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1. Max how many questions can a Lok Sabha member can ask?

- a) 5
- b) 10
- c) 15
- d) 8

Answer. A) 5. Lok Sabha MPs will be allowed to ask a maximum of five questions in the house per day from the upcoming Monsoon Session, a Lok Sabha Questions Cell bulletin has revealed. The MPs were earlier permitted to ask 10 questions, due to which the number of notices for questions exceeded 230 per day, the bulletin added.

2. Which university has found that air pollution leads to a significantly increased risk of diabetes?

- a) Oxford
- b) Manchester university
- c) Washington University
- d) Chicago University

Answer. C) Washington University. A study conducted by the researchers at USA's Washington University has found that air pollution leads to a significantly increased risk of diabetes. According to the study, air pollution levels, even when deemed 'safe' by agencies like WHO, lead to reduction in insulin production which hampers the body's ability to convert blood glucose into energy.

3. Who holds the record for most appearances for Argentina?

- a) Lionel Messi
- b) Pepe
- c) Javier Mascherano
- d) None of the above

Answer. C) Javier Mascherano. Defender Javier Mascherano, who holds the record for most appearances for Argentina (147), has announced his retirement from international football after crashing out of the World Cup on Saturday. "I will (now) be just another fan of the...team. It's over. The illusion is shattered," the 34-year-old said. He represented Argentina in four World Cup editions and five Copa América tournaments.

4. Which day is observed as Tax Day?

- a) July 2
- b) July 1
- c) July 4
- d) June 30

Answer. B) July 1. GST Day is observed on July 01 to commemorate one year of the implementation of Goods and Services Tax. Addressing a function in New Delhi Finance Minister Piyush Goyal said that Goods & Service Tax has long term benefits for the economy. Union Minister Arun Jaitley hailed GST on the completion of one year and said that GST was necessary for the nation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Congratulated countrymen on the special occasion of GST completing 1 year.

5. In which country Mountain monasteries situated?

- a) South korea
- b) USA
- c) Russia
- d) Israel

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Answer. A) south korea. Mountain monasteries in South Korea, a Saudi oasis and Mumbai's art deco buildings are among a number of sites to make it on to Unesco's World Heritage List. Being listed gives them legal protection under international treaties. The UN's cultural organisation, meeting in Bahrain, have been agreeing which landmark sites around the world need preserving for their cultural, historic or scientific significance.

6. Who got the Icon Award at London Indian Film Festival?

- a) Shahrukh Khan
- b) Irfan khan
- c) Nawajudin Siddiqi
- d) Amir Khan

Answer. B) Irfan khan.

7. India defeated which country to lift Kabaddi Masters 2018 title?

- a) Iran
- b) Pakistan
- c) UAE
- d) Afghanistan

Answer. A) iran. India beat Iran to lift Kabaddi Masters 2018 title

8. Which state has enrolled Sathyasri Sharmila as first transgender lawyer?

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

Answer. B) Tamil Nadu. Sathyasri Sharmila became the first transgender to be enrolled as a lawyer in Tamil Nadu. Sharmila, who has worked as a transgender activist for 11 years, said the plight of the transgender community inspired her to take up law. Sharmila added she decided to register as a lawyer after the Supreme Court recognised her community as third gender.

9. Anjolie Ela Menon is famous in which field?

- a) Dancer
- b) Singer
- c) Artist
- d) Lawyer

Answer. C) artist. Noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon (78) received in the Capital the National Kalidas Samman for visual arts from the Madhya Pradesh government. The award was conferred in recognition of her insightful and sensitive portrayal of the identity and spirit of women through her meaningful paintings in a variety of media.

10. International Day of Parliamentarism is celebrated on?

- a) July 2
- b) July 1
- c) July 4
- d) June 30

Answer. D) June 30. The 2018 International Day of Parliamentarism was observed across the globe on June 30, 2018 with an aim to recognise the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies and in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at national and global levels. The Day celebrates parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of

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government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over. It is also an opportunity for parliaments to take stock, identify challenges, and ways to address them effectively.

11. Which state will be awarded for reducing Maternal Mortality?

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

Answer. C) Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh has been registered an unprecedented 48-digit decline in maternal deaths as per the report of the Registrar General of India from 2014 to 2016. Under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign, Madhya Pradesh will be awarded for reducing maternal mortality.

The Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign has been launched to ensure quality of care of over 3 crore pregnant women of the country before delivery

12. Monti Rajkhowa belongs to which state?

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

Answer. Assam. Monti, who is professionally an executive engineer of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) based in Mumbai, is the first lady ONGC officer among her male counterparts to have managed to scale the world's toughest peak.

She was born and brought up in Meghalaya. The ONGC Kanchenjunga expedition was flagged off by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in April 2018. Mount Kanchenjunga is the third highest mountain in the world.

13. In which country Ravi Thapar is appointed as the next Ambassador of India?

- a) Costa Rica
- b) Argentina
- c) France
- d) China

Answer. A) Costa Rica. Ravi Thapar, presently Ambassador of India to Panama, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Costa Rica. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of 1983 batch and expected to take up the assignment shortly.

14. Antonio Vitorino elected as new Director General of UN migration agency. He belongs to which country?

- a) Argentina
- b) France
- c) China
- d) Portugal

Answer. D) Portugal. Antonio Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira Vitorino of Portugal was elected by the member States of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to serve as the agency's Director General, beginning on 1 October 2018.

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He succeeds William Lacy Swing of the United States, who will have served two five-year terms as IOM chief. Established in 1951, IOM had been an observer to the UN since 1992

15. Which government is going to host 2018 World Union of Wholesale Markets?

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

Answer. D) Haryana. Haryana will host 33rd World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) Conference in Gurugram from October 10-13 this year. Heads of 200 mandis from across the world will participate in this Conference. Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board will organise this conference.

16. Which country runs the Hambantota port?

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

Answer. d) china. Sri Lanka is moving a naval base currently situated in the district of Galle to the Hambantota port which is built and controlled by China. This comes amid concerns by India and the US that China could use the port for military activities. Sri Lanka formally handed over the port to China in December last year.

17. Who became the first Indian Army officer to complete the Ironman Triathlon?

- a) Vikram Batra
- b) Vikram Dogra
- c) Sandeep Lamichan
- d) Abhya Singh

Answer. b) Vikram Dogra. Major General Vikram Dogra has become the first Indian Army officer to complete the Ironman Triathlon, considered the world's toughest triathlon, in Austria. Ironman Triathlon comprises three consecutive events: a 3.8-km swim, 180-km cycling and 42.2-km marathon, to be completed within 17 hours. Major General Dogra completed the triathlon in 14 hours and 21 minutes to earn the 'Ironman' title.

18. JG Nadkarni who recently passed away hold which important portfolio?

- a) Navy chief Admiral
- b) Chief army officer
- c) C.B.I Chief
- d) N.S.A. chief

Answer. a) navy chief admiral. Former Navy chief Admiral JG Nadkarni passed away at the age of 86 after battling thyroid cancer. He served as Chief of the Naval Staff from December 1, 1987 to November 30, 1990. "He participated in the Liberation of Goa and played a stellar role in the India-Pakistan War 1965 and in 1971," Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tweeted.

19. Which of the following country plans to tow icebergs from Antarctica for drinking water?

- a) Russia
- b) U.S.A.
- c) UAE

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d) South Africa

Answer. c) UAE. The National Advisor Bureau Limited of the UAE has proposed to tow icebergs from Antarctica to use them as new sources of water in the Middle East. With an estimated cost of \$50-60 million, the project will begin with the pilot phase in 2019. The company is also developing a technology to ensure that the ice doesn't melt during transportation.

20. With whom Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched 'Happiness Curriculum' for students?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Ramdev
- d) Dalai Lama

Answer. d) Dalai Lama. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and the Dalai Lama launched a 'Happiness Curriculum' for students studying in Class Nursery to Class 8 in government schools. The curriculum will include a 45-minute 'Happiness' class, which will include meditation, value education, and mental exercises. "Only India has the ability to combine modern education with ancient knowledge," the Dalai Lama said.

21. Which country became highest scoring team in FIFA World Cup history?

- a) Argentina
- b) Russia
- c) Brazil
- d) Portugal

Answer. c) Brazil. Forward Neymar's 51st-minute goal in FIFA World Cup Round of 16 match against Mexico helped Brazil surpass Germany's tally of 226 goals to become the highest scoring team in the tournament history. Brazil, who won the match 2-0, have now scored 228 goals in 108 World Cup matches. As many as 79 Brazilian players have scored WC goals.

22. In which country India export max. of its seafood?

- a) USA
- b) China
- c) Portugal
- d) Brazil

Answer. a) USA. India's seafood exports crossed \$7-billion mark for the first time in 2017-18, with frozen shrimp and fish continuing to be the flagship export items. The exports fetched \$7.08 billion compared to \$5.77 billion in FY17. The US and South East Asia retained their positions as major import markets of India's seafood products, with a share of 32.76% and 31.59% respectively.

23. Who is elected Mexico's president?

- a) Ryan Guzman
- b) Emma Coronel Aispuro
- c) Enrique Peña Nieto
- d) Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador

Answer. d) Andrés Manuel López Obrador. Andrés Manuel López Obrador has been elected as Mexico's President with over 53% of the vote, according to the country's electoral commission. Obrador, who has won the presidency at the third attempt, promised to tackle

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violence and wipe out corruption. The 64-year-old former Mexico City mayor will formally take power on December 1.

24. Which state gov. started scheme to provide milk to 62 lakh school students?

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

Answer. c) Rajasthan. The Rajasthan government has launched a scheme to provide milk thrice a week to 62 lakh students in government schools and madrassas. While students till Class 5 will get 150 ml, students in Class 6-8 will get 200 ml. This scheme was launched by Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje during the launch of Annapurna Dudh Yojana, in Jaipur.

25. Which country will host 19th World Congress of Food Science and Technology?

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

Answer. b) India. India will host the “International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) 2018” in Navi Mumbai from October 23-27, 2018. The focal theme for this 19th edition of the prestigious congress is 25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods. Union Minister of Food Processing Industries – Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

26. Who won the won the Austrian Grand Prix?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Sebastian Vettel
- c) Kimi Raikkonen

Answer. a) Max Verstappen. Verstappen (20-year-old Dutch driver) won Red Bull’s home Austrian Grand Prix Formula One to claim his first win of the season. Kimi Raikkonen was a close second, with teammate Vettel third.

27. Who has been appointed as new CEO of democratic party?

- a) Vijay Srinivas
- b) Mary Beth Cahill
- c) Seema Nanda
- d) Nanda Sai

Answer. Seema Nanda. The Democratic National Committee (DNC), the decision-making body of the Democratic Party in the US, has appointed Indian American Seema Nanda to serve as its new CEO.

Nanda is currently the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the largest human and civil rights organisation in the US. She replaces interim CEO Mary Beth Cahill, who took the helm of the DNC in February.

28. Who has been appointed Director and GM of United India Insurance?

- a) Vijay Srinivas
- b) Vinod Tiwari
- c) Janardan Singh

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d) Sudha Murty

Answer. a) Vijay Srinivas. City-based United India Insurance Company announced the appointment of K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager with effect from July 1. Prior to taking up the new role, he was serving National Insurance Company Ltd as its Chief Marketing Officer and General Manager.

29. Who is elected as President of International Kabaddi Federation Chief?

- a) Vijay Srinivas
- b) Vinod Tiwari
- c) Janardan Singh
- d) Sudha Murty

Answer. c) Janardan Singh Gehlot. Janardan Singh Gehlot, an Indian sports administrator, was elected as the president of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) for the next four years. The result was announced after the Annual General Congress (AGC) of the federation, conducted in Dubai, the UAE.

Observer and Director of International Affairs Olympic Council of Asia Vinod Tiwari was also present in the AGC of the IKF where 22-member countries participated.

30. Who is runner up of Hockey Champions Trophy Final 2018?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Australia
- c) Malaysia
- d) India

Answer. d) India. India lost 1-3 to Australia in the final match of “Champions Trophy Hockey 2018” held in Breda, the Netherlands. India captain PR Sreejesh receives the award for the best goalkeeper of the tournament. The Netherlands beat Olympic champions Argentina 2-0 to win the bronze medal playoff.

31. Who won the Malaysian Open Badminton singles title for a historic 12th time?

- a) Zheng Siwei-Huang Yaqiong
- b) Wang Yilyu-Huang Dongping
- c) Lee Chong Wei
- d) Tai Tzu-ying

Answer. c) Lee Chong Wei. Malaysian veteran Lee Chong Wei has won the Malaysian Open Badminton singles title for a historic 12th time. In the final match, he defeated Japanese shuttler Kento Momota in straight games 21-17 23-21 in 71 minutes.

32. Which state will set up India's first Khadi mall?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Jharkhand
- c) M.P.
- d) Gujrat

Answer. b) Jharkhand. While addressing the ‘Karigar Panchayat’ organized by the Khadi Board at the Tana Bhagat Indoor Stadium, Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das announced that, within 15 days, land in the Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) campus will be made available to the Khadi Board to develop the country's first Khadi mall. People in the Jharkhand villages are talented and so far 1.13 lakh artisans have been registered to be trained to make goods as per the needs of the market.

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32. Who became the fifth cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame?

- a) Ricky Ponting
- b) Claire Taylor
- c) Kapil Dev
- d) Rahul Dravid

Answer. d) Rahul Dravid. Former Team India captain Rahul Dravid (45-year-old) has become the fifth Indian cricketer after Anil Kumble, Sunil Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi and Kapil Dev to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. He scored 24,208 runs in 509 international matches in his nearly 16-year-long playing career. Australia captain Ricky Ponting and retired England woman wicketkeeper-batter Claire Taylor are also inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

33. Who wins Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018 Title?

- a) India
- b) Malaysia
- c) Thailand
- d) Pakistan

Answer. a) India. India thrashed Iran 44-26 to emerge champions of the six-nation Kabaddi Masters Dubai. The three-time world champions did not give Iran any ground to recover with captain Ajay Thakur (nine points) and youngster Monu Goyat (six) leading the raid charts. India's defence was also excellent with Surjeet Singh returning with seven tackle points.

34. Which country defeated Belgium to win Quidditch World Cup for third time?

- a) India
- b) Malaysia
- c) U.S.A.
- d) Thailand

Answer. c) U.S.A. The US defeated Belgium in the fourth Quidditch World Cup's final to clinch their third title. As many as 29 countries competed in the 2018 Quidditch World Cup, which is based on the game mentioned in JK Rowling's Harry Potter books. Two teams of seven players run around with broomsticks between their legs and engage in a full-contact contest.

35. Which country aims to add 40 million WiFi users in India by 2019?

- a) Microsoft
- b) Google
- c) HCL
- d) Infosys

Answer. b) google. Google's public WiFi project aims to capture 40 million new users in India by 2019, a company executive has said. It will result in around \$20 billion being added to India's GDP, according to Google and research firm Analysys Mason's study. They also revealed over 100 million users will spend an extra \$3 billion annually on mobile broadband and handsets.

36. In which country Russia will build two nuclear power units?

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

Answer. a) china. Russia will build two nuclear power units in China which are expected to be operational by 2026 and 2027 respectively. Russia's state nuclear power corporation Rosatom and China's National Energy Administration signed a deal to build the two 1,200-

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megawatt units at the Tianwan nuclear power plant. Russia has built 35 nuclear power units around the world under intergovernmental agreements.

37. In which country World's first digital art museum opened?

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

Answer. c) japan. The world's first all-digital art museum has opened at the MORI Building Digital Art Museum in Japan's Tokyo. It features around 50 kaleidoscopic installations triggered by motion sensors, which are projected across every surface of the 100,000-square-foot exhibit space with the help of lights. The museum appears to be a set of halls with black walls without the lights.

