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1. Which State agriculture project has won the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2016 prize in the e-Agriculture Category?

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

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. An Andhra Pradesh project to collect very specific climate data from farms and give farmers personalised information through SMS has won the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2016 prize in the e-Agriculture category.

2. A statue of a renowned Indian filmmaker, the late Yash Chopra, was unveiled in

- a) Switzerland b) Japan c) China d) Spain

Answer a) Switzerland. A statue of a renowned Indian filmmaker, the late Yash Chopra, was unveiled in Interlaken, Switzerland. The 350 kg statue, which now stands in Kurssaal Garden in the central Swiss town of Interlaken, canton Bern, is a replica of the one in Chopra's film studio in Mumbai and was unveiled by his widow, Pamela Chopra.

3. Who won Commonwealth Short Story Regional Prize 2016?

- a) Prakash Kullar b) Prashar Kulkarni c) Prasanth Kumar d) Pankaj Kumar

Answer b) Prashar Kulkarni. A Social Science professor from India Prashar Kulkarni has won the, for the Asia region for his "politically grounded, funny" fiction. Kulkarni's story Cow And Company about four men in search of a cow were adjudged the best piece of unpublished short fiction in English from Asia and will receive 2500 pounds prize.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Naval Staff?

- a) Vice Admiral Robin K Dhawan b) Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba
c) Vice Admiral Sureseh Mehta d) Vice Admiral Nirmal Kumar Verma

Answer b) Admiral Sunil Lanba. Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of Western Naval Command, has been appointed as the new Chief of Naval Staff and will assume charge on May 31. The 58-year-old, a specialist in Navigation and Direction, will have the full three-year tenure as the Navy Chief. He will succeed Admiral RK Dhowan who is retiring.

5. Who has been appointed as chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)?

- a) Jyoti Narayan b) A.K.Chaturvedi c) Kumar Rajesh Chandra d) Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal

Answer c) Kumar Rajesh Chandra. Senior IPS officer Kumar Rajesh Chandra has been appointed as chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the aviation security wing of the government, over three years after the post fell vacant.

6. Which private sector bank has received in-principle nod from markets regulator Sebi to act as custodian of securities?

- a) Federal Bank b) Yes Bank c) IndusInd Bank d) HDFC Bank

Answer b) Yes Bank. Private sector lender Yes Bank has received in-principle nod from markets regulator Sebi to act as custodian of securities. The bank has been given a year's time to establish the business by developing the operational, tech and human capital capabilities.

7. Which bank has announced the launch of mVisa, a mobile-based payment solution?

- a) Central Bank of India b) Indian Overseas Bank c) Syndicate Bank d) State Bank of India

Answer d) State Bank of India. Country's biggest lender State Bank of India has announced the launch of mVisa, a mobile-based payment solution. The service will help customers make payments through their smartphones by simply scanning the unique merchant QR (Quick Response) code at merchant outlets.

8. Which private bank became the first financial institution in the country to tie up with the BRICS Grouping-promoted New Development Bank (NDB)?

- a) Axis Bank b) ICICI Bank c) Kotak Mahindra Bank d) South Indian Bank

Answer b) ICICI Bank. Private sector lender ICICI Bank became the first financial institution in the country to tie up with the BRICS Grouping-promoted New Development Bank (NDB) for a partnership in bond issuances, co-financing, treasury management and human resources. As part of the pact, the two lenders — NDBs first president is ICICI Bank veteran KV Kamath — will look at each other as "preferred partners".

9. Which Bank opened IFSC Banking Unit at International Financial Services Centre at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT)?

- a) ICICI Bank b) State Bank of India c) Axis Bank d) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer d) Kotak Mahindra Bank. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has become the fourth bank to open its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at India's first and only International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) in Gandhinagar.

10. The trade body of Indian IT firms NASSCOM has signed an MoU with _____ to build a product design initiative to engage the country's young entrepreneurs.

- a) Google b) Twitter c) Hike d) Facebook

Answer d) Facebook. The trade body of Indian IT firms NASSCOM has signed an MoU with Facebook to build a product design initiative to engage the country's young entrepreneurs into becoming problem solvers and solution builders. Signed in Silicon Valley, the NASSCOM-Facebook initiative is likely to propel innovative thinking and approaches to build solutions in key sectors where technology can play a transformational role.

11. Which cigarette maker company shut its plants from May 4 to comply with a new stipulated pictorial warnings rule issued by the federal government?

- a) ITC Ltd b) Golden Tobacco Ltd c) NTC Industries d) VST Ltd

Answer a) ITC Ltd. India's biggest cigarette maker ITC Ltd shut its plants from May 4 to comply with a new stipulated pictorial warnings rule issued by the federal government. India's top court told tobacco companies that they must adhere to a new federal rule requiring much larger health warnings on cigarette packs, in a major setback for the \$11 billion industry.

12. Which state decided to create more districts in the state?

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

Answer c) Telangana. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has decided to create more districts in the state, according to an official statement. "The new districts may come into being from

either August 15 or Dussehra. The total number of districts may go up to 24-25," the statement said. As of now, there are ten districts in the state.

13. Goa Shipyard Limited launched off-shore patrol vessel Indian Coast Guard ship named as _____ at Vasco.

- a) Samar b) Samrath c) Samudra d) Shaurya

Answer d) Shaurya. Goa Shipyard Limited launched Indian Coast Guard ship 'Shaurya' at Vasco, the fifth of a series of six off-shore patrol vessels that the Coast Guard had tasked the Vasco defence public sector undertaking to build. The vessel is capable of cruising at a speed of 23 knots and has a range of 6,000 nautical miles.

14. Which Ministry gave approval to creation of 'Government e-Marketplace' for online purchase of commonly used goods and services?

- a) Finance Ministry b) Transport Ministry c) External Affairs Ministry d) Home Affairs Ministry

Answer a) Finance Ministry. The Finance Ministry gave its green light to creation of 'Government e-Marketplace' for online purchase of commonly used goods and services by various central government ministries and departments. The Department of Expenditure has added a new provision in the General Financial Rules (GFR) on the request of Commerce Department for creation of a one-stop GeM by Directorate General Supply and Disposal (DGS&D).

15. India and _____ to sign MOU for Cooperation in Sports

- a) China b) Japan c) Australia d) New Zealand

Answer b) Japan. India and Japan have decided to exchange sports persons, coaches, experts and administrators to improve the standard of the game in both nations. The two Asian countries will play some friendly matches ahead of the Under-17 World Cup tournament. The decisions were taken during a meeting between Sports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and a 12-member delegation from Japan led by Hase Hiroshi, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

16. Which medicine company has got final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to manufacture and market cholesterol-lowering tablets?

- a) Sun Pharmaceutical b) Cipla c) Glenmark Pharmaceuticals d) Aurobindo Pharma Ltd

Answer d) Aurobindo Pharma Ltd. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd has got final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to manufacture and market cholesterol-lowering fenofibrate tablets in 48 milligram (mg) and 145 mg dosage forms. The approved abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) is the generic version of AbbVie Inc.'s Tricor® tablets. Fenofibrate is used to treat high levels of cholesterol and triglycerides in the blood.

17. Which central bank has decided to permanently stop producing the €500 banknote and to exclude it from the Europa Series?

- a) European Central Bank b) Central Bank of Ireland c) Central Bank of Malta d) Bank of England

Answer a) European Central Bank. European Central Bank (ECB) has decided to permanently stop producing the €500 banknote and to exclude it from the Europa series, taking into account concerns that this banknote could facilitate illicit activities. The issuance of the €500 will be stopped around

the end of 2018, when the €100 and €200 banknotes of the Europa series are planned to be introduced. The other denominations – from €5 to €200 – will remain in place.

18. Which country introduced a 'safe haven baby box' facility where parents can drop off unwanted newborn babies?

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

Answer c) USA. The US state of Indiana has introduced a 'safe haven baby box' facility where parents can drop off unwanted newborn babies. The Emergency services will be notified within minutes after a baby is placed in the climate-controlled box outside the Fire Department building. Notably, unharmed newborns can be surrendered without any fear of prosecution in all 50 US states.

19. Who has been appointed as non-executive chairman of City Union Bank?

- a) Shyam Srinivasan b) Venkataraman c) Mahalingam d) Rana Kapoor

Answer c) Mahalingam. S. Mahalingam, former chief financial officer (CFO) and executive director of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), is set to become the non-executive chairman of City Union Bank. Mr. Mahalingam is currently an Independent Director on the board of the bank. He is a well-known name in the field of IT (information technology).

20. Which state government has decided to dig one lakh deep bore wells to ensure that the farmers of the drought-hit areas are able to save their crops at the time of drought?

- a) Karnataka b) Maharashtra c) Odisha d) Assam

Answer c) Odisha. The Odisha government has decided to dig one lakh deep bore wells to ensure that the farmers of the drought-hit areas are able to save their crops at the time of drought. A decision to this effect was taken at the Cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the state Secretariat.

21. Which e-commerce firm has partnered with Map Unity to launch its map services?

- a) Flipkart b) Amazon c) Snapdeal d) Paytm

Answer a) Flipkart. E-commerce firm Flipkart has partnered with MapUnity, a Bengaluru-based social technology company, to launch its map services. The network will cover 126 cities including those chosen in the 'Smart Cities' mission. The company said that the service will help it in handling logistics and supply chain. Notably, Flipkart had acquired 34% stake in Delhi-based digital mapping firm MapMyIndia last year.

22. Which e-commerce company acquired Gurgaon-based predictive marketing technology startup Targeting Mantra?

- a) Shopclues b) Myntra c) Snapdeal d) Amazon

Answer c) Snapdeal. E-commerce marketplace Snapdeal acquired Gurgaon-based predictive marketing technology startup Targeting Mantra for an undisclosed amount. Founded by Saurabh Nangia and Rahul Singh in March 2013, it helps manage customer life cycle through personalization, targeting and big data analytics. In 2014, TargetingMantra raised \$1.1 million in seed funding led by 500 Startups, and others.

23. Google entered into a partnership with which telecommunications company to offer direct carrier billing in India?

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

Answer b) Idea. Google entered into a partnership with telecommunications major Idea Cellular to offer direct carrier billing in India. Idea users would now be able to make purchases on Google Play Store directly through their postpaid and prepaid accounts. Costs for the same will be charged through monthly bills and phone balance respectively.

24. Indian batsman Rohit Sharma inaugurated India's first sports expo in _____

- a) Nagpur b) Pune c) Nashik d) Aurangabad

Answer b) Pune. Indian batsman Rohit Sharma inaugurated India's first sports expo in Pune. The Pune International Sports Expo, which is scheduled to run until May 8, will showcase various products and modern technologies for fitness and sports by Indian and multinational brands. The expo will also feature talks by sportspersons including Zaheer Khan, Sunil Chettri and Milkha Singh among others.

25. Who has been appointed as head coach of Pakistan Cricket Team?

- a) Greame Smith b) Jacques Kallis c) Mickey Arthur d) Shaun Pollock

Answer c) Mickey Arthur. South Africa's Mickey Arthur has been appointed head coach of Pakistan ahead of this summer's tour of England. The 47-year-old former South Africa and Australia coach takes over from Waqar Younis, who resigned last month. He led South Africa from 2005-10 and Australia from 2011-13 but was sacked 16 days before the 2013 Ashes series in England.

26. The scientists and engineers of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration awarded a \$3 million Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics for discover _____

- a) Thermometer b) Gravitational waves c) Engine d) None of these

Answer b) Gravitational waves. The scientists and engineers of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration, who detected gravitational waves and reported their discovery in February, have been awarded a \$3 million Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.

27. Who has been appointed as the part-time Chairperson in the National Statistical Commission?

- a) Raja Vinod Sharma b) Vignesh Arun c) Acharya Vinoth d) Radha Binod Barman

Answer d) Radha Binod Barman. Dr. Radha Binod Barman, an eminent statistician, has taken over as the part-time Chairperson in the National Statistical Commission. Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, Prof. Rahul Mukherjee, Dr. Rajiv Mehta and Dr. Manoj Panda are the other part-time Members in the Commission.

28. State-run Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) might be converted into a _____ to enable it to access funding from overseas banks.

- a) Red Bank b) Blue Bank c) Green Bank d) White Bank

Answer c) Green Bank. State-run Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) might be converted into a Green Bank to enable it to access funding from overseas banks. With IREDA conversion into Green Bank, it would be entitled to avail of certain benefits, which the agency is currently deprived of and the proposal is being well supported by the Union Power Ministry.

29. The Government has ratified the _____ of the WTO and the pact aims to expedite the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit.

- a) Trade Facilitation Agreement b) Tariff Facilitation Agreement
c) Trade Financial Agreement d) Tourism Facilitation Agreement

Answer a) Trade Facilitation Agreement. The Government has ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of the WTO and the pact aims to expedite the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit. India has ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of the World Trade Agreement (WTO) and the instrument of Acceptance for Trade Facilitation Agreement was handed over to WTO Director-General by India on April 22.

30. _____ and Ayush join hands to impart yoga training to defence wing staff.

- a) Department of Defence Production b) Department of Defence Research and Development
c) Department of Science and Technology d) Department of Atomic Energy

Answer b) Department of Defence Research and Development. Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS) a Delhi based premier laboratory of DRDO in collaboration with Department of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) organised a training program on Yoga for the Defence Wing Staff during 25th to 30th April 2016.

31. Which company has successfully commissioned a 600 MW coal-based thermal power plant in the state of Madhya Pradesh?

- a) Wipro Lighting b) Crompton Greaves c) Siemens Corporate d) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Answer d) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned a 600 MW coal-based thermal power plant in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The unit has been commissioned at the 1 x 600 MW Jhabua Thermal Power Project (TPP) located in Seoni district in Madhya Pradesh.

32. The Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court KM Joseph was transferred to which State High Court?

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

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court KM Joseph was on Tuesday transferred to the Andhra Pradesh High Court in Hyderabad. Recently, a bench headed by Joseph had quashed the President's rule in Uttarakhand. Meanwhile, Acting Chief Justice Dilip B Bhosale of the Hyderabad High Court was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

33. From which country Reliance Power has received approval for the first phase of a 3,000 MW Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-based power plant?

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

Answer a) Bangladesh. Anil Ambani-led Reliance Power has received in-principle approval from the Bangladesh government for the first phase of a 3,000 MW Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-based power plant in the country. "This will be the largest foreign direct investment in Bangladesh with a potential investment of over \$1.3 billion," Reliance said. Reportedly, the project is scheduled to be commissioned by 2018-19.

34. World's largest unmanned surface vessel which is named as _____ a self-driving, 132-foot ship designed to travel thousands of miles out at sea without a single crew member on board.

- a) Sea Welder b) Sea Hunter c) Sea Travel d) Sea Vehicle

Answer b) Sea Hunter. The military is starting tests on the world's largest unmanned surface vessel — a self-driving, 132-foot ship designed to travel thousands of miles out at sea without a single crew member on board. The so-called "Sea Hunter" has the potential to revolutionize not only the military's maritime operations but commercial shipping.

35. The world's smallest engine has been created in a lab at _____

- a) Cambridge University b) Oxford University c) Harvard University d) Stanford University

Answer a) Cambridge University. The world's smallest engine has been created in a lab at Cambridge University. It is fuelled by lasers and gold and is so tiny it could power the nanobots scientists hope to inject into our bodies in future to keep us healthy.

36. Which e-retailer company will re launch its desktop site from June 1?

- a) Amazon b) Shopclues c) Flipkart d) Myntra

Answer d) Myntra. Fashion e-retailer Myntra, which went app-only a year ago, will relaunch its desktop site on June 1. The company said that the main reason for the shift is feedback from consumers, especially women who want to have the option of shopping across channels. It expects 15-20% of its sales in the current financial year to come from the desktop website.

37. Mumbai teenager who passed away recently had been suffering from a rare genetic disease that causes the body to age eight times faster than normal?

- a) Nisar Birla b) Nikal Fasra c) Nihal Bitla d) Neela Bhat

Answer c) Nihal Bitla. Nihal Bitla (15), a Mumbai teenager who had been suffering from a rare genetic disease that causes the body to age eight times faster than normal has died. He was the face of India's awareness campaign against progeria.

38. Who was elected as the newest national committee woman of the Republican National Committee by thousand plus votes in attendance at the California Republican Party convention?

- a) Maya Ajmera b) Harmeet Kaur Dhillon c) Mahzarin Banaji d) Bharati Mukherjee

Answer b) Harmeet Kaur Dhillon. An Indian American Sikh woman from California has been elected to a key position in the Republican Party at the national level. Chandigarh-born Harmeet Kaur Dhillon was elected as the newest national committee woman of the Republican National Committee by thousand plus votes in attendance at the California Republican Party convention.

39. The International Monetary Fund has retained its growth forecast for India this year at _____

- a) 8.5 % b) 8 % c) 7 % d) 7.5 %

Answer d) 7.5 %. The International Monetary Fund has retained its growth forecast for India this year at 7.5 per cent, largely driven by private consumption even as weak exports and sluggish credit growth weigh on the economy. India's growth momentum is expected to be underpinned by private consumption, which has benefited from lower energy prices and higher real incomes.

40. India has secured _____ position in the 2016 Foreign Direct Investment Confidence Index.

- a) 5 th b) 8 th c) 9 th d) 10 th

Answer c) 9 th. India has secured ninth position in the 2016 Foreign Direct Investment Confidence Index. The ranking has been released by a global management consulting firm named AT Kearney. The firm has underlined that the country is “finally” embarking on a growth path that will see it “unlock its full potential”. India jumped two places to rank number 9 in this year’s AT Kearney Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Confidence Index.

41. The Supreme Court of India has decided against extending the deadline for phasing out _____ in National Capital Region (NCR).

- a) Natural gas cabs b) Diesel cabs c) Petrol cabs d) Solar cabs

Answer b) Diesel cabs. The Supreme Court of India has decided against extending the deadline for phasing out diesel cabs in National Capital Region (NCR). It ordered the diesel cabs to go off the roads from 1 May 2016. The earlier deadline for phasing out diesel cabs was 1 April 2016, but it was extended for a month. The earlier extension was given so that private cab aggregators could switch to compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles by 1 May 2016.

42. Who is the head of the three-member panel to oversee how the regulator of medical profession and education in India functions?

- a) RM Lodha b) Ashok Mehta c) Narasimham d) Sri Krishna

Answer a) RM Lodha. After fixing the country’s cricket board, former Chief Justice of India RM Lodha gets the responsibility to reform the Medical Council of India (MCI), which the Supreme Court described as unprofessional. The top court appointed a three-member panel headed by Lodha to oversee how the regulator of medical profession and education in India functions. Besides Lodha, the panel has former CAG Vinod Rai and Dr SK Sareen.

