

33. A permanent memorial of India's first aircraft carrier INS Vikrant has been unveiled in

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

Answer a) Mumbai. Unveiled by Vice Admiral S.P.S. Cheema, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command, and Municipal Commissioner Ajoy Mehta.

34. How many capital cities are there among the selected 20 smart cities?

- a) Four b) Five c) Six d) Seven

Answer b) Five. The investment of Rs 50,802 crores has been proposed in selected smart cities and towns during the five-year period. There are five capital cities among the 20 smart cities chosen.

35. _____ may soon become world's first city to get the ultra high speed 5G mobile network by 2018.

- a) Moscow b) London c) New York d) Stockholm

Answer d) Stockholm. Swedish-Finnish telecom operator TeliaSonera, and Swedish telecommunications giant Ericsson will jointly roll out 5G network at Stockholm.

36. Arindam Sen Gupta, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Economist b) Historian c) Wildlife Photographer d) Journalist

Answer d) Journalist. Arindam Sen Gupta, the managing editor of The Times of India, lost his battle against cancer and passed away.

37. The Parliament of _____ has approved a bill that will let doctors keep terminally ill patients sedated until death comes but stops short of legalizing euthanasia or assisted suicide.

- a) Norway b) Sweden c) Denmark d) France

Answer d) France. The new law will allow patients to request deep, continuous sedation altering consciousness until death" but only when their condition is likely to lead to a quick death.

38. Who has been honoured with the third Yash Chopra Memorial Award?

- a) Sharukh Khan b) Jaya Bachhan c) Rekha d) Amir Khan

Answer c) Rekha. Veteran Bollywood actress Rekha has been honoured with the third Yash Chopra Memorial Award. Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao presented the award to the actress in recognition of her talent and contribution to the film industry.

39. Railway broadband will reach _____ households through its Railwire network providing a host of services at the block level in the next two years.

- a) 500000 b) 700000 c) 20000 d) 100000

Answer a) 500000. Railtel Corporation's broadband will reach 500,000 households through its Railwire network providing a host of services at the block level in the next two years.

40. Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2015 shows that India has moved up in rank from 85 position to _____.

- a) 84 b) 80 c) 76 d) 75

Answer c) 76. The recently released Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2015 shows that India has moved up in rank from 85 position to 76 (however the number of countries ranked in 2015 was 168 against 174 nations in 2014). Based on expert opinion from around the world, CPI measures the perceived levels of public sector corruption worldwide.

41. All India Radio has launched a non-conventional audio broadcast channel. Name it.

- a) Rangoli b) Raagam c) Rangam d) Rangmanch

Answer b) Raagam. All India Radio has launched a non-conventional audio broadcast channel through Internet and 'free dish' with easy accessibility to it for connoisseurs of art, specially classical music- both Carnatic and Hindustani. The Channel, known as 'RAAGAM', is in public domain round the clock with Mobile App i.e. All India Radio Live available in Android I OS and Windows from 6 PM from January 26.

42. A Protocol to amend the existing Double Taxation Avoidance Convention was signed by the Government of India and the Government of _____.

- a) Armenia b) Argentina c) USA d) France

Answer a) Armenia. A Protocol to amend the existing Double Taxation Avoidance Convention was signed by the Government of India and the Government of Armenia. The Protocol amends the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention between India and Armenia that has been in existence since 9th September, 2004. The Protocol amends the Article on Exchange of Information for tax purposes to bring it in line with the updated provisions in the OECD Model.

43. India and which country sign an agreement on scientific research?

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

Answer a) Russia. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was apprised about signing of an agreement between India and Russia in May 2015. The Agreement provides for competitive research grants to Indian and Russian researchers for joint implementation of research projects in areas of Basic and Exploratory Sciences.

44. _____ acquires UK-based Point to Point for around \$11M.

- a) IBM b) HCL c) Infosys d) Reliance

Answer b) HCL. HCL Technologies Ltd, India's fourth-largest software services firm, has agreed to acquire UK-based Point to Point Ltd and Point to Point Products Ltd (jointly referred to as Point to Point or P2P) for £8 million (around Rs 78 crore or around \$11 million). The deal amount also includes contingent payments subject to certain financial milestones.

45. The Finance Ministry will organise a two-day India _____ Summit from February 4

- a) Investment b) globalization c) Defence d) None

Answer a) Investment. In order to attract investments in infrastructure sector, the Finance Ministry will organise a two-day India Investment Summit from February 4, which would see the participation of various global investors. India has been trying to attract foreign investment for Make in India campaign with a view to boost economic growth and generating employment.

46. _____ has created a new task force with Bank of England Governor Mark Carney and his counterpart at the Reserve Bank of India.

- a) AIIB b) World Economic Forum c) Brics d) None

Answer b) World Economic Forum. The World Economic Forum (WEF) has created a new task force with Bank of England Governor Mark Carney and his counterpart at the Reserve Bank of India, Raghuram Rajan, to study the future of the global financial system.

47. Ratan Tata backs start-up_____.

- a) PepperTap b) Teatreat c) Teabox d) None

Answer c) Teabox. Teabox, the global speciality tea company, is the latest to received funding from Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons. This is the fourth start-up in 2016 to receive the attention of Tata. As with Tata's investments, this too is an undisclosed amount. The additional capital will be used to fuel Teabox's growth as it expands to other major markets around the world.

48. Thaawarchand Gehlot has launched an exclusive job portal for_____.

- a) SC b) OBC c) Persons with disabilities d) ST

Answer c) Persons with disabilities. Social Justice and Empowerment minister, Thaawarchand Gehlot has launched an exclusive job portal for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The PwDs can avail the different facilities such as self employment loan, education loan, skill training, link to scholarships and information about jobs in a single window platform through this National Job Portal.

49. _____ to launch dairy drinks in India

- a) Sam's choice b) Coco cola c) Pepsi d) Pepper snapple group

Answer b) Coco cola. Beverages major Coca-Cola has announced its foray into value-added dairy drinks segment in the Indian market with Vio brand, which will make its debut across the country next month. The company, which will introduce two flavours under Vio, has tied up with Reliance Retail as part of pilot launch to make the brand available exclusively across the latter's 500 stores.

50. _____ has kept the title of world's biggest automaker for the fourth straight year.

