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1. Who is about to receive PEN/Barbey Freedom to Write Award?

- a) Ahmed Nazi b) Salil Sharma c) Salil Mehta d) Sam Mathew

Answer a) Ahmed Nazi. Ahmed Nazi, an imprisoned Egyptian author and journalist is being given the PEN/Barbey Freedom to Write Award, presented by PEN America.

2. _____ takes over as Secretary of Urban Development Ministry.

- a) Rajiv Mehta b) Rajiv Gauba c) Madhusudhan Prasad d) Tukai Ghosh

Answer b) Rajiv Gauba. Rajiv Gauba took over as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Urban Development. Gauba has wide-ranging experience in senior positions at policy making and programme implementation in the Central and State Governments and in international organisations.

3. Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam appoints a new CMD. Name him.

- a) Rajan Gupta b) Umar Khalid c) Madhu Bhatnagar d) Kallol Roy

Answer d) Kallol Roy. Kallol Roy, an expert in nuclear reactor, appointed as the new chairman and managing director (CMD) of Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd (BHAVINI), which is building 500 Mw prototype fast breeder reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam near Chennai.

4. _____ launches new index for mid and small cap stocks.

- a) Sensex b) Nifty c) Nifty and Sensex d) None of the above

Answer b) Nifty. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) added a new index to its broad market indices — Nifty Mid Smallcap 400 — to represent the mid and small market capitalisation segments.

5. Those earning _____ a year must declare assets.

- a) Rs 50 lakh per year b) Rs 20 lakh per year c) Rs 30 lakh per year d) Rs 1 crore per year

Answer a) Rs 50 lakh per year. The government has issued a new set of income tax return (ITR) forms that require people with an income of Rs 50 lakh and above per annum to disclose their assets.

6. India expects \$500M AIIB loan for _____ projects in 2016.

- a) Foreign Investment b) Solar Power Projects
c) Defence Projects d) Environment protection projects

Answer b) Solar Power Projects. India is hopeful of receiving the first loan issued by the newly formed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in the second half of the year. The country is looking for funds on lower interest rates for its ambitious solar power project that intends to scale the capacity to 100 gigawatts by 2022.

7. Which country has become fourth largest spender on defence?

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

Answer c) India. India has become the world's fourth largest spender on defence, following a 13.1% increase in its 2016-17 defence budget, according to US research firm IHS Inc.

8. Name the App for common people to demand power.

- a) Vidut SAHAS b) Vidyut PRAYAS c) Vidyut PRAVAH d) Vidyut SAMAR

Answer c) Vidyut PRAVAH. Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy launched a mobile application ‘Vidyut PRAVAH- Electricity, Price Availability and Highlights’. The mobile application provides highlights of the power availability in the country on real time basis.

9. Reliance Industries launches e-fashion portal. Name it.

- a) street style store b) 22 dresses c) Fashionista d) Ajio

Answer d) Ajio. Reliance Industries Ltd, the oil to yarn conglomerate launched its online fashion portal Ajio.com with the preview of its collection at the ongoing Lakme Fashion week in Mumbai. Isha Ambani, director on the board of Reliance Retail, has been closely associated with the online fashion venture from its conceptualisation..

10. Which is the first state to join National Cancer Grid?

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

Answer b) Maharashtra. In a major step towards improvement of infrastructure for cancer cure, Maharashtra tied up with the Tata Trusts to link all government colleges and medical colleges to the national cancer grid for uniform cancer profiling and quality treatment. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Tata Trusts chairman Ratan Tata signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for this collaboration at Vidhan Bhavan in Mumbai.

11. GOI launches _____ web portal and app.

- a) Start up India b) Share India c) Start now India d) None of the above

Answer a) Start up India. The Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry has launched a startupindia.gov.in portal and a mobile application for Start up India initiative of the Union Government. The portal and mobile application is will provide all the related information to start ups across the Ministries of the Government of India at one stop. It would also provide certificates and documents required by the Government for such start ups digitally.

12. _____ production halted over health warnings.

- a) Cigarette b) Tobacco c) Alcohol d) None of the above

Answer a) Cigarette. India’s key tobacco manufacturers have threatened to halt production claiming “ambiguity” over the government’s policy on health warnings displayed on tobacco packs. India’s key tobacco manufacturers have threatened to halt production claiming “ambiguity” over the government’s policy on health warnings displayed on tobacco packs. The Tobacco Institute of India (TII), a lobby group that represents 98% of India’s cigarette industry, said in a statement that they have “unanimously decided to shut all their cigarette factories with effect from April 1 owing to ambiguity on the policy related to revision of Graphic Health Warnings on tobacco product packs.

13. Which two country imposed joint sanction on fundraising for terrorists?

- a) US and France b) France and Germany c) US and Saudi Arabia d) Saudi Arabia and UK

Answer c) US and Saudi Arabia. The US and Saudi Arabia on imposed sanctions jointly on four individuals and two organisations, aiming to disrupt terrorism fundraising operations in South Asia and the Middle East.

14. April 2 is observed as _____.

- a) World poetry day b) World Austim awareness day c) World water day d) World food day

Answer b) World Austim awareness day. World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April is aimed at raising awareness about the condition. Every year on this day, thousands of iconic landmarks, skyscrapers, schools, businesses and homes across the world shine bright blue lights in honour of the millions of people affected by autism.

15. Which two country signed MoU to supply 150 boats to Mullaitivu fishermen?

- a) India and US b) India and Srilanka c) India and Nepal d) India and Malysia

Answer b) India and Srilanka. India and Sri Lanka have signed an MOU to supply 150 boats and fishing equipment to the fishermen of Mullaitivu. Indian High Commissioner Y.K. Sinha and Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development W.M.M.R. Adikari signed the MoU in the presence of Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Mahinda Amaraweera at the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

16. PM Modi discusses bilateral links with _____.

- a) Abdul Hamid b) Barack Obama c) Valdmir Putin d) Justin Trudeau

Answer d) Justin Trudeau. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau and discussed bilateral ties, their first meeting after the latter swept to power last year. Modi and Trudeau met here on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit.

17. Researchers from _____ has become the first team to determine the structure of the Zika virus.

- a) Purdue University b) Oxford University c) California University d) None of the above

Answer a) Purdue University. Researchers from Purdue University announced a major breakthrough, becoming the first team to determine the structure of the Zika virus. The groundbreaking discovery reveals insights that are critical to finding an effective antiviral treatment or vaccine for the virus. The team, which published a paper on their findings in the journal Science, also identified regions within the Zika virus that set it apart from other insect-borne viruses such as dengue, West Nile, and yellow fever.

18. _____ sign an MoU with the AAI to provide scientific parameters for construction of airports.

- a) ISRO b) NASA c) IISC d) None of the above

Answer a) ISRO. The department of space sign an MoU with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to provide scientific parameters for construction of airports.

19. _____ launched the first phase of the Green Delhi initiative by planting trees.

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

Answer c) Delhi. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the first phase of the Green Delhi initiative by planting trees at the Triangular Park near ITO Chowk. The plan deals with steps to improve air quality in the National Capital Region. The initiative was launched in line with a detailed action plan submitted by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government to the Supreme Court after it demanded information on steps being taken to improve air quality and reduce air pollution in the Capital.

20. Flipkart acquires mobile payment startup. Name the startup.

- a) Trin Trin b) Phone c) CallNo d) PhonePe

Answer d) PhonePe. Flipkart has acquired of PhonePe, a Bangalore based mobile payments company started by its former employees as it looks to build a payment business to catch up with local rivals Snapdeal and PayTM. PhonePe will function as an independent business unit. The details of the transaction were not disclosed, but the deal is not cash transaction.

21. Babu Bharadwaj who died was a/an _____.

- a) Journalist b) Writer c) Actor d) Athlete

Answer a) Journalist. Renowned writer and journalist Babu Bharadwaj, 68, passed away due to cardiac arrest. Bharadwaj had been a part of prominent print and television media in Kerala. Kalapangalkkoru Grihapadam, a novel penned by him, won the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award in 2006.

22. Zaha Hadid who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Journalist b) Writer c) Actor d) Architect

Answer d) Architect. The most successful female architect of all time, Zaha Hadid, CEO of Zaha Hadid Architects, died at the age of 65, from a heart attack in Miami.

23. Which country's prime minister was conferred with Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour?

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

Answer a) India. In a special gesture, Saudi Arabia conferred its highest civilian honour — the King Abdulaziz Sash — on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The award is named after Abdulaziz Al Saud, the founder of the modern Saudi state.

24. Which bank starts India's first Aadhaar-based ATM?

- a) State Bank of India b) UCO Bank c) Syndicate Banking d) DCB Bank

Answer d) DCB Bank. In a first for any domestic bank, small-sized lender DCB Bank has started an Aadhaar-based ATM usage facility wherein a customer can transact using his biometric details instead of the PIN.

25. According to UN Report India ranked _____ in top 10 largest manufacturers list.

- A) 4 b) 6 c) 8 d) 9

Answer b) 6. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization in its report has placed India at 6th among the world's top 10 largest manufacturing countries. India previously held the 9th rank.

26. Government to halve _____ Couples' separation time.

- a) Muslim b) Christian c) Hindu d) Jew

Answer b) Christian. The government plans to amend a law to reduce the separation period for **Christian couples seeking to file for divorce by mutual consent, a move which comes against the backdrop of a Supreme Court ruling and demands by the community.**

27. Which two colleges have topped the list of top educational institutes unveiled by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development?

- a) IIT Madras and IIT Bnagalore b) IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur
c) IIT Kharagpur and IIT Bnagalore d) IIT Kanpur and IIT Bangalore

Answer a) IIT Madras and IIT Bnagalore. IIT Madras and IIM Bangalore have topped the list of top educational institutes unveiled by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

28. Who has been sworn in Jammu and Kashmir's First Woman CM?

- a) Sheela Dixit b) Mehbooba Mufti c) Sharfarosh Fatima d) Raham Khan

Answer b) Mehbooba Mufti. Mehbooba Mufti, president of the Peoples Democratic Party, took the oath as the first woman Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. A leader with grassroots-level popularity, Mehbooba Mufti turned Peoples Democratic Party into a regional force and emerged from the shadow of her illustrious father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed to head Jammu and Kashmir, the first woman Chief Minister of the state.

29. Which country passes asylum law needed for EU-Turkey migrants deal?

- a) USA b) Greece c) Italy d) Austria

Answer b) Greece. Greek lawmakers have passed an asylum amendment bill needed for the implementation of a European Union agreement with Turkey for the return of refugees and migrants from Greek islands to Turkey. The deal aims to end the uncontrolled influx of refugees and other migrants after more than one million people crossed into Europe last year.

30. _____ makes first investment in India in Hungama.

- a) Xiaomi b) Llyod c) Intex d) Micro Max

Answer a) Xiaomi. Xiaomi has made its first investment in India, leading a \$25-million (Rs 170 crore) funding round into Hungama Digital Media Entertainment, an aggregator and publisher of entertainment content on the internet. Xiaomi, which will invest along with Hungama's existing investors Intel Capital, Bessemer Venture Partners and Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, will pick up a minority, but undisclosed, stake in the Mumbai-based company.

31. World's largest oil firm to invest in India. Name it.

- a) Aramoil b) Armol c) Armioll d) Aramco

Answer d) Aramco. India and Saudi Arabia have vowed to substantially boost investments and their

trade ties as Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited cash-rich Saudi firms to invest in infrastructure and form joint ventures for oil exploration. Saudi Oil giant Aramco, the world's largest oil firm with crude reserves of about 265 billion barrels, plans to make major investment in India's petroleum sector as it considers India the most preferred destination to invest at a time when the global economy is in a crisis.

32. India's first cash giving app launched. Name it.

- a) CASH b) CASHe c) Paisa d) Paisae

Answer b) CASHe. Tslc Pte Ltd., a fin-tech company, has announced the launch of its all new mobile-only lending platform – CASHe, providing users a personalized experience to borrow cash anytime, anywhere within minutes. CASHe was launched in Mumbai with Bollywood's rising star Arjun Kapoor unveiling the product.

33. Which reusable rocket makes third successful vertical landing?

- a) Blue Origin b) Originblue c) BluOrg d) None of the above

Answer a) Blue Origin. Jeff Bezos' space transportation company, Blue Origin, successfully launched and landed for the third time a suborbital rocket capable of carrying six passengers, taking another step on its path in developing reusable boosters.

34. _____ sets Guinness World Record for mass plantation.

- a) Armaco b) IOCL c) Vedanta d) None of the above

Answer c) Vedanta. Mining conglomerate Vedanta said its subsidiary Talwandi Sabo Power (TSPL) has set the Guinness World Record for planting 2,08,751 saplings at a single location in less than an hour. Guinness World Records acknowledged this achievement by TSPL on December 17, 2015, by presenting a certificate. The mass plantation drive was organised in Mansa (Punjab) on October 30, 2015.

35. Who won Paris Marathon?

- a) Cyprian Kotut b) Cyprian Kotut and Visiline Jepkesho c) Visiline Jepkesho d) None of the above

Answer b) Cyprian Kotut and Visiline Jepkesho. Kenya's Cyprian Kotut claimed a double in the French capital within a month when he won this year's Paris Marathon in personal best of 2 hours, 07 minutes and 13 seconds. Kotut, the brother to three-time London Marathon champion Martin Lel, overtook Ethiopian Abraha Gebretsadik with three kilometres to go, pumping his pistons past the 40 km mark in 2:00:34 to victory.

36. Who won the Bahrain Grand Prix?

- a) Fernando Alonso b) Sebasttian Vettle c) Nico Rosberg d) Lewis Hamilton

Answer c) Nico Rosberg. Nico Rosberg made it two F1 wins out of a possible two in 2016 as he stormed to victory at the Bahrain Grand Prix. Ferrari's Vettel was forced to withdraw on the pre-race formation lap with smoke billowing from his engine. Rosberg's Mercedes teammate Hamilton, meanwhile, stuttered from pole position on the grid before colliding with Valtteri Bottas of Williams at turn one.

37. Who won 2016 Miami Open Title?

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

Answer a) Novak Djokovic. The top seed, Novak Djokovic, continued his domination of men's tennis with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Japan's Kei Nishikori in the final of the Miami Open in Florida. Djokovic dropped serve in the first game but it was pretty much one-way traffic after that as he outclassed the No6 seed in all facets of the game on the hardcourt at Key Biscayne.