43. The Union Ministry of Railways and Forest Department of which of the two states have signed an (MoU) for plantation of trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary?

- a) Assam and Rajasthan b) Kerala and Tamil Nadu c) Haryana and Punjab d) Uttarakhand and Bihar

Answer c) Haryana and Punjab. The Union Ministry of Railways and Forest Department of Haryana & Punjab have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for plantation of trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary. The MoU paves way for planting around 5 lakh trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary prior to Monsoon Season.

44. World Press Freedom Day is observed on which day and what is the theme for 2016?

- a) May 1 and "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers"
b) May 3 and "Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms"
c) May 2 and "New Voices: Media Freedom Helping to Transform Societies"
d) May 4 and "Safe to Speak: Securing Freedom of Expression in All Media".

Answer b) May 3 and "Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms". World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 3 every year by UN. World Press Freedom Day aims to raise awareness of press freedom. The theme for 2016 is "Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms".

45. World Asthma Day is observed on which day and what is the theme for 2016?

- a) April 30 and “to help our children breathe” b) May 2 and “unite to overcome asthma”
c) May 3 and “you can control your asthma” d) May 1 and “everyone normal breathing”

Answer c) May 3 and “you can control your asthma”. The first Tuesday of May every year is celebrated as World Asthma Day. This aims to bring to light the pressing concern that is asthma and to help raise awareness about preventing the same. This year, it is being celebrated on 3rd May, 2016. The theme for 2016 is “you can control your asthma”.

46. _____ signed MoU with Osler Health for research in chronic disease.

- a) Fortis Hospitals b) Apollo Hospitals c) Tata Memorial Hospital d) Lilavati Hospital

Answer b) Apollo Hospitals. Apollo Hospitals and William Osler Health System recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formalising a partnership between the two organisations that aims to positively impact the health and wellness of the patients they serve.

47. Astronomers have discovered _____ planets orbiting the habitable zone of an ultra-cool dwarf star just 40 light-years from Earth.

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

Answer a) Three. Astronomers have discovered three planets orbiting the habitable zone of an ultra-cool dwarf star just 40 light-years from Earth. The discovery is the first evidence supporting the hypothesis that these very low-mass and low-temperature stars should have Earth-sized or smaller planets orbiting them.

48. India ranks _____ of 210 countries on electrification with 78.7% of its population having access to electricity.

- a) 125 b) 143 c) 137 d) 150

Answer c) 137. According to SocialCops' analysis of World Bank data, India ranks 137th of 210 countries on electrification with 78.7% of its population having access to electricity. There are 87 countries with 100% access to electricity, 40 countries with 90-99%, and 6 countries with 80-89%. Notably, of the bottom 20 countries (with 0-22% access to electricity), 18 are in Africa.

49. Which team won the English Premier League title?

- a) Manchester City b) Chelsea c) Manchester United d) Leicester City

Answer d) Leicester City. Leicester City have won the English Premier League title after closest rivals Tottenham Hotspur blew a two-goal lead to draw at last season's winners Chelsea. Leicester started the campaign as 5,000-1 outsiders for the title after almost being relegated last season. But they have lost just three league games in what has been described as a “fairytale” and the “most unlikely triumph in the history of team sport”.

50. Who has been selected as India's Goodwill Ambassador at the 2016 Rio Olympics recently?

- a) Rahul Dravid b) Sachin Tendulkar c) Virender Sehwag d) Sunil Gavaskar

Answer b) Sachin Tendulkar. Former cricketer Sachin Tendulkar accepted Indian Olympic Association's invitation to become India's Goodwill Ambassador at the 2016 Rio Olympics. He joins Salman Khan and former Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra as the Goodwill Ambassadors.

Tendulkar said he was happy to accept the honour and that he would do whatever he could to promote sports in India.

51. Who won World Snooker Championship title 2016?

- a) Stuart Bingham b) Ding Junhui c) John Higgins d) Mark Selby

Answer d) Mark Selby. UK-born professional snooker player Mark Selby defeated China's Ding Junhui with a final scoreline of 18-14 to win his second World Snooker Championship title on Monday. Selby is only the sixth player in the World Championship's history to win multiple world titles, after having won his first against five-time champion Ronnie O'Sullivan in 2014.

52. How many Indian shuttlers have qualified to participate in the 2016 Rio Olympics?

- a) 5 b) 7 c) 6 d) 4

Answer b) 7. India's largest ever Badminton contingent for Olympics, which included seven shuttlers, has qualified to participate in the 2016 Rio Olympics. The list includes singles players Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth, and doubles pairs of Jwala Gutta-Ashwini Ponnappa and Manu Attri-Sumeeth Reddy. The list was confirmed after Badminton Asia Championships, which ended on Sunday.

53. Sunil Gudge who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Actor b) Sportsmen c) Scientists d) Architect

Answer b) Sportsmen. Maharashtra leg-spinner Sunil Gudge passed away at his residence in Pune following a heart attack. Born in Pune on December 31, 1959, the leg-spinner and handy lower order batsman played 55 first class matches during his decade-and-a-half career.

54. Romesh Sharma who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Politician b) Musician c) Artist d) Economist

Answer a) Politician. Former Jammu and Kashmir Minister and senior Congress leader Romesh Sharma has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 65.

55. Who has been felicitated with the prestigious Edgar A Poe award by US President Barack Obama and the First Lady Michelle?

- a) Mamta Banerjee b) Neela Banerjee c) Priya Banerjee d) Lalitha Mukherjee

Answer b) Neela Banerjee. Neela Banerjee, an Indian-American journalist has been felicitated by US President Barack Obama and the First Lady Michelle. Neela Banerjee and three of her colleagues from Inside Climate News were presented with the prestigious Edgar A Poe award. The annual award by the White House Correspondents Association (WHCA) honours journalistic work of national or regional significance.

56. Who has been elected as the Fellow of The Royal Society?

- a) Sri Munnaswamy b) Rajesh Kumar c) Sriram Ramaswamy d) Muthu Kumaraswamy

Answer c) Sriram Ramaswamy. Physicist Sriram Ramaswamy, Director of TIFR Centre for Interdisciplinary Sciences, Hyderabad, has been elected as the Fellow of The Royal Society. His name appeared on the list of 50 new fellows and 10 new Foreign Members announced by the Royal Society.

57. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at _____ district in Uttar Pradesh

- a) Bijnor b) Ballia c) Banda d) Balrampur

Answer b) Ballia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia. The scheme aims to provide cooking gas connections to five crore below-poverty-line beneficiaries over the next three years.

58. In which City, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has launched Chandranna Bima Yojana?

- a) Vijayawada b) Visakhapatnam c) Guntur d) Nellore

Answer a) Vijayawada. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has launched Chandranna Bima Yojana in Vijayawada. The Yojna launched on the occasion of May Day is an insurance scheme for the working class people. The state government scheme will cover about 1.5 crore workers of the state. Under the scheme any insured worker who meets an accidental death and permanent disability will be paid 5 lakh rupees. That worker who suffers partial disability will be paid a sum of 3 lakh rupees.

59. India and _____ have signed an air services agreement in a bid to boost connectivity, tourism and trade between both countries.

- a) Japan b) New Zealand c) China d) Thailand

Answer b) New Zealand. India and New Zealand have signed an air services agreement in a bid to boost connectivity, tourism and trade between both countries. The agreement was signed by India's Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan and Simon Bridges, Minister of Transport and Minister of Energy and Resources of New Zealand in Auckland. The ceremony took place in Auckland's Langham Hotel.

60. Which bank has signed an MoU with SAARC Development Fund (SDF) for mutual cooperation and collaboration?

- a) RBI b) SBI c) SIDBI d) NABARD

Answer c) SIDBI. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed an MoU with SAARC Development Fund (SDF) for mutual cooperation and collaboration. The MoU was signed by SIDBI Deputy Managing Director A K Kapur and SDF CEO Sunil Motiwal.

61. Which company has signed an agreement with three Ukrainian state-owned firms — Ukroboronprom, Spetstechno Exports and Antonov — to collaborate on a range of military products?

- a) Reliance Defence b) Heavy vehicles Factory c) Tata Motors d) Ordnance Factory Board

Answer a) Reliance Defence. Reliance Defence has signed an agreement with three Ukrainian state-owned firms — Ukroboronprom, Spetstechno Exports and Antonov — to collaborate on a range of military products including transport aircraft, armoured vehicles, maritime gas turbines and unmanned aerial vehicles.

62. Mobile app named as 'Indian Customs- Guide to Travellers' is launched by?

- a) Central Board of Direct Taxes b) Central Board of Film Certification

c) Central Board of Secondary Education d) Central Board of Excise and Customs

Answer d) Central Board of Excise and Customs. Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has launched mobile app, namely, 'Indian Customs- Guide to Travellers'. The mobile App has been developed by Bengaluru Customs to inform international travelers who may, inter-alia, be traders/exporters/importers about Customs Baggage rules. The app is available on Android Play store, Apple Store and Windows Store.

63. Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day is observed on?

a) April 30 b) May 2 c) May 1 d) May 3

Answer c) May 1. The state of Maharashtra was formed from the division of the Bombay State on May 1, 1960. This day is celebrated as Maharashtra Day wherein various events commemorating history and traditions of Maharashtra take place. May 1 is celebrated as Gujarat Day since its formation in the year 1960. The state is, contrary to popular belief, more than just a dry state. Some of the best Indian monuments, food, folk dances belong to Gujarat and make it a beautiful jewel in India's crown.

64. Which IT company inaugurated Saudi Arabia's first all women business and technology park (WBP) at the Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University in Riyadh?

a) TCS b) WIPRO c) INFOSYS d) HCL

Answer b) WIPRO. IT services company Wipro inaugurated Saudi Arabia's first all women business and technology park (WBP) at the Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University in Riyadh. The WBP is a joint venture between Wipro and the university, with oil firm Saudi Aramco acting as the strategic advisor. The initiative is expected to create nearly 21,000 jobs by 2025, Wipro said.

65. Who take charge as the Information and Broadcasting secretary?

a) Ajith Seth b) Ajay Mittal c) Pradeep Kumar Sinha d) Kamal Pande

Answer b) Ajay Mittal. Himachal Pradesh cadre IAS officer of 1982 batch Ajay Mittal took charge as the Information and Broadcasting secretary. Mittal, succeeds Sunil Arora, who retired on April 30. Mittal has joined the I&B ministry at a time when it is planning to conduct the next batch of radio auctions, streamlining the film certification processes and also the remaining phases of the digitisation of cable sector drive.

66. World's smallest thermometer created from _____

a) Steel b) Skin c) Plastic d) DNA

Answer d) DNA. Canada-based biochemists have developed the world's smallest thermometer from DNA, which is 20,000 times smaller than a human hair. The device is based on a property of DNA, which causes it to fold or unfold depending on the temperature changes. The property allowed the team to create programmable molecules which can aid in measuring temperatures between 30°C and 85°C.

67. The Maharashtra government plans to develop and promote _____ as a 'textiles city'.

a) Akola b) Buldana c) Yavatmal d) Amravati

Answer d) Amravati. The Maharashtra government plans to develop the Nandgaon industrial estate in Vidarbha's Amravati as a 'textile park' and promote Amravati as a 'textiles city', CM Devendra

Fadnavis has said. "The state government is promoting textile industries in the suicide-prone area of Vidarbha to give... alternate market linkage to the cotton growers of the region... to prevent farmer suicides," he added.

68. Which Mobile Wallet Company has partnered with Wipro for the implementation of technology solutions for the former's proposed payment bank?

- a) Mobikwik b) Mrupee c) Paytm d) Freecharge

Answer c) Paytm. Mobile wallet company Paytm has partnered with IT services major Wipro for the implementation of technology solutions for the former's proposed payment bank, Paytm said. Reportedly, Paytm is expected to roll out the payments bank later this year. Payment banks can accept demand deposits and savings bank deposits from individuals and small businesses, up to ₹1 lakh per account.

69. India ranks _____ in the list of countries exporting counterfeit or pirated goods globally.

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

Answer a) Fifth. India ranks fifth in the list of countries exporting counterfeit or pirated goods globally, according to a study by global body Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). China topped the list, accounting for 63.2% of the estimated \$0.5 trillion worldwide import of fake goods, followed by Turkey (3.3%), Singapore (1.9%), Thailand (1.6%) and India (1.2%).

70. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched solar-powered e-boats at the Assi Ghat in _____

- a) Shravashti b) Varanasi c) Sultanpur d) Shamli

Answer b) Varanasi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched solar-powered e-boats at the Assi Ghat in Varanasi. The initiative is aimed at reducing pollution and keeping the Ganga river clean. Modi, who also rode the e-boat, said, "With e-boats, the boatmen will be able to save ₹500 a day without spending on diesel." Earlier in the day, Modi also distributed 1,000 e-rickshaws in Varanasi.

71. Which country is the third largest e-learning market globally after the US and China?

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

Answer b) India. According to online learning site Coursera, with 1.3 million registered learners, India is the third largest e-learning market globally after the US and China. It also revealed that Bengaluru has the maximum e-learners in India. While most active online learners in India were young professionals in their 20s and 30s, male learners constituted 76% and female learners formed 24%.

72. Indian boxer who recorded his 5th consecutive victory in Professional Boxing?

- a) Jitender Kumar b) Manpreet Singh c) Vijender Singh d) Harpreet Singh

Answer c) Vijender Singh. Indian boxer Vijender Singh defeated 29-year-old French boxer Matiouze Royer by knockout at the Copper Box Arena in London on Saturday to register his professional career's fifth consecutive victory. With 250 rounds under his belt, Matiouze was the most experienced boxer he had faced. Vijender's previous four wins came against Sonny Whiting, Dean Gillen, Samet Hyuseinov and Alexander Horvath.

73. Who won Russian Grand Prix 2016?

- a) Lewis Hamilton b) Fernando Alonso c) Kimi Raikkonen d) Nico Rosberg

Answer d) Nico Rosberg. Nico Rosberg dominated the Russian Grand Prix to take his fourth win in a row this season as Lewis Hamilton fought back to finish second. Hamilton started 10th after an engine failure in qualifying but after repairs he drove a superlative race to limit the damage to his title hopes. But Rosberg's victory extended his championship lead to 43 points.

74. Balraj Madhok who died recently was a/an

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

Answer c) Politician. Former president of Bharatiya Jan Sangh (BJS) and veteran RSS leader Balraj Madhok died.

75. India is ranked at the _____ position in crony-capitalism with crony sector wealth accounting for 3.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP).

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

Answer b) Ninth. India is ranked at the ninth position in crony-capitalism with crony sector wealth accounting for 3.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP). In India, the non-crony sector wealth amounts to 8.3 per cent of the GDP, as per the latest crony-capitalism index. In the 2014 ranking also, India stood at the ninth place.

76. Union Minister Kalraj Mishra Inaugurates Khadi Spinning and Weaving Centre in _____

- a) Udhampur b) Pahalgam c) Srinagar d) Gulmarg

Answer c) Srinagar. The Minister for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) Kalraj Mishra has inaugurated a spinning and weaving centre and marketing plaza for khadi goods in Srinagar. At the centre — Harmukh Khadi Gram Udyog Sansthan — Mishra also distributed 25 model charkhas among local artisans at a function. The event was organised by Khadi and Village Industries Board, Srinagar.

77. Which State Government has issued a government resolution (GR) giving minority status to the Jain community?

- a) Gujarat b) Assam c) Tamil Nadu d) Bihar

Answer a) Gujarat. Gujarat Government has issued a government resolution (GR) giving minority status to the Jain community. Transport Minister and BJP state unit chief Vijay Rupani made the announcement in Ahmedabad. The previous UPA Government at the Centre had conferred the minority status on the community at the national level in January 2014.

78. The single emergency number _____ will be operational throughout India from January 1, 2017 to help people reach immediate services of police, ambulance and fire department.

- a) 108 b) 112 c) 139 d) 115

Answer b) 112. The single emergency number '112' will be operational throughout India from January 1, 2017 to help people reach immediate services of police, ambulance and fire department. Telecom minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has approved the provision of a single number for various emergency services that would be similar to the '911' all-in-one emergency service in the US.

79. Which State government has decided to go ahead with the establishment of Asia's first Rice Technology Park?

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

Answer d) Karnataka. Karnataka State government has decided to go ahead with the establishment of Asia's first Rice Technology Park at Gangavati in Koppal district and a Maize Technology Park at Ranebennur in Haveri district on the public-private participation model as a one-stop solution to all problems of rice and maize growers.

80. Which IT company got approval to set up an IT/ITeS special economic zone in Bengaluru?

- a) TCS b) WIPRO c) Infosys d) HCL

Answer c) Infosys. The government has approved the proposal of Infosys to set up an IT/ITeS special economic zone in Bengaluru in an area spread over 4 hectares. The decision was taken by an inter-ministerial Board of Approval (BoA), headed by Commerce Secretary Rita Teatota

81. Indian Railways has launched the _____ train for pilgrims to visit Shirdi, Tirupati, Jagannath Puri, Gangasagar, Baidyanath Dham and Jyotirlingams among others.

- a) Bharat Rathna Tourist b) Bharat Naya Tourist c) Bharat Darshan Tourist d) Bharat Yojana Tourist

Answer c) Bharat Darshan Tourist. Indian Railways has launched the Bharat Darshan Tourist train for pilgrims to visit Shirdi, Tirupati, Jagannath Puri, Gangasagar, Baidyanath Dham and Jyotirlingams among others. Comprising 10 coaches, the train begins the "East Darshan" on May 8 from Chandigarh and travelling from Delhi Cantonment to cover Jagannath Puri, Gangasagar, Baidyanath Dham, Gaya, Banaras and Ayodhya. The bookings are being done by IRCTC and it has firmed up a budget-friendly package for pilgrims.

82. The Government of India has started the process for issuance of Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) to enable _____ set up their business without any delays.

- a) Budding entrepreneurs b) Budding importers c) Budding exporters d) Budding students

Answer a) Budding entrepreneurs. The Government of India has started the process for issuance of Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) to enable budding entrepreneurs set up their business without any delays. The drive has been launched by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) under the aegis of Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

83. Who has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Ireland recently?

- a) Brian Cowen b) John Bruton c) Enda Kenny d) Albert Reynolds

Answer c) Enda Kenny. Enda Kenny has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Ireland after 10 weeks of deadlock that followed an inconclusive general election in February. Kenny is the first Fine Gael PM to win re-election in Irish history, though his triumph is marred by a minority administration that is propped up by independent MPs and, more crucially, by Fianna Fáil.

