

1. Chapchar Kut Festival 2019 celebrated in which State ?

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

Answer d)Mizoram. Chapchar Kut, which is the biggest festival of the Mizo people, was celebrated with traditional fervour at AR Lammual Ground in Aizawl as well as other districts of Mizoram with the theme, 'Unity of Zo People'.

2. AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik laid the foundation stone for National Institute of Unani Medicine at Ghaziabad in _____.

- a)Madhya Pradesh
- b)Gujrat
- c)Assam
- d)Uttar Pradesh

Answer d)Uttar Pradesh. AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik laid the foundation stone for National Institute of Unani Medicine at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh.

3. Roger Federer moved to within two wins of a _____ career title after a tough win against Marton Fucsovics to reach the semi-finals.

- a)100th
- b)80th
- c)50th
- d)101th

Answer a)100th. In Dubai Tennis Championship, Swiss tennis star Roger Federer moved to within two wins of a 100th career title after a tough win against Marton Fucsovics to reach the semi-finals. The seven-time champion beat his Hungarian opponent 7-6 6-4. The 20-time Grand Slam winner will face Borna Coric today after the Croatian defeated Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

4. India's GDP growth has slowed down to _____ in the December quarter, as per the latest government data.

- a)6.5 %
- b)6.6 %
- c)6.2 %
- d)6.0 %

Answer b)6.6 %. India's GDP growth has slowed down to 6.6 per cent in the December quarter, as per the latest government data. The growth rate is below expectations. A Reuters poll had anticipated a GDP growth of 6.9 per cent.

5. Indian economy is expected to grow at _____ in calendar years 2019 and 2020, the US-based rating agency Moody's said .

- a)7.2 %
- b)7.3 %

c)7.0 %

d)7.5 %

Answer b)7.3 %. Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.3 per cent in calendar years 2019 and 2020, the US-based rating agency Moody's said .

6. The GST collection in the month of February stood at _____.

a)Rs 97,247 cr

b)Rs 97,277 cr

c)Rs 95,247 cr

d)Rs 97,242 cr

Answer a)Rs 97,247 cr. The GST collection in the month of February stood at 97 thousand 247 crore rupees. However, the collection in previous month was over one lakh crore rupees. the total number of GSTR 3B returns filed for the month of January up to 28th February is over 73 lakh.

7. _____ secured the top spot among all public sector banks in the implementation of 'Reforms agenda'.

a)BOM

b)BOB

c)SBI

d)PNB

Answer d)PNB. According to BCG-IBA Report – EASE Reforms for Public Sector Banks, released by Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Punjab National Bank (PNB) secured the top spot among all public sector banks in the implementation of 'Reforms agenda'.

8. Delhi High Court judge Justice _____ passed away morning due to a heart attack.

a)Pratik Choudhury

b)Raj Kumar

c)Bruno Ganz

d)Valmiki Mehta

Answer d)Valmiki Mehta. Delhi High Court judge Justice Valmiki Mehta passed away morning due to a heart attack. Mehta, born in Mumbai on June 6, 1959, assumed office as Additional Judge, Delhi High Court, on April 15, 2009.

9. The "Pritzker Prize" is related to Which Field ?

a)Sports

b)Architecture

c)Mathematics

d)Journalism

Answer b)Architecture. The Pritzker Architecture Prize is awarded annually "to honor a living architect or architects whose built work demonstrates a combination of those qualities of talent, vision and commitment, which has

produced consistent and significant contributions to humanity and the built environment through the art of architecture”.

10. Where is the Jaypee Sports City located ?

- a)Indore
- b)Noida
- c)Pune
- d)Delhi

Answer b)Noida . Jaypee Sports City, located on the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida, NCR, is India’s first planned city developed and aimed for sports.

11. Who is new Commissioner of Guwahati Municipal Corporation ?

- a)Ajay Singh
- b)Brij Bhushan Sharan
- c)Hemant Bhargava
- d)Debeswar Malakar

Answer d)Debeswar Malakar. The Assam Government has effected reshuffle in the State bureaucracy , With this reshuffle, IAS officer Debeswar Malakar, who is serving as the Director of Land Records Assam, has been transferred and posted as the new Commissioner of Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC).

12. World Bank’s Executive Director (ED) for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Sri Lanka, _____ meets Bhutan Prime Minister Dr Lotay Tsheringat Thimpu .

- a)PV Bharathi
- b)Taapsee Pannu
- c)Aparna Subramani
- d)Prafulla Chhajed

Answer c)Aparna Subramani.World Bank’s Executive Director (ED) for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Sri Lanka, Aparna Subramani meets Bhutan Prime Minister Dr Lotay Tsheringat Thimpu .

13. A book titled, _____ was released by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in New Delhi .

- a)Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Television
- b)Mann Ki Baat – A Social Progress on Radio’
- c)Mann Ki Baat – A Social Conversation on Radio’
- d)Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio’

Answer d)Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio’. A book titled, ‘Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio’ was released by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in New Delhi . The book is a compendium encompassing 50 editions of the ‘Mann Ki Baat’ programme by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on All India Radio.

14. India's _____ won the 10 kilometre race of Nepal's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Open Marathon and Run for Fun held in Kathmandu.

- a) Ashok Nath
- b) Shashank Shekhar
- c) D P Singh
- d) Fauja Singh

Answer b) Shashank Shekhar. India's Shashank Shekhar won the 10 kilometre race of Nepal's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Open Marathon and Run for Fun held in Kathmandu. Shekhar of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Contingent at Embassy of India in Kathmandu secured first position.

15. Poshan Pakhwada will be celebrated as part of Jan Andolan under POSHAN Abhiyaan from _____ March, 2019.

- a) 07th to 21st
- b) 10th to 24th
- c) 08th to 22nd
- d) 06th to 20th

Answer c) 08th to 22nd. The Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi announced that the Government will celebrate the first anniversary of POSHAN Abhiyaan on 8th March, 2019 by organising Poshan Pakhwada across the Country. Poshan Pakhwada will be celebrated as part of Jan Andolan under POSHAN Abhiyaan from 08th to 22nd March, 2019.

16. _____ joined the Fifteenth Finance Commission as its Member.

- a) Ajay Narayan Jha
- b) Ajay Singh
- c) Uma Nath Singh
- d) Taapsee Pannu

Answer a) Ajay Narayan Jha. Shri Ajay Narayan Jha joined the Fifteenth Finance Commission as its Member. He joins in place of Shri Shaktikanta Das who had resigned as a Member of the Commission after being appointed as Governor, Reserve Bank of India.

17. Who was appointed as non-executive chairman of Bank of Baroda?

- a) Sushil Chandra
- b) Uma Nath Singh
- c) Ajay Narayan Jha
- d) Hasmukh Adhia

Answer d) Hasmukh Adhia. Former Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia was appointed as non-executive chairman of Bank of Baroda.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment as part-time non-official director as well as non-executive chairman on the board of Bank of Baroda for a period of three years.

18. Government of India and ADB sign _____ Loan Agreement for Mumbai Metro Rail Project.

- a)\$920 Million
- b)\$926 Million
- c)\$930 Million
- d)\$946 Million

Answer b)\$926 Million. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$926 Million Loan Agreement to operationalize two lines for the Mumbai Metro Rail System that will ease the distress of millions of commuters each day and help provide a cleaner, less congested city.

19. The Government has approved the proposal regarding setting up of a Centre for Disability Sports at _____ in Madhya Pradesh.

- a)Bhopal
- b)Gwalior
- c)Indore
- d)Jabalpur

Answer b)Gwalior. The Government has approved the proposal regarding setting up of a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, to be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, which is to function under the name of Centre for Disability Sports, Gwalior. Setting up of the Centre shall entail an estimated cost of Rs 170.99 crore (Non-recurring Rs.151.16 crore and Recurring Rs 19.83 crore), spread over a period of 5 years.

20. The 7th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting Concludes in _____.

- a)India
- b)china
- c)Cambodia
- d)Nepal

Answer c)Cambodia. The Ministers from the 16 RCEP Participating Countries (RPCs) attended the 7th RCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting held in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu attended the 7th RCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting in Cambodia. Following is the Joint Statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting:

21. DRDO Chairman _____ honoured with Missile Systems Award by US-based AIAA for his excellence in the field of missile systems technology.

- a)G Satheesh Reddy

- b)Avinash Chander
- c)V. K. Saraswat
- d)None of these

Answer a)G Satheesh Reddy. DRDO Chairman G Satheesh Reddy has been honoured with the prestigious Missile Systems Award by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) for his excellence in the field of missile systems technology.

22. Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan has been approved a _____ gas-grid project to transport natural gas among northeastern states and West Bengal.

- a)Rs 9,000 crore
- b)Rs 9,500 crore
- c)Rs 8,000 crore
- d)Rs 9,050 crore

Answer a)Rs 9,000 crore . Union petroleum and natural gas minister Dharmendra Pradhan said in Agartala that a Rs 9,000 crore gas-grid project has been approved to transport natural gas among northeastern states and West Bengal.

23.The Reserve Bank of India has constituted an eight-member task force on offshore rupee markets, headed by _____.

- a)Urjit Patel
- b)Usha Thorat
- c)Raghuram Rajan
- d)Hasmukh Adhia

Answer b)Usha Thorat. The Reserve Bank of India has constituted an eight-member task force on offshore rupee markets, headed by Usha Thorat, former Deputy Governor, to look into issues related to the markets and recommend appropriate policy measures to ensure the stability of the external value of the rupee.

24. SmtShakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, DEPwD Lays Foundation Stone of ‘National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation’ at Sehore in _____.

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

Answer b)Madhya Pradesh. SmtShakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment laid the foundation stone of the ‘National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation’ at Sherpur Village along Bhopal-Sehore highway, District Sehore, Madhya Pradesh .

25. Russian physicist and Nobel laureate _____ died at 88 in St Petersburg.

- a) Andrea Levy
- b) Zhores Alferov
- c) Namvar Singh
- d) Rajabhau Oak

Answer b) Zhores Alferov. Russian scientist Zhores Alferov, who won the 2000 Nobel prize in physics, has died at the age of 88 in St Petersburg. Alferov was the first Russian to become a Nobel laureate since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev won the peace prize in 1990 following the fall of the Berlin Wall.

26. India's star wrestler _____ has won a gold medal in 65-kilogram freestyle in Bulgaria.

- a) Mustafa Ali
- b) Mahabali Shera
- c) Kavita Devi
- d) Bajrang Punia

Answer d) Bajrang Punia. India's star wrestler Bajrang Punia has won a gold medal in 65-kilogram freestyle in Bulgaria. The tournament is being held at the Dan Kolov-Nikola Petrov in Ruse. Punia dedicated the victory to Indian Air Force Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, from whom Punia said he got inspiration.

27. Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared _____ as Construction-Technology year.

- a) 'January 2019-December 2020'
- b) 'June 2019- May2020'
- c) 'April 2019-March 2020'
- d) 'February 2019-January 2020'

Answer c) 'April 2019-March 2020'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared 'April 2019-March 2020' as Construction-Technology year and stressed on use of advanced technology to meet the increasing demand of housing in the country caused by rapid urbanisation.

28. Former Jammu and Kashmir minister and senior Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader _____ died due to prolonged illness.

- a) Matti Nykänen
- b) Mahesh Anand
- c) Hiten Bhaya
- d) Qazi Mohammad Afzal

Answer d) Qazi Mohammad Afzal. Former Jammu and Kashmir minister and senior Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Qazi Mohammad Afzal died due to prolonged illness. Afzal shot to fame after he defeated then National Conference

president Omar Abdullah from Ganderbal assembly segment in the 2002 assembly elections.

29. Shri Rajnath Singh to inaugurate BOLD–QIT project along international border in Dhubri,_____.

- a)Gujarat
- b)Kerala
- c)Manipur
- d)Assam

Answer d)Assam .The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the project BOLD-QIT (Border Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique) under CIBMS (Comprehensive Integrated Border Management system) on India-Bangladesh border in Dhubri District of Assam tomorrow.

30. Assam CM _____ laid the foundation stone of Tingkhong Polytechnic Institute under Tingkhong LAC in Dibrugarh district .

- a)Sarbananda Sonowal
- b)Pema Khandu
- c)Nitish Kumar
- d)None of these

Answer a)Sarbananda Sonowal. Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Tingkhong Polytechnic Institute to be setup at No 1 Betoni Village under Tingkhong LAC in Dibrugarh district . The institute will be constructed with financial outlay of Rs. 50 crore under SOPD Scheme by the Directorate of Technical Education in an area of 35 bigha land.

31. V. Dhananjaya Kumar died at 68, He was _____.

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

Answer a)Politician.Former Union minister V. Dhananjaya Kumar, who was ailing for some time, died at a private hospital , was 68
Mr. Kumar began his political career in the youth wing of the BJP and later went on to become a Member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly in 1983 from the erstwhile Mangalore Assembly constituency. Though he contested again to the State Assembly from the same constituency, he got defeated in 1985.

32. _____ has been re-elected president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) for an eighth term .

- a)Roy de Silva
- b)Nasser Al-Sabah
- c)Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah
- d)Song Luzeng

Answer c) Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah . Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah has been re-elected president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) for an eighth term despite being embroiled in a forgery case brought by Swiss investigators. An IOC member since 1992, Sheikh Ahmad stepped down from his roles in the global Olympic body in November, less than two weeks after the Public Prosecutor of Geneva submitted a forgery accusation to a criminal court against the Kuwaiti and four others.

33. _____ Bank has received government nod to handle import and export transactions with Iran.

- a) SBI
- b) PNB
- c) IDBI
- d) ICICI

Answer c) IDBI. The IDBI Bank has received government nod to handle import and export transactions with Iran, a move which would help in promoting two-way trade amid US sanctions on the Persian Gulf nation.

34. Pranay Kumar Verma named India's next Ambassador to

_____.

- a) Bhutan
- b) Nepal
- c) China
- d) Vietnam

Answer d) Vietnam.

35. _____ tops Global Consumer Confidence Survey?

- a) China
- b) Philippines
- c) Indonesia
- d) India

Answer d) India. India had a Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) score of 133 in the fourth quarter of 2018 edging past the Philippines (131) and Indonesia (127). India maintain its number one position from the third quarter when it scored 130 on the index whereas Philippines and Indonesia were joint fourth in Q3 of 2018 with an identical score of 126.

36. _____ announced that the company has set up its first solar-based electric vehicle charger on the Delhi-Chandigarh Highway.

- a) BHEL
- b) GIAL
- c) NTPC
- d) None of These

Answer a) BHEL. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) announced that the company has set up its first solar-based electric vehicle charger on the Delhi-Chandigarh Highway.

37. Which Motor Company have bagged the ‘Green Era Award for Sustainability’ at Lisbon in Portugal?

- a) Hyundai Motor
- b) Ford Motor
- c) Morgan Motor
- d) TVS Motor

Answer d) TVS Motor. TVS Motor Company have bagged the ‘Green Era Award for Sustainability’ at Lisbon in Portugal. The two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturer also won the ‘Quality and Business Excellence Award’ for its endeavour to create new benchmarks in product quality. The awards are based on the conclusion of the research team of Otherways Management and Consulting in France.

38. PM Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) Yojana , it will assure a monthly pension of _____ for the enrolled unorganized sector workers during their old age.

- a) Rs.2000
- b) Rs.5000
- c) Rs.3000
- d) Rs.1000

Answer c) Rs.3000. The Prime Minister dedicated PM-SYM Yojana to the forty two crore strong unorganized sector workers in the country. The scheme will assure a monthly pension of Rs.3000 for the enrolled unorganized sector workers during their old age.

39. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Shikshan Bhavan and Vidhyarthi Bhavan at Annapurna Dham Trust in _____.

- a) Gujarat
- b) Assam
- c) Delhi
- d) Manipur

Answer a) Gujarat. The Prime Minister. Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Shikshan Bhavan and Vidhyarthi Bhavan at Annapurna Dham Trust in Adalaj, Gujarat.

40. Exercise Al Nagah III bilateral joint exercise between _____ and Oman is scheduled to be held at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman.

- a) India
- b) China

- c)Nepal
- d)Russia

Answer a)India . Exercise Al Nagah III, third in the series of bilateral joint exercise between India and Oman is scheduled to be held from 12 to 25 March 2019 at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman.

41. The National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19 has found that _____ of the households in rural India who have access to a toilet use it.

- a)96.5%
- b)96%
- c)95.5%
- d)90.5%

Answer a)96.5%. The National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19, conducted by an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) under the World Bank support project to the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), has found that 96.5% of the households in rural India who have access to a toilet use it.

42. Union Textiles Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani, inaugurated the renovated Handloom Haat in_____.

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

Answer a)New Delhi

. Union Textiles Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani, inaugurated the renovated Handloom Haat in New Delhi. She also launched three projects of NIFT – VisionNXT – Trend Forecasting Initiative, Indian Textiles and Craft Repository and Design Innovation and Incubation.

43. Luke Perry has died in California at the age of 52, He was _____.

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

Answer a)Actor. American actor Luke Perry has died in California at the age of 52, less than a week after suffering a massive stroke. The actor rose to fame for his roles in “Beverly Hills 90210” and “Riverdale”.

44. Former Deputy Prime Minister of _____ and Senior leader of ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP), Bharat Mohan Adhikari passed away .

- a)India

- b)Nepal
- c)Bhutan
- d)China

Answer b)Nepal. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal and Senior leader of ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP), Bharat Mohan Adhikari passed away .

45. _____ has received the Letter of Award (LOA) from AAI of a contract worth Rs. 648 crores for the construction of new greenfield Airport at Hirasar in Rajkot district of Gujarat.

- a)Jaiprakash Associates Limited
- b)GMR Infrastructure Limited
- c)Larsen & Toubro
- d)Reliance Infrastructure Limited

Answer d)Reliance Infrastructure Limited

46. Union Minister Mahesh Sharma inaugurated _____ museum at Red Fort.

- a)Azaadi Ke Parwane
- b)Azaadi Ke Bhakat
- c)Azaadi Ke Premi
- d)Azaadi Ke Diwane

Answer d)Azaadi Ke Diwane. Union Minister Mahesh Sharma inaugurated ‘Azaadi Ke Diwane’ museum, dedicated to the unsung heroes of the country’s freedom struggle, on the Red Fort premises here and said it would inspire the younger generation.

47. Which Bank will acquire 9.9% stake in non-banking finance company Kisan Finance for cash consideration of Rs 17.82 crore?

- a)Axis Bank
- b)ICICI Bank
- c)SBI
- d)YES Bank

Answer b)ICICI Bank.

48.The government has appointed _____ as Secretary of Road Transport and Highways Ministry.

- a)Analjit Singh
- b)Anirban Mukherjee
- c)Nagendra Nath Sinha
- d)Sanjeev Ranjan

Answer d)Sanjeev Ranjan. The government has appointed Sanjeev Ranjan as Secretary of Road Transport and Highways Ministry. A 1985-batch IAS officer of Tripura cadre, Ranjan is presently Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Nagendra Nath Sinha, who is currently the Managing Director of

National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL), will take additional charge as NHA Chairman.

49. _____ launched “Young Scientist programme” to train class 9 students in space technology and its applications.

- a)ISRO
- b)ONGC
- c)BHEL
- d)DRDO

Answer a)ISRO. State-run Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced the launch of its Young Scientist programme to train class 9 students in space technology and its applications.

50. _____ has been appointed as the chairman of the newly constituted National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

- a)Bhagwan Lal Sahni
- b)Kaushalendra Singh Patel
- c)Sudha Yadav
- d)Achary Talloju

Answer a)Bhagwan Lal Sahni . Bhagwan Lal Sahni has been appointed as the chairman of the newly constituted National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). Kaushalendra Singh Patel, Sudha Yadav and Achary Talloju have been appointed as members of the commission.