38. Which team won ICC T-20 Cricket World Cup?

- a) West Indies b) India c) England d) New Zealand

Answer a) West Indies. West Indies' Carlos Brathwaite smashed England's Ben Stokes for four successive sixes to snatch a sensational four-wicket win in World Twenty20 final as the Caribbean side became the first team to win the title twice. Needing 19 off the last over sent down by Stokes, Brathwaite exhibited nerves of steel to complete the chase in stunning style and trigger wild celebrations among his jubilant teammates who invaded the Eden Gardens pitch..

39. Larry Drake died from rare cancer was a/an _____.

- a) Actor b) Singer c) Tennis Player d) Writer

Answer a) Actor. A rare form of cancer cost former "LA Law" star Larry Drake his life, according to the actor's death certificate. The 66-year-old actor, who played Benny Stulwicz in the long-running TV legal drama, died last month after losing his battle with a string of health issues..

40. Cesare Maldini passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Actor b) Coach c) Tennis Player d) Writer

Answer b) Coach. Former Italy head coach Cesare Maldini has passed away at the age of 84. The former AC Milan defender took charge of the national team in 1996, replacing Arrigo Sacchi, and successfully qualified for the 1998 World Cup. Maldini played for Milan from 1954 to 1966 and was a star for the club before son Paolo went on to become a legend in his own right. He helped the club win four Scudetti along with their first European Cup in 1963 when they sealed a 2-1 win over Benfica.

41. RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points to _____.

- a) 7.5% b) 6.5% c) 6.0% d) 5.5%

Answer b) 6.5%. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut its key policy rate, the repo rate — the rate at which it lends to

banks — by 25 basis points to a five-year low of **6.50 per cent** while indicating a further cut in the offing.

42. In which state sanctuary for white tigers will be opened?

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

Answer a) Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the world's maiden 'White Tiger Safari' at Mukundpur in Satna district in the state's Vindhya region

where the feline was first discovered more than 100 years ago. The first of its kind safari has cost Rs. 50 crore and is spread over an area of 25 hectares.

43. India's fastest train launched. Name it.

- a) Fast n Tez express b) Speed Express c) Gati Express d) Gatimaan Express

Answer d) Gatimaan Express. India has launched its "fastest train" capable of running at a maximum speed of 160km (100 miles) an hour. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off the Gatimaan Express, which connects Nizamuddin station in the capital, Delhi, with the northern town of Agra. .

44. Snapdeal launches donation program. Name it.

- a) Sunshine b) Donatelt c) Donatea Life d) Jovline

Answer a) Sunshine. Snapdeal has partnered with 9 non governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch Snapdeal Sunshine, a platform where users can make donations to causes under education, health, sports, women empowerment, disaster relief and old age care. These organisations include Magic Bus, Akshaya Patra, Care India, Teach For India and HelpAge India, which will list required products for ongoing projects.

45. _____ becomes largest freight loading railway zone?

- a) South Coast Railway b) North Coast Railway c) East Coast Railway d) West Coast Railway

Answer c) East Coast Railway. East Coast Railway (EcoR) has emerged as the largest freight loading railway zone of Indian Railways in 2015-16. EcoR loaded 173.49 million tonnes of freight compared to 161.91 million tonnes achieved in the corresponding period previous year and registered an increase of 7.1 per cent.

46. Third phase of Mission _____ begins.

- a) Aryan b) Indradhanush c) Vijay d) None of the above

Answer b) Indradhanush. The third phase of Health Ministry's vaccination drive Mission Indradhanush has began. A total of 216 Districts across several States including *Bihar, Gujarat, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh* will be covered in this phase.

47. National Summit on Family Planning 2016 concluded in _____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi. The National Summit on Family Planning concluded in New Delhi. The summit was held for two days with the theme New Choices, New Horizons.

48. Which Government imposes complete ban on alcohol?

- a) Rajasthan b) Punjab c) Bihar d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer c) Bihar. The Nitish Kumar government declared Bihar a dry State while imposing total prohibition on the sale and consumption of liquor, both country-made and Indian-Made Foreign Liquor, with immediate effect. Earlier, following an excise amendment law, the ban on country-made liquor had become effective across the State from April 1.

49. Who has been sworn in as 9th President of Vietnam?

- a) Daisham Quzng b) Tranoi Quing c) Mathew Perry d) Tran Dai Quang

Answer d) Tran Dai Quang. Tran Dai Quang, Minister of Public Security, sworn in as the 9th President of Vietnam. Among the 481 valid votes, 452 out of the total 494 members of the unicameral house, elected Quang, as the president. A resolution approving Quang's presidency was also backed 93.12 per cent of the NA deputies at the plenary session. Truong Tan Sang was the 8th President of Vietnam.

50. World's first public dengue vaccination programme launched in _____.

- a) India b) Philippines c) Vietnam d) USA

Answer b) Philippines. The world's first public dengue vaccination programme was launched in the Philippines as nurses began injecting the first batch of a million children with a French drug to combat the sometimes deadly disease .

51. Google launches Android Auto in _____.

- a) India b) Philippines c) Vietnam d) USA

Answer a) India. Android Auto, Google's in-car operating system, is now available in eighteen new countries, including Brazil and India. It is launched in Puerto Rico. This is Android Auto's biggest international roll out so far and increases the number of countries it is available in from 11 to 29.

52. _____ unveils world's thinnest laptop?

- a) Dell b) HP c) Lenovo d) Samsung

Answer b) HP. Personal computers and printing major HP Inc launched eight new personal products including the world's thinnest laptop at 10.4 mm thickness, a calling device and a business notebook. According to the company 'Spectre' is the world's thinnest laptop and has a battery life of up to nine and a half hours.

53. Future Group acquires _____.

- a) Decor b) FabFurnish c) Furnishing d) None of the above

Answer b) FabFurnish. Marking its first buyout of an internet store, Kishore Biyani-led Future Group is set to buy online furniture store, FabFurnish.com. The Group may pay anywhere between Rs 15 and Rs 20 crore in cash and will be largely doing so for the brand FabFurnish, the report adds, citing two people aware of the development.

54. Gato Barbieri who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Actor b) saxophonist c) Tennis Player d) Writer

Answer b) saxophonist. Latin Jazz saxophonist Leandro "Gato" Barbieri, who composed the Grammy-winning music for the steamy Marlon Brando film *Last Tango in Paris* and recorded dozens of albums over a career spanning more than seven decades, has died at age 83.

55. Who has been appointed as head of Lamborghini India Pvt Ltd?

- a) Indrani Menon b) Paras Mehta c) Sharad Agrawal d) Naresh Krishna

Answer c) Sharad Agrawal. Lamborghini India Pvt. Ltd, the Indian arm of Italy-based super luxury sports car maker, has appointed Sharad Agarwal I, as its head with immediate effect. He was previously the head of Field Force for Audi India. In his new role, Agarwal will oversee the functions of sales, marketing, after sales and network development.

56. _____ to be honoured with Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.

- a) Vishwanthan Anand b) SL Narayan c) Debashish Das d) Akshayraj Kore

Answer a) Vishwanthan Anand. Chess legend Viswanathan Anand will be honoured with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award. Maharashtra Governor C. Vidyasagar Rao will present the award in Mumbai on April 12. The previous recipients of the award include eminent personalities like *Lata Mangeshkar, Babasaheb Purandare, Asha Bhosle, Amitabh Bachchan, Hariprasad Chaurasia and A R Rahman..*

57. Which state Government launches Adarsh Vidyalaya Project?

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

Answer b) Odisha. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya (OAV) project at Sasan Ambagaon village in his home constituency Hinjli in Ganjam district. The aim of the project is to provide modern schools on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the underdeveloped rural pockets of the State.

58. _____ inaugurates Water Films Festival.

- a) Sonia Gandhi b) Najma Heptulla c) sushma Swaraj d) Uma Bharti

Answer d) Uma Bharti. The Water Film Festival, a part of the India Water Week celebrations, was inaugurated by Uma Bharti, Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in New Delhi.

59. First Horticulture University has been opened in_____.

- a) Maharashtra b) Haryana c) Kerala d) Rajasthan

Answer b) Haryana. Union Agriculture and farmers Welfare Minister, Radha Mohan Singh laid the Foundation stone of Haryana State University of Horticultural Sciences at Karnal, Haryana. A full fledged horticultural university will cater the needs to support the gap between teaching, research and extension activities in the state and will establish the convergence and synergy to disseminate latest technology and horticulture education to our young generation, besides identifying strategies for further development.

60. _____ launched a portal for registration and allotment of International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at a function held in New Delhi.

- a) Smriti Irani b) Najma Heptulla c) sushma Swaraj d) Uma Bharti

Answer a) Smriti Irani. The Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smriti Irani launched a portal for registration and allotment of International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at a function held in New Delhi.

61. _____ to suggest ways to tighten security along Indo-Pak border.

- a) Kumar Committee b) Naresh Sinha Committee c) Madhukar Gupta Committee d) None

Answer c) Madhukar Gupta committee. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has constituted high-level committee to suggest ways to tighten security along India-Pakistan border. The committee will be headed by former Union Home Secretary Madhukar Gupta.

62. _____ features in the Thomson Reuters top 50 Indian Innovator companies and research organizations for the year 2015.

- a) The Council of Science and Industrial Research
b) The Council of Scientific and Industry Research
c) The Councils of Scientific and Industrial Research
d) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

Answer d) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) features in the Thomson Reuters top 50 Indian Innovator companies and research organizations for the year 2015. The Top 50 Indian Innovators lead the country in innovation output. They are a group of businesses and research institutions that develop, recognize and protect great ideas and use it to their full potential.

63. Who has been named as the New Prime Minister of Iceland?

- a) Hermann Johnson b) John Magnus c) David Gunnlaugsson d) Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson

Answer d) Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson. Iceland's government named a new prime minister and called for early elections in the autumn, a day after Prime Minister Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson quit to become the first global politician brought down by the "Panama Papers" leaks. It was unclear whether the naming of Fisheries Minister Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson to head the government or the call for early elections would satisfy the thousands of Icelanders who in street protests this week demanded the government resign immediately for early elections.

64. _____ declare ceasefire?

- a) Australian and Armenian b) Azerbaijan and Armenian c) Azerbaijan and American d) None

Answer b) Azerbaijan and Armenian. Azerbaijan and Armenian separatists in the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh have said they are halting hostilities after four days of intense fighting between them, which had prompted warnings the conflict could spiral into all-out war. The ceasefire announcement came as several European countries urged an end to the fighting, worried that an escalation could cause instability in a region that serves as a corridor for pipelines taking oil and gas to world markets.

65. Bronze bust of _____ unveiled at UNESCO Headquarters.

- a) Ravi Shankar b) Chankya c) Aryabhata d) None of the above

Answer c) Aryabhata. Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smriti Irani unveiled a bronze bust of the ancient Indian mathematician-astronomer Aryabhata, which is a gift from India, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. Smriti Irani was attending the high-level segment of the 'International Conference on the Zero'.

66. Which Country launches SJ-10 retrievable space science probe

- a) India b) China c) America d) None of the above

Answer b) China. China has put a retrievable scientific research satellite into the space in a fresh bid to aid scientists back on Earth in studying microgravity and space life science. In a cloud of brown smoke, the satellite, SJ-10, roared into the air on the back of a Long March 2-D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern China's gobi desert..

67. Who wins 2016 Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament?

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

Answer a) India. Indian men won the Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament with a 3-1 victory over Vietnam in the final round as they pushed formidable China down to second place. India collected 17 points, two more than World and Olympiad champions China, to clinch the title. Top seed China beat UAE 4-0 in their final round match. Kazakhstan and Iran took the third and fourth places respectively.

68. Who won 2016 Yonex Sunrise India Open badminton titles?

- a) Kento Momota and Ratchanok Intanon b) Kento Momota and Sania Nehwal
c) Sania Nehwal and Ratchanok Intanon d) None of the above

Answer a) Kento Momota and Ratchanok Intanon. Kento Momota of Japan won men's singles title at the 2016 Yonex-Sunrise India Open badminton championship. In the final match held at the Siri Fort Sports Complex in New Delhi, he defended the title by defeating Denmark's Viktor Axelsen 21-15 21-18. Earlier, in an another match, Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon won the women's singles title by defeating Xuerui Li of China.

69. MHP Rao who passed away was a/an_____.

- a) Actor b) Singer c) Architect d) Writer

Answer c) Architect. Myneni Hari Prasad Rao, considered the architect of the Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS) and its first project director died here in a private hospital due to old age ailments at the age of 88. Rao was specially appointed by the then Nuclear Power Board to oversee the construction and commissioning of the MAP).

70. Who has been appointed as chairman of NASSCOM?

- a) Indrani Shukla b) Piyush Mehta c) CP Guranani d) Naresh Krishna

Answer c) CP Guranani. National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) has announced the appointment of CP Gurnani as its chairman for 2016-17. He will take the new role as chairman of Nasscom. He will succeeds B V R Mohan Reddy, who served as chairman of Nasscom for the previous financial year.

71. GOI signs up _____ to endorse Skill India.

- a) Vishwanthan Anand b) Sachin Tendulkar c) Amitabh Bachchan d) Shahrukh Khan

Answer b) Sachin Tendulkar. Government has roped in cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar to

endorse the 'I Support Skill India' campaign, in an attempt to reach out to the youth and build awareness on the importance of skill development.

72. Which state is to pull all major public services online?

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

Answer a) Maharashtra. Targeting to make all public services online so that a citizen does not have to visit a government office at all, Maharashtra will be launching a mobile application and digital payment gateway by the end of the year to facilitate this. The initiative was announced by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

73. Who for the first time will introduce a heat index for the country?

- a) India Meteorological Department b) Indian Meteorological Department
c) India Meteorological Departments d) None of the above

Answer a) India Meteorological Department. As several parts of the country experience heatwaves, and with summer temperatures steadily on the rise, India is set to get its own heat index. Starting this month, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) for the first time will introduce a heat index for the country. The index will be available on the IMD website, and will be updated every three hours across all weather stations.

74. GOI constitutes _____ Committee to monitor Govt Advertisements.

- a) Mehta Committee b) Mehta Tondon Committee c) BB Tondon Committee d) None

Answer c) BB Tondon Committee. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has constituted a three-member panel, headed by former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) BB Tandon, to see that guidelines set for government advertisements by the Supreme Court are followed. Senior TV journalist Rajat Sharma and ad-man Piyush Pandey will be the other members of the committee.