- a) Hyundai b) Honda c) Toyota d) Mahindra

Answer c) Toyota. Toyota has kept the title of world's biggest automaker for the fourth straight year after saying it sold 10.15 million vehicles globally in 2015, driving past Volkswagen and General Motors. Dented by a pollution-cheating scandal, Volkswagen earlier logged sales of 9.93 million vehicles worldwide, while Chevrolet and Cadillac maker GM moved 9.8 million last year.

51. Cabinet approved MoUs related to _____ Security.

- a) Terror b) Investment c) Cyber d) None

Answer c) Cyber. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has apprised of the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed between Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) with its counterparts in Malaysia, Singapore and Japan.

52. _____ gets USFDA nod for Fungal infection drug.

- a) Sun Pharmaceuticals b) Aurobindo Pharma c) Pfizer d) Ranbaxy

Answer b) Aurobindo Pharma. Aurobindo Pharma has received US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) approval to manufacture and market Voriconazole tablets (50 mg and 200 mg) that are used to treat fungal infections. The company is expected to launch the product by March.

53. Who won Olympic quota?

- a) Apurvi Jhansi b) Heena Sidhu c) Karan Thakoor d) Jaspal Rana

Answer b) Heena Sidhu. India's top pistol shooter Heena Sidhu has secured an Olympic quota for the country after she led from start to finish and claimed the gold medal in women's 10-m air pistol on day one of competition at the Asia Olympic Qualifiers for Shooting. This was India's ninth quota from shooting for the upcoming Olympic Games.

54. Abe Vigoda who passes away recently, was a/an_____

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

Answer a) Actor. Character Abe Vigoda, whose leathery, sunken-eyed face made him ideal for playing the over-the-hill detective Phil Fish in the 1970s TV series “Barney Miller” and the doomed Mafia soldier in “The Godfather,” has died at age 94.

55. Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards are associated with

- a) Insurance b) Science and Technology c) Poverty Eradication d) None of the above

Answer d) None of the above. Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards are given to a person for meritorious act of humane nature in saving the life of a person.

56. How many categories are there in Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards?

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

Answer b) Three. The award is given in three categories, namely, Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak, and Jeevan Raksha Padak.

57. Robert Van der Horst and Lidewij Welten are associated with

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

Answer c) Hockey. The International Hockey Federation or FIH has named Robert Van der Horst and Lidewij Welten of Netherlands as the 2015 Players of the Year in the men’s and women’s categories respectively.

58. Who launched ‘Veer Gaatha’ a series of books on Param Veer Chakra awardees in New Delhi?

- a) Narendra Modi b) Pranab Mukherjee c) Rajnath Singh d) Smriti Irani

Answer d) Smriti Irani. The Union Minister felicitated and expressed her gratitude to the families of Param Veer Chakra awardees for the sacrifices made by them for the country.

59. ONGC gets clearance for Krishna-Godavari basin project. The cost of the project is

- a) Rs 23000 Crore b) Rs 33000 Crore c) Rs 43000 Crore d) Rs 53000 Crore

Answer d) Rs 53000 Crore. ONGC has got environmental clearance for drilling 45 development wells and other related infrastructure in the Krishna-Godavari basin in Andhra Pradesh.

60. Who is the present Petroleum minister?

- a) Pankaj Mishra b) Dhevanand Kapoor c) Dharmendra Pradhan d) Kalyan Singh

Answer c) Dharmendra Pradhan. Petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the online payment facility for consumers at the time of booking their LPG refill cylinder. This will avoid leaving cash with their family members or attendants while taking delivery of the cylinder.

61. SEEMA DARSHAN is an initiative of the Ministry of

- a) Petroleum b) Law c) Chemicals & Fertilizers d) Human Resource & Development

Answer d) Human Resource & Development. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) initiated SEEMA DARSHAN. An initiative to provide an opportunity for the children to experience the border environment and to foster patriotism and nationalism among the students.

62. India and _____ has signed an MoU towards an Inter-governmental agreement (IGA) over the purchase of 36 Rafale jets from Dassault Aviation.

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

Answer c) France. The purchase of the 36 Rafale jets from France would cost India around Rs 60,000 crore.

63. Recently India has donated ambulances and eight buses to which of the following country?

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

Answer a) Nepal. The objective is to strengthen the education and health services in the Himalayan nation.

64. Kalpana, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Politician b) Actor c) Sports Person d) Judge

Answer b) Actor. Kalpana, who is known for her versatile roles in both Tamil and Malayalam films, passed away on January 25 in Hyderabad hotel. She was 51.

65. The First Ministerial Meeting of Arab-India Cooperation Forum was held in

- a) Iran b) Egypt c) Saudi Arabia d) Bahrain

Answer d) Bahrain. India and the Arab League have vowed to combat terrorism and called for developing a strategy to “eliminate” its sources and extremism, including its funding, as External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj made a strong pitch for delinking religion from terrorism. The meeting was held in Bahrain capital Manama.

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66. Ram Sutar, who won the Padma Bhushan Award, is a/an

- a) Economist b) Journalist c) Sculptor d) Scientist

Answer c) Sculptor. He won Padma Shri in 1999.

67. Robert D Blackwill, who won the Padma Bhushan Award, was a Former _____ Ambassador to India.

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

Answer b) USA. He is a retired American diplomat, author, Senior Fellow at the Council of Foreign Relations and lobbyist.

68. Dr Viswanathan Shanta, who won Padma Vibhushan Award, is related to

- a) Cardiology b) Neurology c) Oncology d) Dermatology

Answer c) Oncology. She is a prominent Cancer specialist and the Chairperson of Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai. Her work won several awards including the Magsaysay Award, Padma Shri, and Padma Bhushan.

69. Malini Awasthi, who won the Padma Shri Award, is related to

- a) Journalism b) Music c) Social Activism d) Law

Answer b) Music. She is a Bhojpuri Singer.

70. The RBI has sought an additional Rs 26,000 crore from the government to be injected into state-run banks by

- a) 2018 b) 2017 c) 2019 d) 2020

Answer a) 2018. RBI has informed the government about the additional capital that will be needed by state-owned banks until 2018 as part of implementing Basel-III standards.