38. Who is the sports minister of India?

- a) Nitin gadkari
- b) Rajwardhan Singh
- c) Piyush Goel
- d) Prakash Javdekar

Answer. b) rajwardhan singh rathore. Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore has revealed the name of Sports Authority of India will be changed to Sports India. Rathore added the body will be made leaner as "some posts won't be retained after officers on them retire". He further said that daily expenses of food for athletes will be raised and a committee for it is being formed.

39. Who won the National Maritime Search and Rescue Award?

- a) Milan Shankar Tare
- b) Sachin Singh
- c) Piyush Singh Chauhan
- d) Shiv Shankar das

Answer. a) milan Shankar Tare. A fisherman from Maharashtra will receive National Maritime Search and Rescue Award for saving 12 fishermen whose boat had capsized. Milan Shankar Tare was fishing off Satpati coast at night when he heard cries for help and noticed that the navigational lights visible from a boat earlier were missing. He immediately started moving in that direction and raised an alarm.

40. To which country's bank RBI issued licence for operation in India?

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

Answer. d) china. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reportedly issued a licence to Bank of China to operate in India. The decision was reportedly based on the commitment made by PM Narendra Modi to Chinese leadership during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit. Bank of China is one of China's four major state-owned banks and has a market capitalisation of \$153 billion

41. Which species embryo was created for 1st time to save nearly extinct species?

- a) Rhino
- b) Tiger
- c) Bird
- d) Fish

Answer. a) rhino. Researchers have created the world's first rhino embryos in a test tube to save near-extinct northern white rhinos, which has only two females alive globally. For this, the team fertilised southern white rhinos' eggs with dead northern white rhinos' sperm.

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Researchers also plan to use this process on last two northern white females to produce pure northern white rhino embryos.

42. Which telecom provider launched its fiber broadband technology?

- a) Airtel
- b) Jio
- c) Idea
- d) Bsnl

Answer. b) jio. Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani has launched JioGigaFiber fixed-line broadband services at the company's 41st Annual General Meeting. JioGigaFiber will be extended to homes, merchants, and small and medium enterprises across 1,100 cities. Ambani said the service would provide Ultra HD entertainment on TV, voice-activated assistance, VR gaming as well as smart home solutions.

43. In which state India's 1st taxi ambulance service flagged off?

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

Answer. c) delhi. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari flagged off India's first taxi ambulance services in Delhi, a service by a Gurugram-based startup Wagon Cab. The cabs are equipped with medical supplies and medically trained drivers. The drivers will approach accident victims as soon as they are notified and will get an additional ₹500 for every victim that they tend to.

44. Which of the following species are there in Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species?

- a) Northern River Terrapin (riverine turtle)
- b) Red Panda
- c) Clouded Leopard
- d) All of these

Answer. d) The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has given its nod to include four diverse species — Northern River Terrapin (riverine turtle), Red Panda, Clouded Leopard and Arabian Sea Humpback Whale — in the recovery programme for critically endangered species. This decision will lead to targeted conservation of these species whose population is on the decline. They fall in the critically endangered to vulnerable categories as per the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The species recovery programme of the Union Environment Ministry is implemented under Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats — a centrally sponsored umbrella scheme for management and conservation of parks, wildlife habitats and conservation.

45. Who will inaugurate the India's First Global Mobility Summit?

- a) Ram Nath Kovind
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Venkaia naidu
- d) Rajnath Singh

Answer. b) Narendra Modi. Government think tank Niti Aayog will hold on September 7-8 here the India's first 'Global Mobility Summit', to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The summit will help drive government's goal for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth and also speed up India's transition to a clean energy economy.

'MOVE: Global Mobility Summit' will be organised in collaboration with various ministries and industry partners.

Over 1,200 participants from across the world including government leadership, industry

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leaders, think tank and civil society organisations are likely to attend the summit.

46. cVigil is an app by?

- a) CBI
- b) CID
- c) NSG
- d) Election commission

Answer. d) E.C. “cVIGIL” will allow anyone in the election-bound state to report violations of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) that comes into effect from the date of announcement of elections and goes on till a day after the polls. By using this app, citizens can immediately report on incidents of misconduct within minutes of having witnessed them and without having to rush to the office of the returning officer to lodge a complaint.

47. Which company will launch fully self-driving buses in Japan?

- a) Baidu
- b) Google
- c) Xiaomi
- d) Lenovo

Answer. a) baidu. Chinese technology giant Baidu has partnered with Softbank’s public-transportation subsidiary SB Drive to launch a self-driving bus service in Japan next year. Baidu is also working with Chinese automaker King Long to build the buses and has made 100 of them so far. The buses, which can seat 14 passengers, will come without a driver’s seat or a steering wheel.

48. Which central force becomes 1st to opt for e-ticketing?

- a) CBI
- b) NSG
- c) CID
- d) RAW

Answer. b) NSG. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) signed a MoU with the National Security Guard (NSG) at the headquarters of the special force, New Delhi. This system will eliminate the need for carrying railway warrants by the NSG personnel. The NSG is the first central paramilitary force to opt for e-ticketing instead of the railway warrant under an agreement signed with the IRCTC. The IRCTC is also developing an e-ticketing-cum-warrant management system for the Central Reserve Police Force.

49. Who is the Chairperson of Nasscom?

- a) Rishad Premji
- b) Keshav R. Murugesh
- c) Sanjeev Maheswari
- d) None of these

Answer. a) rishad Premji. National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) opened a Centre of Excellence for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence and signed a MoU with NITI Aayog to collaboratively foster applied research, accelerating adoption and ethics, privacy and security.

The aim is to strengthen the country’s Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem. Nasscom will also include NITI Aayog as a knowledge partner. Both the CoE and MoU aims to serve as a platform for intelligence-sharing and technology collaboration between stakeholders to build collective capabilities for the industry and country in the cutting-edge areas AI.

Chairperson of Nasscom: Rishad Premji

Vice Chairman of Nasscom: Keshav R. Murugesh

Headquarters: Noida, Delhi

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50. Which high court declared animals to be ‘legal persons’?

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

Answer. c) Uttarakhand. A division bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Lokpal Singh bestowed the unique status on the animal kingdom while issuing a series of directions to prevent cruelty against animals. The Uttarakhand High Court in the past had given a similar right to river Ganga when it ordered that the river is a human entity and will enjoy all corresponding rights.

51. Which state government approved reservation for 5 communities, including Gujjars?

- a) Haryana
- b) Punjab
- c) Delhi
- d) Rajasthan

Answer. d) Rajasthan. This comes ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s rally in Jaipur on July 7. The five communities who benefit from this order of the Rajasthan government are – Godia Lohar, Banjara, Gujjar, Raika and Gadaria.

Two separate orders have been issued by the state government – one for admission to educational institutions, and the other for government jobs.

52. Which state launched ‘Poshan Abhiyan’ to eradicate malnutrition?

- a) Punjab
- b) Gujrat
- c) Delhi
- d) Rajasthan

Answer. b) Gujrat. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched ‘Poshan Abhiyan’ – a statewide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres. He also launched ‘Purna’ project to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18, at an allocated cost of Rs 270 crore.

◆ Full form of PURNA – Prevention of Under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia among Adolescent Girls.

◆ Nationwide Poshan Mission was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Rajasthan on March 8 this year.

53. Which scheme is approved by Cabinet for relief and rehabilitation of Migrants?

- a) PURNA
- b) Poshan
- c) Umbrella
- d) Shelter

Answer. c) Umbrella. The Union Cabinet approved the Umbrella scheme Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates of Ministry of Home Affairs to continue the 8 existing schemes up to March 2020.

This schemes will provide relief and rehabilitation assistance to refugees, displaced persons, civilian victims of terrorist, communal, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) violence and cross-border firing and mine and IED blasts on Indian territory and riot victims of various incidents etc

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54. Which airport will be renamed after being approved by cabinet?

- a) Assam
- b) Agartala
- c) Kohima
- d) Sikkim

Answer. b) agartala. The Union Cabinet approved the proposal of renaming Agartala Airport in Tripura as Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore Airport, Agartala. The decision comes in the demand of both the people of Tripura as well as Government of Tripura for paying tribute to Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore.

Agartala Airport was constructed in 1942 on the land donated by Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore. Due to his initiative, an aerodrome at Agartala was constructed and it has now evolved into the second busiest airport in North East providing crucial air connectivity to Tripura.

55. Which state government launched subsidised power scheme named Sambal?

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

Answer. b) M.P. Under Sambal Yojana, the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity at a cost of Rs 200 per month.

The scheme is expected to benefit 88 lakh families in the state.

◆ Objective:-

To make sure that all the households in Madhya Pradesh have power facility.

◆ Who are eligible for the Sambal scheme?

People who are not using air-conditioners, electric heaters and whose power consumption is below 1000 watts would be eligible for this scheme.

56. Whose first 'pad abort' test conducted successfully?

- a) ISRO
- b) NASA
- c) Japan tech
- d) Xiomi.

Answer. a) ISRo. The PAT (Pad Abort Test) was conducted at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. It marks the first step to qualify India's indigenous Crew Escape System technology for launching astronauts into space.

The Crew Escape System is an emergency accident avoidance measure designed to quickly get astronauts and their spacecraft away from the launch vehicle if a malfunction occurs during the initial stage of the launch. A prior critical experiment was carried out on December 18, 2014, when the CARE (Crew Module Atmospheric Re-entry Experiment) capsule successfully demonstrated that it could survive atmospheric re-entry.

57. Who Became first Indian to hit three T20I hundreds?

- a) K.L. Rahul
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Shikhar Dhawan
- d) Rohit Sharma

Answer. d) rohit. Team India opener Rohit Sharma has become the first Indian cricketer to smash three centuries in T20I cricket. The 31-year-old achieved the feat by reaching the

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three-figure mark in 56 balls during the third T20I against England. Rohit is only the second cricketer after New Zealand's Colin Munro to register three tons in T20I cricket.

58. Steve Ditko was famous for?

- a) Artist
- b) Dancer
- c) Cartoonist
- d) Journalist

Answer. a) artist. Steve Ditko, the Marvel Comics artist who co-created the superhero Spider-Man, has passed away aged 90. He was found dead in his apartment in New York on June 29 and it is believed that he died about two days earlier. Ditko, along with writer Stan Lee, had introduced Spider-Man in an issue of Amazing Fantasy in 1962.

59. Who became the 3rd richest person in the world?

- a) Jeff Bezos
- b) Bill Gates
- c) Mark Zuckerberg
- d) Valamdir Putin

Answer. c) Mark Zuckerberg. Facebook's 34-year-old CEO Mark Zuckerberg has dethroned Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett to become the world's third-richest person with \$81.6 billion wealth, according to Bloomberg. Zuckerberg gained \$8.8 billion this year despite Facebook's data-privacy crisis that slumped its stock by 18%. Amazon's Jeff Bezos remains the world's richest, while Microsoft's Bill Gates second-richest.

60. Which country's former P.M. sentenced to 10 years in jail?

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

Answer. d) pak. Former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was sentenced to ten years in prison in a corruption case. His daughter Maryam and her husband Captain Safdar were also sentenced to seven years and one year in jail respectively. The case pertains to the purchase of flats in London and came to light after the Panama Papers leak in 2016.

61. Which is the world's emptiest airport'?

- a) Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport
- b) Nyingchi Mainling Airport
- c) Alert Airport, Canada
- d) Wiley Post–Will Rogers Memorial Airport, Alaska

Answer. a) Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport. India will develop Sri Lanka's loss-making Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in Hambantota, called the 'world's emptiest airport'. With India's investment, the project is expected to handle 5 million passengers, 50,000-ton cargo, and over 6000 air traffic operations every year by 2028. This comes in the backdrop of China developing the Hambantota seaport project in the country.

62. Which state gov. announced 'one person, one car' policy for ministers?

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

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Answer. c) West Bengal. In an attempt to cut the costs incurred by the state over travel expenses of ministers and bureaucrats, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced the 'one person, one car' policy. Further mandating economy class travel in low-cost airlines for all domestic air trips, she added that foreign travels will be sanctioned only by her.

63. Which state orders plastic ban from July 15?

- a) Gujrat
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) West Bengal
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer. d) Uttar Pradesh. During a programme in Barabanki district, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced ban on plastic bags, cups and glasses across the state from July 15 onwards. Maharashtra had banned the use of plastic from June 23. The latest announcement came as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is pushing a plan to completely end the use of single-use plastic in India by 2022.

64. Where will be Civil Aviation Research Organization set up?

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

Answer. b) Hyderabad. State-run Airports Authority of India (AAI) will set up Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO) at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. AAI has allocated Rs 1,200 crore for this project that will be spent over 12 years for research and development. The objective is to solve growing air traffic and to enhance safety, capacity and efficiency of aircraft operations in India.

65. International Day of Cooperatives celebrated on

- a) 8 july
- b) 7 july
- c) 8 june
- d) 7 june

Answer. b) 7 july. The theme for the 2018 International Day of Co-operatives is "sustainable consumption and production of goods and services". On December 16, 1992, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed in resolution 47/90 "the first Saturday of July 1995 to be International Day of Cooperatives, marking the centenary of the establishment of the International Cooperative Alliance". July 7 is also celebrated as Global Forgiveness Day, Chocolate Day.

66. Who is appointed as New Chairman of National Green Tribunal?

- a) J. AK Goel
- b) J. Jawad Rahim
- c) J. Swatantra Kumar
- d) J. HL Dattu

Answer. d) AK Goel. Supreme Court judge Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel was appointed as the Chairman of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for a period of 5 years. He was the first Supreme Court judge from Haryana. He replaces the acting chairperson Justice Jawad Rahim. Justice Goel was appointed Supreme Court judge in July 2014. About NGT:- The NGT was established on October 18, 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act for effective and

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expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.

67. Which is the most valuable bank in the emerging market outside China?

- a) Axis
- b) ICICI
- c) HDFC
- d) SBI

Answer. c) HDFC. There are four lenders from India that now rank among the world's 500 most valuable companies. HDFC Bank is followed by its housing finance cousin Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC), Kotak Mahindra Bank and State Bank of India.

68. Which company became India's largest taxpayer in the private sector?

- a) Mahindra
- b) Reliance
- c) Maruti
- d) Tata

Answer. b) reliance. Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries limited (RIL) is India's largest payer of Goods and Services Tax (GST), Excise and Customs Duty, and Income Tax in the private sector. RIL's consolidated net profit for the fourth-quarter (January-March) of fiscal 2017-18 stood at Rs. 9,435 crore, up by 17.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

69. In which city Integral Coach Factory (ICF) is situated?

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

Answer. a) Chennai. India's much-awaited indigenously manufactured semi high-speed train called "Train 2018", code-named Train 18, is expected to be rolled out in September. It is built by Integral Coach Factory (ICF) of Chennai to promote Make in India, and is capable of running at a speed of 160 km per hour.

70. Who won gold medal at Tbilisi Grand Prix?

- a) Deepak Punia
- b) Mehran Akbar
- c) Bharat Nigam
- d) Bajrang Punia

Answer. d) Bajrang Punia. Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia won the gold medal at Tbilisi Grand Prix in Georgia with a 9-3 win over Iran's Mehran Akbar Nasirifrachali in the 65kg category final. Deepak Punia won the bronze medal in the 86kg category by defeating Turkey's Osman Gocen 5-3.

