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1. The Defence Acquisitions Council, DAC chaired by Defence Minister _____ approved indigenous construction of six submarines worth 40 thousand crore rupees.

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Arun Jaitley
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Narendra Singh Tomar

Answer c) Nirmala Sitharaman. The Defence Acquisitions Council, DAC chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved indigenous construction of six submarines worth 40 thousand crore rupees. It is the second project under the Ministry's ambitious strategic partnership model aiming to boost the government's Make in India' program

2. The country's unemployment rate stood at a 45-year-high of _____ in 2017-18, according to the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO's) periodic labour force survey (PLFS).

- a) 7.0%
- b) 5.5%
- c) 6.5%
- d) 6.1 %

Answer d) 6.1 %. The country's unemployment rate stood at a 45-year-high of 6.1 per cent in 2017-18, according to the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO's) periodic labour force survey (PLFS).

3. Which State's government has approved the Smart Village Campaign to boost infrastructure and facilities in rural areas?

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

Answer b) Punjab. In a major initiative to boost infrastructure and facilities in rural areas, the Punjab government on Tuesday approved the Smart Village Campaign with an outlay of Rs 384.40 crore. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting here under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. The campaign is based on the premise that each village would achieve goals in different fields like infrastructure, health, education and environment.

4. The 13th edition of Men's Cricket World Cup will be played in India in which Year?

- a) 2023
- b) 2020
- c) 2021
- d) 2024

Answer a) 2023. International Cricket Council CEO and former South Africa cricketer David Richardson announced that the 13th edition of Men's Cricket World Cup will be played in India in 2023.

5. India captain _____ became the first woman cricketer to play 200 ODIs.

- a) Harmanpreet Kaur
- b) Jaya Sharma
- c) Mithali Raj
- d) Woorkeri Raman

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Answer c) Mithali Raj. India captain Mithali Raj became the first woman cricketer to play 200 ODIs, adding another achievement to her illustrious career. The 36-year-old is also the highest run-getter in ODIs with 6622 runs at an average of 51.33, including seven hundreds. Mithali could not make a big impact in her 200th game, scoring nine off 28 balls as India were bowled out for 149 in the third and final ODI against New Zealand

6. ____ takes charge as Chief Commissioner of CGST.

- a) Suman Kumari
- b) Dilip Sadarangani
- c) Ajai Kumar
- d) G V Krishna Rao

Answer d) G V Krishna Rao. G V Krishna Rao assumed charge as Chief Commissioner of CGST, Central Excise & Customs, Guwahati Zone having jurisdiction over all the North Eastern States. A CGST press release here said Krishna Rao, an officer of the 1987 batch of the Indian Revenue Service (Indirect Taxes & Customs), is a senior officer of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) .

7. 34th international leather festival begins in which State?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Odisha

Answer b) Tamil Nadu. The 34th edition of India International Leather Fair (IILF) will kick off in Chennai, highlighting the export prowess of Indian leather entrepreneurs, the industry's achievements, use of latest technologies and innovations with an eco-friendly tag.

8. The _____ government will implement the “Tejashri financial services” scheme to help rural women

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

Answer b) Maharashtra . The Maharashtra government will implement the “Tejashri financial services” scheme to help rural women, state Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said. it would be implemented by the state's Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM) and would help understand the needs of rural women and bring them into the mainstream of development.

9. Former Planning Commission member and ex-director of IIMC _____ passed away

- a) Chaitanya Majhi
- b) Atin Bandyopadhyay
- c) Raghbir Bhola
- d) Hiten Bhaya

Answer d) Hiten Bhaya . Former Planning Commission member and ex-director of IIMC Hiten Bhaya passed away at his residence in south Delhi's Vasant Kunj . Bhaya was a member of the Planning Commission in the Rajiv Gandhi government and had also served as director of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) and chairman of Hindustan Steel.

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10. _____ became the first Indian to earn a card for the Australian Ladies PGA Tour (LPGA) after coming through its first-ever Qualifying Tournament at the Ballarat Golf Club in Ballarat, Australia.

- a) Ariya Jutanugarn
- b) Vani Kapoor
- c) Gursimar Badwal
- d) Tvesa Malik

Answer b) Vani Kapoor. Vani Kapoor became the first Indian to earn a card for the Australian Ladies PGA Tour (LPGA) after coming through its first-ever Qualifying Tournament at the Ballarat Golf Club in Ballarat, Australia. Vani shot rounds of 71, 78 and 69 to finish at two-over 218 and was tied-12th with three others. The top-20 from a field of 81 earned playing rights on the Australian LPGA but there were many other benefits and spots available too.

11. The World Wetlands Day is observed on which date?

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

Answer a) 2nd Feb. World Wetlands Day occurs annually on February 2nd, marking the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971. Established to raise awareness about the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet, WWD was celebrated for the first time in 1997 and has grown remarkably since then. The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2019 is 'Wetlands and Climate Change'

12. Who has been appointed as the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?

- a) Rishi Kumar Shukla
- b) Rajeev Kumar Shukla
- c) Rishi Kapoor
- d) Shankar Kumar

Answer a) Rishi Kumar Shukla. Twenty-two days after Alok Verma was ousted as CBI chief, the Centre appointed Rishi Kumar Shukla, a 1983-batch IPS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, the agency's new Director. Shukla was the Madhya Pradesh police chief until January when he was transferred by the Kamal Nath government as chairman of police housing.

13. The government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with tech giant Microsoft, to transform the educational landscape in the state

- a) Sikkim
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Gujarat

Answer a) Sikkim. Aiming to transform the educational landscape in the state, the Sikkim government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with tech giant Microsoft. Sikkim Minister for Human Resource Development RB Subba said the state government was committed to harnessing the power of technology to transform e-governance and core sectors and partnering with Microsoft was a much-needed step to help prepare the future generation. The government's vision was to make the youth future-ready and Microsoft was an able partner for transformational initiatives.

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14. PNB MetLife, a life insurance company, signed _____ as its brand ambassador.

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Salman Khan
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) P.V. Sindhu

Answer d) P.V. Sindhu. PNB MetLife, a life insurance company, signed P.V. Sindhu as its brand ambassador. She is respected by contemporaries, created a fan following across generations with athleticism and aggression on court. The shuttler conquered some of the biggest names in women's badminton.

15. The RBI has launched an ombudsman scheme to tackle frauds associated with digital transactions, The scheme, launched under which act ?

- a) Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- b) Settlement Systems Act, 2005
- c) Settlement Systems Act, 2008
- d) Settlement Systems Act, 2000

Answer a) Settlement Systems Act, 2007. The scheme is introduced to facilitate the satisfaction or settlement of complaints regarding digital transactions undertaken by customers of system participants as defined under the scheme," the RBI said in a statement on Thursday.

The scheme, launched under Section 18 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, will provide a cost-free and expeditious complaint redressal mechanism related to deficiency in customer services in digital transactions conducted through non-banking entities regulated by the RBI, it added.

16. The Ministry of Finance has decided to merge two regional rural banks and name the new entity as Tamil Nadu Grama Bank, The banks include Pallavan Grama Bank and _____.

- a) Baroda UP Gramin Bank
- b) Pandyan Grama Bank
- c) Gramin Bank of Aryavart
- d) Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank

Answer b) Pandyan Grama Bank. The Ministry of Finance has decided to merge two regional rural banks and name the new entity as Tamil Nadu Grama Bank. The banks include Pallavan Grama Bank (Sponsored by Indian Bank) and Pandyan Grama Bank (Sponsored by Indian Overseas Bank). The new entity, namely Tamil Nadu Grama Bank, will be under the sponsorship of Indian Bank, with its head office in Salem. The merger would be effective from April 1, 2019.

17. Which government has launched the 'KALIA Chhatra Bruti' programme so that the children of the farmers excel in the future?

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

Answer c) Odisha. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday announced the 'KALIA Chhatra Bruti', which will provide scholarships to the children of the KALIA scheme beneficiaries for pursuing

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higher education.the government has launched the 'KALIA Chhatra Bruti' programme so that the children of the farmers excel in the future.

18. Punjab Chief Minister _____ gave approval to declare the endangered Indus River dolphin as the state aquatic animal.

- a) Bhupesh Baghel
- b) Nitish Kumar
- c) Sarbananda Sonowal
- d) Amarinder Singh

Answer d) Amarinder Singh. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh gave approval to declare the endangered Indus River dolphin, found only in the Beas River in the country, as the state aquatic animal.

19. Who has taken charge as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation Bank?

- a) Pallav Mahapatra
- b) A. S. Rajeev
- c) PV Bharathi
- d) B Sriram

Answer c) PV Bharathi. PV Bharathi has taken charge as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation Bank.She was responsible for many key areas, including human resources, corporate credit, retail banking, credit monitoring, recovery, risk management, information and technology, audit and inspection, international banking, treasury and others in the Canara Bank.

20. _____ takes over as World Bank Interim President.

- a) David Rubenstein
- b) Jim Yong Kim
- c) Kristalina Georgieva
- d) Paul Farmer

Answer c) Kristalina Georgieva. Former Bulgarian European Union Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva has assumed the role of Interim World Bank President, taking over from Jim Yong Kim who announced his resignation .

21. Which country's Army successfully test-fired the short range surface-to-surface ballistic missile 'Nasr'?

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

Answer a) Pakistan.Pakistan Army successfully test-fired the short range surface-to-surface ballistic missile 'Nasr' which it claimed can defeat any ballistic missile defence system now available in the country's neighbourhood or any other system being developed.

22.The Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) , the hub of ISRO's future manned missions, was inaugurated at ISRO headquarters in _____.

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- a) Kerala
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Pune

Answer b) Bengaluru. The Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC), the hub of ISRO's future manned missions, was inaugurated at ISRO headquarters in Bengaluru. Announced on August 15 2018, the country's first crewed mission is set to happen by 2022, the 75th year of Independence.

23. Which Payment Bank has announced the launch of a sweep account facility in association with Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) ?

- a) Airtel Payments Bank (FPB)
- b) Jiyo Payments Bank (FPB)
- c) Post Payments Bank (FPB)
- d) Fino Payments Bank

Answer d) Fino Payments Bank. Fino Payments Bank (FPB) has announced the launch of a sweep account facility in association with Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB). This partnership will help FPB address the issue of deposit limits that all the payment banks face at the moment.

24. Sushma Swaraj and Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 30th National Road Safety Week in New Delhi, What is theme for the year 2019?

- a) Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Raksha
- b) Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Suraksha
- c) Sadak Raksha -Jeevan Raksha
- d) Jeevan Suraksha- Sadak Raksha

Answer a) Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Raksha. External Affairs Minister Smt Sushma Swaraj and Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 30th National Road Safety Week, 2019 at Gandhi Smriti and Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi. The main aim of the event is to generate awareness and sensitizing people about safe road usage.

The theme of the 30th National Road Safety Week is "Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Raksha".

25. Veteran Ramesh Bhatkar passed away, he was Famous _____.

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

Answer b) Marathi actor. Veteran Marathi actor Ramesh Bhatkar passed away after battling cancer. He was 70. He was born in 1949 to famous music director, composer and singer Snehal Bhatkar. Ramesh Bhatkar had made a name for himself in Marathi theatre and films, and even Hindi TV shows like Hello Inspector and Commander.

26. _____ has been honoured with the 'Freedom of the City of London' award in recognition of his contribution to promoting the bilateral relations.

- a) SBI China

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- b) SBI UK
- c) BOI Thailand
- d) SBI Australia

Answer b) SBI UK. India's largest state-owned lender SBI's regional head in the UK has been honoured with the 'Freedom of the City of London' award in recognition of his contribution to promoting the bilateral relations.

27. _____ has become the first State to set up a price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO).

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

Answer b) Kerala. Kerala has become the first State to set up a price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO). The move comes more than five years after the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) proposed such a system for the States and the Union Territories.

28. Former Pakistan women's cricket team skipper _____ became the first Asian woman cricketer to play hundred T20 international matches.

- a) Sana Mir
- b) Javeria Khan
- c) Nain Abidi
- d) Bismah Maroof

Answer a) Sana Mir. Former Pakistan women's cricket team skipper Sana Mir became the first Asian woman cricketer to play hundred T20 international matches. The 33-year-old reached the milestone when she walked into the field for the ongoing third and final T20I against West Indies in Karachi.

29. Haryana Hammers beat _____ to win Pro Wrestling League (PWL) season 4 title.

- a) UP Dangal
- b) Mumbai MahaRathi
- c) Delhi Sultans
- d) Punjab Royals

Answer d) Punjab Royals. It was fourth time lucky for Haryana Hammers as they beat Punjab Royals 6-3 in the summit clash to win the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) season 4 title

30. Minister for IT inaugurates 'ICT Academy Bridge 2019' conference in _____.

- a) Mizoram
- b) Sikkim
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer d) Tamil Nadu.

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31. The 53rd edition of Know India Programme for Young Indian Diaspora Held in _____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi. The 53rd edition of Know India Programme for Young Indian Diaspora involves 40 participants (24 female and 16 males) from Fiji, Guyana, Mauritius, Portugal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago. The partner states of this edition are Maharashtra and Daman & Diu.

32. _____ government has set up a committee to review various schemes being implemented for the welfare of tribals in the state. The 17-member committee, headed by former MLA and Shramjeevi Sanghatna president Vivek Pandit.

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

Answer b) Maharashtra. The Maharashtra government has set up a committee to review various schemes being implemented for the welfare of tribals in the state. The 17-member committee, headed by former MLA and Shramjeevi Sanghatna president Vivek Pandit, will undertake study of various works done for providing employment opportunities, minimum wages and proper livelihood to tribals, as per a recent government order.

33. Paradip Port is situated in which state?

- a) Odisha
- b) Delhi
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Mumbai

Answer a) Odisha .

34. President Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for 2017 to _____ artists.

- a) 52
- b) 40
- c) 45
- d) 42

Answer d) 42. President Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for 2017 to 42 artists from the fields of music, dance, theatre, traditional/folk/tribal music/dance/theatre and puppetry.

The awards were presented during a special ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhawan .

35. _____ won his fourth major title the Seattle Open by beating Egypt's Mohamed El Sherbini in the final.

- a) Joshna Chinappa
- b) Dipika Pallikal

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- c) Ramit Tandon
- d) Saurav Ghosal

Answer c) Ramit Tandon. Ramit Tandon won his fourth major title – the Seattle Open, by beating Egypt's Mohamed El Sherbini in the final. Top seeded Ramit Tandon made the most of his first meeting with Egyptian Mohamed El Sherbini to win the final of the Seattle Open, a PSA challenger squash Tour event here late on Saturday night. The Indian won 11-4, 11-7, 2-11, 11-2 for his first PSA title in 2019 and fourth title overall in his career.

36. Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari launched three major highway projects entailing an investment of Rs. 2,345 crore in _____.

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

Answer d) Odisha. Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari launched three major highway projects entailing an investment of Rs. 2,345 crore in Odisha, saying it will go a long way in ensuring speedy development in the state.

37. Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP from Aska Lok Sabha constituency in Odisha, _____ passed away.

- a) Krishna Sobti
- b) Mary Oliver
- c) Ladu Kishore Swain
- d) John C. Bogle

Answer c) Ladu Kishore Swain. Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP from Aska Lok Sabha constituency in Odisha, Ladu Kishore Swain passed away late Tuesday night at the age of 71. He was admitted to Apollo Hospital in Bhubaneswar late last night due to kidney ailments. Swain was member of the Odisha Legislative Assembly from 2004 to 2009. He was elected to the 16th Lok Sabha in May 2014.

38. Former cricket coach _____, who mentored several players, including those who represented Maharashtra, died in Pune due to old age.

- a) Rajabhau Oak
- b) Atin Bandyopadhyay
- c) Michel Legrant
- d) Ladu Kishore Swain

Answer a) Rajabhau Oak. Former cricket coach Rajabhau Oak, who mentored several players, including those who represented Maharashtra, died in Pune due to old age. He was 85. He was also the coach of Nutan Marathi Vidyalaya (a school in Pune) and both were good teams. He had also coached SP College," Maharashtra coach Surendra Bhavne, who was trained by Oak.

39. International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is celebrated on which date ?

- a) February 4
- b) February 10
- c) February 7
- d) February 6

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Answer d) February 6. International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is a United Nations-sponsored annual awareness day that takes place on February 6 as part of the UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation. It was first introduced in 2003.

40. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has given its consent to appoint Justice (Retd) _____ to supervise the operation of the resolution process undertaken by debt-laden IL&FS.

- a) Ronojoy Dutta
- b) Poonam Khetrapal
- c) Ajai Kumar
- d) DK Jain

Answer d) DK Jain. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has given its consent to appoint Justice (Retd) DK Jain to supervise the operation of the resolution process undertaken by debt-laden IL&FS.

41. India's _____ communication satellite GSAT-31 was successfully launched from French Guiana.

- a) 21th
- b) 40th
- c) 45th
- d) 51th

Answer b) 40th. India's latest communication satellite GSAT-31 was successfully launched from French Guiana this morning, making it the third successful mission by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) this year.

42. The Union Minister for Textiles _____ launched the India Size project in Mumbai.

- a) Prakash Javadekar
- b) Piyush Goyal
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Smriti Zubin Irani

Answer d) Smriti Zubin Irani. The Union Minister for Textiles Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani launched the India Size project in Mumbai. A first-of-its-kind project in the history of India, India Size aims to arrive at a standard Indian Size for the ready-to-wear clothing industry, on the lines of the standardized sizes available in countries such as the USA and the UK. A size chart that is specific to Indian consumers' measurements will be developed.

43. Oil Wrestling is the national games of which country ?

- a) China
- b) Spain
- c) Turkey
- d) Canada

Answer c) Turkey.

44. In which year was the Indian space Research Organisation (ISRO) founded?

- a) 1986

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- b) 1969
- c) 1985
- d) 1982

Answer b) 1969. The Indian Space Research Organisation is the space agency of the Government of India headquartered in the city of Bangalore.

45. Headquarter of “CARE” is situated at _____?

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

Answer a) Mumbai .: CARE: Credit Analysis & Research Ltd.

46. Atomic energy Commission Situated in which state ?

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

Answer c) Mumbai.

47. Macedonia signs Nato accession agreement, and become the 30th member of the world’s biggest military alliance over the next year. What is the capital of Macedonia ?

- a) Luanda
- b) Tirana
- c) Buenos Aires
- d) Skopje

Answer d) Skopje. Macedonia has taken a big step toward joining NATO after allies signed a key document that could see the tiny Balkans country become the 30th member of the world’s biggest military alliance over the next year.

48. _____ launched a digital skilling and mentorship initiative across five states in India that would encourage tribal girls to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities.

- a) TCS
- b) Google
- c) Facebook
- d) Wipro

Answer c) Facebook. Focussing on its mission to empower women, social networking giant Facebook launched a digital skilling and mentorship initiative across five states in India that would encourage tribal girls to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities. Named GOAL (Going Online As Leaders), the initiative will train young girls from West Bengal, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh in digital literacy, life skills, leadership and entrepreneurship for an year.

49. Facebook launches digital skilling initiative “GOAL” for girls, GOAL Stand for ?

- a) Going On As Leaders

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- b) Going Online As Leaders
- c) Going Online All Leaders
- d) Going Online As Lady

Answer b) Going Online As Leaders. Facebook launched a digital skilling and mentorship initiative Named GOAL (Going Online As Leaders), the initiative will train young girls from West Bengal, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh in digital literacy, life skills, leadership and entrepreneurship for an year.

50. Minister of State for Agriculture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched a mobile application _____ to provide advisory services to dairy farmers.

- a) MoonFarm
- b) MooFarm
- c) MooFor
- d) MooForm

Answer b) MooFarm. Minister of State for Agriculture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched a mobile application developed by Australia-based agri-tech company MooFarm to provide advisory services to dairy farmers.

MooFarm, founded by Param Singh, is a mobile application that provides end-to-end last-mile connectivity solution offering extension and technology to the smallholder dairy farmers.

51. Air India Ltd's chairman and managing director _____ will be the new civil aviation secretary.

- a) Manu Sawhney
- b) Ajai Kumar
- c) PK Purwar
- d) Pradeep Singh Kharola

Answer d) Pradeep Singh Kharola. Air India Ltd's chairman and managing director Pradeep Singh Kharola will be the new civil aviation secretary. Kharola's appointment follows the superannuation of former aviation secretary Rajiv Nayan Choubey in January.

52. RBI changes threshold for bulk deposit to _____ in the recent monetary policy review.

- a) 3 crore
- b) 2 crore
- c) 1 crore
- d) 5 crore

Answer b) 2 crore. Reserve Bank of India has chosen to alter the definition of bulk deposits in the recent monetary policy review. The threshold for bulk deposit has been revised as single deposits of Rs 2 crore and above. The banks are also asked to maintain their bulk deposit card rates in the core banking system for supervisory review. RBI will issue final guidelines regarding this by end of February 2019.

53. RBI increases limit on collateral-free agriculture loans to Rs _____ To boost liquidity in the farming sector, particularly among small and marginal farmers.

- a) 1.6 lakh
- b) 2.6 lakh

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- c) 1.0 lakh
- d) 1.5 lakh

Answer a) 1.6 lakh .To boost liquidity in the farming sector, particularly among small and marginal farmers, the RBI on Thursday announced increasing the limit on collateral-free agriculture loans to Rs 1.6 lakh from Rs 1 lakh. In 2010, the collateral-free limit for crop loans and term loans was hiked from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh

54.What is the current Repo Rate ?

- a) 6.50%
- b) 6.05%
- c) 6.75%
- d) 6.25%

Answer d) 6.25%.The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lowered the repo rate—its key lending rate—by 0.25 percentage points to 6.25 percent and changed its stance to “neutral” from “calibrated tightening”, signalling higher chances of more cuts in the coming months if inflation persisted within tolerable limits.

55.What is the rank of India in the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2019?

- a) 36th
- b) 35th
- c) 37th
- d) 38th

Answer a) 36th .India has been ranked 36th in the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2019 released by the US Chamber of Commerce’s Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) . United States has topped the index followed by UK on second.

56.To ensure timely health assistance in traffic-congested areas and small lanes, the _____ launched bike ambulance services.

- a) Kerala government
- b) Delhi government
- c) Assam government
- d) Gujarat government

Answer b) Delhi government.To ensure timely health assistance in traffic-congested areas and small lanes, the Delhi government launched bike ambulance services. The bikes, to be known as the First Responder Vehicles, will have a portable oxygen cylinder, glucometer, a portable manual suction machine, first aid kit and dressing materials, air-splints, GPS and communication device, among others.

57.The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for the creation of a corpus of _____ for Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF).

- a) Rs.2050 crore
- b) Rs.3000 crore
- c) Rs.2000 crore
- d) Rs.2500 crore

Answer c) Rs.2000 crore.The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today gave its approval for the creation of a corpus of Rs. 2000 crore for Agri-Market

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Infrastructure Fund (AMIF) to be created with NABARD for development and up-gradation of agricultural marketing infrastructure in Gramin Agricultural Markets and Regulated Wholesale Markets.

58. Vidarbha defeated _____ by 78 runs to win Ranji Trophy 2018-19 edition.

- a) Railways
- b) Karnataka State Cricket Association
- c) pan-Indian
- d) Saurashtra

Answer d) Saurashtra. Vidarbha defeated Saurashtra by 78 runs to win Ranji Trophy 2018-19 edition and lift the coveted domestic trophy for the second consecutive time. It took only one session on Day 5 for the Faiz Fazal-led Vidarbha to dismiss Saurashtra for 127 in the final match, which was played at the Vidarbha Cricket Association in Nagpur.

59. Union Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurated the International Labour Organization (ILO) centenary celebrations in _____.

- a) Micronesia
- b) Geneva
- c) India
- d) North Korea

Answer c) India. Union Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurated the International Labour Organization (ILO) centenary celebrations in India at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida.

60. The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the conservation of migratory species (CMS) to be held in _____ next year.

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

Answer d) Gujarat. The Centre announced that the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) will be its mascot for the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the conservation of migratory species (CMS) to be held in Gujarat next year.

61. Which State government has announced 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' scheme?

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

Answer a) Madhya Pradesh. The Madhya Pradesh government announced 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' scheme, under which unemployed urban youths will get a hundred days' employment and a stipend of Rs 13,000. It also announced 'Indira Grah Jyoti Yojana' under which 100 units of power would be provided to all households at Rs 10

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62.The 'Parmanu Tech 2019' conference, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) concludes in _____.

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

Answer d) New Delhi.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh delivered the keynote address at the 'Parmanu Tech 2019' conference, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in delhi

63.Youth Olympics gold medallist _____ clinched a silver in men's 67kg category, fetching India's second medal in the EGAT Cup International Weightlifting Championships in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

- a) Ragala Venkat Rahul
- b) Sathish Sivalingam
- c) Jeremy Lalrinnunga
- d) Gururaja Poojary

Answer c) Jeremy Lalrinnunga. Youth Olympics gold medallist Jeremy Lalrinnunga clinched a silver in men's 67kg category, fetching India's second medal in the EGAT Cup International Weightlifting Championships in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

64.Who is the Governor of Jammu & kashmir ?

- a) Sarabananda Sonowal
- b) Pema Khandu
- c) Satya Pal Malik
- d) Jagdish Mukhi

Answer c) Satya Pal Malik. The Jammu and Kashmir administration under Governor Satya Pal Malik approved creation of a separate division of Ladakh, comprising Kargil and Leh districts, by carving it out of Kashmir division. The state thus far had two divisions – Kashmir and Jammu, Ladakh being part of the former.

65.ADB raises _____ via maiden offshore peso-linked bonds in the international market.

- a) \$100 mln
- b) \$150 mln
- c) \$200 mln
- d) \$300 mln

Answer a) \$100 mln.The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has raised 5.22 billion pesos (\$100 million) from its maiden issue of Philippine peso-linked bonds in the international market. The four-year bonds pay a fixed interest rate of 5.25 percent and will be settled in U.S. dollar.

66. Who will be appointed as Australia Assistant Coach For World Cup?

- a) Aaron Finch
- b) Ricky Ponting

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c) Mitchell Starc

d) Tim Paine

Answer b) Ricky Ponting.

67. Senior IPS officer _____ took over as the new Director General of Punjab Police.

a) Dinkar Gupta

b) Suman Kumari

c) Divakar Gupta

d) Deepak Maheshwari

Answer a) Dinkar Gupta. Senior IPS officer Dinkar Gupta took over as the new Director General of Punjab Police, succeeding Suresh Arora, who was on an extension after his retirement on September 30 last year.

68. Govt expects _____ in dividend from RBI in 2019-20.

a) Rs60000 crore

b) Rs68000 crore

c) Rs69000 crore

d) Rs59000 crore

Answer c) Rs 69000 crore. Finance Minister in Parliament gave estimation of Reserve Bank of India paying a dividend of Rs 69,000 crore . The government also budgeted a Rs 68,000 crore dividend from the central bank for FY 19. Total of Rs82,911 crore through dividend from banks, financial institutions in the next fiscal of 2019-2020.

69. Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports is in _____?

a) Patiala

b) Kolkata

c) Delhi

d) Patna

Answer a) Patiala. Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports commonly known as National Institute of Sports, is the Academic Wing of the Sports Authority of India and Asia's largest Sports Institute located in city of Patiala.

70. Phawngpui Blue Mountain National Park is located in Which State ?

a) Kerala

b) Mizoram

c) Assam

d) Gujarat

Answer b) Mizoram. Phawngpui, also known as Blue Mountain is the highest mountain peak in the Mizoram and in the state of Mizoram, India, with an elevation of 2157 m. It is located in Lawngtlai district, in the southeastern region of Mizoram near the Myanmar border.

71. Which Country will host 2019 African Cup of Nations?

a) France

b) Bhutan

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- c) Egypt
- d) Nepal

Answer c) Egypt. Seven-time champions Egypt have won the hosting rights for the 2019 edition of the African Cup of Nations. Egypt beat South Africa by 16 votes to one at the Confederation of African Football's (CAF) Executive Committee.

72. The World Bank has projected India's economic growth at _____ in the 2018-19 financial year.

- a) 7.6%
- b) 7.5%
- c) 7.3%
- d) 7.2%

Answer c) 7.3%. The World Bank has projected India's economic growth at 7.3% in the ongoing financial year and 7.5% in the two years after that.

73. On which Date the interim budget for 2019 will be presented during the budget session of the Parliament?

- a) 1st March
- b) 31th January
- c) 10th February
- d) 1st February

Answer d) 1st February. The 2019 interim Budget will be presented by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on 1 February during the Budget Session of Parliament

74. Who has Become 1st Indian to Head Global Solar Council?

- a) Gita Gopinath
- b) A Vaidheesh
- c) Pranav R Mehta
- d) Rita Baranwal

Answer c) Pranav R Mehta. A visionary in the field of Solar Energy and the chairman of National Solar Energy Federation, Pranav R Mehta, has taken over as the president of Global Solar Council (GSC) . He has become the first Indian to head the GSC.

75. With Which Commercial Bank, Indian Army was signed An MoU on the Defence Salary Package?

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Syndicate Bank
- c) Allahabad Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank

Answer d) Punjab National Bank. a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Army and PNB on the Defence Salary Package. The signing ceremony was chaired by the Adjutant General, Lt Gen Ashwani Kumar and was attended by top dignitaries of PNB headed by Mr Naveen Kumar.

A number of additional facilities have been incorporated in the MoU after concerted efforts. The Army hopes this MoU will benefit a large number of serving and retired Army personnel who have accounts with PNB and also provide them an opportunity to access modern banking facilities.

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76. The second edition of Khelo India Youth Games has officially begun at which City in Maharashtra.