71. India is all set to build a satellite tracking and imaging centre in _____.

- a) Vietnam b) Laos c) Cambodia d) Malaysia

Answer a) Vietnam. It is decided to provide Hanoi a full time access to pictures from Indian earth observation satellites that cover the region, including China and the South China Sea.

72. National Voters Day is observed on

- a) January 24 b) January 25 c) January 26 d) January 27

Answer b) January 25. Since 2011, NVD is annually celebrated on January 25. The theme for the 6th National Voters' Day is 'Inclusive and Qualitative Participation'.

73. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has won the Presidential election of _____.

- a) Portugal b) Spain c) Italy d) Denmark

Answer a) Portugal. Sousa, a centre-right Social Democrats candidate and a former journalist, won the election by securing 52 percent of votes.

74. Which state government has launched Giriputrika Kalyana Pathakam Scheme to support the tribal women in their quest for livelihood?

- a) Gujarat b) Uttar Pradesh c) Karnataka d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. The scheme seeks to reduce rampant infant mortality and child marriages among tribal people.

75. Who has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)?

- a) Pavithra Sundaram b) Amrutha Ramanujam c) Sowmya Anand d) Alice Vaidya

Answer d) Alice Vaidyan. Vaidyan began her career with public sector general insurer The New India Assurance Company Ltd in 1983. She moved to GIC Re in 2008 as DGM (Reinsurance).

76. The Abhay Prashal Stadium is in

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

Answer d) Indore. Japan's Izumo Takuto and Hong Kong's Zhu Chengzhu became champions in the boys' and girls' categories, respectively, in the Even Sports 2015 ITTF World Junior Circuit Finals at the Abhay Prashal Stadium, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

77. Banks to get _____ per cent commission under gold monetisation scheme.

- a) 2.5 b) 3.5 c) 4.0 d) 6.5

Answer a) 2.5. Government will pay banks a 2.5 per cent commission for mobilising gold under the gold monetisation scheme and depositors will be permitted premature withdrawal of the deposited metal. According to Finance Ministry, it is expected that the above modifications will make the scheme more attractive for potential depositors. Under the modified rules, government will pay the participating banks a fees for their services such as gold purity testing charges, refining, storage and transportation charges, among others, on medium and long term gold deposits. q

78. When is National Girl Child Day is observed?

- a) January 26 b) January 25 c) January 24 d) January 28

Answer c) January 24. National girl child day is celebrated every year on 24th of January as a national observance day for the girl child. This celebration was started to offer more supports and new opportunities to the girls in the country. It is celebrated to increase the awareness among people about all the inequalities faced by the girl child in the society. Inequality about girl child is a vast problem which includes many areas like inequality in education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, protection, honour, child marriage and so many.

79. Which company will make its debut at the Auto Expo 2016?

- a) Enfield cycle co b) Hero c) Yamaha d) UM Motorcycles

Answer d) UM Motorcycles. UM Motorcycles will make its debut at the Auto Expo 2016 on February 3, 2016. It is the Indian concern of an American company, UM International LLC. It will unveil its Renegade range of cruiser motorcycles – Renegade Sport S, Renegade Commando and Renegade Classic. UM Motorcycles stand for design, innovation and quality all at affordable prices. The motorcycle comes with wide handlebars and hydraulic telescopic front suspension and spring rear suspension, which is ideal for a cruiser-segment motorcycle. The Renegade Sport S model and Renegade Classic will also share the same engine as the Renegade Commando. The Renegade Sport S was much appreciated when it was showcased at the 2015 EICMA in Milan.

80. Parrikar hoists highest tricolour at _____.

- a) New Delhi b) Ranchi c) Hyderabad d) None

Answer b) Ranchi. Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar on January 23 hoisted the largest Tricolour on the country's tallest flag post at Pahari Mandir in Ranchi. The event also coincided with the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

81. French President arrived India on a three-day official visit to India. Name the President.

- a) Xi Jinping b) Valdimir Putin c) Barack Obama d) Francis Hollande

Answer d) Francis Hollande. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Francois Hollande on January 24 visited the Government Museum and Art Gallery after French President arrived India on a three-day official visit to India. Visit to the Government museum is an example of Indo-French collaboration in historical & archaeological work. Located in the heart of the city which was designed by French architect Le Corbusier, the museum and the gallery houses part of the collection of art objects, paintings, sculptures and decorative arts that were kept in the Central Museum, Lahore, the then capital of Punjab, prior to Partition in 1947.

82. In which city people can pick up their online purchases from nearest metro station?

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

Answer c) Delhi. In coming month, Delhiites would be picking up their products from Delhi Railway station itself. They can now collect them according to their convenience. If you are not at home to pick your ordered products, you can ask the portals to have the products delivered at designated Metro terminals from where they can collect them during travel. Metro authorities declined to name any e-commerce sites, several of which have come up and grown increasingly popular in recent times, saying the details were being worked out.

83. _____ ends 22-year international career.

- a) Denesh Ramdin b) Ramnaresh Sarwan c) Shivnarine Chanderpaul d) None

Answer c) Shivnarine Chanderpaul. Veteran West Indies batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul, the seventh highest Test match run maker in history, has announced his international retirement, 22 years after his debut. The 41-year-old former captain from Guyana ends his Test career on 11,867 runs, just 86 short of the West Indies all-time record held by Brian Lara. Chanderpaul, a gritty and stubborn left-handed batsman made his debut against England in March 1994, in his native Guyana, where he made a half-century, as West Indies won by an innings and 44 runs.

84. _____ pockets National Billiards title.

- a) Pankaj Advani b) Sourav Kothari c) Wales Jones d) None

Answer b) Sourav Kothari. Kolkata cueist Sourav Kothari put up a dominating display on the green baize to outplay Siddharth Parekh 5-2 in the final of the National Billiards Championship. Bagging his second National Billiards title, he won his maiden crown in 2014, Kothari started with a bang to win four straight frames in the best-of-nine frame (150-up each) summit clash. The former Asian Billiards champion had three 100-plus breaks in the first four frames to unsettle Parekh, who was playing his first National Billiards final.