51. The United States and _____ decided to call off their joint exercise “Foal Eagle” and “Key Resolve.

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

Answer a)South Korea. The United States and South Korea decided to call off their joint exercise “Foal Eagle” and “Key Resolve” and instead bifurcate them into smaller exercises. This is being done to ease tensions with North Korea. “Key Resolve” will be replaced by “Dongmaeng” which is also known as alliance in English, Foal Eagle drills will be replaced by a smaller battalion-sized exercise.

52. India has nominated NITI Aayog member and agricultural economics and policy expert _____ for Post of UN’s FAO Director General.

- a)Prafulla Chhajed
- b)Analjit Singh
- c)Ramesh Chand
- d)Binay Ranjan Sen

Answer c)Ramesh Chand.India has nominated NITI Aayog member and agricultural economics and policy expert Ramesh Chand to lead a specialised

agency of the United Nations focussed on achieving food security for all. Since the establishment of FAO in 1945, there have been eight Directors-General, including Binay Ranjan Sen of India from 1956-1967.

53. LIC Housing Finance has partnered with _____ to offer special loan scheme.

- a)IMGC
- b)HDFC Insurance
- c)National Housing Bank
- d)None of these

Answer a)IMGC. LIC Housing Finance has partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) to offer special loan scheme, under which borrowers can repay the amount till the age of 75 years.

54. Delhi has been ranked the most polluted capital in the world, while _____ is the most polluted city, according to a Greenpeace report.

- a)Indore
- b)Gurugram
- c)Pune
- d)Mumbai

Answer b)Gurugram . Delhi has been ranked the most polluted capital in the world, while Gurugram is the most polluted city, according to a Greenpeace report. According to the latest data compiled in the IQ Air Visual 2018 World Air Quality Report and interactive world's most polluted cities ranking, which is prepared in collaboration with Greenpeace Southeast Asia in order to reveal the state of particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution in 2018, Delhi had an average yearly PM2.5 concentration at 113.5 micrograms per cubic metre.

55. The gems and jewellery sector is set to get India's first jewellery park in _____.

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

Answer d) Mumbai. A year after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Maharashtra government, the gems and jewellery sector is set to get India's first jewellery park in Navi Mumbai.

56. _____ has been conferred with the 'Non-Life Insurer of The Year Award 2019 by the Assocham.

- a)SBI Life Insurance
- b)HDFC Insurance
- c)LIC Housing Finance
- d)Bharti AXA General Insurance

Answer d)Bharti AXA General Insurance. Bharti AXA General Insurance has been conferred with the 'Non-Life Insurer of The Year Award 2019 by the Assocham, one of the apex trade associations of India.

57. _____ Govt officials join the Institute of Government Accounts and Finance (INGAF) training course in New Delhi.

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

Answer a)Nepal. The Third group of 22 officials of Nepal's Ministry of Finance joined their training course on 'Global Perspectives on Public Financial Management' at the Institute of Government Accounts and Finance (INGAF) in New Delhi .

58. India Signs Loan Agreement with the _____ for USD 25.2 Million for Chhattisgarh Public Financial Management and Accountability Program.

- a)Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- b)World Bank
- c)ADB
- d)IMF

Answer b)World Bank . The Government of India, the State Government of Chhattisgarh and the World Bank signed a \$25.2 Million Loan Agreement to support the State's Reforms in Expenditure Management. This support will cover Expenditure Planning, Investment Management, Budget Execution, Public Procurement and Accountability.

59. India signs Loan Agreement with the World Bank for USD 96 Million for Additional Financing for _____ Disaster Recovery Project.

- a)Assam
- b)Uttarakhand
- c)Kerala
- d)Bihar

Answer b)Uttarakhand. The World Bank, Government of India and Government of Uttarakhand (GoUK) signed a \$96 Million Loan Agreement to provide additional funds to the State of Uttarakhand in its post-disaster recovery plans, ongoing since the floods of 2013, as well as strengthen its capacity for Disaster Risk Management.

60. Which city bagged award for cleanest city for third straight year in Swachh Survekshan 2019.

- a)Lucknow
- b)Delhi

- c)Indore
- d)Bhopal

Answer c)Indore . President Ram Nath Kovind presented Swachh Survekshan-2019 Awards in New Delhi. Indore bagged award for cleanest city for third straight year in Swachh Survekshan.

New Delhi Municipal Council area gets cleanest small city award while Uttarakhand's Gauchar was adjudged Best Ganga Town in the survey.

61. _____ to be celebrated as 'Janaushadhi Diwas' across India.

- a)8th March 2019
- b)10th March 2019
- c)3th March 2019
- d)7th March 2019

Answer d)7th March 2019. "With the initiative of Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi in the direction of making quality healthcare affordable for all, the Government has taken important steps to make affordable and quality generic medicines popular among the people through Pradhan MantriBhartiyaJanaushadhiPariyojana (PMBJP).

The Minister informed thatfor providing further impetus & creating awareness about use of generic medicines, it has been decided to celebrate 7th March 2019 as 'JanaushadhiDiwas' across India.

62. NABL has launched another voluntary scheme called _____ for Basic Composite (BC) Medical Laboratories (Entry Level).

- a)Qualify Assurance Scheme
- b)Equality Assurance Scheme
- c)Quality Assurance Scheme
- d)Quality Advanced Scheme

Answer d)Quality Assurance Scheme . For sensitizing small laboratories to basic doable quality practices, NABL has launched another voluntary scheme called Quality Assurance Scheme (QAS) for Basic Composite (BC) Medical Laboratories (Entry Level) in February, 2019.

63. Shri Nitin Gadkari Lays Foundation Stone for Development and Maintenance of Inter-Modal Station in _____.

- a)Nagpur
- b)Kanpur
- c)Bihar
- d)Lucknow

Answer a)Nagpur. Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for development and maintenance of Inter-Modal Station IMS at Ajni Railway Station in Nagpur .

64. How many Nobel Prizes for literature will be awarded this year ?

- a)2
- b)3
- c)4
- d)1

Answer a)2. The Swedish Academy has said that two Nobel Prizes for literature will be awarded this year. The decision comes after a sex scandal causing the suspension of the award last year. The Academy in a statement at Stockholm yesterday said the Nobel Prize in Literature will awarded this autumn for both 2018 and 2019.

65. State Bank of India (SBI) and _____ launched their merchant-acquiring joint venture, SBI Payment Services Pvt Ltd (SBIPSPL), in Mumbai.

- a)Electronic Payment and Services (P) Ltd.
- b)UPay – Payment Services Pvt. Ltd.
- c)Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd
- d)None of these

Answer c)Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd. State Bank of India (SBI) and Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hitachi Ltd, launched their merchant-acquiring joint venture, SBI Payment Services Pvt Ltd (SBIPSPL), in Mumbai, for establishing a digital payments platform for India and other countries in the region.

66. _____ was named the youngest self-made billionaire of all time by Forbes magazine.

- a)Salman Khan
- b)Marks Jukarborg
- c)Kylie Jenner
- d)Priyanka Chopra

Answer c)Kylie Jenner . Kylie Jenner was named the youngest self-made billionaire of all time by Forbes magazine.

67. _____ gets best director award at Dublin International Film Festival.

- a)Sandip Ray
- b)Jahnu Barua
- c)Karan Johar
- d)Rima Das

Answer d)Rima Das .Assam filmmaker Rima Das bagged the Dublin Film Critics Circle Jury Award for Best Director for her film “Bulbul Can Sing” at the 2019 Virgin Media Dublin International Film Festival.

68. Famous Industrialist and Philanthropist Dinesh Shahra’s book _____ was launched in Indore .

- a)Simplicity & Wisdom
- b)Quality, Accreditation, and Ranking
- c)Undaunted: Saving the Idea of India
- d)Law, Justice and Judicial Power

Answer a)Simplicity & Wisdom. Famous Industrialist and Philanthropist Dinesh Shahra's book, 'Simplicity & Wisdom' was launched in Indore . The book is dedicated to Late eminent Vedanti Swami Pragananandji.

69. What is the theme for India Pavilion at Venice Biennale ?

- a)150 years of Mahatma Gandhi
- b)Mahatma Gandhi: The legendary soul
- c)Story of Mahatma Gandhi
- d)The Father of the Nation

Answer a)150 years of Mahatma Gandhi . Extending Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrations to foreign shores, the India pavilion at the upcoming Venice Biennale has been themed '150 years of Mahatma Gandhi'.The pavilion has been commissioned by the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) and will be curated by the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA). This will be the second pavilion from India at the Biennale, after 2011.

70. Former Zimbabwe Cricket Director _____ has been banned from all cricket for 10 years after the ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty .

- a)Enock Ikope
- b)Hamilton Masakadza
- c)Lalchand Rajput
- d)Andy Flower

Answer a)Enock Ikope. Former Zimbabwe Cricket Director Enock Ikope has been banned from all cricket for 10 years after the ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of non-cooperation and obstruction of investigations.

71. Tech giant Google unveiled a new app “_____” that aims to help children in primary school learn to read in Hindi and English.

- a)Suno
- b)Bolo
- c)Khelo
- d)Sheekho

Answer b)Bolo. Tech giant Google unveiled a new app 'Bolo' that aims to help children in primary school learn to read in Hindi and English. The free app, which is being launched in India first, uses Google's speech recognition and text-to-speech technology.

72. _____ was named captain of the 18-member Indian hockey team to play in the upcoming 28th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup.

- a)Jhulan Goswami

- b)Smriti Mandhana
- c)Mithali Raj
- d)Manpreet Singh

Answer d)Manpreet Singh. Manpreet Singh was named captain of the 18-member Indian hockey team to play in the upcoming 28th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. The prestigious tournament will be held in Ipoh, Malaysia from the 23rd of this month.

73. NITTTRC Bhopal and _____ sign MoU to strengthen skill development facilities.

- a)The NorthCap University
- b)Shri Vishwakarma Skill University
- c)Amity University Gurgaon
- d)Maharshi Dayanand University

Answer b)Shri Vishwakarma Skill University. National Institute of Technical Teacher's Training and Research(NITTTRC), Bhopal and Shri Vishwakarma Skill University Gurugram today signed an memorandum of understanding(MoU) to further strengthen the skill development facilities provided to the youth.

74. Shri Narendra Modi released the new series of visually impaired friendly circulation coins,in New Delhi.Rs.1, Rs.2, Rs.5, Rs.10 and Rs.20 . The coin of _____ will be a 12 sided .

- a)Rs.20
- b)Rs.1
- c)Rs.5
- d)Rs.10

Answer a)Rs.20. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi released the new series of visually impaired friendly circulation coins,in New Delhi.Rs.1, Rs.2, Rs.5, Rs.10 and Rs.20 are the various denominations of coins released as part of the new series. The newly included coin of Rs.20, will be a 12 sided coin with no serrations. The rest of the denominations would be of round shape.

75. Prime Minister has approved Continuation of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), and for incurring expenditure up to _____ till 2019-20.

- a)Rs. 2000 crore
- b)Rs. 3000 crore
- c)Rs. 100 crore
- d)Rs. 1000 crore

Answer d)Rs. 1000 crore. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Continuation of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM),

and for incurring expenditure up to Rs. 1000 crore till 2019-20 by Atal Innovation Mission for expanding Atal Tinkering Labs to 10,000 schools in view of their huge success at school level.

76. The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and _____ on Cancer Research Initiative.

- a)Australia
- b)China
- c)U.K.
- d)Germany

Answer c)U.K.. The Union cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Germany on Cooperation in the field of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). The MoU was renewed on 13th November 2018.

77. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the signing of the MoU between India and _____ on Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector.

- a)Austria
- b)Germany
- c)U.K.
- d)China

Answer a)Austria. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, India and the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria on Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector.

78. Prime Minister has given its approval for continuation of National AIDS Control Programme-IV (NACP-IV) beyond for a period of three years from April, 2017 to _____.

- a)March, 2019
- b)March, 2023
- c)March, 2022
- d)March, 2020

Answer d)March, 2020. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister has given its approval for continuation of National AIDS Control Programme-IV (NACP-IV) beyond 12th Five Year Plan for a period of three years from April, 2017 to March, 2020. The total outlay will be Rs.6434.76 crore.

79. The National Green Tribunal imposes Rs 500 cr fine on _____ for cheating emission tests.

- a)Volkswagen

- b)Maruti Suzuki
- c)Chevrolet
- d)Ford Motor

Answer a)Volkswagen. The National Green Tribunal slapped a fine of 500 Crore rupees on German auto major Volkswagen for damaging the environment using cheat device in its diesel cars in India. A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed the carmaker to deposit the amount within two months

80. CCEA has approved the investment approval for a 1320 megawatt Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant (STPP) in Bulandshahar of _____.

- a)Madhya Pradesh
- b)kerala
- c)Assam
- d)Uttar Pradesh

Answer d)Uttar Pradesh. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA has approved the investment approval for a 1320 megawatt Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant (STPP) in Bulandshahar of Uttar Pradesh.

81. 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for budding entrepreneurs concluded at the Language Center in _____.

- a)Hyderabad
- b)Mumbai
- c)Delhi
- d)Kargil

Answer d)Kargil. 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for budding entrepreneurs under Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) concluded at the Language Center in Kargil .

82. In Which state , ancient tribal language Gondi will be taught in tribal districts ?

- a)kerala
- b)Assam
- c)Uttar Pradesh
- d)Madhya Pradesh

Answer d)Madhya Pradesh. In Madhya Pradesh, ancient tribal language Gondi will be taught in tribal districts. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has decided to include Gondi in the primary education curriculum of the state's tribal-dominated districts.

83. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD, has again cut its 2019 forecast for global economic growth to _____ for this year, down from the 3.5 per cent .

- a)3.3 per cent
- b)3.1 per cent
- c)3.2 per cent
- d)3.0 per cent

Answer a)3.3 per cent. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD, has again cut its 2019 forecast for global economic growth due to ongoing trade tensions and Brexit uncertainty. the OECD lowered its forecast to 3.3 per cent for this year, down from the 3.5 per cent it predicted in November, which was itself a downgrade from a previous 3.7 per cent.

84. Scientist _____ appointed as BARC Director for a tenure of three years.

- a)Chiranjiv Roy
- b)Anurag Verma
- c)Anand Srinivasan
- d)Ajit Kumar Mohanty

Answer d)Ajit Kumar Mohanty . India's main nuclear weapons lab, the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre or BARC, has finally got a new director. Physicist Ajit Kumar Mohanty, currently Director, Physics Group at BARC, has been appointed for a tenure of three years.

85. India's Unemployment Rate Rose to _____ - according to data compiled by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) .

- a)7.2%
- b)7.0%
- c)7.5%
- d)7.1%

Answer a)7.2%. The unemployment rate in India was at 7.2 percent in February 2019, the highest since September 2016, according to data compiled by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) . The rate was at 5.9 percent in February 2018. CMIE estimated the number of employed persons in India at 40 crores in February compared with 40.6 cr a year ago.

86. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the _____ will be renamed after former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MG Ramachandran.

- a)Nagpur Railway Station
- b)Chennai Central railway station
- c)Kala Bakra railway station
- d)Rashidpura Khori Station

Answer b)Chennai Central railway station. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Chennai Central railway station will be renamed after former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MG Ramachandran.

87. _____ has become a 124th member of the International Criminal Court since its establishment in 2002.

- a)Libya
- b)Uganda
- c)Burundi
- d)Malaysia

Answer d)Malaysia . Malaysia has become a member of the International Criminal Court in a boost for the beleaguered institution at a time it faces growing criticism. Malaysia becomes the 124th member of the court since its establishment in 2002. “By joining the ICC, Kuala Lumpur can now play an important role in issues related to crimes against humanity.

88. Which country government ordered the German ambassador Daniel Kriener to leave the country after he expressed support for Juan Guaido ?

- a)Malaysia
- b)Libya
- c)Australia
- d)Venezuela

Answer d)Venezuela . The Venezuelan government ordered the German ambassador Daniel Kriener to leave the country after he expressed support for Juan Guaido, escalating a diplomatic standoff with a group of about 50 nations that recognize the opposition leader as the country’s interim president.

89. _____ has signed a bancassurance deal with private life insurer HDFC Life Insurance Company.

- a)Bank of Maharashtra
- b)Atate Bank of India
- c)United Bank of India
- d)Bank of Baroda

Answer c) United Bank of India . United Bank of India has signed a bancassurance deal with private life insurer HDFC Life Insurance Company. Through this partnership, United Bank’s customers will be able to take advantage of HDFC Life’s expertise in life insurance products, distribution and customer service.

90. The Union Cabinet has approved the agreement between India and _____ on Mutual Legal Assistance (MLAT) in Civil and Commercial Matters.

- a)Russia
- b)Belarus
- c)Italy
- d)china

Answer b) Belarus. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the agreement between Republic of India and the Republic of Belarus on Mutual Legal Assistance (MLAT) in Civil and Commercial Matters.

91. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the setting up of _____ new Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil/Defence Sector all over the country.

- a) 100
- b) 40
- c) 25
- d) 50

Answer d) 50 . The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the setting up of 50 new Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil/Defence Sector all over the country.

92. Suresh Prabhu releases a Coffee Table Book _____ on achievements of Ministry of Civil Aviation.

- a) "A Rural Manifesto – Realising India's Future through her Villages"
- b) "Undaunted: Saving the Idea of India"
- c) "Cruising New Heights- Flying For All"
- d) "Cruising New World- Flying For All"

Answer c) "Cruising New Heights- Flying For All". The Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Suresh Prabhu released a Coffee Table Book- "Cruising New Heights- Flying For All" The Coffee Table Book is an attempt to capture achievements and the roadmap for sustaining and stimulating further growth and development in the aviation sector.

93. Ministry of Finance has enhanced the Income tax exemption for gratuity enhanced Up to _____.

- a) Rs. 10 lakhs
- b) Rs. 30 lakhs
- c) Rs. 25 lakhs
- d) Rs. 20 lakhs

Answer d) Rs. 20 lakhs. Ministry of Finance has enhanced the income tax exemption for gratuity under section 10 (10) (iii) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to Rs. 20 lakhs. Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State for Labour and Employment has expressed hope that this would benefit those employees of PSUs and other employees not covered by Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 .

94. The popular Reference Annuals _____ were released by Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of I&B .

- a) 'Bande India 2019'
- b) 'Bharat Mata 2019'
- c) 'India 2019'
- d) None of these

Answer c) 'India 2019'. The popular Reference Annuals 'Bharat 2019' and 'India 2019' were released by Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of I&B. These have been compiled by the New Media Wing and edited and published by Publications Division under the Ministry. This is the 63rd Edition of the prestigious publication.

95. The Government has approved establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), one at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and the other at Indore in _____.

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

Answer d) Madhya Pradesh. The Government has approved establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), one at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and the other at Indore in Madhya Pradesh.

96. SC appoints three-member mediation panel in Ayodhya land dispute case, Headed by _____.

- a) Padma Lakshmi
- b) Sriram Panchu
- c) Shri Shri Ravi Shankar
- d) F M Kallifulla

Answer d) F M Kallifulla. The Supreme Court referred Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case to mediation for amicable settlement. Former apex court judge Justice (retired) F M Kallifulla will head a panel of mediators in the case. Other members of the panel of mediators include spiritual guru Shri Shri Ravi Shankar and senior advocate Sriram Panchu.