71. Which telecom company unveiled internet telephony service 'Wings'?

- a) Idea
- b) Jio
- c) Bsnl
- d) Airtel

Answer. c) bsnl. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) will roll out its new internet telephony service with brand name "Wings" from August 1. Those subscribing to "Wings", entailing one-time registration fee of Rs 1,099, will be able to make calls using any internet connection

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including broadband, WiFi, 3G or 4G data network of any operator, thus overcoming connectivity problems even in areas having patchy signals. Those subscribers can avail free domestic calls for one year, while the overseas calls will be priced as per international tariffs of BSNL landline.

72. Who developed 'GST Verify'?

- a) Mehran Akbar
- b) Bharat Nigam
- c) B Raghu Kiran

Answer. c) B Raghu Kiran. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has launched a mobile app 'GST Verify' developed by B Raghu Kiran, joint commissioner GST Hyderabad. It is an android app to verify if the person collecting GST from the consumer is eligible to collect it or not.

73. Who is appointed as MD of NFDC?

- a) Bharat Nigam
- b) B Raghu Kiran
- c) Nina Lath Gupta
- d) Manoj Kumar Pingua

Answer. d) Manoj Kumar Pingua. Manoj Kumar Pingua, a joint secretary of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is appointed as the acting Manager of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC). The previous Managing Director of NFDC is Nina Lath Gupta.

74. Which team is joined by Ronaldo after his exit from Real Madrid?

- a) Manchester United
- b) Juventus
- c) Barcelona
- d) Milan

Hidden content Answer b) Juventus. Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo has left Spanish club Real Madrid after nine years, joining Italian side Juventus in a reported £105-million (₹956-crore) four-year deal. The five-time Ballon d'Or-winner scored 451 goals in 438 matches for the Spanish team, winning two La Liga titles and four Champions League trophies. He also became Real Madrid's record goal scorer during his tenure.

75. Which is the China's first optical remote sensing satellite sold to Pakistan?

- a) PRSS-1
- b) PakTES-1A
- c) Babar
- d) PSSR-2

Answer a) PRSS-1. China launched the PRSS-1 and the PakTES-1A satellites for Pakistan from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. According to the Chinese state media, the PRSS-1 will be used for land and resources surveying and monitoring of natural disasters, among other purposes. The PRSS-1 is China's first optical remote sensing satellite sold to Pakistan.

76. Which state tops ease of doing business ranking?

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

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Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh has topped the ease of doing business 2016-17 rankings released by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) for the second year in a row with a score of 98.42%. Andhra Pradesh is followed by Telangana, Haryana, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan. Meghalaya has been ranked last in ease of doing business.

77. How many year old war between Ethiopia, Eritrea end?

- a) 28
- b) 25
- c) 20
- d) 30

Answer c) 20. The leaders of Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a declaration to fully implement a peace deal reached in 2000, ending the 20-year war between the two countries. Both the nations also agreed to re-establish trade and diplomatic ties. Eritrea seceded from Ethiopia in 1993, and the two countries fought a border war from 1998 to 2000.

78. Who is appointed as new UK Foreign Secretary?

- a) Jeremy Hunt
- b) Boris Johnson
- c) Theresa May
- d) None of these

Answer a) Jeremy Hunt. British Prime Minister Theresa May appointed Jeremy Hunt as Foreign Secretary after Boris Johnson resigned in protest at the government's Brexit plan. "Time to back our PM to get a great Brexit deal – it's now or never," Hunt said. Notably, Hunt backed "Remain" during the 2016 Brexit referendum campaign.

79. World's largest mobile phone factory is opened by?

- a) Xiaomi
- b) Vivo
- c) Samsung
- d) Nokia

Answer c) Samsung. South Korean multinational conglomerate Samsung on Monday opened the world's largest mobile phone manufacturing factory in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The facility, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, is spread over 35 acres in Noida's Sector 81. Built at a cost of ₹5,000 crore, the facility can produce 12 crore mobile phones every year.

80. Of which company Martin Schwenk is named new MD and CEO?

- a) Tata
- b) Mercedes-Benz
- c) Maruti
- d) Lamborgini

Answer b) Mercedes-Benz. Luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz announced the appointment of Martin Schwenk as the new MD and CEO for Mercedes-Benz India with effect from November 1. Schwenk will replace Roland Folger, who will assume a new position for Mercedes-Benz's Thailand and Vietnam markets. Schwenk is currently the CFO of Beijing Mercedes-Benz Sales Service Co. in China.

81. Who will lead Indian Hockey Team at Asian games 2018?

- a) Harendra Singh

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- b) PR Sreejesh
- c) Chinglensana Singh
- d) Kangujam

Answer a) Harendra Singh. Indian goalkeeper PR Sreejesh will lead the 18 member Indian men's hockey squad and Chinglensana Singh Kangujam will serve as his deputy in the 18th Asian Games. It will begin in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia in August 2018.

Coach – Harendra Singh

Captain – PR Sreejesh

Deputy Captain – Chinglensana Singh Kangujam

82. Who won Golden Man Booker International prize 2018?

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) Michael Ondaatje
- c) Chinglensana
- d) None of these

Answer b) Michael Ondaatje. Michael Ondaatje's best selling novel 'The English Patient' has been crowned as the winner of the Golden Man Booker Prize at the Southbank Centre in London. The prize was instituted as part of celebrations to mark the Booker's having completed 50 years.

The novel move between large themes of war, loyalty, love. It is set, during World War II, about Hana, a nurse, who tends to a horribly burned man who finds himself in an Italian villa with three other unlikely characters. It was picked as the winner by a public poll from a shortlist of five books.

83. RBI cancelled licence of which bank?

- a) Axis
- b) ICICI
- c) PNB
- d) Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank

Answer d) Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank. Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Alwar, Rajasthan is prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits.

On liquidation, every depositor is entitled to repayment of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 1,00,000 from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

84. Where did HRD Minister inaugurated 17th World Sanskrit Conference?

- a) New Delhi
- b) New York
- c) Canada
- d) Mauritius

Answer c) Canada. Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 17th World Sanskrit Conference held at Vancouver, Canada, from July 9-13, 2018. There will be a special panel discussion on topics such as – History and Education of Women in Vedic Literature, Sanskrit Buddhist Manus, Mimamsa Beyond the Yagasala, the Yuktidipika forging a place for Sankhya, introducing Bhagavata Purana Commentaries and research on the Gargiyajyotis. The World Sanskrit Conference is being held in various countries across the globe once in every three years and so far it has been held thrice in India.

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85. Whom did Muthoot Pappachan Group appoint as brand ambassador?

- a) Shahrukh Khan
- b) Deepika padukone
- c) Dia Mirza
- d) Vidya Balan

Answer d) Vidya balan. The Muthoot Pappachan Group, which is mainly into the financial services business, has appointed film actress Vidya Balan as brand ambassador for two years and unveiled a new corporate identity.

Muthoot Pappachan Group is into two-wheeler finance, micro-finance, affordable housing finance, health, life and general insurance, precious metals, automotive, realty, hospitality and IT businesses, among others.

Muthoot Pappachan Group CMD – Thomas John Muthoot

86. Which state banned use of thermocol cutlery?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Karnataka
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Himanchal Pradesh

Answer d) himanchal Pradesh. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur had announced the ban on the World Environment Day on June 5, but it was observed that it was still in use. The Himachal Pradesh government recently issued fresh notification banning use of thermocol cutlery including cups, plates, glasses, spoons or any other item in the state. The state government has set a deadline of three months for manufacturers to dispose of their stocks.

87. India signed 5 MoUs with which country in the field of Science & Technology?

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

Answer a) south Korea. India signed 5 MoUs with South Korea in the field of Science and Technology in New Delhi. Science and Technology Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and his South Korean counterpart Mr. You Young Min signed three MoUs for (i) Programme of Cooperation 2018-21; (ii) Establishment of Future Strategy Group; (iii) Cooperation in Biotechnology & Bioeconomy.

88. Who took charge as president of AIU?

- a) Harsh Vardhan
- b) Sandeep Sancheti
- c) Harendra Singh
- d) PR Sreejesh

Answer b) Sandeep sancheti. Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Vice Chancellor of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) has assumed charge as the 97th President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.

The AIU, which was founded in 1925 and initially known as the Inter-University Board of India, has currently more than 720 members represented by Vice Chancellors. The AIU facilitates coordination and mutual consultation among Universities as well as acting as a liaison with Central and State governments.

89. Who is the first Indian to climb world's highest volcano?

- a) Satyarup Siddhanta

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- b) Malli Mastan Babu
- c) Boris Johnson

Answer b) Malli Mastan Babu. Satyarup Siddhanta has become the second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb Mt Ojos del Salado, the highest volcano in the world.

Satyarup is also set to be the first Indian to climb Mt Sidley, the highest volcano of Antarctica.

Mount Ojos del Salado is a stratovolcano (a volcano built up of alternate layers of lava and ash) in the Andes on the Argentina-Chile border and the highest active volcano in the world at 6,893 metres (22,615 ft).

90. Who is appointed as new Brexit Secretary?

- a) David Davis
- b) Dominic Raab
- c) Malli Mastan Babu
- d) Boris Johnson

Answer b) dominic raab. British Prime Minister Theresa May appointed Dominic Raab as the new Brexit Secretary after his predecessor “David Davis” quit in protest at the government’s plans for a close trading relationship with the European Union.

Boris Johnson resigned as UK’s Foreign Secretary amid a growing political crisis over UK’s Brexit strategy. His resignation came 30 minutes before UK PM Theresa May addressed the Parliament about her new Brexit plan. The UK is due to leave the European Union on 29 March 2019, but the two sides have yet to agree how trade will work between the UK and the EU afterwards.

91. Telecommunication ministry approved merging of Idea and which other company?

- a) BSNL
- b) Aircel
- c) Vodafone
- d) Jio

Answer c) Vodafone. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) approved the merger of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular which will create the country’s largest mobile services operator. The combined operations of Idea and Vodafone will create the country’s largest telecom operator worth more than over Rs. 1.5 lakh crore, with a 35% market share and a subscriber base of about 430 million.

92. Gujarat Government grants religious minority status to which community?

- a) Jews
- b) Hindu
- c) Sikhs
- d) Marathi

Answer a) Jews. The Government of Gujarat has granted minority status to followers of Judaism in the state, thus becoming the third state in India to do so. The notification was issued by the state’s Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Gujarat has a very small Jewish community with approximately 170 members, mostly located in Ahmedabad. The city is home to the only synagogue in the state, the Magen Abraham Synagogue that was built in 1934.

93. In which city, First India Tourism Mart will be held?

- a) Gurugram

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- b) Delhi
- c) Ahmedabad
- d) Gandhinagar

Answer b) Delhi. The Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism, K. J. Alphons announced that the Tourism Ministry in partnership with the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) and with the support of State /UT Governments will organize the 'first ever' India Tourism Mart (ITM) from 16th to 18th September, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The objective of the event is to create an annual Global Tourism Mart for India in line with major international travel marts being held in countries across the world. The Mart will provide a platform for all stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality industries to interact and transact business opportunities.

94. Which team defeated England in semi-finals?

- a) Russia
- b) Portugal
- c) Croatia
- d) France

Answer. c) Croatia. Croatia defeated England 2-1 after extra time in the second semi-final to reach FIFA World Cup final for the first time in history. England have now failed to reach the World Cup final in every edition they have played since winning the quadrennial tournament in 1966. Croatia will face 1998 champions France in the summit clash.

95. Which Indian city has black carbon pollution 5 times more than US?

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

Answer. b) delhi. A study by UK's University of Surrey has revealed average black carbon concentration on roads in New Delhi was up to five times higher compared to Europe or North America. Black carbon is produced by carbon-rich fuels like petrol and diesel. The study also found that Asian residents are exposed to nine times more air pollution than their Western counterparts.

96. Which company becomes India's 1st network to launch 'internet telephony'?

- a) Idea
- b) Jio
- c) Vodafone
- d) BSNL

Answer. d) BSNL. BSNL became the country's first telephone network to launch 'internet telephony' service, which makes landline work like mobile. BSNL users will be able to call on any network's number by installing BSNL's app 'Wings' on their devices including smartphone, tablet or laptop. Until now, phone calls on mobile apps were possible only within users of a particular app.

97. Which app launched 'forward label' feature for texts globally?

- a) What's app
- b) Facebook
- c) Telegram
- d) Skype

Answer. a) what's app. Facebook-owned WhatsApp has launched a 'forward label' feature

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which will highlight the forwarded messages on the platform. The feature will help users in determining that the sender is not the creator of the message. The move is part of WhatsApp's efforts to prevent the spreading of fake messages that prompted many mob lynching cases in India.

98. Who classified sex addiction as mental illness?

- a) World Bank
- b) WHO
- c) United nation
- d) None of these

Answer. b) WHO. Sex addiction has been recognised as a mental health disorder by the World Health Organisation in its International Classification of Diseases list. A person is addicted when they have a "persistent pattern of failure to control intense, repetitive sexual impulses or urges resulting in repetitive sexual behaviour", WHO stated. Earlier, WHO declared gaming addiction as a mental health disorder

99. Name the largest naval exercise?

- a) RIMPAC
- b) Ekuverine
- c) Eagle
- d) None of these

Answer. a) RIMPAC. In a first, Indian Navy's P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft has been inducted at Hawaii for participating in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, which is the world's largest international maritime exercise. As many as 26 countries will take part in the drill this year and will undertake tactical exercises, including anti-submarine warfare and maritime reconnaissance missions.

100. Who addressed the Conference of Intra-ocular Implant & Refractive Society of India?

- a) Vice president
- b) President
- c) Prime Minister
- d) Home minister

Answer. a) VC. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu addressed the Conference of Intra-ocular Implant & Refractive Society of India, in Chennai. Inaugurating the Indian Intraocular Implant and Refractive Surgery Convention-2018, he said the younger generation in the country was being affected by various eye problems.

Noting that one-third of 45 million blind people in the world were from India, he said as the studies warn that the number of blind people was set to triple, it was time for ophthalmologists to look in to the concept of artificial intelligence.

101. From which city Shri Ramayana express will start?

- a) Ayodhya
- b) Delhi
- c) Ahmedabad
- d) Mithila

Answer. b) delhi. The Indian Railways is planning to start a special train, 'Shri Ramayana Express', which will cover important destinations related to the epic in a 16-days journey in the month of November. The train will begin its journey from Delhi's Safdarjung railway station on November 14, 2018.

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The tour will be spread across India as well as Sri Lanka. The cost of the trip will be Rs.15,120 per person, which will cover all meals, accommodation, wash and change facilities in Dharmashalas, all transfers, sightseeing arrangements and a dedicated tour manager.

102. Who started “The Eat Right Movement”?

- a) WHO
- b) FSSAI
- c) UN
- d) None of these

Answer. b) FSSAI. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has unveiled ‘The Eat Right Movement’. It is built on two broad pillars of ‘Eat Healthy’ and ‘Eat Safe’. It aims at engaging and enabling citizens to improve their health and well-being by making the right food choices and to cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years. FSSAI CEO Pawan Agarwal said the movement can grow organically as a self-perpetuating movement, co-owned and co-led by various partners using the broad framework and resources put together by professionals and experts in the field of food and nutrition.

103. Which state government signed MoU with Microsoft?

- a) Delhi
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Rajasthan

Answer. d) Rajasthan. Rajasthan government signed a MoU with Microsoft to provide digital training to 9,500 students of government colleges. It will also train 500 faculty members.

The initiative is to enhance the youths’ employability and empower them with technical education and to improve the standards of digital literacy in Rajasthan.