85. Name the winner of Big Boss 9.

- a) Gautam Gulati b) Prince Narula c) Urvashi Dholkiya d) Shweta

Answer b) Prince Narula. Prince Narula finally won the Bigg Boss 9. The final winner defeated Rishabh Sinha, Mandana Karimi and Rochelle Rao. Being favorite among audience, this man makes it to the final list and consequently won also. He has also been the winner of Roadies and Splitsvilla. Keeping his track record on mind, he with no doubt is the Prince who never fails to fulfill his duties as the king and performs his tasks with full strength and mind.

86. _____ claims career-best fifth spot in ICC batting chart.

- a) Virat Kohli b) Rohit Sharma c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni d) None

Answer b) Rohit Sharma. India's Rohit Sharma jumped eight spots to claim a career-best fifth position in the ICC batsman ranking. He clinched this position after showing his stellar performance in the recently concluded series against top-ranked Australia. Man of the Series Rohit, who registered 441 runs in the five matches, struck two centuries and a match-winning 99 in the consolation win for the visitors, who lost the series 1-4.

87. Player clinches Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Gold title?

- a) Ashwini Ponnappa b) Saina Nehwal c) P V Sindhu d) Parupalli Kashyap

Answer c) P V Sindhu. India's P V Sindhu clinched the Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Gold title. She is a two-time World Championship bronze-medallist. She defeated Scotland's Kristy Gilmour in straight games in the final on January 24. The third seeded Indian had lost to Gilmour in 2013 French Open. But now she showed why she is considered to be one of India's most revered women's singles shuttler as she avenged her loss with a dominating 21-15 21-9 win in a 32-minute clash to clinch her fifth Grand Prix Gold title.

88. Nirmala Gajwani who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Politician b) Social worker c) Athlete d) Singer

Answer b) Social worker. Reputed social worker and one of the leading lights of the Sindhi community, Nirmala Gajwani, passed away. She was 87. Born in Rohri Sindh (now in Pakistan) on December 28 1928, she married Dr. Hassanand Gajwani at 16 and, due to the partition of India and Pakistan, was forced to flee as a refugee with her 10-month old infant son in 1947. The first few years in India were difficult but some stashed gold ornaments allowed the family to survive till her husband found a job as a government medical officer in a remote, desolate town of Bachau in Kutch.

89. Who was appointed new CBDT chief?

- a) Amir jung b) Rahul Sharma c) Atulesh Jindal d) Sumit Arora

Answer c) Atulesh Jindal. Senior revenue service officer Atulesh Jindal has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the apex policy-making body of the income tax department. He will succeed A K Jain, who completes his term at the end of this month. The appointments committee of the cabinet has approved the appointment of Jindal as chairman CBDT, an order issued by department of personnel and training.

90. India has been ranked ____ on an inaugural list of the world's best countries.

- a) 20th b) 22nd c) 100th d) 2nd

Answer b) 22nd has been ranked 22nd on an inaugural list of the world's best countries, which was released on the sidelines of WEF Annual Meeting. China is ranked 17th on the list, which ranked 60

countries on the basis of sustainability, adventure, cultural influence, entrepreneurship and economic influence. The survey was conducted among 16,200 business leaders and other high-fliers.

91. New tree frog genus discovered in NE India, Name it.

- a) Fronesti b) Frankixalus c) Froxious d) None

Answer b) Frankixalus. For more than a century, two mysterious tree frog specimens collected by a British naturalist in 1870 and housed at the Natural History Museum in London were assumed to be part of a vanished species, never again found in the wild. A group of scientists, led by renowned Indian biologist Sathyabhama Das Biju, has rediscovered the frogs and also identified them as part of a new genus – one step higher than a species on the taxonomic ranking. Not only have they found the frogs in abundance in northeast Indian jungles, they believe they could also be living across a wide swathe of Asia from China to Thailand.

92. Who won 300th Grand Slam Singles Match?

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

Answer d) Roger Federer. Roger Federer climbed into rarefied territory on a rainy Friday at the Australian Open. With a 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 third-round win over 27th seed Grigor Dimitrov in Rod Laver Arena, the No. 3 seed clinched the 300th Grand Slam match win of his storied career, becoming the first man to reach the milestone.

93. _____ has been appointed as Private Secretary to President Pranab Mukherjee.

- a) Ajay Arora b) Salil Mishra c) Sahil Mehta d) Ashok Kumar Mehta

Answer d) Ashok Kumar Mehta.

Senior revenue officer Ashok Kumar Mehta has been appointed as Private Secretary to President Pranab Mukherjee. Mehta, a 1987 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, is working as Commissioner in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, as per his service records. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Mehta as PS to the President, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training said.

94. Deposits in Jan Dhan accounts cross Rs _____.

- a) 25,000 crores b) 10,000 crores c) 20,000 crores d) 30,000 crores

Answer d) 30,000 crores. Deposits in accounts opened under the government's flagship financial inclusion programme — Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — have crossed the Rs 30,000 crore mark. As many as 20.38 crore bank accounts were opened under the PMJDY as on the January 20, as per the latest data available. These bank accounts had deposits of Rs 30,638.29 crore. The accounts that can be opened under PMJDY are Basic Savings Bank Deposit Accounts (BSBDA) which can be of zero balance, as per RBI guidelines.

95. Haryana signs 8 MoUs in _____ on smart-cities etc.

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

Answer b) China. Haryana is expecting a spike in foreign investments from China after eight MoUs were signed with top companies to set up a USD 10 billion industrial park and smart cities in the state during Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's trip to woo investors. These MoUs were signed with top Chinese companies like Wanda Group, China Land Development Company Private Limited, and ZTE Corporation. The MoUs were signed during the Investment Roadshow organised here, attended by representatives of more than 100 top notch Chinese companies.

96. _____ and DoT sign MoU for national action plan for skill development in telecom sector.

- a) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
b) Ministry of Skill Developing and Entrepreneurship
c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entertainment
d) Ministry of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship

Answer a) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Telecommunication (DoT), a department under Ministry of Communications & IT, to develop and implement National Action Plan for skill development in telecom sector. The common objective is to utilise PSUs under DoT to fulfill skilled manpower requirement of the telecom sector and at the same time providing quality opportunities for employment / entrepreneurship. For the successful implementation of the MoU, MSDE has primarily discharged responsibilities through Directorate General of Training (DGT), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and related Sector Skill Councils (SSCs).