97. What is The theme for this year's women's day ?

- a) 'Think Big, Build Smart, Innovate for Change'
- b) 'Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for development'
- c) 'Think Smartly, Build Smart, Innovate for Change'
- d) 'Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change'

Answer d) 'Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change'. The theme for this year's women's day is 'Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change'. The purpose of the theme is to achieve gender equality by putting innovation by women and girls, for women and girls, at the heart of efforts.

98. _____ has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia.

- a) Dr. Ausaf Sayeed
- b) Ahmad Javed
- c) F M Kallifulla
- d) None of these

Answer a) Dr. Ausaf Sayeed. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles, has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia. The Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1989 batch, Sayeed will succeed Ahmad Javed, who had been serving as envoy to Saudi Arabia since December 2015.

99. _____ has been appointed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as its newest Goodwill Ambassador.

- a) Kristalina Georgieva
- b) Taapsee Pannu
- c) Indra Nooyi
- d) Padma Lakshmi

Answer d) Padma Lakshmi. Indian-American television personality and food expert Padma Lakshmi has been appointed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as its newest Goodwill Ambassador, supporting the agency's fight against inequality and discrimination around the world.

100. Governor of Mizoram _____ has resigned from his post.

- a) E.S.L. Narasimhan
- b) Lal Ji Tandon
- c) Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
- d) Kummanam Rajasekharan

Answer d) Kummanam Rajasekharan. Governor of Mizoram Kummanam Rajasekharan has resigned from his post. President Ram Nath Kovind has accepted the resignation of Rajasekharan.

Mr. Kovind has appointed Prof. Jagdish Mukhi as the Governor of Mizoram, in addition to his own duties of Assam Governor, until regular arrangement for the office of the Governor of Mizoram is made.

101. Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri launched _____ app to properties have been made online.

- a) e-Dharti
- b) e-Drishti
- c) e-Dhara
- d) e-Mitra

Answer a) e-Dharti. Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri launched e-Dharti app where all the three modules- Conversion, Substitution and Mutation related to properties have been made online. The payment system in Land and Development Office, L&DO has also been completely digitized.

102. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley released a book _____ a compilation of selected speeches delivered by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- a) "Sabka Saath Sabke Saath"

- b)“Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas”
- c)“Mera Saath Sabka Vikas”
- d)“Hamara Saath Desh ka Vikas”

Answer b)“Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas”. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley released a book “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas”, a compilation of selected speeches delivered by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

103. Which state has launched Yuvashree Arpan Scheme 2019 to generate employment opportunities for youths?

- a)Manipur
- b)Assam
- c)Kerala
- d)West Bengal

Answer d)West Bengal . West Bengal has launched Yuvashree Arpan Scheme 2019 to generate employment opportunities for youths. Under this new scheme, every youth interested in starting their own business will get financial assistance from the state govt. to setup an enterprise. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) department is going to provide funding for this Yuva Shree Arpan Scheme.

104. _____ has been named for the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist for the year 2018.

- a)Priyanka Dubey
- b)Rami Ruhayem
- c)Camila Bernal
- d)None of these

Answer a)Priyanka Dubey . Priyanka Dubey, a bilingual correspondent with the BBC at its Delhi bureau, has been named for the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist for the year 2018. Dubey was chosen for her multi-faceted, investigative and interrogative reportage, according to a statement.

105. Former RBI Governor _____ has been chosen for the ‘Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018’ for his contribution to economic development.

- a)Dr. Urjit R. Patel
- b)Dr. Raghuram Rajan
- c)Dr. D. Subbarao
- d)Dr. Bimal Jalan

Answer b)Dr. Raghuram Rajan . Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has been chosen for the ‘Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018’ for his contribution to economic development.

106. Business organisations using Aadhaar services will now have to pay _____ for each customer verification .

- a)Rs. 10

b)Rs. 20

c)Rs. 5

d)Rs. 15

Answer b)Rs. 20. Business organisations using Aadhaar services will now have to pay Rs. 20 for each customer verification and 50 paise for authentication of each transaction carried out by the entities, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) said .

107. The World Bank will provide Rs 2,200-crore loan to _____ for a project aimed at strengthening the state's overall healthcare systems.

a)kerala

b)West Bengal

c)Assam

d)Andhra Pradesh

Answer d)Andhra Pradesh. The World Bank will provide Rs 2,200-crore loan to Andhra Pradesh for a project aimed at strengthening the state's overall healthcare systems. The Central and state governments and the World Bank signed the loan agreement for a \$328-million project to improve the quality and responsiveness of public health services and increasing access of population to an expanded package of primary health services.

108. _____ has been adjudged as the best airport in the category of over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA) in Asia Pacific by Airports Council International (ACI) in the Airport Service Quality Programme for 2018.

a)Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport

b)Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport

c)Swami Vivekananda Airport

d)The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport

Answer d)The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport. The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport here has been adjudged as the best airport in the category of over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA) in Asia Pacific by Airports Council International (ACI) in the Airport Service Quality Programme for 2018.

109. India is expected to be the third-largest consumer economy as its consumption is likely to triple to \$4 trillion by _____.

a)2021

b)2020

c)2023

d)2025

Answer d) 2025. India is expected to be the third-largest consumer economy as its consumption is likely to triple to \$4 trillion by 2025 owing to shift in consumer behaviour and expenditure pattern, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu said .

110. Lalit Kala Akademi's 60th annual exhibit to take place in _____.

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

Answer b) Mumbai.

111. the Maharashtra government launched a special scheme _____ for construction workers in the state.

- a) "Atal Aahar Yojna,"
- b) "Atal Aahar Yojna,"
- c) "Atal Yojna,"
- d) "Atal Bichar Yojna,"

Answer a) "Atal Aahar Yojna," . the Maharashtra government launched a special scheme for construction workers in the state. The scheme, "Atal Aahar Yojna," will provide good quality and hygienic food to construction workers at a highly subsidised rate.

112. _____ a Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation has been named Chief Scientist of the WHO.

- a) PV Bharathi
- b) O.P. Jindal
- c) Soumya Swaminathan
- d) Priyanka Dubey

Answer c) Soumya Swaminathan. Soumya Swaminathan, a Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation has been named Chief Scientist of the WHO. As Deputy Director-General Programmes (DDP), she was one of the three DDGs assisting WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

113. Shri Ram Nath Kovind, launched the Pulse Polio programme for 2019 by administering polio drops to children less than _____.

- a) Two years old
- b) Five years old
- c) four years old
- d) Ten years old

Answer b) Five years old. The Hon. President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, launched the Pulse Polio programme for 2019 by administering polio drops to children less than five years old, at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. more than 17 crore

children of less than five years across the country will be given polio drops as part of the drive of Government of India to sustain polio eradication from the country.

114. India's High Commissioner to Pakistan _____ will return to Islamabad.

- a)Richard Stagg
- b)Dominic Asquith
- c)Sohail Mahmood
- d)Ajay Bisaria

Answer d)Ajay Bisaria . The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has said, India's High Commissioner to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria will return to Islamabad. the High Commissioner is returning to Islamabad after having completed his consultations in India.

115. The Centre and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a 26 million dollar loan agreement to provide additional financing for improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of _____.

- a)sikkim
- b)Manipur
- c)Assam
- d)Kerala

Answer c)Assam. The Centre and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a 26 million dollar loan agreement to provide additional financing for improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of Assam.

116. A 116-year-old Japanese woman _____ has been honoured as the world's oldest living person by Guinness World Records.

- a)Kane Tanaka
- b)Chiyo Miyako
- c)Jiroemon Kimura
- d)Jeanne Louise Calment

Answer a)Kane Tanaka. A 116-year-old Japanese woman has been honoured as the world's oldest living person by Guinness World Records. The global authority on records officially recognised Kane Tanaka in a ceremony at the nursing home where she lives in Fukuoka, in southwest Japan. Her family was present to celebrate. The previous oldest living person was another Japanese woman, Chiyo Miyako, who passed away last July, aged 117.

117. _____ has resigned as President Donald Trump's communications director.

- a)Hope Hicks
- b)Bill Shine
- c)Sean Spicer
- d)Dan Pfeiffer

Answer b)Bill Shine.

118. _____ was sworn-in as the Governor of Mizoram.

- a) Ganeshi Lal
- b) Lal Ji Tandon
- c) Jagdish Mukhi
- d) Kummanam Rajasekharan

Answer c) Jagdish Mukhi. Jagdish Mukhi was sworn-in as the Governor of Mizoram at a simple function at the Raj Bhavan. Gauhati High Court judge, Justice Nelson Sailo administered the oath of office to Mr. Mukhi. He is also the Governor of Assam.

119. Citibank has named _____ as its India head with effective from April 1.

- a) Subhash Chandra
- b) Rana Kapoor
- c) Ashu Khullar
- d) Pramit Jhaveri

Answer c) Ashu Khullar. Citibank has named Ashu Khullar, currently head of Asia-Pacific capital markets origination, as its India head with effective from April 1. Khullar succeeds Pramit Jhaveri, who will become the vice-chairman of banking, capital markets and advisory for Asia Pacific from April 1. Both will report to Francisco Aristeguieta, CEO of Citigroup Asia Pacific.

120. Who has been Appointed As New Finance Secretary ?

- a) Subhash Chandra Garg
- b) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- c) Rajiv Kumar
- d) Neeraj Kumar Gupta

Answer a) Subhash Chandra Garg . Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg was named as the Finance Secretary. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved designating Garg as the Finance Secretary.

121. Which state's Marayur jaggery has got the geographical indication (GI) tag ?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Kerala
- c) Assam
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer b) Kerala. The Marayur jaggery has finally got the geographical indication (GI) tag, making it safe for consumption while rejuvenating the traditional way of production and ensuring a safe market in future.

122. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended the 50th Raising Day celebrations of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) on which Date ?

- a)11th March
- b)8th March
- c)4th March
- d)10th March

Answer d)10th March . The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended the 50th Raising Day celebrations of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF), at Indirapuram in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

123. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) will celebrate its 34th Inception Day tomorrow on _____ 2019 .

- a)March 10
- b)March 12
- c)March 8
- d)March 11

Answer d)March 11. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) will celebrate its 34th Inception Day tomorrow on March 11, 2019 . Shri Rajiv Gauba, Union Home Secretary will be the Chief Guest and Shri Rajiv Jain, Director, IB will be the Guest of Honour on this occasion.

124. _____ launched the first round of immunisation as part of the nationwide Pulse Polio programme.

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

Answer c)Nagaland. Nagaland launched the first round of immunisation as part of the nationwide Pulse Polio programme. One-and-a-half lakh children of less than five years will be given polio drops to sustain polio eradication.

125. _____ the state government has issued an ordinance raising reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC) to 27 per cent from the present 14 per cent.

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

Answer b)Madhya Pradesh.

126. Two stations on Delhi Metro's red line extension have been renamed in honour of martyrs, Rajendra Nagar Metro Station has been renamed as _____.

- a)Major Mohit Sharma Rajendra Nagar station

- b) Shaheed Sthal (New Bus Adda)
- c) DS Dondial station
- d) Sepoy Ajay Kumar station

Answer a) Major Mohit Sharma Rajendra Nagar station. Two stations on Delhi Metro's red line extension have been renamed in honour of martyrs. Rajendra Nagar Metro Station has been renamed as Major Mohit Sharma Rajendra Nagar station and the New Bus Adda station has been renamed to Shaheed Sthal (New Bus Adda). This comes days after Pulwama attack where 40 CRPF jawans were martyred.

127. _____, Government of India has won the First Prize in the category of TV Cinema Spot at the prestigious international Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019.

- a) Ministry of Finance
- b) Ministry of Defence
- c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- d) Ministry of Tourism

Answer d) Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has won the First Prize in the category of TV Cinema Spot at the prestigious international Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019. The awards were received by Shri Yogendra Tripathi, Secretary, Tourism at ITB, Berlin being held from the 6th to 10th March 2019.

128. IDBI Bank plans three-year extension for current CEO

- _____.
- a) Rana Kapoor
 - b) Chanda Kochhar
 - c) Rakesh Sharma
 - d) Sandeep Bakhshi

Answer c) Rakesh Sharma. IDBI Bank on Sunday said it is considering to appoint Rakesh Sharma, the current chief of the bank, as its managing director and chief executive officer for a further period of three years. Sharma's six-month term at IDBI Bank was set to end in April.

129. The World Bank approved a \$125 million loan for _____ to help small farmers improve productivity and tackle climate change.

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

Answer b) Sri Lanka. The World Bank approved a \$125 million loan for Sri Lanka to help small farmers improve productivity and tackle climate change. The

programme will benefit more than 470,000 small farmers in six provinces in the dry zone of the country, selected for being most exposed to climate impacts.

130. The Japanese government announced a donation of some Rs 22 lakh (\$31,800) to the Rabindra Bharati Museum, it is situated in which Place ?

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

Answer c)Kolkata. The Japanese government announced a donation of some Rs 22 lakh (\$31,800) to the Rabindra Bharati Museum in a bid to strengthen historical and cultural ties with India.

131. 14thCII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships to be held in _____ on March 17 – 19.

- a)Nagpur
- b)New Delhi
- c)Surat
- d)Mumbai

Answer b)New Delhi . Ministry of Commerce & Industry will be organising the 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships, in association with Confederation of Indian Industry and EXIM Bank of India in New Delhi from March 17-19, 2019.

132 _____ a new-age digital insurance company, was awarded the coveted Golden Peacock Innovative Product Award – 2019.

- a)Life Insurance
- b)New India Assurance
- c)ACKO General Insurance
- d)Hdfc Insurance

Answer c)ACKO General Insurance . ACKO General Insurance a new-age digital insurance company, was awarded the coveted Golden Peacock Innovative Product Award – 2019, for their contextual microinsurance product -“Ola Ride Insurance”. The award was presented to Biresh Giri, Appointed Actuary & CRO, Acko in the presence of global business leaders at the recently held event in Dubai.

133. _____ wins silver at GeeBee Boxing Tournament in Finland.

- a)Shiva Thapa
- b)Mohammed Hussamuddin
- c)Govind Sahani
- d)Dinesh Dagar

Answer a) Shiva Thapa. Three-time Asian medallist Shiva Thapa (60 kg) has brought laurels to Assam and the country by winning silver at the 38th GeeBee Boxing Tournament in Finland's Helsinki .

134. World Bank to provide _____ for the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) to boost Rural Incomes across 13 States in India.

- a) 200 Million dollar
- b) 150 Million dollar
- c) 250 Million dollar
- d) 3000 Million dollar

Answer c) 250 Million dollar. World Bank to provide 250 Million dollar for the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) to boost Rural Incomes across 13 States in India.

135. _____ has been named as Palestinian Prime Minister by President of Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas.

- a) Mauricio Macri
- b) Mohammad Shtayyeh
- c) Armen Sarkissian
- d) Abdelaziz Bouteflika

Answer b) Mohammad Shtayyeh.

136. Foreign Secretary _____ will meet US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Washington .

- a) Ranjan Mathai
- b) Sujatha Singh
- c) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- d) Vijay Gokhale

Answer d) Vijay Gokhale . Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale will meet US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Washington . Bilateral, regional and global issues of common interest will be discussed during the meeting.

137. Indian opener _____ became the joint-fastest to reach 3,000 ODI runs in a country after going past the landmark in the fourth ODI against Australia .

- a) Hardik Pandya
- b) Rishabh Pant
- c) Mayank Agarwal
- d) Rohit Sharma

Answer d) Rohit Sharma. Indian opener Rohit Sharma became the joint-fastest to reach 3,000 ODI runs in a country after going past the landmark in the fourth ODI against Australia . Rohit achieved the feat in India in his 57th innings, with Hashim Amla achieving the feat in 57 innings in South Africa. Virat Kohli achieved the feat in India in 63 innings.

138. World Bank Signs Agreement to Provide Additional Funding of _____ - to Enhance Dam Safety in India.

- a)\$130 million
- b)\$135 million
- c)\$125 million
- d)\$137 million

Answer d)\$137 million. The World Bank, Government of India and representatives of 5 state governments of India and implementing agencies signed the loan agreement for additional financing of \$137 million for the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) that will help rehabilitate and modernize over 220 selected large dams in the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand.

139. _____ has developed the code for a smartphone app that can detect counterfeit currency.

- a)IIT Delhi
- b)IIT-Kharagpur
- c)IIT Kanpur
- d)IIT Bombay

Answer b)IIT-Kharagpur .

140. Former Finance Secretary _____ was appointed Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat.

- a)Hasmukh Adhia
- b)Subhash Chandra Garg
- c)A N Jha
- d)Rajeev Kumar

Answer a)Hasmukh Adhia . FORMER FINANCE Secretary Hasmukh Adhia was appointed Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat , a week after the government nominated him chairman of state-owned Bank of Baroda.

141. _____ was honoured by Barbie for “breaking boundaries to inspire” the next generation girls.

- a)Sania Mirza
- b)Mary kom
- c)Dipa Karmakar
- d)Mithali Raj

Answer c)Dipa Karmakar. Dipa Karmakar, who became the first Indian female gymnast to win a bronze medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, was recently honoured by Barbie for “breaking boundaries to inspire” the next generation girls.

142. _____ distinguished Scientist and Director, physics group of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata took over as Director.

- a)Mahmoud Abbas
- b)A.K. Mohanty
- c)B. S. Mubarak
- d)Kummanam Rajasekharan

Answer b)A.K. Mohanty . Dr. A.K. Mohanty, distinguished Scientist and Director, physics group of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata took over as Director, BARC from Shri K.N. Vyas, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy.

143. The 34th edition of Aahar – the International Food and Hospitality Fair commenced in _____ .

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

Answer c)New Delhi. The 34th edition of Aahar – the International Food and Hospitality Fair commenced in New Delhi . The five-day fair, organised by India Trade Promotion Organisation, ITPO, features wide range of food products, machinery, food and beverages equipment, hospitality and decor solutions, confectionery items from over 560 participants from India and foreign countries.

144. Veteran _____ Vinod Kashyap has passed away.

- a)Writer
- b)Literature
- c)singer
- d)Hindi Newsreader

Answer d)Hindi Newsreader . Veteran Hindi Newsreader Vinod Kashyap has passed away following a prolonged illness. She was 88. She served All India Radio for about 30 years.The veteran newsreader started her career in Radio as a drama artist.

145. The new visa agreement between _____ – and India has come into force .

- a)Maldives
- b)Nepal
- c)Russia
- d)China

Answer a)Maldives. The new visa agreement between Maldives and India has come into force . The agreement will provide a liberal visa policy for Maldivians seeking medical treatment as well as education and business opportunities in India. The visa deal will allow Maldivian businessmen and tourists to stay in India for 90 days without a visa.

146. Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs _____ met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

- a) Jimmy Morales
- b) Adel al-Jubeir
- c) Salvador Sanchez Ceren
- d) Kaja Kallas

Answer b) Adel al-Jubeir . Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir on Monday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The visiting dignitary is on a day-long visit to India.

147. _____ becomes the first Lokayukta of Mizoram.

- a) P K Bezbaruah
- b) Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah
- c) C Lalsawta
- d) Ajay Kapur

Answer c) C Lalsawta. Retired IAS officer C Lalsawta becomes the first Lokayukta of Mizoram. Governor Jagdish Mukhi administered him the oath of office at the Raj Bhawan in Aizawl.

148. _____ - re-appointed as coach of Spanish football club Real Madrid till 2022.

- a) Jüri Ratas
- b) P K Bezbaruah
- c) Ravneet Gill
- d) Zinedine Zidane

Answer d) Zinedine Zidane. Zinedine Zidane has been re-appointed as the coach of Spanish football club Real Madrid till 2022. The Frenchman replaces Santiago Solari, who was sacked after less than five months in charge. Former Real midfielder Zidane had resigned from the club after leading it to three consecutive Champions League titles.