75. Which Country offers Sri Lanka 500 Million Yuan?

- a) India b) China c) America d) None of the above

Answer b) China. China has offered Sri Lanka 500 million Yuan to provide assistance to improve investment zones and speed up the industrialization process in the country. China's Prime Minister Li Keqiang made this offer during bilateral discussions with the visiting Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in Beijing.

76. _____ and _____ to build bridge over the Red Sea

- a) Germany and Egypt b) USA and Egypt c) Pakistan and Egypt d) Saudi Arabia and Egypt

Answer d) Saudi Arabia and Egypt. Saudi Arabia's king has announced that a bridge linking the country to Egypt will be built over the Red Sea. King Salman said that the bridge would boost commerce between the two allies.

77. _____ rocket successfully launches inflatable room to ISS.

- a) Long March b) SpaceX Falcon 8 c) SpaceX Falcon 9 d) None of the option

Answer c) SpaceX Falcon 9. The US aerospace company SpaceX has successfully landed a reusable

rocket on an ocean platform, after four previous attempts failed. Mission controllers cheered as the Falcon 9 rocket remained upright on the platform off Florida. It was returning from delivering an inflatable habitat into space for Nasa. The inflatable room will attach to the International Space Station (ISS) for a two-year test and become the first such habitat for humans in orbit. .

78. C Silvera who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Actor b) Singer c) Architect d) Union Minister

Answer d) Union Minister. Former Union Minister C Silvera died due to massive stroke. Silvera (81) rapheme in the bathroom and died on the spot. He is survived by his wife Lallawmzuali and three sons. Silvera was born on May 6, 1935 and earned his MBBS degree from Christian Medical College in Vellore.

79. Who has been conferred with Founders Award posthumously in UK?

- a) Mother Teresa b) Malala Yousafzai c) Sonia Gandhi d) None of the above

Answer a) Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa has been posthumously conferred with the UK's prestigious Founders Award this year which is given to recognise and reward exemplary achievements of people within the global Asian community.

80. Who has been selected for 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize?

- a) Mehmood Zafar b) Malala Yousafzai c) Khadija Ismayilova d) None of the above

Answer c) Khadija Ismayilova. Khadija Ismayilova, an investigative journalist from Azerbaijan, has been chosen to receive the 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

81. Which player becomes brand ambassador of Futsal league?

- a) Yuvraj Singh b) Sachin Tendulkar c) MS Dhoni d) Virat Kohli

Answer d) Virat Kohli. Virat Kohli has joined the recently-announced Premier Futsal football league as its brand ambassador. Premier Futsal was launched amid much fanfare last week and Kohli, who has been the face of Indian Cricket over the last few years, will now lend his name to Futsal, the newer, shorter 5-a-side variant of soccer.

82. Sajibu Cheiraoba festival celebrated in _____.

- a) Manipur b) Bihar c) Rajasthan d) Maharashtra

Answer a) Manipur. The traditional festival of Sajibu Cheiraoba was celebrated in Manipur to mark the beginning of a new year with cultural gusto and religious fervor. The festival is mainly observed on the first lunar day of the lunar month Sajibu (March/April) by the Meiteis community, a majority ethnic group of Manipur. On this day, people arrange a joint family feast in which traditional cuisines are offered to local deities at the entrance gates of the houses.

83. Which state becomes the first state to pass land title Bill?

- a) Manipur b) Bihar c) Rajasthan d) Maharashtra

Answer c) Rajasthan. Rajasthan has become the first state to pass land title bill. State Assembly passed the Rajasthan Urban Land (Certification of Titles) Bills 2016. It means the state residents

living in urban areas, which are governed by the municipalities or state development authorities, can seek a certificate of ownership of their lands by paying a nominal fee to the state government.

84. _____ wins National IP Award.

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

Answer b) IIT Kharagpur. The IIT-Kharagpur has won an award the by the Indian government for being the top academic institute for patents in 2016.

85. Govt approves India's first pod taxi project in_____.

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

Answer a) Gurgaon. The Union Government has given nod for setting up India's first personal rapid transit (PRT) network for Gurgaon, Haryana.

86. WTO cuts 2016 global trade forecast to_____.

- a) 2.5% b) 3.0% c) 5.0% d) 2.8%

Answer d) 2.8%. The World Trade Organization has revised its 2016 global trade forecast downward by more than one percentage point, warning that a slowdown in China and broad market volatility continued to threaten growth. In September, the WTO estimated that global trade would rise by 3.9 per cent this year, but lowered that projection to 2.8 per cent, in an updated forecast.

87. Pakistan Navy has successfully test-fired shore-based anti-ship missile. Name It.

- a) Rehmat b) Reham c) Zarb d) Jinnat

Answer c) Zarb. Pakistan Navy has successfully test-fired shore-based anti-ship missile 'Zarb', bolstering its defence mechanism. The missile was launched from a coastal site and successfully hit the surface target in the Arabian Sea. Naval chief Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah said the launch of new missile system was part of Pakistan Navy's continuous effort to enhance its capabilities. He termed the successful test as hallmark of Pakistan Navy's preparedness.

88. North East-ASEAN Business Summit kicks off in_____.

- a) Imphal b) Moirang c) Ukhrul d) Thoubal

Answer a) Imphal. The first-ever North East-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit kicked off in Imphal, Manipur with the focus on road connectivity, trade and tourism. The two day summit has been organized by Manipur Commerce and Industries Department (MCID) in collaboration with the Union Ministries of External Affairs and Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), Indian Chamber of Commerce(ICC) and Indian Chamber of Service Industries(ICS).

89. India and _____ sign six agreements in different sectors.

- a) Maldives b) USA c) China d) Germany

Answer a) Maldives. India and Maldives have signed six agreements in different sectors including avoidance of double taxation, conservation and restoration of ancient mosque, tourism and defence.

90. Who won 2016 Malaysian Open title of Badminton?

- a) Shara Pova b) Mathew Sebaastian c) Sania Nehwal d) Lee Chong Wei

Answer d) Lee Chong Wei. Malaysia's badminton star Lee Chong Wei won his 11th Malaysian Open title, a much-needed boost for his pursuit of a still-elusive Olympic gold medal.

91. _____ get payments bank licence from RBI.

- a) Airtel b) Vodafone c) Idea d) Tata Dockomo

Answer a) Airtel. Airtel M Commerce Services Ltd (AMSL), a unit of Bharti Airtel Ltd, said it secured a payments bank licence. Payments banks will offer basic savings, deposit, payment and remittance services to people without access to the formal banking system. Bharti Airtel will set up the payments bank in partnership with Kotak Mahindra Bank, which holds 19.9% stake in AMSL.

92. Who launches ambitious Climate Change Action Plan?

- a) NASA b) IPCC c) World Bank d) None of the option

Answer c) World Bank. The World Bank has unveiled an ambitious climate action plan that will help developing countries add 30 gigawatts of renewable energy, bring early warning systems to a hundred million people and develop climate-smart agriculture investment plans for at least 40 nations.

93. Yogendra Bali who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Singer b) Writer c) Actor d) Journalist

Answer d) Journalist. Veteran journalist and author Yogendra Bali died after a brief illness. He was 86 and is survived by wife Vijay and daughters Kalika and Purva. The last rites are to be performed at the Lodhi Road electric crematorium here at 7 p.m.

94. _____ conferred Padma Awards 2016.

- a) Narendra Modi b) Pranab Mukherjee c) Smiriti Irani d) None of the above

Answer b) Pranab Mukherjee. President Pranab Mukherjee honoured several eminent personalities with the prestigious Padma awards at a simple ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Tamil film star Rajinikanth, Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn, Priyanka Chopra, playback singer Udit Narayan, ace tennis star Sania Mirza were among those who were conferred with the Padma awards.

95. _____ conferred highest French civilian honour.

- a) Gen JJ Singh b) Gen Daljeet Singh c) Gen Sabarjit Singh d) Gen Ahmad Zafari

Answer a) Gen JJ Singh. Former army chief Gen (ret'd) JJ Singh has been conferred with the highest French civilian distinction, Officer of the Legion of Honour. Singh was chosen for the honour in recognition of his "stellar role" in modernising the Indian Army and initiating robust exchanges between the Indian and French armies.

96. GOI appoints _____ as DG of BPR & D.

- a) Daljeet Singh b) Sachin Singh c) Mahendra Sharma d) Meeran Borwankar

Answer d) Meeran Borwankar. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed Meeran

Borwankar, IPS as Director General in the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D). It is a consultancy organisation under the Centre for modernisation of police forces. Meeran Borwankar is presently working in her cadre state Maharashtra. In her long career, Borwankar has also worked in Maharashtra's anti-terrorism squad (ATS).

97. Federal Bank launches _____ for students.

- a) C-Wallet b) Campus Wallet c) e-Purse d) Camp Wallet

Answer b) Campus Wallet. Federal Bank ties up with Chillar Payment Solutions Pvt. Ltd., a technology driven start-up company to promote the start-up's technology product – 'Campus Wallet'. This is a student Identity Card integrated with banking technology.

98. According to WHO, Polio can be eradicated in _____.

- a) 12 months b) 10 months c) 11 months d) 6 months

Answer a) 12 months. Despite challenges in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where the polio virus is still endemic, the World Health Organisation (WHO) is confident that polio could be eradicated within 12 months.

99. The General Assembly on 7 April 2011, declared 12 April as the _____.

- a) World Water day b) World Autism Day
c) World Heritage Day d) International Day of Human Space Flight

Answer d) International Day of Human Space Flight. The General Assembly on 7 April 2011, declared 12 April as the International Day of Human Space Flight "to celebrate each year at the international level the beginning of the space era for mankind, reaffirming the important contribution of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals and increasing the well-being of States and peoples, as well as ensuring the realization of their aspiration to maintain outer space for peaceful purposes.

100. India and _____ agree for logistics exchange to enhance military cooperation.

- a) USA b) Mynammar c) China d) Saudi Arabia

Answer a) USA. India and the US have agreed "in principle" to a logistics exchange agreement to enable both militaries to use each other's assets and bases for repair and replenishment of supplies, an issue which did not find favour with the previous UPA government. Ramping up bilateral defence ties, both sides agreed to set up a new bilateral Maritime Security Dialogue between officials from their respective defence and foreign affairs ministries.

101. _____ -Wins International Boxing Federation Title.

- a) Santhes Luther b) Mathew Perry c) Anthony Joshua d) Charles Martin

Answer c) Anthony Joshua. Anthony Joshua won the International Boxing Federation heavyweight title in London with a second-round knockout of Charles Martin. Joshua put Martin on the canvas twice in the second round to record his 16th knockout in all 16 professional fights he has contested. Joshua, the 2012 Olympic gold medallist, captured his first world title in only his 16th professional fight.

102. Who won 2016 US Masters golf championship?

- a) Sarina Williams b) Willam Rafael c) Jordan Spieth d) Danny Willett

Answer d) Danny Willett. Danny Willett claimed a shock Masters win with a superb five-under-par 67 as 2015 champion Jordan Spieth crumbled during a thrilling final round. The Englishman, 28, won his first major by three shots on five under to become the first British victor in 20 years.

103. Veenu Paliwal who died was a/an _____.

- a) Doctor b) Actor c) Biker d) Singer

Answer c) Biker. One of India's top women bikers, Veenu Paliwal, died in a road accident in Vidisha district in Madhya Pradesh. Paliwal, 44, was on a nationwide tour on her Harley Davidson when the accident took place. She was undertaking the Kashmir to Kanyakumari trip with fellow biker and companion Dipesh Tanwar. The two started their journey from Lucknow early in the morning for Bhopal on separate Harley Davidson bikes.

104. Who gets Saraswati Samman?

- a) Maryam Moin b) Nida Syed c) Sanam Fatima d) Padma Sachdev

Answer d) Padma Sachdev. Jammu-born poet and novelist Padma Sachdev has been chosen for the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography in Dogri language. The 76-year-old writer's autobiography 'Chitt-Chete', published in 2007, was selected for the 25th Saraswati Samman from among five works that were shortlisted from 22 works in as many languages published between the years 2005-2014.

105. Who wins Global Indian of the Year award?

- a) Deepika Padukone b) Priyanka Chopra c) Sushmita Sen d) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Answer d) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan. Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has won the 'Global Indian of the Year' award. Aishwarya was honoured at NRI of the Year award function held in Mumbai. The actress, 42, dedicated the award to her daughter Aaradhya.

106. Who wins Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Month?

- a) Harjeet Singh b) Jeunghun Wang c) Anirban Lehri d) SSP Chawrasia

Answer d) SSP Chawrasia. India's SSP Chawrasia, who clinched the Hero Indian Open last month, has been named the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of the Month for March.

107. According to IMF, India to notch up to _____pc growth in 2016-17.

- a) 7.5 b) 8.0 c) 7.2 d) 9.0

Answer a) 7.5. Retaining its 7.5 per cent GDP expansion forecast for India in 2016 and 2017, IMF asked the government to cut down subsidies, initiate labour reforms and dismantle infrastructure bottlenecks to sustain strong growth. In its World Economic Outlook, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said India should continue fiscal consolidation, underpinned by revenue reforms and further reduction in subsidies.

108. Which Country becomes the member of South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network?

- a) Armenia b) Saudi Arabia c) Pakistan d) India

Answer d) India. The Union Cabinet gave its nod for India adopting the statute of the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) which will help in checking cross border wildlife crimes. The approval by the Cabinet at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi allows the country to become a formal member of SAWEN in order to strengthen ties with the member countries in controlling the trans-boundary wildlife crime through communication, coordination, collaboration, capacity building and cooperation in the region.

109. _____ will launch an online national agricultural products market platform that will integrate 585 wholesale markets across India.

- a) Pranab Mukherjee b) Narendra Modi c) Smiriti irani d) Sushmita Swaraj

Answer b) Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch an online national agricultural products market platform that will integrate 585 wholesale markets across India. The launching of e-platform for marketing of agriculture products is being done with the aim to provide more options to farmers to sell their produce and is part of implementation of the roadmap for doubling income of the farmers by 2022.

110. Gurgaon is now _____.

- a) Gurdham b) Goregram c) Gurgram d) Gurugram

Answer d) Gurugram. The Manohar Lal Khattar-led Haryana government has renamed its largest city Gurgaon to “Gurugram”. The neighbouring Mewat district will now be known as “Nuh”. The decision to change the name of Gurgaon to Gurugram has been taken on the basis of the representations received at several fora. As per the Gurgaon district’s official website, the district in ancient times “used to be known as Guru-gram, which in course of time got distorted to Gurgaon.”