- a) Nagpur
- b) Pune
- c) Mumbai
- d) Nasik

Answer b) Pune. Maharashtra is all set to host the second edition of Khelo India Youth Games which will officially begin tomorrow in Pune.

More than 9000 players from different states will participate in 18 different games at Khelo India Youth Games. It has already been announced that Youth Olympic Gold Medallist in shooting Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhari, as well as weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga, will be among the cream of India's youth sporting talent competing at these games.

77. The Lok Sabha passed the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, that seeks to provide citizenship to non-Muslims from Bangladesh, Pakistan and _____.

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

Answer d) Afghanistan. The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, that seeks to provide citizenship to non-Muslims from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh, who introduced the Bill in the Lok Sabha, said the six communities — Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan — faced “discrimination and religious persecution” and they “have no place to go, except India.

78. Australian cities _____ and Brisbane have been announced as the first two host locations for the newest team event in men's tennis for the multi-million dollar ATP Cup from 2020.

- a) Canberra
- b) Perth
- c) Sydney
- d) Melbourne

Answer c) Sydney. Australian cities Sydney and Brisbane have been announced as the first two host locations for the newest team event in men's tennis.

The ATP Cup will feature on the calendar for the first time from January 2020.

79. Market regulator Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a “Research Advisory” committee, Who is the Head of this Committee?

- a) R. H. Khan
- b) K.V, Kamath
- c) Nandan Nilekani
- d) Sankar De.

Answer d) Sankar De. Market regulator Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a “Research Advisory” committee which will assist in formulating policy to undertake research relevant for development and regulation of capital markets. According to SEBI, the committee would comprise prominent financial economists and market practitioners. It will be headed by Sankar De.

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80. Hockey India removes _____ as senior men's team coach.

- a) Arjun Halappa
- b) Harendra Singh
- c) Manpreet Singh
- d) Sardar Singh

Answer b) Harendra Singh. Hockey India has decided to remove senior men's team coach Harendra Singh and asked him to go back to coaching the junior men's team once again. After India's disappointing show at the Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar

81. PM Narendra Modi launched "Gangajal Project" to Provide Better and More Assured Water Supply in Place?

- a) Mathura
- b) Agra
- c) Allahabad
- d) Hoshangabad

Answer b) Agra. Giving a major push to develop and enhance Tourism infrastructure in Agra, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a series of development projects worth Rs. 2900 Crores for the Agra city and the adjoining areas.

The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation, Gangajal project, which will provide Agra with better and more assured water supply, at an estimated cost of Rs.2880 crores. Gangajal project aims to bring 140 cusecs of Ganga water to Agra. This will help meet the drinking water demands in the city.

82. Which Among the following Countries has topped 2019 list of world's most powerful passports.

- a) Britain
- b) Singapore
- c) Japan
- d) India

Answer c) Japan. Singapore remains tied with South Korea as the world's second-most powerful passport, granting visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 189 destinations.

83. Madagascar's High Constitutional Court has declared former _____ as the winner of the country's bitterly contested presidential election.

- a) Andry Rajoelina
- b) Andry Rajoelina
- c) Rivo Rakotovo
- d) Hery Rajaonarimampianina

Answer b) Andry Rajoelina. Madagascar's High Constitutional Court has declared former leader Andry Rajoelina as the winner of the country's bitterly contested presidential election.

Madagascar Capital : Antananarivo

Currencies: Malagasy ariary, Iraimbilanja

84. The PM dedicated to the nation the 58 km four-laned, Solapur – Tuljapur – Osmanabad section of NH-211 (New NH-52). Solapur is located in the south-western region of Which Indian state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh

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- b) Jharkhand
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Odisha

Answer c) Maharashtra. The PM dedicated to the nation the 58 km four-laned, Solapur – Tuljapur – Osmanabad section of NH-211 (New NH-52). The project is part of a larger project for four laning of 98.717 km Solapur – Yedashi section of NH-211, at a cost of Rs.972.50 crore. It will help improve the connectivity of Solapur with the important Marathwada region of Maharashtra and give a boost to the tourism and economy of the region.

85. USA Cricket achieved a significant milestone on Tuesday as it was inducted as the _____ member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) .

- a) 105th
- b) 100th
- c) 120th
- d) 108th

Answer a) 105th. The International Cricket Council is the global governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa. It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1989.

Chairperson: Shashank Manohar

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

CEO: Dave Richardson

Motto: Cricket for good

86. According to Standard Chartered, which country will be the largest Economy in the world by 2020?

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

Answer c) China. India is likely to become the world's second-largest economy by 2030, next only to China and overtaking the US.

87. Who is the Governor Of Uttar Pradesh.

- a) BD Mishra
- b) Lalji Tandon
- c) E. S. L. Narasimhan
- d) Ram Naik

Answer d) Ram Naik.

88. Monetary Policy Committee(MPC) consists of how many Members?

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

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Answer d) 6. The meetings of the Monetary Policy Committee are held at least 4 times a year and it publishes its decisions after each such meeting. The committee comprises six members – three officials of the Reserve Bank of India and three external members nominated by the Government of India.

89. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on which date?

- a) 1st December
- b) 8th January
- c) 10th January
- d) 9th January

Answer d) 9th January. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th January every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India.

90. Where is the Headquarters of Dena Bank?

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

Answer b) Mumbai. Dena Bank is headquartered in Mumbai and it has 1874 branches. The bank was founded in 1938 and the Indian government nationalized it in 1969.

CEO: Shri Karnam Sekar

91. Which Ministry has launched “Light House Projects challenge” ?

- a) Ministry of external affairs
- b) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) Ministry of Textile

Answer b) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

92. Who has won Chennai Open ATP challenger title?

- a) Andy Murray
- b) Corentin Moutet
- c) Garbiñe Muguruza
- d) Venus Williams

Answer b) Corentin Moutet . France’s Corentin Moutet, the second-seed, beat Andrew Harris of Australia 6-3, 6-3 in the singles final to win the title in Chennai Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament in Chennai.

93. _____ wins 86th senior snooker national championship title.

- a) Yasin Merchant
- b) Pankaj Advani
- c) Manan Chandra
- d) Subhash Agarwal

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Answer b) Pankaj Advani. Country's ace cueist Pankaj Advani Sunday defeated Lakshman Rawat by 6-0 to clinch the 86th Senior Snooker National Championship title. Advani won by 70-36, 91-22, 66-06, 65-51, 77-49, 59-18 in the finals .

94. _____ a front-line warship of the Indian Navy, participated in a multinational training exercise 'CUTLASS EXPRESS – 19'.

- a) Ins Arihant
- b) INS Trikand
- c) Ins Vikrant
- d) Ins Viraat

Answer b) INS Trikand. INS Trikand, a front-line warship of the Indian Navy, participated in a multinational training exercise 'CUTLASS EXPRESS – 19' held from 27 Jan to 06 Feb 19.

95. Under the "Light House Projects challenge" , how many sites will be selected for construction of the Lighthouse projects?

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

Answer b) 6.

96. "United Nations International Day of Women and Girls in Science" is celebrated on which date ?

- a) February 11
- b) February 8
- c) February 10
- d) February 15

Answer a) February 11. February 11, 2019, is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, an annual occasion established in 2015 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). 2019 Theme: "Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth"

97. Grammy Award is associated with which field?

- a) Journalism
- b) Music Industry
- c) Sports
- d) Literature

Answer b) Music Industry.

98. Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated Cremica Food Park, which is the first mega food park of _____.

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

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Answer b) Himachal Pradesh. Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated Cremica Food Park, which is the first mega food park of Himachal Pradesh. The Park is located at Village Singhain Una District of Himachal Pradesh. The mega food park has been set up at a cost of Rs 107.34 crore.

99. PM Modi recently laid foundation stone for Sela Tunnel Project in which state?

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

Answer a) Arunachal Pradesh. In a key move aimed at improving all weather connectivity and enabling the swift movement of Indian troops to Arunachal Pradesh bordering China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Sela Tunnel Project.

100. Which of the following movies won the 'Best Picture' in BAFTA 2019?

- a) Roma
- b) Bohemian Rhapsody
- c) The Wife
- d) The Favourite

Answer a) Roma. "The Favourite" took home the most awards with seven, including both actress categories for Rachel Weisz and Olivia Colman and best original screenplay, though "Roma" nabbed the top prize for best film.

101. Noted Indian historian _____ has won Israel's prestigious Dan David Prize ?

- a) Ramachandra Guha
- b) Irfan Habib
- c) Sanjay Subrahmanyam
- d) Romila Thapar

Answer c) Sanjay Subrahmanyam . Noted Indian historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam has won Israel's prestigious Dan David Prize for this year for his work on inter-cultural encounters between Asians, Europeans and people of North and South America during the early modern era.

102. _____ has signed a term loan agreement for Rs 5,000 crore with State Bank of India.

- a) NTPC
- b) BHEL
- c) SAIL
- d) GAIL

Answer a) NTPC. State-owned power giant NTPC said that it has signed a term loan agreement for Rs 5,000 crore with State Bank of India. The loan facility is extended at an interest rate linked to 3-Month MCLR of the Bank. This loan has a door to door tenure of 15 years and will be utilised to part finance the capital expenditure of NTPC.

103. PM launched DD Arunprabha – a dedicated 24x7 Satellite channel for Which State ?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Arunachal Pradesh

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- c) Assam
- d) Kerala

Answer b) Arunachal Pradesh. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched DD Arunprabha at Arunachal Pradesh. He also laid foundation stone of Film and Television Institute (FTI) and several other projects in the state.

104. The Senior National Badminton Championship has begun in _____.

- a) Surat
- b) Guwahati
- c) Delhi
- d) Pune

Answer b) Guwahati. The Senior National Badminton Championship has begun in Guwahati. The event which is being held in Guwahati after 9 years will see the participation of some of the top players including Saina Nehwal, P V Sindhu, Sameer Verma and P Kashyap among others.

105. India and _____ launch initiative to combat Marine Pollution.

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

Answer b) Norway. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change signed a letter of Intent establishing the India-Norway Marine Pollution Initiative together with the Norwegian ministry of Foreign Affairs.

106. Governor Lalji Tandon and Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh jointly inaugurated the three-day Krishi Kumbh in Motihari, Motihari is the district of Which Indian state ?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Gujarat

Answer b) Bihar. In Bihar, Governor Lalji Tandon and Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh jointly inaugurated the three-day Krishi Kumbh in Motihari. Over fifteen thousand farmers from different states and about two hundred agricultural scientists are participating in the Kumbh.

107. _____ will be given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television.

- a) Sugith Varughese
- b) Deepa Mehta
- c) Neeru Bajwa
- d) Dilip Mehta

Answer b) Deepa Mehta. Indo-Canadian filmmaker Deepa Mehta will be given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. Mehta, best known for her Elements Trilogy – “Fire”, “Earth” and “Water” – In May 2012, Mehta received the Governor General’s Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement, Canada’s highest honour in the performing arts.

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108. Who has been elected chairman of the African Union at the continental body's summit in Ethiopia?

- a) Hu Jintao
- b) Donald Trump
- c) Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi
- d) Xi Jinping

Answer c) Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has been elected chairman of the African Union at the continental body's summit in Ethiopia.

109. Which has been announced as the winner of the 9th edition of Aegis Graham Bell Award 2018 for its 'Yes Engage Enrich Excel (EEE)' project in data science?

- a) ICICI
- b) YES BANK
- c) PNB
- d) SBI

Answer b) YES BANK. YES BANK has been announced as the winner of the 9th edition of Aegis Graham Bell Award 2018 for its 'Yes Engage Enrich Excel (EEE)' project in data science.

110. 1st LAWASIA Human Rights Conference to be held in _____.

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

Answer c) New Delhi. LAWASIA, in association with the Bar Association of India, is pleased to invite the participation of members and legal professionals at the 1st LAWASIA Human Rights Conference to be held in New Delhi.

111. Asia's largest early Childhood Conference – "Early Ed Asia 2019" held at the _____.

- a) Surat
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Jaipur
- d) Delhi

Answer c) Jaipur. Jaipur organised the Early Ed Asia 2019. This two day educational event, touted to be Asia's largest conference on Early Childhood will be held at the pink city's most revered heritage structure – The iconic City Palace.

112. The Swachh Shakti-2019 was organised in which city?

- a) Pune
- b) Delhi
- c) Jaipur
- d) Kurukshetra

Answer d) Kurukshetra. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, saluted the contribution made by women in leading the Swachh Bharat people's movement. He was addressing 16,000 women Swachhata

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Champions from across the country who have come to Kurukshetra, Haryana, for the Swachh Shakti 2019 convention.

113. Gordon Banks who died recently was a famous player of which sports?

- a) Football
- b) Hockey
- c) Tennis
- d) Cricket

Answer a) Football. The legendary England footballer, who was part of the victorious 1966 World Cup side, passed away.

Banks started his professional football career with Chesterfield in the old third division, but after just one season secured a move to Leicester City where he made 356 appearances over eight seasons between 1959 and 1967.

114. India signs contract with _____ firm for 72,400 assault rifles.

- a) U.K.
- b) U.S.
- c) China
- d) Russia

Answer b) U.S. The Army signed a contract with Sig Sauer of the U.S. for 72,400 SIG 716 assault rifles for the frontline soldier deployed in operational areas.

115. _____ was named as the brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals for the upcoming Indian Premier League.

- a) Steve Smith
- b) Ricky Ponting
- c) Shane Warne
- d) Don Bradman

Answer Australia spin legend Shane Warne was named as the brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals for the upcoming Indian Premier League. Warne, who led Rajasthan Royals to its first and only IPL title in 2008, was the mentor of the side last season. But this year the Australian will be associated with the team in a new role.

116. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is organizing the First Annual Conference of Media Units in _____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is organizing the First Annual Conference of Media Units under the Ministry on at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The opening session of the Conference will be chaired by Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore, Union Minister of State (IC) for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports.

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117. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India, CREDAI YouthCon -19 at the Talkatora Stadium in Which Place ?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Surat
- c) Indore
- d) Kolkata

Answer a) New Delhi Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India, CREDAI YouthCon -19 at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.

118. World Radio Day is observed on which date ?

- a) 13 February
- b) 5 February
- c) 10 February
- d) 4 February

Answer a) 13 February . World Radio Day is an observance day held annually on 13 February to celebrate radio as a medium. It was proclaimed on 3 November 2011 by UNESCO's 36th General Conference after originally being proposed by the Kingdom of Spain.

119. What is the Theme for World Radio Day 2019?

- a) "Dream, Tolerance and Peace"
- b) "Dialogue, Security and Peace"
- c) "Dialogue, Tolerance and Defence"
- d) "Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace"

Answer d) Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace." . World Radio Day 2019 starts 13 February around the theme of "Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace"

120. _____ has been declared winner under the Miniratna Category (Category II) by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

- a) NFDC
- b) NTPC
- c) ONGC
- d) IOCL

Answer a) NFDC. National Film Development Corporation of India has been declared winner under the Miniratna Category (Category II) by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

121. _____ signs SOI with MSDF to document Systemic Transformation in Education.