149. US Olympic medallist cyclist _____ passed away aged 23.

- a) Kelly Catlin
- b) John Richardson
- c) Desmond Ford
- d) Karl Eller

Answer a) Kelly Catlin. Olympian Kelly Catlin, who helped the United States win the women's pursuit team silver medal at the 2016 Rio Games, has died. The three-time world champion was 23.

150. Defence Research and Development organisation, DRDO successfully test fired the PINAKA guided WEAPON rocket system from Pokhran range in _____.

- a) Assam
- b) Andhra Pradesh

- c)Kerala
- d)Rajasthan

Answer d)Rajasthan. Defence Research and Development organisation, DRDO successfully test fired the PINAKA guided WEAPON rocket system from Pokhran range in Rajasthan. the weapon system is equipped with state-of-the-art guidance kit comprising of an advanced navigation and control system. The weapon systems impacted the intended targets with high precision and achieved desired accuracies.

151. _____ has sanctioned loans worth Rs 689 crore to over 1,600 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through the psbloansin59minutes.com portal.

- a)Bank Of Maharashtra
- b)State Bank Of India
- c)Punjab National Bank
- d)Bank Of Baroda

Answer c)Punjab National Bank .State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) has sanctioned loans worth Rs 689 crore to over 1,600 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through the psbloansin59minutes.com portal as part of its effort to promote such industries.

152. _____ has now become the largest importer of arms in the world.

- a)Russia
- b)china
- c)India
- d)Saudi Arabia

Answer d)Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia has now become the largest importer of arms in the world, having pushed India to the second spot, according to the premier Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

153. “Avengers: Endgame” co-director _____ will be visiting India in April to engage with the Indian audience.

- a)Joe Russo
- b)Pedro Almodóvar
- c)Michael Haneke
- d)Paweł Pawlikowski

Answer a)Joe Russo . “Avengers: Endgame” co-director Joe Russo will be visiting India in April to engage with the Indian audience. He is looking forward to his trip.

Joe, one half of the Russo brothers, has picked up India as his first destination as a part of their “Avengers: Endgame” promotion tour in the Asia Pacific region. He will be in Mumbai on April 1 and April 2.

154. The Uttar Pradesh capital _____ will host the biggest children’s film festival.

- a) Mathura
- b) Allahabad
- c) Lucknow
- d) Jhansi

Answer c) Lucknow. The Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow will host the biggest children’s film festival in which several eminent personalities from India and abroad will be present. The nine-day fest, starting from April 4, is being organised by the City Montessori School (CMS), the world’s largest city school as per the Guinness World Records.

155. Australian women’s national team will wear brand new kit with the words _____.

- a) “Never Say Impossible”
- b) “Never Say Lie”
- c) “Never Say Die”
- d) “Never Say False”

Answer c) “Never Say Die”. Australian women’s national team will wear brand new kit with the words “Never Say Die” printed inside at the upcoming FIFA Women’s World Cup, starting on June 7 in France.

156. The _____ government banned the sale and usage of e-cigarettes in the state.

- a) Assam
- b) Bihar
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Jharkhand

Answer d) Jharkhand. The Jharkhand government banned the sale and usage of e-cigarettes in the state.

“E-cigarettes are the new method of nicotine use. It affects the embryos in pregnant woman. It also causes mental problem. The sale, distribution, advertisement, import and usage of e-cigarettes have been banned with immediate effect,” the notification issued by the state’s health department said.

157. The Indian media and entertainment sector revenues reached \$23.9 billion in 2018, and are expected to cross \$33.6 billion by _____.

- a) 2022
- b) 2021
- c) 2023
- d) 2019

Answer b) 2021. The Indian media and entertainment sector revenues reached \$23.9 billion in 2018, and are expected to cross \$33.6 billion by 2021, at a

compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11.6 per cent, said a study released. The report by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Ficci) and Ernst & Young LLP was launched at the inaugural session of the Ficci Frames 2019.

158. Defending champion India defeated _____ by 6-0 in the 5th South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship.

- a) Russia
- b) China
- c) Nepal
- d) Maldives

Answer d) Maldives. Defending champion India defeated Maldives by 6-0 in the 5th South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship. Keeping its unbeaten record India easily defeated Maldives in its first group match in Nepal's Biratnagar.

159. India's most valued lender _____ crossed the Rs6 trillion market capitalisation for the first time.

- a) Bank Of Maharashtra
- b) Punjab National Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) HDFC Bank Ltd

Answer d) HDFC Bank Ltd. India's most valued lender HDFC Bank Ltd crossed the Rs6 trillion market capitalisation for the first time, making it only the country's third firm to achieve the milestone.

160. Private sector lender Axis Bank named _____ as its new Non-Executive Part-Time Chairman.

- a) Amitabh Chaudhry
- b) Shyam Srinivasan
- c) Shikha Sharma
- d) Rakesh Makhija

Answer d) Rakesh Makhija. Private sector lender Axis Bank named Rakesh Makhija as its new Non-Executive Part-Time Chairman. Makhija, who is the Chairman of SKF India, will take over from current Axis Bank Chairman Sanjiv Mishra, when his term comes to an end on July 17.

161. _____ -withdrew the 20 per cent limit on investments by Foreign Portfolio Investors in corporate bonds of an entity.

- a) IRDA
- b) SEBI
- c) RBI
- d) SBI

Answer b) SEBI. Markets regulator SEBI withdrew the 20 per cent limit on investments by Foreign Portfolio Investors in corporate bonds of an entity. In a

notification, the regulator said the restriction is being withdrawn in accordance with a circular issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

162. Internet of Things India Congress 2019 to be held in _____ on August 22-23, 2019.

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

Answer d) Bengaluru. The IoT India Congress 2019 will include tracks on segments such as healthcare, manufacturing, telecom, smart cities, energy, retail, cyber security, skills and development, IoT Standards, legal and regulatory, and agriculture. The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) IoT Panel held a conference to announce the upcoming 4th edition of the IoT India Congress.

163. The Delhi government's Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) has set up a 17-member high-level committee to "reform higher education" in the capital. The committee, chaired by _____.

- a) Usha Ananthasubramanian
- b) Jasmine Shah
- c) Amitabh Chaudhry
- d) Parthasarathi Mukherjee

Answer b) Jasmine Shah. The Delhi government's Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC), a think-tank that advises the government on key issues, has set up a 17-member high-level committee to "reform higher education" in the capital. The committee, chaired by DDC vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah, will "recommend goals, metrics, policies, and actionable plans for reforming Delhi's higher education system within a year".

164. _____ bagged the bronze medal in the Laser Standard race for men in the Laser Asian Sailing Championship in Singapore .

- a) Vishwakarma Yadav
- b) Upamanyu Dutta
- c) Dhananjay Singh
- d) Akash Singh

Answer b) Upamanyu Dutta . Young Mumbai sailor Upamanyu Dutta bagged the bronze medal in the Laser Standard race for men in the Laser Asian Sailing Championship which concluded in Singapore . Nethra Kumanan of Chennai achieved a creditable 4th position in the Laser Radial event for women.

165. _____ has launched doorstep banking service for senior citizens over 70 years of age and differently-abled customers.

- a) YES Bank
- b) ICICI

- c)PNB
- d)SBI

Answer d)SBI. State Bank of India (SBI) has launched doorstep banking service for senior citizens over 70 years of age and differently-abled customers. Eligible customers can avail this service at a nominal fee of 100 rupees per transaction for financial transactions and 60 rupees for non-financial transactions.

166. The Royal Thai Embassy is organising a cultural fest _____ to commemorate 72 years of Indo-Thai diplomatic relations.

- a)'Namaste India Festival'
- b)'Namaste Thailand Festival'
- c)'Namaste Indo-Thai Festival'
- d)'Namaste Festival'

Answer b)'Namaste Thailand Festival'. The Royal Thai Embassy is organising a cultural fest – 'Namaste Thailand Festival' to commemorate 72 years of Indo-Thai diplomatic relations. The festival of Thai food, products, music, performances and culture is all set to offer a unique Thai experience, the organisers of the festival said.

167. Google phases out instant messaging app _____ that was launched with much fanfare in 2016.

- a)Khelo
- b)Bolo
- c)Allo
- d>Hello

Answer c)Allo. After pausing investments in its "Allo" mobile messaging app, Google has finally bid goodbye to the platform that was launched with much fanfare in 2016.

168. _____ will transfer 32% stake in Bharti Infratel to Nettle.

- a)Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
- b)Reliance Industries Limited
- c)Vodafone
- d)Bharti Airtel Ltd

Answer d)Bharti Airtel Ltd. Bharti Airtel Ltd will transfer as much as 32% stake it owns in tower company Bharti Infratel Ltd to wholly owned unit Nettle Infrastructure Investments Ltd to explore opportunities to monetize the asset.

169. World Kidney Day is observed annually on the second Thursday in March. What is The theme for this year?

- a)Kidney Health for world
- b)Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere
- c)Kidney Health for Every Citizen
- d)Kidney Health for All

Answer b)Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere. Today is World Kidney Day. The day is observed annually on the second Thursday in March to create awareness on the importance of kidneys and reducing the frequency and impact of kidney diseases.

The theme this year is, 'Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere'. It calls for universal health coverage for prevention and early treatment of kidney diseases.

170. India and _____ --have committed to strengthen bilateral security and civil nuclear cooperation, including the establishment of six US nuclear power plants in India.

- a)IMF
- b)UAE
- c)US
- d)Uk

Answer c)US. India and the United States have committed to strengthen bilateral security and civil nuclear cooperation, including the establishment of six US nuclear power plants in India.

171. The Reserve Bank of India will infuse _____ - into the system through open market operations (OMOs).

- a)13,500 crore rupees
- b)10,500 crore rupees
- c)12,500 crore rupees
- d)15,500 crore rupees

Answer c)12,500 crore rupees.

172. Industrial output growth stood at _____ in January 2019 on account of slowdown in the manufacturing sector.

- a)2.3%
- b)2.5%
- c)1.7%
- d)1.2%

Answer c)1.7%. Industrial output growth stood at 1.7 per cent in January this year on account of slowdown in the manufacturing sector.

173. Special Olympics World Games 2019 begin at _____.

- a)brussels
- b)kathmandu
- c)Delhi
- d)Abu Dhabi

Answer d)Abu Dhabi . Special Olympics World Games 2019 begin at Abu Dhabi in UAE . The event has already made history by welcoming a record-breaking 200 nations at the Games. Of the 200 nations, 195 will compete in the Games and five will observe.

174. A joint military exercise _____ between India and Royal Army of Oman commenced at Jabel regiment headquarters, Nizwa, in the Arab country.

- a)Al-Nagah III
- b)Harimau Shakti
- c)Indra
- d)Yudh Abhyas

Answer a)Al-Nagah III. A joint military exercise between India and Royal Army of Oman commenced at Jabel regiment headquarters, Nizwa, in the Arab country. A 60-member strong Indian Army contingent, based in northern command headquarters at Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir, is taking part in the military exercise 'Al-Nagah III'.

175. skill development and training institute _____ has been given the social enterprise network (SEN) sustainability award for education.

- a)Yug Yukti
- b)Sona Yukti
- c)Yug Shakti
- d)ICT Academy

Answer b)Sona Yukti. City-based skill development and training institute Sona Yukti has been given the social enterprise network (SEN) sustainability award for education. Sona Yukti is the only Indian organisation to be selected as part of the SEN awards for 2018.

176. _____ becomes official sponsor of ICC World Cup 2019.

- a)BlueHost
- b)Hotstar
- c)GoDaddy
- d)HostGator India

Answer c)GoDaddy. GoDaddy Inc., the company that manages internet names and registrations announced that it had signed a partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC) as official sponsor of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019. This is GoDaddy's first sponsorship deal with the 12th edition of the global sports event scheduled to be hosted by England and Wales between 30 May and 14 July.

177. India is the world's largest consumer of gold, has the _____ largest gold reserve.

- a)10th
- b)18th
- c)11th
- d)12th

Answer c) 11th. India, which is the world's largest consumer of gold, has the 11th largest gold reserve, with the current holding pegged at 607 tonnes, as per the latest report by the World Gold Council (WGC).

178. _____ was appointed the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

- a) Rishi Kumar Shukla
- b) Sushil Chandra
- c) Arvind Saxena
- d) M R Kumar

Answer d) M R Kumar. M R Kumar was appointed the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), according to a Personnel Ministry order. Kumar was Zonal Manager (in-charge) of North Zone and will hold the post of the LIC Chairman for five years.

179. Supreme Court appoints _____ as mediator to resolve disputes of cricket administration in BCCI.

- a) T B N Radhakrishnan
- b) Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha
- c) Indu Shekhar Jha
- d) P.S. Narasimha

Answer d) P.S. Narasimha. The Supreme Court appointed senior advocate P.S. Narasimha, who is assisting the apex court as an amicus curiae in the BCCI matter, as mediator for resolving various disputes related to cricket administration in the country.

180. _____ - would open a digital innovation centre at Bucharest in Romania .

- a) Wipro
- b) Cognizant
- c) TCS
- d) Infosys

Answer d) Infosys. Infosys would open a digital innovation centre at Bucharest in Romania to develop software for clients based on cloud, big data, artificial intelligence and machine learning.

181. _____ Swedish activist who is a prominent voice in the fight against climate change, has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

- a) Gloria Steinem
- b) Serikzhan Bilash
- c) Malala Yousafzai
- d) Greta Thunberg

Answer d)Greta Thunberg. Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish activist who is a prominent voice in the fight against climate change, has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

182. India's annual rate of inflation based on wholesale prices rose to _____ in February from 2.74 per cent .

- a)2.0per cent
- b)2.93per cent
- c)2.50 per cent
- d)2.75 per cent

Answer b)2.93per cent. India's annual rate of inflation based on wholesale prices rose to 2.93 per cent in February from 2.74 per cent reported for the corresponding month of 2018, official data showed .

183. _____ gets extension for six months as HUDCO chief.

- a)M R Kumar
- b)P.S. Narasimha
- c)M Ravi Kanth
- d)None of these

Answer c)M Ravi Kanth . Tenure of M Ravi Kanth as the Chairman and Managing Director of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) Ltd was extended for six months, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

Kanth, a 1986 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre, joined as the CMD of HUDCO on April 11, 2014.

184. _____ Becomes The First Transgender To Get A Government Job In Madhya Pradesh.

- a)Prithika Yashini
- b)Joyita Mondal
- c)Sathyasri Sharmila
- d)Sanjana Singh

Answer d)Sanjana Singh. Sanjana Singh, a transgender woman, has been appointed the Personal Secretary (PS) to Krishna Gopal Tiwari, Director, Department of Social Justice and Disabled Welfare (DSJDW), Madhya Pradesh government.

185. _____ and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) organized the first workshop on development of the India Energy Modelling Forum (IEMF).

- a)ONGC
- b)NITI Aayog
- c)Ministry Of Corporate Affairs
- d)Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Answer b)NITI Aayog. The NITI Aayog and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) organized the first workshop on

development of the India Energy Modelling Forum (IEMF), which has been envisaged as a pan-stakeholder platform for debating ideas, scenario-planning & discussing the India's energy future.

186. _____ test fires successfully Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile for the second time in the ranges of Rajasthan desert.

- a)DRDO
- b)NASA
- c)ISRO
- d)None of these

Answer a)DRDO. In a major boost for Army, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired indigenously developed, low weight, fire and forget Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) for the second time in the ranges of Rajasthan desert.

187. Former India captain _____ has been named the advisor of Delhi Capitals.

- a)Anil Kumble
- b)Ajinkya Rahane
- c)Ajit Wadekar
- d)Sourav Ganguly

Answer d)Sourav Ganguly. Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has been named the advisor of Delhi Capitals. Former India captain and Cricket Association of Bengal president Sourav Ganguly said that he has taken up an advisory role with IPL franchise Delhi Capitals after consulting Committee of Administrators (CoA).

188. First woman Lingayat 'jagadguru' and Basava Dharma Peetha President, _____ passed away aged 73.

- a)Lam Jones,
- b)Maate Mahadevi
- c)Okwui Enwezor
- d)None of these

Answer b)Maate Mahadevi. First woman Lingayat 'jagadguru' and Basava Dharma Peetha President, Maate Mahadevi passed away aged 73 at Manipal hospital in Bengaluru .

189. Former Texas star and Olympic gold medalist _____ dies at age 60.

- a)Keith Butler
- b)Michael Skråmo
- c)Okwui Enwezor
- d)Lam Jones

Answer d)Lam Jones.

Former Texas Longhorns star and Olympic gold medalist Johnny "Lam" Jones

died Friday at age 60, according to the Austin American-Statesman. Jones had fought cancer for years.

190. Leading industrialist _____ will step down as the Chairman and Non-Executive Director of Bajaj Finserv .

- a)Nageshwara Rao Guntur
- b)Arvind Saxena
- c)Rahul Bajaj
- d)Nanoo Pamnani

Answer c)Rahul Bajaj. Leading industrialist Rahul Bajaj will step down as the Chairman and Non-Executive Director of Bajaj Finserv from May 16 as part of succession planning, the diversified non-banking financial company said .Vice-Chairman Nanoo Pamnani will take over as the new Chairman of Bajaj Finserv.

191. Hyderabad and _____ continue to be the most liveable cities in India for expatriates, Mercer survey found .

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

Answer b)Pune. Hyderabad and Pune continue to be the most liveable cities in India for expatriates, a Mercer survey found, even though their overall global ranking remains a lowly 143.

192. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in _____ .

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

Answer d)Gujarat. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Gandhinagar, Gujarat . He also presented the 10th Biennial National Grassroots Innovation Awards.

193. _____ in Uttarakhand tied up with ISRO to set up a Space Technology Cell at its campus.

- a)IIT Delhi
- b)IIT Indore
- c)IIT Kanpur
- d)IIT Roorkee

Answer d)IIT Roorkee. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee in Uttarakhand tied up with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a Space Technology Cell at its campus.The ISRO-IIT Roorkee Space Technology Cell shall pursue advanced research in the areas of relevance to the future technological and programmatic needs of the Indian space programme.

194. Actress _____ has partnered with Los Angeles Tourism for a new campaign.

- a)Alia Bhatt
- b)Anushka Sharma
- c)Priyanka Chopra
- d)Sonam A. Kapoor

Answer d)Sonam A. Kapoor . Actress Sonam A. Kapoor and her husband, businessman Anand Ahuja have partnered with Los Angeles Tourism for a new campaign. The digital initiative highlights the city’s vibrant arts, culture, culinary and hotel scenes.

Los Angeles Tourism began investing in travel trade efforts in India back in 2016 and consumer marketing efforts began in 2017.

195. The first Afghan shipment to India via Chabahar arrived at Nhava Sheva port in _____.

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

Answer d)Mumbai. In a major boost to ties between India and Afghanistan, the first Afghan shipment to India via Chabahar arrived at Nhava Sheva port in Mumbai. The 570 tonnes of consignment contained mung beans and talc.

196. South African all-rounder _____ –announced that he would retire from ODIs after the ICC World Cup in England.

- a)JP Duminy
- b)Jacques Kallis
- c)Beuran Hendricks
- d)Anrich Nortje

Answer a)JP Duminy . South African all-rounder JP Duminy announced that he would retire from ODIs after the ICC World Cup in England. Duminy will, however, continue to be available for South Africa in T20 internationals.

197. India-Africa joint field training exercise _____ to kick off in Pune from March 18 to 27.

- a)Lamitye
- b)Khan Quest
- c)vayu shakti
- d)AFINDEX-19

Answer d)AFINDEX-19.