111. India and _____ Agreement on Namami Gange Signed.

- a) Germany b) USA c) Pakistan d) China

Answer a) Germany. An Implementation Agreement for Ganga Rejuvenation under the Namami Gange Programme was signed between the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development.

112. India and _____ sign MoU for Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Development of Ports

- a) Mauritius b) USA c) North Korea d) South Korea

Answer d) South Korea. An MoU was signed by Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road, Transport and Highways and Shipping, Government of the Republic of India and Mr. Kim Young Suk, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, Government of the Republic of Korea in Mumbai. The South Korean delegation led by Minister Kim is in Mumbai to participate in the Maritime India Summit, 2016 (MIS, 2016). This MoU is for cooperation and mutual assistance between India and Republic of Korea in port related matters. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Shipping for signing of this MoU on 06.04.2016.

113. MoU between _____ and _____ on cooperation in the field of Fisheries.

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

Answer d) Bangladesh and India. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was apprised about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Bangladesh in September, 2011 on bilateral cooperation in the field of Fisheries and aquaculture and allied activities.

114. MoU between India and _____ on cooperation in preventing and combating of Human Trafficking.

- a) Maldives b) USA c) China d) UAE

Answer d) UAE. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of an MoU between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) on cooperation in preventing and combating of Human Trafficking.

115. India and _____ agree on 2 new 'pathfinder' projects.

- a) Maldives b) USA c) China d) UAE

Answer b) USA. India and the US have identified two new "pathfinder" projects under the Defence Trade and Technology Initiative (DTTI) for the joint production of a helmet-mounted digital display and a biological tactical detection system. The Americans also formally pitched two proposals for the manufacture of fighter jets under the 'Make in India' initiative.

116. Who has been appointed chairperson of National Monument Authority?

- a) Indrani Shukla b) Piyush Mehta c) Susmita Pande d) Naresh Krishna

Answer c) Susmita Pande. Susmita Pande, a professor at Ujjain's Vikram University, has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Monument Authority (NMA). The position was lying vacant since last five months after the term of Himanshu Prabha Ray, professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, ended. Pande currently heads the School of Studies in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology in Madhya Pradesh's Vikram University.

117. GOI imposes anti-dumping duty on _____.

- a) Wheat b) Alcohol c) Cotton d) N-Butyl Alcohol

Answer d) N-Butyl Alcohol. The government of India has imposed an anti-dumping duty of up to \$149 on imports of a chemical used in fermentation of sugar from five countries, including the European Union, Malaysia, Singapore and the U.S.

118. India holds first-ever maritime summit in _____.

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

Answer a) Mumbai. Maritime India Summit (MIS) 2016 has been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Summit is being organised from April 14-16, 2016 at Mumbai.

119. Social boycott now a crime in _____.

- a) Punjab b) Kerala c) Rajasthan d) Maharashtra

Answer d) Maharashtra. The state legislature unanimously passed the Maharashtra Prohibition of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2016. Under this Act, anyone found guilty of imposing any social boycott on an individual or a group of individuals can be imprisoned up to three years and can be fined Rs 1 lakh.

120. India ranks _____ in 2016 Global Connectivity Index.

- a) 44 b) 40 c) 56 d) 30

Answer a) 44. Huawei has released its third Global Connectivity Index report during the Global Analyst Summit 2016 in Shenzhen, China. The report sheds light on various global improvements in the field of connectivity.

121. _____ took over Tapti gas field infrastructure to boost Daman gas Production.

- a) IOCL b) ONGC c) BPOCL d) None of the above

Answer b) ONGC. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) took over the infrastructure of abandoned Tapti gas field in western offshore from its joint venture partners Reliance Industries and BG. This transfer of assets in India is first of its kind.

122. PM Narendra Modi launches National Agriculture Market portal _____.

- a) e- Agri Market b) e- Agro c) e- NAM d) e- NaMp

Answer c) e- NAM. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first electronic trading portal to allow farmers to sell their goods across the country, in move aimed at improving livelihoods of struggling growers and boosting the rural economy.

123. PM Narendra Modi launches Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan in _____.

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

Answer b) Madhya Pradesh. Commemorating the 125th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Gram Uday se Bharat Uday Abhiyan, from Dr Ambedkar's birth place Mhow in Madhya Pradesh. It is a program that will last till 24th April 2016, which is Panchayati Raj day, with the aim of building social harmony.

124. Nauru becomes _____ member of IMF, World Bank.

- a) 181 b) 185 c) 188 d) 189

Answer d) 189. South Pacific island nation Nauru has become the 189th member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. Nauru applied for membership in the Washington-based IMF and World Bank in April 2014, after joining the United Nations in 1996 as the world's smallest independent republic.

125. Who is been appointed as member of US cybersecurity body?

- a) Salil Mehta b) Adnan c) Arun Mehta d) Ajay Banga

Answer d) Ajay Banga. The White House released a list of names that US President Barack Obama has appointed to the new Commission on Enhancing National Cyber security panel. The panel was

formed earlier this year as part of Obama's \$19bn (£13bn) proposal to boost the US government's cyber security system.

126. Pepsi-Cola sign got historic landmark designation in _____.

- a) France b) New York c) Italy d) Mumbai

Answer b) New York. An immense Pepsi-Cola sign on the banks of New York's East River has been declared a historic landmark after 25 years of discussion. The red neon sign was built in 1936 and installed atop a Pepsi bottling plant in an industrial area bordering the East River in Long Island City. The 60 feet high and 120 feet long, its steel and porcelain letters and giant Pepsi bottle have long been part of the view from the East Side of Manhattan.

127. India and _____ to collaborate on tackling offshore tax evasion.

- a) USA b) China c) Germany d) UK

Answer a) USA. India and the US have agreed to enhance collaboration on tackling offshore tax evasion and increase cooperation in sharing of cross-border tax information.

128. Arnold Wesker who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Athlete b) Singer c) Actor d) Playwright

Answer d) Playwright. Leading British playwright Sir Arnold Wesker, who came to prominence in the late 1950s with his gritty, working class dramas, has died aged 83.

129. The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature and musical composition in which country?

- a) United States of America b) Russia c) Japan d) India

Answer a) United States of America. The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States. Upon winning the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Lin-Manuel Miranda's Broadway hit Hamilton became the first musical to do so since 2010's Next to Normal. William Finnegan's memoir Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life nabbed the Pulitzer in the Biography or Autobiography category, while The Associated Press won the gold medal for Public Service.

130. Who has been appointed as Additional Director General in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?

- a) Amit mishra b) Deepak mishra c) Kalraj mishra d) Arun mishra

Answer b) Deepak mishra. Deepak Mishra, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the 1984 batch (AGMU cadre), has been appointed as Additional Director General in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). He will have tenure till November 2018 with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post.

131. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a super speciality hospital in Jammu and Kashmir's _____ district.

- a) Shopian b) Budgam c) Katra d) Srinagar

Answer c) Katra. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a superspeciality hospital in Jammu and Kashmir's Katra district. Named Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, the medical centre has 230 beds and over 20 different streams of medicine and surgery. Set up with an investment of about ₹300 crore, it also has the provision for rain water harvesting and solar energy utilisation.

132. Which state government has decided to restrict digging of bore wells beyond 200 feet?

- a) Punjab b) Kerala c) Maharashtra d) Gujarat

Answer c) Maharashtra. Maharashtra government has decided to restrict digging of borewells beyond 200 feet. The action was taken to check the steep decline in ground water level in the state, which at present is facing recurring droughts and severe water crisis in Marathwada and Vidarbha region. The violators of the rule would face fine or/and imprisonment, as the action will be considered as a punishable offence.

133. The 13th session of the Islamic Summit Conference was concluded in _____.

- a) Muscat, Oman b) Istanbul, Turkey c) Islamabad, Pakistan d) Jerusalem, Israel

Answer b) Istanbul, Turkey. The 13th session of the Islamic Summit Conference was concluded in Istanbul, Turkey. The Islamic Summit, which commenced on 10 April 2016, was held under the theme Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace. It also discussed the current situation in Syria, Yemen, Libya, Afghanistan, Somalia, Mali, Jammu and Kashmir, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Armenia's aggressions on Azerbaijan, as well as other Member States afflicted by conflicts and unstable security situations.

134. The World Bank Group would invest _____ over 5 years in education projects that directly benefit adolescent girls, whose empowerment is central to the Bank Group's development efforts.

- a) \$2.5 billion b) \$ 4.5 billion c) \$ 3.5 billion d) \$ 1.5 billion

Answer a) \$2.5 billion. World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim has announced that the World Bank Group would invest \$2.5 billion over 5 years in education projects that directly benefit adolescent girls, whose empowerment is central to the Bank Group's development efforts. The announcement, made at the Let Girls Learn event during the World Bank Group-IMF Spring Meetings, was followed by a call to action from the First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama, urging key policymakers and influencers from around the world to commit to urgent action in support of adolescent girls.

135. India and _____ signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) on cooperation in the field of traditional system of medicine and Homoeopathy.

- a) Bangladesh b) Iran c) Mauritius d) Spain

Answer c) Mauritius. India has signed an MoU with Mauritius on cooperation in the field of traditional system of medicine and Homoeopathy. The MoU was signed during the recent visit of Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge) and Health & Family Welfare, Shripad Yesso Naik to Mauritius.

136. Infosys launched a new app _____ that chronicles the “fascinating journey” of the Indian IT industry since the 1950s.

- a) param b) lithasa c) fast d) itihaasa

Answer d) itihaasa. Infosys co-founder S Gopalakrishnan has launched a new app itihaasa that chronicles the “fascinating journey” of the Indian IT industry since the 1950s.

137. Train passengers will be able to cancel their reserved tickets booked through counters by dialling _____ as the Railways will be launching the phone ticket cancellation service shortly.

- a) 148 b) 159 c) 139 d) 129

Answer c) 139. Train passengers will be able to cancel their reserved tickets booked through counters by dialling 139 as the Railways will be launching the phone ticket cancellation service shortly. To begin with the service can be availed only by passengers whose train departure timings is between 11 pm and 6 am.

138. Who is the Minister of State with Independent Charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy?

- a) Inderjit Singh Rao b) Santosh Kumar Gangwar c) Piyush Goyal d) Bandaru Dattatreya

Answer c) Piyush Goyal. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy today released Report of the Technical Committee on Large Scale Integration of Renewable Energy, Need for Balancing, Deviation Settlement Mechanism (DSM) and related issues. Goyal also launched Ancillary Services Operations in India.

139. Indian Oil Corporation signed MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with which country’s petroleum corporation for jointly setting up an LPG import terminal?

- a) China Petroleum Corporation b) Iran Petroleum Corporation
c) Saudi Arabia Petroleum Corporation d) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation

Answer d) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation. Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation and India’s leading refiner Indian Oil Corporation signed an MoU to study the possibility of jointly setting up an LPG import terminal at Chittagong port and other downstream infrastructure in that country.

140. Panasonic along with US-based sustainable energy provider AES would install a joint project of 10 MW energy storage array at which state?

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

Answer b) Haryana. Panasonic along with US-based sustainable energy provider AES would install a joint project of 10 MW energy storage array at Jhajjar, Haryana.

141. Which state has claimed the top spot with the highest share of about 15 per cent in PPP projects across India?

- a) Uttarakhand b) Gujarat c) Tamil Nadu d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer d) Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh has claimed the top spot with the highest share of about 15 per cent in PPP projects across India, followed by Maharashtra and Gujarat.

142. Which e-commerce company has announced an exclusive partnership with Godrej Interio to enable customers to access an exclusive and unique range of furniture?

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

Answer c) Flipkart. Flipkart announced an exclusive partnership with Godrej Interio to enable customers to access an exclusive and unique range of furniture.

143. Who has been appointed as chief selector of Pakistan?

- a) Inzamam-ul-haq b) Shoaib malik c) Wasim akram d) Shoaib akhtar

Answer a) Inzamam-ul-haq. Inzamam-ul-haq has been appointed chief selector of Pakistan. A former Pakistan captain, Inzamam was the head coach of Afghanistan since October 2015, and was contracted by the Afghanistan Cricket Board until December 2016. The PCB, however, requested the ACB that he be released from his contract early.

144. Who has been appointed as Director General, Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards?

- a) KK Paul b) PC Thakur c) AC Kumar d) Pradeep Kumar

Answer b) PC Thakur. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of PC Thakur, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the 1979 batch (Gujarat cadre), as Director General, Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards (FS, CD&HG).

145. In which state raphe army to conduct a major exercise SHATRUJEET by the elite strike 1?

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

Answer a) Rajasthan. With about 30,000 soldiers in action, the Indian Army conducted a major Exercise SHATRUJEET by the elite STRIKE 1 in deserts of Rajasthan near to the border with Pakistan.

146. Who is the cabinet minister of women and child development?

- a) Sushma swaraj b) Mamta banerjee c) Maneka Gandhi d) Smriti Irani

Answer c) Maneka Gandhi. The Minister of Women & Child Development, Maneka Gandhi inaugurated a major One Day Regional Conference with North Eastern States in Shillong on the issues relating to Child Adoption. The Ministers In-charge of Social Welfare and Women & Child Development in the North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura participated in the conference.

147. Finalize draft of Chabahar trilateral agreement is between which of these three countries?

- a) Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan b) India, Iran and Pakistan
c) Pakistan, Afghanistan and India d) India, Iran and Afghanistan.

Answer d) India, Iran and Afghanistan. The second technical meeting on Chabahar Transit and Transport Agreement was held in India and provided the draft for the tripartite agreement among Iran, India and Afghanistan.

148. What is the capital of Ecuador?

- a) Bogota b) Quito c) Zagreb d) Dublin

Answer b) Quito. A major earthquake hit Ecuador's central coast, killing at least 77 people as it buckled homes and knocked out power in a city hundreds of miles away.

149. Scientists of Technical University of Munich found the traces of iron isotopes from the samples of _____.

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

Answer a) Moon. A recent discovery by scientists at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) found traces of iron isotopes in samples from the moon, similar to those found on our ocean floor, leading them to believe that it came from the same supernova explosion.