84. Who has been elected as first Muslim mayor of London?

- a) Salman Khan b) Sadiq Khan c) Mohamed Khan d) Rahaman Khan

Answer b) Sadiq Khan. Newly-elected London mayor Sadiq Khan has been formally signed in to the role at a Southwark Cathedral ceremony. Former Labour leader Ed Miliband and Baroness Doreen

Lawrence were present. Mr Khan received a standing ovation as he walked in to the hall. Having won 1,310,143 votes, Mr Khan received the largest personal mandate of any politician in UK history.

85. SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket on has been successfully placed Sky Perfect JSat's _____ commercial telecommunications satellite into transfer orbit.

- a) GHSat -15 b) JKSat – 14 c) JRSat -16 d) JCSat -14

Answer d) JCSat -14. SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket on has been successfully placed Sky Perfect JSat's JCSat-14 commercial telecommunications satellite into transfer orbit, with the rocket's first stage landing gracefully on a drone ship in the Atlantic Ocean. JCSat-14 manufacturer SSL of Palo Alto, California, confirmed that the satellite was healthy in geostationary transfer orbit and sending signals.

86. World's longest insect discovered in _____

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

Answer c) China. A new species of stick insect of the genus Phryganistria measuring 62.4 centimetres, which was discovered in southern China in 2014, was recently declared as the World's longest insect. The creature surpassed the previous record holder, another stick insect discovered in 2008, by nearly six centimetres. Zhao Li, who had discovered the species, has named it Phryganistria chinensis Zhao.

87. Which State police has been awarded the National Award for Smart Policing instituted by FICCI for its SMS-based Vehicle Monitoring System?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Nagaland c) Punjab d) Assam

Answer b) Nagaland. Nagaland police has been awarded the National Award for Smart Policing instituted by FICCI for its SMS-based Vehicle Monitoring System. It bagged the award for the Best Practice in the category of Road Safety and Traffic Management. It is a platform for policemen and citizens to report vehicle theft and alert various field formations of police by sending one SMS.

88. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed on?

- a) March 8 b) May 8 c) April 8 d) May 5

Answer b) May 8. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is an annual celebration of the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. World Red Cross Red Crescent Day is celebrated on 8 May each year. This date is the anniversary of the birth of Henry Dunant (born 8 May 1828), the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace.

89. In which district the Telangana government going to set up a 'Monkey Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre'?

- a) Medak b) Adilabad c) Nalgonda d) Nizamabad

Answer b) Adilabad. The Telangana government issued orders to set up a 'Monkey Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre' in Adilabad district, at a cost of ₹2.21 crore. The move came after the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests said that there was a man-animal conflict due to an increased pressure on forest habitats, coupled with an increase in the population of monkeys.

90. Saudi Arabia Oil minister who has been replaced after 21 years?

- a) Mohammad bin Salman b) Khalid al-Falih c) Ali al-Naimi d) Mutaib bin Abdullah

Answer c) Ali al-Naimi. Saudi Arabia on Saturday issued a royal decree replacing the country's 80-year-old Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi with national oil company Saudi Aramco's Chairman Khalid al-Falih, as part of a broader cabinet reshuffle. In power since 1995, al-Naimi had reportedly led the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) decision in 2014 to not restrain oil production amid global oversupply.

91. MIT engineers have created a paper-based technique which they claim can diagnose _____ in around two hours.

- a) Ebola b) Polio c) Cancer d) Zika Virus

Answer d) Zika Virus. MIT engineers have created a paper-based technique which they claim can diagnose Zika virus in around two hours. The technique uses paper embedded with synthetic bio-molecular sensors made of genes and proteins that can change its colour in the presence of Zika virus. It can also tell the difference between Zika and other mosquito-spread diseases like dengue.

92. The Government of India plans to provide mobile connectivity in 55,669 villages by _____

- a) March 2017 b) March 2030 c) March 2020 d) March 2019

Answer d) March 2019. The government plans to provide mobile connectivity in 55,669 villages by March 2019 in a phased manner, according to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). Meanwhile, the government has taken up the BharatNet project to digitally connect all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats. Further, laying of optical fibres was completed in 48,199 gram panchayats as on April 25, 2016, the DoT said.

93. Which Bank became the first state-run lender to open an international banking unit (IBU) at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gandhi nagar?

- a) State Bank of India b) IDBI Bank c) Syndicate Bank d) Indian Bank

Answer b) IDBI Bank. IDBI Bank became the first state-run lender to open an international banking unit (IBU) at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gandhinagar. Earlier this week, Kotak Mahindra Bank opened its branch at the IFSC, becoming the fourth bank to open its IFSC banking unit at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). Yes Bank, Federal Bank and ICICI Bank have been operating branches at the IFSC for several months now.

94. An Indian-origin Murali Pillai elected to which country's Parliament?

- a) Nepal b) Malaysia c) Singapore d) Saudi Arabia

Answer c) Singapore. An Indian-origin man from Singapore's ruling People's Action Party (PAP) was elected member of the parliament on Saturday following his victory in the by-election held at suburban Bukit Batok constituency. Murali Pillai garnered 61.21% of the votes, while Singapore Democratic Party's Chee Soon Juan got 38.79% of votes.

95. Which country's university to provide medical technology to India?

- a) Australia b) Japan c) America d) Russia

Answer a) Australia. Australian state of Victoria today announced two agreements with India in the

area of medical technology to address major health challenges in India. During the government-led Neuroscience Victoria trade mission to India, Swinburne University signed two memorandums of understanding to partner with major Indian healthcare providers.

96. Two female Indian wrestlers _____ and _____ earned 2016 Rio Olympics quota spots in wrestling.

- a) Navjot Kaur and Vignesh Phogat b) Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik
c) Geetika Jakhar and Sakshi Malik d) Babita Kumari and Geetika Jakhar

Answer b) Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik. Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik earned 2016 Rio Olympics quota spots in wrestling, as the duo entered the final of 2nd Olympic Games World Qualifying Tournament in Istanbul, Turkey. This is the first time two female Indian wrestlers will compete at the Olympics.

97. Which team won Premier League Trophy title?

- a) Liverpool b) Southampton c) Liverpool d) Leicester City

Answer d) Leicester City. Premier League champions Leicester City lifted their maiden Premier League Trophy at the King Power Stadium following their league tie against Everton, which saw them win 3-1. Jamie Vardy netted twice while Andy King added one in the win. Leicester were given a guard of honour by Everton and serenaded by opera singer Andrea Bocelli during pre-match celebrations.

98. Who won women's doubles title of the Madrid Masters Tennis tournament?

- a) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis b) Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci
c) Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic d) Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina

Answer c) Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic. Top seeds Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis lost went down in straight sets to Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic in the women's doubles final of the Madrid Masters Tennis tournament. The Indo-Swiss pair struggled to find their rhythm as they lost 4-6 4-6 to their fifth seeded French opponents. The loss meant that Sania and Hingis remained on four titles this season.

99. Who won the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2016 (Circle Style) that held at Wah Cantonment in Pakistan?

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

Answer d) Pakistan. Defending Champion Pakistan won the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2016 (Circle Style) that held at Wah Cantonment in Pakistan. It defeated India by 19 points. Pakistan achieved 50 points against 31 by India in the final of the tournament. It is second successive win for Pakistan in the Asian Kabaddi title as they won it in 2012.

100. India has signed an agreement with _____ for cooperation in promoting traditional medicine, Ayurveda and yoga.

- a) World Bank b) World Health Organisation
c) United Nation Organisation d) Food and Agricultural Organisation

Answer b) World Health Organisation. India has signed an agreement with World Health Organisation for cooperation in promoting traditional medicine, a move which will deliver for the

first time WHO benchmark document for training in yoga, ayurveda, unani and panchakarma. AYUSH Ministry and WHO have signed a historic Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) for cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine.

101. Economic think-tank NCAER projected India's economic growth rate to improve marginally to _____ per cent in 2016-17

- a) 9.7 b) 8.5 c) 7.7 d) 6.5

Answer c) 7.7. Economic think-tank NCAER projected India's economic growth rate to improve marginally to 7.7 per cent in 2016-17 against the backdrop of IMD's forecast of better monsoon rains this year.

102. The Maharashtra Ex-servicemen Corporation (MESCO) has opened a unique new tourism initiative called _____

- a) Veer Yatra b) Shakthi Yatra c) Mashaal Yatra d) Kaasi Yatra

Answer a) Veer Yatra. The Maharashtra Ex-servicemen Corporation (MESCO) – a Government of Maharashtra undertaking – has opened a unique new tourism initiative called "Veer Yatra". The initiative, which will give civilians a glimpse of the evolution and daily life of the Indian Military, began on Friday. It was introduced to inculcate a sense of patriotism among the children and youth of the country.

103. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena have released 'Simhastha Declaration' in _____

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

Answer b) Madhya Pradesh. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena have released 'Simhastha Declaration' at Ninora village in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Both leaders addressed the concluding session of the three day International Vihar Mahakumbh held on side-lines of the month-long Simhastha mela.

104. Which State has been awarded the best family destination in the Lonely Planet Magazine India Travel Awards 2016?

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

Answer b) Kerala. Kerala has been awarded the best family destination in the Lonely Planet Magazine India Travel Awards 2016. The decision was taken by an expert panel, based on votes of travellers and readers of the magazine. A list of top destinations in several other categories has also been released. Kerala also featured in the nominations for 'culture' and 'relax' categories.

105. Who has been appointed as Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)?

- a) Prakash Kumar b) Pradeep Rao c) Ganesh Rao d) Vignesh Rao

Answer b) Pradeep Rao. Senior audit service officer Hindupur Pradeep Rao was appointed as Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). Rao, a 1981 batch officer of Indian Audit and Account Service, is presently working as Additional CAG. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Rao as Deputy CAG with effect from July 1, 2016, an order issued by

Department of Personnel and Training said. The Comptroller and Auditor General is country's top auditing body.

106. Entrepreneur platform Construk Media has launched India's first startup hostel in

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

Answer a) Bengaluru. Entrepreneur platform Construk Media has launched India's first startup hostel in Bengaluru as a business-friendly accommodation for the travelling startup and creative community. Started with a budget of ₹22 lakh, the 3,500-square-foot hostel can host 20 people at a time at a cost of ₹850 per night. Its facilities include a self-catering kitchen, WiFi, lounge space, laundry and meeting space.

107. India has been ranked _____ in the attractiveness of renewable energy.

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

Answer b) Third. India has been ranked third in the attractiveness of renewable energy, behind the US and China, according to a report by consulting firm Ernst & Young. "This is primarily due to strong focus of the Indian government on renewable energy coupled with the actual timely implementation of renewable energy projects," it added. The report included a list of 40 countries.

108. _____ successfully test fired its indigenously developed supersonic interceptor missile.

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

Answer d) India. India successfully test fired its indigenously developed supersonic interceptor missile off the Odisha coast. The missile is capable of destroying hostile ballistic missile and will help in strengthening India's Missile Defence System. The interceptor is a single stage solid rocket propelled guided missile equipped with its own mobile launcher and a hi-tech computer among others.

109. Which company has developed the fastest elevator in the world?

- a) Mitsubishi b) Hyundai c) Otis d) Sigma

Answer a) Mitsubishi. Mitsubishi Electric Corporation has developed what it claims is the fastest elevator in the world, having achieved a top-speed of 1,230 meters per minute or 20.5 meters per second. It will be installed at the 632-meter Shanghai Tower, China's tallest building. The company claimed that the elevator can travel from the second-level basement to the 119th floor in 53 seconds.

110. Who has been re-appointed ICC Cricket Committee chairman for a second term of three years?

- a) Rahul Dravid b) Sunil Gavaskar c) Kapil Dev d) Anil Kumble

Answer d) Anil Kumble. Former India captain Anil Kumble has been re-appointed ICC Cricket Committee chairman for a second term of three years while his one-time team-mate and batting great Rahul Dravid was named member of the top panel. Kumble, the all-time highest wicket-taker for India, who was appointed as the chairman for his first term in 2012, will now continue to head the panel until 2018.

111. Who won Rome Masters title in the men's single category?

- a) Rafael Nadal b) Novak Djokovic c) Rogere Federer d) Andy Murray

Answer d) Andy Murray. Scottish professional tennis player Andy Murray defeated Serbia's World number one Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-3 to win his first Rome Masters title. Playing on his 29th birthday, Murray took an hour and 37 minutes to beat Djokovic, marking his second victory in their last 14 encounters. This was also his first ever victory against the Serbian on clay.

112. Who won Rome Masters title in the women's single category?

- a) Serena Williams b) Venus Williams c) Sania Mirza d) Martina Hingis

Answer a) Serena Williams. American professional tennis player, Serena Williams defeated compatriot Madison Keys 7-6(7-5), 6-3 to win her fourth Rome Masters title and the first title in last nine months. Williams, who last won a title in Cincinnati in August, took an hour and 24 minutes to dispatch the 21-year-old to win the 70th career title in her 89th final.

113. Who won Rome Masters title in the men's double category?

- a) Vasek Pospisil and Jack Sock b) Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan
c) Jamie Murray and Bruno Soares d) Pierre Hugues and Nicolas Mahut

Answer b) Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan. Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan pair from United States has won the the2016 Italian Open title in the men's Doubles category. In the final match, they defeated pair of Vasek Pospisil (Canada) and Jack Sock (United States) by 2–6, 6–3, [10–7] score.

114. Who won Rome Masters title in the women's double category?

- a) Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina b) Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci
c) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis d) Serena Williams and Venus Williams

Answer c) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis. Top-ranked women's doubles pair of Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis rebounded from their last two final losses to clinch the Internazionali BNL d'Italia title in Rome. The duo clinched a 6-1, 6(5)-7, 10-3 win over seventh-seeded Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina. This is Hingis' and Mirza's fifth title of the season and their first claycourt crown of 2016.

115. An Indian-American engineer who has been appointed to a key administration post?

- a) Suresh Singh b) Manjit Singh c) Prakash Singh d) Yuvaraj Singh

Answer b) Manjit Singh. US President Barack Obama has appointed an Indian-American engineer to a key administration post. Manjit Singh, co-founder of the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund has been appointed as the member of President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

116. Which bank has launched the country's first contactless business credit card?

- a) State Bank of India b) Axis Bank c) ICICI Bank d) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer c) ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank has launched the country's first contactless business credit card in association with Jet Airways for small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) and their employees. Christened 'Jet Airways ICICI Bank Business Advantage Card', India's largest private sector bank said this co-branded credit card will help customers to save on their business expenses.

117. NITI Aayog to replace 5-year plans with _____ year vision document

- a) 10 b) 20 c) 15 d) 30

Answer c) 15. The National Democratic Alliance government at the Centre, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has decided to get rid of the Nehruvian five-year plans, and replace them with 15-year vision documents. These will be framed keeping in mind the country's social goals and the sustainable development agenda. According to a senior official, the issue was discussed at length and a decision was taken at the highest level.

118. Which country activated a land-based missile defence station in Romania?

- a) Japan b) North Korea c) USA d) India

Answer c) USA. The US has activated a land-based missile defence station in Romania, which will form part of a larger and controversial European shield. The US says the Aegis system is a shield to protect Nato countries from short and medium-range missiles, particularly from the Middle East. But Russia sees it as a security threat – a claim denied by Nato.

119. Who has been appointed as new chairman of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE)?

- a) Piyush Chawla b) RK Mathur c) Ashok Chawla d) Dinesh Kumar

Answer c) Ashok Chawla. Former chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), Ashok Chawla, is the new chairman of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE). Chawla's appointment was confirmed after obtaining a clearance from the market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India. He will take the place of S.B. Mathur, who retired as NSE chairman earlier this year.

120. The Indian Railways plans to spend _____ crore on laying new tracks

- a) 90000 b) 80000 c) 75000 d) 50000

Answer b) 80000. The Indian Railways plans to spend ₹80,000 crore over the next three years on increasing the pace of laying new tracks from the current 7.8 km per day to 19 km per day in 2018-19. The capacity augmentation exercise is also aimed at boosting the economy as it involves procurement of rail, cement, steel, engineering and signalling equipment.

121. Who has been took charge as interim President of Brazil after Dilma Rousseff was suspended?

- a) Itamar Franco b) Fernando Collor c) Jose Sarney d) Michel Temer

Answer d) Michel Temer. Former Brazilian Vice President Michel Temer took charge as interim President of Brazil after Dilma Rousseff was suspended. Temer was Rousseff's running mate when she contested for President. In his first speech after taking charge, Temer said that it was essential to get the Brazilian economy to grow again and to attract new investments.

122. The Spice Board of India is going to set up the country's first spice museum at _____

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

Answer c) Kochi. The Spice Board of India is going to set up the country's first spice museum at Willingdon Island in Kochi to let travellers know about the history and evolution of the Indian spice industry. The museum, built on land given by the Cochin Port Trust, will display over 30 raw spices and culinary herbs.

123. _____ is set to become the first state to issue newspaper advertisements for the post of Vice Chancellor of state universities.

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

Answer c) Rajasthan. Rajasthan is set to become the first state to issue newspaper advertisements for the post of Vice Chancellor of state universities, Rajasthan Governor Kalyan Singh said. More candidates will now be able to apply for the post leading to transparency and timely appointments. Presently, the selection committee headed by the nominee of the Governor selected a candidate without any advertisement.

124. Which country successfully launched a remote sensing satellite to carry out land surveys and disaster relief?

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

Answer d) China. China successfully launched a remote sensing satellite to carry out land surveys and disaster relief. Named Yaogan-30, the satellite was launched from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwestern China's Gobi Desert by a Long March-2D rocket. It will be used for experiments, land surveys, crop yield estimates and disaster relief, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

125. World fair trade day is observed on?

- a) May 15 b) May 14 c) May 12 d) May 13

Answer b) May 14. The World Fair Trade Day, started since 2001 by WFTO members, is an initiative of WFTO that falls on the second Saturday of May of each year. This year its celebrated on may 14. It is an inclusive worldwide festival of events celebrating Fair Trade as a tangible contribution to the fight against poverty and exploitation, climate change and the economic crises that has the greatest impact on the world's most vulnerable populations.

126. A New York-based Indian _____ has won the third prize in the 'UN Poster for Peace' contest.

- a) Revathi Balakrishnan b) Arundhati Roy c) Anjali Chandrashekar d) Priya Chandrashekar

Answer c) Anjali Chandrashekar. Anjali Chandrashekar, a 22-year-old New York-based Indian, has won the third prize in the 'UN Poster for Peace' contest, aimed at raising awareness regarding nuclear disarmament. Titled 'Cutting Barriers Through Peace', the poster features a peace dove slicing through a nuclear weapon. Another poster by her, featuring doves flying out of a cage atop a nuclear weapon, received honourable mention.