198. World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated every year on March 15, What is the theme for this year ?

- a)“Trusted Smart customers”
- b)“Trusted Smart Products”

c)“Trusted Smart Markets”

d)“Trusted Smart variety”

Answer b)“Trusted Smart Products”. World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated every year on March 15. It is a day marked to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs. This year, the theme of promoted World Consumer Rights Day is “Trusted Smart Products”.

199. _____ of Pune, Maharashtra has bagged the first prize of DD Mahila Kisan Award for 2018-19.

a)Swati Singh

b)Swati Tiwari

c)Himani Mishra

d)Swati Shingade

Answer d)Swati Shingade . Swati Shingade of Pune, Maharashtra has bagged the first prize of DD Mahila Kisan Award for 2018-19. Prasar Bharati Chairman A Surya Prakash gave away the award to Ms Shingade at a grand finale event organised by DD Kisan Channel in New Delhi.

200. the country’s exports grew by 2.44 per cent year-on-year to 26.67 billion dollar while imports declined by _____ to 36.26 billion dollars.

a)5.2 per cent

b)5.4 per cent

c)5.0 per cent

d)5.3 per cent

Answer b)5.4 per cent. India’s trade deficit narrowed in the month of February this year to 9.6 billion dollars.

According to data released by the Commerce Ministry , the country’s exports grew by 2.44 per cent year-on-year to 26.67 billion dollar while imports declined by 5.4 per cent to 36.26 billion dollars.

201. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the _____ - campaign.

a)‘Hum Bhi Chowkidar’

b)‘Desh ka Chowkidar’

c)‘Main Bhi Chowkidar’

d)‘Chowkidar’

Answer c)‘Main Bhi Chowkidar’.Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the ‘Main Bhi Chowkidar’ campaign, calling everyone who were fighting corruption, social evils and working hard for the progress of India, as watchmen.

202. A US jury has decided that _____ needs to pay chip-maker Qualcomm \$31 million for violating three of its patents.

a)Oppo

b)Samsung

- c)Apple
- d)None of these

Answer c)Apple. A US jury has decided that Apple needs to pay chip-maker Qualcomm \$31 million for violating three of its patents. “Apple violated three Qualcomm patents and should pay the chip-maker \$31 million for infringing on its technology,” the jury decided.

203. The 2022 football Qatar World Cup may see an expansion from _____ teams.

- a)30 to 48
- b)32 to 48
- c)32 to 45
- d)32 to 40

Answer b)32 to 48. The 2022 football Qatar World Cup may see an expansion from 32 to 48 teams, the FIFA President Giovanni Infantino, has said.

204. World commits to reduce single-use plastics by _____.

- a)2025
- b)2023
- c)2020
- d)2030

Answer d)2030. After five days of talks at the Fourth UN Environment Assembly in Nairobi ,Kenyan capital, ministers from more than 170 UN member states delivered a bold blueprint for change, saying the world needed to speed up moves towards a new model of development in order to respect the vision laid out in the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

205. _____ Got RBI nod for Gruh Finance merger.

- a)Airtel Payment Bank
- b)ICICI Bank
- c)Bandhan Bank
- d)IDBI Bank

Answer c)Bandhan Bank. Bandhan Bank has received “no objection” from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the proposed merger of Gruh Finance with it. The merger would help the bank to achieve product and geographic diversification while improving penetration in its core customer segment.

206. IT major Wipro Ltd opened its centre of excellence for Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) in _____ .

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

Answer d)Kochi. IT major Wipro Ltd opened its centre of excellence for Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) in Kochi in Kerala.

207. Santosh Jha has been appointed as the country's next Ambassador to _____.

- a)Nepal
- b)china
- c)Malawi
- d)Uzbekistan

Answer d)Uzbekistan. Santosh Jha, presently Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Washington, has been appointed as the country's next Ambassador to Uzbekistan. Anurag Bhushan (IFS:1995), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Malawi.

208. _____ will head the National Mission on Transformative Mobility Panel.

- a)Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha
- b)Indu Shekhar Jha
- c)Rishi Kumar Shukla
- d)Amitabh Kant

Answer d)Amitabh Kant. Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant will head the National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage, which is being set up to promote clean and sustainable mobility initiatives in the country.

209. India were awarded the rights to host the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in _____.

- a)2026
- b)2022
- c)2024
- d)2020

Answer d)2020. India were awarded the rights to host the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in 2020. The decision to award the rights to India was taken at the FIFA Council meeting in Miami .

210. _____ has been bestowed with the Best Domestic Water Purifier Award 2018-19 .

- a)Pureit Marvella Slim
- b)Aquaguard Enhance
- c)Pureit Ultima
- d)Kent RO

Answer d)Kent RO . One of the leading brands in the water purifier industry, Kent RO Systems Pvt. Ltd. has been bestowed with the Best Domestic Water Purifier Award 2018-19 for its RO+UV+UF technology at the Water Digest Water Awards organized at The Lalit, New Delhi.

211. _____ announced the launch of WINGS, a specially designed mentorship program to empower women workforce.

- a)Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance

- b)AEGON Life Insurance
- c)Aviva Life Insurance
- d)Reliance Life Insurance

Answer c)Aviva Life Insurance. Aviva Life Insurance announced the launch of WINGS, a specially designed mentorship program to empower women workforce. The WINGS program is an initiative of the SHE division of Aviva Life Insurance for mentoring all the women employees in Aviva.

212. Argentina & _____ set to be co-hosts of 2020 Copa America.

- a)Canada
- b)Nepal
- c)India
- d)Colombia

Answer d)Colombia. Argentina and Colombia are poised to co-host the 2020 Copa America after South America's ruling body CONMEBOL once again ruled out a US proposal to host the tournament.

213. _____ conduct "coordinated operation" against insurgents posing threat to Kaladan project.

- a)India & Argentina
- b)India & Myanmar
- c)India & Colombia
- d)India & Nepal

Answer b)India & Myanmar. The armies of India and Myanmar conducted a "coordinated operation" from February 17 to March 2 against insurgents in Myanmar territory to avert a possible threat to the Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project. However, the Indian Army did not cross the border during the operation.

214. _____ announced the launch of YONO Cash using which customers can withdraw money from ATMs without using a card.

- a)Allahabad Bank
- b)Punjab National Bank
- c)Bank of Baroda
- d)State Bank of India

Answer d)State Bank of India . India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) announced the launch of YONO Cash using which customers can withdraw money from ATMs without using a card. This feature on YONO is designed to help its users withdraw cash without a physical debit card. it also maximizes convenience and enhances the banking experience for its customers.

215. Vedanta Ltd named metals industry veteran _____ as Sterlite Copper CEO.

- a)Pankaj Sharma
- b)Rajeev Kumar

c)Rishi Kumar

d)Pankaj Kumar

Answer d)Pankaj Kumar. Vedanta Ltd named metals industry veteran Pankaj Kumar as Sterlite Copper CEO, amid struggles to reopen its smelter in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, that was shut after police killed 13 demonstrators protesting against the plant..

216. _____ emerged as the top three Indian brands of 2019, according a report published by Interbrand, part of the Omnicom Media Group.

a)Tata, Reliance and Airtel

b)Tata, Reliance and Idea

c)Tata, Reliance and Vodafone

d)Tata and Reliance

Answer a)Tata, Reliance and Airtel. Tata, Reliance and Airtel emerged as the top three Indian brands of 2019, according a report published by Interbrand, part of the Omnicom Media Group, an advertising and public relations conglomerate.

217. India thrashed _____ by 5-0 in the 5th South Asian Football Federation, SAFF Women’s Championship in Biratnagar, Nepal .

a)Nepal

b)Bhutan

c)Bangladesh

d)Sri Lanka

Answer d)Sri Lanka.

218. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association has set next years Golden Globes ceremony for _____.

a)January 7, 2020

b)January 8, 2020

c)January 4, 2020

d)January 5, 2020

Answer d)January 5, 2020.The Hollywood Foreign Press Association has set next years Golden Globes ceremony for January 5, 2020.

The Globes fall just two days before Oscar nomination balloting closes on January 7 so Globes outcomes likely won’t have as much of an impact on Academy voters as they may have had in 2019 when there was a bigger gap between the two dates.

219. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a _____ fine on the Adani Group over its power plant in Karnataka’s Udupi.

a)Rs8-crore

b)Rs4-crore

c)Rs2-crore

d)Rs5-crore

Answer d)Rs5-crore. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a Rs5-crore fine on the Adani Group over its power plant in Karnataka's Udipi. The NGT also cancelled the environmental clearance given to Adani Group to expand its power plant in the area. This comes after nearby residents complained about the ill-effects on public health and decreasing agricultural yield due to the plant.

220. Former IAS officer Shah Faesal has launched a political party named _____.

a)'Jammu and Kashmir Republic'

b)'Jammu and Kashmir Peoples'

c)'Jammu and Kashmir Party'

d)None of these

Answer b)'Jammu and Kashmir Peoples'. Former IAS officer Shah Faesal, who became the first IAS topper from J&K in 2009, has launched a political party named 'Jammu and Kashmir Peoples' Movement' at a function in Srinagar. He resigned from the Indian Administrative Service in January to protest killings in Kashmir.

221. _____ - became the second Indian to win an event on Ladies European Tour after clinching South African Women's Open in Cape Town.

a)Diksha Dagar

b)Aditi Ashok

c)Sharmila Nicollet

d)Anisha Padukone

Answer a)Diksha Dagar.. Eighteen-year-old Diksha Dagar became the second Indian to win an event on Ladies European Tour after clinching South African Women's Open in Cape Town. Aditi Ashok was the first Indian to win on the Ladies European Tour after clinching Hero Women's Indian Open in Gurugram in 2016.

222. What is the Theme for World Sleep day 2019 ?

a)'Healthy Sleep, Healthy Life'

b)'Healthy Sleep, Healthy Dream'

c)'Healthy Dream, Healthy Aging'

d)'Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging'

Answer d)'Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging'. World Sleep Day is designed to raise awareness of sleep that is often compromised by the habits of modern life. World Sleep Day is held the Friday before Spring Vernal Equinox each year. The theme for 2019 is "Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging".

223. Former Supreme Court judge Justice _____ was recommended to be the first Lokpal or anti-corruption ombudsman

of India.

- a)H. L. Dattu
- b)Pinaki Chandra Ghose
- c)Jagdish Singh Khehar
- d)Dipak Misra

Answer b)Pinaki Chandra Ghose. Former Supreme Court judge Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose was recommended to be the first Lokpal or anti-corruption ombudsman of India. His name was finalised and recommended by the Selection Committee comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan and eminent jurist Mukul Rohatgi.

224. Cyclone _____-hits Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe , that has killed nearly 150 people.

- a)Ockhi
- b)Gaja
- c)Idai
- d)Phailin

Answer c)Idai . Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi have been hit by a vicious cyclone that has killed nearly 150 people, left hundreds more missing and stranded tens of thousands.

According to the UN and government officials, Cyclone Idai has affected more than 1.5 million people in the three southern African countries.

225. FIFA will make public its vote on the host for the _____ - Women's World Cup.

- a)2020
- b)2024
- c)2023
- d)2022

Answer c)2023 . FIFA will make public its vote on the host for the 2023 Women's World Cup. It could be the most hotly contested bidding process for the tournament, which was first staged in 1991. Australia, Colombia, Japan and South Africa have been exploring bids. South Korea submitted a proposal to DPK Korea to jointly bid.

225. Rear Admiral _____, VSM, has assumed charge as Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) at Kochi .

- a)Anil Kumar Saxena
- b)G. S. Pabby
- c)Krishna Swaminathan
- d)R. Hari Kumar

Answer c)Krishna Swaminathan. Rear Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, VSM, has assumed charge as Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) at Kochi .

Rear Admiral Swaminathan, a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 87, and is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla at Pune

226. India And _____ were signed three agreements on visa facilitation for diplomatic and official passport holders, development cooperation and renewable energy.

- a) Bhutan
- b) china
- c) Nepal
- d) Maldives

Answer d) Maldives .

227. India's Asian champion _____ has qualified for the World Athletics Championships to be held in the Qatari capital Doha .

- a) Ram Singh Yadav
- b) Nitendra Singh Rawat
- c) Kheta Ram
- d) Gopi Thonakal

Answer d) Gopi Thonakal. In marathon, India's Asian champion Gopi Thonakal has qualified for the World Athletics Championships to be held in the Qatari capital Doha in September-October this year. He achieved qualification after finishing 11th in the Seoul International Marathon yesterday, clocking his personal best time of 2 hours 13 minutes 39 seconds.

228. Chinmoy Roy has died of cardiac arrest , He was a famous _____.

- a) Marathi actor
- b) Politician
- c) Bengali Singer
- d) Bengali actor

Answer d) Bengali actor. Veteran Bengali actor Chinmoy Roy has died of cardiac arrest at his Salt Lake residence , Born in Kumilla district in present day Bangladesh in 1940, Roy had started his career in Bengali films in the 60s and became indispensable to the filmmakers for his portrayal of comic characters retaining the very essence of Bengaliness and a certain culture.

229. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has signed a MoU with the _____ to work on digital education initiatives.

- a) Nepal
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Maldives
- d) Bangladesh

Answer b) Afghanistan. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Afghanistan government

to work on digital education initiatives, which include many prominent programs developed by Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). The MoU was signed at IIT-Madras .

230. Swedish telecom equipment maker Ericsson has received _____ from Anil Ambani-led Reliance Communications Ltd (RCom).

- a)5.62 billion
- b)4.82 billion
- c)4.72 billion
- d)4.62 billion

Answer d)4.62 billion. Swedish telecom equipment maker Ericsson has received rs 4.62 billion from Anil Ambani-led Reliance Communications Ltd (RCom).

231. The three-day long joint Indo-Bangladesh White Water Rafting Expedition started from Tumbin in _____.

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

Answer b)Arunachal Pradesh . The three-day long joint Indo-Bangladesh White Water Rafting Expedition started from Tumbin in Arunachal Pradesh and came to an end at Pangin. The expedition was led by Lieutenant Colonel BN Jha comprising three officers, one junior commissioned officer (JCO) and seven other ranks of Indian Army. The Bangladesh side was led by Captain Hasibur Rehman, one JCO and seven other ranks of Bangladesh Army.

232. _____ becomes the first Indian Coast Guard ship to visit Indonesia.

- a) Tarangini
- b)Samarth
- c)Samrat
- d)Vijit

Answer d)Vijit. Highlighting the close maritime proximity between India and Indonesia, Indian Coast Guard Ship ‘Vijit’ became the first-ever Coast Guard ship to visit Sabang, Indonesia.

This visit of the coast guard ship follows from the first-ever-visit of Naval Ship INS Sumitra to Sabang in July 2018. Vijit’s visit also highlights strengthening cooperation in the area of maritime security and safety between New Delhi and Jakarta.

233. ICICI Lombard and _____-announced a partnership to offer cyber-insurance cover of Rs 50,000 to protect against online frauds.

- a)Dwolla
- b)Google Wallet

- c)paytm
- d)Mobikwik

Answer d)Mobikwik . ICICI Lombard and Mobikwik announced a partnership to offer cyber-insurance cover of Rs 50,000 to protect against online frauds.

234. Guinean Prime Minister _____ arrived india for a 10-day visit.

- a)Alexei Navalny
- b)Boris Yeltsin
- c)Ibrahima Kassory Fofana
- d)Dmitry Medvedev

Answer c)Ibrahima Kassory Fofana . Guinean Prime Minister Ibrahima Kassory Fofana arrived Here for a 10-day visit during which he will participate at a key India-Africa business conclave and hold talks with the top leadership to deepen ties.

235. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) named SBI, ICICI Bank and _____ as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).

- a)HDFC Bank
- b)Dena Bank
- c)IDBI Bank
- d)Axis Bank

Answer a)HDFC Bank . The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) named State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), which in other words mean banks that are too big to fail.

236. Senior journalist and environmental activist _____, who worked with leading English dailies, died.

- a)Víctor Genes
- b)Viktor Kutergin
- c)Jackie Fahey
- d)Darryl D'Monte

Answer d)Darryl D'Monte.

237. India finishes second in medal tally at Asian Youth C'ships, Which country topped the overall medals tally with 31 medals ?

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

Answer c)China . Indian youth team finish second in the overall medals tally with a total of 26 medals including eight gold, nine silver and nine bronze medals. China topped the overall medals tally with 31 medals that included 12 gold, 11 silver and eight bronze medals and Japan finished third with 20 medals that included 6 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 bronze.

238. which ministry organized a two-day Vigilance Conclave in New Delhi ?

- a)Ministry of HRD
- b)Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- c)Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- d)Ministry of Steel

Answer d)Ministry of Steel . Ministry of Steel organized a two-day Vigilance Conclave in New Delhi . The Conclave was aimed at sensitizing the officials of Steel PSUs on the basic principles and procedures to be followed while taking important administrative and commercial decisions relating to various functions including procurements, contracts, personnel and finance.

239. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is conducted annually as part of military diplomacy and interaction between armies of India &

_____.

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

Answer d)Sri Lanka. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is conducted annually as part of military diplomacy and interaction between armies of India & Sri Lanka. The joint exercise for the year 2018-19 will be conducted from 26 March to 08 April 2019 in Sri Lanka.

240. IBBI And _____ - sign MoU for better implementation of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

- a)Nabard
- b)IRDA
- c)RBI
- d)SEBI

Answer d)SEBI. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

The IBBI and the SEBI seek effective implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code) and its allied rules and regulations, which have redefined the debt-equity relationship and aims to promote entrepreneurship and debt market.

241. The 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships concluded in _____ .

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

Answer d)New Delhi. The 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships concluded in New Delhi . The three-day conclave was organised by the Ministry of Commerce in association with Confederation of Indian Industry and EXIM Bank of India.

242. _____ was sworn-in as the 13th Chief Minister of Goa.

- a)Sudin Dhavalikar
- b)Pramod Sawant
- c)Vijai Sardesai
- d)None of These

Answer b)Pramod Sawant . Goa Speaker Pramod Sawant was sworn in as the 13th chief minister post-midnight after BJP got letters of support from its allies on the assurance that both Goa Forward Party president Vijai Sardesai and Maharashtra Gomantak Party leader Ramkrishna Dhavalikar would be made deputy chief ministers.

243. Ola has signed a MoU with _____ to support the latter's efforts in strengthening traffic infrastructure in the city.

- a)Delhi
- b)Telangana
- c)Assam
- d)Kerala

Answer b)Telangana . Ride-hailing platform Ola has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana to support the latter's efforts in strengthening traffic infrastructure in the city. The partnership would see Ola 'share intelligent insights' that enable the Government to implement smart solutions to enhance 'mobility experience' in the city.

244. _____ launched an initiative 'i-help' to promote digital electoral literacy in the state launched in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls.

- a)Kerala
- b)Manipur
- c)Gujarat
- d)Assam

Answer d)Assam . Assam launched an initiative 'i-help' to promote digital electoral literacy in the state launched in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls. The 'i-help' is a joint initiative of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) and Common Service Centres (CSC) in Assam.

245. Alan Krueger, a top economic adviser to former US President _____.

- a)Ronald Reagan
- b)George W. Bush

c)Bill Clinton

d)Barack Obama

Answer d)Barack Obama . Alan Krueger, a top economic adviser to former US President Barack Obama and one of Americas most influential labour market experts, has died aged 58.

246. _____-conducts world’s 1st remote surgery using 5G technology .

a)japan

b)Russia

c)India

d)China

Answer d)China . The first remote surgery on a human using 5G technology was successfully conducted in China.

The process was made possible with the low-latency 5G technology provided by Huawei and China Mobile, which enabled near instantaneous data transmission.