150. World Haemophilia Day is observed on?

- a) April 18 b) March 18 c) April 17 d) April 15

Answer c) April 17. Every April 17, World Haemophilia Day is recognised worldwide to increase awareness of haemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders. This is a critical effort since with increased awareness comes better diagnosis and access to care for the millions who remain without treatment.

151. International Day for Monuments and Sites and World Amateur Radio Awareness Day is observed on?

- a) April 17 b) April 18 c) April 19 d) April 16

Answer b) April 18. The 2016 theme for the ICOMOS (International council on monuments and sites) International Day on Monuments and Sites celebrated on 18 April is: The Heritage of Sport. Marking the anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). To mark this occasion, the IARU and its more than 160 Member-Societies will celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on April 18.

152. Which state will be made as kerosene Free State from next year?

- a) Maharashtra b) Telangana c) Haryana d) Tamil Nadu

Answer c) Haryana . Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday announced that the state will be made kerosene free next year. "For this, gas cylinders will be given to every household and families using kerosene for cooking will be given gas chullahs.

153. Who is the first Indian woman gymnast to qualify for Rio 2016 Olympics?

- a) Saina nehwal b) Dipa karmakar c) Mithali raj d) Pooja

Answer b) Dipa karmakar. Dipa Karmakar has created history by becoming the first Indian woman gymnast to qualify for Olympics as she booked a berth for the Rio Games after a strong performance at the final qualifying and test event. The 22-year-old garnered a total score of 52.698 points in the Olympics qualifying event to book a berth for artistic gymnastics in Rio Games.

154. Which team won ninth Sultan Azlan Shah Cup title?

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

Answer d) Australia. World champions Australia overwhelmed India 4-0 to lift their ninth Sultan

Azlan Shah Cup title on April 16, 2016 at Azlan Shah Stadium in Malaysia's west coast city of Ipoh. Australia, record eighth time champions, started as the obvious favourites, but an rejuvenated Indian side made sure to pose a strong challenge for the title.

155. Who won Chinese Grand Prix 2016?

- a) Lewis Hamilton b) Nico Rosberg c) Sebastien Vettel d) Alonso

Answer b) Nico Rosberg. Nico Rosberg extended his championship lead over Lewis Hamilton with a thumping victory in the Chinese Grand Prix. Hamilton, who started from last after his engine expired in qualifying, stopped five times in a race brimming with drama, and eventually crossed the line in seventh place.

156. Veteran Spinner Rangana Herath who announced retirement from T20, ODI cricket, belongs to which country?

- a) India b) West Indies c) Sri Lanka d) South Africa

Answer c) Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka spinner Rangana Herath has retired from 50-over and Twenty20 internationals in order to carry on playing test matches.

157. Who won Monte Carlo Masters title 2016?

- a) Rafael Nadal b) Roger Federer c) Novak Djokovic d) Mahesh Bhupathy

Answer a) Rafael Nadal. After two sets of thrilling tennis, Rafael Nadal found another gear in the decider to beat Gaël Monfils 7-5, 5-7, 6-0 and record his ninth Monte Carlo title and 28th Masters title overall.

158. Malick Sidibe who passed away recently was a _____.

- a) Scientist b) Actor c) Photographer d) Poet

Answer c) Photographer. The pioneering Malian photographer Malick Sidibe has died aged 80. He is known for his black and white studio portraits that captured the lives of young Malians in the 1960s and 1970s.

159. The Union Government has renamed _____ Air Force Base of Indian Air Force in West Bengal as 'Air Force Station Arjan Singh'

- a) Darbhanga b) Port Blair c) Udhampur d) Panagarh

Answer d) Panagarh. The Union Government has renamed Panagarh Air Force Base of Indian Air Force in West Bengal as 'Air Force Station Arjan Singh' in honour of the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh. This is first time in India's defence history, a military installations has been named after individuals, especially when they are alive.

160. Delhi government has banned the manufacture, distribution, storage and sale of all forms of chewable tobacco for _____ year

- a) 1.5 b) 2 c) 1 d) 3

Answer c) 1. The Delhi government has banned for one year the sale, purchase and storage of all forms of chewable tobacco, including "guktha, pan masala, khaini and zarda", in the national capital.

161. The Union Government has appointed Susmita Pande as the new chairperson of the National Monument Authority (NMA).She is a professor at _____University

- a) Jiwaji university
b) Ujjain's Vikram University
c) Rani durgavati university
d) Barkatullah university

Answer b) Ujjain's Vikram University. The Union Government has appointed Susmita Pande as the new chairperson of the National Monument Authority (NMA). She is a professor at Ujjain's Vikram University. She will succeed Himanshu Prabha Ray and shall fill the post which was lying vacant for five months after demission of Ray from office.

162. Google launches free WiFi at _____ railway stations

- a) 10 b) 11 c) 8 d) 7

Answer a) 10. After Mumbai Central, Google has launched its free high-speed public WiFi service at nine more Indian railway stations including Pune, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Ranchi, Raipur, Vijayawada, Kacheguda (Hyderabad), Ernakulam (Kochi) and Visakhapatnam.

163. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has allocated ₹500 crore towards modernisation of 82 state government-owned laboratories over the next _____ years

- a) 4-5 years b) 3-4 years c) 2-3 years d) 1-2 years

Answer c) 2-3 years. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has allocated ₹500 crore towards modernisation of 82 state government-owned laboratories over the next 2-3 years, FSSAI Chief Executive PK Agarwal said. Further, FSSAI is also planning to partner with private firms to upgrade the infrastructure of its Ghaziabad laboratory and give them responsibility for its operations and management.

164. "Param Kanchenjunga" fastest super computer has been launched in which state of India?

- a) Tamil nadu b) Nagaland c) Sikkim d) Odisha

Answer c) Sikkim. The north-eastern region of India has got its fastest supercomputer called PARAM Kanchenjunga. Housed at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Sikkim, the supercomputer sports a peak computing power of 15 Teraflops and is equipped with the latest Intel-based processor and accelerator technologies. It has been built at a cost of over ₹2 crore.

165. The Union Government has launched the _____ web portal, an e-Bidding & e-Reverse Auction portal, for the acquisition of short-term power by Distribution Companies (DISCOMs).

- a) WEEP b) DEEP c) REEP d) SEEP

Answer b) DEEP. The Union Government has launched the "DEEP" web portal, an e-Bidding & e-Reverse Auction portal, for the acquisition of short-term power by Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). The DEEP stands for Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price. The web portal will ensure the continuous flow of power from seller to the buyer.

166. According to a report by Dell, _____ has been recognised as one of the top 50 future-ready cities of the world.

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

Answer a) Delhi. According to a report by Dell, Delhi has been recognised as one of the top 50 future-ready cities of the world that are embracing technology for growth. Delhi ranked 44th on the list, which was otherwise topped by San Jose, followed by San Francisco and Singapore. These high-growth cities were evaluated on the parameters of human capital, infrastructure and commerce.

167. _____ Government has launched the second phase of odd-even car rationing scheme.

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

Answer c) Delhi. The second phase from 15 April 2016 till 30 April 2016. The scheme aims at curbing vehicular pollution and reducing traffic congestion on the roads of NCR Delhi.

168. Manika Batra and Soumyajit Ghosh have qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics. They belong to _____ sports.

- a) Archery b) Squash c) Chess d) Table Tennis

Answer d) Table Tennis. Indian table tennis players Manika Batra and Soumyajit Ghosh have qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics after winning their respective groups in the South Asian division of the Asian Olympic Qualification event in Hong Kong. Manika, who has bagged two silver and two bronze medals at the Commonwealth, will be appearing in her first Olympics

169. Indian woman boxer _____ has been named as the International Boxing Association (AIBA) ambassador for Women's World Championship.

- a) Mary Kom b) Laishram sarita devi c) Aruna mishra d) Poojar ani

Answer a) Mary Kom. Mary Kom has been named as one of the eight ambassadors for the upcoming World Championships by the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

170. Satyanand Munjal passed away in Ludhiana, Punjab. He was the co-founder of _____ group.

- a) Bajaj b) Honda c) Hero Cycles d) TVS

Answer c) Hero Cycles. The co-founder of Hero Cycles group Satyanand Munjal passed away in Ludhiana, Punjab. He was 99. He was popularly known as 'mahatma' Satyanand Munjal for being devoted to several social causes related to the Arya Samaj.

171. India ranks _____ out of 180 countries listed in the World Press Freedom Index 2016.

- a) 142 b) 157 c) 133 d) 125

Answer c) 133. India ranks 133rd out of 180 countries listed in the World Press Freedom Index 2016, released by NGO Reporters Without Borders. India jumped three places compared with last year's ranking. Published annually, the rankings are based on freedom allowed to journalists in countries around the world

172. Indian diplomat _____ in UK has been conferred with one of the highest awards of Cyprus for his work in a number of senior roles within the Commonwealth Secretariat for over two decades.

- a) Amitav Banerji b) Mamta Banerji c) Anita Banerji d) None of these

Answer a) Amitav Banerji. Amitav Banerji, an Indian diplomat in the UK has been conferred with one of the highest awards of Cyprus for his work in a number of senior roles within the Commonwealth Secretariat for over two decades. Banerji, 63, was presented with his Commander of the Order of Merit at a ceremony at the Cyprus High Commission.

173. Which High Court dismissed 15 judges for their “doubtful integrity, negligence and poor conduct”?

- a) Chennai b) Karnataka c) Kerala d) Allahabad

Answer d) Allahabad. The Allahabad high court on Monday dismissed 15 judges for their “doubtful integrity, negligence and poor conduct”. The decision followed a full court meeting presided over by chief justice DY Chandrachud in Lucknow, where the credentials of the tainted judicial officers were discussed.

174. Which bank announced the launch of an exclusive branch for start-ups?

- a) BPL Bank b) RBL Bank c) Axis Bank d) Citi Bank

Answer b) RBL Bank. RBL Bank Limited (formerly known as The Ratnakar Bank limited) announced the launch of an exclusive branch for start-ups. RBL Bank will be the first private sector Bank to open a specialized branch for start-ups offering a bouquet of banking products to service the end-to-end needs of the emerging entrepreneurial eco-system.

175. The Goa government decided to appoint Justice _____ as Lokayukta of the State.

- a) HL Dhatthu b) PK Mishra c) Raman d) Vignesh

Answer b) PK Mishra. The Goa government decided to appoint Justice P.K. Mishra, former Chief Justice of Patna High Court who had recently retired as chairman of Goa State Human Rights commission, as Lokayukta of the State.

176. Which bank becomes the top rapheme under Gold Monetization Scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November?

- a) Indian overseas bank b) Syndicate bank c) Punjab national bank d) Bank of India

Answer c) Punjab national bank. Punjab National Bank said it has become the top rapheme under Gold Monetization Scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November. The bank has mobilized substantial gold deposit under Short Term Gold Bank Deposit (STGBD) for three years from Tirumula Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirpuati, PNB said in a statement.

177. India’s _____ has been promoted to international outdoor umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)

- a) Usha Thakur b) Deepa c) Durga Thakur d) Mishra khan

Answer c) Durga Thakur. India’s Durga Thakur has been promoted to international outdoor umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) following her good performance at the recently-held Hawkes Bay Cup in Hastings, New Zealand.

178. Who has been appointed as first-ever chief executive officer (CEO) of The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- a) Virat Kohli b) Rahul Dravid c) Rahul Johri d) Zaheer Khan

Answer c) Rahul Johri. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced Rahul Johri as its first-ever chief executive officer (CEO). Mr. Johri, after spending two decades in the media industry, will join the board on June 1.

179. Victoria Wood was a _____ who passed away recently

- a) Comedian b) Singer c) Writer d) All of the above

Answer d) All of the above. Comedian, singer and writer Victoria Wood has died after “a short but brave” battle with cancer aged 62. The comedian found fame in the 1980s and was best known for her BBC sketch Acorn Antiques and comedy Dinner Ladies. She won five Baftas including two for her one-off ITV drama Housewife 49.

180. The Department of Disinvestment has been renamed as

- _____
- a) Department of Investment and Public Asset Motivation
b) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management
c) Department of Investment and People Asset Management
d) Department of Industry and Public Asset Management

Answer b) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management. The Department of Disinvestment has been renamed as Department of Investment and Public Asset Management or ‘Dipam’, a decision aimed at proper management of Centre’s investments in equity including its disinvestment in central public sector undertakings.

181. The Government of India has merged Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan with _____

- a) ‘RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR’ programme b) Youth India programme
c) Khelo India programme d) None of these

Answer c) Khelo India programme. The government of India has merged Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), launched by the previous UPA government, with the Khelo India programme for development of sports, thereby dropping former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi’s name from it. The move left the Congress fuming as this is not the first time that Rajiv Gandhi’s name is being dropped from a scheme after the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power.

182. April 21 is observed as?

- a) Civil service day b) Science day c) Earth day d) Administrative day

Answer a) Civil service day. April 21 is observed as Civil Service day.

183. Who is the China’s Commander in chief of the military’s joint operations command centre?

- a) Hu Jintao b) Wang Qishan c) Xi Mingze d) Xi Jinping

Answer d) Xi Jinping. China’s President Xi Jinping has taken on a new military title, in his latest move

to exert greater control over the armed forces. Mr Xi is now commander in chief of the military's Joint Operations Command Centre.

184. India and _____ have agreed to adhere to “peaceful negotiations” to settle the vexed border issue and reach a “fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution”.

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

Answer b) China. India and China have agreed to adhere to “peaceful negotiations” to settle the vexed border issue and reach a “fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution”. The decision was taken during the annual 19th round of boundary talks here between National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and his Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi to discuss the way forward to resolve the dispute which has bedevilled the relations between the two countries.

185. Europe has become the world's first region to wipe out _____, with zero cases reported last year.

- a) Zika virus b) Ebola virus c) Malaria d) Rota virus

Answer c) Malaria. Europe has become the world's first region to wipe out malaria, with zero cases reported last year. The number of indigenous malaria cases dropped to zero in 2015 from 90,712 in 1995, and the last cases were reported in Tajikistan in 2014.

186. How many international organizations have joined hands to form the Platform for collaboration in Tax Matters?

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

Answer c) 4. Four international organizations have joined hands to form the Platform for collaboration in Tax Matters. The Platform has been created as their step to boost global cooperation in tax matters. The International Monetary Fund, World Bank, United Nations and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), announced a joint platform for collaboration on tax issues, a beginning step to design and implement international standards.