- a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- b) Competition Commission of India
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) Ministry of Human Resource Development

Answer c) NITI Aayog . The NITI Aayog and the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF) signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to codify, document and share best practices to improve learning outcomes in public school education through systemic reforms, based on their collective experiences of working with various state governments in India.

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122. The 5th International Dam Safety Conference–2019 is being held during 13 and 14 February 2019 in which city ?

- a) Bhopal
- b) Bhubaneswar
- c) Patna
- d) Raipur

Answer b) Bhubaneswar. The 5th International Dam Safety Conference–2019 is being held during 13 and 14 February 2019 in Bhubaneswar as a joint initiative of the Government of India, Government of Odisha and the World Bank under aegis of the ongoing World Bank assisted Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) as a part of institutional strengthening.

123. A delegation led by Additional Secretary Steel visited _____ to participate in the safeguard inquiry on Stainless Steel Wire (SSW) and Energy Tubular Products (ETP).

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

Answer c) Canada. A delegation led by Additional Secretary Steel visited Canada recently to participate in the safeguard inquiry on Stainless Steel Wire (SSW) and Energy Tubular Products (ETP).

124. The major ports in India have recorded a growth of _____.

- a) 2.04%
- b) 3.11%
- c) 4.12%
- d) 3.10%

Answer b) 3.11%. The major ports in India have recorded a growth of 3.11% and together handled 578.86 Million Tonnes of cargo during the period April to January, 2019 as against 561.39 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year.

125. The Government is formulating a “KUSUM” Scheme to promote use of solar energy among the farmers. What does the abbreviation “KUSUM” stand for?

- a) Kisan Ujala Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan
- b) Kiran Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan
- c) Kirshi Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan
- d) Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan

Answer d) Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan . The Government is formulating a Scheme ‘Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)’ which inter-alia aims to promote use of solar energy among the farmers.

126. Special National Standards Conclave Held in _____ .

- a) Baroda
- b) Mumbai

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- c) Delhi
- d) Pune

Answer b) Mumbai. A Special National Standards Conclave was organized by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in Mumbai, in association with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Export Inspection Council (EIC), Centre for Research in International Trade (CRIT) and National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB). Commerce Secretary, Shri Anup Wadhawan inaugurated the conclave.

127. Third Indo-German Environment Forum with the theme “Cleaner Air, Greener Economy:” is being held in _____.

- a) Berlin
- b) Mumbai
- c) Munich
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. Third Indo-German Environment Forum with the theme “Cleaner Air, Greener Economy:” is being held in New Delhi. The one-day event through panel discussions and parallel sessions focuses on challenges, solutions and necessary framework conditions of air pollution control, waste management and circular economy as well as implementation of NDCs and SDGs based on Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030 of UN respectively.

128. Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik launched the _____ portal, for online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs and related matters at New Delhi.

- a) e-AUSHADHI
- b) e-Treatment
- c) e-Dawa
- d) e-Medicine

Answer a) e-AUSHADHI. Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik launched the e-AUSHADHI portal, for online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs and related matters at New Delhi.

129. _____ re-appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Air India.

- a) Arvind Saxena
- b) PS Kharola
- c) Ashwani Lohani
- d) Nageshwara Rao Guntur

Answer c) Ashwani Lohani. Ashwani Lohani returns to the post of Chairman and Managing Director of Air India about 19 months after he demitted office. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed Lohani, who recently retired as Chairman, Railway Board, as CMD of Air India for a period of one year or until further orders.

130. A Bill Introduced in Rajya Sabha For NRI Men To Register Marriage Within _____.

- a) 15 Days
- b) 20 Days

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c) 45 Days

d) 30 Days

Answer d) 30 Days. Against the backdrop of cases of Indian women being trapped in fraudulent marriages with non-resident Indians (NRI), a bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha to make it compulsory to register such marriages within 30 days. If an NRI man fails to register his marriage within 30 days of date of marriage, his passport can be impounded or revoked.

131. CCEA approves _____ for Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme for MSMEs.

a) Rs 2,500 Cr

b) Rs 2,900 Cr

c) Rs 2,800 Cr

d) Rs 2,000 Cr

Answer b) Rs 2,900 Cr. The Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCSTUS) was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for the next three years, with a total outlay of Rs 2,900 crore.

132. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the CREDAI YouthCon-2019, at Talkatora Stadium, in _____.

a) Bhopal

b) Pune

c) Mumbai

d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi.

133. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing of MOU between India and _____ in the field of Tourism.

a) South Africa

b) Argentine

c) Nepal

d) China

Answer b) Argentine. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between India and Argentine in the field of Tourism.

134. Cabinet approves MOU between India and _____ on Cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of outer space.

a) Finland

b) Argentine

c) America

d) Myanmar

Answer a) Finland. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for Memorandum of Understanding between India and Finland on cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of outer space. The MoU has already been signed on 10th January, 2019 at New Delhi.

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135. In a first for the IAF, the "OTTERS" squadron of _____ Air Command has undertaken Parallel Taxi Track (PTT) Operations with a full women crew in the Dornier 228 aircraft.

- a) Northern
- b) South western
- c) Western
- d) Eastern

Answer c) Western. In a first for the IAF, the "OTTERS" squadron of Western Air Command has undertaken Parallel Taxi Track (PTT) Operations with a full women crew in the Dornier 228 aircraft.

136. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has been elected _____ as its president for 2019-20 year.

- a) PS Kharola
- b) Atul Kumar Gupta
- c) Prafulla P Chhajed
- d) N.D. Gupta

Answer c) Prafulla P Chhajed. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) said Prafulla P Chhajed has been elected as its president for 2019-20 year. Atul Kumar Gupta has been elected as vice-president for 2019-20, the ICAI said in a release.

137. The ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 will be held in _____ and Wales from May 30, 2019 to July 14, 2019.

- a) West Indies
- b) Australia
- c) India
- d) England

Answer d) England. The ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 will be held in England and Wales from May 30, 2019 to July 14, 2019.

138. _____ the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes or CBDT, has been appointed as the new Election Commissioner.

- a) Sushil Chandra
- b) N.D. Gupta
- c) Prafulla P Chhajed
- d) Atul Kumar Gupta

Answer a) Sushil Chandra. Sushil Chandra, the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes or CBDT, has been appointed as the new Election Commissioner. The appointment came ahead of this year's general elections, which is due by May. Election Commissioners are appointed for a term of six years, or till the age of 65 – whichever is earlier

139. Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise "Exercise Rahat" began in Which City ?

- a) Noida
- b) Pune

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- c) Jaipur
- d) Jodhpur

Answer c) Jaipur. In Rajasthan, Jaipur based Sapta Shakti Command of Indian Army is conducting a two-day Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise "Exercise Rahat". The exercise began in Jaipur.

140.The three-day World Music Festival begins in which city ?

- a) Delhi
- b) Udaipur
- c) Jaipur
- d) Jodhpur

Answer b) Udaipur. The annual Udaipur World Music Festival will commence from Today. The three-day festival exhibits and hosts artists from all around the world. Festival will continue till January 17.

141.The President of India will present the Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony to _____ for the years 2016.

- a) Shri Rajkumar Singhajit Singh
- b) Shri Ram Sutar Vanji
- c) Chhayanaut (a cultural organization)
- d) None of these

Answer a) Shri Rajkumar Singhajit Singh. The President of India will present the Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony to Shri Rajkumar Singhajit Singh; Chhayanaut (a cultural organization of Bangladesh); and Shri Ram Sutar Vanji for the years 2014, 2015 & 2016 respectively on 18.02.2019 at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi.

142.Max Group's Founder and Chairman Emeritus _____ would take over as Chairman of Max India and Max Life.

- a) PS Kharola
- b) Analjit Singh
- c) Rahul Khosla
- d) Ashwani Lohani

Answer b) Analjit Singh. Max Group said its Founder and Chairman Emeritus Analjit Singh would take over as Chairman of Max India and Max Life.

143.India and _____ signed a security protection agreement that will enable the two countries to share classified information with each other.

- a) Nepal
- b) Sweden
- c) Finland
- d) Thailand

Answer b) Sweden. India and Sweden signed a security protection agreement that will enable the two countries to share classified information with each other. The agreement was signed on Wednesday during Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's visit to the Nordic country.

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144. Vande Bharat Express will travel _____.

- a) From Delhi to Kanpur
- b) From Delhi to Varanasi
- c) From Delhi to Allahabad
- d) From Delhi to Mumbai

Answer b) From Delhi to Varanasi. The semi-high speed Train 18, which has been recently rechristened Vande Bharat Express, can run up to a maximum speed of 160 kmph.

Vande Bharat Express will travel from Delhi to Varanasi in 9 hours and 45 minutes. This includes stoppage time of 40 minutes each at Kanpur and Allahabad.

145. Who took over as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- a) Rajkumar Singhajit Singh
- b) Pramod Chandra Mody
- c) Analjit Singh
- d) Nageshwara Rao Guntur

Answer b) Pramod Chandra Mody. IRS officer Pramod Chandra Mody took over as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the policy making body of the Income Tax Department. Mody, a 1982-batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax cadre) officer, has been appointed in place of Sushil Chandra, who was named as Election Commissioner ahead of the Lok Sabha polls due this summer.

146. Which State government has announced a universal old age pension scheme – Mukhyamantri Vridhajan Pension Yojna- MVPY for all people above 60 years of age?

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

Answer d) Bihar . Bihar government has announced a universal old age pension scheme – Mukhyamantri Vridhajan Pension Yojna- MVPY for all people above 60 years of age. the scheme will come into force from the 1st of April this year.

147. India withdraws Most Favoured Nation status to _____.

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

Answer c) Pakistan. Just a day after at least 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel lost their lives in a dastardly suicide bombing attack in Pulwama, the Indian government has withdrawn “Most Favoured Nation” or MFN status accorded to Pakistan.

148. India and _____ signed a \$40 Million Loan Agreement to help bring clean and reliable drinking water to the citizens of the Greater Shimla area.

- a) UNIDO
- b) World Bank

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c) IMF

d) UNESCO

Answer b) World Bank .The Government of India, Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP) and the World Bank signed a \$40 Million Loan Agreement to help bring clean and reliable drinking water to the citizens of the Greater Shimla area, who have been facing severe water shortages and water-borne epidemics over the last few years.

149. Commerce & Industry Minister launched which online export awareness course to train, mentor and hand-hold potential exporters so as to help them to tap international trade opportunities.

a) Anytime-Anywhere

b) Alltime-Anywhere

c) Anytime-Anyplace

d) Everytime-Anywhere

Answer a) Anytime-Anywhere. on Board of Trade Meeting, Commerce & Industry Minister launched a new online “Anytime-Anywhere” export awareness course to train, mentor and hand-hold potential exporters so as to help them to tap international trade opportunities.

150. _____ launched a new portal LADIS – Least Available Depth Information System.

a) IWAI

b) ICAI

c) CCI

d) IIAR

Answer a) IWAI.

Moving a step ahead towards ensuring optimum use of National Waterways, the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) launched a new portal LADIS – Least Available Depth Information System.

151.India’s first Aqua Mega Food Park commissioned in _____.

a) Bihar

b) Assam

c) Manipur

d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh.Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal commissioned Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park at Tundurru Village in Bhimavaram Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh through video conferencing. The park is promoted by Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park Pvt. Ltd

152. Meghalaya state animal _____ was chosen as the mascot for the upcoming National Games to be hosted by the state in 2022.

a) Clouded Leopard

b) Sangai

c) Asiatic lion

d) Nilgiri tahr

Answer a) Clouded Leopard. Meghalaya state animal ‘Clouded Leopard’ was chosen as the mascot for the upcoming National Games to be hosted by the state in 2022. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Games 2022 chaired by Meghalaya sports minister Banteidor Lyngdoh

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153. Sikkim chief minister _____ was conferred with the honorary Doctorate of Literature [Honoris Causa] by Desh Bhagat University at Gobindgarh in Punjab.

- a) Nitish Kumar
- b) Sarbanda Sonowal
- c) Pawan Chamling
- d) Pema Khandu

Answer c) Pawan Chamling. Sikkim chief minister Pawan Chamling was conferred with the honorary Doctorate of Literature [Honoris Causa] by Desh Bhagat University at Gobindgarh in Punjab.

154. The 45th Karbi Youth Festival (KYF), organised by the Karbi Cultural Society (KCS), will begin in which state ?

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

Answer b) Assam . One of the biggest and oldest ethnic festivals in the Northeast is underway in Karbi People's Hall at Taralangso, Assam. The 45th Karbi Youth Festival (KYF), organised by the Karbi Cultural Society (KCS), will begin with a grand procession in the morning of February 15 and will continue till February 19.

155 . The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the 20 per cent limit on investments by FPIs in _____ of an entity with a view to encourage more foreign investments.

- a) corporate bonds
- b) Municipal Bonds
- c) Zero-Coupon Bonds
- d) Foreign bonds

Answer a) corporate bonds . The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the 20 per cent limit on investments by FPIs in corporate bonds of an entity with a view to encourage more foreign investments.

156. US investment bank _____ has created a crypto-currency to help settle payments between clients in its wholesale payments business.

- a) Morgan Stanley
- b) Goldman Sachs
- c) Credit Suisse
- d) JP Morgan

Answer d) JP Morgan. US investment bank JP Morgan has created a crypto-currency to help settle payments between clients in its wholesale payments business. JPM Coin is the first digital currency to be backed by a major US bank.

157. Kurkure, the snack brand owned by PepsiCo India, announced that it has appointed actor _____ as its brand ambassador.

- a) Ranveer Singh
- b) Salman Khan

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- c) Akshay Kumar
- d) Taapsee Pannu

Answer d) Taapsee Pannu. Kurkure, the snack brand owned by PepsiCo India, announced that it has appointed actor Taapsee Pannu as its brand ambassador. The brand has also launched a television campaign to unveil a new brand positioning 'Khayal toh chatpata hai' (loosely translated into 'It's a fun thought') to celebrate the progressive thinking that young Indian homemakers bring in to the traditional Indian families.

158. The 5th India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Committee Meeting was held in Which Place ?

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

Answer a) New Delhi. The 5th India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Committee Meeting was held in New Delhi. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Foreign Affairs Minister of Bangladesh Dr Abdul Momen co-chaired the meeting.

159. Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, inaugurated India's First Agromet Forecast Centre In _____.

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

Answer a) Karnataka.

160. Expert committee recommends _____ monthly national minimum wage.

- a) Rs 9,700
- b) Rs 9,550
- c) Rs 9,850
- d) Rs 9,750

Answer d) Rs 9,750. A uniform national minimum wage of Rs 9,750 per month or region-wise minimum wages ranging from Rs 8,892-Rs 11,622 per month for five regions (as of July 2018) have been recommended by an expert committee on determining the methodology for fixing the national minimum wage. The recommendations could form the basis for a national minimum wage in the country covering all workers — irrespective of their skills, sectors, occupations and rural-urban locations.

161. PATA conference-mart 2019 inaugurated at the Ganga Resort in _____.

- a) Varanashi
- b) Rishikesh
- c) Delhi
- d) Lucknow

Answer b) Rishikesh .