247. Chennai-based Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) unicorn Freshworks opens office in _____.

a)brazil

b)washington

c)London

d)Singapore

Answer d)Singapore. Chennai-based Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) unicorn Freshworks which provides Cloud-based business software has expanded to the Asean market with the setting up of a regional hub in Singapore.

248. _____ features in powerful women list.

a)Alia Bhatt

b)Deepika Padukone

c)Anushka Sharma

d)Priyanka Chopra

Answer d)Priyanka Chopra. Global icon Priyanka Chopra Jonas has joined international celebrities including Oprah Winfrey and Meryl Streep in USA Today’s list of “50 most powerful women in entertainment”.

249. The Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise _____ launched its first cricket academy in the UK.

a)Mumbai Indians

b)Rajasthan Royals

c)Kolkata Knight Riders

d)Chennai Super Kings

Answer b)Rajasthan Royals. The Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Rajasthan Royals launched its first cricket academy in the UK.

250. The Election Commission of India has appointed transgender social activist _____ as one of the 12 election ambassadors from Maharashtra.

- a)Laxmi Narayan Tripathi
- b)Gauri Sawant
- c)Harish Iyer
- d)Shaleen Rakesh

Answer b)Gauri Sawant. The Election Commission of India has appointed transgender social activist Gauri Sawant, as one of the 12 election ambassadors from Maharashtra. During 2004 and 2009 Lok Sabha elections there was no record of transgender voters.

251. Indian-origin _____ has created history in Canada, he made his debut in the House of Commons as the first non-white leader of a major opposition party in the country.

- a)Ahmed Ali
- b)Anand Singh
- c)Mahendra Chaudhry
- d)Jagmeet Singh

Answer d)Jagmeet Singh . Indian-origin Jagmeet Singh has created history in Canada when he made his debut in the House of Commons as the first non-white leader of a major opposition party in the country.

252. Kazakhstan President _____ has announced his resignation after nearly 30 years in power.

- a)Macky Sall
- b)Peter O'Neill
- c)Erna Solberg
- d)Nursultan Nazarbayev

Answer d)Nursultan Nazarbayev. Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev has announced his resignation after nearly 30 years in power.

253. India loses hosting rights of Davis Cup, Fed Cup due to closure of Pak air space, Both the competitions will now be held in _____.

- a)Bhutan
- b)Nepal
- c)Pakistan
- d)Thailand

Answer d)Thailand. The closure of Pakistan's air space in the aftermath of the Balakot air strikes has resulted in India losing the hosting rights of the junior Davis Cup and Fed Cup. The junior Davis Cup was to be held at the DLTA complex from April 8-13 while the Fed cup matches were scheduled from April 15-20.

Both the competitions will now be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

254. Popular Indian fashion designer _____ has been appointed as the Cultural and Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India .

- a)Manish Malhotra
- b)Tarun Tahiliani
- c)Rohit Bal
- d)Ritu Beri

Answer d)Ritu Beri. Popular Indian fashion designer Ritu Beri has been appointed as the Cultural and Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India by the Ministry of Tourism of Uzbekistan. This is in recognition of her contribution towards bringing the two countries together by way of fusing cultures in her clothing line.

255. _____ has launched a report on improving higher education quality in India.

- a)Dr. Harisingh Gour University
- b)Jindal Global University
- c)Banaras Hindu University
- d)Jawaharlal Nehru University

Answer b)Jindal Global University .The Jindal Global University (JGU) has launched a report on improving higher education quality in India.

In the report “Diversity and Inclusion: Towards Building a Diverse, Equitable and Global University”, the JGU highlighted its progress on 16 indicators including national origin, state origin, gender parity, age, religion and caste, education and professional background, disability, academic offerings and interdisciplinary, pedagogy, research and disciplinary diversity.

256. Information Technology (IT) major _____-has created a Blockchain-based global payment network.

- a)IBM
- b)Acer
- c)Dell Technologies
- d)Hitachi

Answer a)IBM . Information Technology (IT) major IBM has created a Blockchain-based global payment network that transmits monetary value in the form of digital assets, commonly known as cryptocurrencies or “stable coins.”

257. A Russian-US joint interplanetary probe to Venus will be possibly launched in _____.

- a)2022
- b)2025
- c)2027
- d)2023

Answer c)2027. A Russian-US joint interplanetary probe to Venus will be possibly launched in 2027.

258. The State Bank of India will auction non-performing assets (NPAs) amounting to _____ - in March.

- a)Rs 7,169 crore
- b)Rs 5,169 crore
- c)Rs 4,169 crore
- d)Rs 6,169 crore

Answer d)Rs 6,169 crore. The State Bank of India will auction non-performing assets (NPAs) amounting to Rs 6,169 crore in the next 10 days to recover its dues from various defaulting business outfits.

259. The US has signed space technology safeguard agreement with _____ .

- a)Nepal
- b)India
- c)Brazil
- d)china

Answer c)Brazil.

260. Russian Defence Minister _____ visited Syria on the instruction of President Vladimir Putin.

- a)Charles Mondjo
- b)Guillermo Botero
- c)Sergei Shoigu
- d)Artis Pabriks

Answer c)Sergei Shoigu. Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu visited Syria on the instruction of President Vladimir Putin and held talks with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

261. US Mathematician _____ Becomes First Woman To Win Prestigious Abel Prize in mathematics for her work on partial differential equations.

- a)Sun-Yung Alice Chang
- b)Evelyn Boyd Granville
- c)Katherine Johnson
- d)Karen Uhlenbeck

Answer d)Karen Uhlenbeck . Women took another step forward in the still male-dominated world of science as American Karen Uhlenbeck won the Abel Prize in mathematics for her work on partial differential equations.

“Karen Uhlenbeck receives the Abel Prize 2019 for her fundamental work in geometric analysis and gauge theory, which has dramatically changed the mathematical landscape.

262. 33rd Edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Ind-Indo Corpat) Commences at Port Blair, _____ .

- a)Lakshadweep

- b)Andaman & Nicobar
- c)Pondicherry
- d)None of these

Answer b)Andaman & Nicobar. Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Sultan Thaha Syaifuddin and Maritime Patrol Aircraft CN-235 led by Cmde Dafit Santoso arrived at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India for the Opening Ceremony of the 33rd edition of the India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) to be held from 19 Mar to 04 Apr 2019.

263. Chinese handset maker _____ launched its Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based payments application “Mi Pay” for its MIUI users in India.

- a)LETV
- b)Vivo
- c)Lenovo
- d)Xiaomi

Answer d)Xiaomi . Aiming to take on the likes of Google Pay and Paytm, Chinese handset maker Xiaomi launched its Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based payments application “Mi Pay” for its MIUI users in India.

264. Journalist and writer _____ won the \$165,000 Windham-Campbell Prize in the non-fiction category.

- a)Barbara Walters
- b)Jerry Pinto
- c)Raghu Karnad
- d)None of these

Answer c)Raghu Karnad . Journalist and writer Raghu Karnad won the \$165,000 Windham-Campbell Prize in the non-fiction category for his debut book, The Farthest Field: An Indian Story Of The Second World War.

265. Former Supreme Court judge _____ -appointed as the country’s first Lokpal, the anti-corruption ombudsman.

- a)Mahender Singh
- b)Dinesh Kumar Jain
- c)Pinaki Chandra Ghose
- d)H. L. Dattu

Answer c)Pinaki Chandra Ghose . ormer Supreme Court judge Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose appointed as the country’s first Lokpal, the anti-corruption ombudsman. Former Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) chief Archana Ramasundaram, ex-Maharashtra Chief Secretary Dinesh Kumar Jain, Mahender Singh and Indrajeet Prasad Gautam have been appointed as non-judicial members of Lokpal.

266. Bengaluru , Chennai, and _____ ranked among the world’s ten cheapest cities in a ranking released by the Economist Intelligence

Unit.

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

Answer b)New Delhi.

Cities of Bengaluru—India’s technology capital, the southern city of Chennai, and the country’s capital city New Delhi ranked among the world’s ten cheapest cities in a ranking released by the Economist Intelligence Unit in its bi-annual survey on March 19. EIU ranked 133 cities in 93 countries surveying 50,000 individuals.

Amongst the most expensive cities in the world, Singapore and Hong Kong topped the rankings, along with Paris, followed by Zurich and Geneva. Singapore has continued to hold on to the ranking for five years now.

268. What is the Theme for World Sparrow Day 2019 ?

- a)I LIKE Sparrows
- b)I LOVE Sparrows
- c)I HATE Sparrows
- d)None of these

Answer b)I LOVE Sparrows. World Sparrow Day is a day designated to raise awareness of the house sparrow and then other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations, observed on 20 March. The theme for World Sparrow Day 2019 is “I LOVE Sparrows”.

269. European Union regulators fine _____-€1.49 billion for blocking rival online search advertisers.

- a)Qwant
- b)Pricesearcher
- c)Kiddles
- d)Google

Answer d)Google . European Union (EU) antitrust regulators handed down a €1.49 billion fine to Google for blocking rival online search advertisers, marking the company’s third penalty in two years.

270. The Export-Import Bank of India will provide USD 800 million (about ₹ 5,500 crore) credit to _____ - to finance developmental projects.

- a)China
- b)Bhutan
- c)Maldives
- d)Nepal

Answer c)Maldives. The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) said it will provide USD 800 million (about ₹ 5,500 crore) credit to Maldives to finance

developmental projects. Exim Bank has extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 800 million to Maldives for financing developmental projects, Exim Bank said in a release.

271. Jammu & Kashmir teenager _____ Sheikh was bestowed with the Shaurya Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind.

- a)Irfan Ramzan
- b)Ramzan Sheikh
- c)Irfan Khan
- d)None of these

Answer a)Irfan Ramzan. Jammu & Kashmir teenager Irfan Ramzan Sheikh was bestowed with the Shaurya Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind for foiling an attack by three militants on his house in 2017. Irfan was 14 years old then.

272. _____ has launched ‘smart garbage bins’ made of stainless steel.

- a)Tata Steel
- b)The iron and steel industry
- c)Jindal Steel & Power
- d)Steel Authority of India Ltd

Answer d)Steel Authority of India Ltd. Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) has launched ‘smart garbage bins’ made of stainless steel. These smart garbage bins will be able to send a signal to the garbage collection vehicle about the ‘fill-up’ position of the bin, aiding better cleaning and lower human intervention.

273. _____ has renamed its capital Astana to Nursultan to honour outgoing leader Nursultan Nazarbayev.

- a)Tajikistan
- b)Kazakhstan
- c)Uzbekistan
- d)kyrgyzstan

Answer b)Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan has renamed its capital Astana to Nursultan to honour outgoing leader Nursultan Nazarbayev, who unexpectedly resigned .

274. _____ - has joined global airlines’ grouping IATA as a member, becoming the first Indian low-cost carrier to get the membership.

- a)GoAir
- b)AirAsia India
- c)Air India
- d)SpiceJet

Answer d)SpiceJet. SpiceJet has joined global airlines’ grouping IATA as a member, becoming the first Indian low-cost carrier to get the membership. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) represents more than 290 airlines, including Air India, Jet Airways and Vistara.

275. PhonePe appointed _____ as its brand ambassador.

- a)Ranbir Kapoor
- b)Akshay Kumar
- c)Salman Khan
- d)Aamir Khan

Answer d)Aamir Khan. Bollywood heavyweight Aamir Khan will be the face of three brands this Indian Premier League (IPL) season. He will be seen selling the wares of Vivo, the title sponsor of the league, digital payments company PhonePe, and shoe brand Walkaroo.

276. which country has topped a global happiness ranking for the second year in a row ?

- a)Denmark
- b)Norway
- c)India
- d)Finland

Answer Finland has topped a global happiness ranking for the second year in a row. It beat Nordic peers Denmark, Norway and Iceland in a ranking of 156 countries by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. India dropped seven ranks to the 140th place.

277. World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is Celebrated on March 21. What is the Theme for this year ?

- a)Leave no one behind
- b)Leave Every one behind
- c)Leave the World behind
- d)noneof these

Answer a)Leave no one behind. World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is on March 21. On this day, people with Down syndrome and those who live and work with them throughout the world organize and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome. The global theme for 2019 is “Leave no one behind”

278. International Day of Forests is celebrated on 21st March . The theme of 2019_____.

- a)Forests and Trees
- b)Forests and Education
- c)Forests and Life
- d)Forests and World

Answer b)Forests and Education.

279. _____ has introduced a robot-based sortation technology – Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) at its Soukya sortation center in Bengaluru.

- a) Rakuten
- b) Alibaba
- c) Amazon
- d) Flipkart

Answer d) Flipkart. Flipkart has introduced a robot-based sortation technology – Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) at its Soukya sortation center in Bengaluru. Designed to optimise efficiency and precision on the back-end of the supply chain, these AGVs will help Flipkart meet growing customer demand, ensuring faster delivery and a better experience for online shoppers.

280. Indian Air Force to participate in Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA) 2019 in _____.

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

Answer a) Malaysia. Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA-2019) is planned in Langkawi, Malaysia from 26 March 2019 to 30 March 2019. Indian Air Force is participating in the Maritime Aero Expo for the first time, during which it will showcase its indigenously developed LCA fighter aircraft. The team departed from Air Force Station Kalaikunda for Langkawi today i.e 22 March 2019 via Myanmar (Yangon).

281. Indian Statistical Institute presents report on VVPAT sample size to the Chief Election Commissioner _____.

- a) VS Ramadevi
- b) OP Rawat
- c) Sunil Arora
- d) Sukumar Sen

Answer c) Sunil Arora. Indian Statistical Institute presented its report on the sample size of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail, VVPAT slip counting to the Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora.

282. _____ has said India has been one of the fastest growing large economies in the world.

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) WTO
- c) WHO
- d) IMF

Answer d) IMF. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said India has been one of the fastest growing large economies in the world.

283. Cash-strapped Pakistan will receive over 2 billion US Dollars loan from _____ - to provide a boost to its ailing economy.

- a) Bhutan

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

Answer b)China. Cash-strapped Pakistan will receive over 2 billion US Dollars loan from China to provide a boost to its ailing economy.

284. British Prime Minister _____ is attending the crucial European Council summit at Brussels.

- a)Jeremy Corbyn
- b)Angela Merkel
- c)Donald Trump
- d)Theresa May

Answer d)Theresa May . British Prime Minister Theresa May is attending the crucial European Council summit at Brussels. At the meeting, Ms May will put her case before European Union leaders for an extension to the Brexit withdrawal process till 30th of June.

285. _____ is celebrating its 107th foundation day on 22 March. It was on this day in 1912, Bihar was carved out of Bengal presidency.

- a)Manipur
- b)Madhya Pradesh
- c)Assam
- d)Bihar

Answer d)Bihar . Bihar is celebrating its 107th foundation day today. It was on this day in 1912, Bihar was carved out of Bengal presidency.

286. Hindi writer _____ honoured with Vyas Samman 2018 for his collection of poems “Jitne Log Utne Prem” published in 2013.

- a)Hrishikesh Sulabh
- b)Gopaldas Neeraj
- c)Divya Prakash Dubey
- d)Leeladhar Jagudi

Answer d)Leeladhar Jagudi . Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagudi honoured with Vyas Samman 2018 for his collection of poems “Jitne Log Utne Prem” published in 2013. The award carries an amount of Rs. 4 lakhs and it was started by K K Birla foundation in 1991. He has received Padma Shri in 2004 and Sahitya Akademi Award, Akashvani National Award and Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman as well.

287. _____ - has signed a pact with the Bank of China to boost business opportunities.

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

Answer a)SBI. The country's largest lender SBI has signed a pact with the Bank of China to boost business opportunities. SBI has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bank of China (BoC), the third-largest bank in the world by capital size and one of the major players in the Chinese banking sector, to enhance business synergies between both the banks, State Bank of India (SBI) said in a release.

288. Dartmouth College physicist and astronomer _____ is the 2019 Templeton Prize winner .

- a)R. Nazaryan
- b)B. Safvati
- c)A. Ajoy
- d)Marcelo Gleiser

Answer d)Marcelo Gleiser. Dartmouth College physicist and astronomer Marcelo Gleiser is the 2019 Templeton Prize winner, the Templeton Foundation announced. Born in Brazil, Gleiser is the first Latin American to be awarded the prize, which "recognizes living individuals for their contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension," according to a statement from the foundation.

289. _____ to Invest \$50 Million in Avaada Energy for Expansion of Solar Projects in India.

- a)IMF
- b)ADB
- c)WHO
- d)None of these

Answer b)ADB. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced that it will invest \$50 million in Indian renewable energy independent power producer Avaada Energy Private Limited. Avaada aims to use the capital to expand its solar energy generation capacity in India.

290. Fitch cuts India's GDP growth forecast for FY20 to _____ from its previous estimate of 7% .

- a)6.5%
- b)6.0%
- c)6.8%
- d)6.2%

Answer c)6.8% . Fitch Ratings cut India's economic growth forecast for the next financial year starting April 1, to 6.8 per cent from its previous estimate of 7 per cent, on weaker than expected momentum in the economy.

291. The Karnataka transport department has suspended the licence of taxi aggregator _____.

- a)Uber
- b)Ola

c)Wagon

d)Savaari

Answer b)Ola . In a major development, the Karnataka transport department has suspended the licence of taxi aggregator Ola and ordered immediate stoppage of its services in Bengaluru. The action follows illegal operation of bike taxis by the company.

292. Karnataka Minister for Municipal Administration _____ passed away .

a)Chinmoy Roy

b)R. Kanagaraj

c)C.S. Shivalli

d)None of these

Answer c)C.S. Shivalli . Karnataka Minister for Municipal Administration C.S. Shivalli suffered a massive heart attack and passed away . He was 58.

293. _____ takes over as Western Fleet Commander.

a)Sanjay Jasjit Singh

b)Sunil Lanba

c)Robin K. Dhowan

d)None of these

Answer a)Sanjay Jasjit Singh . At an impressive ceremonial parade held on 22 Mar 19 at Naval dockyard, Mumbai, Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, NM took over charge of Western Fleet, the ‘Sword Arm’ of the Indian Navy, from Rear Admiral MA Hampiholi, AVSM, NM.

294. Vice Admiral _____ will take over as Next Chief of Naval Staff.

a)Robin K. Dhowan

b)Sunil Lanba

c)Sanjay Jasjit Singh

d)Karambir Singh

Answer d)Karambir Singh. The Government have appointed Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, presently Flag Officer Commander-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) Eastern Naval Command as next Chief of the Naval Staff with effect from afternoon of May 31, 2019. The present Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba retires on the same day.

295. Educational campus constructed with Government of India’s financial grant of _____ Nepalese rupees was inaugurated.

a)30 million

b)30.5 million

c)32.5 million

d)35.5 million

Answer d)35.5 million . Educational campus constructed with Government of India's financial grant of 35.5 million Nepalese rupees was inaugurated. An educational campus constructed with Government of India's financial grant of 35.5 million Nepalese rupees was inaugurated in Nepal.

296. Former US president _____ becomes longest living chief executive in American history.

a)Ronald Reagan

b)Bill Clinton

c)Barack Obama

d)Jimmy Carter

Answer d)Jimmy Carter . Former US president Jimmy Carter has reached a milestone. Elected as the 39th President, Carter is now the longest living chief executive in American history. Today is the 172nd day beyond Carter's 94th birthday.

297. Fantasy Sports company –'Fantain has announced the signing of ace cricketer _____ as its brand ambassador.

a)Rohit Sharma

b)Shikhar Dhawan

c)Suresh Raina

d)Virat Kohli

Answer c)Suresh Raina. Fantasy Sports company –'Fantain has announced the signing of ace cricketer Suresh Raina as its brand ambassador.