104. India signed MoUs with which country and pledged to double trade?

- a) South Korea
- b) USA
- c) Russia
- d) Israel

Answer. a) south Korea. India and South Korea signed MoUs and agreements and vowed to more than double trade in the next decade. The MoUs included a statement on expanding the 2010 Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and a joint vision statement that committed to more military exchanges and enhancing defence projects together.

The two countries agreed to try to increase their bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030, up from current levels of \$20 billion.

India and South Korea have also agreed to cooperate on a “tripartite” basis in development assistance in third countries, beginning with a project in Afghanistan.

105. What is rank of India in Global Innovation Index?

- a) 58
- b) 60
- c) 57
- d) 62

Answer. 57. India was ranked 57th in the latest Global Innovation Index (GII) rankings released in New York. India was ranked 60th in the year 2017 which shows that it has been constantly climbing up its GII rankings since 2015.

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On the global front, Switzerland maintained its number one position in the Global Innovation Index rankings. Other countries that fell in the top 10 list were Netherlands, Sweden, the UK, the US, Finland, Denmark, and Germany.

China, scored the rank 17th rank this year, which is an upgrade from the previous 44th rank in 2017.

106. From which country India will buy S-400 missile?

- a) South Korea
- b) USA
- c) Russia
- d) Israel

Answer. c) Russia. India will buy the Russian S-400 Triumf air defence missile despite US sanctions on military transactions with Russia, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said. She said the law under which the US has imposed sanctions is an American law and not a UN law. India has conveyed its position on the matter to the US, she added.

107. Who is the 2nd richest person in Asia?

- a) Mukesh ambani
- b) Jack Ma
- c) Ratan Tata
- d) None of these

Answer. b) jack ma. Reliance Industries Chairman and India's richest person Mukesh Ambani dethroned Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba's Co-founder Jack Ma to become Asia's richest person as RIL shares hit an all-time high. Ambani's net worth now stands at \$44.3 billion as compared to Jack Ma's \$44 billion wealth, according to Bloomberg. Ambani has added \$4 billion to his wealth this year.

108. In which sports Hima wins India its first gold at World Junior C'ships?

- a) Running
- b) Shot Put
- c) Badminton
- d) Long Jump

Answer. a) running. Hima Das won the women's 400m event at the IAAF World Junior Championships to become the first-ever Indian to clinch track gold in a world championship across all age groups. The 18-year-old clocked 51.46 seconds to claim the first position. Das had clocked an Indian U-20 record of 51.32 seconds to finish sixth in 2018 CWG 400m final.

109. Dada Vaswan was a

- a) Instructor
- b) Teacher
- c) Journalist
- d) Spiritual leader

Answer. d) spiritual leader. Dada JP Vaswani, spiritual leader and head of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission passed away at the age of 99. Vaswani had been in the hospital for a few days but had been discharged. Known for promoting vegetarianism, he was reportedly close to PM Narendra Modi.

110. India joined European Bank for Reconstruction and Development as its _____ member.

- a) 65

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- b) 50
- c) 69
- d) 71

Answer. c) 69. India formally joined the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), becoming the London-based multilateral lender's 69th member. The membership will help Indian companies undertake joint investments in regions in which the EBRD operates. EBRD, whose core operations pertain to the private sector, has worked with Indian companies including Tata group and Jindal group

111. Which country's scientists developed hybrid chayote fruit to battle cancer?

- a) China
- b) Mexico
- c) Thailand
- d) Russia

Answer. b) Mexico. Researchers from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) developed a hybrid chayote fruit from two wild Mexican species, which could be used to battle cancer. The raw extract of this fruit is as effective as Cytarabine, a medication used to treat some types of cancer.

According to figures from the World Health Organization, cancer is the second cause of death in the world, killing nearly 9 million people a year.

112. Who received lifetime achievement award at Seatrade 30th Anniversary?

- a) Ravi Mehrotra
- b) Chris Hayman
- c) Rajiv Singh
- d) Heena sindu

Answer. a) rajiv. Dr Ravi Mehrotra CBE, Chairman of Foresight Group International Ltd., was presented with a lifetime achievement award by Chris Hayman (Chairman, Seatrade) at the Seatrade 30th Anniversary Award Ceremony held at the Landmark, London. The award recognises recipients who have made a significant and lasting contribution to shipping and the maritime industry.

113. With which bank Indian Army signed MoU on the Defence Salary Package?

- a) PNB
- b) Citi
- c) SBI
- d) BOI

Answer. c) SBI. Defence Salary Package will include free personal accident death, free permanent total disability cover and other accidental benefits to the deceased soldier and family. The first MoU between SBI and the Indian Army was signed in 2011 and was renewed in February 2015. The renewed MoU will be valid till January 3, 2019.

114. Which state will launch 'One farmer one transformer' scheme from 15th August?

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

Answer. a) Maharashtra. order to reduce electricity losses, the Maharashtra government will launch a new scheme allocating "one transformer per farmer".

Two lakh farmers will be given electricity connection for high voltage distribution line which

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will ensure uninterrupted power supply. Farmers who lose their cattle in attack by wild animals will now get Rs 40,000, up from Rs 25,000 earlier. Rs 2 lakh hike in the compensation given to the kin of people killed in an attack by wild animals was announced. Each affected family will now get Rs 10 lakh instead of Rs 8 lakh earlier.

115. Who launched consolidated Bridge Management System?

- a) AAI
- b) NHAI
- c) Railway
- d) Metro

Answer. c) railway. Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched BMS for “meaningful assimilation, analysis and dissemination of information related to various activities” about its bridges. The web-based platform will show the bridge master data, works data, information regarding inspection/monitoring and maintenance of the bridges and other essentials. Goyal at the launch, also felicitated artists whose work at seven railway stations across the country won them the top prize in the national transporter’s in-house station beautification contest.

116. Who inaugurated new HQ building of Archaeological Survey of India?

- a) Vice president
- b) President
- c) Prime Minister
- d) Home minister

Answer. PM. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, inaugurated Dharohar Bhawan – the new Headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The new Headquarters building of ASI has been equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including energy efficient lighting and rainwater harvesting. It includes a Central Archaeological Library with a collection of about 1.5 lakh books and journals.

117. ‘Shul’ is India’s first ____?

- a) Helicopter
- b) Drone
- c) Hyper Car
- d) Bike

Answer c) car. Mumbai-based automaker Vazirani Automotive has unveiled India’s first turbine-electric hyper car called ‘Vazirani Shul’ at the 2018 Goodwood Festival of Speed. The car is essentially an all-wheel-drive with four individual motors for each wheel, hence enabling torque vectoring. However, the model is still at a conceptual stage and the company will not release it until the end of this year.

118. Which country replaced US at UN Human Rights Council?

- a) Iran
- b) Iceland
- c) Finland
- d) Australia

Answer b) Iceland. Following the US administration’s decision to withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) last month, the UN General Assembly has elected Iceland to replace the US on the Geneva-based organisation. Iceland’s term begins immediately and it will serve until December 31, 2019. US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley had termed the UNHRC a “hypocritical and self-serving organisation”.

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119. Scientist RA Mashelkar proposed as chancellor of which institute?

- a) Jio
- b) Airtel
- c) BSNL
- d) Idea

Answer a) jio. The Reliance Foundation has proposed the name of eminent scientist Raghunath A Mashelkar as the Chancellor of yet-to-be established Jio Institute, according to reports. Dipak C Jain, former director of Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration in Bangkok, will serve as the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute, reports added. Mashelkar and Jain are members of the board at Reliance Industries.

120. Which country finished 4th at 2018 FIFA World Cup?

- a) Belgium
- b) England
- c) Portugal
- d) Argentina

Answer b) England. Belgium defeated England in the third-place playoff to finish third at the 2018 FIFA World Cup. This is Belgium's best-ever World Cup finish after having finished fourth in the 1986 edition of the quadrennial tournament. Further, this is the second time England have finished fourth at the World Cup after securing the position in 1990.

121. Who was the first Indian batsman to score 10,000 ODI runs?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Sourav Ganguly
- c) Rahul Dravid
- d) M.S. Dhoni

Answer a) Sachin. MS Dhoni has become the fastest wicketkeeper-batsman and third fastest Indian to score 10,000 runs in ODI cricket, achieving the feat in his 273rd innings during the second ODI against England. Overall, the 37-year-old is the fourth Indian after Sachin Tendulkar (259), Sourav Ganguly (263) and Rahul Dravid (287) to cross the 10,000-run mark in ODI cricket.

122. With which country china opened first land-based communication link?

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

Answer d) Pakistan. The first-ever land-based communication link between China and Pakistan was inaugurated. The Pakistan-China Optical Fibre Cable project includes an 820-kilometre underground cable that starts from Pakistan's Rawalpindi and ends at Khunjerab bordering China and connects with optical fibre in the Chinese side. It is a part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project.

123. Which country unveiled \$330 mn telescope set to be world's largest?

- a) Russia
- b) U.S.A.
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) South Africa

Answer. south Africa. South Africa has unveiled the 64-dish MeerKAT radio telescope, slated to be the world's largest and most powerful telescope on its completion in 2030. Built

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for \$330 million, MeerKAT will be integrated into an array of 3,000 dishes spread in a square-kilometre area. It is said to have 50 times better resolution than NASA's Hubble Space Telescope when fully operational.

124. Hima Das to be named sports ambassador of which state?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) West Bengal
- d) Uttarakhand

Answer b) Assam. Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has said that Indian sprinter Hima Das will be named the state's sports ambassador after her 400m gold medal at the IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships. The Chief Minister also announced that Hima will also be felicitated at a state-level function where she will be given a cash reward.

125. With which country India signed Revised Travel Arrangement (RTA)-2018?

- a) Russia
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Pakistan

Answer b) Bangladesh. Home Minister Rajnath Singh and his Bangladeshi counterpart have signed the Revised Travel Arrangement (RTA)-2018. Home minister announced the withdrawal of the existing e-token system for submission of Visa applications. The Minister along with his Bangladesh counterpart opened a new integrated state-of-the-art Indian Visa Application Centre at Jamuna Future Park in Dhaka, the largest Indian visa centre in the world.

126. In which country SCO drill will be held?

- a) Russia
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Pakistan

Answer a) Russia. Militaries of India and Pakistan will be part of a mega anti-terror drill in Russia next month which is being organised by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) with an aim to expand cooperation among the member countries to deal with terrorism and extremism.

Around 200 Army and Air Force personnel from India will be participating in the exercise scheduled from August 20-29 at Chelyabinsk city in west-central Russia. The exercise will be joined by all SCO member countries including Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

127. With which country India signed a deal to reduce tariffs on Indian medicines, anti-cancer drugs?

- a) Russia
- b) U.S.A.
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) China.

Answer d) China. Indian drugs, specially cancer curing medicines, are in big demand in China. About 4.3 million people are diagnosed with cancer annually in China, according to a report of the state-run China Central Television.

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Beijing, which earlier announced a cut on import duties on over 8,500 Indian items, will relax taxes on more goods from India and other countries as its trade war with the US heats up.

128. Latha appointed as new MD, CEO of which bank?

- a) ICICI
- b) Kodak Mahindra
- c) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- d) UCO

Answer c) Dhanlaxmi Bank. Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited has appointed T Latha as the Managing Director & CEO. She has taken over from G Sreeram, who has retired from the office on July 1, 2018, on completion of his tenure. Her appointment will be for a period of three years w.e.f July 2, 2018.

Latha has 35 years of banking experience with Punjab National Bank across a host of roles and responsibilities including Branch Management, Regional Management and National Level Credit Management handling a portfolio of around Rs 400 billion.

129. Which state approved Rs 39 crore 'Seema Darshan' Project for infra development?

- a) M.P.
- b) Assam
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujrat

Answer d) Gujrat. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani gave in-principal approval for the project "Seema Darshan", which is also referred as border tourism project at Nadabet near Suigam in Banaskantha district.

The approval was given at a review meeting held in Gandhinagar, which entails development of an exhibition hall and a parade ground with an amphitheatre for 5,000 people, under phase-2 of the project. The project will encourage local economic activity in the Rann of Kutchh region and in adjoining flamingo and wild ass sanctuaries

130. Which bank securities enable MF transactions through Facebook messenger?

- a) HDFC
- b) ICICI
- c) SBI
- d) BOI

Answer a) HDFC. A subsidiary of HDFC Bank, HDFC securities launched Mutual Funds (MF) transactional capabilities on Facebook Messenger through their virtual assistant, Arya. Arya also facilitates a quick overview of total portfolio holding, getting the latest stock quotes and opening an account.

131. Who is appointed Director-General of ICWA?

- a) Sanjeev Kapoor
- b) T Latha
- c) Vijay Rupani
- d) TCA Raghavan

Answer d) TCA Raghavan. Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan is appointed as the Director General (DG), ex officio member-Secretary of the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) by Vice President of India and President of ICWA, M. Venkaiah Naidu.

The post of DG is equivalent to the rank of Secretary to Government of India. The decision was taken in the meetings of the Governing Body and Governing Council of the ICWA.

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Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan has served as India's High Commissioner to Islamabad and Singapore and has served in India's missions at London, Thimphu, and Kuwait.

132. Kalpesh Yagnik who recently passed away, was the chief editor of which group?

- a) Dainik Bhaskar
- b) Dainik Jagran
- c) Times of India
- d) The Hindu

Answer. a) dainik Bhaskar. Kalpesh Yagnik, the Group Editor of media house Dainik Bhaskar passed away at the age of 55 on 12th July 2018 in Indore. Yagnik suffered a heart attack while he was working in his office. Yagnik had joined the Dainik Bhaskar group in 1998, after working at the Free Press Journal.

Yagnik was born on June 21, 1963. He joined Dainik Bhaskar in 1998 before which he also worked at Free Press Journal. He was a B. Com graduate.

133. UNSC adopted Resolution 2428 to impose arms embargo on which country?

- a) South Africa
- b) South Korea
- c) South Sudan
- d) Iraq

Answer c) south sudan. The Security Council has adopted a resolution to impose an arms embargo on South Sudan in addition to current sanctions, till May 31, 2019. Resolution 2428 won nine votes in favor, the minimum requirement for adoption. The remaining six members of the Security Council — Bolivia, China, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan and Russia — abstained. To be adopted, a Security Council resolution needs nine votes in favor and no veto from any of the five permanent members of the council — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

Resolution 2428 renews a travel ban and asset freeze against designated individuals and entities till May 31, 2019. It also renews the mandate of the Panel of Experts, who assist the work of the sanctions committee, until July 1, 2019.

134. Who is named world's highest paid celebrity?

- a) Lionel Messi
- b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- c) Conor McGregor
- d) Floyd Mayweather

Answer d) Floyd Mayweather. Undefeated boxing champion Floyd Mayweather has been named the world's highest paid celebrity by Forbes with earnings of \$285 million in the last 12 months. Lionel Messi (\$111 million) and Cristiano Ronaldo (\$108 million) were the only other athletes in the top 10. Meanwhile, Conor McGregor, who took part in second richest fight in history with Mayweather, earned \$99 million.

135. Prez approves bill on 7yr jail for witch hunting in which state?

- a) M.P.
- b) Assam
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujrat

Answer b) assam. President Ram Nath Kovind has approved the Assam Witch Hunting (Prohibition, Prevention and Protection) Bill, which was passed by the state Assembly in 2015. The bill proposes a jail term of up to seven years and a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh for

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calling and identifying a person as a witch. It is aimed at eliminating superstition from society.

136. Who signed MoU with Haryana government to create 35,000 jobs?

- a) Uber
- b) Ola
- c) Jio
- d) Airtel

Answer b) ola. Ola has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Haryana government to create 35,000 job opportunities in the state. The MoU is part of the state's Saksham Haryana initiative rolled out last year for various skill development initiatives. A part of these opportunities also aim towards the development of the driver-partner ecosystem in Haryana.