97. India and Oman will conduct 10th edition of bilateral maritime exercise. Name it.

- a) Naseem-Al-Seeb b) RNOV Al-Shamikh c) Naseem Al Bahr d) Naseem Al-obas

Answer c) Naseem Al Bahr. India and Oman will conduct 10th edition of bilateral maritime exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' in the Arabian Sea from January 22 to January 27, 2016. Two Oman Navy ships RNOV Al-Shamikh and RNOV Al-Seeb, which will also participate in IFR 2016, entered the port of Goa on January 22. These ships are on their way to participate in the International Fleet Review scheduled at Visakhapatnam scheduled from February 4 to February 9, 2016.

98. India's first High Speed Public Wi – Fi Service in at _____.

- a) Anand Vihar Station b) Mumbai Railway station c) New Delhi Railway Station d) None

Answer b) Mumbai Railway station. Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Minister of Railways, Govt of India, inaugurated the Wi – Fi service in a function at Mumbai Central Railway station. This is a part of an ambitious project towards Digital India initiative by Indian Railways with the help of RailTel

Corporation in collaboration with Google. After the inauguration of Wi – Fi service, Mumbai Central station has gained the distinguished status of being the first ever station in India to have high – speed internet facility for its thousands of passengers who travel everyday by trains.

99. Which country submitted its first Biennial Update Report (BUR) on January 22, to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?

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

Answer a) India. India submitted its first Biennial Update Report (BUR) on January 22, to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to fulfill the reporting obligation under the Convention. As per the provisions of the Convention, countries need to periodically provide information in the form of their National Communication. BUR contains national GHG inventory of India for the year 2010, prepared in accordance with the guidelines of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The inventory covers six greenhouse gases and five categories.

100. Which Country topped the Human Development Index(HDI) 2015 in South Asian Region?

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

Answer b) Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka topped the Human Development Index(HDI) 2015 in South Asian Region. But the country's performance in terms of average annual human development index (HDI) growth rate during 1990-2014 was lower than many other South Asian countries. This is the highlights of the Global Human Development Report (HDR) 2015 released by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) here on January 21. Sri Lanka has been placed at the 73rd rank with an HDI value of 0.757. In the previous year's report, it occupied the 74th place. Since the end of the civil war in 2009, the country's rank went up by five.

101. Shankar Ghosh who died recently was a/an _____.

- a) Singer b) Musician c) Tabla Maestro d) Guitarist

Answer c) Tabla Maestro. Legendary tabla player Shankar Ghosh(80), died on January 22 due to pneumonia, cardiac problems and old age complications. He had undergone an angioplasty following heart complications in mid December at the Medica Superspecialty Hospital. He was on ventilator since Wednesday. He breathed his last 9 p.m. on January 22. Known for his innovative genius, he revolutionised both the art of tabla solo performances as well as tabla accompaniment. He is the creator of the much acclaimed all-drum orchestra Music of the Drums – later called the Calcutta Drum Orchestra.

102. Who won Scientific and Technical Achievement Award 2016?

- a) Rohit Sharma b) Rahul Thakkar c) Benny Bansal d) Sumit Arora

Answer b) Rahul Thakkar. Rahul Thakkar, along with Richard Chuang has been chosen for Scientific and Technical achievement Award 2016 given by Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The duo has been picked for “groundbreaking design” of the DreamWorks Animation Media Review System. Rahul Thakkar was born in United Kingdom and was raised in India. Currently, Rahul Thakkar is serving as the Vice-President at Brivo Systems. He is a computer engineer graduate from Mumbai University.

103. Music track _____ has achieved a ten-digit viewcount on YouTube, thus entering Guinness book of world record.

- a) Adele's Hello b) Taylor's swift you belong with me.
c) Ellie's Love me like you do d) None

Answer a) Adele's Hello. Adele, the singer-songwriter’s music track ‘Hello’ has achieved a ten-digit viewcount on YouTube. By achieving that feat in just 88 days, it has entered the Guinness Book of World Records as the fastest video to one billion YouTube hits. ‘Hello’ arrived on YouTube in October 2015. It immediately became a viral hit thanks to its status as Adele’s first music video in three years, and millions of views soon followed. In just two days, it scored more than 50 million views, breaking out to the fastest start of any music video in YouTube history. Other artists have since exceeded Adele’s digital pace; specifically, David Bowie’s music videos achieved more than 50 million views on the day his death was announced.

104. Who are the new ambassadors of the Incredible India campaign?

- a) Amir Khan and Priyanka Chopra b) Priyanka Chopra and Shahrukh Khan
c) Amitabh Bachchan and Priyanka Chopra d) Amitabh Bachchan and Amir Khan

Answer c) Amitabh Bachchan and Priyanka Chopra. Actors Amitabh Bachchan and Priyanka Chopra will replace Aamir Khan as new ambassadors of the Incredible India campaign to market the country to tourists abroad. Bollywood veteran Mr Bachchan, 73, the brand ambassador of Gujarat Tourism, had been picked for the position some time ago. His name was reportedly suggested by the Prime Minister’s office. He was recruited directly by the government, unlike actor Aamir Khan, who was removed days after suggesting that India is experiencing growing religious intolerance.

105. Mobile wallet player FreeCharge has launched its new virtual card _____, in partnership with Yes Bank and powered by MasterCard.

- a) Go free Recharge b) Free recharge c) Freecharge Go d) Recharge for free

Answer c) Freecharge Go. Mobile wallet player FreeCharge has launched its new virtual card ‘FreeCharge Go’, in partnership with Yes Bank and powered by MasterCard. The integration is now live, and enables universal payments of its app online and offline through a prepaid virtual card, which can be activated in a few seconds. This launch enables FreeCharge’s customers to use the

money in their digital wallets on any merchant site that accepts cards, and helps the company compete with its rival Paytm (run by One97 Communications Ltd), which also launched prepaid cards in partnership with ICICI Bank Ltd in December.

106. _____ signs agreement with World Bank for US\$ 250 million.

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

Answer d) India. The Financing Agreement for World Bank (IDA) assistance of US\$ 250 million for Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project was signed between Government of India and the World Bank on January 20, 2016 at New Delhi. The Financing Agreement was signed by Mr. Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs on behalf of Government of India and Mr. Onno Ruhl, Country Director in India, on behalf of the World Bank.