298. International Boxing Federation (AIBA) president _____ has resigned .

a)Gulnara Karimova

b)Serik Konakbayev

c)Rustam Inoyatov

d)Gafur Rahimov

Answer d)Gafur Rahimov. International Boxing Federation (AIBA) president Gafur Rahimov has resigned on the eve of the decisive IOC executive meeting, In a statement, Rahimov rejected the allegations of him having ties to organized crime and announced his resignation late on Friday, reports Xinhua news agency.

299. India achieved _____ reduction in tuberculosis deaths among people living with HIV by 2017.

a)64 %

b)80 %

c)85 %

d)84 %

Answer d)84 %. India achieved 84 per cent reduction in tuberculosis deaths among people living with HIV by 2017 – three years ahead of the target, said a report by The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

300. _____ announced the appointment of Chacko Purackal Thomas as the managing director and chief executive officer.

- a)Tata Coffee
- b)Coffee Beanery
- c)Costa Coffee
- d)Vinacafe

Answer a)Tata Coffee. Tata Coffee announced the appointment of Chacko Purackal Thomas as the managing director and chief executive officer. He will replace Sanjiv Sarin, who retires on 31 March. He will assume the charge from April 1, 2019.

301. India has clinched the SAFF Women’s Championship for the fifth time in a row, defeating _____ 3-1 in the final at Biratnagar.

- a)west Indies
- b)Bangladesh
- c)Nepal
- d)Bhutan

Answer c)Nepal . In football, India has clinched the SAFF Women’s Championship for the fifth time in a row, defeating hosts Nepal 3-1 in the final at Biratnagar. In the first half, Dalmia Chhibber of India scored the first goal of the match which was equalled by Nepal’s Sabitra Bhandari at the 33rd minute.

302. According to the Asian Rich List 2019 _____ family tops with net worth of £25.2 billion.

- a)Ruchi Ghanashyam
- b)Hinduja family
- c)S P Lohia
- d)None of these

Answer b)Hinduja family. Leading London-based NRI industrial tycoons, the Hinduja family top the Asian Rich List 2019 for the sixth successive year with an estimated net worth of £25.2 billion, an increase of over £3 billion over the previous year. According to the Asian Rich List 2019 released at the Asian Business Awards , Steel magnates Lakshmi Mittal and his son Aditya Mittal remained in second place, with £11.2 billion – down £2.8 billion.

303. World Water Day is celebrated on _____.

- a)21 March
- b)20 March

- c)23 March
 - d)22 March
- Answer d)22 March.

304. Renowned Indian artist _____, best known for his themes of tribal and folk art, passed away .

- a)S.B. Sinha
- b)Haku Shah
- c)C. S. Shivalli
- d)None of these

Answer b)Haku Shah. Renowned Indian artist Haku Shah, best known for his themes of tribal and folk art, passed away following a cardiac arrest at his home in Ahmedabad. He was 85.

305.World TB Day is celebrated on which date ?

- a)24th March
- b)25th March
- c)28th March
- d)4th March

Answer a)24th March. The theme of World Tuberculosis Day 2019 is “It’s Time”

306. _____ Beats Virat Kohli, Becomes First Player To Reach 5000 Runs In IPL.

- a)K. L. Rahul
- b)MS Dhoni
- c)Suresh Raina
- d)Rohit Sharma

Answer c)Suresh Raina.

307. _____ joined China’s signature foreign policy Belt and Road initiative (BRI).

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

Answer c)Italy . Despite a warning by United States, Italy joined China’s signature foreign policy Belt and Road initiative (BRI), making it the first G7 country to officially do so reports Xinhua.

308. _____ has raised Rs 1,251.30 crore by issuing Basel III-compliant bonds.

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

Answer d)SBI. The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 1,251.30 crore by issuing Basel III-compliant bonds.

309. _____ the IT-services focused subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange has acquired Aujas Networks Ltd.

- a)Amazon
- b)IBM
- c)NSEIT
- d)Intel

Answer c)NSEIT. NSEIT, the IT-services focused subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange has acquired Aujas Networks Ltd, a company which provides information security consulting and IT risk management services.

310. _____ has launched a bond issuance programme through its London branch to raise up to USD 400 million (about Rs 2,750 crore).

- a)PNB
- b)ICICI
- c)Canara Bank
- d)SBI

Answer c)Canara Bank . State-owned Canara Bank has launched a bond issuance programme through its London branch to raise up to USD 400 million (about Rs 2,750 crore). The bonds are set to mature on March 28, 2024.

311. _____ has now become the world's 12th busiest airport.

- a)Jaipur International Airport
- b)Indira Gandhi International Airport
- c)Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
- d)Raja Bhoj Airport

Answer b)Indira Gandhi International Airport . The nation capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has now become the world's 12th busiest airport, moving up four places from the 16th spot in 2017. According to the preliminary world airport traffic rankings for 2018 released by the Airports Council International (ACI) ,

312. _____ - to put world's 1st wireless e-cab charging stations.

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

Answer c)Norway.

313. The NITI Aayog will organise the FinTech Conclave 2019 on financial technologies in _____.

- a)Indore

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

Answer b)Delhi. The NITI Aayog will organise the FinTech Conclave 2019 on financial technologies in the national capital . the conclave, to be inaugurated by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das, will be attended by senior government and RBI officials, as well as more than 300 representatives from the leading financial institutions.

314. _____ has reported a fraud amounting to Rs 13.26 crore in the fund-based working capital facility extended to SRS Finance.

- a)ICICI
- b)Karnataka Bank
- c)YES Bank
- d)Dena Bank

Answer b)Karnataka Bank. Private sector lender Karnataka Bank has reported a fraud amounting to Rs 13.26 crore in the fund-based working capital facility extended to SRS Finance.

315. MG Motor signs _____ as India brand ambassador.

- a)Benedict Cumberbatch
- b)Keira Knightley
- c)Alan Rickman
- d)Daniel Kaluuya

Answer a)Benedict Cumberbatch. China's SAIC-owned British vehicle manufacturer Morris Garages announced the signing of actor Benedict Cumberbatch as the brand ambassador for its India operations.

316. _____ signs agreement allowing United States military to use its port.

- a)China
- b)Italy
- c)Oman
- d)India

Answer c)Oman . Oman has signed an agreement with the United States that allow American ships and warplanes to take advantage of his ports and airports. The state-run Oman News Agency said the framework agreement is aimed at bolstering Omani-American military relations.

317. Former Chief Election Commissioner of India _____'s book 'Every Vote Counts' was launched by former Vice President of India, Hamid Ansari .

- a)K.V.K. Sundaram
- b)Sukumar Sen

c)Sunil Arora

d)Navin Chawla

Answer d)Navin Chawla. Former Chief Election Commissioner of India Navin Chawla's book 'Every Vote Counts' was launched by former Vice President of India, Hamid Ansari in New Delhi. This book is about how the electoral machinery works in India.

318. India ranks _____ on WEF's global Energy Transition index.

a)78th

b)76th

c)75th

d)79th

Answer b)76th . India has moved up two places to rank 76th on a global energy transition index, which has ranked 115 economies on how well they are able to balance energy security and access with environmental sustainability and affordability.

Sweden remains on the top on this annual list compiled by Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF).

319. Jet Airways founder _____ will step down from the board of the cash-strapped airline.

a)Michael O'Leary

b)Vinay Dube

c)Naresh Goyal

d)None Of These

Answer c)Naresh Goyal . Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal and his wife Anita Goyal will step down from the board of the cash-strapped airline. In addition, Naresh Goyal will also cease to be the chairman of the airline, he set up with his wife in 1993. Jet Airways communicated this to the exchanges after its board held a meeting . Naresh Goyal owns a 51% stake in Jet Airways.

320. The world's largest e-waste recycling facility has opened in _____.

a)Mumbai

b)London

c)Delhi

d)Dubai

Answer d)Dubai. The world's largest e-waste recycling facility has opened in Dubai. Located at the Dubai Industrial Park, the 280,000 square feet plant will process Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), IT asset disposition (ITAD), refrigerant gas and specialised waste.

321. Shotgun legend _____ wins ISSF World Cup 2019 gold medal.

- a) Kimberly Rhode
- b) Chloe Tipple
- c) Zhang Donglian
- d) None of these

Answer a) Kimberly Rhode . The 40-year-old shotgun legend Kimberly Rhode added another gold to her enormous shooting-medal collection by claiming the title at the women's skeet event of the 2019 ISSF Shotgun World Cup .

322. Rear Admiral _____ -has assumed the charge as the Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area .

- a) Sunil Lanba
- b) R. Hari Kumar
- c) Rajesh Pendharkar
- d) G. Ashok Kumar

Answer c) Rajesh Pendharkar . Rear Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, VSM has assumed the charge as the Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area . An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, he was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Jan 1987 and is an Anti-Submarine Warfare specialist.

323. _____ - at Langkawi, Malaysia to Participate in LIMA-19.

- a) INS Vikrant
- b) INS Tarangini
- c) INS Kadmatt
- d) None of these

Answer c) INS Kadmatt. Indian Navy's frontline ASW corvette, INS Kadmatt arrived at Langkawi, Malaysia on a seven days official visit. The ship is scheduled to participate in the 15th edition of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition, LIMA-19 during the visit.

324. _____ was honoured with Croatia's highest civilian award the Grand Order of the King of Tomislav.

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Manmohan Singh
- c) Arun Jaitley
- d) Ram Nath Kovind

Answer d) Ram Nath Kovind. President Ram Nath Kovind was honoured with Croatia's highest civilian award the Grand Order of the King of Tomislav. Kovind is in the European country as part of his eight-day three-nation visit to Croatia, Bolivia and Chile to further strengthen bilateral ties between India and the three countries.

325. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch _____ - including the primary payload EMISAT, on the first of April.

- a) 40 satellites

- b)25 satellites
- c)20 satellites
- d)29 satellites

Answer d)29 satellites. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch 29 satellites including the primary payload EMISAT, on the first of April. Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C45 will take off from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota tentatively at 9:30 AM carrying the satellites onboard.

326. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral _____ inaugurated the Indian Navy's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF) at INS Shivaji in Lonavala .

- a)G. Ashok Kumar
- b)R. Hari Kumar
- c)Rajesh Pendharkar
- d)Sunil Lanba

Answer d)Sunil Lanba. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba inaugurated the Indian Navy's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF) at INS Shivaji in Lonavala .

327. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu will attend the 16th Convocation of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in _____.

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

Answer d)Mumbai. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu will attend the 16th Convocation of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai.

328. RBI appoints five-member committee to deepen digital payments, under the chairmanship of _____.

- a)Nandan Nilekani
- b)Arun Jaitley
- c)Amitabh Kant
- d)Rajeev kumar

Answer a)Nandan Nilekani. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that the central bank of the country has appointed 5-member committee under the chairmanship of Nandan Nilekani to further deepen digital payments and enhance financial inclusion through Fintech. He said, the RBI has requested the committee to give recommendations in 3 months in this regard.

329. The joint training exercise MITRASHAKTI – VI between Indian and _____ Army is being held at Diyatalawa in Sri Lanka.

- a)Russia
- b)Sri Lanka

- c)France
- d)Nepal

Answer b)Sri Lanka. The joint training exercise MITRASHAKTI – VI between Indian and Sri Lanka Army is being held from today at Diyatalawa in Sri Lanka.

330.The RBI has slapped a penalty of Rs 2 crore on _____ - for non-compliance of regulatory directions with regard to SWIFT operations.

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

Answer b)PNB. The Reserve Bank of India has slapped a penalty of Rs 2 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance of regulatory directions with regard to SWIFT operations.

331. Actress-wrestler _____ - has announced her retirement from the WWE.

- a)John Cena
- b)Jinder Mahal
- c)Ric Flair
- d)Nikki Bella

Answer d)Nikki Bella. Actress-wrestler Nikki Bella has announced her retirement from the WWE. On the show “Total Bellas”, Bella announced her decision saying she wanted to explore some new arena in her life.

332. China, the US and India together accounted for nearly _____ – of the rise in energy demand.

- a)60 per cent
- b)75 per cent
- c)80 per cent
- d)70 per cent

Answer d)70 per cent. China, the US and India together accounted for nearly 70 per cent of the rise in energy demand, even as such demand worldwide grew by 2.3 per cent last year, at its fastest pace this decade, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said .

333. Noted folk artist, music director and writer _____ –Devi died at Houston in the U.S. at the age of 99.

- a)Denise DuBarry
- b)Vinjamuri Anasuya
- c)Marian Cebulski
- d)C. S. Shivalli

Answer b)Vinjamuri Anasuya .Noted folk artist, music director and writer Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi died at Houston in the U.S. at the age of 99. A recipient

of Kala Prapoorna award, she got her first gramophone record at the age of 8 years.

334. Private sector lender _____ opened its 4,000th branch at EON, Kharadi, in Pune.

- a)ICICI Bank
- b)YES Bank
- c)Axis Bank
- d)Dena Bank

Answer c)Axis Bank . Private sector lender Axis Bank opened its 4,000th branch at EON, Kharadi, in Pune. The new branch was inaugurated by Amitabh Chaudhry, Managing Director and CEO, Axis Bank, and Ravi Narayanan, President and Head Branch Banking, Axis Bank.

335. A science teacher from rural Kenya _____ has been crowned the world’s best teacher and awarded a \$1m prize.

- a)Peter Tabichi
- b)Leeladhar Jagudi
- c)Marcelo Gleiser
- d)Irfan Ramzan Sheikh

Answer a)Peter Tabichi .A science teacher from rural Kenya who donates most of his salary to help poorer students has been crowned the world’s best teacher and awarded a \$1m prize, beating 10,000 nominations from 179 countries.

336. Tech giant _____ –partners with Goldman Sachs and Mastercard for Apple Card.

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

Answer d)Apple . Tech giant Apple is known for its hardware devices like the iPhone, MacBooks, iPods, Watch and software services like iOS, MacOS, Apple Music, Apple Pay, etc. At the ‘It’s Show Time’ event held at the Steve Job’s Theatre, Apple announced a new credit card called the Apple Card.

337. India & _____ Union sign MoU on strengthening cooperation in healthcare sector.

- a)Russia
- b)African
- c)China
- d)None of These

Answer b)African. An agreement has been signed between India and the African Union to establish an India-Africa health sciences collaborative platform. the MoU will pave the way for cooperation in research and development, capacity

building, health services, pharmaceutical trade and manufacturing capabilities for drugs and diagnostics.

338. The government has decided to infuse around _____ into state-owned Bank of Baroda.

- a)Rs 2000 Cr
- b)Rs 3000 Cr
- c)Rs 5000 Cr
- d)Rs 8000 Cr

Answer c)Rs 5000 Cr. The government has decided to infuse around five thousand crore rupees into state-owned Bank of Baroda ahead of merger of two other public sector lenders Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda. The merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda would be effective from 1st April.

The Bank of Baroda, in a regulatory filing, said that the finance ministry through its notification conveyed its decision to infuse capital of 5,042 crore rupees in the bank.

339. Manchester United confirmed _____ as manager of the club.

- a)Ashwani Lohani
- b)D.K. Jain
- c)Indra Nooyi
- d)Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Answer d)Ole Gunnar Solskjaer . Manchester United confirmed Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as manager of the club. The former striker who played for the team from 1996 until his retirement in 2004 took over as caretaker manager in December after Jose Mourinho was sacked.

340. Fast&Up, flagship sports nutrition brand of Aeronutrix Sports Products Private Limited signs _____ as brand ambassador.

- a)Rohit sharma
- b)MS Dhoni
- c)Virat Kohli
- d)Mayank Agarwal

Answer d)Mayank Agarwal. Fast&Up, flagship sports nutrition brand of Aeronutrix Sports Products Private Limited announced the signing of Indian cricketer Mayank Agarwal as it's brand ambassador.

341. The city of _____ in Western Australia (WA) will no longer play host to the Hopman Cup, Tennis Australia confirmed .

- a)Perth
- b)Sydney

- c)Hobart
 - d)Darwin,
- Answer a)Perth.

The city of Perth in Western Australia (WA) will no longer play host to the Hopman Cup, Tennis Australia confirmed . Instead, the mixed tournament format will be replaced with an all men’s event called the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Cup.

342. _____ becomes first Indian port operator to record 200 MMT cargo movement.

- a)Khoday
- b)Godrej
- c)Aditya Birla
- d)Adani

Answer d)Adani . Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has recorded cargo movement of more than 200 million metric tonnes (MMT) at nine ports along the east and west coasts, becoming the first Indian port operator to achieve the milestone.

343. _____ has signed a memorandum of understanding with agriculture services companies to develop an agriculture digital platform, Baroda Kisan.

- a)Bank of Maharashtra
- b)Bank of India
- c)Punjab National Bank
- d)Bank of Baroda

Answer d)Bank of Baroda . Bank of Baroda has signed a memorandum of understanding with agriculture services companies to develop an agriculture digital platform, Baroda Kisan, which will provide solutions for agricultural requirements.

The initiative is being executed by ITCoE of Bank of Baroda, in partnership with IBM India. The platform intends to make a holistic approach towards solving agricultural plights by means of providing reliable and customised information, inputs for use, convenience of renting farm equipment, and market linkage for sale of agriculture produce.

344. Well-known Malayalam writer and poet _____-passed away at the age of 63 .

- a)Nodar Mgaloblishvili,
- b)Yoji Harada
- c)Ashita
- d)Jim Moody

Answer c)Ashita . Well-known Malayalam writer and poet Ashita passed away at the age of 63 here at a private hospital in Thrissur on Wednesday.

The celebrated short story writer was born on April 5, 1956, in Thrissur. She had pursued her graduation and post graduation in English Literature from Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.

345. _____ is set to be appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's basketball team.

- a) Patricia Kokoškov
- b) Gregg Charles Popovich
- c) Igor Kokoškov
- d) Veselin Matic

Answer d) Veselin Matic. Veselin Matic, who took Iran to an Asian Games bronze medal in 2010, is set to be appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's basketball team. The Serbian's name had been cleared by the sports ministry last week, BFI Secretary General Chander Mukhi Sharma stated, with only a few formalities left to be completed. He is expected to arrive by the end of April.

346. Supreme Court-appointed BCCI ombudsman retired Justice _____ - will now double up as the ethics officer of the Indian cricket board.

- a) A. K. Ganguly
- b) Pratibha Rani
- c) D.K. Jain
- d) None of these

Answer c) D.K. Jain. Supreme Court-appointed BCCI ombudsman retired Justice D.K. Jain will now double up as the ethics officer of the Indian cricket board. It comes after the Committee of Administrators (CoA) requested the apex court to appoint an ethics officer who would look into matters of conflict of interest.

347. _____ -unveils world's longest salt cave, The cave is called Malham.

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

Answer a) Israel

. Israeli researchers say they have discovered the world's longest salt cave near the desert site where, according to the Bible, Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt.

The 10-km long warren of underground passages and chambers in Mount Sodom, overlooking the Dead Sea, was mapped out over two years by cavers from nine countries, led by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The cave is called Malham.

348. Two Deputy CM of Goa are Manohar Ajgaonkar and _____.

- a) Sudin Dhavalikar
- b) Vijai Sardesai

c)Varsha Naik

d)Francis D’Souza

Answer b)Vijai Sardesai. Mr Ajgaonkar is the second deputy chief minister along with Goa Forward Party (GFP) leader and state minister Vijai Sardesai.