137. Ramesh Powar appointed interim coach of Indian women's team of which sports?

- a) Hockey
- b) Cricket
- c) Badminton
- d) Squash

Answer. b) cricket. Former Indian cricketer Ramesh Powar has been named as the interim coach of the Indian women's cricket team. This comes after former First Class cricketer Tushar Arothe resigned from the post with less than four months left for the Women's World T20 tournament. BCCI has sent out an invitation for applications for the position of the head coach.

138. France defeat Croatia to win FIFA World Cup after how many years?

- a) 10
- b) 15
- c) 18
- d) 20

Answer d) 20. France defeated first-time finalists Croatia 4-2 in 2018 FIFA World Cup final to win the quadrennial tournament for the first time since 1998. France became the first team since Brazil in 1970 to score four goals in a World Cup final. This was the first time since 2002 that the World Cup final was decided in regulation time.

England captain Harry Kane won the Golden Boot award for scoring the most goals (6) at 2018 FIFA World Cup. Croatia's Luka Modric won the Golden Ball award, given to the competition's best player. France's 19-year-old forward Kylian Mbappé, who scored four goals, was named the tournament's best young player, while Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois won the Golden Glove award.

139. Who was defeated by Novak Djokovic to clinch his fourth Wimbledon title?

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Pete Sampras
- c) Björn Borg
- d) Kevin Anderson

Answer d) Kevin Anderson. Ex-world number one Novak Djokovic defeated Kevin Anderson to clinch his fourth Wimbledon title and overall 13th Grand Slam. Djokovic became the fourth player after Roger Federer (8), Pete Sampras (7) and Björn Borg (5) to win Wimbledon men's title four or more times in Open Era. The title is Djokovic's first at any level since July 2017.

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140. Name the 8-year-old Indian Boy who was named ‘British Indian of the Year’?

- a) Swapnil singh
- b) Ishwar Sharma
- c) Karnan singh
- d) Khitiz sharma

Answer b) Ishwar Sharma. An eight-year-old Indian-origin schoolboy, Ishwar Sharma who is the under-11 UK national yoga champion has been named the “British Indian of the Year” in the Young Achiever category for his achievements in the field of Yoga. He has won a gold medal representing Great Britain at the World Student Games 2018 in Winnipeg, Canada.

141. Who joined hands with J&K to set up telemedicine centre at 12,700 feet?

- a) NSG
- b) NASA
- c) ISRO
- d) DRDO

Answer c) ISRO. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) joined hands with J&K’s Directorate of Health Services-Kashmir (DHS-K) to set up a telemedicine center at an altitude of 12,700 feet to provide service to pilgrims en route to the Amarnath shrine. The Panjtarni Base Camp Hospital on the Pahalgam cave shrine route will provide real-time treatment for high-altitude and other ailments that pilgrims frequently face in the region. An Intensive Care Unit will be set up to handle critically ill patients. The country’s top hospitals like Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh; the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi; the Sheri Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Srinagar, etc. will be available through the telemedicine facility.

142. Who became vice chair of Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation?

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

Answer d) India. India has become the Vice-Chair, Regional head, of the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO) for a period of two years, from July 2018 to June 2020. The underlying Theme of the Inaugural Ceremony is “Customs – Fostering Trade Facilitation”.

WCO represents 182 Customs administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade.

The WCO has divided its Membership into six Regions. Each of the six Regions is represented by a regionally elected Vice-Chairperson to the WCO Council. Being the Vice Chair of the Asia-Pacific region of WCO, India will be able to take on the leadership role at the WCO.

143. Who clinched maiden women’s Wimbledon title?

- a) Serena Williams
- b) Angelique Kerber
- c) Saina mirza
- d) None of these

Answer b) Angelique Kerber. Angelique Kerber defeated seven-time champion Serena Williams in the women’s singles final to clinch her first-ever Wimbledon title. Angelique Kerber hails from Germany.

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Coming back from a difficult pregnancy, and 10 months after giving birth to daughter Olympia, she was in a major final after just 13 matches. Overall, it was the 30-year-old's third Grand Slam title after having won the Australian Open and US Open in 2016.

144. Which state will get world's cheapest clean drinking water?

- a) U.P.
- b) Assam
- c) Bihar
- d) M.P.

Answer c) Bihar. Sulabh International introduced the concept of 'Sulabh Sauchalya' in India, which is cost-effective innovative water project to provide the cheapest drinking water in the world, only in 50paise/litre.

The first of such a water project was launched in Bihar's Darbhanga district, Haribol Pond. The 'Sulabh Jal' project converts contaminated pond and river water into safe drinking water. The total cost of installing this project would cost around Rs 20 lakhs.

The Sulabh International Social Service Organisation (SISSO) and the French companies installed Rs 20-lakh pond-based water treatment plant in Madhusudan Kanti Village of North 24 Parganas district, located some 100 km from Kolkata.

145. Who successfully test fired BrahMos Missile from Odisha?

- a) DRDO
- b) ISRO
- c) Indian space agency
- d) None

Answer a) DRDO. Defense Research Development Organization (DRDO), and the Indian Army have test fired a supersonic BrahMos cruise missile under "extreme weather conditions", in Balasore district in the eastern Indian state of Odisha.

The missile – named after the Brahmaputra River in India and the Moskva River in Russia – is a derivative of the Russian-made P-800 Oniks over-the-horizon supersonic anti-ship cruise missile.

The missile's range is estimated at around 300 to 400 kilometers. BrahMos is considered one of the world's fastest cruise missile currently in operational use.

146. Which state will get India's 1st skill training centre?

- a) U.P.
- b) Assam
- c) Bihar
- d) Odisha

Answer d) Odisha. Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan announced that the Centre is planning to set up one National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) in every State to meet the rising demand for skilled manpower in the country.

He laid the foundation stone of country's first such skill training institute at Barang near Bhubaneswar. The Institute costing Rs 160 crore will come up over five acres of land and have state-of-the-art facilities.

The Centre has introduced an array of national and State level projects like Make in India, Digital India, Smart Cities, Clean India, Urja Ganga gas pipeline project and Sagarmala port project which needs skilled workforce.

147. World famous Rath Yatra celebrated in which of the following state?

- a) U.P.

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- b) Assam
- c) Bihar
- d) Odisha

Answer d) odisha. Popularly known as the 'Festival of Chariots', Rath Yatra festival in honour of Puri's Lord Jagannath is one of the most awaited festivals of Orissa and is falling on July 14.

This yatra is conducted from Jagannath temple to Gundicha temple. Apart from Indian, this festival attracts a large number of international tourists in Puri.

148. Which state CM launched Paudhagiri Campaign?

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

Answer a) Haryana. Under the campaign, 22 lakh students studying in Class 6th to 12th of all government and private schools in Haryana will plant a sapling each, during these three months of monsoon – July, August and September.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched this 'Paudhagiri Campaign' by planting a 'maulsari' sapling in Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex premises of Gurugram, to increase the green cover in the state.

149. According to IMF growth rate for India in 2019 will be?

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

Answer d) 7.5%. The International Monetary Fund has projected a growth rate of 7.3 per cent in 2018 and 7.5 per cent in 2019 for India as against 6.7 per cent in 2017, making it the fastest growing country among major economies. However, the latest growth rate projection for India is slightly less — 0.1 per cent in 2018 and 0.3 per cent in 2019 than its April projections.

The IMF said global growth is projected to reach 3.9 per cent in 2018 and 2019, in line with the forecast of the April 2018 WEO, but the expansion is becoming less even, and risks to the outlook are mounting. The rate of expansion appears to have peaked in some major economies and growth has become less synchronised.

150. Walmart partners with which firm for cloud solutions?

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

Answer c) Microsoft. Retail giant Walmart said it has entered into a five-year partnership with Microsoft to leverage its cloud solutions for making shopping faster for its customers globally. As part of the partnership, Walmart will tap into the full range of Microsoft's cloud solutions, including Microsoft Azure and Microsoft 365, for enterprise-wide use to help standardise across the company's family of brands, the Bentonville Arkansas-based firm said in a release.

Walmart and Microsoft engineers will collaborate on the assessment, development, and support phase of moving hundreds of existing applications to cloud-native architectures.

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151. Which IIT unveiled world's first remotely operable LEAP microscope?

- a) Madras
- b) Kanpur
- c) Bombay
- d) Khadakpur

Answer a) madras. The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras yesterday launched a Rs. 40 crore remotely operable microscope, claimed to be the world's first of its kind, that would enable precise view of atoms of a material. The Local Electrode Atom Probe (LEAP) had been developed in a collaborative exercise involving eight top research institutions in the country.

Though there were several such devices available across world, the LEAP inaugurated at IIT-Madras was the first one that can be operated through a special terminal by researchers divided geographically.

152. Which sport is played by Neeraj Chopra?

- a) Shot put
- b) Javelin
- c) Hockey
- d) Badminton

Answer. b) javelin. Neeraj Chopra, who had become the first Indian to win gold in javelin throw at Commonwealth Games in April this year, won gold at Sotteville Athletics meet in France on Tuesday. The 20-year-old hurled the javelin to a distance of 85.17 to bag the gold medal. Keshorn Walcott, who had bagged gold in 2012 Olympics, finished fifth at the event.

153. In how many banks Govt approved Rs 11,300 crore capital infusion?

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

Answer d) 5. The government has approved capital infusion of Rs 11,336 crore in five state-run banks including PNB, Corporation Bank and Andhra Bank to help them meet regulatory capital requirement, according to reports. This is the first ever capital infusion in the current fiscal. The infusion is a part of remaining Rs 65,000 crore out of Rs 2.11 trillion capital infusion over two financial years.

154. Who is the speaker of Lok Sabha?

- a) Mira Kumar
- b) Pratibha patil
- c) Sumitra Mahajan
- d) Mallikaarjun khadge

Answer c) sumitra Mahajan. Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan accepted a no-confidence motion against PM Narendra Modi-led government for the first time. Mahajan said discussions regarding the motion led by the TDP will take place on Friday. TDP filed the motion against Centre's denial to give Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh as promised to it before 2014 general elections.

155. Which country will withdraw from UN migration pact?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Israel
- c) Hungry

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d) Chile

Answer c) Hungary. Hungary will withdraw from the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration agreement which will be adopted in December, Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto has said. The Hungarian government which has opposed migration, argued that the UN agreement could aid the flow of migrants to Europe and force countries to shelter them. The US withdrew from the pact last year.

156. Which country will jointly produce defence equipment with Pakistan?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Israel
- c) Hungary
- d) Iran

answer d) Iran. Iran is planning to jointly manufacture defence equipment with Pakistan and present them as a joint achievement of Muslim nations, the Iranian state media reported. The announcement followed a meeting between Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri and Pakistani President Mamnoon Hussain

157. How many new moons discovered around Jupiter?

- a) 12
- b) 14
- c) 10
- d) 18

Answer a) 12. American astronomers have discovered 12 new moons around Jupiter, where one of them is on a collision course which could create a crash large enough to be visible from Earth. This brings the total number of Jovian moons to 79, the most for any planet. Researchers made the discovery while hunting for a ninth planet beyond the orbit of Neptune.

158. Which country will build unmanned weather station near India border?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Pakistan
- c) Bangladesh
- d) China

Answer d) china. China has built an unmanned automatic weather observation station in Tibet near its border with India, the Chinese state media reported. The station will provide meteorological support for national defence and further promote border development. Situated in the township of Yumai, the station will also offer support during live-fire conflicts, officials said.

159. What is India's rank in overall 4G mobile internet speeds?

- a) 108
- b) 100
- c) 110
- d) 109

Answer d) 109. India ranks 109th in overall 4G mobile internet speeds with an average download speed of 9.12 Mbps which is less than Pakistan (14.03 Mbps), according to data speed tester Ookla. Out of the list comprising 124 countries, Qatar ranked first in the list with 63.22 Mbps average download speed. Norway stood second in the list with 62.14 Mbps download speed.

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160. Which is the partner country for the Pondicherry International festival?

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

Answer b) France. Puducherry Tourism has announced the first Pondicherry International Film Festival (PIFF), which will showcase over 100 films from more than 25 countries. The inaugural edition of PIFF will be held from September 26 to 30. France is the partner country for the festival and there will be a special focus on French cinema, art and culture.

161. Padma Bhushan Gopaldas Neeraj passes away aged 93. He was a ____.

- a) Writer
- b) Actor
- c) Poet
- d) Director

Answer c) poet. Noted Hindi poet and lyricist Dr Gopaldas Neeraj passed away at the age of 93 in Delhi's AIIMS hospital. He was felicitated with the Padma Shri in 1991 and with the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to literature. He wrote famous Bollywood songs 'Ae Bhai Zara Dekh Ke Chalo' and 'Likhe Jo Khat Tujhe'.

162. With which bank NTPC signs ₹1,500 crore loan agreement?

- a) ICICI
- b) SBI
- c) HDFC
- d) BOI

Answer c) HDFC. India's biggest power producer NTPC has signed a term loan agreement with HDFC Bank for availing a loan of ₹1,500 crore. The loan is extended at an interest rate linked to 3-months marginal cost-based lending rate (MCLR) of the bank. The loan has a door-to-door tenure of 15 years and will be utilised to partly finance capital expenditure of NTPC.

163. Earth's latest phase named after which Indian state?

- a) Assam
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Sikkim
- d) Uttarakhand

Answer b) Meghalaya. The most recent age in Earth's 4.54-billion-year history started 4,200 years ago and has been named the Meghalayan Age, after the Indian state. The designation comes after the discovery of a stalagmite rock in Meghalaya's Mawmluh cave. The rock's chemical signature indicated a substantial weakening monsoon, making it the first official marker of a geological time period change in India.

164. How many gold medals are won by Indian youth boxers at Serbian youth boxing tournament?

- a) 7
- b) 8
- c) 9
- d) 10

Answer a) 7. Indian boxers won 7 gold medals in the 36th Golden Glove of Vojvodina youth tournament held at Subotica, Serbia. Four men and three women finished with gold medals at

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the tournament, which featured 17 countries. India claimed the numero uno position with 17 medals, including six silver and four bronze.

165. Who signed agreement with NYK Auto to run auto freight trains?

- a) Reliance
- b) Tata
- c) Adani
- d) Mahindra

Answer c) adani. Adani Logistics Ltd. (ALL) has signed an agreement with NYK Auto Logistics (India) Private Ltd. (NALI) to form a joint venture (JV) that will specialize in the transportation of finished vehicles using automobile freight trains.

The JV would participate in AFTO (Automobile Freight Train Operator) Policy of the Ministry of Railways and offer its trains for transporting vehicles across India more efficiently. The planning will commence operation with six trains. It is predicted that ALL will have 25 trains in operation in three years based on its market trends.

166. Which sport is played by Vinesh Phogat?

- a) Wrestling
- b) Shot put
- c) Javelin
- d) Hockey

Answer a) wrestling. 24-year-old Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat grabbed a gold in the women's 50kg freestyle category at the Spanish Grand Prix in Madrid, by defeating Canada's Natasha Fox 10-0 in the final match. She had won a gold at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in the 50kg category.

167. In which state ASI has planned to upgrade seven monuments?

- a) J&K
- b) Himanchal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer d) TN. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has planned to upgrade infrastructural and tourist-friendly facilities at seven sites, which are approved under Adarsh Smarak Scheme for Conservation of Monuments, in Tamil Nadu.

The Adarsh Monuments proposed to be upgraded by the Ministry of Culture include the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram, Vellore Fort, Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, Kailasanathar Temple in Kancheepuram, Sittannavasal Caves, Gingee Fort and Moovar Koil in Kodumbalur. The work has already begun at the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram.