107. India Post opens exclusive counters for_____.

- a) ebay sellers b) Flipkart sellers c) Snapdeal sellers d) Jabong sellers

Answer a) ebay sellers. India Post has opened exclusive counters at the business post centres in Gurgaon and Faridabad for eBay India sellers. The counter for eBay sellers at Gurgaon and Faridabad business post center will be exclusive for them to send their products through speed post, registered post or any other service they wish to opt for in both the cities. eBay sellers can dispatch both domestic and international parcels from eBay's special counter at Phase-V, UdyogVihar in Gurgaon and NIT Faridabad Post Office.

108. Ratan Tata invests in baby care platform_____.

- a) Mother and me b) FirstCry c) Crawl baby d) maa,paa and me

Answer b) FirstCry. Ratan Tata has invested in baby care eCommerce platform FirstCry, continuing the slew of investments he has made in various startups globally. FirstCry is omni-channel player with presence across desktop, mobile and offline routes offering baby and maternity products in India. It started operations in 2010 and has over 2 million customers. It has over 150 FirstCry branded franchisee offline stores across 100 cities in the country.

109. Which states have organised numerous programmes and events to celebrate their Foundation Days?

- a) Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya b) Tripura, Manipur
c) Manipur and Meghalaya d) Manipur

Answer a) Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya. Three northeastern states of Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya have organised numerous programmes and events to celebrate their Foundation Days. Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya on their statehood days. Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy released a publication highlighting Tripura's

114. _____ signs MOU with Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (KISR) on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

- a) ISRO b) NASA c) IISER d) None

Answer a) ISRO. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been apprised of the MoU between Department of Space/Indian Space Research Organization (DOS/ISRO) and Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (KISR) on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

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115. Titan launches a smartwatch. Name it.

- a) STUP b) Raga c) Apple d) JUXT

Answer d) JUXT. World's fifth largest watchmaker Titan Company Ltd, of the Tata Group has unveiled JUXT, a smartwatch in partnership with global technology giant HP Inc. The company said the watch is aimed at providing connectivity while staying true to the essence of classic watchmaking. The smartwatch is priced between Rs.15,995 and Rs.19,995 and is available in three variants — titanium, stainless steel and rose gold across select World of Titan, Helios and large format stores. The timepiece features a subtle honeycomb dial, 3D indices and a leather strap. This watch can be paired with smart phones having either Android 4.4 or iOS 8.1 and above operating system.

116. _____ launches India's first social digital wallet Udio.

- a) Mobiwiki b) TranServ c) Paytm d) Mobilewallet

Answer b) TranServ. Digital payment startup TranServ has entered the mobile wallet segment with Udio. Known as the first Social Mobile Wallet, Udio wants to create a highly social, community-driven P2P digital transactions platform via its secure and seamless payment structure. Udio is different from other mobile wallets such as Paytm, Oxigen or Citrus in a way that while other mobile wallet players depend upon cashbacks and discounts to drive consumer adoption, TranServ's Udio wallet brings the user experience.

117. ICC and ____ announce four-year partnership

- a) CEAT Tyres b) Sisko Tyres c) MRF Tyres d) None

Answer c) MRF Tyres. The International Cricket Council (ICC) and MRF Tyres has announced a four-year deal which confirms the tyre maker as a Global Partner for ICC events from 2016. The announcement was made at the MRF Tyres headquarters in Chennai at a function attended by ICC Chief Executive, David Richardson, MRF Tyres s Chairman and Managing Director, K M Mammen, former India captain and MRF brand ambassador, Sachin Tendulkar, and other officials.

118. Mrinalini Sarabhai who died was a/an_____.

- a) Musician b) Singer c) Kathak dancer d) Bharatnatyam dancer

Answer d) Bharatnatyam dancer. Legendary Bharatnatyam dancer, Mrinalini Sarabhai, has died from complications related to old age. She was 97. “My mother Mrinalini Sarabhai has just left for her eternal dance,” her daughter and noted classical dancer Mallika Sarabhai said in a Facebook post. Sarabhai was born in the southern Indian state of Kerala and was educated in Switzerland and Kolkata, where she began her training as a dancer. After training in dance, including a stint at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, she returned to India and began her career as a dancer.

119. Who is the new global CEO of PayU?

- a) Ashish mital b) Shailaz nag c) Nitin Gupta d) Laurent Le Moal

Answer d) Laurent Le Moal. PayU, one of the world’s largest payment services platforms, has appointed Laurent Le Moal as its new global CEO. PayU has operations in 16 countries and is part of the leading global media and internet group, Naspers. LeMoal would be reporting directly to Naspers’ Group CEO, Bob Van Dijk. Le Moal joins the team with an 11 year experience with rival company PayPal and would be building the company’s position in growing markets around the world and developing payment solutions which meet market needs for both consumers and merchants.

120. India and _____ have agreed to strengthen their economic cooperation in infrastructure and financial services.

- a) Pakistan b) UK c) USA d) Greece

Answer b) UK. India and UK have agreed to strengthen their economic cooperation in infrastructure and financial services as they vowed to address cross-border tax evasion and avoidance. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley held talks with his UK counterpart George Osborne as part of the 8th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue and had a series of meetings with UK-based investors and fund managers.

121. India starts anti dumping probe on_____ import from EU, South Korea.

- a) Aluminium b) Rubber c) Wheat d) Leather

Answer b) Rubber. GOI has initiated a probe into alleged dumping of rubber variants used for leather goods by the EU, South Korea and Thailand. The Govt initiated after complaints from Reliance Industries and Indian Synthetic Rubber. The move is aimed at protecting domestic players in the sector against cheap imports. The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD), an arm of the Commerce Ministry, has begun investigating imports of Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR) of 1,500 series and 1,700 series from these three regions.

122. Seven Ancient Buddhist Caves Discovered in_____.

- a) Bandipur National Park b) Jim Corbett National park c) Mumbai National Park d) Buxa Tiger Park

Answer c) Mumbai National Park. A team of experts discovered ancient Buddhist caves at Mumbai National Park in India. They found a total of seven caves that they assume to be at least 2,000-years old. The caves are possibly dated between the 1st century B.C. and 5^t to 6th century A.D. These caves are believed to be Buddhist viharas or monk residences, that were used by the monks as a shelter during the monsoons.