349. Wipro Limited and _____ partner for advanced research in 5G and AI.

a)IIT Kanpur

b)IIT Bombay

c)IIT Delhi

d)IIT Kharagpur

Answer d)IIT Kharagpur. Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting and business process services company, and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT Kharagpur), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on high-impact, industry-focused applied research in the areas of 5G and AI.

350. The Chairman of 15th Finance Commission of India, N.K. Singh launched the book “Indian Fiscal Federalism”. The book has been written by _____.

a)Raghuram Rajan

b)Urjit Patel

c)Shaktikanta Das

d)Y. V. Reddy

Answer d)Y. V. Reddy. The Chairman of 15th Finance Commission of India, N.K. Singh launched the book “Indian Fiscal Federalism”. The book has been written by Dr. Y. V. Reddy, former Governor of RBI and Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission of India along with Dr. G. R. Reddy, Advisor (Finance) to the Government of Telangana.

351. Pioneering Russian cosmonaut _____ - dies at age 84.

a)Yuri Tomashov

b)Damir Salimov

c)Joe Flannery

d)Valery Bykovsky

Answer d)Valery Bykovsky. Russia’s space agency says pioneering Soviet-era cosmonaut Valery Bykovsky, who made the first of his three flights to space in 1963, has died at age 84.

352. Nobel Prize-winning economist _____ was awarded with the prestigious Bodley Medal.

a)Jean Tirole

b)William Nordhaus

c)Amartya Sen

d)Paul Romer

Answer c) Amartya Sen. Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen was awarded with the prestigious Bodley Medal, the highest honour granted by the University of Oxford's world-famous Bodleian Libraries.

The medal is awarded to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the fields in which the Bodleian is awarded are, including literature, culture, science, and communication.

353. _____ is reportedly acquiring Mumbai-based Haptik one of the world's largest conversational Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms.

- a) Bsnl
- b) Idea
- c) Airtel
- d) Reliance Jio

Answer d) Reliance Jio

. Reliance Jio is reportedly acquiring Mumbai-based Haptik one of the world's largest conversational Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms for over Rs 200 crore, the media reported.

354. The 2019 Human Development Report (HDR), with its focus on _____, will be released around this year's last quarter.

- a) Population
- b) Poverty
- c) Inequality
- d) Education

Answer c) Inequality. The 2019 Human Development Report (HDR), with its focus on inequality, will be released around this year's last quarter, the UNDP said.

The report will provide a comprehensive picture of the many forms of inequality that are shaping the 21st century. In a statement, the United Nations Development Programme acknowledged that today's world remains deeply unfair.

355. Argentine striker _____ has announced his retirement from international football at the age of 31.

- a) Emiliano Sala
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Mauro Icardi
- d) Gonzalo Higuain

Answer d) Gonzalo Higuain. Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain has announced his retirement from international football at the age of 31. Higuain has not played for the Albiceleste since last year's World Cup in Russia as manager Lionel Scaloni looks to revamp his squad for this year's Copa America, reported Xinhua news agency.

356. Aussie _____ legend Tim Cahill officially retires.

- a)chess
- b)Cricket
- c)Golf
- d)football

Answer d)football. After four World Cups, an illustrious club career and having risen to the rank of Australian sporting icon, Tim Cahill has officially quit professional football. In November, the 39-year-old announced he will no longer represent Australia at an international level even though he continued to play for Jamshedpur FC in the Indian Super League.

357. US-based LGBTQ civil rights advocacy group Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation has suspended _____ – from its 2019 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) .

- a)Kiddle
- b)Ixquick
- c)Facebook
- d)Google

Answer d)Google. US-based LGBTQ civil rights advocacy group Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation has suspended Google from its 2019 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) for failing to remove the app from PlayStore. In 2018, Google scored a full 100 per cent on the CEI report.

358. Researchers at the _____ have developed an Artificial Intelligence-based electronic hardware system to detect malaria.

- a)IIT-Kharagpur
- b)IIT-Bombay
- c)IIT-Delhi
- d)IIT-Kanpur

Answer c)IIT-Delhi . Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi have developed an Artificial Intelligence-based electronic hardware system to detect malaria, tuberculosis, intestinal parasite, and cervical cancer in milliseconds. their system can be used for healthcare access in resource-constrained areas with limited access to human specialists.

359. _____-is voted the World's Best Airport 2019 by international air travellers for the seventh consecutive year.

- a)Rajiv Gandhi Hyderabad International Airport
- b)Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport
- c)Tokyo Haneda International Airport
- d)Singapore Changi Airport

Answer d)Singapore Changi Airport. Changi Airport Singapore is voted the World's Best Airport 2019 by international air travellers for the seventh consecutive year. The awards were held at Passenger Terminal EXPO in London,

United Kingdom on 27th March 2019.

The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi featured at number 59.

360. Three researchers Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton and Yann LeCun have won the 2018 Turing Award, known as the

- _____.
- a) Nobel Prize of Mathematics
 - b) Nobel Prize of computing
 - c) Nobel Prize of Statistics
 - d) None of these

Answer b) Nobel Prize of computing . Three researchers have won the 2018 Turing Award, known as the ‘Nobel Prize of computing,’ for conceptual and engineering breakthroughs in artificial intelligence (AI).

Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton and Yann LeCun were named the recipients of the award by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

361. Swiss-based NRI scientist _____ has been conferred with the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award.

- a) Dr Rajendra Joshi
- b) Dr Ursula Joshi
- c) Dr S. Chandrasekhar
- d) Dr Vinod Khosla

Answer a) Dr Rajendra Joshi . Swiss-based NRI scientist Dr Rajendra Joshi has been conferred with the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind.

The Indian Ambassador to Switzerland Sibi George handed over the award citation signed by the President to Dr Joshi at his residence in Switzerland.

362. India defeated _____ – 10-0 in their final league match of Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia .

- a) South Korea
- b) Japan
- c) Australia
- d) Poland

Answer d) Poland. India defeated Poland 10-0 in their final league match of Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia .

363. Government of India has recently awarded Geographical Indication (GI) to _____ of Indian coffee.

- a) 3 varieties
- b) 4 varieties
- c) 7 varieties
- d) 5 varieties

Answer d) 5 varieties. Government of India has recently awarded Geographical Indication (GI) to five varieties of Indian coffee. They are:

- **Coorg Arabica coffee** is grown specifically in the region of Kodagu district in Karnataka.
- **Wayanaad Robusta coffee** is grown specifically in the region of Wayanad district which is situated on the eastern portion of Kerala.
- **Chikmagalur Arabica coffee** is grown specifically in the region of Chikmagalur district and it is situated in the Deccan plateau, belongs to the Malnad region of Karnataka.
- **Araku Valley Arabica coffee** can be described as coffee from the hilly tracks of Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha region at an elevation of 900-1100 Mt MSL.
- **Bababudangiris Arabica coffee** is grown specifically in the birthplace of coffee in India and the region is situated in the central portion of Chikmagalur district. Selectively hand-picked and processed by natural fermentation, the cup exhibits full body, acidity, mild flavour and striking aroma with a note of chocolate.

364. Infrastructure giant Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced a new initiative, _____, to focus on new-age technologies .

- a) L&T-WhT
- b) L&T-Nxt
- c) L&T-Lst
- d) L&T-Fst

Answer b) L&T-Nxt. Infrastructure giant Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced a new initiative, L&T-Nxt, to focus on new-age technologies such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.

365. Drug maker _____ gets USFDA nod for generic drug

- a) Zydus Cadila
- b) Pfizer
- c) Novartis
- d) Actelion

Answer a) Zydus Cadila. Drug maker Zydus Cadila has received the final approval from the US health regulator to market Ambrisentan tablets, used to treat high blood pressure in the lungs, in the American market.

The Ahmedabad-based group has received the approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to market the drug in strengths of 5 mg and 10 mg, Zydus Cadila said in a statement.

366. In terms of 4G availability, _____ has topped the list of 50 cities in India,

- a) Indore

- b) Bhopal
- c) Dhanbad
- d) Ranchi

Answer c) Dhanbad. In terms of 4G availability, Dhanbad in Jharkhand has topped the list of 50 cities in India, according to London-based wireless coverage mapping company OpenSignal. Ranchi, capital of Jharkhand, came second after scoring 95 per cent in 4G availability. Srinagar came third with a score of 94.9 per cent.

New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata did not make it to the top 10 in the list.

367. An Atlanta woman _____ became the first living HIV-positive kidney donor in the world .

- a) Terra Jole
- b) Nina Martinez
- c) Amanda Salinas
- d) Tiffany Cashette

Answer b) Nina Martinez . An Atlanta woman Nina Martinez became the first living HIV-positive kidney donor in the world when surgeons at Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore transferred her organ to a recipient who is also HIV-positive. Both the donor and the recipient, who wishes to remain anonymous, are doing well.

368. President Kovind inaugurates plaque of Gandhi Hall at Gabriel Rene Moreno University in _____.

- a) Chile
- b) Croatia
- c) Bolivia
- d) None of these

Answer b) Croatia . President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the plaque of the Mahatma Gandhi Hall at the Gabriel Rene Moreno University in Santa Cruz during his visit to Bolivia.

369. India and _____ - have signed eight MoUs in various fields including culture, mining, space etc .

- a) Bolivia
- b) Russia
- c) Nepal
- d) Croatia

Answer a) Bolivia . India and Bolivia have signed eight MoUs on the second day of President Ram Nath Kovind's three-day visit to that country.

These MoUs were signed in the fields of culture, Visa waiver arrangement for diplomats, the exchange between diplomatic academies, mining, space,

traditional medicine, establishment of Centre of Excellence in IT and Bi-Oceanic Railway project.

370. Foreign Secretary _____ - held bilateral talks with his Nepalese counterpart Shanker Das Bairagi in Kathmandu .

- a)Sanjay Mitra
- b)Betsy DeVos
- c)Vijay Gokhale
- d)Subhash Chandra Garg

Answer c)Vijay Gokhale .Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale held bilateral talks with his Nepalese counterpart Shanker Das Bairagi in Kathmandu . They reviewed all aspects of bilateral partnership between India and Nepal and exchanged views on issues of mutual interest.

371. In Assam, the Bongaigaon district administration has developed a mobile app _____ – to particularly reach out to the first-time voters.

- a)Bachan
- b)Matdaan
- c)Sankalp
- d)Adhikaar

Answer c)Sankalp.In Assam, the Bongaigaon district administration has developed a mobile app Sankalp to particularly reach out to the first-time voters.

372. Assam filmmaker _____ - has joined Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)'s 'Share Her Journey' as its official ambassador.

- a)Munin Barua
- b)Jahnu Barua
- c)Manju Borah
- d)Rima Das

Answer d)Rima Das. Critically acclaimed Assam filmmaker Rima Das has joined Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)'s 'Share Her Journey' as its official ambassador.

TIFF launched the 5-year campaign in 2017 with a view to increase participation, skills, and opportunities for women behind and in front of the camera.

373. RBI clears _____ Cash Credit Limit (CCL) for Punjab for Rabi marketing season.

- a)Rs 19,240 crore
- b)Rs 16,240 crore
- c)Rs 18,240 crore
- d)Rs 17,240 crore

Answer a)Rs 19,240 crore. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cleared Rs 19,240.91 crore towards Cash Credit Limit (CCL) for Punjab for the purchase of wheat in the Rabi marketing season.With this, the bulk of the CCL sought by the state

government for the purchase of 130 lakh tonne of wheat for this season has been released by the central bank.

The release of the CCL would facilitate the state government in making timely payments to farmers against purchases of food grains in the current season, which would begin from April 1 and culminate on May 25

374. GAIL India Ltd has signed an agreement with _____ - for cooperation in the development of solar power projects.

- a)NTPC Limited
- b)Steel Authority of India
- c)Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)
- d)Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Answer c)Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) .State-owned gas utility GAIL India Ltd has signed an agreement with Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) for cooperation in the development of solar power projects. “GAIL shall be the project developer and BHEL shall act as an engineering, procurement, construction and project management contractor.

375. India’s foreign exchange (forex) reserves continued to surge for a third week, adding \$1.029 billion to _____ in the week to 22 March.

- a)\$400.667 billion
- b)\$206.667 billion
- c)\$506.667 billion
- d)\$406.667 billion

Answer

376. The Reserve Bank of India upped the investment limit for FY2019-20 for foreign portfolio investors (FPI) in Central government securities (G-Secs) to _____.

- a)5 per cent
- b)4 per cent
- c)3 per cent
- d)6 per cent

Answer d)6 per cent. The Reserve Bank of India upped the investment limit for FY2019-20 for foreign portfolio investors (FPI) in Central government securities (G-Secs) to 6 per cent of outstanding stock of securities from 5.5 per cent in FY2018-19.

377. Legendary French _____ Agnes Varda has died after battling breast cancer. She was 90.

- a)Singer
- b)Actor
- c)Filmmaker
- d)Polician

Answer c)Filmmaker. Legendary French filmmaker Agnes Varda has died after battling breast cancer. She was 90. She was popular for films like “Cleo from 5 to 7” and “Vagabond”. Her 2001 documentary “The Gleaners and I” is considered one of her masterpieces. In the film, she used the themes of collecting, harvesting and recycling to reflect on her own work.

378. Next Census Of India Will Be Carried Out In 2021, the decision has been taken by the central government under the powers conferred by section 3 of _____.

- a)The Census Act, 1945
- b)The Census Act, 1942
- c)The Census Act, 1947
- d)the Census Act, 1948

Answer d)the Census Act, 1948 .The next census of India will be carried out in 2021 with March 1 of that year as the reference date, the Home Ministry announced In a notification, the ministry said the decision has been taken by the central government under the powers conferred by section 3 of the Census Act, 1948 (37 of 1948).

For Jammu and Kashmir and snow bound non-synchronous areas of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the reference date shall be the first day of October, 2020, the notification said.

379. Rear Admiral _____, NM assumed charge as Flag Officer Commanding Karnataka Naval Area.

- a)Mahesh Singh
- b)Suraj Berry
- c)Dinesh K Tripathi
- d)None of these

Answer a)Mahesh Singh.Rear Admiral Mahesh Singh, NM assumed charge as Flag Officer Commanding Karnataka Naval Area at a ceremonial parade at Karwar .

380. Rear Admiral Suraj Berry, NM, VSM takes over the Command of Eastern Fleet.

- a)Dinesh K Tripathi
- b)Suraj Berry
- c)B Dasgupta
- d)Mahesh Singh

Answer b)Suraj Berry. Rear Admiral Suraj Berry, NM, VSM takes over the Command of Eastern Fleet, the Sword Arm of the Eastern Naval Command from Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, AVSM, NM at an impressive ceremony held at the Naval Base, Visakhapatnam on 30 March 19.

381. _____ will become Slovakia's first female president.

- a) Sirimavo Bandaranaike
- b) Vigdís Finnbogadóttir
- c) Zuzana Caputova
- d) None of these

Answer c) Zuzana Caputova. Lawyer Zuzana Caputova will become Slovakia's first female president after winning a runoff election on Saturday against the country's ruling party's candidate.

382. The country's fiscal deficit touched _____ of the full-year revised budgeted estimate at the end of February 2019.

- a) 130.2 per cent
- b) 131.2 per cent
- c) 134.2 per cent
- d) 135.2 per cent

Answer c) 134.2 per cent. The country's fiscal deficit touched 134.2 per cent of the full-year revised budgeted estimate at the end of February 2019, mainly due to tepid growth in revenue collections.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit for April-February 2018-19 was Rs 8.51 lakh crore as against the revised estimate (RE) of Rs 6.34 trillion for the entire year, according to Controller General of Accounts (CGA) data.

383. The Mumbai-based company Linkus Infratech has launched a hyper-local connectivity app called _____ to connect users to people.

- a) "Khonga"
- b) "Bhonga"
- c) "Ponga"
- d) "Tonga"

Answer b) "Bhonga". The Mumbai-based company Linkus Infratech has launched a hyper-local connectivity app called "Bhonga" to connect users to people in their neighbourhood in the city even without an Internet connection.

"Bhonga" is a word in Marathi language that translates to meaning megaphone or loudspeaker.

384. _____ becomes India's first accredited home healthcare provider.

- a) HMO
- b) AFLAC
- c) HCAH
- d) DHFL

Answer c) HCAH

. In this backdrop, the pioneer of ICU at home and critical care at home in India, HealthCare atHOME (HCAH), have become the first home healthcare solution

provider to be accredited QAI for their home healthcare solutions. They have been awarded the 'Mark of Sustained Quality' for maintaining high-quality services to their patients at the comfort of their home, by QAI (Quality and Accreditation Institute) for a period of 3 years starting January 2019.

385. _____ claimed has become the world's first district using both 5G coverage and broadband gigabit network.

- a) Shanghai
- b) Delhi
- c) New York
- d) None of these

Answer a) Shanghai . Shanghai claimed has become the world's first district using both 5G coverage and broadband gigabit network as China seeks to establish lead over the US and other countries in the race to develop next generation cellular mobile communications.

5G is the next generation of cellular technology with download speeds that are 10 to 100 times faster than 4G LTE networks.

386. Pakistan High Commissioner to India _____ has been named as the country's new Foreign Secretary.

- a) Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry
- b) Sohail Mahmood
- c) Tehmina Janjua
- d) Riaz Khokhar

Answer b) Sohail Mahmood. Pakistan High Commissioner to India Sohail Mahmood has been named as the country's new Foreign Secretary. He earlier served as Pakistan's Ambassador to Turkey, said the Geo News report.

387. Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik has written a letter to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to rename _____ city as Khush Bhawanpur.

- a) Mathura
- b) Sultanpur
- c) Lucknow
- d) Jhansi

Answer b) Sultanpur . Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik has written a letter to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to rename Sultanpur city as Khush Bhawanpur. Sultanpur is a city in Ayodhya Division of the state.

388. _____ is first woman to fight Mizoram LS poll.

- a) Rukmini, S
- b) Meira Kumar
- c) Lalthlamuani
- d) None of these

Answer c) Lalthlamuani . For the first time in the Lok Sabha elections in Mizoram, a woman, Lalthlamuani, 63, is trying her luck. The fate of all six candidates, including independent aspirant Lalthlamuani, will be decided on April 11.

389. The Election Commission-appointed Special Police Observer _____.

- a) Akshay Kumar
- b) Sania Mirza
- c) Salman Khan
- d) Bibek Dubey

Answer d) Bibek Dubey. The Election Commission-appointed Special Police Observer, Bibek Dubey will reach Kolkata to oversee poll preparedness in West Bengal.

390. Vijaya Bank and _____ will merge with Bank of Baroda from tomorrow to create the third-largest lender of the country.

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) YES Bank
- d) Dena Bank

Answer d) Dena Bank .in a first three-way amalgamation, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank will merge with Bank of Baroda from tomorrow to create the third-largest lender of the country.

The Reserve Bank of India had said in a statement that customers including depositors of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank will be treated as customers of Bank of Baroda with effect from 1st April this year.

391. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the country's latest observation satellite _____.

- a) FMISAT
- b) GMISAT
- c) AMISAT
- d) EMISAT

Answer d) EMISAT. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the country's latest observation satellite EMISAT .

The launch vehicle PSLV-C45 will lift off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, in Sriharikota at with EMISAT and 28 other customer payloads. The countdown for the launch mission is progressing smoothly at the launchpad.

392. _____ will be the MD and CEO of ICICI Securities .

- a) Chanda Kochhar
- b) Amitabh Chaudhry
- c) Vijay Chandok
- d) Vibha Padalkar

Answer c)Vijay Chandok.Private lender ICICI Bank said Vijay Chandok will be the MD and CEO of its subsidiary ICICI Securities with effect from May 7, 2019. Chandok presently is the Executive Director of ICICI Bank.