187. India's premier rocket lab recently manufactured the world's lightest material called _____

- a) Microlattice b) Silica aerogel c) Neutrolattice d) Carbon

Answer b) Silica aerogel. Scientists at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, India's premier rocket lab recently manufactured the world's lightest material called silica aerogel or 'blue air.'

188. Global consulting and technology services firm Accenture has set up a cyber center in _____.

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

Answer b) Bengaluru. To expand its security presence, Global consulting and technology services firm Accenture has set up a cyber center in Bengaluru. The new facility brings together interdisciplinary capabilities, ranging from innovation, incubation and development of new solutions to

strategic consulting and transformation and the managed delivery of a broad range of cyber defense services.

189. Who is the new president of Laos country?

- a) Thongloun Sisoulith b) Asang Laoly c) Bounnhang Vorachit d) Thongsing Thammavong

Answer c) Bounnhang Vorachit. Laos's National Assembly on Wednesday appointed Communist Party chief Bounnhang Vorachit as the country's new president and named foreign minister Thongloun Sisoulith as prime minister.

190. How many Indians have been named in Time Magazine which has recently released its 2016 edition of the '100 most influential people in the world'?

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

Answer c) 6. Time Magazine has recently released its 2016 edition of the '100 most influential people in the world'. The list ranges from politicians, to sport icons, to transgender advocates and actors and musicians. In its' 2016 edition, six Indians have been named. These are the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Dr. Raghuram Rajan, New Delhi-based environmentalist Sunita Narain, tennis player Sania Mirza, Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra and Founders of the e-commerce website Flipkart Binny Bansal and Sachin Bansal.

191. Which Bollywood actress has bagged the best actress award in Tribeca Film Festival?

- a) Radhika Apte b) Priyanka chopra c) Vidya balan d) Deepika padukone

Answer a) Radhika Apte. Bollywood actress Radhika Apte has bagged the best actress in an international narrative feature honour at this year's Tribeca Film Festival for her performance in anthology film 'Madly'.

192. Which country has replaced China as top destination for foreign direct investment by attracting \$63 billion worth FDI projects in 2015?

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

Answer b) India. India has replaced China as top destination for foreign direct investment by attracting \$63 billion worth FDI projects in 2015. Also there was an 8 per cent increase in project numbers to 697. Major companies such as Foxconn and SunEdison have agreed to invest in projects valued at \$5 billion and \$4 billion, respectively, in India in 2015.

193. According to the study by global research firm Ipsos, Which brand has most influential brand in India?

- a) Gmail b) Airtel c) Flipkart d) Google

Answer d) Google. According to the study by global research firm Ipsos, Google ranks on the top and is followed by Facebook, Gmail, Microsoft and Samsung in the top five — all of which are foreign brands. While another foreign brand WhatsApp is sixth on the India's top 10 most influential brands, Flipkart is the top ranked Indian brand at seventh place. The other two Indian brands on the list – SBI and Airtel– are ninth and tenth, US based Amazon is placed at number eight.

194. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on May 1 launch an ambitious Rs. _____ crore scheme to provide 5 crore free LPG connections to BPL families .

- a) 5000 b) 6000 c) 8000 d) 9000

Answer c) 8000. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on May 1 launch an ambitious Rs 8,000 crore scheme to provide 5 crore free LPG connections to BPL families using the money saved from 1.13 crore cooking gas users voluntarily giving up their subsidies. Modi will launch the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia in Uttar Pradesh on May 1 and do a repeat function at Dahod in Gujarat on May 15.

195. Who has been elected as Chadian President for the fifth time?

- a) Saleh kebzabo b) Idriss Deby c) Brahim deby d) Mahamt deby itno

Answer b) Idriss Deby. Chad's President Idriss Deby has been re-elected for a fifth term in office in a landslide first-round victory.

196. World earth day is observed on?

- a) April 21 b) March 21 c) May 22 d) April 22

Answer d) April 22. World Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 every year. On this day, events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The Day was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network and celebrated in more than 193 countries each year. "Trees for the Earth" is the theme for 2016.

197. Which agency has suspended the accreditation of Beijing's National Anti-Doping laboratory, weeks after launching a probe into drugs allegations in Chinese swimming?

- a) International Olympic Committee agency b) International Cricket Council
c) World Anti-Doping Agency d) None of these

Answer c) World Anti-Doping Agency. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has suspended the accreditation of Beijing's National Anti-Doping laboratory, weeks after launching a probe into drugs allegations in Chinese swimming. The laboratory, suspended for a maximum of four months, has 21 days to appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

198. Prince was a /an _____ who has passed away recently.

- a) Singer b) Actress c) Poet d) Scientist

Answer a) Singer. Prince, the legendary singer, has passed away at the age of 57. As stunned fans mourned legendary singer Prince, questions remained on what killed him days after he performed in Atlanta to rave reviews. The reclusive artist was found dead at his compound in Chanhassen, Minn. In the wake of multiple shows cancelled due to health concerns. He had reportedly been suffering from flu-like symptoms in recent weeks.

199. Guy Hamilton was a/an _____ who passed away recently.

- a) Actor b) Dancer c) Architect d) Director

Answer d) Director. Guy Hamilton, the director of four James Bond films, has died on the Mediterranean island of Majorca at the age of 93. Hamilton was at the helm of iconic 007 movies

Goldfinger in 1964 and Diamonds Are Forever in 1971, both starring Sean Connery, as well as 1973's Live and Let Die and 1974's The Man with the Golden Gun, both with Roger Moore as Bond.

200. Which Bollywood actor has been named Indian Contingent's goodwill ambassador for the 2016 Rio Olympics?

- a) Amitabh Bachchan b) Salman Khan c) Amir Khan d) Shah Rukh Khan

Answer b) Salman Khan. Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has been named Indian Contingent's goodwill ambassador for the 2016 Rio Olympics. This is the first time that a Bollywood superstar will be a goodwill ambassador for the national squad for as big an event like the Summer Olympics. The association between Salman Khan and the Indian Olympic Association was facilitated by IOA's official marketing agency IOS Sports & Entertainment.

201. Who has been appointed as new director of and Television Institute of India (FTII)?

- a) Ganesan b) Bhupendra Kainthola c) Mohan Chandak d) Harsh Bhal

Answer b) Bhupendra Kainthola. Bhupendra Kainthola, an Indian Information Service (IIS) officer of 1989 batch, has been appointed as the new Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). This appointment process, which commenced in February 2015, took over a year to finish. Since DJ Narain, former institute director, completed his term in July 2015, the post was being occupied by a part-timer, Prashant Pathrabe, a director with the Press Information Bureau for last nine months.

202. President Pranab Mukherjee nominated of _____ eminent personalities from different fields to Rajya Sabha following a recommendation of the Union government.

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

Answer b) 6. President Pranab Mukherjee nominated of six eminent personalities from different fields to Rajya Sabha following a recommendation of the Union government. President has a provision to nominate 12 members in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) on the recommendation of Union Cabinet as per Article 80 of the Constitution of India.

203. Which company became first Indian company to join in EP100 campaign?

- a) Tata Motors b) Maruti Suzuki c) Mahindra & Mahindra d) Hero Moto Corp

Answer c) Mahindra & Mahindra. Automobile giant Mahindra & Mahindra has become the first Indian company to join a global energy campaign led by an international non-profit group that will work with the world's most influential businesses in setting commitments to double their energy productivity. By signing up to 'EP100' campaign led by 'The Climate Group', the world's largest manufacturer of tractors has committed to doubling their energy productivity by 2030, a core requirement for any business signing on to the campaign.

204. Which State Government has signed a pact with Tata Trusts to achieve elimination of Malaria from the state by 2030?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Kerala c) Odisha d) Rajasthan

Answer c) Odisha. Tata Trusts has signed a pact with the Odisha government to achieve elimination of Malaria from the state by 2030. As per the MoU, Tata Trusts will be taking mass screenings twice

a year in 557 villages in five selected blocks including Bissamcuttack and Muniguda blocks of Rayagada district, Lanjigarh, Thuamulrampur blocks of Kalahandi district and Kotgarh block of Kandhamal district in southern Odisha.

205. The solar-powered aeroplane Solar Impulse has landed in _____

- a) Los Angeles, California b) San Jose, California c) San Diego, California d) Silicon Valley, California

Answer d) Silicon Valley, California. The solar-powered aeroplane Solar Impulse has landed in Silicon Valley, California, after a three-day flight over the Pacific Ocean from Hawaii. High winds delayed the landing at Moffett Airfield, Mountain View, as pilot Bertrand Piccard flew in a holding pattern off the coast.

206. The Government of India has launched country's first online interactive heritage portal named _____.

- a) Wikipedia b) Sahapedia c) Lihapedia d) Jasapedia

Answer b) Sahapedia. The Government of India has launched country's first online interactive heritage portal named Sahapedia in New Delhi. The web portal is a collaborative knowledge resource on the arts, culture and heritage of India.

207. World Book and Copyright Day is observed on?

- a) April 23 b) April 24 c) April 25 d) April 20

Answer a) April 23. World Book and Copyright Day is a yearly event on April 23rd, organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), to promote reading, publishing and copyright. In the United Kingdom, the day is recognized on the first Thursday in March. World Book Day was celebrated for the first time on 23 April 1995.

208. India and _____ have launched a programme with \$1 trillion potential to help developing countries harness fully their solar resources for a clean energy.

- a) Japan b) Spain c) France d) America

Answer c) France. India and France have launched a programme with \$1 trillion potential to help developing countries harness fully their solar resources for a clean energy. Power Minister Piyush Goyal and French Environment Minister Segolene Royal announced that the solar finance programme that aims to lower the cost of finance and facilitate the flow of more than \$1 trillion investment to members of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

209. India signed Paris climate agreement along with other _____ nations at UN.

- a) 171 b) 174 c) 160 d) 150

Answer b) 174. Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar has signed the historic Paris climate agreement along with other 174 nations at a high-level ceremony hosted by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York.

210. A mosque in _____ has decided to allow the entry of Muslim women for the first time in its history.

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

Answer a) Kerala. A mosque in Kerala has decided to allow the entry of Muslim women for the first time in its history. Muslim women “in the right attire” can enter the Thazhathangady Juma Mosque, only on April 24 and May 8, the chief Imam said. Believed to be over a thousand years old, it is one of the oldest mosques in India.

211. Gurgaon-based airline Vistara partners with which IT company for application maintenance services?

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

Answer d) TCS. Gurgaon-based airline Vistara has entered into a strategic partnership with software services firm TCS for a range of IT services, including application maintenance services and airport infrastructure support. The two entities would also develop digital solutions which can be taken to other airlines, Vistara said. Vistara is a joint venture between conglomerate Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines.

212. The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited has cleared the insurance policy for all _____ nuclear reactors in India.

- a) 25 b) 31 c) 21 d) 18

Answer c) 21. The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited has cleared the insurance policy for all 21 nuclear reactors in India. The NPCIL also finalised the insurance policy for suppliers, officials said. Under a 2010 law, NPCIL can seek damages from suppliers in case of accidents. This comes as India plans to build 60 nuclear reactors to move away from fossil fuels.

213. Government of India going to appoint _____ new LPG distributors in Financial Year 2017

- a) 2000 b) 3000 c) 8000 d) 10000

Answer d) 10000. Union petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday said that 10,000 new LPG distributors will be appointed in the current financial year. “At present, there are 18,000 gas distributors in the country and in the coming three months, 2,000 new distributors will be made and by the end of this financial year 8,000 more distributors will be made,”.

214. Papa Wemba was a/an _____ who passed away recently.

- a) Dancer b) Musician c) Actor d) Poet

Answer b) Musician. The influential Congolese musician Papa Wemba has died aged 66 after collapsing during a concert. The musician, whose real name was Jules Shungu Wembadio Pene Kikumba, rose to fame in the Congolese capital of Kinshasa during the 1970s with the band Zaiko Langa Langa, whose guitar-based fusion of Latin and African dance styles inspired a generation of African musicians.

215. In which district ‘Operation Sulaimani’ implemented?

- a) Kottayam b) Kannur c) Kollam d) Kozhikode

Answer d) Kozhikode. In an initiative to eradicate poverty from the district, the Kozhikode district

administration is all set to implement a project named 'Operation Sulaimani' to ensure food for the needy in its jurisdiction. Operation Sulaimani is being implemented in association with the state Hotel and Restaurants Association. Following the implementation of the project, the needy will get food free of cost.

216. The new Prime Minister of Democratic Republic of the Congo is _____.

- a) Joseph Kabila b) Mouamba Clement c) Denis Sassou d) Moise Katumbi

Answer b) Mouamba Clement. Mouamba Clement, the former Congolese Finance Minister, has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Congo. He was appointed to the post by Congo's President Denis Sassou Nguesso. Clement will be responsible for forming a government in consultation with the president in accordance with the 25 October 2015 constitution.

217. World Malaria Day is observed on which date and what is the theme of it on 2016?

- a) April 22 and "Invest in the future: defeat malaria"
b) April 24 and "Achieving Progress and Impact"
c) April 25 and "End Malaria for Good"
d) April 20 and "Counting malaria out"

Answer c) April 25 and "End Malaria for Good". On April 25th people across the globe take part in a wide range of activities to mark World Malaria Day. The theme for 2016 is "End Malaria for Good". The Day is an international observance commemorated every year on 25 April and recognizes global efforts to control malaria. Globally, 3.3 billion people in 106 countries are at risk of malaria.

218. The government has proposed to build an application called _____ which would let people access e-Gov services.

- a) UMANG b) TMANG c) ILANG d) EMANG

Answer a) UMANG. The government has proposed to build an application called Unified Mobile Application for New age Governance (UMANG), which would let people access e-Gov services. The mobile application would include Central and state services, and let people apply for passports and file income-tax returns.

219. 22nd Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT), scheduled from 19-27 Apr 16 in the _____.

- a) Arabian Sea b) Andaman Sea c) Bay of Bengal d) None of these

Answer a) Arabian Sea. INS Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, are participating in the 22nd Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT), scheduled from 19-27 Apr 16 in the Andaman Sea.

220. Which country successfully tested its first radar evading aircraft X-2?

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

Answer c) Japan. Japan joined the exclusive stealth jet club with the successful test flight of its first radar-evading aircraft — a prototype called the X-2.

221. In which State, Minister JP Nadda inaugurated the first of its kind Current Good Manufacturing Practise (CGMP) compliant facility within the Central Government for manufacture of DPT and TT vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI)?