168. In which city India's first Defence incubators will come up?

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

Answer d) Hyderabad. The incubator will be housed at T-Hub and will be India's missile development centre and fast emerging the hub for aerospace industries. The incubator will be funded through the Ministry's Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme. Initially, a corpus of ₹100 crore has been created by two PSUs- HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) and BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited), each contributing ₹50 crore.

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169. Who topped Global Ranking of Nations' soft power?

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

Answer a) UK. In 2018 'Soft Power 30' index, published by UK-based strategic communications consultancy firm Portland and the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy, France placed second and Germany as third followed by the US. India does not figure on the list, but this year's report also features a chapter dedicated solely to Asia, listing 10 countries in the region, ranking India's soft power as eighth.

170. Sajan clinched which medal in Junior Asian Wrestling Championships?

- a) Gold
- b) Silver
- c) Bronze

Answer a) gold. Indian wrestler Sajan clinched India's first gold on the opening day of the Junior Asian Wrestling Championships.

Sajan outplayed Iranian Shayan Hossein Afifi in the title clash of the 77kg category Greco-Roman bout 3-0. The first point was scored after the opponent was penalized for passivity and Sajan managed to throw Afifi out of the mat for two more in the first round.

171. With which country European Union signed a 'landmark' free trade deal?

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

Answer b) Japan. The deal signed in Tokyo by the EU's top officials and Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is the biggest ever negotiated by the EU and creates a free trade zone covering nearly a third of the world's GDP.

This deal comes as Washington imposes new tariffs and threatens a trade war with China. Under this free trade agreement, the EU will open its market to Japan's auto industry, with Tokyo in return scrapping barriers to EU farming products, especially dairy, cheese and wine.

- ◆ EU Council President – Donald Tusk
- ◆ EU Commission head – Jean-Claude Juncker

172. In which country next senior FIFA World Cup will be held?

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

Answer d) France. The next senior Football World Cup: the women's tournament will be held in France, next year. The quadrennial international men's football championship – 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar.

173. Which company is fined \$5 Billion By EU In Android Antitrust Case?

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

Answer c) Google. The European Union (EU) regulators slapped Alphabet-owned Google

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with a record 4.34 billion euro (\$5 billion) antitrust fine for abusing the dominance of its Android mobile operating system.

According to the EU, Google's parent company favoured its own services by forcing smartphone makers to pre-install Google apps Chrome and Search in a bundle with its app store.

174. Cabinet approved Central University in which state?

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

Answer a) AP. The Cabinet approved Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2018, to set up Central University in Andhra Pradesh. Minister Prakash Javadekar tweeted that the Central University of Andhra Pradesh will start its academic session on 5th August. Also, this will result in more facilities for Andhra Pradesh in higher education.

175. How may new members take oath in Rajya Sabha?

- a) 7
- b) 8
- c) 9
- d) 11

Answer a) 7. The newly elected members for Rajya Sabha are:

- ◆ RSS ideologue Rakesh Sinha,
- ◆ Classical dancer Sonal Mansingh,
- ◆ Sculptor Raghunath Mohapatra,
- ◆ Former BJP lawmaker Ram Shakal,
- ◆ CITU state general secretary Elamaram Kareem,
- ◆ CPI's Binoy Viswam,
- ◆ Jose K Mani of Kerala Congress (Mani).

The nominees enter the Rajya Sabha to replace Sachin Tendulkar, actor Rekha, former AG of India K Parasaran and businesswoman Anu Agha.

The President of India has the power to nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha with special knowledge or experience in fields like literature, art, science and social service.

176. Where is Tenth Edition Of Delhi Dialogue Begins?

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Vishakhapatnam
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Delhi

Answer d) delhi. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will deliver the keynote address of the two-day event. The theme of which is, 'Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation'.

Main AIM:-To find a common ground and expanding the scope of cooperation between India and ASEAN nations.

The Delhi Dialogue is a premier annual event to discuss politico-security, the economic and socio-cultural engagement between India and ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

The event has been held annually since 2009 many political leaders, policy makers, senior officials, diplomats, think tanks and academicians from various countries participate in the discussions pertaining to ASEAN-India relations.

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177. Which disease treatment injection is prepared by Sun Pharma?

- a) HIV
- b) CANCER
- c) TB
- d) Ebola

Answer b) cancer. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries has received approval from the United States Food & Drug Administration (USFDA), the U.S. health regulator, for its INFUGEM injection which is used for the treatment of cancer.

The approval is for INFUGEM injection (gemcitabine in 0.9% sodium chloride injection) 10 mg/mL, for intravenous use in a ready-to-administer bag.

The technology used to formulate INFUGEM eliminates the risks associated with compounding, an extra step in the administration of cytotoxic infusion products, providing improved safety for healthcare professionals and cancer patients.

178. Who is named India's Chef de Mission at 2018 Asian Games?

- a) B.S. Kushwaha
- b) R.K. Sacheti
- c) D.K. Singh
- d) Brij Bhushan Saran Singh

Answer d) Brij Bhushan Saran Singh. Brij Bhushan Saran Singh is all set to be named as India's Chef de Mission at 2018 Asian Games. He is the president of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). The four deputy Chefs de Mission set to be appointed are

- ◆ B.S. Kushwaha (former secretary of Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Federation),
- ◆ R.K. Sacheti (executive director of Boxing Federation of India),
- ◆ D.K. Singh (Uttarakhand Olympic Association) and
- ◆ Colonel R.K. Swain (secretary Equestrian Federation of India).

The Host cities for Asian Games 2018 are Jakarta and Palembang in Indonesia.

179. Which is the second company To Hit \$900 Billion Valuation After Apple?

- a) Microsoft
- b) Amazon
- c) Walmart
- d) Alibaba

Answer b) Amazon. Amazon company crossed \$900-billion market cap for the first time in its history becoming only the second company after Apple to achieve this milestone. Amazon sold over 100 million products during its Prime Day sale. Apple is currently the world's most valuable company with a market cap of \$935 billion.

180. RS passes bill on how many years jail term for bribing public servants?

- a) 2
- b) 5
- c) 7
- d) 9

Answer c) 7. The Rajya Sabha passed the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013 which prescribes that anyone who is caught bribing government officials can be sentenced to a jail term of up to seven years. The bill also prescribes immunity for someone who declares, within a fortnight of bribing the official, that he/she was bullied into giving the bribe.

181. Who becomes 1st Pakistani to slam double ton in ODI history?

- a) Sahid Afridi

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- b) Fakar Zaman
- c) Babar Azam
- d) Misbah Ul Haq

Answer b) fakar. Opener Fakhar Zaman has become the first Pakistani and overall sixth batsman to smash a double hundred in men's ODI cricket history, achieving the feat against Zimbabwe. Zaman reached the 200-run mark off 148 balls, becoming the fourth fastest batsman to reach the milestone. The left-handed batsman scored 210* off 156 balls in the innings.

182. In which country 4th BIMSTEC Summit to be held?

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

Answer a) Nepal. 4th BIMSTEC Summit will be held in Kathmandu from 30 to 31 August. Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs Pradeep Kumar Gyawali has said that connectivity and poverty alleviation will be top priority of the summit.

The Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional economic bloc comprising seven member states lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal constituting a contiguous regional unity.

The group was formed in 1997 and it brings together Bangladesh, Bhutan India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. Nepal is the current chair of BIMSTEC.

183. Which is fastest growing economy in Asia?

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

Answer b) india. Led by India, South Asia will continue to be the fastest growing economic area despite new trade tensions in Asia and Pacific region, Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in a new report.

Growth in Asia and the Pacific's developing economies for 2018 and 2019 will remain solid as it continues apace across the region, despite rising tensions between the US and its trading partners, said a supplement to the Asian Development Outlook (ADO).

184. Who held No.1 spot in the ICC ODI player rankings?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Kane Williamson
- c) Steve Smith
- d) KL Rahul

Answer a) virat. In the International Cricket Council (ICC) ODI player rankings for batsmen, India skipper Virat Kohli tops the chart by touching a career-high 911 points. England Test skipper Joe Root is at the No.2 spot, with 818 ratings points. Indian Bowler Jasprit Bumrah ranked No:1 in bowling with 775 points. Kuldeep Yadav broke into the top-10 of the bowlers' chart at sixth

185. Who received NABARD 2018 award?

- a) Reliance
- b) Tisco
- c) Repeco Micro Finance

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d) ICICI

Answer c) Repco Micro Finance. Repco Micro Finance Ltd got his Award for its service to self-help group (SHG) linkage in Tamil Nadu for the fiscal year 2017-18. As of now, this company has disbursed loans amounting to ₹2,500 crore to over 10 lakh beneficiaries through 50,000 SHGs.

186. Which city ranked 3rd among World's 15 Best Cities?

- a) Jaipur
- b) Udaipur
- c) Kolkata
- d) Hyderabad

Answer b) Udaipur. The heritage city of Udaipur has been ranked third among a list of 15 best cities in the world by Travel + Leisure. The first two cities on the list are San Miguel de Allende and Oaxaca, both in Mexico. Rajasthan's Udaipur city is also known as "City of Lakes" and the "Venice of the East".

187. Which bank launched DigiLocker facility?

- a) SBI
- b) ICICI
- c) Karnataka Bank
- d) Andhra Bank

Answer c) Karnataka Bank. Karnataka Bank launched DigiLocker facility for its customers as part of its digital initiative. The facility is being given by integrating bank's MoneyClick internet banking channel. DigiLocker is a key initiative to store the digital documents, by National E-Governance Division under Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Salient features of the facility are:

- ◆ The customer can login to the bank's internet banking account and click on access DigiLocker where they will be redirected to DigiLocker page where one can access their account.
- ◆ Customers can access their digital documents anytime, anywhere and share it online.

Digital Locker makes it easier to validate the authenticity of documents as they are issued directly by the registered issuer.

188. India signed two Memorandum of Understanding with which team?

- a) Ghana
- b) Israel
- c) Iraq
- d) Afghanistan

Answer a) Ghana. India and Ghana signed two agreements in an effort to enhance the bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Raveesh Kumar announced that two MOUs on Cultural Exchange Programme and on cooperation between Bureau of Indian Standards and Ghana Standards Authority.

About Ghana

- ◆ Capital: Accra
- ◆ Currency: Ghanaian cedi.

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189. Which state launched Abhar Aapki Sewa Ka app for pensioners?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Himanchal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Chhattisgarh

Answer d) Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh announced a Chhattisgarh Online Pension Management System (OPMS). It is an E-payment to e-procurement to provide internet to every village has been done. It is under e-governance, fulfilling the dream of Digital India plan of India and Digital Chhattisgarh. It has launched an app called “Abhar aapki sewa ka”. This application, 80,000 pensioners of the state will now get all the information related to pension and payment online.

190. Who takes charge of national disabled people’s organisation NCPEDP?

- a) Arman Ali
- b) Keshav Maurya
- c) R.K. Sacheti
- d) D.K. Singh

Answer a) Arman. The National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) announced the appointment of Arman Ali as its executive director. He would assume charge from October 1. Disability rights activist Javed Abidi, who was the director of the NCPEDP, passed away on March 4 after succumbing to chest infection. He was 53. Ali is the executive director of Shishu Sarothi, the Centre for Rehabilitation and Training for Multiple Disability since 2009. Under his leadership Shishu Sarothi grew from a small 28 member team to 90 member team and made a major impact for the cause of disability.

191. Which government has been rated as the best-governed state in India?

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

Answer d) Kerala. Kerala has been rated as the best-governed state in India for the third consecutive time in the Public Affairs Index released by Bengaluru-based think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC). While Tamil Nadu was rated second on the index, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar were ranked the lowest. The index was based on 100 indicators, which were derived from government data.

192. Who won the German Grand Prix?

- a) Lewis Hamilton
- b) Sebastian Vettel
- c) Kunlavut Vitidsarn

Answer a) Lewis. Four-time world champion Lewis Hamilton won the German Grand Prix despite starting from the 14th position on the grid. Hamilton’s championship rival Sebastian Vettel crashed while leading the race with 15 laps to go. The Mercedes driver now leads Vettel by 17 points in the championship standings with 10 races to go.

193. Who has been named as the 2017 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Player of the Year?

- a) Christino Ronaldo
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Sunil Chhetri

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d) Bhaichung Bhutia

Answer c) Sunil Chhetri. Inspirational captain Sunil Chhetri was named as the 2017 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Player of the Year by the national body

194. Who won the the gold medal at the Asian Junior Badminton Championships?

a) Kunlavut Vitidsarn

b) Lakshya Sen

c) Gautam Thakkar

d) PV Sindhu

Answer b) Lakshya Sen. Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen became the first men's singles player from India in 53 years to win the gold medal at the Asian Junior Badminton Championships. The 16-year-old beat world number one Kunlavut Vitidsarn to become only the third Indian after Gautam Thakkar and PV Sindhu to bag a gold medal at the Asian Junior Championships.

195. Who became the first man to hold all four world cruiser weight titles?

a) Oleksandr Usyk

b) Murat Gassiev

c) Kunlavut Vitidsarn

d) Paul Kagame

Answer a) Oleksandr Usyk. Ukrain's Oleksandr Usyk beat Russian rival Murat Gassiev by a unanimous decision to become the first man to hold all four world cruiserweight titles. With the win Usyk also claimed the inaugural World Boxing Super Series Ali Trophy. Usyk, the 31-year-old Olympic gold medallist, ended Gassiev's 26-match unbeaten streak to claim the WBA and IBF titles from him.

196. Who launched world's heaviest communications satellite?

a) ISRO

b) NASA

c) SpaceX

d) JAXA

Answer c) SpaceX. Elon Musk-led space startup SpaceX launched the Telstar 19 Vantage satellite, the world's heaviest commercial communications satellite weighing over 7,000 kg, through its Falcon 9 rocket. Its upgraded first stage booster flew itself back and landed on an off-shore dronship. This was the second successful launch of the new version of SpaceX's Block 5 rocket.

197. Which country gifted 200 cows to Rwandan President?

a) Russia

b) India

c) Thailand

d) Germany

Answer b) India. PM Narendra Modi will gift 200 cows to Rwandan President Paul Kagame on his upcoming visit as a contribution to the latter's flagship 'Girinka' programme, wherein each poor family is given one cow. The cows will be sourced from Rwanda since they are adapted to local surroundings. Earlier, PM Modi gave ex-Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif a shawl for his mother.

198. Which space agency launched toolkit to promote commercial use of satellite data?

a) ISRO

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- b) NASA
- c) SpaceX
- d) JAXA

Answer b) NASA. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the 'Remote Sensing Toolkit' to promote commercial use of satellite data.

This toolkit was launched with an aim to make it easier for users to find, analyse and utilise the relevant satellite data for their research, business projects or conservation efforts.

It provides a simple system that quickly identifies relevant sources based on user input. It helps to find the satellite data easier and to spark innovation among the entrepreneurial community and lead to further commercialisation of NASA technology.

199. With which country India hold 4th Round of Maritime Affairs Dialogue?

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

Answer b) Japan. India and Japan held the fourth round of Maritime Affairs Dialogue in New Delhi. During the dialogue, key issues related to the Indo-Pacific region and maritime security were discussed.