127. Which company has announced the highest capacity Evo Plus 256GB microSD card?

- a) Samsung b) Transcend c) San Disk d) Microsoft

Answer a) Samsung. Samsung has announced the Evo Plus 256GB microSD card. This is the highest external memory offering on smartphone, tablets, and other compatible devices so far. Competitor SanDisk currently offers a maximum capacity of 200GB in its microSD portfolio. The price of the Samsung Evo Plus 256GB microSD card is going to be at \$249.99 (roughly Rs. 16,700). SanDisk, on the other hand, offers its 200GB microSD card for Rs. 10,800 on Amazon India currently.

128. FIFA named an African women _____ as first female, non-European secretary general.

- a) Fumnanya Samanya Dayo Subira b) Funanya Sethunya Dede Shanika
c) Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura d) Farai Shukara Dubako Simisola

Answer c) Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura. FIFA named an African woman Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura of Senegal as its first female, non-European secretary general with no experience in soccer administration. This is one of the changes made by the sport's ruling body to move on from a major corruption scandal. However, FIFA's Congress also passed a resolution which gives its board, known as the FIFA Council, the power to fire the heads of its independent committees at almost any time.

129. Indian professional boxer who won his 6th straight pro-boxing bout?

- a) Jitender Singh b) Manpreet Singh c) Manoj Kumar d) Vijender Singh

Answer d) Vijender Singh. Indian professional boxer Vijender Singh kept his unbeaten record intact with a sixth straight victory in his professional boxing career after he knocked out Polish boxer Andrzej Soldra in their encounter's third round on Friday. Coming into the fight at the Macron Stadium, England, Soldra held a record of 12 wins and 3 losses, alongside five knockouts from 16 fights.

130. Indian American elementary teacher _____ was among 56 "State Teachers of the Year" honored by President Barack Obama at the White House.

- a) Kavitha Balakrishnan b) Archana Balakrishnan c) Revathi Balakrishnan d) Kalpana Balakrishnan

Answer c) Revathi Balakrishnan. Indian American elementary teacher Revathi Balakrishnan was among 56 "State Teachers of the Year" honored by President Barack Obama at the White House. Balakrishnan is a talent and gifted specialist teacher at Patsy Sommer Elementary School in Austin, Texas, and was chosen as the Texas Teacher of the Year by the Council of Chief State School Officers as part of the National Teacher of the Year Program.

131. Who is the sole Indian in Forbes Most Powerful People in the Financial World List?

- a) Mukesh Ambani b) Uday Kotak c) Shiv Nadar d) Azim Premji

Answer b) Uday Kotak. Kotak Mahindra Bank Chief Uday Kotak, who has a net worth of about \$7.1 billion (nearly Rs 47,234.5 crore), is the sole Indian in Forbes' list of 40 of the most powerful people in the financial world who control the flow of trillions of dollars around the global economy. 57-year-old Kotak is ranked 33rd in the Forbes list of 'Money Masters: The Most Powerful People In The Financial World' topped by Blackstone Group's CEO Stephen Schwarzman, who has a net worth of \$10.2 billion (nearly Rs 67,858.05 crore) and oversees assets worth \$344 billion (nearly Rs 22.8 lakh crore).

132. Who is the present Union Law Minister?

- a) Rajnath Singh b) Kalraj Mishra c) Suresh Prabhu d) Sadananda Gowda

Answer d) Sadananda Gowda. With President Pranab Mukherjee signing their warrants of appointment, all four names — three high court chief justices and one senior advocate — recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium are set to take oath as Supreme Court Judges. Union Law Minister D V Sadananda Gowda confirmed the new appointments in a series of tweets.

133. Who has been elected as unopposed ICC's first independent chairman?

- a) Sunil Gavaskar b) Shashank Manohar c) Kapil Dev d) Sharad Pawar

Answer b) Shashank Manohar. Veteran cricket administrator Shashank Manohar has been elected unopposed as ICC's first independent chairman, two days after he stepped down from the post of BCCI President. The 58-year-old was elected to the post after the ICC Full Council's approval of constitutional amendments proposed by the Board following its April meeting.

134. Expand TRAI?

- a) Telephone Regulatory Authority of India b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
c) Telecom Regulatory Association of India d) Telecom Reasonable Authority of India

Answer b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. Telecom companies will not compensate mobile phone users for inconvenience caused by call drops, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday, quashing the penalty rule framed by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). A bench of Justices Kurian Joseph and RF Nariman termed Trai's rule "arbitrary, illegal and unreasonable" and said no proper deliberation had gone into its framing.

135. National Technology day is observed on?

- a) May 11 b) May 5 c) May 8 d) May 6

Answer a) May 11. The National Technology Day is being celebrated every year on May 11 by the Ministry of Science & Technology to commemorate achievements of Innovation and Technology in the country. This year's theme for celebrations of the Technology Day is 'Technology enablers of Startup India'.

136. The Maharashtra government has sent out a resolution that declares drought in _____ villages

- a) 15000 b) 45000 c) 23000 d) 29000

Answer d) 29000. The Maharashtra government has sent out a resolution that declares drought in 29,000 villages, most of them in Marathwada and Vidarbha. The government issued a corrigendum clarifying that wherever reference is made to a 'drought-like situation', it would be read as 'drought'.

137. Which State has received the "Best Indian Destination for Wildlife" award by the Lonely Planet Group?

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

Answer b) Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh Tourism (MPT) has received the "Best Indian Destination for Wildlife" award by the Lonely Planet Group. The award was handed over to MPT at a function in Mumbai by actress Amy Jackson. Madhya Pradesh has 25 wild life sanctuaries including nine National Parks. Among them Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Pench are ideal habitat for tigers.

138. Indian Army's conducted massive military training exercise 'Chakravayuh-II' in _____

- a) Jammu and Kashmir b) Punjab c) Rajasthan d) Kerala

Answer c) Rajasthan. A fortnight-long training exercise, which was conducted as a follow up to 'Exercise Shatrueet', concluded in Suratgarh area of Rajasthan. The exercise 'Chakravayuh-II' was held by the pivot formations of the Indian Army and involved rapid mobilisation and execution of

plans in sync with the Air Force in the desert terrain and was declared a success. It validated the battle readiness and operational effectiveness of the RAPID Division along with all its affiliated components.

139. Congress government has legislative majority in Uttarakhand and President's Rule will be revoked from the hill state soon. Who is the chief minister of Uttarakhand?

- a) Tarun Gogoi b) Kalikho Pul c) Nitish Kumar d) Harish Rawat

Answer d) Harish Rawat. The central government has informed the Supreme Court that the Harish Rawat – led Congress government has legislative majority in Uttarakhand and President's Rule will be revoked from the hill state soon. The Congress's Rawat got the support of 33 of the 61 MLAs who voted.

140. Government of India constitutes _____ committee to prepare policy framework for taxi operators

- a) RM Lodha b) Ajith Seth c) Ashok Mishra d) Sanjay Mishra

Answer d) Sanjay Mishra. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has constituted a three-member committee to prepare a policy framework for taxi and other transport operators. The panel will be headed by Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Sanjay Mitra, and have Joint Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Delhi Transport Commissioner as its members.

141. Which State Government approved the 'bicycle highway' which will not run along the Agra-Etawah main road but will cover various historical and tourism centres?

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

Answer a) Uttar Pradesh. With a view to encourage eco-tourism in the vicinity of the Taj Mahal, Uttar Pradesh Cabinet gave its nod to develop over 197 km long 'bicycle highway' from Agra up to the lion safari in Etawah. The Cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav approved the 'bicycle highway' which will not run along the Agra-Etawah main road but will cover various historical and tourism centres.

142. International Nurses Day is observed on?

- a) May 10 b) May 8 c) May 12 d) May 5

Answer c) May 12. International Nurses Day (IND) is celebrated every year all around the world on 12th of May to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Florence Nightingale and to mark the nurses contributions towards people's health. The theme of 2016 would be "Nurses: A Force for Change: Improving health systems' resilience".

143. The RBI has announced that it will shortly issue banknotes of ₹1,000 denomination with inset letter _____ in both the number panels.

- a) S b) R c) D d) A

Answer b) R. The RBI has announced that it will shortly issue banknotes of ₹1,000 denomination with inset letter 'R' in both the number panels. The banknotes will also have on the obverse, all other security features, including ascending size of numerals, bleed lines and enlarged identification mark, while the year of printing '2016' will be printed on the reverse, the RBI said.

144. India and _____ other nations signed a pact for automatic exchange of information on tax issues.

- a) 6 b) 8 c) 5 d) 3

Answer c) 5. India and five other nations, including China and Israel, signed a pact for automatic exchange of information on tax issues and develop new tools and standards for tackling tax base erosion and evasion. As part of continuing efforts to boost transparency by multinational enterprises (MNEs), Canada, Iceland, India, Israel, New Zealand and the People's Republic of China signed the Multilateral Competent Authority agreement for the automatic exchange of Country-by-Country reports, bringing the total number of signatories to 39 countries. The signing ceremony took place Beijing.

145. NASA has announced the discovery of _____ new planets outside our solar system, more than doubling the number of exoplanets found with the Kepler space telescope.

- a) 5000 b) 1284 c) 2786 d) 3000

Answer b) 1284. NASA has announced the discovery of 1,284 new planets outside our solar system, more than doubling the number of exoplanets found with the Kepler space telescope. The unmanned Kepler space observatory, which launched in 2009, has been scanning 150,000 stars for signs of orbiting bodies, particularly those that might be able to support life.

146. Reliance Jio launched its new wallet app on the Apple and Android app stores which named as _____

- a) Jio Money Wallet b) Jio Mob Wallet c) Jio Cash Wallet d) Jio Cart Wallet

Answer a) Jio Money Wallet. Reliance Jio has quietly launched its new wallet app on the Apple and Android app stores. The new app, which joins Jiochat Messenger and My Jio apps in the respective stores, is called JioMoney Wallet. According to Jio, the app has been launched with an aim to make payments easier.

147. Who has been appointed as India's fourth Goodwill Ambassador for Rio Olympics recently?

- a) Shankar Mahadevan b) AR Rahman c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni d) Amir Khan

Answer b) AR Rahman. Music composer AR Rahman on Thursday accepted the Indian Olympic Association's offer to become the Goodwill Ambassador for Rio Olympics. Rahman is India's fourth Goodwill Ambassador after actor Salman Khan, Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra and cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar. Notably, India is to send its largest ever contingent of about 90 athletes to the Rio Olympics starting August 5.

148. Praveen Rashtrapal who passed away recently was a / an

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

Answer a) Politician. Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Praveen Rashtrapal (76) died on after suffering a cardiac arrest. He is survived by three daughters and a son. Rashtrapal was associated with the trade union movement of Income Tax employees. He was an Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax before he took a plunge into politics.

149. Tony Cozier who passed away recently was a

- a) Cricket Writer b) Journalist c) Commentator d) All of the above

Answer d) All of the above. Tony Cozier, the West Indian cricket writer, commentator and journalist, has died in his home country, Barbados, at the age of 75 after an illness. He had been admitted to hospital on May 3 for tests related to infections in the neck and legs.

150. An Indian scientist _____ has been awarded a grant of SGD 3mn (about Rs. 14.7 crore) by the National Research Foundation, Singapore.

- a) Manindra Agarwal b) Manvendra K Singh c) Prem Chand Pandey d) Veena Parnaik

Answer b) Manvendra K Singh. Dr. Manvendra K Singh, an Indian scientist from Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur city, has been awarded a grant of SGD 3mn (about Rs. 14.7 crore) by the National Research Foundation, Singapore, to research in congenital and adult cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Singh, who works as an assistant professor in the cardiovascular and metabolic disorders programme at Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore, said he is among the seven young scientists from across the world to be endowed with the Singapore NRF fellowship to carry out cutting-edge research this year.

151. Who has been appointed as Additional Solicitor General recently?

- a) Paramjit Singh Patwalia b) Maninder Singh c) Atma Ram Nadkarni d) Neeraj Kishan Kaul

Answer c) Atma Ram Nadkarni. Senior advocate of Bombay High Court Atma Ram Nadkarni has been appointed as Additional Solicitor General. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Nadkarni as Additional Solicitor General in Supreme Court for a period of three years. An Additional Solicitor General acts as law officer to advise the Central government on various legal matters.

152. Who has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)?

- a) Satyananda Mishra b) Mrugank Paranjape c) P. K. Singhal d) JK Singh

Answer b) Mrugank Paranjape. Deutsche Bank executive Mrugank Paranjape took over as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), which has been headless for two years. For the past two years, the affairs of the exchange had been handled by joint managing director P.K. Singhal, who was re-designated as the president and whole-time director of the exchange on 1 April.

153. World Migratory Bird Day is observed on?

- a) May 8 b) May 5 c) May 7 d) May 10

Answer d) May 10. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) was initiated in 2006 and is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. Each year, on the second weekend in May, people around the world take action and organize public events such as bird festivals, education programmes, exhibitions and bird-watching excursions to celebrate WMBD. 2016 Theme: Stop the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds.

154. NASA researchers have detected atomic oxygen in _____ atmosphere.

- a) Earth b) Jupiter c) Mars d) Saturn

Answer c) Mars. For the first time in 40 years, NASA researchers have detected atomic oxygen in

Mars' atmosphere, thanks to the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), which soars on a plane 13.7 kilometres (45,000 feet) above Earth.

155. Inoperative Employees Provident Fund accounts hold a sum of approximately _____ crore.

- a) 50000 b) 43000 c) 95000 d) 55000

Answer b) 43000. Minister of State for Labour and Employment Bandaru Dattatreya said that inoperative Employees Provident Fund accounts hold a sum of approximately ₹43,000 crore. Dattatreya also said that interest would be credited to such accounts. He further said that over one crore claims were settled by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation in 2015-16, 98% of them within 20 days.

156. Which online retail company tied-up with local services provider UrbanClap to provide over 80 personal and home services on the online retailer's Android app?

- a) Amazon b) Snap deal c) Flipkart d) Shopclues

Answer b) Snap deal. Snap deal tied-up with local services provider UrbanClap to provide over 80 personal and home services on the online retailer's Android app. The services include general fitness, yoga, beauty care and salon services at home among others. In April last year, Snapdeal Co-founders Kunal Bahl and Rohit Bansal had invested in UrbanClap in their individual capacities.

157. Government of India allows _____% FDI in asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) through the automatic route.

- a) 49% b) 80% c) 51% d) 100%

Answer d) 100%. The government has relaxed FDI norms for asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), allowing 100% FDI through the automatic route, as per Budget announcements. Earlier, 49% investment was permitted through automatic route while investors had to obtain government approval to increase their stake in ARCs to over 49%. ARCs reconstruct assets and liabilities of other firms to make them saleable.

158. Who has been awarded Japan's second highest civilian award for promoting Indo-Japan economic ties over last few decades?

- a) NK Singh b) Prakash Singh c) Raman Singh d) AK Kumar Singh

Answer a) NK Singh. Former bureaucrat and parliamentarian NK Singh was awarded Japan's second highest civilian award for promoting Indo-Japan economic ties over last few decades. Japanese PM Shinzo Abe conferred the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' on the former IAS officer. "Indo-Japan relationship is on the cusp of historical changes", said Singh after receiving the honour.

159. Government officials revealed that around _____ crore was distributed to more than 30 crore beneficiaries using Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme last year.

- a) 50000 b) 61000 c) 75000 d) 90000

Answer b) 61000. Government officials revealed that around ₹61,000 crore was distributed to more than 30 crore beneficiaries using Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme last year. DBT helped remove duplicate beneficiaries across welfare schemes like PAHAL, officials told PM Narendra Modi in a

high-level meeting. They added that over ₹10,000 crore was saved by deleting 1.6 crore fake ration cards.

160. India and _____ signed a pact to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention.

- a) Mauritius b) Japan c) Spain d) China

Answer a) Mauritius. India and Mauritius signed a pact to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention, a Finance Ministry release said that. It will give India rights to tax capital gains from the sale of shares in India by companies registered in Mauritius from April 2017. "It will improve transparency in tax matters and will help curb tax evasion", the release added.

161. Which State Government announced 'Agri Business Policy-2016'?

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

Answer a) Gujarat. Inaugurating Krishi Mahotsav , Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel announced the 'Agri Business Policy-2016'. She claimed it aimed at increasing farmers' income by strengthening agriculture-related infrastructure and promoting the food processing industry. The policy announced subsidies for food processing projects and loans for those wanting to establish food processing units.

162. Who won Mutua Madrid Open title?

- a) Roger Federer b) Novak Djokovic c) Rafael Nadal d) Andy Murray

Answer b) Novak Djokovic. Novak Djokovic defeated Andy Murray 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the Madrid Open final to win a record 29th career Masters title. Djokovic saved seven break points in the final game and converted on his third match point of the night to secure the win over the defending champion, moving one victory ahead of Rafael Nadal in Masters Tournament victories.

163. Who has been resigned as BCCI president in the lead up to the elections for ICC chairman?

- a) Sharad Pawar b) Sunil Gavaskar c) Shashank Manohar d) N Srinivasan

Answer c) Shashank Manohar. Shashank Manohar has stepped down as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) barely seven months after his appointment for a second term in place of the late Jagmohan Dalmiya. He is all set to take over as the first independent chairman of the International Cricket Council.

164. Chennamaneni Rajeshwara Rao who passed away recently was a/an

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

Answer c) Politician. Veteran freedom fighter and former Sircilla MLA Chennamaneni Rajeshwara Rao was passed away at 93 in Hyderabad following prolonged illness. The senior leader, who is the elder brother of present Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao, is survived by wife and a son.

165. Sikkim chief minister _____ was conferred the 'Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award' by Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli.

- a) Nitish Kumar b) Ragubhar Das c) Pawan Kumar Chamling d) Naveen Patnaik

Answer c) Pawan Kumar Chamling. Sikkim chief minister Pawan Chamling was conferred the 'Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award' by Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli for his commendable contributions

in promoting Nepali literature in India. Siddhicharan Shrestha Academy organised an event in Kathmandu on the occasion of 105th birth anniversary of the late poet Shrestha.

166. Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)?

- a) SK Sharma b) Prakash Kumar c) NK Singh d) Ramesh Sharma

Answer a) SK Sharma. Eminent scientist SK Sharma has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), responsible for design, construction, commissioning and operation of nuclear power reactors. He is presently working as Distinguished Scientist and Director (Operations) in NPCIL. Sharma has been appointed to the new post for a period of five years.

167. Who has taken over as the new commandant of prestigious Indian Military Academy (IMA)?

- a) Lt General Dalbir Singh Suhag b) Lt General MMS Rai
c) Lt General Praveen Bakshi d) Lt General S K Saini

Answer d) Lt General S K Saini. Lt General S K Saini has taken over as the new commandant of prestigious Indian Military Academy (IMA). Lt General Saini assumed the office of commandant on May 21. Earlier, he was a senior directing staff in National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi, according to press release issued by IMA. Lt General Saini is an alumni of National Defence Academy (NDA) and IMA. In 1981, he was commissioned to seventh battalion of Jat regiment. In his career of 36 years, he has held many important posts.