123. _____ bags Rs 3,115 crore order for New Ganga Bridge Project.

- a) DLF b) L&T c) Ajnara d) Lanco infratech

Answer b) L&T. The heavy civil infrastructure business of L&T Construction, along with its joint venture partner, Daewoo E&C of South Korea, has won an order worth Rs 3,115 crore from the Bihar State Road Development Corporation Limited (BSRDCL) for the Ganga Bridge Project.

124. GOI to start developing three new ports in the year_____.

- a) 2016 b) 2018 c) 2017 d) 2020

Answer a) 2016. As part of its plan to develop ports and boost maritime trade, GOI would develop three major ports in the country in 2016. GOI will start three new major ports. One is at Colachel in Tamil Nadu, the second at Sagar in West Bengal and third at Dahanur, Wadhwa in Maharashtra. The announcement was made by Union Minister Nitin Gadgari at the second convocation of Indian Maritime University. The Road Transport and Highways minister said the plan to set up new ports would definitely add to the economic growth.

125. Nitin Gadkari to inaugurate 19th National Conference on e-Governance at _____.

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

Answer b) Nagpur. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate the 19th National Conference on e-Governance to be held in Nagpur from January 21, 2016. The two-day conference is being jointly organised by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Department of Electronics and Information Technology and Maharashtra government.

126. India ranks _____ in Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2015-16

- a) 90th b) 89th c) 1st d) 109th

Answer b) 89th. In the Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTI) for the year 2015-16, India ranked at the 89th position in the list of 109 countries. The list has been compiled by the INSEAD business school, in partnership with Adecco and Human Capital Leadership Institute of Singapore (HCLI). The objective of the report is finding and linking a significant correlation between the

movement of talent and economic prosperity. The List is dominated by the European countries. Among the 109 countries, Switzerland ranked at the first position in the list.

127. Ratan Tata invests in online coupons venture _____.

- a) CouponDunia.com b) Cashkaro.com c) CuponRani.com d) Cashkaroaishkaro.com

Answer b) Cashkaro.com. Ratan Tata has invested in online cashback and coupons venture CashKaro.com. The amount of investment hasn't been revealed as yet. The e-commerce company will utilize the funding for expanding its business to international markets, build brand awareness and hire senior-level talents. Similar to the likes of CouponDunia and CouponRaja, CashKaro offers customers cashbacks along with coupons and discounts.

128. Nasscom Inaugurates T-Hub Startup Warehouse in _____.

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

Answer c) Hyderabad. Nasscom has partnered with the Telangana government and other entities to create a "startup warehouse" that will provide an affordable co-working space to the young entrepreneurs. T-Hub Nasscom Startup Warehouse would take care of young entrepreneurs' concerns of building right product in the market and give them a platform to emerge as stronger players, said Nasscom chairman BVR Mohan Reddy in a statement.

129. Which country is home to the fourth largest population of millionaires in the Asia Pacific region?

- a) China b) Malaysia c) India d) None

Answer c) India. India is home to the fourth largest population of millionaires in the Asia Pacific region, with 2.36 lakh high net worth individuals (HNWIs), while Japan topped the list with 12.60 lakh people. According to the Asia Pacific 2016 Wealth Report, by New World Wealth, India ranked among the top five Asia Pacific countries in terms of number of HNWIs. HNWIs were defined as those with net assets of \$1 million or more.

130. Which state allows heli-taxi for tourists?

- a) New Delhi b) Uttarakhand c) Andhra Pradesh d) Goa

Answer b) Uttarakhand. Tourists travelling to Uttarakhand will now be able to enjoy the aerial view of the Himalayas as the first helicopter service between the city of Haldwani and Munsiyari town started from January 19, 2016. The tourism authority of Kumaon region of Uttarakhand will run the service, known as heli-taxi, and will offer an aerial view from a height of 8,000 to 10,000 feet. The journey would give an opportunity to international and domestic tourists to enjoy the scenic view.

131. DD's FreeDish to provide _____ no. of channels by March.

- a) 110 b) 112 c) 114 d) 115

Answer b) 112. DD Direct Plus, which is now FreeDish, is India's only free to air digital direct-broadcast satellite television. Encouraged by the increasing viewership and reach, Doordarshan is now planning to make a major expansion for FreeDish. Doordarshan will increase the channels available under FreeDish to 112 by March end. Right now, there are 64 channels available for FreeDish users, which includes Aaj Tak and Big Magic, which are otherwise paid channels under private DTH services.

132. Which state inks MoU with Tata Trust for skill training of youth?

- a) Goa b) Maharashtra c) New Delhi d) Punjab

Answer b) Maharashtra. The Maharashtra government and Tata Trust has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for a skill training programme for the youth in the state. The programme has been undertaken under the state government's "Kushal Maharashtra, Rojgaryukt Maharashtra" initiative. Under the programme, skill development and vocational training centres will be set up in 10 districts in the state. Virtual classrooms will also be set up in 100 ITIs in Maharashtra. The Trust will improve infrastructure in Industrial Training Institutes.

133. Which state Government approves 35 per cent job reservation for women?

- a) Bihar b) Maharashtra c) New Delhi d) Himanchal Pradesh

Answer a) Bihar. Fulfilling a key election promise of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the Bihar cabinet gave the green signal to 35 per cent reservation for women in state government jobs. The decision marked Nitish's first big step in this direction in nearly 10 years after unveiling 50 per cent reservation for women in panchayat and local body polls in 2006.

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134. Acc. to UN, IS holds 3500 slaves in _____

- a) Nagaland b) Iraq c) Iran d) Syria

Answer b) Iraq. The United Nations has revealed details of the "staggering civilian death toll in Iraq" over the past two years and estimated some 3500 Iraqis continue to be held captive as "slaves", since the Islamic State's insurgency flared at the beginning of 2014. In a new report this week, the UN said the jihadists' captives included many women and girls from the persecuted Yazidi sect who have been abducted and forced into sexual slavery. The report found nearly 19,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed in the last two years, while some 3.2 million Iraqis have been displaced.