- a) Haryana b) Kerala c) Madya Pradesh d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer d) Himachal Pradesh. Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the first of its kind Current Good Manufacturing Practise (CGMP) compliant facility within the Central Government for manufacture of DPT and TT vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh.

222. The Indian military has just completed a mammoth amphibious exercise named as _____.

- a) Pal Kahar b) Jal Prahar c) Tan Sahar d) Lan Gahar

Answer b) Jal Prahar. Aiming to validate and fine-tune its strategy to take over enemy land via sea, the Indian military has just completed a mammoth amphibious exercise 'Jal Prahar' that saw participation of all three wings of the armed forces in the strategic Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

223. Government of India reduced the interest rate of Employee Provident Fund (EPF) for 2015-16 from ____ to 8.7%.

- a) 9% b) 8.75% c) 8.8 % d) 8.85%

Answer b) 8.75%. The government has approved an interest rate of 8.7% on the Employee Provident Fund (EPF) for 2015-16 from 8.75% in 2014-15, Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya said on Monday. Earlier, the interest rate on Public Provident Fund was reduced to 8.1% from 8.7% while that on the National Savings Certificate was lowered to 8.1% from 8.5%, both starting April 1, 2016.

224. India banned the imports of milk products from which country?

- a) Sri Lanka b) Japan c) America d) China

Answer d) China. Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed the Lok Sabha that India has banned the import of milk and milk products from China after finding them substandard. Further, some mobile phones, which do not carry the IMEI number, and certain steel products from China were also banned. Notably, India's trade deficit with China for 2015-16 (April-February) stood at \$48.68 billion.

225. Which country banned four sports bodies from hosting events?

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

Answer b) South Africa. South Africa's Sports Minister Fikile Mbalula on Monday revoked the hosting and bidding privileges of four major sporting federations including the country's Cricket, Athletics Netball and Rugby federations. The privileges were revoked due to the failure to meet their transformation targets of improving sporting opportunities for the black community, which forms 84% of under-18 population of SA.

226. Indian rower _____ qualified for the Rio Olympics after winning silver in the finals of men's single sculls

- a) Sawarn Singh b) Dattu Bhokanal c) Manjeet Singh d) Devender Singh Khandwal

Answer b) Dattu Bhokanal. Indian rower Dattu Bhokanal qualified for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro after his performance in the Asia Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta in Chungju, South Korea. Competing in the men's single sculls category in the finals, Bhokanal finished with the second fastest time (7 minutes 07.49 seconds) in the 2-km course to win a silver medal and clinch a spot at the Olympics.

227. Who was qualified for Rio Olympics in the men's 57 kg free style category?

- a) Hardeep Singh b) Narsingh Yadav c) Sandeep Tomar d) Yogeshwar Dutt

Answer c) Sandeep Tomar. Wrestler Sandeep Tomar secured an Olympic quota place for India in the men's 57 kg freestyle category with a bronze-medal finish on the final day of the first World Olympic Qualifying tournament in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia.

228. Indian shooter who won the silver medal in the Men's Skeet event of the ISSF Shooting World Cup in Rio De Janeiro?

- a) Javed Ahmed b) Mairaj Ahmed Khan c) Younis Khan d) Amir Khan

Answer b) Mairaj Ahmed Khan. Indian shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan made a successful start to his campaign at the ISSF World Cup by winning a silver medal in men's skeet event in Rio de Janeiro. Mairaj's feat gave India its first skeet medal at a World Cup. The 40-year-old Indian shooter finished with an overall tally of 14 in the gold medal match but lost out to Marcus Svensson of Sweden in a shoot off after the latter was also tied at 14.

229. Who won Barcelona Open title?

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

Answer d) Rafael Nadal. Rafael Nadal beat the defending champion, Kei Nishikori, 6-4, 7-5 to win the Barcelona Open for the ninth time, equalling Guillermo Vilas's record of 49 career clay-court titles. Nadal added this title to his trophy from Monte Carlo last week as the 14-time grand slam winner regains form on his favourite surface before next month's French Open.

230. Who won the Barcelona Open doubles tennis title?

- a) Frew Mcmillan and Anders Jareed b) Paul Hauris and Raul Ramirez
c) Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan d) Marcelo Melo and Jamie Murray

Answer c) Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan. Bob and Mike Bryan won the Barcelona Open doubles tennis title after defeating Uruguay's Pablo Cuevas and the Spaniard Marcel Granollers 7-5, 7-5 in one hour and 25 minutes. The twin brothers took advantage of their experience and mutual chemistry against Cuevas and Granollers who played on Sunday their first doubles final.

231. Who won women's doubles final of the Stuttgart Grand Prix tournament?

- a) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis b) Serena Williams and Venus Williams
c) Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci d) Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic

Answer d) Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic. French pair of Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic have won women's doubles final of the Stuttgart Grand Prix tournament. In the final

held at Stuttgart in Germany, the French duo defeated the Indo-Swiss pair of top seeded pair of Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis 6-2, 1-6, 6-10.

232. First non-cricketer to become a member of CCI's Legend Club is _____

- a) Amitabh Bachchan b) Nandu Natekar c) Vignesh Kumar d) Sandeep Tomar

Answer b) Nandu Natekar. Badminton ace Nandu Natekar has been inducted into the Legends Club, founded by the late Cricket Club of India president Raj Singh Dungarpur, as the first non-cricketer, along with 1983 World Cup-winning captain Kapil Dev. The Legends Club celebrates the birthdays of Vijay Merchant, Vijay Hazare, Vinoo Mankad, Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar.

233. Who won International Plant Nutrition Scholar Award?

- a) Ashok Kumar b) Arun Vignesh c) Arun Kumar d) Aravindh

Answer a) Ashok Kumar. A food engineering research scholar from IIT Kharagpur has won the prestigious International Plant Nutrition Scholar Award. The award was recently given by the US-based International Plant Nutrition Institute to K Ashok Kumar, research scholar at the department of agricultural and food engineering, IIT Kharagpur.

234. Nelson Mandela statue was unveiled in _____

- a) South Africa b) India c) Palestine d) America

Answer c) Palestine. A 20-foot tall Nelson Mandela statue was unveiled in Palestine's Ramallah on Tuesday and the area was renamed 'Nelson Mandela Square'. "The unveiling is going to be celebrated as a national day because the statue of Nelson Mandela unites the people of Palestine and South Africa," officials said. The statue was a gift from the South African city of Johannesburg.

235. In which state Japanese commercial vehicle maker Isuzu Motors opened its first manufacturing facility in India?

- a) Assam b) Rajasthan c) Punjab d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. Japanese commercial vehicle maker Isuzu Motors on Wednesday opened its first manufacturing facility in India at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh. The initial production capacity of the plant is 50,000 units per year which will be scaled to 1,20,000 units, the company's President said. Isuzu had earlier committed an investment of ₹3,000 crore for the project.

236. The Ministry of Tourism has identified _____ as one of the thirteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan scheme.

- a) Coastal Circuit b) Buddhist Circuit c) North East India Circuit d) Eco Circuit

Answer b) Buddhist Circuit. The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. The Ministry has identified Buddhist Circuit as one of the thirteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan scheme.

237. Railways have recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with _____ for developing applications in the field of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System.

- a) ISRO b) TCS c) HCL d) INFOSYS

Answer a) ISRO. Railways have recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for developing applications in the field of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System.

238. Union Tourism Ministry has launched _____ web portal of National Monuments Authority.

- a) SOAPS b) COAPS c) NOAPS d) MOAPS

Answer c) NOAPS. Union Tourism Ministry has launched NOC Online Application and Processing System or NOAPS Web Portal of National Monuments Authority. The Portal was developed through the technology and expertise of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), who are in the process of mapping of 3686 ASI protected monuments and sites.

239. The Heart of Asia (HoA) conference held at _____.

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

Answer d) New Delhi. The Heart of Asia (HoA) conference began on 26 April 2016 in New Delhi. The conference was attended by officials of a number of countries including Pakistan Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry. Earlier, Pakistan hosted the fifth Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference in Islamabad on 9 December 2015.

240. Which country is surpassing China this year in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI)?

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

Answer b) India. India may surpass China this year in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), as the gap in inflows between the two has been narrowing with the reforms being implemented by India, according to Japanese financial services firm Nomura.

241. Which country's cricket association has been suspended by the International Cricket Council?

- a) Cricket association of India b) Cricket association of Nepal
c) Cricket association of Pakistan d) Cricket association of South Africa

Answer b) Cricket association of Nepal. The Cricket Association of Nepal has been suspended by the International Cricket Council due to a 'vacuum of cricket leadership' in the country and also in view of government interference in the board. The ICC Board held its second meeting of the year at the ICC Headquarters in Dubai on Sunday and called for the suspension of the CAN among many other outcomes.

242. In which State Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has got green nod for its 694-crore rupees project?

- a) Rajasthan b) West Bengal c) Andhra Pradesh d) Kerala

Answer b) West Bengal. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has got green nod for its 694-

crore rupees project at Haldia Dock Complex in West Bengal. This is the project of developing LPG import terminal as well as storage, bottling and bulk distribution facilities. The proposed project aims to boost supply and help achieve the government's target of making LPG available to each household by 2018.

243. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and pharmaceutical major Sun Pharma have entered into a public-private partnership (PPP) to eradicate _____.

- a) Zika virus b) Polio c) Swin flue d) Malaria

Answer d) Malaria. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and pharmaceutical major Sun Pharma have entered into a public-private partnership (PPP) to eradicate malaria. The partners will jointly set up management and technical committees to provide oversight for malaria surveillance and elimination.

245. Name the first pasteurized milk bank launched in Delhi which will make available Pasteurized Human Milk to infants hospitalised in the neonatal intensive care units of Fortis and other hospitals?

- a) Jamraa b) Amaara c) Tumaara d) Ramaara

Answer b) Amaara. The first Pasteurised Human Milk Bank in Delhi-NCR, 'Amaara', was launched on Tuesday by Fortis La Femme in collaboration with the Breast Milk Foundation. According to the Indian Academy of Paediatrics, only 14 such banks exist in India. The bank will make available Pasteurized Human Milk to infants hospitalised in the neonatal intensive care units of Fortis and other hospitals.

246. World Intellectual Property Day is observed on which date and and what is the theme of it on 2016?

- a) April 25 Creativity – The Next Generation b) March 26 Designing the Future
c) April 26 Digital Creativity: Culture Re imagined d) April 20 Get Up, Stand Up. For Music

Answer c) April 26 Digital Creativity: Culture Re imagined. World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on 26 April. The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe". The theme for 2016 is Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined.

247. India and Mongolia have commenced a joint military training exercise called _____ in Mongolia.

- a) Exercise Shakti b) Nomadic Elephant -2016 c) Exercise Yuddh Abhyas d) Hand-in-Hand

Answer b) Nomadic Elephant -2016. India and Mongolia have commenced a joint military training exercise called "Nomadic Elephant -2016" in Mongolia. The Indian Army sent platoon-strength soldiers of the Kumaon Regiment to the 11th Indo-Mongolia exercise.

248. India will be hosting the 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships in _____.

- a) Hyderabad b) Chennai c) Jaipur d) Amristar

Answer c) Jaipur. India will be hosting the 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships in Jaipur, besides organising the Asian Cadet and Asian Junior Judo Championships in September in Kerala this year. The Commonwealth Judo Championships was allotted to India, by the Commonwealth Judo Congress held on April 23rd at Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

249. Which bank launched the nation’s first Small Finance Bank “Capital Small Finance Bank Limited”?

- a) State Bank of India b) Reserve Bank of India c) Capital Local Area Bank d) Indian Bank

Answer c) Capital Local Area Bank. First small finance bank starts operations in Punjab. Punjab-headquartered Capital Local Area Bank launched the country’s first small finance bank on Sunday, seven months after the Reserve Bank of India gave its in-principle approval for this new type of banks.

250. Which city named as noisiest city in India?

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

Answer a) Mumbai. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has identified Mumbai as the noisiest city in the country, followed by Delhi, Chennai, and Bengaluru. The CPCB has analysed the noise levels in nine metro cities using data from 35 monitoring stations. According to reports, some areas in Mumbai and Delhi are noisier than the busiest parts of New York, London, and Beijing.

251. Who has become the first African footballer to win the Professional Footballers Association’s (PFA) Player of the Year award for the 2015–16 season?

- a) Michael Essien b) Riyad Mahrez c) Roger Milla d) George Weah

Answer b) Riyad Mahrez. Riyad Mahrez has become the first African footballer to win the Professional Footballers Association’s (PFA) Player of the Year award for the 2015–16 season. The footballer received the award at the Professional Footballers’ Association awards ceremony organised in London.

252. Who has been named as ‘Indian Player of the Year’ by the Football Players Association of India (FPAI)?

- a) Jeje Lalpekhlua b) Robin Singh c) Sandesh Jhingan d) Subrata Pal

Answer a) Jeje Lalpekhlua. India and Mohun Bagan forward Jeje Lalpekhlua has been named the ‘Indian Player of the Year’ by the Football Players Association of India (FPAI). The annual FPAI award was held at the Cooperage Ground in Mumbai on Monday.

253. The former prime minister of Thailand, who has died recently in Bangkok?

- a) Surayud Chulanont b) Banharn Silpa-archa c) Chuan Leekpai d) Abhisit vejjajiva

Answer b) Banharn Silpa-archa. The former prime minister of Thailand, Banharn Silpa-archa was died in Bangkok at the age of 83. His scandal-ridden tenure a Prime Minister preceded the Thailand’s economic collapse in the 1990s.

254. Who won gold medal in an international sand art championship in Russia?

- a) Sudarsan Pattnaik b) Prakash Murti c) Manas Kumar d) Narayan Sahu

Answer a) Sudarsan Pattnaik. Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won gold medal in an international sand art championship in Russia. He made sand art — “Mahatma Gandhi sculpture for non-violence and peace” — in the contest. The week-long sand sculpture competition had started on April 21 at Kolomenskoye, Moscow. Twenty top sculptors from across the world displayed their sculptures.

255. Which two noted Indian scholars have been conferred with Mongolia’s highest civilian award “North Star”?

- a) Birendra Nath Datta and Mukund Lath b) Lokesh Chandra and Mansura Haider
c) Gabriel Chiramel and Ramaranjan Mukherji d) Ram Shankar Tripathi and Madhu Khanna

Answer b) Lokesh Chandra and Mansura Haider. Mongolia has conferred its highest civilian award “North Star” on two noted Indian scholars – Lokesh Chandra and Mansura Haider for their contribution to Mongolian studies.