The Indian delegation at the dialogue was led by Pankaj Sharma, Joint Secretary (Disarmament and International Security Affairs) in the External Affairs Ministry and the Japanese side was led by Ambassador Kansuke Nagaoka, Policy Planning and International Security Policy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

200. Which country Joins International Solar Alliance?

- a) Japan
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Myanmar
- d) Nepal

Answer c) Myanmar. Myanmar joined the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA) and it became the 68th signatory to the Framework Agreement of the ISA that aims for optimum utilisation of solar energy. Myanmar Minister for International Cooperation Kyaw Tin handed over the ISA Framework Agreement to External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj during a bilateral meeting on Delhi Dialogue 2018.

201. In which city Volkswagen has planned to set up a design center?

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

Answer d) Pune. German auto major Volkswagen (VW) Group has planned to set up a design centre in Chakan near Pune. It is aimed to expand the production capacity of the company. VW would be investing ₹8,000 crore, in phases, in the design centre, development of new models and other activities.

The group is targeting to achieve a 5% market share in India by 2025, from the current 1.8%, across brands. Currently, Volkswagen has 121 dealers across 104 cities in India and it is planning to increase the number of touch points.

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202. Which country topped the list of skilled visa immigrants in Australia?

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

Answer a) India. For those coming to Australia on the skilled visa, India with 2,34,395 individuals (19 per cent) bagged the top rank, followed by England and China at 160,558 (13 per cent) and 146,842 (12 per cent) people, respectively. According to a data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 1,54,012 Indians have acquired Australian citizenship. Under the family visa programme, China with 95,532 immigrants (14 per cent) ranked first, followed by UK at 60,108 (8.8 per cent) and India at 56,406 (8.3 per cent).

203. In which city World class exhibition on four eminent personalities of Bengal will be hosted?

- a) Delhi
- b) Kolkata
- c) Dispur
- d) Raipur

Answer b) Kolkata. A world-class permanent exhibition on four eminent personalities of Bengal – Rabindranath Tagore, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Syama Prasad Mukherjee. It will be opened at the National Library in Kolkata in the near future. This is announced by Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

204. In which year Facebook will Launch Satellite Athena?

- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2020
- d) 2022

Answer b) 2019. Facebook is working on a new satellite project, named Athena, that will provide broadband internet connections to rural and underserved areas. The company aims to launch a satellite in early 2019. In 2016, Facebook's internet satellite for Africa was lost when SpaceX's rocket exploded.

205. Ramchandra Singh deo was the Former Finance Minister of which state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Chhattisgarh

Answer d) Chhattisgarh. Ramchandra Singhdeo, former and first Finance Minister of Chhattisgarh, passed away in Raipur. He was the Finance Minister in the cabinet of the then Chief Minister Ajit Jogi.

206. Justice Menon is to be appointed as Chief Justice of which high court?

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

Answer a) Delhi. The Supreme Court (SC) collegium has recommended Chief Justice Rajendra Menon to take over as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. Currently, he is

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the CJ of Patna HC. The acting Chief Justice of the Delhi HC is Justice Gita Mittal. She has been recommended for appointment as Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir HC.

207. Where will NABARD have launched South East Asia's first ever Center for Climate Change?

- a) Delhi
- b) Lucknow
- c) Bhopal
- d) Kolkata

Answer b) lucknow. NABARD launches South East Asia's first ever Centre for Climate Change in Lucknow. It aims at accelerating concerted climate action by various stakeholders in government, private, financial and non-government sectors.

The centre will help NABARD in enhancing its capacity building efforts manifold. It will extend professional support to stakeholders for designing climate related projects and take up collaborative studies and action research projects in the area. It will address capacity building needs of stakeholders, undertake policy advocacy, promote national and international collaborations by bringing in knowledge, technology and finance for addressing the challenges and opportunities emerging from climate change.

208. Who will head the high-level committee to probe mob lynchings?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Arun Jateliy
- d) Bharat Arun

Answer b) rajnath Singh. The Centre has announced a four-member committee headed by the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh to suggest laws against lynching and mob violence. A Group of Ministers was also constituted to make recommendations to the Prime Minister for legislation on lynching. This comes after the Supreme Court asked the Parliament to come up with a law on lynchings.

209. K2 also known as

- a) Peak of Peaks
- b) Mountains king
- c) Savage Peak
- d) Savage Mountain

Answer d) savage mountain. Poland's Andrzej Bargiel became the first person to ski down the world's second-highest mountain, the 8,611-metre high K2 peak in Pakistan. K2 also known as "Savage Mountain" is considered to be a more challenging climb than the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.

210. Who will introduce Drone delivery system for medical supplies?

- a) AIMS
- b) PGI
- c) IIPH
- d) Medanta

Answer c) IIPH. Indian Institute of Public Health – Hyderabad (IIPH-H) is developing a drone delivery system for medical supplies, with a temperature-controlled payload box, to be delivered to a remote village in the State without delay.

The aim of the Digital Drone-based Real-Time Advanced Medical Modular Logistics system (2DREAM) project is to reach the remote areas and deliver the temperature-sensitive payload

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in 30 minutes. IIPH-H has partnered with the prestigious US-based Johns Hopkins University to develop the temperature-controlled vaccine box.

211. Delhi AIIMS signed MoU with which IIT for education and research purposes?

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

Answer b) Kharagpur. The AIIMS has signed a MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, for collaboration in education, research outreach and medical services. The agreement included initiating joint degrees such as PhD, M.D.-PhD, M.Sc-PhD and coordinated internship programmes.

It is aimed to promote interaction and collaboration among faculty members, scientists and students of the two premier institutes in their respective domains, to carry out joint academic and research programmes, joint supervision of masters and doctoral students, and collaborative research.

212. Which country tops the medal tally at Junior Asian Wrestling Championship?

- a) Iran
- b) India
- c) Israel
- d) France

Answer a) Iran. India won 8 medals in the Junior Asian Wrestling championship. The medallist comprises of 2 gold, 3 Silver and 3 bronzes. Sachin Rathi won gold in the category of 74 kilograms. Deepak Punia won gold in the category of 86-kilogram category. Iran topped the championship with the 189 points. India secured 173 points and Uzbekistan secured 128 points.

213. Which country declared end of Ebola outbreak?

- a) South Africa
- b) Nigeria
- c) West Indies
- d) Democratic Republic of Congo

Answer d) Democratic Republic of Congo. The Democratic Republic of Congo has declared the end of an Ebola outbreak which was first reported in the month of May in Bikoro province. More than 30 people were killed and over 50 people were infected in the outbreak, the Health Ministry said. It was the ninth Ebola outbreak since the discovery of the virus in Congo in 1976.

214. Which country gets its first woman chief justice of high court?

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

Answer b) Pakistan. Justice Tahira Safdar has been nominated as the first woman chief justice of a Pakistani high court. She will take charge of her new role following the retirement of incumbent Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Muhammad Noor Meskanzai on August 31. In 1982, Safdar became the first woman civil judge in Balochistan.

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215. In which country Kampala is located?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Iraq
- c) Uganda
- d) India

Answer c) Uganda. PM Modi thanked President Museveni for his long association with India and for taking special care of people of Indian origin in Uganda. India and Uganda exchanged 3 MoUs covering the defence sector, cultural exchanges and diplomatic passport holders.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India will continue to assist Uganda in its growth journey in every possible field. He also announced a gift of a state of the art Cancer therapy machine to the Uganda Cancer Institute.

216. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on

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

Answer b) 26 july. 19th Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations begin at Drass War Memorial in Jammu and Kashmir. The Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated for three days; from 24th July till 26th July; every year, to commemorate India's emphatic victory against Pakistan.

It remembers the supreme sacrifice of 500 war heroes who laid down their lives and those who are still alive. Various cultural programmes have been organised for the three-day event.

217. To which country China offered a gift of USD 295 million?

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

Answer b) Sri Lanka. Chinese President Xi Jinping offered a gift of \$295 million to Sri Lanka, as Beijing tries to expand its influence in the island nation. President Maithripala Sirisena of Sri Lanka, a partner in China's Belt and Road project, made the announcement at a ceremony to mark the start of construction of a Chinese-funded kidney hospital in his home constituency of Polonnaruwa. China has gifted \$295 million for the utilization of the project.

218. Which bank got RBI nod to enter Bahrain, Kuwait, Spore?

- a) Bank of America
- b) Federal Bank
- c) Bank of Chicago
- d) None of these

Answer b) federal bank. Federal Bank was waiting for local clearances to start operations around Bahrain, Kuwait, Spore already it has representative offices in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. The bank mainly focuses on the digital alternatives to reach out to more customers. It's turnover around 380 crores

219. Which city will host Olympics in 2020?

- a) London
- b) Shanghai
- c) New York
- d) Tokyo

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Answer d) Tokyo. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Organising Committee launched the official Olympic Game mascot named 'Miraitowa' and Paralympic Game mascot christened 'Someity'.

A big-eyed, blue-checked character "Miraitowa" name was a combination of the Japanese words for future and eternity, expressing "hope for a bright future stretching off forever." The pink, pointy-eared "Someity" name comes from the word for Japan's iconic cherry blossoms and also sounds a bit like the English words "so mighty".

The next Olympic Games will be held in Tokyo between July 24 and August 9, 2020 and Paralympic Games from August 25 to September 6, 2020.

220. What is the minimum yearly deposit for Sukanya Samridhi account?

- a) 1000
- b) 500
- c) 250
- d) 400

Answer c)250. The government has slashed the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY) to Rs 250 from Rs 1,000. The maximum amount that can be deposited in a year is Rs 1.5 lakh.

Sukanya Samridhi scheme was launched in January 2015, under which a parent or legal guardian can open an account in the name of the girl child until she attains the age of ten years.

The account opened under the scheme will be valid for 21 years from the date of opening, after which it will mature and the money will be paid to the girl child in whose name the account is opened.

221. Which country became India's second largest oil supplier?

- a) USA
- b) Iran
- c) Russia
- d) Kuwait

Answer b) iran. Iran has overtaken Saudi Arabia to be the second largest supplier of crude oil to Indian public sector firms during April-June quarter. Iraq remains India's No:1 supplier of crude. State firms that buy oil from Iran include Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL), Indian Oil Corp (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL). New Delhi shipped in 7.27 million tonnes of oil from Iraq, while shipments from Saudi Arabia totalled 5.22 million tonnes.

222. Who is the HRD minister of India?

- a) Prakash Javadekar
- b) Smriti Irani
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Arun Jatiely

Answer a) Prakash Javadekar. The Lok Sabha passed the National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill to post-facto approval to Central/State institutions that are conducting teacher education courses without NCTE approval.

HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar said that it has been done as a one-time measure to ensure the benefit of the students who have appeared for B.Ed, M.Ed and various other exams in institutes that are not recognised. He also said that there are also plans to start an integrated four-year B.A.-B.Ed, B.Sc.-B.Ed and B.Com-B.Ed courses to benefit the students.

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223. Who will open startup incubator in China despite website ban?

- a) Google
- b) What's up
- c) Facebook
- d) Microsoft

Answer c) facebook. Facebook has obtained a licence to set up a startup incubator in China despite its website being banned in the country since 2009. The \$30-million subsidiary will be located in Hangzhou city, to reportedly make small investments and give advice to local businesses. It is the first time Facebook got its name into the country after China blocked the platform.

224. Regulator asked from which company to reveal powder ingredients?

- a) J & J
- b) Heinz
- c) Patanjali
- d) Hindustan uniliver

Answer. a) J&J. India's drug regulator Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has reportedly asked Johnson and Johnson (J&J) to reveal the composition of its talcum powder. The move comes after J&J's US parent was ordered to pay \$4.7 billion on claims that asbestos in its powder caused ovarian cancer. Talcum powder is made from talc, a mineral composed of silicon, magnesium and oxygen.

225. Which planet will be closest to Earth in 15 years on July 31?

- a) Jupiter.
- b) Saturn
- c) Mars
- d) Venus

Answer c) mars. Mars will appear brightest from July 27 to July 30 and make its closest approach to the Earth on July 31, NASA said. At a distance of 57.6 million km, it will be the closest since 2003. In 2003, Mars was the closest in nearly 60,000 years, at 55.7 million km, which won't be repeated until the year 2287.

226. Which organization recommends abolishing practice of confession in churches?

- a) National Commission of Women
- b) NGT
- c) SC
- d) National commission for minority

Answer a) National Commission of Women. National Commission of Women (NCW) has recommended abolishing the practice of confessions in churches as it can lead to blackmailing of women. "The priests pressure women into telling their secrets," said the NCW chairperson. This comes amid the recent case wherein five priests of a Kerala church were accused of using a woman's confession to sexually abuse her for years.

227. Man, who wins Ramon Magsaysay award inspired which of the following film?

- a) 3 idiots
- b) PK
- c) Satyagraha
- d) Dangal

Answer a) 3 idiots. Indian innovator Sonam Wangchuk, who was the inspiration for the character Rancho in the movie '3 Idiots', has been awarded the 2018 Ramon Magsaysay

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Award for “harnessing nature, culture and education for community progress”. Dr Bharat Vatwani, the other Indian to be awarded the prize this year, was honoured for “restoring health and dignity to troubled lives”.

228. Which country demanded Australia to change its flag?

- a) USA
- b) France
- c) New Zealand
- d) China

Answer c) New Zealand. As the Flag of New Zealand looks similar to that of Australia, Acting New Zealand PM Winston Peters is demanding Australia to change their flag. Notably, the New Zealand flag was adopted 52 years before the Australian flag and was adopted in 1902, replacing the union jack. The Australian flag was adopted in 1954, after going through three previous iterations since 1901. Both the Australian and New Zealand flags are based on the British blue ensign.

229. Who is appointed Rishi Srivastava as CEO & MD?

- a) Reliance
- b) Tata AIA Life
- c) LIC
- d) Mahindra

Answer b) Tata AIA Life. Srivastava will take over from current chief executive officer Naveen Tahilyani who takes over as chief executive officer, group partnership distribution, AIA Group, Hong Kong. His appointment as CEO & MD of Tata AIA Life Limited is subject to regulatory approval from insurance regulator IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India).

230. Name the district which became 1st ODF district in Bihar?

- a) Patna
- b) Sitamarhi
- c) Gaya
- d) Ranchi

Answer b) Sitamarhi. Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Construction of over two lakh toilets in the last two months ensured that Sitamarhi became the first open defecation free (ODF) district in Bihar. Sitamarhi became the 416th ODF district in India. The district administration disbursed Rs 12,000 per toilet to 50,000 beneficiary households on July 21. Presently, Bihar needs to construct another 6 lakh toilets across its 37 remaining districts.

231. Michael Ondaatje belong to which country?

- a) UK
- b) Canada
- c) USA
- d) Israel

Answer b) Canada. Sri Lankan-born Canadian author Michael Ondaatje has again made the Man Booker Prize list with his latest novel “Warlight”, which tells the story of two orphans in London in the immediate aftermath of World War II. Ondaatje’s “The English Patient,” which won the Booker in 1992, was named winner of the Golden Man Booker winner on July 8, a special award to mark the Booker’s 50th anniversary. 2018 Man Booker Prize includes six U.K. writers, three from the United States, and two each from Canada and Ireland

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232. Which Indian States does not launch Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018?

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

Answer d) MP. Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 (SSG-2018), which was announced by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation on July 13, 2018.

Under the SSG 2018, an independent survey agency will conduct survey in all districts from August 1 – 31, 2018 on the basis of sanitation (Swachhata) parameters. The top performing states and districts would be awarded on October 2, 2018, ie., birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. As part of Swachh Survekshan Grameen, 6980 villages in 698 districts across India will be covered.

233. Who is the Union Minister of Women and Child Development?

- a) Prakash Javadekar
- b) Smriti Irani
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Maneka Gandhi

Answer d) maneka Gandhi. To mark World Day against Trafficking in Persons on July 30, Women and Child Development Ministry has invited people to send logo and tagline for 'Childline 1098', which is India's first 24-hour, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. At present, Childline 1098 is operational at 450 locations, including 76 key railway stations, across India. Union Minister of Women and Child Development is Maneka Gandhi.

