Vijayanagara
- b) Dharwad
- c) Gadag
- d) Haveri

Answer a) Vijayanagara. Country's top boxers will be vying for top honours when the third edition of women's national boxing championships begins at the JSW Sports-owned Inspire Institute of Sport , With close to 250 entries received from 31 states and institutions, pugilists will compete in all weight categories including 48kg, 51kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg and +81kg class.

228. Which Country's Cabinet has approved issuance of 'Panda bonds' in Chinese currency?

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

Answer c) Pakistan. Pakistan's cabinet has approved the issuance of first-ever renminbi-denominated bonds to raise loans from China's capital markets, as the country moved a step forward to give the Chinese currency a status at par with the US dollar. The 'Panda Bonds' was approved in a Cabinet meeting, led by Prime Minister Imran Khan.

229. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has banned which Sikh militant group under the Section 35 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) of 1967 ?

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- a) The Sikh Liberation Force
- b) Babbar Khalsa International
- c) Khalistan Commando Force
- d) Khalistan Liberation Force

Answer d) Khalistan Liberation Force. The government has banned Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) for its involvement in several killings, bombings and other terror activities during its violent campaign for "secession of Punjab".

230. Which Among the following documentary film based on the garbage of Dibrugarh town in Assam has bagged the Best Short documentary film award in Asia South East International ?

- a) Dams: The Lethal Water Bombs
- b) Block by Block
- c) Finding Beauty in Garbage
- d) An Encounter with Faces

Answer c) Finding Beauty in Garbage.

231. _____ state government has decided to form a new Spiritual Department?

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

Answer d) Madhya Pradesh . Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has decided to form a new Spiritual Department as per the Congress manifesto. The Religious Trust and Endowments and Happiness Department will be merged in the new department. Directorate of Religious Trusts and Endowments, Pilgrimage and Fair Authority, Directorate of Mukhya Mantri Teerth-Darshan Yojana and Rajya Anand Sansthan working till now will also be included in the new department.

232. Mrinal Sen, who passed away recently, he was Associated with which field?

- a) Singer
- b) Politics
- c) Film Industry
- d) Sports

Answer c) Film Industry . Mrinal Sen was a Bengalifilmmaker based in Kolkata. Along with his contemporaries Satyajit Ray and Ritwik Ghatak, he was often considered to be one of the greatest ambassadors of Bengali parallel cinema on the global stage.

233. Marine National Park is situated in which among the following Indian State?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Bihar
- c) Odisha
- d) Madhya Pradesh

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Answer a) Gujarat. Marine National Park in the Gulf of Kutch is situated on the southern shore of the Gulf of Kutch in the Devbhumi Dwarka district of Gujarat state, India.

234. Recently, Table Tennis Federation of India lifted ban on _____ ?

- a) Paulomi Ghatak
- b) Mouma Das
- c) Soumyajit Ghosh
- d) Manika Batra

Answer c) Soumyajit Ghosh. Former national champion and international paddler Soumyajit Ghosh can now return to the mainstream of national and international table tennis after the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) decided to revoke his suspension, handed out in March this year.

235. The government has appointed _____ as new Chief Information Commissioner along with four new Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission (CIC).

- a) Yashwardhan Kumar Sinha
- b) Sudhir Bhargava
- c) Neeraj Kumar Gupta
- d) Suresh Chandra

Answer b) Sudhir Bhargava. The government has appointed Sudhir Bhargava as new Chief Information Commissioner along with four new Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission (CIC) which had been functioning with just three of them as against a sanctioned strength of 11, including the Chief Information Commissioner.

236. Who has won the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year ?

- a) Mithali Raj
- b) Smriti Mandhana
- c) Alyssa Healy
- d) Sophie Ecclestone

Answer b) Smriti Mandhana. India's stylish left-handed opener Smriti Mandhana has won the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year and also been named as the ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year

237. _____ was American scientist who passed away recently, who helped design and build the forerunner of the internet?

- a) Bowman, James
- b) Banneker, Benjamin
- c) Bashen, Janet
- d) Larry Roberts

Answer d) Larry Roberts. United States scientist Larry Roberts who helped design and build the forerunner of the internet has died aged 81. In the late 1960s, he ran the part of the US Advanced Research Projects Agency (Arpa) given the job of creating a computer network called Arpanet.

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238. Where is the Headquarters of ESAF Small Finance Bank?

- a) Ashok Nagar
- b) Thrissur
- c) Adyar
- d) Ayanavaram

Answer b) Thrissur. ESAF Small Finance Bank is an Indian small finance bank providing banking services and small loans to the underbanked. Before becoming a bank it was a non-banking finance company and microfinance institution, licensed by the Reserve Bank of India and headquartered in Thrissur city of Kerala.