256. How many people appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the global body’s University Council to formulate its principles and policies?

- a) 15 b) 20 c) 12 d) 16

Answer c) 12. An Indian academician is among 12 people appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the global body’s University Council to formulate its principles and policies, consider and approve biennial budget and work programme. Radha Kumar, 63, the Director General of New Delhi-based think tank Delhi Policy Group was named to the governing UN University Council. The 12 appointees, who will take office next month, will serve for terms of either three or six years.

257. Which committee constituted by the Information and Broadcasting ministry to look holistically into the functioning of the censor board?

- a) Ashok Lahiri Committee b) Shyam Benegal committee
c) Bimal Jalan Committee d) R.K Singh Committee

Answer b) Shyam Benegal committee. The Shyam Benegal-headed committee constituted by the Information and Broadcasting ministry to look holistically into the functioning of the censor board submitted its report to I&B minister Arun Jaitley. The panel was set up on January 1 to take a relook at the functioning of the controversy-ridden board, headed by Pahlaj Nihalani.

258. GOI constitutes _____ committee for doubling farmers’ income by 2022.

- a) Naresh Chandra committee b) Ashok Dalwai committee
c) Ashok Mehta committee d) Abbas committee

Answer b) Ashok Dalwai committee. GOI constitutes Ashok Dalwai committee for doubling farmers’ income by 2022. The central government has set up a panel to suggest ways to double farm incomes by 2022, as promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The task of the inter-ministerial committee will prepare a blueprint to transition farm policies from being production oriented to based on incomes or value addition.

259. Which two facilities to have in all mobile phone handsets from 2017?

- a) Video calling and High 3G b) Panic Button and High 5G
c) Panic Button and GPS system d) Panic Button and Video Calling

Answer c) Panic Button and GPS system. The Department of Telecommunications has notified the “Panic Button and Global Positioning System in Mobile Phone Handsets Rules 2016”. The Ministry of Women and Child Development had taken up the issue of installation of a physical panic button on mobile phones as one of the initiatives in June 2014.

260. World Day for Safety and Health observed on?

- a) April 26 b) April 23 c) April 28 d) April 30

Answer c) April 28. The 2016 World Day for Safety and Health at Work was observed across the world on 28 April 2016. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) celebrates World Day for Safety and Health to raise awareness of safety in the workplace. Occurring annually since 2003, each year it focuses on a specific area and bases a campaign around the theme.

261. BlackBerry, in partnership with digital payments platform Digit secure, has launched a new app named _____.

- a) BBM Money b) BBM Cash c) MBM Money d) VBM Money

Answer a) BBM Money. BlackBerry, in partnership with digital payments platform Digit secure, has launched its money transfer service, called BBM Money, in India. BlackBerry users can download the BBM Money app and transfer funds to one another through BlackBerry Messenger. The company said that the transfers are instant and secure, but restricted to the BBM app.

262. The Election Commission has launched a mobile application titled _____ for the upcoming Kerala Assembly polls.

- a) “Samadhan “ b) “e election” c) “e poll” d) “e voter”

Answer d) “e voter”. The Election Commission has launched a mobile application titled ‘e-voter’ for the upcoming Kerala Assembly polls, scheduled to be held on May 16 this year. The app will help voters search for their names in the electoral roll, check the location of their polling station, seek information regarding candidates, view affidavits filed by them and file complaints.

263. Which country has successfully launched the Kunpeng-1B sounding rocket?

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

Answer c) China. China has successfully launched the Kunpeng-1B sounding rocket from a launch pad in Danzhou City in the southern Chinese Hainan Province. The research rocket, which is due to take measurements in the upper atmosphere and helps with high-speed flight and space tourism research, was launched by China’s National Space Science Center (NSSC) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

264. India successfully launches _____ navigation satellite.

- a) INSAT-4B b) IRNSS-1G c) IRNSS-1E d) IRNSS-1F

Answer b) IRNSS-1G. India successfully launches IRNSS-1G navigation satellite. With the launch of

IRNSS-1G satellite, ISRO's Indian Regional Navigation Spacecraft System (IRNSS) which is India's own version of the Global Positioning System (GPS), is in place! The flawless launch of IRNSS-1G, the seventh satellite in the navigation system, marks a big milestone for the Indian Space Research Organisation.

265. What is India's position in global anti doping rule violations in WADA report?

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

Answer a) 3. According to the World Doping Agency, India had the third highest Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) in 2014, with 96 cases, behind Russia (148) and Italy (123). Belgium (91), France (91), Turkey (73), Australia (49), China (49), Brazil (46) and South Korea (43) followed India in the top 10. Out of these 96 dope violations, 79 (56 men and 23 women) failed in-competition tests while 13 (9 men and 4 women) were caught out-of-competition.

266. Who won the gold medal at the 2016 Commonwealth Judo Championship finals in the 63 kg weight category?

- a) Abbas Ahmed b) Yashpal Solanki c) Mohamed Asif d) Garima Chaudhary

Answer d) Garima Chaudhary. Garima Chaudhary has won the gold medal at the 2016 Commonwealth Judo Championship finals in the 63 kg weight category at Port Elizabeth in South Africa on Thursday. Notably, the 26-year-old Meerut-based judoka was the only representative from India to contest for Judo Olympic medals at the London Olympic Games in 2012.

267. VT Thomas, who passed away recently, was a/an

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

Answer b) Cartoonist. Well known cartoonist VT Thomas, the creator of 'Boban and Molly', has passed away at the age of 86. VT Thomas, better known as Toms for the Malayali population. 'Bobanum Moliyum' cartoon series was first published in Malayala Manorama weekly in the late 1950s, following which he worked with Manorama for nearly three decades, before retiring in 1987.

268. Harry Wu, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Architect b) Musician c) Human rights activist d) Actor

Answer c) Human rights activist. Chinese human rights activist and former political prisoner, Harry Wu, has died at age 79. Wu died while on vacation in Honduras.

269. Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of Railways Protection Force (RPF)?

- a) Krishna Chaudhary b) Surender Kumar Bhagat c) Vignesh Kumar d) Rajiva Ranjan Varma

Answer b) Surender Kumar Bhagat. Senior IPS officer Surender Kumar Bhagat has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of Railways Protection Force (RPF). His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). He will serve the Railway Protection Force till the date of his superannuation that is on 30 June 2017.

270. Which State has announced 10% reservation for economically backward classes (EBCs) in general category?

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

Answer c) Gujarat. Gujarat government has announced 10% reservation for economically backward classes (EBCs) in general category. EBCs in the upper castes, include Patidars, with a family income cap of 6 lakh rupees a year that is 50000 rupees per month can avail the benefit.

271. Which country has launched the first rocket from its new Vostochny cosmodrome?

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

Answer b) Russia. Russia has launched the first rocket from its new Vostochny cosmodrome. The unmanned rocket is carrying three satellites. The new space port was built to reduce dependency on the Baikonur launch site in Kazakhstan. An unmanned Soyuz-2.1A rocket, carrying three satellites, roared into a clear blue sky from the launchpad at Vostochny cosmodrome in the remote Amur Region near China's border.

272. Which country has developed the world's first rapheme electronic paper?

- a) South Africa b) Japan c) North Korea d) China

Answer d) China. In a major breakthrough, China has developed the world's first rapheme electronic paper which will catapult the material to a new level. The new material has been heralded as "the world's first rapheme electronic paper," by Chen Yu, general manager of Guangzhou OED Technologies, which developed it in partnership with a company in Chongqing Province. Graphene is the world's strongest and lightest known material; a single layer of rapheme is only 0.335 nanometers thick, and it can conduct heat and electricity.

273. Which Bank has launched mobile-only bank?

- a) Development Bank of Singapore b) Reserve Bank of India c) State Bank of India d) Citi Bank

Answer a) Development Bank of Singapore. DBS (Development Bank of Singapore) Bank has launched mobile-only bank, Digibank, at the financial district of the country, Mumbai. Making its foothold strong is a completely digital branch which will work on the principles of artificial intelligence.

274. The government of India hiked Employee Provident Fund (EPF) interest rates to ____% from 8.7% amid nation-wide protests from trade unions.

- a) 8.75 b) 8.8 c) 8.9 d) 8.85

Answer b) 8.8. The government of India hiked Employee Provident Fund (EPF) interest rates to 8.8% from 8.7% amid nation-wide protests from trade unions. The Central Board of Trustees, headed by the Labour Minister, had in February decided to provide 8.8% interest rate to over 5 crore subscribers for 2015-16, before the Finance Ministry earlier this month decided to ratify 8.7% interest rate.

275. International Dance Day is observed on?

- a) April 27 b) April 25 c) April 29 d) April 20

Answer c) April 29. International Dance Day was introduced in 1982 by the International Dance Council (CID, Conseil International de la Danse), a UNESCO partner NGO, and is celebrated yearly, on

April 29. The date is not linked to a particular person or a particular form of dance, although it's also the day when the French dancer and ballet master Jean-Georges Noverre was born. The main purpose of Dance Day events is to attract the attention of the wider public to the art of dance.

276. Which State contributed the highest amount (2.77 lakh crore) among India's states and union territories to the total national direct tax collection of ₹6.96 lakh crore in 2014-15?

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

Answer a) Maharashtra. Maharashtra contributed the highest (₹2.77 lakh crore) among India's states and union territories to the total national direct tax collection of ₹6.96 lakh crore in 2014-15. Further, according to data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes for the first time, Maharashtra was followed by Delhi and Karnataka, with direct tax collections of ₹91,248 crore and ₹60,595 crore respectively.

277. Which State capital was declared as a 'smoke-free city'?

- a) Odisha b) Assam c) West Bengal d) Nagaland

Answer d) Nagaland. Nagaland's capital Kohima on Thursday was declared a 'smoke-free city'. The formal declaration was made during a 'Smoke-Free Kohima City' campaign by the district's Deputy Commissioner Rovilatuo Mor.

278. Tobago batsman _____ has created a record by scoring 21-ball century in the Tobago Cricket Association's T20 tournament.

- a) Bryan Davis b) Jack Noreiga c) Iraq Thomas d) Inshan Ali

Answer c) Iraq Thomas. Tobago batsman Iraq Thomas has created a record by scoring 21-ball century in the Tobago Cricket Association's T20 tournament at Louis D'or. Chasing Speyside's target of 152, Thomas bludgeoned 131 off 31 balls to finish off the contest in just eight overs.

279. Who won prestigious Nelson Mandela Award?

- a) Malala Yousafzai b) Tabassum Adnan c) Saina Nehwal d) Mamta Banerjee

Answer b) Tabassum Adnan. Tabassum Adnan, a women's rights activist from Pakistan's troubled Swat valley has won the prestigious Nelson Mandela award, becoming the second woman from the restive region to gain international recognition after Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai.

280. _____ Note has won the prestigious Banknote of the Year award.

- a) Australia's \$25 note b) Japan \$10 note c) New Zealand's \$5 note d) China \$5 note

Answer c) New Zealand's \$5 note. New Zealand's \$5 note has won the prestigious Banknote of the Year award. The note, which is actually printed in Canada, is an orange-brown colour with mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary on the front and a penguin on the back. The International Bank Note Society (IBNS), a group of currency enthusiasts who hand out the prize, said it was a "clear winner" for the 2015 contest. The fiver beat banknotes from 20 other countries which were also released in 2015.

281. Two Indian Naval Ships _____ and _____ were decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

- a) Veer and Nipat b) Tabar and Satbura c) Shardul and Magar d) Karmuk and Kirpan

Answer a) Veer and Nipat. Two Indian Naval Ships 'Veer' and 'Nipat' were decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. The ceremony involved traditional last lowering of the ensign and commissioning pendants with playing of 'last post'.

282. Government of India's National LED programme – Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) was launched in which state?

- a) Andra Pradesh b) Rajasthan c) Uttar Pradesh d) Madya Pradesh

Answer d) Madya Pradesh. Government of India's National LED programme – Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) was launched today in Madhya Pradesh by Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister for State (IC) for Power, Coal and Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal, at a function held in Bhopal. The scheme is being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power.

283. International Jazz Day is observed on?

- a) April 28 b) April 29 c) April 30 d) April 25

Answer c) April 30. In November 2011, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) officially designated April 30 as International Jazz Day in order to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe.

284. Which State is set to become the first State in the country to make all of its urban areas 'Open Defecation Free' by October 2nd this year?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Sikkim c) Andra Pradesh d) Karnataka

Answer c) Andra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh is set to become the first State in the country to make all of its urban areas 'Open Defecation Free' by October 2nd this year, marking the two years of the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

285. Which Bank has collaborated with the German government for a special programme on 'soil protection and rehabilitation for food security in Mumbai?

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

Answer a) NABARD. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has collaborated with the German government for a special programme on 'soil protection and rehabilitation for food security'. A high-level delegation from the Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ) ministry of Germany, led by Stefan Schmitz, commissioner, was in Mumbai in connection with the programme, a release said.

286. Indian Railways has introduced _____ Pass aimed mainly at foreign visitors and NRIs to enable them to travel on any of its trains without any route restriction.

- a) "Forrail" b) "Allrail" c) "Indrail" d) "Erail"

Answer c) "Indrail". Indian Railways has introduced 'Indrail Pass' aimed mainly at foreign visitors and NRIs to enable them to travel on any of its trains without any route restriction, within the validity of the pass. The pass can be purchased from the General Sales Agents appointed abroad and Rail Travel Agents without reservation charges. The pass is priced from \$11 to \$1,060.

287. A mobile application named _____ was launched for the voters in West Bengal, which will show them the number of voters in queue.

- a) V4U b) Q4U c) B4U d) A4U

Answer b) Q4U. A mobile application, Q4U, was launched for the voters in West Bengal, which will show them the number of voters in queue. The app is available for Android users and voters will have to enter their voter ID card details to know how long the queue is. Alternatively, voters can send an SMS to 7022192666 with their polling ID number.

288. Which State Agricultural University is the first time reserving seat for transgender?

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

Answer c) Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) has reserved seats for transgenders under the Most Backward Class Category (MBC), said TNAU Vice Chancellor Professor K Ramasamy. Under special reservations, 18 seats are reserved for differently-abled, including transgender and ex-servicemen, Ramasamy said. This is the first time the university is reserving seats for transgenders, he added.

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