234. Which company announces a Strategic Partnership with Fincare Small Finance Bank?

- a) Oxigen
- b) Reliance
- c) Kotak
- d) Mahindra

Answer a) oxygen. Oxigen and Fincare Small Finance Bank signed an agreement to roll out the Branchless Banking services using Oxigen flagship Point of Sale device called the Oxigen Micro ATM Super PoS. The event hosted by Brand Ambassador Grand Master Viswanathan Anand. Oxigen has been marching forward on its financial inclusion agenda to offer Branchless banking services to India's rural unbanked/underbanked segments.

235. Which Government launches Green Mahanadi Mission?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Odisha

Answer d) odisha. Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Green Mahanadi Mission'. The CM launched the mission by planting a sapling on the bank of river Mahanadi during his visit to Boudh and Subarnapur districts in western Odisha.

The 'Green Mahanadi Mission' is a plantation drive under which 2 crore saplings will be planted along the Mahanadi river and its tributaries. The main objective of the mission is to stop soil erosion on river banks and recharge the groundwater reserve

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236. Which state government passed resolution to change name of state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jharkhand
- d) West Bengal

Answer d) West Bengal. The ruling Trinamool Congress government placed a proposal in the state assembly to change the name of West Bengal to “Bangla” in all languages. The proposal will now be sent to the Home Ministry for approval, and the name of the state will be changed only if the Ministry approves it.

On August 29, 2016, the state Assembly had passed a resolution to change the name of West Bengal to ‘Bengal’ in English, ‘Bangla’ in Bengali and ‘Bangal’ in Hindi. The Union ministry of home affairs rejected the proposal saying that a state cannot have three different names in three different languages.

237. Which state became India’s Top State in producing Renewable Energy?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Karnataka
- c) Jharkhand
- d) West Bengal

Answer b) Karnataka. According to the report of ‘The Institute For Energy Economics and Financial Analysis’ (IEEFA), Karnataka has emerged as the leading state for generating renewable energy in India this year, with a total installed capacity of 12.3 gigawatts (GW), as of March 2018.

Tamil Nadu ranks second in producing Renewable Energy. The world’s largest solar park was set up at an investment of Rs 16,500 crore at Pavagada in Karnataka’s Tumakuru district. This 2,000 MW park is named as ‘Shakti Sthala’.

238. Which country will hold international conference of female parliamentarians?

- a) USA
- b) Ireland
- c) France
- d) New Zealand

Answer b) Ireland. Named “The International Congress of Parliamentary Women’s Caucuses” will be held at Dublin Castle on September 9-10 and the event will be attended by an estimated 300 delegates from over 27 countries. This conference is organised by the Irish Women’s Parliamentary Caucus (IWPC), a cross-party forum for female parliamentarians within the Irish parliament.

239. Gandhi: The years that changed the world is written by?

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) Salman Khurshid
- c) Ramchandra Guha
- d) Pranab Mukharjee

Answer c) Ramchandra Guha. A book titled “Gandhi: The years that changed the world (1914-1948)” has been written by Ramachandra Guha. This book will be released in September 2018 and narrates the story of Gandhi’s life, from his departure from South Africa to his assassination in 1948.

This book will be published by Penguin Random House India. The author has written several bestselling books like “India After Gandhi” and “Gandhi Before India”.

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240. Which Indian force participated In Australias Pitch Black Exercise?

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Airforce
- d) Para commando

Answer c) Indian airforce. An Indian Air Force contingent comprising of four Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft landed at Darwin Air Force Base, Australia for participating in the Exercise Pitch Black-2018. This is the first time that an Indian Air Force contingent is participating in this multinational air exercise in Australia. The Indian Air Force contingent consists of 145 personnel. The contingent will undertake simulated air combat exercises in a controlled environment.

241. National Sports Day 2018 will be celebrated on?

- a) August 29
- b) September 25
- c) July28
- d) August 4

Answer b) September 25. The Sports Ministry has postponed the National Sports Day to September 25, 2018. It has also announced that the outstanding performances of players at the Asian games could be considered for the National Sports Awards. Every year, the Sports Day is traditionally celebrated on August 29. But this year, with the Asian Games going on, the ministry has decided to postpone the event this time. The Asian Games are scheduled from August 18-September 2. Hence the National Sports Day will be held on September 25.

242. Which country has planned to establish an “Arab NATO” force?

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

Answer d) US. The US is planning to establish an “Arab NATO” force to counter Iran’s military expansion in the region, a spokesperson for the US National Security Council said.

243. Which country women’s compound archery team has reached world rank 1 position?

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

Answer c) India. Indian women’s compound archery team created history by becoming the world rank one side in the category.

244. Who has become the first Indian political figure to lead a party for 50 years?

- a) M Karunanidhi
- b) V. Narayanasamy
- c) Shri Naveen Patnaik
- d) Km. Mamata Banerjee

Answer a) M Karunanidhi. DMK President M Karunanidhi became the first Indian political figure to lead a party for 50 years. Elected as DMK chief on July 27, 1969, the 94-year-old leader has served as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu five times.

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245. Sixth India-UK Science & Innovation Council Meeting Held In _____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi. The 6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) meeting held in New Delhi discussed a range of issues on S&T cooperation between the two countries.

246. India's Bharat Vatwani won 2018 Ramon Magsaysay award, who is a _____?

- a) Social Servicer
- b) Politician
- c) Psychiatrist
- d) Lyricist

Answer c) Psychiatrist . Two Indians Bharat Vatwani, Sonam Wangchuk won 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Asian version of the Nobel Prize. Bharat Vatwani is a psychiatrist who works for the mentally-ill street persons.

247. Swapan Sarkar passed away at 67, is associate with _____.

- a) Scientist
- b) Actor
- c) Doctor
- d) Sports Journalist

Answer d) Sports Journalist. Veteran sports journalist Swapan Sarkar passed away due to diabetic complications. He was 67 years old. He worked for a number of dailies and was also the Delhi sports correspondent of Ananda Bazaar Patrika (ABP) from mid-1990's.

248. Who has been appointed as the Chancellor of Pondicherry University?

- a) Nitin Gadkari
- b) Venkaiah Naidu
- c) Arun Jaitley
- d) Rajnath Singh

Answer b) Venkaiah Naidu. Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu is appointed as the Chancellor of Pondicherry Central University by the President, Ram Nath Kovind, in his capacity as Visitor of the university. The term of the Chancellor will be five years.

249. Which state has launched country's first State-Run All-Woman Hotel?

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

Answer b) Kerala. A flagship project of the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC). The hotel will come up within six months at the KTDC complex. India's public sector hotel run entirely by women for women is claimed to be the first such in the country. The project was a 'milestone initiative' of KTDC, considering its purpose, security features and facilities of global standards at affordable rates.

250. Who has become the youngest woman from India to reach Mount Kilimanjaro, in three days?

- a) Shivangi Pathak
- b) Anu Prasanth

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- c) Sri Pathak
- d) Sherin Vinoth

Answer a) Shivangi Pathak. Shivangi Pathak, the 17-year-old from Haryana, who became the youngest woman from India to reach the peak of Mount Everest from Nepal side, has now scaled Africa's highest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro, in three days. Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro measures 5,895 metres in height.

251. BAN2401, a new drug for _____.

- a) Diabetes
- b) Cancer
- c) Alzheimer disease
- d) Autoimmune Diseases

Answer c) Alzheimer disease. BAN2401, a new drug for Alzheimer disease. BAN2401, a new drug that reduces plaques in the brain and slows down the cognition for Alzheimer disease has been introduced by Eisai, a Japan-based company and Biogen, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

252. Which Space agency is planning to launch world's first mission to touch the Sun?

- a) ISRO
- b) China Space Agency
- c) Russian Space Agency
- d) NASA

Answer d) NASA. Mankind's first mission to the Sun, Parker Solar Probe, a car sized probe, will study the Sun closer than any human-made object ever has. This mission is expected to take off no earlier than August 6.

253. Sierra Leone is located in which continent?

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

Answer d) Africa. A new Ebola virus has been found in bats in Sierra Leone. Two years before an outbreak of Ebola killed over 11,000 across West Africa.

254. Who has been Appointed as CEO for HSBC India?

- a) Surendra Rosha
- b) Aravind Ramamoorthy
- c) Arun Sathyan v
- d) Karthik Kumar L

Answer a) Surendra Rosha. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) has announced the appointment of IIM Ahmedabad alumnus Surendra Rosha as CEO for HSBC India, subject to regulatory approvals.

255. Who won last Grand Prix race before F1 summer break?

- a) Kimi Räikkönen
- b) Fernando Alonso
- c) Sebastian Vettel
- d) Lewis Hamilton

Answer d) Lewis Hamilton . Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton won the last Grand Prix race before the Formula One's summer break in Hungary.

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256. Who has become the first Indian to win gold in javelin throw at Commonwealth Games?

- a) Dipika Patnak
- b) Neeraj Chopra
- c) Renuka M
- d) Shabna Pandey

Answer b) Neeraj Chopra. Neeraj Chopra, who became the first Indian to win gold in javelin throw at Commonwealth Games in April this year, won gold at the Savo Games in Finland. The 20-year-old hurled the javelin to a distance of 85.69m to bag the gold medal.

257. Who has become the first Welshman to win the Tour de France cycling race in Paris?

- a) Richie Porte
- b) Greg Van Avermaet
- c) Geraint Thomas
- d) Chris Froome

Answer c) Geraint Thomas. Geraint Thomas became the first Welshman to win the Tour de France cycling race in Paris. The 32-year-old and his teammates enjoyed champagne while riding on their bikes during the 21st and final stage of the race in Paris.

258. Who is the current CM of Odisha?

- a) Naveen Patnaik
- b) Rajendra Narayan Singh Deo
- c) Biju Patnaik
- d) Biren Mitra

Answer a) Naveen Patnaik. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Rukura Medium Irrigation Dam project in Sundargarh district. This project will irrigate 5,800 hectares of the agricultural field.

259. Kapil Dev selected in Indian _____ team for tournament in Japan.

- a) Football
- b) Golf
- c) Volley Ball
- d) None of these

Answer b) Golf. India's 1983 Cricket World Cup-winning captain Kapil Dev has been selected in the national golf team to take part in the 2018 Asia-Pacific Senior Amateur Championship, which will be held from October 17 to 19 in Japan.

260. Which country has organised the 'Sano Cricket Curry Festival'?

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

Answer d) Japan. International cricket's governing body, ICC, organised the 'Sano Cricket Curry Festival' in the Japanese city of Sano to promote cricket in the nation.

261. Who won Russian Open Badminton Trophy?

- a) H. S. Prannoy
- b) B. Sai Praneeth
- c) Sourabh Verma

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d) Sameer Verma

Answer c) Sourabh Verma. Ace Indian shuttler Sourabh Verma won the Russian Open Badminton trophy at Vladivostok. Sourabh won the Chinese Taipei Masters in 2016 and finished runners-up at Bitburger Open the same year.

262. Who won second consecutive international gold at Yasar Dogu International?

- a) Malika Shasha
- b) Bajrang Punia
- c) Sakshi Malik
- d) Sandeep Tomar

Answer b) Bajrang Punia. Bajrang Punia won his second consecutive international gold and Sandeep Tomar won a silver medal at the Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul, Turkey. Indian wrestlers returned with 10 medals, including seven by women, from the ranking event.

263. International Army Games 2018 declared open in _____.

- a) Moscow
- b) Kazan
- c) Saint Petersburg
- d) Sochi

Answer a) Moscow. The International Army Games 2018 at Patriot Park in Moscow region was declared open by Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

264. Which union minister has launched National Viral Hepatitis Control Program?

- a) JP Nadda
- b) Smriti Irani
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Arun Jaitley

Answer a) JP Nadda . To eradicate viral hepatitis by the year of 2030, Union Minister J P Nadda launches National Viral Hepatitis Control Program. He released the Operational Guidelines for National Viral Hepatitis Control Program, National Laboratory Guidelines for Viral Hepatitis Testing and National Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management of Viral Hepatitis.

265. International Tiger Day is held annually on _____.

- a) 28 July
- b) 29 July
- c) 30 July
- d) 31 July

Answer b) 29 July. International Tiger Day is held annually on 29 July. It is an annual celebration to raise awareness for tiger conservation. It was created in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit.

266. Which state has launched Mobile Distribution Scheme Mobile Tihar?

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Maharastra
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Sikkim

Answer a) Chhattisgarh. Actress Kangana Ranaut and Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh launched a smartphone distribution scheme called 'Mobile Tihar' under Sanchar Kranti Yojana.

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267. Which state has signed MoU for the first Cow Sanctuary in State?

- a) Tamilnadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Kerala

Answer c) Rajasthan. Rajasthan Government signed a MoU with a private trust Sohanlalji Buladeviji Ojha Gaushala Samiti to build its first 'Cow Sanctuary', a shelter for 10000 cows.

268. Who has been appointed as the CEO of DNC?

- a) Akshara Premkumar
- b) Seema Nanda
- c) Pragathi Prasad
- d) Sivani Guru

Answer b) Seema Nanda. Indian American Seema Nanda has been appointed as CEO of the opposition Democratic National Committee. She vowed to fight for the "Soul of the country" and help elect Democrats in every corner of the United States. She is the first Indian American ever to be the CEO of either the DNC or the Republican National Committee.

269. Who won Best Actress in Third BRICS Film Festival?

- a) Sridevi Kapoor
- b) Bhanita Das
- c) Anushka Sharma
- d) Radha L

Answer b) Bhanita Das. Best Actress: Bhanita Das, Village Rockstars.

270. Who won the Canadian Open 2018?

- a) Jordan Spieth
- b) Rory McIlroy
- c) Jason Day
- d) Dustin Johnson

Answer d) Dustin Johnson. Dustin Johnson, an American professional golfer, won the Canadian Open title. This is his third Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) victory in 2018. This win is the 19th title of his career.

271. First Nepal-India Think Tank Summit Began in _____.

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

Answer a) Kathmandu. First Nepal-India Think Tank Summit Began in Kathmandu. The Think Tank summit is organized by the Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs and Nehru Memorial Museum Library.

272. Who has been awarded as Best Footballer for the year 2017-18 by Mohun Bagan club?

- a) Shilton Paul
- b) Sudip Chatterjee
- c) Sourav Das
- d) Rahim Ali

Answer a) Shilton Paul. Goalkeeper Shilton Paul– Best Footballer for the year 2017-18.

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273. Who has approved Aurobindo Pharma for generic anticoagulant injection?

- a) WHO
- b) USFDA
- c) Indian Medical Association
- d) None of these

Answer b) USFDA. United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has approved Aurobindo Pharma Limited for the manufacturing and marketing of Bivalirudin injection with the strength of 250 mg/vial.

274. 'Mission Satyanishtha' has been launched by _____.

- a) Indian Postal
- b) Indian Telecom
- c) Indian Railway
- d) None of these

Answer c) Indian Railway. The Indian Railways launched 'Mission Satyanishtha' and a programme on Ethics in Public Governance, in a first-of-its-kind event, at a day-long function held at National Rail Museum, New Delhi.

275. ONGC conferred with INFRA Icon Award under which category?

- a) Gold Energy
- b) Global Energy
- c) Earth Energy
- d) All the Above

Answer b) Global Energy. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) was awarded the INFRA Icon Award in the 'Global Energy' category at the mid-day INFRA Icons Awards 2018, in Mumbai. The award was given away by Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Pravin Darare.