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162. World number nine Saina Nehwal became the national champion for the fourth time, defeating world number six _____ in the women's singles final of Senior National Badminton Championship.

- a) PV Sindhu
- b) Saina Nehwal
- c) Carolina Marin
- d) Tai Tzu-ying

Answer a) PV Sindhu. World number nine Saina Nehwal became the national champion for the fourth time, defeating world number six PV Sindhu in the women's singles final of Senior National Badminton Championship.

163. _____ receives second highest central funds under the border area development project (BADP).

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

Answer d) Arunachal Pradesh . New Delhi has released second highest central funds to Arunachal Pradesh after Jammu & Kashmir under the border area development project (BADP). Official statistics in possession of this correspondent said that a total of Rs 1,100 crore central funds have been released to all the 17 states that share its border with foreign countries during 2017-18.

Arunachal Pradesh has received a sum of Rs 154.14 crore during 2017-18 whereas Jammu & Kashmir has received a sum of Rs 198.89 crore. Assam has received Rs 56.00 crore during the same period.

164. Flight Lieutenant _____ becomes IAF's first woman flight engineer.

- a) Priya Jhingan
- b) Hina Jaiswal
- c) Punita Arora
- d) Mitali Madhumita

Answer b) Hina Jaiswal . Indian Air Force inducted Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal as the first woman flight engineer . Until last year, the Flight Engineer branch was exclusively the men's domain. the Chandigarh-origin lieutenant, successfully completed the six-month course at the 112 helicopter unit, Air Force Station, Yelahanka.

165. Actor-director _____ has won the 'Oscar award from animal rights organisation People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for directing his dog in A Star Is Born.

- a) Bradley Cooper
- b) Sonam Kapoor
- c) Anushka Sharma
- d) None of these

Answer a) Bradley Cooper. Actor-director Bradley Cooper has won the 'Oscar award from animal rights organisation People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for directing his dog in A Star Is Born.

166 . Bestselling British author _____ has died from cancer at the age of 62.

- a) Raghbir Bholra

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- b) Krishna Sobti
- c) Chaitanya Majhi
- d) Andrea Levy

Answer d) Andrea Levy . Bestselling British author Andrea Levy has died from cancer at the age of 62. Levy, known as a chronicler of the Windrush generation, the wave of Caribbean migrants that came to Britain after World War II, was born in London in 1956.

167. India hikes customs duty on goods from which country to 200% ?

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

Answer a) Pakistan. The Union government has hiked the basic customs duty on all goods imported from the neighbouring country to 200 percent with immediate effect. This comes after India revoked the 'Most Favoured Nation' (MFN) status to Pakistan on February 15 following the Pulwama terror strike, that killed 50 CRPF jawans.

168. Which State Assembly passed a Bill to make Sanskrit the second official language of the state?

- a) Kerala
- b) Assam
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Manipur

Answer c) Himachal Pradesh. The Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed a Bill to make Sanskrit the second official language of the state.

169. Argentina's President _____ arrived on a three-day India visit to enhance cooperation in key sectors such as economy, nuclear technology and space.

- a) Mauricio Macri
- b) Bujar Nishani
- c) José Eduardo dos Santos
- d) Ashraf Ghani

Answer a) Mauricio Macri . Argentina's President Mauricio Macri arrived on a three-day India visit during which he will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to enhance cooperation in key sectors such as economy, nuclear technology and space.

170. All the state government offices in Arunachal Pradesh will become paperless by _____, announced chief minister Pema Khandu recently.

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023

Answer b) 2021. All the state government offices in Arunachal Pradesh will become paperless by 2021, announced chief minister Pema Khandu recently.

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171. UN appoints _____ as Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance in the management strategy, policy and compliance department.

- a) Dilip Sadarangani
- b) Chandramouli Ramanathan
- c) Ajai Kumar
- d) Suman Kumari

Answer b) Chandramouli Ramanathan

172. President Kovind launches Digital Kisan Platform in 4th Agri Leadership Summit in _____.

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

Answer c) Haryana . President Ram Nath Kovind launched Digital Kisan Platform in the Fourth Agri Leadership Summit, organised by the Haryana government at Gannaur in Sonipat district .

173. Who among the following clinched Senior Nationals women's single badminton title, 2019?

- a) Saina Nehwal
- b) PV Sindhu
- c) Prakash Padukone
- d) Ashwini Ponnappa

Answer a) Saina Nehwal. Saina Nehwal defeated PV Sindhu for the second year running as she claimed the senior national title in women's singles once again with a 21-18, 21-15 win in Guwahati.

174. Veteran West Indies batsman _____ will retire from One-Day International cricket after this year's World Cup in England and Wales.

- a) Nic Pothas
- b) Jason Holder
- c) Carlos Brathwaite
- d) Chris Gayle

Answer d) Chris Gayle. Veteran West Indies batsman Chris Gayle will retire from One-Day International cricket after this year's World Cup in England and Wales. The 39-year-old opener is set to play his first international since last July against England .

175. The Indian Air Force carried out a mega exercise "Vayu Shakti" at _____.

- a) Delhi
- b) Guwahati
- c) Pokhran
- d) Ranchi

Answer c) Pokhran.

In the Vayu Shakti exercise, the IAF showcased fire power capability of indigenously-developed platforms like Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and efficacy of the Akash surface-to-air missile and Astra air-to-air missile.

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176. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the 10-floor Tower-1 of the Millennium Tower at Rushikonda in _____.

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Kerala
- d) Bihar

Answer a) Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the 10-floor Tower-1 of the Millennium Tower at Rushikonda in the city. This is one of the major projects contemplated by the TDP to promote Visakhapatnam as a destination for investment in IT and ITES.

177. _____, the Swiss actor who portrayed Adolf Hitler in Oscar-nominated film Downfall and the kindly grandfather in Heidi, died of cancer.

- a) John C. Bogle
- b) Bruno Ganz
- c) Masazo Nonaka
- d) Mary Oliver

Answer b) Bruno Ganz. Bruno Ganz, the Swiss actor who portrayed Adolf Hitler in Oscar-nominated film Downfall and the kindly grandfather in Heidi, died of cancer at his home in Zurich aged 77. Ganz had been active in German language theatre, film and television for more than 50 years and was the holder of the Iffland-Ring, the most important award for German-speaking actors.

178. Famous Industrialist and Philanthropist Mr. Dinesh Shahra's book, ' _____ ' was launched at Parmarth Ashram in Kumbh Mela.

- a) Black Leopard, Red Wolf
- b) The Energy Plan
- c) Simplicity & Wisdom
- d) Happy Ever After

Answer c) Simplicity & Wisdom. Famous Industrialist and Philanthropist Mr. Dinesh Shahra's book, 'Simplicity & Wisdom' was launched at Parmarth Ashram in Kumbh Mela. The book is dedicated to Late eminent Vedanti Swami Pragananandji. The book was formally launched by 'His Excellency' Keshari Nath Tripathi Governor of West Bengal, and Swami Chidanand Saraswati, Head of Parmarth Ashram.

179. _____, a Sudanese refugee has won the prestigious Martin Ennals human rights prize.

- a) Dr. Rattan Lal
- b) Abdul Aziz Muhamat
- c) C N R Rao
- d) Anurag Thakur

Answer b) Abdul Aziz Muhamat. Abdul Aziz Muhamat, a Sudanese refugee who has been held in Australia's notorious offshore Manus Island processing centre for over five years, has won the prestigious Martin Ennals human rights prize, the UN refugee agency UNHCR has said.

180. The Netherlands' _____ and Arthur Van Doren of Belgium have been revealed as the FIH Players of the Year in the 2018 Hockey Stars Awards.

- a) Jack de Heer

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- b) Eva de Goede
- c) Dick Decloe
- d) Henk Hille

Answer b) Eva de Goede. The Netherlands' Eva de Goede and Arthur Van Doren of Belgium have been revealed as the FIH Players of the Year in the 2018 Hockey Stars Awards.

181. CM Chandrababu Naidu to lay stone for India's biggest district cooling system in _____.

- a) Guwahati
- b) Amaravati
- c) Delhi
- d) Hyderabad

Answer b) Amaravati. CM Chandrababu Naidu to lay stone for India's biggest district cooling system in Amaravati

First of its kind in the country, the district cooling system will help save 40 per cent of the energy currently being used.

182. The 34-year-old Padma Shri _____ was conferred the first ever Football Ratna honour by Football Delhi, the association governing the sport in the city .

- a) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- b) Sunil Chhetri
- c) Jeje Lalpekhlua
- d) Udanta Singh

Answer b) Sunil Chhetri. The 34-year-old Padma Shri Sunil Chhetri was conferred the first ever Football Ratna honour by Football Delhi, the association governing the sport in the city.

183. The government has raised _____ by additional offering of Bharat-22 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) .

- a) Rs 10,500 crore
- b) Rs 11,000 crore
- c) Rs 15,000 crore
- d) Rs 10,000 crore

Answer d) Rs 10,000 crore. The government has raised Rs 10,000 crore by additional offering of Bharat-22 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) . The additional 'on-tap' offering of Bharat-22 ETF was opened for a single day with a base issue size of Rs 3,500 crore and an option to retain over-subscription.

184. Who was named as a brand ambassador for global sportswear giant, PUMA for a two-year period?

- a) M S Dhoni
- b) Salman Khan
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) MC Mary Kom

Answer d) MC Mary Kom. Six-time world women boxing champion MC Mary Kom was named as a brand ambassador for global sportswear giant, PUMA for a two-year period.

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185. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would give _____ to the Union government as interim dividend.

- a) Rs28,000 crore
- b) Rs38,000 crore
- c) Rs28,030 crore
- d) Rs18,000 crore

Answer a) Rs28,000 crore. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said it would give Rs28,000 crore to the Union government as interim dividend. The decision was taken at a meeting of the RBI's Central Board in New Delhi.

186. Pakistan conferred its highest civilian award Nishan-e-Pakistan on Saudi Crown Prince _____ for his "outstanding support" in reinvigorating the ties between the two countries.

- a) Ashraf Ghani
- b) Mohammad bin Salman
- c) Ahmed Ouyahia
- d) Abdullah Abdullah

Answer b) Mohammad bin Salman. Pakistan conferred its highest civilian award Nishan-e-Pakistan on Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman for his "outstanding support" in reinvigorating the ties between the two countries. The award was presented by Pakistan President Arif Alvi at a special ceremony held at the President House in Islamabad.

187. American author _____ has won the Caledonia Novel Award 2019 with her unpublished novel The Unmaking of Eden.

- a) Dakota Canon
- b) Anindita Neogy Anaam
- c) D N Chakraborty
- d) Abdul Aziz Muhamat

Answer a) Dakota Canon. American author Dakota Canon has won the Caledonia Novel Award 2019 with her unpublished novel The Unmaking of Eden. The Caledonia Novel Award is an international, Edinburgh-based award for unpublished and self-published novelists in any genre for adults and YA. This year saw more than 350 entries submitted from 31 different countries.

188. W S Broecker passed away, He was a famous _____.

- a) Scientist
- b) Player
- c) Literature
- d) Journalist

Answer a) Scientist. A scientist who raised early alarms about climate change and popularised the term "global warming" has died. Wallace Smith Broecker was 87. The long-time Columbia University professor and researcher died at a New York City hospital.

189. Suresh Prabhu, launched SWAYATT, SWAYATT is an initiative to promote Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage Through eTransactions on _____.

- a) image processing

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- b) Government e Marketplace
- c) Professional Communication
- d) Robotics

Answer b) Government e Marketplace(GeM). Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, launched SWAYATT in New Delhi . SWAYATT is an initiative to promote Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage Through eTransactions on Government e Marketplace (GeM). This will bring together the key stakeholders within the Indian entrepreneurial ecosystem to Government e-Marketplace the national procurement portal.

190. Commerce Minister launched which Mobile APP to gauge the actual issues faced by transporters on the road ?

- a) SAFAR
- b) YATRA
- c) DARSHAN
- d) MITRA

Answer a) SAFAR . Commerce Minister launch the SAFAR Mobile App. This app will help to gauge the actual issues faced by transporters on the road. The app tracks the incidence of a number of parameters faced by transporters and automatically records the location of the issue. The app is available in 8 languages.

191. _____ to organise National Workshop to Promote Healthy Diets from Local Food Systems.

a) The Food Processing Industry In India.

- b) WHO
- c) UNICEF
- d) NITI Aayog

Answer d) NITI Aayog. The NITI Aayog, in collaboration with National Centre of Excellence and Advanced Research on Diets (NCEAR-D) , Lady Irwin College and UNICEF India, is organizing a two-day national workshop to seek a common understanding of diet diversity problems in selected districts under POSHAN Abhiyan across India.

192. Two-day Regional Maritime Safety Conference 2019 begins in _____.

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

Answer d) Mumbai. The Regional Maritime Safety Conference 2019, being organized by India for the first time, commenced in Mumbai . The two-day conference will deliberate on issues related to assuring maritime safety in the India-ASEAN sub-region, safeguarding our shores and promoting maritime trade.

193. Union Tourism Minister, Shri K J Alphons, will chair the National Tourism Advisory Council (NTAC) meeting to be held in _____.

- a) Bihar
- b) Delhi

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- c) Punjab
- d) Gujarat

Answer d) Gujarat. Union Tourism Minister, Shri K J Alphons, will chair the National Tourism Advisory Council (NTAC) meeting to be held on 21st – 22nd February 2019, at the site of the newly made Statue of Unity, Kevadiya in Gujarat.

194. Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated “Muga silk seed production centre” in Tura, _____.

- a) Punjab
- b) Odisha
- c) Manipur
- d) Meghalaya

Answer d) Meghalaya. Muga Silkworm Seed Production Centre (SSPC) , Tura, Meghalaya is one of the projects taken up directly by Centre Silk Board(CSB) for implementation under Integrated Sericulture Development Project (ISDP) of NERTPS for creation of seed infrastructure units in NE States.

195. 3 Day International Conference and Exhibition On Energy and Environment to be inaugurated by President of India in _____.

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

Answer a) Delhi .

196. Rajyavardhan Rathore presented the 7th National Photography Awards in delhi , The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to _____.

- a) Shri Ashok Dilwali
- b) Shri Gurdeep Dhiman
- c) Shri V. Ravi Kumar
- d) Ms. S. Neelima

Answer a) Shri Ashok Dilwali.

The list of the Award winners is as under:

- Lifetime Achievement Award – Shri Ashok Dilwali
- Amateur Photographer of the Year – Shri Gurdeep Dhiman
- Special Mention Awards (Professional) – Shri Arun Sreedhar, Shri P.V. Sunderrao, Shri Kailash Mittal, Shri Mihir Singh, Ms. Ranita Roy.
- Special Mention Awards (Amateur) – Shri V. Ravi Kumar, Ms. S. Neelima, Shri Manish Jaisi, Shri Mahesh Balasaheb Lonkar, Shri Avijit Datta.