168. Who has been appointed as the new Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)?

- a) Praveen Ramesh Mishra b) Sathish Singh Rai c) Rakesh kumar Mishra d) Mohamed Sadiq Khan

Answer c) Rakesh kumar Mishra. Rakesh Kumar Mishra, a noted expert in the study of function of genes, has been appointed as the new Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). Mishra had joined CCMB in 2001 as a senior scientist after stints at the IISc, Bangalore, the University of Bordeaux, France, Saint Louise University, USA and the University of Geneva, Switzerland for post-doctoral experience.

169. Which Bank group launched the much anticipated Pandemic Emergency Finance Facility (PEF)?

- a) World Bank b) BRICS Bank c) Asian Development Bank d) SAARC Bank

Answer a) World Bank. The World Bank Group has launched the much anticipated Pandemic Emergency Finance Facility (PEF) — a new financing mechanism to quickly mobilise funds to tackle global disease outbreaks and create a new insurance market for pandemic risk. PEF is expected to bring the much needed coordination and speed for future global disease outbreak response efforts. The PEF facility launch announcement came few days ahead of the May 26-27 Summit of Group of Seven Leaders in Ise-Shima, Japan.

170. The new Chief Minister of Assam is _____

- a) Pinarayi Vijayan b) Sarbababda Sonowal c) Tarun Gogoi d) Nitish Kumar

Answer b) Sarbababda Sonowal. Sarbananda Sonowal was sworn-in as the first Bharatiya Janata

Party chief minister of Assam at a gala event in Guwahati attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his senior cabinet colleagues and tens of thousands of BJP supporters.

171. The Indian Navy has commissioned the highly maneuverable Fast Attack Craft INS Tarmugli at _____

- a) Kochi b) Port Blair c) Mumbai d) Visakhapatnam

Answer d) Visakhapatnam. The Indian Navy has commissioned the highly maneuverable Fast Attack Craft INS Tarmugli at the hands of Vice Admiral HCS Bisht AVSM, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command at a formal ceremony held at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. INS Tarmugli is being based in Visakhapatnam under the Naval Officer-in-Charge (Andhra Pradesh) and would be deployed for coastal patrol and surveillance operations along the East Coast of India.

172. President Barack Obama has announced the US is fully lifting its embargo on sales of lethal weapons to _____

- a) South Africa b) Japan c) Vietnam d) Norway

Answer c) Vietnam. President Barack Obama has announced the US is fully lifting its embargo on sales of lethal weapons to Vietnam, its one-time enemy. The US is trying to bolster its relationship with its Pacific allies, as China asserts territorial claims. Vietnam is one of several countries in the region involved in maritime disputes with China.

173. Which State Government launched the smart village program recently?

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

Answer d) Gujarat. Anandiben Patel-government has announced that 6,000 of around 18,000 villages in Gujarat have become open defecation free (ODF), and the rest would be ODF much before the 2019 deadline, set by the Centre under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The declaration was made by MoS for Panchayat & Rural Development (Independent Charge) Jayanti Kavadia at Mahatma Mandir here at an official programme to launch ambitious Smart Village project of the Gujarat government in the presence of Chief Minister Anandiben Patel, other senior ministers and bureaucrats. The event was organised to mark the beginning of Anandiben's third year in office.

174. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has signed a MoU with _____ to set up the smelter plant in Chabahar Free Trade Zone.

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

Answer b) Iran. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has signed a MoU with Iranian Mines & Mining Industries Development & Renovation Organization (IMIDRO) to explore the possibility of setting up a smelter on joint venture in Iran. For the proposed smelter plant in Chabahar Free Trade Zone, Nalco would supply alumina from its refinery in India. The MoU was signed between chairman-cum-managing director of Nalco and vice chairman of Iran's planning board in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Iran Hassan Rouhani in Tehran.

175. Which country banned its citizens from travelling to Libya recently?

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

Answer c) India. In view of prevailing security situation in Libya, security threats and challenges to lives of Indian nationals in Libya, the Government of India has decided to impose travel ban on

Indian nationals planning to travel to Libya irrespective of the purpose. All Immigration authorities have been notified in this respect. Indian nationals may please take note of the travel ban for compliance. The travel ban is effective from 3 May, 2016 till further orders.

176. India and Oman signed _____ bilateral agreements on defence cooperation.

- a) 5 b) 4 c) 6 d) 8

Answer b) 4. Defence minister Manohar Parrikar, accompanied by a high level delegation, visited Oman from May 20-22 at the invitation of minister responsible for Defence Affairs of Oman Badr Bin Saud Bin Harib Al Busaidi, during which four memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and a protocol were signed between the two nations.

177. India and _____ signed 12 bilateral agreements in various areas including Chabahar port development.

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

Answer a) Iran. India and Iran have decided to jointly combat terror, radicalism and cyber crime as the two strategic partners signed 12 agreements including a “milestone” pact on developing the key Chabahar port for which India will provide \$500 million. Besides developing the Chabahar port, the two sides also signed agreements in diverse fields like trade credit, culture, science and technology and railways.

178. India successfully tested its first-ever indigenous space shuttle named as _____ was launched from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

- a) RLV – AG b) RLV – AD c) RLV – TD d) RLV - KG

Answer c) RLV – TD. India successfully tested its first-ever indigenous space shuttle as its scale model – the Re-Usable Launch Vehicle – Technology Demonstrator or RLV-TD – was launched from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. Nearly 20 minutes after its lift-off, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) announced, “mission accomplished”.

179. The Ministry of Urban Development announced _____ new cities to be developed under the government’s Smart Cities project.

- a) 10 b) 12 c) 15 d) 13

Answer d) 13. The Ministry of Urban Development announced 13 new cities to be developed under the government’s Smart Cities project. The cities include Lucknow, New Town in Kolkata, Bhagalpur, Dharamsala, Chandigarh, Faridabad, Raipur, Ranchi, Warangal, Agartala, Imphal, Port Blair and Panaji. Further, the cities have proposed projects involving a total investment of ₹30,229 crore.

180. Which State government fisheries department launched an artificial propagation programme for rehabilitation and conservation of Golden Mahseer fish?

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

Answer b) Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh fisheries department launched an artificial propagation programme for rehabilitation and conservation of Golden Mahseer fish. A hatchery with an outlay of 6 crore rupees has been set up at Machhial near Joginder Nagar town in Mandi district to rear the mahseer. The hatchery-reared juveniles would be released into the rivers and reservoirs.

181. Which State government has banned the use and sale of disposable foam food containers like cups and plates across the state with immediate effect?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Bihar c) Gujarat d) Sikkim

Answer d) Sikkim. The Sikkim government has banned the use and sale of disposable foam food containers like cups and plates across the state with immediate effect. Such containers create huge quantities of environmentally hazardous municipal waste and occupy space in the landfill, Chief Secretary Alok K Shrivastava said. Further, the use of mineral water bottles has been restricted in government programmes.

182. World's longest train tunnel will open in _____

- a) Japan b) Switzerland c) China d) Spain

Answer b) Switzerland. Traveling around Europe by train is about to get a whole lot faster, thanks to the opening of Switzerland's Gotthard Base Tunnel. After 17 years of construction and \$12 billion in costs, the 'GBT' will be the world's longest and deepest railway tunnel ever, running through the rocky Alps at depths that reach 7,500 feet.

183. Who won the Asian 6-Red snookers title 2016?

- a) Aditya Mehta b) Hamza Akbar c) Pankaj Advani d) Mohamed Shehab

Answer c) Pankaj Advani. India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani created history in Abu Dhabi by clinching the Asian 6-Red snookers title. Advani thus became the first in the world to hold both world and continental titles in 6-Red snooker at the same time, according to information received here. The double IBSF World 6-Red snooker champion stamped his authority again in the short format of the game, defeating top-seeded Malaysian Keen Hoh Moh 7-5 on Sunday night.

184. Which team won 2016 Indian federation Cup football tournament?

- a) Mohun Bagan b) Bengaluru FC c) East Bengal d) Aizawl FC

Answer a) Mohun Bagan. Mohun Bagan perfected a spectacular second-half resurgence to floor Aizawl FC by a record 5-0 margin and regain the Federation Cup football title after eight years, at the Indira Gandhi Stadium. Aizawl, which had surprised everyone with a series of outstanding performances including the vanquishing of I-League champion Bengaluru FC, had to submit to Bagan's supremacy.

185. Who has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry?

- a) Archana Ramasundaram b) Kiran Bedi c) Sreelekha d) Deepa Banerjee

Answer b) Kiran Bedi. Former top cop and senior BJP leader Kiran Bedi has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, where the Congress won the assembly elections. She replaces Lieutenant-General AK Singh — who as the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar, was given additional charge of Puducherry in 2014. Ms Bedi had joined the BJP in January last year, following which she was projected as the party's Chief Ministerial candidate in the Delhi assembly elections. But her candidature was cited as one of the reasons why the BJP lost Delhi to Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party.

186. United Nations appoints Mary Robinson of Ireland and Macharia Kamau of Kenya as his Special Envoys on _____

- a) Zika virus and Climate b) El Nino and Polio c) Malaria and Climate d) El Nino and Climate

Answer d) El Nino and Climate. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the appointments of Mary Robinson of Ireland and Macharia Kamau of Kenya as his Special Envoys on El Niño and Climate. This year's El Niño is taking place in a world already dramatically affected by climate change. More extreme weather events are expected in the future, and these hit the poorest communities — those least responsible for climate change — first and hardest. Aid is not enough; a longer term approach is required in order to build the resilience of the most vulnerable.

187. SEBI tightens P-note norms to keep vigil on foreign investments. Expand P-notes in the above context?

- a) Promissory Notes b) Participatory Notes c) Probationary Notes d) Public Notes

Answer b) Participatory Notes. Tightening its norms to check any misuse of participatory notes (P-Notes) for laundering of black money, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has made it mandatory for users of these controversy-ridden overseas instruments to follow Indian anti-money laundering law and report any suspicious transactions immediately.

188. The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, has accepted the resignation of Sarbananda Sonowal, He was the minister of?

- a) State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
b) State (Independent charge) of Ministry of Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy
c) State (Independent charge) of Ministry of Commerce and Industry
d) State (Independent charge) of Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer a) State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, has accepted the resignation of Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, from the Council of Ministers, with immediate effect. Further, as advised by the Prime Minister, the President has directed that Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State, shall be assigned the Independent charge of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in addition to his existing portfolios.

189. Who is the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare?

- a) Najma Heptulla b) Kalraj Mishra c) Anant Geete d) JP Nadda

Answer d) JP Nadda. The 'Centre for Environmental Health' to assess the impact of environment-related problems like air pollution, climate change, pesticide use and sanitation on health, was launched by Union Minister JP Nadda. A joint initiative of the Public Health Foundation of India and the Tata Institute of Social Science, the centre will conduct research across a range of environmental health issues, including chemical exposure, water and hygiene. Its mandate also includes capacity-building, advocacy, outreach and remedial issues.

190. International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on?

- a) May 20 b) May 22 c) May 15 d) May 19

Answer b) May 22. The International Day for Biological Diversity (or World Biodiversity Day) is a United Nations-sanctioned international day for the promotion of biodiversity issues. It is currently

held on May 22. The International Day for Biological Diversity falls within the scope of the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals.

191. National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on?

- a) May 18 b) May 17 c) May 21 d) May 16

Answer c) May 21. India annually observes Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21. This is not a public holiday, but it's a very important memorial day for the country. May 21 was chosen as Anti-Terrorism Day since it's the day when Rajiv Gandhi, the seventh Prime Minister of India, was killed. He served as Prime Minister from 1984 to 1989 and was the youngest Indian prime minister.

192. Apple Inc has opened its first development centre at _____ in India

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

Answer d) Hyderabad. Apple Inc has opened its first development centre in India to work on Apple Maps, the company's digital maps and navigation service. The California-based company has teamed with Noida-based RMSI to provide development expertise and software for geo-spatial services. The company's servers will be located in the U.S. but technical and support services would be provided in Hyderabad. It will work out of an existing software hub that is part of a special economic zone.

193. India lauded for Medicines with the _____ Line campaign on antibiotics

- a) Red b) Blue c) Green d) Yellow

Answer a) Red. India's Red Line campaign to curb over-the-counter use of antibiotics is finding recognition, and could be adopted on a world scale. India's idea of putting a red line on antibiotic packages to curb their over-the-counter sale is now being cited as a model that can be used globally to counter the rising threat of superbugs.

194. The Senate has advanced _____ in emergency funding to combat the Zika virus

- a) \$ 2.5 billion b) \$ 3 billion c) \$ 1.1 billion d) \$ 5 billion

Answer c) \$ 1.1 billion. The Senate has advanced \$1.1 billion in emergency funding to combat the Zika virus, but remained at odds with the House over how much money should be directed to tackle the public health threat. The two chambers would have to reach agreement on a spending level before they can send it to President Barack Obama, who in February requested \$1.9 billion. The White House has called the House measure "woefully inadequate" and has threatened to veto it.

195. Government of India appointed a committee to relook defence spend. The committee is headed by?

- a) RM Lodha b) Narasimman c) AP Shah d) D B Shekatkar

Answer d) D B Shekatkar. The centre has appointed a committee of experts to recommend measures to enhance the combat capabilities of the over 13-lakh strong armed forces and "re-balance" the overall defence expenditure in view of the escalating salary and pension bills. The 11-member committee led by Lt Gen D B Shekatkar (ret'd), which includes several other top military officers as well as civilian experts, has been given three months to chalk out an action plan.

196. Which state government banned the sale of any type of gutkha and pan masala for a period of one year?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Gujarat c) Bihar d) Assam

Answer c) Bihar. The Bihar govt has banned the distribution, storage, manufacture, or the sale of any type of gutkha and pan masala for a period of one year. The prohibition will come into effect from Saturday. Last month, the Nitish govt had announced complete ban on liquor in the state.

197. First metro line to the sea opened in _____

- a) Beijing b) Tokyo c) Washington d) Los Angeles

Answer d) Los Angeles. The long-awaited first metro line linking Los Angeles to the sea opened amid much fanfare, providing passengers a reprieve from the gridlock the city is famous for. The USD 1.5 billion, 6.6-mile Expo Line extension from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica marks the return of commuter train service to the sea following a six-decade gap in rail operations.

198. Who has been unanimously elected as the second youngest BCCI President?

- a) Anil Kumble b) Anurag Thakur c) Sunil Gavaskar d) Rahul Dravid

Answer b) Anurag Thakur. Anurag Thakur has been unanimously elected as the second youngest BCCI President, while Ajay Shirke was chosen as Secretary in a smooth transition of power at a time when the world's richest Cricket Board is sailing through choppy waters. The 41-year-old Thakur replaced Shashank Manohar who quit the position to take up the ICC chairman's job.

199. Which FIFA team set to appoint Jose Mourinho as their new manager?

- a) Barcelona b) Valencia c) Manchester United d) Real Sociedad

Answer c) Manchester United. Manchester United is set to appoint Jose Mourinho as their new manager. It is believed a deal with the 53-year-old Portuguese was agreed in principle before United's FA Cup final win against Crystal Palace.

200. Indian-American _____ awarded highest teaching award in US

- a) Gandhi Iyer b) Priya Iyer c) Rupa Iyer d) Anjali Chandrasekhar

Answer c) Rupa Iyer. An Indian-American biotechnologist has received University of Houston's highest teaching award for her sustained and significant contributions to education. Rupa Iyer, an Indian-American Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies at the University of Houston's College of Technology, has been presented the "Distinguished Leadership in Teaching Excellence Award". It is the highest award given in teaching and the only one given in this category by the varsity.

201. Who has been appointed as the Principle Adviser for social sector in Niti Aayog?

- a) Aravind Panagariya b) UK Sinha c) Bibek Debroy d) Ratan P Watal

Answer d) Ratan P Watal. Former Finance Secretary, Ratan P Watal has been appointed as the Principle Adviser for social sector in Niti Aayog. He has been appointed to the post for three years. The new appointment for Watal comes a fortnight after his two-month extended tenure ended in April. He was to retire in February. However, Watal later got a two-month extension as the Finance Secretary. Watal, a retired IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, had been Finance Secretary between August last year and April this year.

202. Union Cabinet approved ordinance to keep state boards out of uniform medical entrance examination NEET ambit for _____ year

- a) Three b) One c) Two d) Four

Answer b) One. Government has approved promulgation of an ordinance to keep state boards out of the ambit of uniform medical entrance examination, NEET, for one academic year. The executive order is aimed at “partially” overturning the Supreme Court verdict which said all government colleges, deemed universities and private medical colleges would be covered under NEET. The next phase of the exam is scheduled for July 24. Nearly 6.5 lakh students have already sat for the first phase of NEET held on May 1.

203. Who has been sworn in as the new president of Taiwan?

- a) Tsai Ing-wen b) Lee Teng-hui c) Chen Shui-bian d) Ma Ying-jeou

Answer a) Tsai Ing-wen. Tsai Ing-wen has been sworn in as the new president of Taiwan, becoming its first female leader and calling for “positive dialogue” with Beijing. Ms Tsai, seen as an unassuming but determined leader, led the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) to a landslide win in elections in January. The DPP has traditionally leaned towards independence from China, which sees Taiwan as a breakaway province. In the past, it has threatened to take the island by force if necessary. It still has hundreds of missiles pointing towards the island.

204. The First World Conference on Tourism for Development was held in _____

- a) Tokyo, Japan b) Beijing, China c) Istanbul, Turkey d) Mumbai, India

Answer b) Beijing, China. The First World Conference on Tourism for Development was held in Beijing, China from 18-21 May 2016 with a specific view to advancing the contribution of tourism to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The event was jointly organized by the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

205. _____ emerged as the likely new leader of the ruling AK Party and therefore the Turkey’s next prime minister

- a) Abdullah Gul b) Binali Yildirim c) Recep Tayyip Erdogan d) Ahmet Necdet Sezer

Answer b) Binali Yildirim. Turkey's Transport Minister Binali Yildirim emerged as the likely new leader of the ruling AK Party and therefore the next prime minister, cementing President Tayyip Erdogan's hold on government as he seeks to extend his powers.

206. Who has been appointed as the India’s next Ambassador to Romania?

- a) Arun Kumar Singh b) Nirupama Rao c) Ramesh Chandra d) Ranjan Mathai

Answer c) Ramesh Chandra. Dr. A V S Ramesh Chandra, presently High Commissioner of India to Uganda, has been appointed as the country's Ambassador to Romania. A press release from the Ministry of External Affairs said that Dr. Ramesh Chandra, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1989 batch, was expected to take up his assignment shortly.

207. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh launched ‘PEHAL’ scheme in _____ district

- a) Shimla b) Sirmaur c) Solan d) Bilaspur

Answer a) Shimla .Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh launched ‘PEHAL’ – a vision

document of the Shimla District administration for raising education standards. During the launch of the programme which took place at the historic Ridge Maidan, Deputy Commissioner Rohan Chand Thakur said that the aim of the programme is to identify certain thrust areas which have a direct bearing on the lives of the people at grassroots.

208. Honda Motorcycle and a Scooter India has partnered with _____ Bank to offer retail finance to buyers

- a) ICICI Bank b) IDBI Bank c) Kotak Mahindra Bank d) IndusInd Bank

Answer d) IndusInd Bank. Honda Motorcycle and a Scooter India (HMSI), the country's second-largest two wheeler player, has partnered with IndusInd Bank to offer retail finance to buyers. Honda's customers can now not only buy a Honda two wheeler at an attractive rate of interest but can reap benefits of up to Rs 7,500 through this finance scheme, the company said that in a statement.

209. India sent two naval ships with relief material to _____ which has been severely hit by the cyclone Roanu.

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

Answer a) Sri Lanka. Indian Navy's two ships have been rushed with relief material to Sri Lanka, which has been severely hit by the cyclone Roanu. Two ships, INS Sunayna, an NOPV (Naval offshore patrol vessel) and INS Sutlej, a survey vessel have been sent to Colombo from Southern Naval Command Kochi.

210. An Indian journalist who has been unanimously elected as Deputy Mayor of Loughton town in the UK?

- a) Abraham Lincoln b) Phillip Abraham c) Michael Phillip d) Phillip Jack

Answer b) Phillip Abraham. An Indian journalist has been unanimously elected the Deputy Mayor of Loughton town in the UK. Councillor Carol Davis, the newly-elected mayor presented the Deputy Mayor's Badge to Mr. Philip Abraham. The Deputy Mayor normally goes on to become the Mayor for the following year. Mr. Abraham, a journalist from Kerala, had in 2012 won the election to the Loughton Town Council. Loughton is a vibrant town in the Epping forest district of Essex.

211. Government of India constitute _____ committee to review the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act

- a) RM Lodha b) Mudhgal c) NK Singh d) Radhakrishnan

Answer c) NK Singh. A new committee, led by former Member of Parliament and revenue and expenditure secretary NK Singh, will now review the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, and suggest a future road map. The other members of the panel are Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Urjit Patel, Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian, former finance secretary Sumit Bose, and Rathin Roy, the director of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy and a Business Standard columnist.

212. Which party won power for the first time in the northeastern state of Assam?

- a) Congress Party b) Communist Party (Marxist) c) Communist Party (India) d) Bharatiya Janata Party

Answer d) Bharatiya Janata Party. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) won power for the first time in the northeastern state of Assam, a victory that will help his right-wing nationalist government recover some reform momentum after poll losses last year. Grabbing power in Assam, one of five states electing new legislatures, is a sign that the BJP is expanding its political influence beyond its traditional heartland.

213. A two-day international Buddhist conference held at _____

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

Answer a) Nepal. A two-day international Buddhist conference to mark the 2,560th birth anniversary of Lord Buddha began in Nepal with Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, advocating Buddhism as a means to avoid extremism in all forms. Over 1,200 delegates and observers from 28 countries around the world will attend the conference from May 19-20, themed “Lumbini, Nepal: the birth place of Lord Buddha and the fountain of Buddhism and world peace”.

214. India and _____ have signed a Protocol amending the existing Convention and Double Taxation avoidance

- a) Norway b) China c) Slovenia d) Bangladesh

Answer c) Slovenia. India and Slovenia have signed a Protocol amending the existing Convention and Protocol between the two countries for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income on 17th May, 2016 in Ljubljana. The Protocol was signed by Mr. Sarvajit Chakravarti, Ambassador of India to Slovenia on behalf of India and Mr. Dusan Mramor, the Slovenian Minister of Finance on behalf of Slovenia.

215. Hypersonic super jet technology successfully tested in _____

- a) New Zealand b) Australia c) Japan d) China

Answer b) Australia. Hypersonic travel that could propel people from London to Sydney in just two hours is one step closer to reality, following a successful test. The project, which saw US and Australian military scientists combine resources, is on track to launch in 2018 after its latest engine trial hit the target speed of Mach 7.5 – more than seven times the speed of sound.

216. Which mobile company announced plans to enter the Android smartphone and tablet market?

- a) LG b) Blackberry c) Nokia d) Micromax

Answer c) Nokia. Nokia announced plans to enter the Android smartphone and tablet market. It revealed that HMD Global Oy will acquire the rights to use the 'Nokia' name on its Android smartphones and tablets for the next 10 years. This comes after Microsoft sold Nokia's feature phone business in a group deal that included HMD Global Oy and FIH Mobile.

217. The Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on introducing quality standards for _____

- a) Noodles b) Mushroom c) Milk Powder d) Oil

Answer a) Noodles. The Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is working on introducing quality standards for instant noodles to regulate the usage of MSG, taste-makers, and other ingredients. This will be the first time FSSAI is introducing quality standards specifically for instant

noodles. At present, there is a common standard for various kinds of ready-to-cook products, including noodles.

218. Which state government has decided to include regional and tribal languages in Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission Examinations?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Jharkhand c) Bihar d) Karnataka

Answer b) Jharkhand. The Jharkhand government has decided to include regional and tribal languages in Jharkhand Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission examinations, the recruiting bodies for government jobs. Further, the exams will include a higher percentage of Jharkhand-specific questions. The move to reduce emphasis on Hindi and English is reportedly aimed at giving locals a level playing field.

219. Indian Navy warships deployed in _____ Sea

- a) Arabian b) Bay of Bengal c) South Australia d) South China

Answer d) South China. The Indian Navy sent four warships on a 2.5 month-long operational deployment to South China Sea and North West Pacific on Wednesday, an official statement said. The fleet will take part in bilateral exercises while halting at Vietnam, Philippines, Japan, Russia, South Korea, and Malaysia. The ships will also participate in MALABAR-16, an Indo-Japan-USA trilateral exercise, the statement added.

220. Which party won a seat in the 140-member Kerala Assembly for the first time in history after its leader O Rajagopal emerged victorious from the Nemom constituency?

- a) Congress Party b) Bharatiya Janata Party c) Communist Party (Marxist) d) Communist Party

Answer b) Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP won a seat in the 140-member Kerala Assembly for the first time in history after its leader O Rajagopal emerged victorious from the Nemom constituency. Rajagopal has defeated sitting MLA V Sivankutty of Communist Party of India (Marxist) by over 8,000 votes. The 86-year-old BJP politician has also served as a union minister in the past.

221. _____ launched the third developer preview of its upcoming Android operating system called 'Android N'.

- a) Samsung b) Face book c) Microsoft d) Google

Answer d) Google. Google launched the third developer preview of its upcoming Android operating system called 'Android N'. It features a VR mode that will allow VR apps to use its smooth head-tracking, stereo notifications and low latency graphics. It also introduced a feature for seamless updates, meaning devices running Android N or greater can install system updates in the background.

222. Which player has withdrawn from this year's French Open after failing to recover from a back injury?

- a) Rafael Nadal b) Andy Murrey c) Roger Federer d) Novak Djokovic

Answer c) Roger Federer. Roger Federer has withdrawn from this year's French Open after failing to recover from a back injury. The 34-year-old did not play in the Madrid Open earlier this month after hurting his back during practice for the tournament. Federer returned for the Italian Open but was

beaten in the third round by Dominic Thiem. The Swiss has struggled with injury this year, having undergone knee surgery after January's Australian Open.

223. Which team won the UEFA Europa League champions title?

- a) Sevilla b) Liverpool c) Barcelona d) Real Madrid

Answer a) Sevilla. Sevilla were crowned the UEFA Europa League champions for the third straight year after they defeated Liverpool 3-1 in the final on Wednesday. Kévin Gameiro scored one goal and Coke grabbed a brace for Sevilla. Daniel Sturridge was the only scorer for Liverpool, which also made him the first English player to score in the Europa League final since 2001.

224. Diwaliben Bhil who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Actress b) Folk Singer c) Journalist d) Scientist

Answer b) Singer. Veteran Gujarati folk singer Diwaliben Bhil, who had a huge fan following across the state, passed away in Junagadh at the age of 80. Apart from folk songs and garba songs, Diwaliben had also lent her voice to several film songs. Born in a tribal family in the Gir forests, Diwaliben became famous after a team from All India Radio heard her singing and aired a recording of one of her garbas in a programme.

225. Indian American _____ won \$50K Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award.

- a) Jalong Kayra b) Andrezj Solra c) Syamantak Payra d) Haley Fatra

Answer c) Syamantak Payra. A 15-year-old Indian-American boy has won the prestigious 'Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award' for developing a low-cost electronically-aided knee brace that allows a person with a weakened leg to walk more naturally. Syamantak Payra, a Texas resident, won the \$50,000 award along with 17-year-old Kathy Liu. The award was given by Intel Corporation and the Society for Science and the Public (SSP) at the 2016 'Intel International Science and Engineering Fair' in Arizona last week.

226. Indian American scientist _____ received the prestigious 'National Medal of Science' award from US President Barack Obama.

- a) Rakesh K Jain b) Prakash Jain c) Krishna M Jain d) Vignesh S Jain

Answer a) Rakesh K Jain. A 65-year-old Indian American scientist will receive the prestigious 'National Medal of Science' award from US President Barack Obama. Rakesh K Jain, a professor of tumor biology at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Harvard Medical School, will receive the award from Obama along with 16 other recipients of the 'National Medals of Science and National Medals of Technology and Innovation' on May 19.

227. _____ becomes first Indian to be awarded IAF's 'Hall of Fame' Award.

- a) Madhavan Nair b) Radhakrishnan c) Shailesh Nayak d) UR Rao

Answer d) UR Rao. Former ISRO Chairman Prof UR Rao became the first Indian to be given the 'Hall of Fame' award by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). The IAF award is intended to reward personalities for their contributions to the progress of astronautics and the Federation. The IAF Hall of Fame consists of a permanent gallery of these personalities, including a citation, biographical information, and a picture, in a special part of the IAF web presence. This year's 67th

International Astronautical Congress will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico in September, where Rao will receive the award.

228. IIT student who won Young Scientist Award for contribution to materials science?

- a) Priya Singh b) Nandini Bhandaru c) Kalyani Chandran d) Anjali Ramakrishnan

Answer b) Nandini Bhandaru. Nandini Bhandaru of IIT-Kharagpur wins honour for her outstanding contribution. A doctoral researcher at IIT-Kharagpur has bagged the European Materials Research Society's (E-MRS's) Young Scientist Award for contribution to materials science. Nandini Bhandaru won the award based on her outstanding contribution to materials science and nanotechnology, particularly nano-patterning of soft films and surfaces.

229. HDFC Bank Ltd has launched SmartUp, a first-of-its-kind dedicated solution for start-ups in _____

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

Answer c) Kolkata. HDFC Bank Ltd has launched SmartUp, a first-of-its-kind dedicated solution for start-ups in Kolkata. SmartUp is HDFC Bank's tailored solution to meet all the banking requirements of start-ups, and offers banking and payment solutions, along with advisory and forex services.

230. Which Bank approved \$625 million loan to support India's grid connected rooftop solar programme to generate clean energy?

- a) BRICS Bank b) World Bank c) NABARD Bank d) Asian Development Bank

Answer b) World Bank. The World Bank's Board has approved \$625 million loan to support India's grid connected rooftop solar programme to generate clean energy. The Board also approved a co-financing loan of \$120 million on concessional terms and a \$5 million grant from Climate Investment Fund's (CIF) Clean Technology Fund. The project will finance the installation of at least 400 MW of grid connected rooftop solar photovoltaic (GRPV) across India.

231. The Income Tax department has launched _____ portal to fast track tax payers grievances.

- a) e-nivaran b) e-bharat c) e-grievances d) e-nissan

Answer a) e-nivaran. The Income Tax department has launched a special electronic grievance redressal system called 'e-nivaran' in order to fast track taxpayer grievances and ensure early resolution of their complaints. A separate and dedicated window for grievance redressal has been launched recently in the Income Tax Business Application (ITBA), the new smart electronic platform for the regular operations of the department.

232. International Museum Day is observed on?

- a) May 10 b) May 18 c) May 15 d) May 12

Answer b) May 18. International Museum Day (IMD) is an international day a celebration that held every year on or around 18 May, coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). The event highlights a specific theme that changes every year and that is at the heart of the international museum community's preoccupations.

233. Which Metro Rail Corporation has conducted the trial run of the country's first ever Metro train equipped to run in the 'Unattended Train Operation' or driverless mode?

- a) Chennai Metro Rail b) Bangalore Metro Rail c) Mumbai Metro Rail d) Delhi Metro Rail

Answer d) Delhi Metro Rail. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has conducted the trial run of the country's first ever Metro train equipped to run in the 'Unattended Train Operation' or driverless mode. The train was ceremonially flagged off by Union Minister for Urban Development M. Venkaiah Naidu and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The inaugural train moved out from the Mukundpur depot and travelled up to the Majlis Park Metro station of the Majlis Park – Shiv Vihar Metro corridor of Phase 3 (Pink Line).

234. In which State World's largest single rooftop solar power plant of 11.5 Mw capacity was inaugurated?

- a) Punjab b) Rajasthan c) West Bengal d) Tamil Nadu

Answer a) Punjab. World's largest single rooftop solar power plant of 11.5 Mw capacity was inaugurated in Beas near Amritsar in Punjab. Spread at a single rooftop stretch of 42 acre at Dera Baba Jaimal, the project was synchronised earlier this year. In addition to single largest rooftop solar power plant, seven rooftop solar power plants of 8Mw capacity were also inaugurated in Beas Dera campus making this place the highest single campus generating solar power of 19.5 Mw at multiple rooftops in the country.

235. Which State Government launched Green Passage scheme for orphan students?

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

Answer c) Odisha. The Odisha government has launched Green Passage scheme for orphan students to ensure that they get free of cost higher education in the state. A proposal of the higher education department in this regard, was approved by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. As per the scheme, orphan students pursuing higher education from Plus-II level to post-graduation level, will no longer have to bear the education expenses.

236. Who is the Union minister of Women and Child development?

- a) Uma Bharathi b) Smriti Irani c) Sushma Swaraj d) Maneka Gandhi

Answer d) Maneka Gandhi. Union Minister Maneka Gandhi unveiled the draft 'National Policy for Women, 2016' focusing on protecting women from cyber crime and recognising the rights of single women. "The focus has shifted from just welfare to welfare with a heavy dose of rights. This policy will define government action towards women for the next 15 to 20 years", Gandhi said.

237. NASA successfully launched a super pressure balloon from _____

- a) Australia b) New Zealand c) Russia d) Japan

Answer b) New Zealand. NASA successfully launched a super pressure balloon from New Zealand's South Island Wanaka Airport to conduct near-space scientific investigations. The launch marks the fifth attempt to get the massive balloon airborne, with previous bids thwarted by bad weather. Long-duration balloon flights at constant altitudes play an important role in providing inexpensive access to the near-space environment for science and technology.

238. The new indigenously produced Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile named as _____ was tested in the Balashore district off the Odisha coast.

- a) Akash b) Agni c) Ashwin d) Ajay

Answer c) Ashwin. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has come up with a new indigenously produced Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile, Ashwin. The missile was tested on the newly named Abdul Kalam Island located in the Balashore district off the Odisha coast. This was the 12th test in the series to develop interceptor missiles.

239. The world's first artificial intelligence lawyer has been employed by a law firm in _____

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

Answer a) USA. The world's first artificial intelligence lawyer has been employed by a law firm in the US, which will use the robot to assist its various teams in legal research. The robot called 'ROSS' is built upon Watson, IBM's cognitive computer. With the support of Watson's cognitive computing and natural language processing capabilities, lawyers can ask ROSS their research question and the robot reads through the law, gathers evidence, draws inferences and returns highly relevant, evidence-based answers.

240. Which team won the Spanish league La Liga Title?

- a) Real Madrid CF b) Sevilla FC c) Barcelona FC d) Valencia CF

Answer c) Barcelona FC. Barcelona FC has retained the Spanish league title La Liga with 3-0 score against Granada in the final match. Luis Suárez finished as top scorer, being the first player apart from Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to do so since the 2008–09 season. The football club finished the tournament with 91 points in total. It is Barcelona FC's fifth straight win and eighth league title in 12 seasons. Football Club Real Madrid finished second with a 2-0 win over Deportivo.

241. Andre Brahic who passed away recently was a/ an

- a) Actor b) Scientist c) Economist d) Singer

Answer b) Scientist. Andre Brahic, one of the people who discovered the rings of Neptune, has died aged 73. The Frenchman was one of the team who first spotted the rings in 1984, naming them Equality, Fraternity and Liberty after the motto of the French Republic. In a tribute, French President Francois Hollande said Brahic had known "how to easily explain the mysteries of space".

242. Which Bank has seized a villa of debt-strapped liquor baron Vijay Mallya in Panaji, Goa?

- a) United Bank of India b) Central Bank of India c) State Bank of India d) UCO Bank

Answer c) State Bank of India. The government-owned State Bank of India (SBI) has seized a villa of debt-strapped liquor baron Vijay Mallya in Panaji, Goa. Mallya flew to London in March, under pressure from bankers seeking to recover about Rs 9000 cr owed by his collapsed Kingfisher Airline. The district magistrate gave an order in favour of banks to take physical possession of the Rs 90 cr Kingfisher Villa in Panaji town, which was venue of many famous parties hosted by him.

243. Which State Government got approval to set up Kalinganagar National Investment and Manufacturing Zone in Jajpur district?

- a) Assam b) Odisha c) Maharashtra d) Rajasthan

Answer b) Odisha. The Centre has approved the Odisha Government's proposal to set up Kalinganagar National Investment and Manufacturing Zone in Jajpur district. The Zone will be a mega industrial zone having a world-class township to cater to the needs of the investors. This is the third Investment and Manufacturing Zone of India involving a massive area of 163 square kilometer.

244. Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has decided to develop a _____ for Government departments to check corruption.

- a) Primary Index b) Comparative Index c) Integrity Index d) Secondary Index

Answer c) Integrity Index. In a first, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has decided to develop an 'integrity index' to help government departments assess where they stand on anti-corruption measures. The integrity index for public sector organisations will be based on bench marking of governance processes by internal and external stakeholders.