197. _____ chaired the fifth meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) .

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Arun Jaitley

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Answer b) Rajnath Singh. The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, chaired the fifth meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) . The Island Development Agency reviewed the progress made towards the program “Holistic development of islands”.

198. Pan-India Emergency Number _____ launched for any emergency.

- a) 101
- b) 112
- c) 1098
- d) 151

Answer b) 112. The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi jointly launched the Women Safety initiative of Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) in 16 States/UTs and Mumbai city. People in these states and UTs can now call a single pan India number 112 for any emergency.

199. The 2019 edition of the India Innovation Growth Programme 2.0 (IIGP 2.0) was launched by Chandra Mohan Patowary in _____.

- a) Patna
- b) Delhi
- c) Guwahati
- d) Surat

Answer c) Guwahati . With an aim at developing entrepreneurship in India, the 2019 edition of the India Innovation Growth Programme 2.0 (IIGP 2.0) was launched by Assam industries & commerce minister Chandra Mohan Patowary in Guwahati .

200. _____ Government launched ‘Mukhya Mantrir Krishi Sa-Sajuli Yojana’ for the farmers .

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

Answer b) Assam . Assam finance, health and PWD minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched ‘Mukhya Mantrir Krishi Sa-Sajuli Yojana’ for the farmers of Darrang district and announced a slew of new schemes will become effective from next month. BPL beneficiary families, who have been getting rice at Rs 3 per kilo under NFS Act will now get the same quantity of rice at Re 1 per kg.

201. Actor _____ conferred with 1st Biju Phukan Award by government of Assam.

- a) Anindita Neogy Anaam
- b) Manoj Das
- c) Namita Gokhale
- d) Bishnu Kharghoria

Answer d) Bishnu Kharghoria. Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal conferred the first Biju Phukan Award 2019 to Assamese national award winning actor Bishnu Kharghoria during a programme at Chowkidinghee field here. The award carries Rs 2 lakh, a citation and an angabastra.

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202. Additional Director General of West Bengal Police (law and order) Anuj Sharma was appointed as the new _____ Police Commissioner .

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Punjab
- c) Odisha
- d) Kolkata

Answer d) Kolkata. Additional Director General of West Bengal Police (law and order) Anuj Sharma was appointed as the new Kolkata Police Commissioner after his predecessor Rajeev Kumar was transferred as ADG & IGP of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) .

203. DPIIT launched second edition of States' ranking on Startup initiatives , The Ranking Framework 2019 comprises of _____ and 30 action points.

- a) 7 pillars
- b) 8 pillars
- c) 5 pillars
- d) 4 pillars

Answer a) 7 pillars. The Ranking Framework 2019 comprises of 7 pillars and 30 action points. The pillars will assess States'/UTs efforts across institutional support, simplifying regulations, easing public procurement, incubation support, seed funding support, venture funding support and awareness and outreach related activities. The ranking exercise aims to evaluate measures taken by States/UTs during the assessment period from May 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

204. The 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit will be held on 21-23 February, 2019 in Which Place ?

- a) Amravati
- b) Baroda
- c) Patna
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. The 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit will be held on 21-23 February, 2019 in New Delhi. This is a flagship event of Department of Commerce, being organised with FICCI to carry forward the momentum and to further strengthen India-ASEAN relations under the Act-East Policy.

205. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad to Inaugurate VIVID 2019 to empower NIC officials in the field of technology, "VIVID" Stands for ?

- a) Vision Insight and Voices as India goes Developed
- b) Virtual Insight and Voices as India goes Digital
- c) Vision Insight and Voices as India goes Digital
- d) Vision Institute and Voices as India goes Digital

Answer c) Vision Insight and Voices as India goes Digital. "VIVID-Vision Insight and Voices as India goes Digital"- the District Informatics Officer (DIO) meet, is being organised by National Informatics Centre (NIC) on 21st and 22nd February, 2019.

206. MoU between _____ and University of British Columbia on forestry science .

- a) External Affairs Ministry
- b) Environment Ministry

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c) Finance Ministry

d) Human Resource Ministry

Answer b) Environment Ministry. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today between Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and University of British Columbia (UBC) , Canada for next 10 years in New Delhi. Both the institutions shall explore opportunities for future collaborations in the field of forestry science through .

207. Shri Prakash Javadekar launched _____ to leverage technology in order to boost quality education in the country.

a) Operation Black Board

b) Operation Board Education

c) Operation Digital Board

d) Operation Digital Education

Answer c) Operation Digital Board. The Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched Operation Digital Board to leverage technology in order to boost quality education in the country. Operation Digital Board is a revolutionary step which will make the learning as well as the teaching process interactive and popularize flipped learning as a pedagogical approach.

208. Cabinet Approves New Solar Energy Scheme For Farmers , The proposed scheme consists of three components. All three components combined, the scheme aims to add a solar capacity of 25,750 MW by _____ .

a) 2020

b) 2023

c) 2022

d) 2021

Answer c) 2022. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the launch of Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan with the objective of providing financial and water security to farmers. The proposed scheme consists of three components. All three components combined, the scheme aims to add a solar capacity of 25,750 MW by 2022 . The total central financial support provided under the scheme would be Rs. 34,422 crore .

209. Who is the PayU India's new CEO ?

a) Saurabh Kumar

b) Manu Sawhney

c) Ajai Kumar

d) Anirban Mukherjee

Answer d) Anirban Mukherjee. Naspers-owned PayU, a leading online payments service provider, has a new Chief Executive for its Indian operations in Anirban Mukherjee.

210. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) introduced _____ a non- linked, participating endowment micro- insurance plan, which offers a combination of protection and savings.

a) Online Bachat

b) Digital Bachat

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- c) Bachat
- d) Micro Bachat

Answer d) Micro Bachat. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) introduced 'Micro Bachat', a non-linked, participating endowment micro-insurance plan, which offers a combination of protection and savings. The first time a micro insurance plan has been launched providing coverage up to ₹2 lakh.

211. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the International Conference and Exhibition on Energy and Environment in _____.

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

Answer a) New Delhi. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the International Conference and Exhibition on Energy and Environment in New Delhi

212. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated _____ Supercomputer of 833 teraflop capacity at IIT BHU.

- a) Param Shivay
- b) Param Shiv
- c) Param Super
- d) Param 833

Answer a) Param Shivay. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Param Shivay' Supercomputer of 833 teraflop capacity built at the cost of ₹32.5 crore under the National Super Computing Mission at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

213. Noted _____ writer Namvar Singh passed away in New Delhi .

- a) Urdu
- b) Marathi
- c) Hindi
- d) Odiya

Answer c) Hindi . Noted Hindi writer Namvar Singh passed away in New Delhi . Born on 28th July, 1926 in a village in Varanasi, Singh was the first chairman of JNU's Centre of Indian Languages. He had authored over a dozen books including 'Kavita Ke Naye Pratiman', 'Chhayavad' and 'Dusri Parampara Ki Khoj' among others.

214. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a state-of-the-art national cyber forensic lab (NCFL) and the Delhi Police's cyber crime unit _____.

- a) KeyPAD
- b) CryPAD
- c) PoPAD
- d) CyPAD

Answer d) CyPAD. Boosting country's efforts in tackling cyber crimes, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a state-of-the-art national cyber forensic lab (NCFL) and the Delhi Police's cyber crime unit 'CyPAD'. Both the cyber crime fighting units are based in a complex at Dwarka, Sector 16C.

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215. India's first fulldome 3D Digital theatre inaugurated in Which City ?

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

Answer d) Kolkata. India's first 'fulldome 3D Digital Theatre' at the Science City Kolkata was inaugurated by Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma . The 'fulldome 3D Digital Theatre' at the Science city was the first of its kind in India having a 23 metre titled dome to offer a fully immersive experience to the visitors.

216. The Finance Ministry announced to pump in _____ in 12 public sector banks (PSBs) in this fiscal.

- a) Rs 48,339 crore
- b) Rs 45,239 crore
- c) Rs 48,239 crore
- d) Rs 40,239 crore

Answer c) Rs 48,239 crore. The Finance Ministry announced to pump in Rs 48,239 crore in 12 public sector banks (PSBs) in this fiscal to help them maintain regulatory capital requirements and finance growth plans.

217. The International Cricket Council (ICC) banned UAE-based coach _____ for 10 years .

- a) Irfan Ansari
- b) Mohammad Naveed
- c) Rohan Mustafa
- d) Chirag Suri

Answer a) Irfan Ansari. The International Cricket Council (ICC) banned UAE-based coach Irfan Ansari for 10 years after he was found guilty of making a "corrupt approach" to Pakistan captain Sarfaraz Ahmed in 2017.

218. China unveils world's first AI female news presenter , named Xin Xiaomeng.

- a) Xin Xiaomeng
- b) Fei Hong
- c) Feng Mian
- d) Xin Hong

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Answer a) Xin Xiaomeng. In a groundbreaking technological move, China's state-owned TV channel Xinhua has introduced the world's first ever Artificial Intelligence news anchor. Xinhua announced that in collaboration with Sogou (search engine) has created the world's first female AI news anchor, known as Xin Xiaomeng.

219. Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore will inaugurate the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup in _____ .

- a) Pune
- b) Guwahati

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- c) Mumbai
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore will inaugurate the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup in New Delhi . Various events in the world cup will start from February 23rd and end on the 27th.

220. Which General Insurance Company announced the launch of ‘Trip Protector’ insurance policy ?

- a) SBI Life Insurance
- b) HDFC ERGO
- c) LIC
- d) NIACL

Answer b) HDFC ERGO. HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India’s third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, announced the launch of ‘Trip Protector’ insurance policy, a pioneering policy in the non-life insurance segment in India. In the event of a cancellation, either a flight or hotel booking, Trip Protector insurance policy will safeguard travellers financially against the cost of cancellation levied by Hotels or Airlines.

221. Dr Jitendra Singh launched of _____ to discuss the importance of moral science education in schools and colleges.

- a) Swachh Bharat Campaign
- b) Bharat Campaign
- c) Shisht Bharat Campaign
- d) Shisht School Campaign

Answer c) Shisht Bharat Campaign.

222. _____ A Compendium on Digital India released to disseminate and propagate the success of Digital India among masses.

- a) Digital Bharat, Swachh Bharat
- b) Digital Bharat, Digital Bharat
- c) Digital Bharat, Saksham Bharat
- d) Digital Bharat

Answer c) Digital Bharat, Saksham Bharat. A Digital India Compendium on Digital Bharat, Saksham Bharat was released by Hon’ble Minister for Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice, Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

223. The Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) hiked the interest rate on employees’ provident fund from 8.55 per cent to _____ .

- a) 8.60 %
- b) 8.65 %
- c) 8.75 %
- d) 8.85 %

Answer b) 8.65 %. The Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on Thursday hiked the interest rate on employees’ provident fund by 10 basis point from 8.55 per cent to 8.65 per cent for the 2018-19 fiscal year. it would benefit around 6 crore subscribers of the retirement fund body.

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224. President Ram Nath Kovind unveiled a 15.2 feet tall statue of Mahatma Gandhi in _____ .

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

Answer d) Chennai. President Ram Nath Kovind unveiled a 15.2 feet tall statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the premises of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha in Chennai . The event was organized in view of 150th year of Gandhiji and centenary year of the Sabha.

225. Raj Kumar Barjatya passed away ,He was a famous _____ .

- a) Lawyer
- b) Film producer
- c) Player
- d) Singer

Answer b) Film producer. The man behind hit films like 'Hum Aapke Hai kaun' and 'Maine Pyar Kiya', veteran Bollywood producer and father of filmmaker Sooraj Barjatya, Raj Kumar Barjatya passed away in Mumbai.

226. 'International Vision Zero Conference' to Promote Occupational Safety and Health Inaugurated in _____ .

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

Answer c) Mumbai. Shri Heeralal Samariya, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment inaugurated the three days Conference on the VISION ZERO and its relevance to Occupational Safety and Health being held in Mumbai.

227. "International Mother Language Day" is celebrated on which date ?

- a) 20 February
- b) 156 February
- c) 20 February
- d) 21 February

Answer d) 21 February. February 21 is celebrated as the International Mother Language Day worldwide, as declared by the United Nations in 2000. 2019 theme "Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation".

228. 8th World Corporate Social Responsibility Congress (World CSR Congress 2019) was held in _____ .

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

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Answer World Corporate Social Responsibility Congress (World CSR Congress 2019) promotes Entrepreneurship, Social Responsibility, Sustainability and Social Development. The 8th World CSR Congress was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra..

229. _____ State Police claims to have created the world's first and the very first police force in the country to induct humanoid robots.

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

Answer c) Kerala. The Kerala State Police claims to have created history by becoming one of the world's first and the very first police force in the country to induct humanoid robots. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan formally introduced the humanoid robot into the state police force on Tuesday evening, at a function at the State Police Headquarters here.

230. _____ singer Pratik Choudhury passed away at 55.

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

Answer a) Bengali.

231 _____ offers instant life insurance for Rs 20 on its App to its users.

- a) NIACL
- b) MobiKwik
- c) LIC
- d) HDFC Life

Answer b) MobiKwik. MobiKwik, India's largest digital financial services platform, announced the launch of digital life insurance on its app to its users. The offering begins with a life cover of Rs 1 lakh available for a monthly premium as low as Rs 20 per month.

232. India and Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a business centre for ICT incubators in _____.

- a) Jaffna
- b) Colombo
- c) Delhi
- d) Mumbai

Answer a) Jaffna. India and Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a business centre for ICT incubators in Jaffna through grant of 25 crore Sri Lankan rupees from India.

233. Who has been received the Seoul Peace Prize from the South Korean government ?

- a) Moon Jae-in
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Kim Jong-un
- d) None of these

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234. Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari will lay the foundation stone for a flyover project at _____ in Madhya Pradesh .

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

Answer d) Jabalpur.

235. Sh.Nitin Gadkari, inaugurated and laid foundation stone for projects worth Rs 5,894 crore at Chandi Ghat in _____.

- a) Indore
- b) Mathura
- c) Varanasi
- d) Haridwar

Answer d) Haridwar. The Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid foundation stone for projects worth Rs 5,894 crore at Chandi Ghat in Haridwar

236. The world's largest bee — a giant insect roughly the size of a human thumb has been rediscovered in _____.

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

Answer d) Indonesia . The world's largest bee — a giant insect roughly the size of a human thumb — has been rediscovered in a remote part of Indonesia in its first sighting in nearly 40 years.

237. Boxing Federation of India president__ has been elected as the President of the Foundation Board .

- a) Ajay Kumar
- b) Ajay Singh
- c) Suman Kumari
- d) Ronojoy Dutta

Answer b) Ajay Singh. Boxing Federation of India president Ajay Singh has been elected as the President of the Foundation Board for Better Boxing, an elite International Boxing Association (AIBA) elite foundation.

238. Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched Scheme for Adolescent girls, the scheme focuses on girls aged between _____years .

- a) 11 to 21
- b) 12 to 14
- c) 1 to 14
- d) 11 to 14

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Answer d) 11 to 14. In Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched Scheme for Adolescent girls. The scheme focuses on girls aged between 11 to 14 years who have left studies and will take steps for proper nutrition and special care for them.

239. Over How many people have been treated free of cost under world's largest health care programme, Ayushman Bharat scheme?

- a) 10 lakh
- b) 5 lakh
- c) 20 lakh
- d) 12 lakh

Answer d) 12 lakh. Over 12 lakh people have been treated free of cost under Ayushman Bharat scheme, the world's largest health care programme, the CEO of Ayushman Bharat Dr Indu Bhushan said at the Medical Fair India 2019 in Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the scheme in September last year.

240. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has extended the deadline for Iran to fix its anti-money laundering and terrorism financing rules till _____.

- a) July 2019
- b) June 2019
- c) August 2019
- d) Sep 2019

Answer b) June 2019. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has extended the deadline for Iran to fix its anti-money laundering and terrorism financing rules till June 2019. While welcoming the passage of the Anti-Money Laundering Act in Iran, the FATF in a statement expressed its disappointment that the Action Plan still remains outstanding.

241. Justice _____ takes oath as First Lokayukta of Nagaland.

- a) Uma Nath Singh
- b) Sushil Chandra
- c) Rishi Kumar Shukla
- d) Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha

Answer a) Uma Nath Singh. The first Lok Ayukta of Nagaland, Justice Uma Nath Singh, took the oath of office on Friday evening. Nagaland Governor PB Acharya administered the oath to him at a function held at Raj Bhavan.

242. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates Waste to Wonder Park in _____.

- a) Patna
- b) Surat
- c) Mumbai
- d) Delhi

Answer d) Delhi. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a new park which houses the replicas of seven wonders of the world at Sarai Kale Khan. The park, which is called the 'Waste to Wonder Park', was built by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC).

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243. The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Media Meet held at Anushakti Bhavan in _____.

- a) Jhansi
- b) Lucknow
- c) Mumbai
- d) Delhi

Answer c) Mumbai . The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), in collaboration with PIB Mumbai, organized a half-day event to provide an opportunity for the media interested in the sector to get a deeper understanding of issues germane to the field. The theme chosen for the Media Meet was “Radioisotopes in Healthcare – Radiopharmaceuticals for Nuclear Medicine: DAE Roles and Contributions”.

244. Who will attend OIC meet as ‘guest of honour in Abu Dhabi next month ?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Arun Jaitley
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer d) Sushma Swaraj . In a significant move, India has been invited to the inaugural plenary of the foreign ministers’ conclave of the OIC, a powerful grouping of Muslim majority nations, and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will attend it in Abu Dhabi next month as the ‘guest of honour’.

245. Which state Cabinet approved the ‘Khushi’ scheme to provide free sanitary napkins to school girls ?

- a) Manipur
- b) Sikkim
- c) Bihar
- d) Odisha

Answer d) Odisha . The Odisha Cabinet on Friday approved the ‘Khushi’ scheme to provide free sanitary napkins to school girls across the state. The scheme will benefit nearly 17.25 lakh school girls from Class VI to XII studying in government and government-aided schools. The state government will spend ₹466 crore over a period of five years to implement the scheme.

246. According to the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Report ,Which country leads Asia in gender equality ?

- a) Philippines
- b) New Zealand
- c) Norway
- d) Rwanda

Answer a) Philippines. According to the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Report for 2018, the Philippines was ranked eighth among the 10 best performers. Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Nicaragua, Rwanda, New Zealand, Ireland, and Namibia are the other countries on the list.

247. _____ launched Rs 100-crore Sweet Revolution scheme under which 1,207 farmers will be given Rs 1 lakh for bee keeping.

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

Answer c) Jharkhand.

248. Sudanese President _____ has declared a year-long state of emergency, dissolving his cabinet and local governments throughout the country.

- a) Bujar Nishani
- b) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- c) Edi Rama
- d) Omar al-Bashir

Answer d) Omar al-Bashir. Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has declared a year-long state of emergency, dissolving his cabinet and local governments throughout the country. Bashir also called on Sudan's parliament to postpone constitutional amendments that would allow him to run for another term in a presidential election in 2020.

249. _____ is the capital city of Sudan .

- a) Algiers
- b) Kabul
- c) Khartoum
- d) Andorra la Vella

Answer c) Khartoum. Sudan or the Sudan, officially the Republic of the Sudan, is a country in Northeast Africa.

250. Which Union Minister presented the Digital India Awards on 22 February?

- a) Arun Jaitley
- b) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- c) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer c) Ravi Shankar Prasad. The Digital India Awards have been instituted under the ambit of the National Portal of India by National Informatics Centre, MeitY, to promote exemplary initiatives in e-governance using the medium of World Wide Web.

251. What is the theme of World Thinking Day 2019?

- a) Women Empowerment
- b) Healthy World
- c) Leadership
- d) Entrepreneurship

Answer c) Leadership. World Thinking Day, formerly Thinking Day, is celebrated annually on 22 February by all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. 2019 Theme of World Thinking Day is: "Leadership".

252. IIFL Home Finance signed a MoU with the _____ government for capacity building for affordable housing through credit-linked subsidy scheme .

- a) Manipur

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

Answer d) Maharashtra. IIFL Home Finance signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Maharashtra government for capacity building for affordable housing through credit-linked subsidy scheme (CLSS) under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

253. Srei Equipment Finance has tied up with state-owned _____ to jointly provide financing for construction and farm equipment.

- a) ICICI
- b) SBI
- c) PNB
- d) Syndicate Bank

Answer d) Syndicate Bank . Srei Equipment Finance, a wholly owned subsidiary of Srei Infrastructure Finance, has tied up with state-owned Syndicate Bank to jointly provide financing for construction and farm equipment.

254. Modi Launches PM-KISAN Scheme, Under this _____ will be paid to 12 crore small and marginal farmers.

- a) Rs 6,000
- b) Rs 5,500
- c) Rs 6,050
- d) Rs 6,500

Answer a) Rs 6,000. The Centre had announced the PM-KISAN scheme in the 2019-20 Interim Budget. Under this, Rs 6,000 will be paid to 12 crore small and marginal farmers holding cultivable land of up to two hectares per year in three instalments. the funds will be electronically transferred to the bank accounts of beneficiaries.

255. The six-day 11th Ankiya Bhaona Samaroh to begin at Goalpara in _____.

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

Answer d) Assam. The six-day 11th Ankiya Bhaona Samaroh organised by Guwahati-based Sattriya Kendra of Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi in collaboration with the Goalpara district administration and Goalpara College, will get underway at Goalpara .

256. _____ has launched a cruise missile from a submarine for the first time during an ongoing annual military drill in the Strait of Hormuz .

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Iraq
- d) Iran

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Answer d) Iran .Iran has launched a cruise missile from a submarine for the first time during an ongoing annual military drill in the Strait of Hormuz . anti-ship cruise missile” was launched from a Ghadir-class submarine.

257. Donald Keene died of heart failure at a Tokyo hospital , He was a _____.

- a) Writer
- b) Scientist
- c) Player
- d) literature

Answer d) literature. Donald Keene, a scholar of Japanese literature who became the first foreigner to receive the country’s highest cultural award, died of heart failure at a Tokyo hospital. Keene, 96, was known for introducing Japan’s culture in the United States and around the world through his scholarship and translations of classical and modern Japanese literature.

258. Saudi Arabia appointed _____ as its new ambassador to the United States.

- a) Ronojoy Dutta
 - b) Poonam Khetrapal
 - c) Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan
 - d) Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah
- Answer c) Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan.

259. Who has been elected third time unopposed as the President of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)?

- a) Deepak Maheshwari
- b) Parthasarathi Mukherjee
- c) Manu Sawhney
- d) Brij Bhushan Sharan

260. India defender _____ was awarded with the 2018 Player of the Year award by the Asian Hockey Federation.

- a) Jhulan Goswami
- b) Woorkeri Raman
- c) Mithali Raj
- d) Harmanpreet Singh

Answer d) Harmanpreet Singh. India defender Harmanpreet Singh was awarded with the 2018 Player of the Year award by the Asian Hockey Federation while women’s team striker Lalremsiami bagged the Rising Player of The Year prize.

261. Central Excise Day is celebrated on which date ?

- a) February 20
- b) February 25
- c) February 26
- d) February 24

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Answer d) February 24. Central Excise Day is commemorated every year all across the India on 24th of February to encourage the employees of excise department to carry out the central excise duty all over the India in better way in order to prevent the corruption in goods manufacturing business as well as implement other rules to carry out best possible excise services.

262. India's ace badminton player and Olympic silver-medallist _____ flew in homemade combat fighter jet Tejas aircraft.

- a) Pullela Gopichand
- b) Saina Nehwal
- c) PV Sindhu
- d) Jwala Gutta

Answer c) PV Sindhu. India's ace badminton player and Olympic silver-medallist PV Sindhu flew in homemade combat fighter jet Tejas aircraft at the ongoing Aero India air show in Bengaluru

263. RBI would merged three NBFC categories into a new category called _____.

- a) NBFC-IDF
- b) NBFC-IFC
- c) NBFC-AFC
- d) NBFC-ICC

Answer d) NBFC-ICC . The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has merged three categories of NBFCs — asset finance, loan companies and investment companies — into one new category called NBFC-investment and credit company (NBFC-ICC) to ease operational flexibility of these institutions

264. Prime Minister dedicated the National War Memorial in _____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi . Prime Minister dedicated the National War Memorial at the iconic India Gate complex in New Delhi to the fallen soldiers who laid their lives in the several wars India has fought since Independence as rose petals were showered on the newly built structure.

265. Which is the most powerful passport in the world according to the 2019 Passport Index?

- a) UAE
- b) India
- c) Australia
- d) America

Answer a) UAE. As per the 2019 Passport Index, the Indian passport has steadily strengthened its position over the past five years. It has jumped from 77th position in 2015 to 67th position in 2019. UAE passport is the most powerful passport in the world.

266. _____ bags META Lifetime Achievement Award.

- a) Dr. Rattan Lal

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- b) Namita Gokhale
- c) Manoj Das
- d) Mahesh Elkunchwar

Answer d) Mahesh Elkunchwar. One of India's most progressive playwrights, Mahesh Elkunchwar, will be conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award at the prestigious Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) this year. Elkunchwar is critically acclaimed and widely known for having experimented with a wide range of drama and has been a powerful force in both Indian and Marathi theatre for over three decades.

267. FAGMIL signs MoU with _____ Government to establish Rs. 605 crores White cement Plant Project.

- a) Bihar
- b) Assam
- c) Kerala
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer d) Himachal Pradesh. Under its diversification programme, FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL) has taken up a project to establish a white cement plant near village NohraDhar in Sirmour district, Himachal Pradesh, at a project cost of approximately Rs. 605 crores.

268. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, inaugurated National Institutes of Design (NID) in Madhya Pradesh and in _____.

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

Answer a) Assam. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, inaugurated National Institutes of Design (NID) at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh and Jorhat in Assam through video conference from New Delhi.

269. Rajnath Singh to inaugurate 29 infra projects of CAPF in _____.

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

Answer d) New Delhi. Home Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate 29 infrastructure projects both residential and non-residential buildings of Central Armed Police Forces in New Delhi. These projects have been constructed at various locations across the country at a total cost of Rs. 1,714.97 crore. The projects involve 53 non-residential buildings and 4,723 residential quarters.

270. Who has been inaugurated the 4th Global Digital Health Partnership Summit in New Delhi .

- a) JP Nadda
- b) Sushma Swaraj
- c) Arun Jaitley
- d) Rajnath Singh

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Answer a) JP Nadda. Health Minister JP Nadda inaugurated the 4th Global Digital Health Partnership Summit in New Delhi . Mr Nadda said, the government is committed to secure Universal Health Coverage for the underprivileged and deprived section of the society. nearly 13 lakh poor people have availed the benefits of Ayushman Bharat scheme.

271. Govt launches _____ to keep people informed about ongoing Railway works.

- a) Rail Drishti Dashboard
- b) Rail Disha Dashboard
- c) Rail Diwali Dashboard
- d) Rail Dashboard

Answer a) Rail Drishti Dashboard. Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched Rail Drishti Dashboard in New Delhi . Mr Goyal said the Dashboard has been launched to keep people informed about the work going on in the Railways across the country.

272. _____ has won the bid to operate five out of six airports that were put for privatisation by the central government.

- a) Reliance Group
- b) Wipro
- c) Tata group
- d) Adani group

Answer d) Adani group. The Adani group has won the bid to operate five out of six airports that were put for privatisation by the central government.

273. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, presented the Gandhi Peace Prize _____ for the years 2017.

- a) The Vivekananda Kendra
- b) Shri Yohei Sasakawa
- c) Sulabh International
- d) The Ekal Abhiyan Trust

Answer d) The Ekal Abhiyan Trust. The Gandhi Peace Prize was presented to the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari for 2015, jointly to the Akshaya Patra Foundation and the Sulabh International for 2016, to the Ekal Abhiyan Trust for 2017, and to Shri Yohei Sasakawa for 2018.

274. The meeting of 20th India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) began in _____ .

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

Answer b) New Delhi. The meeting of 20th India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) began in New Delhi . The JCEC is an institutional mechanism for bilateral trade engagement held at the level of Minister of Commerce and Industry of the two countries.

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275. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is conducting a two-day national workshop on heat wave risk reduction , The workshop, to be held at _____.

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

Answer d) Nagpur. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is conducting a two-day national workshop on heat wave risk reduction on 27-28 February, 2019. The workshop, to be held at Nagpur, has been organised in collaboration with the Maharashtra Government.

276. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Bhogeswar Baruah Sports School at Sarusajai Sports Complex in _____.

- a) Silchar
- b) Dibrugarh
- c) Guwahati
- d) Dispur

Answer c) Guwahati . Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Bhogeswar Baruah Sports School at Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati .

277. Who is the US Ambassador to India ?

- a) Kenneth Juster
- b) Richard R. Verma
- c) Tomasz Kozlowski
- d) None of These

Answer a) Kenneth Juster .US Ambassador to India, Kenneth Juster will arrive in Guwahati on his maiden visit to the state of Assam.

the US Ambassador to India, Kenneth Juster will land at the Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport at Borjhar .

278. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is attending the Gita Aradhana Mahotsav at ISKCON Temple in _____.

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

Answer a) New Delhi.

279. Iran's Foreign Minister _____ who was the lead negotiator in the 2015 nuclear deal, has resigned.

- a) Abulkalam Abdul Momen
- b) Marise Payne
- c) Abdelkader Messahel
- d) Mohammad Javad Zarif

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Answer d) Mohammad Javad Zarif .Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who was the lead negotiator in the 2015 nuclear deal, has resigned. The Zarif announced the resignation on Instagram yesterday. It can only take effect after President Hassan Rouhani accepts it.

280. _____ wins Cannes International Open.

- a) Pentala Harikrishna
- b) Abhijeet Gupta
- c) Sandipan Chanda
- d) Viswanathan Anand

Answer b) Abhijeet Gupta.