245. Nepal Telecom has completed laying optical fibre to Rasuwagadi area at the _____ border

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

Answer a) Nepal – China. Nepal Telecom (NT), the state-owned Nepalese telecommunication company, has completed laying optical fibre to Rasuwagadi area at the Nepal-China border from the capital city Kathmandu, with an eye to boosting Nepal-China connectivity. This has paved the way for interconnecting service of the NT with the China Telecom.

246. Who has been appointed as deputy chairman of FIFA governance committee?

- a) RM Lodha b) Dipak Misra c) Ranjan Gogoi d) Mukul Mudgal

Answer d) Mukul Mudgal. In a major development for Indian football and judiciary, world governing body FIFA has turned to Justice Mukul Mudgal, who has been appointed as deputy chairman of its governance committee. The former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana, who headed the IPL spot-fixing probe, said is aware of his appointment.

247. Which foreign bank will shut down its corporate, institutional and retail banking operations in India?

- a) Standard Chartered Bank b) Royal Bank of Scotland c) National Australia Bank d) HSBC Bank

Answer b) Royal Bank of Scotland. UK-based Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) said it will shut down its corporate, institutional and retail banking operations in India, following the announcement of the plan last year. RBS currently operates 10 retail branches in India employing 400 people. This is part of the bank's plan to reduce its international operations to 13 countries from the current 38.

248. Which medicine company got has received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to manufacture and market an anaesthetic injection in the American market?

- a) Cipla b) Lupin Ltd c) Reddy Laboratories d) Aurobindo Pharma

Answer d) Aurobindo Pharma. Drug maker Aurobindo Pharma has received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to manufacture and market an anaesthetic injection in the American market, the company said. The product, expected to be launched in the second quarter of

2016-17 fiscal, has an estimated market size of \$5.6 million for 2015-16, it added, quoting US-based healthcare firm IMS Health.

249. World Hypertension day is observed on?

- a) May 16 b) May 18 c) May 15 d) May 17

Answer d) May 17. The day was initiated to increase the awareness of hypertension. This was especially important because of the lack of appropriate knowledge among hypertensive patients. The WHL launched its first WHD on May 14, 2005. Since 2006, the WHL has been dedicating May 17 of every year as WHD.

250. The World-first scanning helium microscope built in _____

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

Answer a) Australia. The World-first scanning helium microscope has been built by Australian researchers who feel it could "open doors" for many new discoveries by allowing scientists to scrutinise materials without disturbing them. Paul Dastoor of University of Newcastle who has been working on the scanning helium microscope (SHeM) for two decades said the new microscope will enable scientists to study human, animal and plant samples, as well as computer chips and pharmaceutical drugs, without damaging or changing them.

251. Who won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize for her novel 'The Vegetarian'?

- a) Marlon James b) Han Kang c) Hilary Mantel d) Kiran Desai

Answer b) Han Kang. South Korean author Han Kang has won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize for her novel 'The Vegetarian'. Han (45), the first South Korean to win the award, will share the prize money of £50,000 (around \$72,000) equally with her 28-year-old British translator Deborah Smith. The international literary award was introduced in 2004 to complement the Man Booker Prize.

252. IT consulting firm Capgemini launched a digital literacy centre at _____

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

Answer b) Mumbai. IT consulting firm Capgemini launched a digital literacy centre at the Helen Keller Institute of Deaf and Deaf-blind at Navi Mumbai. Capgemini said it is starting the centre in association with Nasscom. The Helen Keller Institute is dedicated to training individuals in digital literacy in Panvel and surrounding areas of Navi Mumbai. The initiative is aimed at bridging the digital divide and creating a digitally literate and empowered generation.

253. State-owned engineering firm BHEL has won a 1,600 crore contract from NSPCL to set up a 250 MW coal-based thermal power plant in _____

- a) Maharashtra b) Odisha c) Kerala d) Karnataka

Answer b) Odisha. State-owned engineering firm BHEL has won a 1,600 crore contract from NSPCL, a joint venture company of state-run NTPC and SAIL, to set up a 250 MW coal-based thermal power plant in Rourkela, Odisha. BHEL had earlier executed the commissioning of two 250 MW units at the Bhilai Expansion power plant for the company.

254. Power producer Adani Power shut down its four units of power plant in _____

- a) Maharashtra b) Kolkata c) Andra Pradesh d) Gujarat

Answer a) Maharashtra. Power producer Adani Power said it has shut down four units of 660 MW capacity each out of the five units at its Tiroda power plant in Maharashtra due to acute water shortage. The Dhapewada Project in the state which supplies water to the plants has dried up leading to the units' shutdown, the company added.

255. Indian Women's Squash team won the _____ medal at the 18th Asian Squash Championship in Taipei.

- a) Gold b) Silver c) Bronze d) None of these

Answer b) Silver. Indian Women's Squash team won the silver medal at the 18th Asian Squash Championship in Taipei, after suffering a 0-2 defeat at the hands of the Malaysian Women's team on Sunday. Elsewhere, Indian Men's Squash team lost their semifinal clash against Pakistan by a 1-2 scoreline. Pakistan went on to win their fourth consecutive Asian Squash Team Championship.

256. Deepak Shodhan who passed away recently was a/ an

- a) Economist b) Actor c) Cricketer d) Journalist

Answer c) Cricketer. India's oldest Test cricketer, Deepak Shodhan, passed away aged 87 in Ahmedabad on Monday. Shodhan, who was independent India's first batsman to score a century on his debut, was suffering from lung cancer. A left-handed batsman and a left-arm pacer, Shodhan represented India in three Test matches and scored 181 runs.

257. Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is set to start its India operations from _____

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Gujarat c) Bihar d) Andra Pradesh

Answer b) Gujarat. Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is set to start its India operations from Gujarat. The international financial institution from Saudi Arabia has chosen Gujarat to set up its first branch in India. The state will also get 30 medical vans as part of IDB's social sector initiatives.

258. An Indian-American _____ has been appointed by the Democratic party to a panel that would draft its policy agenda for the November presidential election.

- a) Meera Kumar b) Anjali Krishnan c) Neera Tanden d) Kiran Singh

Answer c) Neera Tanden. Indian-American Neera Tanden has been appointed by the Democratic party to a panel that would draft its policy agenda for the November presidential election. Tanden, 45, a long-time associate of Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton, is being touted as a potential cabinet member if Clinton is elected as the US president in the November general elections.

259. India's growth to rise to _____ percent in Fiscal Year 2019, global rating agency Fitch

- a) 9% b) 8% c) 7.5% d) 6%

Answer b) 8%. India's economic growth rate will slowly accelerate to 8% by fiscal year ending March

2019, driven by the gradual implementation of structural reforms, higher disposable income and improvement in economic activity, global rating agency Fitch. Fitch expects India's GDP to grow 7.5% in fiscal year ending March 2016 and improve to 7.7% in the current fiscal year and further to 7.9% in the fiscal year ending March 2018.

260. The Cabinet approved the first-ever policy for the _____ in the country.

- a) Export goods sector b) Import goods sector c) Capital goods sector d) None of these

Answer c) Capital goods sector. The Cabinet approved the first-ever policy for the capital goods sector in the country that aims to triple the value of production of these goods to Rs.7.5 lakh crore by 2025 and create more than 21 million jobs. The policy also envisages increasing exports to 40 per cent of production from the present 27 per cent.

261. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH launched the new website of the Ministry of AYUSH and web portal for International Day of Yoga (IDY) in New Delhi. Who is the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH?

- a) Santhosh Kumar Gangwar b) Shripad Yesso Naik c) Dharmendra Pradhan d) Prakash Javadekar

Answer b) Shripad Yesso Naik. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik launched the new website of the Ministry of AYUSH and web portal for International Day of Yoga (IDY) in New Delhi. The website <http://ayush.gov.in> has been developed as part of digital India programme, using content management framework (CMF) approach. The website is compliant to Government of India guidelines for Websites (GIGW) and it is developed on open source platform by NIC.

262. Government of India approved establishment of National Institute of Technology (NIT) in _____

- a) Andra Pradesh b) Jammu and Kashmir c) Maharashtra d) Kerala

Answer a) Andra Pradesh. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi granted ex-post facto approval for establishment of NIT, Andhra Pradesh which has been registered as a Society under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 with effect from 20th august 2015.

263. India emerges as _____ largest producer of e-waste in world

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

Answer d) Fifth. India, which has emerged as the world's second largest mobile market, is also the fifth largest producer of e-waste, discarding roughly 18.5 lakh tonnes of electronic waste each year. Telecom equipment alone accounts for 12 per cent of the e-waste. The rising levels of e-waste generation in India have been a matter of concern in recent years.

264. The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit was held in _____

- a) Beijing b) Istanbul c) Tokyo d) Dhaka

Answer b) Istanbul. The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit was held in Istanbul from 23 to 24th May since World War II. The summit was inaugurated by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and hosted by Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and attended by world leaders of UN member states, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The purpose of summit was – World leaders to be committed to improving the humanitarian responses to crises.

265. China signed agreements with _____ to build 600-megawatt atomic reactor

- a) Japan b) China c) Sudan d) Germany

Answer c) Sudan. China has signed agreements with Sudan, its close ally in Africa to build 600-megawatt atomic reactor, the first such project in the African country. Two framework deals have been signed by state-owned China National Nuclear Corp (CNNC) with Sudan on nuclear power development, including building a 600-megawatt atomic reactor.

266. Which country is planning to test an air-breathing propulsion system?

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

Answer a) India. After successfully testing a technology demonstrator of a reusable launch vehicle, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to test an air-breathing propulsion system, which aims to capitalise on the oxygen in the atmosphere instead of liquefied oxygen while in flight.

267. World's first functional 3D-printed office opened in _____

- a) Australia b) Saudi Arabia c) Japan d) Dubai

Answer d) Dubai. The world's first functional 3D-printed office, a single storey building spread across 2,700 square foot, opened in Dubai. The arc-shaped office building used a 20-foot tall 3D printer and a special mixture of cement to be built. Located near the Dubai International Financial Center, the building was completed in 17 days at a cost of about \$140,000.

268. Who is the new Chief Minister of Kerala?

- a) Achuthanandan b) Oommen Chandy c) A.K. Antony d) Pinarayi Vijayan

Answer d) Pinarayi Vijayan. Pinarayi Vijayan took oath as the 22nd Chief Minister of Kerala. He is a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and currently a member of its Politburo. He will be leading a 19-member cabinet of the LDF which includes alliance partners CPI and NCP. Further, Vijayan will also handle the portfolios of Home and Vigilance.

269. Waitlisted and RAC (reservation against cancellation) ticket holders can now cancel their tickets by dialling _____

- a) 150 b) 120 c) 139 d) 131

Answer c) 139. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu announced that waitlisted and RAC (reservation

against cancellation) ticket holders can now cancel their tickets by dialling 139. Earlier, this facility was available only for confirmed tickets. Online cancellation through 139, however, will be permitted only till 30 minutes before the scheduled departure of the train for RAC and waitlisted tickets.

270. Which State will implement e-Office system in all 13 districts on a pilot basis in June, followed by a full-scale launch in July?

- a) Karnataka b) Andra Pradesh c) Haryana d) Punjab

Answer b) Andra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh will implement e-Office system in all 13 districts on a pilot basis in June, followed by a full-scale launch in July, Chief Minister N Chandra babu Naidu said on Wednesday. Already 2,23,582 files have been scanned while another 2,02,193 files would also be digitised soon. Notably, the state already employs India's first e-Cabinet system enabling paperless Cabinet meetings.

271. Which country has a prison with TV, fridge, video games?

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

Answer b) Norway. The Halden Prison in Norway, known for its humane conditions, has modern amenities for inmates like flat-screen TVs, mini-fridge, wooden furniture, sound studio, modular couch and carpeted floors. Further, the inmates can also play video games inside the prison. With a capacity of 250 inmates, the prison was officially opened in April 2010.

272. Which State government abolishes all inter-state check gates?

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

Answer d) Assam. In the first meeting of his council of ministers, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Wednesday announced to abolish check gates at all border entry points to the state with immediate effect. He also decided to end oral interviews for Grade 3 and Grade 4 government jobs. Sonowal further announced a reduction in the number of vehicles in his convoy.

273. The HRD Ministry launched India's first and largest multilingual dictionary in the form of a mobile app called _____

- a) Bharatavani b) Bharatdakshan c) Bharatapp d) Bharatdiction

Answer a) Bharatavani. The HRD Ministry launched India's first and largest multilingual dictionary in the form of a mobile app called Bharatavani. The app, currently featuring 35 multilingual dictionaries, lets users search for text of one language in other languages. The ministry has also launched the Bharatavani web portal that features 130 dictionaries, glossaries and terminology books in 22 languages.

274. The retirement age of government doctors across the country will be increased from 62 years to ___ years.

- a) 63 b) 64 c) 65 d) 66

Answer c) 65. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the retirement age of government doctors across the country will be increased from 62 years to 65 years. Stating that there was a shortage of doctors in India, Modi added, "If there were enough medical colleges in our country, we wouldn't have this shortage. It's difficult to create doctors in 2 years."

275. Who has been appointed as India's head coach for the team's tour to Zimbabwe?

- a) Ravi Shastri b) Sunil Gavaskar c) Rahul Dravid d) Sanjay Bangar

Answer d) Sanjay Bangar. Coach of IPL franchise Kings XI Punjab Sanjay Bangar has been appointed India's head coach for the team's tour to Zimbabwe. Bangar had previously worked as India's assistant coach till the World T20 under team director Ravi Shastri. India will play three T20s and three ODIs in Zimbabwe, starting on June 11.

276. India won _____ in the final of the 2016 Asian Team Snooker Championships.

- a) Gold b) Silver c) Bronze d) None of these

Answer b) Silver. India lost to an Iran team consisting of Amir Sarkhosh and Soheil Vahedi in the final of the 2016 Asian Team Snooker Championships. The Indian team of Pankaj Advani, Manan Chandra and Aditya Mehta took the lead before losing the second singles and doubles to trail 1-2. Advani made it 2-2, before Iran took the final set, winning 3-2.

277. KC Mathew who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Actor b) Journalist c) Communist Leader d) Economist

Answer c) Communist Leader. KC Mathew, a veteran communist leader and the prime accused in the attack on the Edappally police station in February 1950, which resulted in a witch-hunt of the communists by the police, died at the age of 92. He was ailing and undergoing treatment for nearly a month. Born into a well-to-do family at North Paravur in 1924, Mathew graduated from UC College in Aluva and was drawn to the communist ideals right from the college days.

278. An Indian-American scientist _____ has received the prestigious Springer Theses Award.

- a) Prakash Singh b) Nishanth Saha c) Sandeep Tomar d) Arnab De

Answer d) Arnab De. An Indian-American scientist has received the prestigious Springer Theses Award in recognition for his outstanding research in which he developed transgenic mice to study a critical tumor-suppressor called A20. Arnab De's thesis was nominated by New York's Columbia University. Before this, De, who has also developed peptide-based prodrugs as therapeutics for diabetes, had received the Young Investigator Award at the American Peptide Symposium.

279. Government of India to sold off _____ out of 16 hotels owned by state-run India Tourism Development Corp.

- a) 10 b) 15 c) 14 d) 12

Answer c) 14. Fourteen out of 16 perennially loss making hotels owned by state-run India Tourism

Development Corp. (ITDC) will be sold off and the process to privatise them has already started. The finance ministry is taking forward the disinvestment plan to totally offload government's stakes in all the ITDC-run hotels except the Ashoka and Samrat hotels in the national capital.

280. _____ became first Union Territory (UT) to sign 24x7 Power for All document.

- a) Delhi b) Puducherry c) Chandigarh d) Lakshadweep

Answer d) Lakshadweep. Lakshadweep became first Union Territory (UT) to sign 24x7 Power for All document. Representative of Government of India and the Administration of Lakshadweep signed the document in presence of P.K. Pujari, Secretary, Ministry of Power.

281. Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully test fired supersonic cruise missile BrahMos at _____

- a) Sriharikota b) Bengaluru c) Pokhran d) Mumbai

Answer c) Pokhran. Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully test fired supersonic cruise missile BrahMos against a land-based target from a defence base in the western sector, paving the way for its maiden air launch from a fighter aircraft. With advanced guidance system and indigenously built software algorithm, this version of BrahMos land-attack system was launched from a mobile autonomous launcher from Pokhran range at about 12 pm establishing its supremacy in the world of supersonic cruise missiles.

282. Who is the new Prime Minister of Guinea?

- a) Baciro Dja b) Mamady Youla c) Kabine Komara d) Mohamed Said Fofana

Answer a) Baciro Dja. Guinea Bissau President Jose Mario Vaz named Baciro Dja as prime minister. It leads to sparking protests from political opponents who said the appointment was unconstitutional. Dja succeeds Carlos Correia, who was sacked earlier this month in a move that threatened to deepen political turmoil in the tiny West African nation.

283. A bilateral Air Force exercise between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) is named as _____

- a) Indradhanush b) Garuda c) Avia Indra 2016 d) Ex-Desert Eagle-II

Answer d) Ex-Desert Eagle-II. A bilateral Air Force exercise between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) is underway at Al-Dhafra Air Base in UAE from 24 May 16 to 03 Jun 16. Ex-Desert Eagle-I with UAE Air Force was held at the same location in Sep 08. Su-30 MkI of the Indian Air Force and Mirage 2000-9, F-16 of UAE Air Force are participating in the exercise. The exercise will be played under multiple simulated scenarios.

284. India ranked _____ in initiating anti-dumping problems: WTO

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

Answer b) 2. India, with 12 probes launched, was the second leading initiator of anti-dumping investigations in 2015, according to global body World Trade Organisation (WTO). The WTO

members are allowed to launch such investigations on imports when the exporting company ships a product at a price lower than that charged in its home market. The US topped the list with 15 investigations.

285. In which State the Election Commission cancelled polls in two constituencies due to use of money power?

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

Answer d) Tamil Nadu. The Election Commission cancelled polls in two Tamil Nadu constituencies due to use of money power. The election in Aravkurichi and Tanjavur were earlier postponed twice, first from May 16 to May 23 and then to June 13. Fresh polls will now be conducted when the atmosphere is conducive, the Election Commission said.

286. Which Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMT) has launched an Android app called the BMT Easy Travel Information Planner?

- a) Chennai b) Delhi c) Bengaluru d) Haryana

Answer c) Bengaluru. The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMT) has launched an Android app called the BMT Easy Travel Information Planner, which enables commuters to keep a track of real-time bus movements. It gives commuters suggestions regarding bus routes, and records whether buses skip stops, over speed or are delayed. It is reportedly the first such system in India.