281. Indian women’s team defeated _____ by seven wickets in the second ODI at Mumbai .

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

Answer d) England. Indian women’s team defeated England by seven wickets in the second ODI at Mumbai to take an unassailable 2-nil lead in the three-match series. The Indian eves had bundled out England for just 161 in 43.3 overs after the visitors won the toss and opted to bat.

282. India’s _____ achieved his career-best ranking, rising three places to 94th in the latest list.

- a) Yuki Bhambri
- b) Rohan Bopanna
- c) Leander Paes
- d) Prajnesh Gunneswaran

Answer d) Prajnesh Gunneswaran. In Tennis, India’s Prajnesh Gunneswaran achieved his career-best ranking, rising three places to 94th in the latest list. Ramkumar Ramanathan dropped nine spots to 137, while Yuki Bhambri further slipped to 171.

283. Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates Skill Saathi Youth Conclave in _____.

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

Answer a) Odisha.

284. DRDO, successfully test fired indigenously developed Quick Reach Surface-to-Air missiles, QRSAMs, from ITR Chandipur, off the _____.

- a) Tuticorin Coast
- b) Kochi Coast
- c) Mumbai Coast
- d) Odisha Coast

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Answer d) Odisha Coast. Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO, successfully test fired indigenously developed Quick Reach Surface-to-Air missiles, QRSAMs, from ITR Chandipur, off the Odisha Coast. The two missiles were tested for different altitude and conditions.

285. Civil Aviation Ministry organising 'Aviation Conclave 2019' with theme of _____.

- a) Flying With All
- b) Flying for All
- c) Flying for Country
- d) Flying for dream

Answer b) Flying for All . The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in association with Airports Authority of India, AAICLAS and Confederation of Indian Industry, is organizing the Aviation Conclave 2019 with an overarching theme of "Flying for All" in New Delhi.

286. _____ and _____ out of RBI's weak-bank watchlist.

- a) Allahabad Bank, Corporation Bank
- b) Corporation Bank, ICICI Bank
- c) Allahabad Bank, SBI Bank
- d) Yes Bank , Axis Bank

Answer a) Allahabad Bank, Corporation Bank. The RBI on Tuesday lifted lending curbs on two more public sector banks (PSBs) – Allahabad Bank and Corporation Bank – by removing them from its weak-bank watchlist. Private sector Dhanlaxmi Bank too has been taken out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework.

287. Assam's Chief Minister PRANAM Commission, Who is the Chief Minister of Assam ?

- a) Nitish Kumar
- b) Pema Khandu
- c) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- d) Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer d) Sarbananda Sonowal. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the Assam Employees Parents Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring (PRANAM) Commission.

288. The Defence Acquisition Council has approved the acquisition of defence equipment for about _____ Crores rupees.

- a) 2200
- b) 2600
- c) 2500
- d) 2700

Answer d) 2700 . The Defence Acquisition Council has approved the acquisition of defence equipment for about 2700 Crores rupees. The approval include acquisition of three Cadet Training ships for the Navy, which will provide basic sea training to officer cadets including women officer under trainees.

289. Former Sri Lanka Cricket captain _____ has been banned from cricket for two years.

- a) Sanath Jayasuriya
- b) Arjuna Ranatunga

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- c) Ranjan Madugalle
- d) Duleep Mendis

Answer a) Sanath Jayasuriya. Former Sri Lanka Cricket captain Sanath Jayasuriya has been banned from cricket for two years. ICC said Jayasuriya admitted to breaching two counts of the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

290. Actor won the silver medal at the National Equestrian Championship (NEC) .

- a) Akshay kumar
- b) Salman khan
- c) Sanjay Kapoor
- d) Randeep Hooda

Answer d) Randeep Hooda. Actor Randeep Hooda won the silver medal at the National Equestrian Championship (NEC) and called it a proud moment. On the work front, the “Sarbjit” actor was last seen on screen in “Baaghi 2”. He will next be seen in “Dhaka”.

291. The ‘Loong Palace Hurun Global Rich List 2019’ was released recently. Which billionaire topped the list?

- a) Jeff Bezos
- b) Mukesh Ambani
- c) Bill Gates
- d) Mark Zuckerberg

Answer a) Jeff Bezos. Jeff Bezos of Amazon retains the top spot in list with his personal wealth up a staggering \$24 bn to \$147 bn. Bezos has created \$100 bn of wealth in three years, earning the equivalent of ‘a Bill Gates’ in just three years.

292. A joint military exercise Sampriti 2019 between India and Bangladesh will be conducted at Tangail in _____.

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

Answer d) Bangladesh. A joint military exercise Sampriti 2019 between India and Bangladesh will be conducted at Tangail in Bangladesh. It will be the eighth edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries.

293 Who was appointed as the non-executive chairman of the IDBI bank?

- a) Rana Kapoor
- b) Hemant Bhargava
- c) Shikha Sharma
- d) Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer b) Hemant Bhargava. IDBI Bank announced that the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 25 February 2019 has appointed Hemant Bhargava as the Non Executive Non Wholetime Chairman of IDBI Bank for a period of three years or till he continues as the Chairman-in-charge & MD of LIC, whichever is earlier as per the approval dated 22 February 2019 received in this regard from Reserve Bank of India.

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294. Petroleum Minister _____ gave 34 crore rupees of Indian Oil Corporation for clean Ganga movement.

- a) Arun Jaitley
- b) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- c) Raj Nath Singh
- d) Dhramendra Pradhan

Answer d) Dhramendra Pradhan. Petroleum Minister Dhramendra Pradhan gave 34 crore rupees of Indian Oil Corporation for clean Ganga movement. After receiving the grant , Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said, nearly 40 Ganga tributaries will be cleaned.

295. Nigerian President _____ has been re-elected for a second four year term.

- a) Bujar Nishani
- b) Ashraf Ghani
- c) Edi Rama
- d) Muhammadu Buhari

Answer d) Muhammadu Buhari. Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has been re-elected for a second four year term.

296. Bharti Airtel partners with _____ to automate data centre network.

- a) Idea
- b) Samsung
- c) vodafone
- d) Nokia

Answer d) Nokia

. Finnish telecommunication giant Nokia said Bharti Airtel would deploy solution from Nokia's Nuage Networks to upgrade its data centres. Nuage Networks is a Nokia venture focused on software-defined networking solution.

297. _____ and Saurabh Chaudhary clinched the gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi .

- a) Abhinav Bindra
- b) Apurvi Chandela
- c) Manu Bhaker
- d) Heena Sidhu

Answer c) Manu Bhaker . Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary clinched the gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi . Ranxin Jiang and Bowen Zhang of China won silver while the Republic of Korea pair Minjung Kim and Daehun Park got the bronze.

298. Which State's cabinet approves State Film Policy 2019 ?

- a) Gujrat
- b) Kerala
- c) Assam
- d) Odisha

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Answer d) Odisha. Naveen Patnaik-led state cabinet gave its nod to the Odisha State Film Policy-2019. The policy will promote quality Odia films, facilitate film tourism in the state, establish Odisha as a destination for film shooting and improve screen density in the state.

299. Who is the author of the book titled 'Quality, Accreditation, and Ranking' .

- a) Dr. H Chaturvedi
- b) J.K. Rowling
- c) Chetan Bhagat
- d) Prabha Kiran Jain

Answer a) Dr. H Chaturvedi. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launched the book titled 'Quality, Accreditation, and Ranking – A Silent Revolution in the Offing in Indian Higher Education' edited by Education Promotion Society for India's (EPSI) Alternate President Dr. H Chaturvedi in New Delhi.

300. _____ signs MoU with Indian Oil on fuel needs for national waterways.

- a) TRAI
- b) ICAI
- c) IWAI
- d) NITI Aayog

Answer c) IWAI. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for jointly developing infrastructure for fuels, lubricating oil, LPG, Natural Gas and any other related fuel and gas for meeting the requirement of National Waterways.

301. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched ' _____ ' App in order to create awareness about sports and fitness in the country.

- a) Khelo India Shan se
- b) Khelo Aur Jeeto
- c) Khelo jeeto
- d) Khelo India

Answer d) Khelo India . Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Sports Authority of India's (SAI) first-of-its-kind mobile application, 'Khelo India App' in order to create awareness about sports and fitness in the country.

302. The 47th Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2018-19 was inaugurated at Th Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen in _____.

- a) Kumbi
- b) Imphal
- c) Moreh
- d) Jiribam

Answer b) Imphal. The 47th Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2018-19 was inaugurated at Th Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen in Imphal. The festival which, participated by 21 Shumang Leela groups comprising 12 female groups and 9 male groups, is being organised by Manipur State Kala Akademi, Imphal.

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303. Assam Chief Minister inaugurated Training of Small Tea Growers on Tea Quality titled _____ at Assam Agricultural University in Jorhat.

- a) Mission Assam QualiTea
- b) Mission Assam Tea
- c) Mission Assam BlackTea
- d) Mission Tea

Answer a) Mission Assam QualiTea. Assam Chief Minister Sarbandna Sonowal inaugurated Training of Small Tea Growers on Tea Quality titled 'Mission Assam QualiTea' at Assam Agricultural University in Jorhat.

304. Assam Chief Minister _____ laid the foundation stone of 70 MW Solar Park at Japisajia village of Amguri in Sivasagar district.

- a) Naveen Patnaik
- b) Arvind Kejriwal
- c) Raj Nath Singh
- d) Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer d) Sarbananda Sonowal . Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of 70 MW Solar Park at Japisajia village of Amguri in Sivasagar district in a bid to boost power production and promoting clean energy in the state.

305. India Korea Business Symposium was hosted by Invest India and Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI)in _____ .

- a) Mumbai
- b) Incheon
- c) Delhi
- d) Seoul

Answer d) Seoul. India Korea Business Symposium was hosted by Invest India and Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI)in Seoul .The Symposium was organized to felicitate the Korean business community on their success in India and to present more opportunities for Korean business in India.

306. Union Minister of Textiles, _____, launched five short term courses at NIFT Panchkula, Haryana.

- a) Sushma Swaraj
- b) Arun Jaitley
- c) Raj Nath Singh
- d) Smriti Zubin Irani

Answer d) Smriti Zubin Irani. Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, launched five short term courses at NIFT Panchkula, Haryana .The permanent campus building is under construction and is expected to be completed by June, 2020.

307. Steel Minister to present____ Prime Minister's Trophy for Excellence in Performance of Integrated Steel Plants.

- a) 21th

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- b) 22th
- c) 20th
- d) 25th

Answer d) 25th. Union Steel Minister, Chaudhary Birender Singh, will give away 25th Prime Minister's Trophy for Excellence in Performance of Integrated Steel Plants for 2016-17 in New Delhi on 1st March 2019.

308. India lost to _____ 0-1 in their opening match of the Turkish Women's Cup football in Alanya, Turkey .

- a) Uzbekistan
- b) kazakhstan
- c) Nepal
- d) China

Answer a) Uzbekistan. India lost to Uzbekistan 0-1 in their opening match of the Turkish Women's Cup football in Alanya, Turkey . An early goal by Uzbekistan's Burhanova Malika in the 4th minute made the difference as India struggled for the equaliser in the remainder of the game.

309. The Minister for Human Resource Development _____ launched the Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) for youth pursuing higher education.

- a) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- b) Arun Jaitley
- c) Prakash Javadekar
- d) Sushma Swaraj

Answer c) Prakash Javadekar. To provide industry apprenticeship opportunities to graduates in non-technical fields, passing out from the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in April 2019, the Minister for Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar launched the Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) for youth pursuing higher education.

310. IDBI Bank and _____ have signed a bancassurance agreement under which the lender will offer LIC's insurance products at its branches.

- a) Oriental Insurance Company
- b) SBI Life Insurance
- c) NIACL
- d) LIC

Answer d) LIC . IDBI Bank and Life Insurance Corporation of India have signed a bancassurance agreement under which the lender will offer LIC's insurance products at its branches.

311. Which Software firm has partnered with Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to enhance digital literacy, creativity skills ?

- a) TCS
- b) Infotech
- c) SharePoint
- d) Adobe

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Answer d) Adobe . Software firm Adobe has partnered with Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to collaborate on enhancing digital literacy and creativity skills.

312. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan handed over _____ Letter of Intent under SATAT scheme.

- a) 105th
- b) 100th
- c) 50th
- d) 108th

Answer b) 100th. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan handed over the 100th Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Compressed Bio-Gas(CBG) Entrepreneur (producer) under the SATAT scheme. SATAT is an initiative aimed at providing a Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation as a developmental effort that would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs.

313. England women beat _____ by two wickets in third ODI in Mumbai .

- a) India
- b) Australia
- c) West Indies
- d) None of these

Answer a) India . England women's team defeated India by two wickets in the third and final ODI in Mumbai .England scored 208-8 in 48.5 overs to grab two crucial points as the three-game series is part of ICC Women's Championship.

314. India and Brunei sign Agreement for the Exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection with respect to Taxes. What is the Currency of Brunei?

- a) Brunei Yen
- b) Brunei Rupee
- c) Brunei dollar
- d) Brunei Peso

Answer c) Brunei dollar. The Government of Republic of India and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam signed an Agreement for the Exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection with respect to Taxes (TIEA) in New Delhi.

315. The 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' for the year 2018 have been awarded to How many Police personnel ?

- a) 100
- b) 51
- c) 101
- d) 81

Answer c) 101. The 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' for the year 2018 have been awarded to 101 Police personnel belonging to 25 States/UT/ Central Investigating Agencies .

316. Booker Prize for fiction secures new financial backer _____to funding the Booker Prize for English-language novels.

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- a) Tompkins Trust Co
- b) Man Group PLC
- c) Crankstart Foundation
- d) HIG Capital LLC

Answer c) Crankstart Foundation. Crankstart has committed to funding the Booker Prize for English-language novels and the International Booker Prize for translated works for at least five years.

317. Smriti Irani inaugurates Titanwala Museum in Rajasthan's _____.

- a) Bagru
- b) Sikar
- c) Mandawa
- D) Pali,

Answer a) Bagru. Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated the 'Titanwala Museum' in Bagru that showcases the Chhipa community's hand-block printing.

318. West Bengal Education Minister inaugurated a web portal _____ to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools.

- a) Banglar Mitra
- b) Banglar Shiksha
- c) Banglar Disha
- d) Banglar Pathshala

Answer b) Banglar Shiksha. West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee inaugurated a web portal "Banglar Shiksha" which is set to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools. The portal, Banglar Shiksha (banglarshiksha.gov.in), will be up and running in two months time.

319. In Which State , CZPDC , Bhopal and WZPDC, Indore Indore have been awarded the Saubhagya award under Pradhanmantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana ?

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

Answer d) Madhya Pradesh . In Madhya Pradesh, the Central Zone Power Distribution Company, Bhopal and West Zone Power Distribution Company, Indore have been awarded the Saubhagya award under Pradhanmantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana at the National Conference of Energy Ministers. The award included 100 crore rupees each.