287. Which State government has decided to grant Below Poverty Line (BPL) status to the transgenders in the state?

- a) Rajasthan b) Odisha c) Bihar d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Odisha. The Odisha government has decided to grant Below Poverty Line (BPL) status to the transgenders in the state, said Women and Child Development Minister Usha Devi. They will also be covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). All Odisha Eunuch and Transgender Association President Pratap Sahu said Odisha is the first state in India to initiate such a move.

288. _____ is the only Indian state to have a state flag and its own constitution

- a) Punjab b) West Bengal c) Himachal Pradesh d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer d) Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir is the only Indian state to have a state flag and its own constitution. The state enjoys a special status under the Indian Constitution, owing to a binding UNSC resolution. Adopted in 1952, the plough on the flag represents agriculture, while the three vertical lines represent the three major regions - Jammu, the Kashmir valley and Ladakh.

289. Who won Monaco Grand Prix 2016?

- a) Lewis Hamilton b) Daniel Ricciardo c) Sergio Perez d) Sebastian Vettel

Answer a) Lewis Hamilton. Three-time world champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes celebrated his first win of the Formula One season Monaco Grand Prix. Australian Daniel Ricciardo finished second

for Red Bull, with Mexican Sergio Perez third for Force India. Championship leader, Nico Rosberg finished seventh and his lead at the top was cut to 24 points.

290. Who won the ‘Scholastic Asian Book Award’2016?

- a) Vasanth Kumar b) Gopinath c) Aditi Krishnakumar d) Prem Kumar Singh

Answer c) Aditi Krishnakumar. Aditi Krishnakumar, a 31-year-old Indian woman author in Singapore has won the ‘Scholastic Asian Book Award’ for her 32,000-word manuscript rooted in “love of Indian history”. Aditi Krishnakumar won the Singapore dollar 10,000 award for her manuscript “Codex: The Lost Treasure Of The Indus“. Aditi, who submitted her manuscript hours before deadline last September, said she juggles writing with her career in finance and ekes out time at night and on weekends to dream up stories.

291. Which Tiger Reserve has received the ‘India Biodiversity Award 2016’?

- a) Pakke Tiger Reserve b) Bandipur Tiger Reserve c) Sunderbans Reserve d) Anamalai Tiger Reserve

Answer a) Pakke Tiger Reserve. Pakke Tiger Reserve in East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh has received the ‘India Biodiversity Award 2016’ in one of its four categories. The Hornbill Nest Adoption Programme of the Pakke Tiger Reserve in East Kameng district was awarded the prize under the category, “conservation of threatened species“.

292. The Indian Coast Guard ship ‘Arush’, the 17th in the series of 20 fast patrol vessels designed and built by _____

- a) Mazagon Dock Limited b) Cochin Shipyard Limited c) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd d) Goa Shipyard Ltd

Answer b) Cochin Shipyard Limited. The Indian Coast Guard ship ‘Arush’, the 17th in the series of 20 fast patrol vessels designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd., was commissioned. The ship was commissioned by the Coast Guard Commander (western seaboard) Additional Director General SPS Basra in the presence of the Commander Coast Guard Region (West) Inspector General K. Natarajan and other senior dignitaries of the central and state governments.

293. India’s first integrated web portal to promote Net Zero Energy Buildings launched by _____ ministry and United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

- a) Power Ministry b) Information and Broadcasting Ministry
c) Transport Ministry d) External Affairs Ministry

Answer a) Power Ministry. Power Ministry and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched India’s first integrated web portal designed to promote and mainstream Net Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB). The NZEBs combine energy efficiency and renewable energy generation to consume only that much of energy as can be generated onsite through renewable resources over a specified time period.

294. Spanish train Talgo runs at speed of _____ kmph during trial

- a) 100-110 b) 110-115 c) 120-130 d) 140-150

Answer b) 110-115. Spanish train Talgo ran at the speed of 110-115 kms per hour as its trial was conducted on the Bareilly-Moradabad line in Uttar Pradesh as part of the Railways' strategy to induct faster trains. The lighter and faster train, with nine coaches and hauled by a 4,500 HP diesel engine, covered the 90-km distance in 70 minutes. The train left Bareilly at 9.05 AM and reached Moradabad at 10.15 AM.

295. India and which country signed MoU to enhance R&D capabilities in biotech?

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

Answer b) Australia. Seeking to stimulate and enhance the strategic research and innovation capabilities of the Indian biotech industry, BIRAC, a PSU under the Ministry of Science and Technology today signed an MoU with Horticulture Innovation Australia for launching a joint funding call.

296. Which State government has entered the Limca Book of Records for conducting the most intensive household survey by a state?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Jammu and Kashmir c) Rajasthan d) Telangana

Answer d) Telangana. The Telangana government has entered the Limca Book of Records for conducting the most intensive household survey by a state, a statement said. In August 2014, four lakh government employees covered over 1.09 crore households between 7 am and 8 pm in one day, it said. The survey was ordered after Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao assumed office.

297. The Income Tax Department said that the provisions of the General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR) will be effective from the financial year _____

- a) 2021-21 b) 2018-19 c) 2030-31 d) 2017-18

Answer d) 2017-18. The Income Tax Department said the provisions of the General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR) will be effective from the financial year 2017-18. Earlier, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had deferred the implementation of GAAR by two years in the 2015 Union Budget. GAAR is meant to reduce tax avoidance for investments made by entities based out of tax havens.

298. Which State government has issued a notification banning the sale of loose cigarettes, beedis and tobacco in the state with immediate effect?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir b) Assam c) Karnataka d) Gujarat

Answer a) Jammu and Kashmir. The Jammu and Kashmir government has issued a notification banning the sale of loose cigarettes, beedis and tobacco in the state with immediate effect. This is aimed at discouraging the consumption of tobacco products, especially among the youth, said a spokesperson. Notably, as per the Global Adult Tobacco Survey 2010, cigarette consumers in J&K are more than the national average.

299. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has launched the official website of PM Narendra Modi's Office in _____ regional languages.

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

Answer d) Six. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has launched the official website of PM Narendra Modi's Office in six regional languages including Gujarati, Marathi and Bengali. The PMO website was earlier available only in English and Hindi. "These sites will further strengthen my interaction with you all", tweeted Modi, who also asked for feedback regarding the websites.

300. Who has been appointed as MD of Infosys Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) services unit?

- a) Uday Kotak b) Bala Subramanian c) Anantha Radhakrishnan d) Krishna Kumar

Answer c) Anantha Radhakrishnan. Country's second largest software services firm Infosys has elevated Anantha Radhakrishnan as head of Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) services unit. Anup Upadhyaya, who was heading Infosys BPO, has been appointed parent firm's Executive Vice President and Head of Strategic Sales Programme.

301. Indian discus thrower _____ has qualified for the 2016 Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro.

- a) Shakthi Singh b) Seema Punia c) Harwant Kaur d) Jwala Gutta

Answer b) Seema Punia. Indian discus thrower Seema Punia has qualified for the 2016 Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro. With a throw of 62.62 metres, Seema beat the Olympic qualification mark of 61.00 metres and won the gold medal at Pat Young Thrower's Classic, California. The Haryana-based athlete has previously won three Commonwealth Games medals and a gold medal at the Asian Games.

302. Which team won 9th IPL Title 2016?

- a) Mumbai Indians b) Sunrisers Hyderabad c) Royal Challengers Bangalore d) Kolkata Knight Riders

Answer b) Sunrisers Hyderabad. Despite a jaw-dropping batting effort from Chris Gayle and another half-century from Virat Kohli that helped him finish the season with a tally of 973 runs, Sunrisers Hyderabad expertly held their nerves to eke out an eight-run victory against Royal Challengers Bangalore in front of their home fans at the M Chinnaswamy stadium in Bangalore and to win their maiden Indian Premier League title.

303. Which team won UEFA champions league title 2016?

- a) Barcelona FC b) Monaco FC c) Real Madrid FC d) Chelsea FC

Answer c) Real Madrid FC. Real Madrid has maintained their 100% success rate in UEFA Champions League finals, winning five out of five. AC Milan are the only other club to have appeared in more finals – six, only three of which they have won. All five of Madrid's wins have come in even-numbered years, and three of their finals have been against Spanish opposition.

304. Who has been awarded with Japan's Fukuoka prize for 2016?

- a) Shankar Mahadevan b) A.R. Rahman c) Zakir Hussain d) Resul Pookutty

Answer b) A.R. Rahman. Legendary Oscar winning Indian music composer A.R. Rahman has been

awarded with Japan's Fukuoka prize for 2016. It is reported that Rahman has been conferred with the award for his outstanding contribution towards creating, preserving and showcasing South Asian traditional fusion music.

305. Who took charge as the Chief of Naval Staff in New Delhi?

- a) Robin K Dhowan b) Devendra Kumar Joshi c) AK Saini d) Sunil Lanba

Answer d) Sunil Lanba. Admiral Sunil Lanba took charge as the Chief of Naval Staff in New Delhi as the current CNS Admiral R.K.Dhowan retired after four decade of service. On May 6, 2016, the government appointed Lanba, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command as the Chief of Naval Staff. Admiral Lanba, 58, is a qualified specialist in navigation and direction course and will have a full three-year-term in office till May 31, 2019.

306. Who has been appointed as new Finance Secretary?

- a) AK Mittal b) Rajiv Mehrishi c) Ashok Lavasa d) Pradeep Kumar Sinha

Answer c) Ashok Lavasa. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Ashok Lavasa as the Finance Secretary. Lavasa, an IAS officer of 1980 batch from the Haryana cadre, was recently shifted to the Ministry of Finance and was currently serving as the Expenditure Secretary. He replaced Rajan Watal, who was appointed as the Principal Advisor to NITI Aayog.

307. Indian Railways have decided to withdraw the service charge of Rs. _____ levied on transactions against credit cards and debit cards for purchasing railway tickets.

- a) 50 b) 100 c) 70 d) 30

Answer d) 30. In another passenger-friendly move, the Railways have decided to withdraw the service charge of Rs.30 levied on transactions against credit cards and debit cards for purchasing railway tickets at Public Reservation System (PRS) counters in the country. From June 1, passengers booking tickets using credit cards and debit cards at PRS counters need not pay Rs.30 in excess of the ticket fare.

308. According to the report by New World Wealth, India has been ranked _____ in the list of top 10 wealthiest countries in the world.

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

Answer b) Seventh . India has been ranked among the 10 wealthiest countries globally with total individual wealth of \$5,200 billion, but this is largely owing to its large population, a report said, adding that on a per capita basis, the average Indian is "quite poor". According to the report by New World Wealth, India has been ranked seventh in the list of top 10 wealthiest countries in the world, which was topped by the United States with total individual wealth of \$48,700 billion.

309. India's own submarine assembly workshop inaugurated at _____

- a) Cochin Shipyard Limited b) Naval Dockyard c) Goa Shipyard Limited d) Mazagon Dock Limited

Answer d) Mazagon Dock Limited. Defence minister Manohar Parrikar inaugurated the submarine

assembly workshop in Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL). At present, MDL is building six Scorpene class of submarines for the Indian Navy, with around 35% of indigenisation. The minister also emphasised that the defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) should undertake orders to export ships by having a dedicated “export cell”.

310. World No Tobacco Day is observed on?

- a) May 30 b) May 31 c) May 29 d) May 28

Answer b) May 31. The 'World No Tobacco Day' was observed first on this day in 1987. An initiative of the World Health Organisation (WHO), it encourages a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption throughout the world. This year the WHO has appealed for the use of plain packaging for tobacco products to reduce the "attractiveness" of such products.

311. _____ and PEC University of Technology signed MoU to set up ‘Kalpana Chawla Chair’ on Geospatial Technology.

- a) Ministry of Railways b) Ministry of Human Resource Development
c) Ministry of Power d) Ministry of External Affairs

Answer a) Ministry of Railways. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by Ministry of Railways and PEC University of Technology for setting up of ‘Kalpana Chawla Chair’ on Geospatial Technology for Indian Railways at PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh. The MoU is a unique collaboration between the two organizations which will help in developing applications to remove day to day engineering and technological problems and geospatial solutions to Indian Railways.

312. Who is the new President of Philippines?

- a) Joseph Estrada b) Rodrigo Duterte c) Benigno Aquino d) Fidel Ramos

Answer b) Rodrigo Duterte. The Philippine parliament has officially declared Rodrigo “Digong” Duterte to be the president-elect. Mr Duterte won a landslide victory in the presidential election recently, taking about six million votes more than his closest competitor. The tough-talking mayor of Davao won on a strident anti-crime platform, promising to wipe out crime in months. Mr Duterte, 71, did not attend Monday’s ceremony, saying he had “never attended any proclamation all my life”. He has largely stayed in Davao, in the south, since his election win.

313. The University Grants Commission has reduced the working hours of associate professors to _____ hours a week from 16 hours, following the instructions by the Human Resource Development Ministry.

- a) 10 b) 15 c) 14 d) 12

Answer c) 14. The University Grants Commission has reduced the working hours of college professors following the instructions by the Human Resource Development Ministry. The teaching hours of associate professors have been reduced to 14 hours a week from 16 hours. Further, the

additional six hours allocated to research by professors can now be used for innovating and updating course contents.

314. India's largest carmaker company _____ India announced a temporary suspension of production at its Manesar and Gurgaon plants.

- a) Hyundai b) Maruti Suzuki c) Tata Motors d) Mahindra and Mahindra

Answer b) Maruti Suzuki. India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India announced a temporary suspension of production at its Manesar and Gurgaon plants following a fire at a factory of its component supplier Subros. The Manesar plant of Subros supplies air conditioning compressors to Maruti. "We are also examining the options available to start supply of components from other facilities", the company added.

315. Which State government proposed to set up a Journalist Welfare Fund with an initial corpus money of ₹2 crore?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Assam c) Karnataka d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer d) Jammu and Kashmir. The J&K government proposed to set up a Journalist Welfare Fund with an initial corpus money of ₹2 crore. This is to provide financial help to the working and accredited journalists, said Finance Minister Haseeb Drabu. The legal heirs or dependents of working journalists will receive relief in case of death or incapacitation of the scribe concerned.

316. Which online retailer company announced the opening of its data sciences centre in California, United States?

- a) Snapdeal b) Flipkart c) Amazon d) Paytm

Answer a) Snapdeal. Online retailer Snapdeal announced the opening of its data sciences centre in California, United States. The centre will be headed by Nitin Sharma, Senior Vice President of Data Sciences at Snapdeal. The online retailer said that the centre will focus on big data and advanced analytics to support its consumer initiatives.

317. Government of India raised the threshold limit of PF withdrawal for Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) from existing ₹30,000 to _____, with effect from June 1.

- a) 35000 b) 40000 c) 50000 d) 100000

Answer c) 50000. The government raised the threshold limit of PF withdrawal for Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) from existing ₹30,000 to ₹50,000, with effect from June 1. Currently, TDS is deducted at the rate of 10% provided PAN is submitted. The government had introduced the proposal to deduct TDS on PF withdrawals to discourage premature withdrawal and promote long-term savings.

318. Which Country has the largest postal network in the world?

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

Answer a) India. With more than 1.5 lakh post offices spread across the country, India has the largest postal network in the world. The number, which stood at about 23,000 during the time of

independence, has grown by almost 7 times. Remarkably, 90% of the total post offices in the country are situated in rural areas.

319. Which online retailer company has launched 'No Cost EMI' or zero-interest on equal monthly instalments on purchase of electronics products?

- a) Amazon b) Flipkart c) Snapdeal d) Shopclues

Answer b) Flipkart. Flipkart has launched 'No Cost EMI' or zero-interest on equal monthly instalments on purchase of electronics including premium smartphones, televisions, home appliances worth ₹5,000 or more. Flipkart tied up with lender Bajaj Finserv and electronic brands to launch the consumer finance product earlier this month. No fees, interest or downpayment is required to purchase the items under the scheme.

320. Which Bank ties up with online payment solutions startup Click&Pay to offer cashless, secure and flexible transactions?

- a) Axis Bank b) Citi Bank c) HDFC Bank d) YES bank

Answer d) YES bank. YES Bank has joined hands with Click&Pay to offer cashless, secure and flexible transactions for its customers. As part of the arrangement, the Hyderabad-based start-up located at the incubator T-Hub, will issue YES Bank sponsored mobile wallets and use the bank's payments platform to process transactions quickly.

321. Who is the first Indian football player to play a game in the top division of a European League?

- a) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu b) Subrata Pal c) Robin Singh d) Sunil Chetri

Answer a) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu. Indian national team goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu achieved a historic feat by becoming the first Indian to feature in a top-tier league match in Europe, by turning out for Norwegian side Stabaek FC. The 24-year-old Sandhu kept a clean sheet in his first Tippeligaen (Norwegian Premier League) start for Stabaek FC, helping them claim a dominant 5-0 triumph over IK Start in an away league match.

322. Who has been named as Ceat T20 Player of the Year?

- a) MS Dhoni b) Virat Kohli c) Rohit Sharma d) Ajinkya Rahane

Answer b) Virat Kohli. Star India batsman Virat Kohli has been named Ceat T20 Player of the Year while former India captain Dilip Vengsarkar was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award. England batsman Joe Root was named as the Ceat International Cricketer of the Year as well as International Batsman of the Year. India off-spinner R Ashwin won the Ceat International Bowler of the Year award while Rohit Sharma was named as the Indian Cricketer of the Year.

323. Indian boxer _____ won silver in Women's World Boxing Championships

- a) Mary Kom b) Aruna Mishra c) Pooja Rani d) Sonia Lather

Answer d) Sonia Lather. Indian boxer Sonia Lather (57kg) settled for a silver medal at the AIBA

Women's World Championships after going down to top seed Alessia Mesiano of Italy in a hard-fought summit clash. The lone Indian boxer to make the medal rounds, Sonia lost 1-2 but her silver ensured that India did not return empty-handed after what was a thoroughly disappointing campaign overall.

324. D. Javare Gowda who passed away recently was a/an

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

Answer c) Writer. Noted Kannada writer D. Javare Gowda, popularly known as De. Ja. Gow., breathed his last following a brief illness. He was hospitalised three days ago following a heart attack. A disciple of Kuvempu, Mr Gowda penned several books and also served as Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysuru (UoM).

325. Suresh Chatwal who passed away recently was a/an

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

Answer a) Actor. Actor Suresh Chatwal, known for his role as the commissioner in the Hindi television series 'FIR', passed away on Saturday in Mumbai. His son Yaman Chatwal said that Suresh succumbed to his 'ongoing illness'. Chatwal, who made his debut with the 1969 film 'Rakhi Rakhi', worked in several Bollywood films including 'Karan Arjun', 'Munna Bhai MBBS' and 'Om Shanti Om'.

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