135. Which player was recently named the best footballer on the planet?

- a) Luis Suarez b) Cristiano Ronaldo c) Neymar d) Lionel Messi

Answer d) Lionel Messi. Lionel Messi was recently named the best footballer on the planet. The

Barcelona star Lionel Messi has set his sights on an even bigger prize – the end of poverty. The Argentine and Colombian singer Shakira head a list of 17 well-known names recruited by the United Nations to promote its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

136. India and Oman will hold a joint naval exercise in the Arabian sea. Name the exercise.

- a) Naseem Al-Bah b) Naseem Al-Bahr c) Naseem I-Bahr d) Naseeb Al-Bahr

Answer b) Naseem Al-Bahr. India and Oman will hold a joint naval exercise in the Arabian sea, focusing on greater interoperability to counter maritime security challenges. The 10th edition of the exercise 'Naseem Al-Bahr' will take place from January 22 to January 27. It began first in 1993 and aims to increase interoperability among the two navies and develop common understanding and procedures for maritime security operation.

137. MoU between India and _____ in Public Administration and Governance Reforms.

- a) Greece b) Singapore c) USA d) UK

Answer d) UK. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in November, 2015 between India, and United Kingdom for Cooperation in Public Administration and Governance Reforms. The form of co-operation under the MoU will be in areas like sharing good governance practices in public administration, User led service design, Reducing bureaucracy in service delivery, Government Process Re-engineering, Building and developing staff capability, Public Grievance Redress Mechanism, Local Government Reforms, Reforms towards strengthening of social security, Collaboration in strategies for promotion of ethics in Government, Collaboration between Government and Industry on staff management, Mechanisms for public engagement, Crisis and Disaster Management and Digital transformation of Government.

138. _____ donates cloud computing 'worth \$1 billion'.

- a) Google b) Flipkart c) Microsoft d) Accenture

Answer c) Microsoft. Microsoft has announced that it will donate cloud computing resources worth \$1 billion to global nonprofits over the next three years. The move is aimed at ensuring that benefits of technology were not limited to the wealthy. The U.S. tech giant, which stepped up its charity efforts under the banner of "Microsoft Philanthropies" last month, has been trying to aggressively expand its cloud computing services amid rising competition.

139. Aroon Tikekar who passed away was a/an ____.

- a) Guitarist b) Journalist c) Musician d) Athlete

Answer b) Journalist. Senior journalist and scholar Aroon Tikekar, 72, who authored over 20 books, including The cloister's pale: A Biography of the University of Mumbai, passed away due

to breathing-related complications. Born in a renowned family of litterateurs and journalists in 1944, Dr. Tikekar worked as a college teacher before working with the US Library of Congress Office, South Asia Division, in New Delhi. He joined The Times of India as the chief of its archive and reference section where he was given the responsibility of writing the official history of the 150-year-old newspaper.

140. ISIS confirms death of _____.

- a) Omar Owais b) Hana Emwazi c) Jihadi John d) None

Answer c) Jihadi John. ISIS has confirmed the death of “Jihadi John” — aka Mohammed Emwazi, aka Abu Muharib al-Muhajir — in the latest issue of its Dabiq magazine. In November the US military said it was “reasonably certain” it had killed him in the IS-stronghold of Raqqa. Emwazi appeared in beheading videos of victims including UK aid worker David Haines and taxi driver Alan Henning.

141. How many Children were selected for the National Bravery Awards 2015?

- a) 25 b) 20 c) 21 d) 22

Answer a) 25. GOI announced the National Bravery Awards 2015. Overall, twenty five children (3 girls and 22 boys) were selected for the National Bravery Awards 2015. The Award Winners has been selected by a committee comprised of representatives from various Ministries and Departments, NGOs as well as Office Bearers of Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW). These children will receive National Bravery Awards 2015 from the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on January 24, 2016. Afterwards, these children will participate in the Republic Day parade of India (on January 26, 2016).

142. Tata Motors Appointed _____ as CEO & MD.

- a) Danik Sharma b) Anil Kumar Sardana c) Cyrus Pallonji Mistry d) Guenter Butschek

Answer d) Guenter Butschek. Homegrown auto major Tata Motors has announced appointment of ex-Airbus COO Guenter Butschek as its Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, two years after the death of its former MD Karl Slym. Butschek will lead all operations of Tata Motors in India and in international markets, including South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia and South Africa. Jaguar Land Rover would continue to be managed by its Chief Executive Officer and Director, Ralf Speth, who is also on the Board of Tata Motors.

143. According to IMF, India's growth projection rate is at ____ in the current fiscal and ____ per cent in the next.

- a) 7.5 and 7.3 respectively b) 7.3 and 7.5 respectively
c) 8 and 10 respectively d) 7.0 and 7.3 respectively

Answer b) 7.3 and 7.5 respectively. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has kept India’s growth projection unchanged at 7.3 per cent in the current fiscal and 7.5 per cent in the next, even as it cut

world economic outlook to 3.4 per cent for 2016. The update released expects Indian economy to be the fastest among major economies. The IMF has pegged the current year's growth at 7.3%, same as last year. The global economy is now forecast to grow 3.4% in 2016 and 3.6% in 2017, a reduction in 0.2 percentage point for both the years from the October forecast.

144. The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced to institute a new award category under the National Film Awards titled_____.

- a) The movie buff state/UT b) The Box office hit
c) The Most Film Friendly State/UT d) The City

Answer c) The Most Film Friendly State/UT. The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced to institute a new award category under the National Film Awards titled – The Most Film Friendly State/UT. This award will be conferred for the first time at the 63rd National Film Awards to be held on May 3, this year. The award will be conferred by President Pranab Mukherjee. Information and Broadcasting Secretary Arora announced this while delivering his address at the inaugural function for the Public screening of Indian Panorama. The objective of setting up the office was to provide single window clearance to film makers and promote India as a Filming Destination.

145. Jayalalithaa launches _____ for grievance redressal.

- a) Amma is there for you. b) Amma Available c) Call Amma centre d) Amma Call Centre

Answer d) Amma Call Centre. Tamil Nadu Chief J Jayalalithaa on January 19 launched a round-the-clock Amma call centre for ensuring fast response to grievances, aimed at quick delivery of government services. The 'Amma Call Centre', which will work all through the year, was launched by the Chief Minister here through video-conferencing.

146. _____ launched a new service for algorithm trading test environment in partnership with Symphony Fintech Solutions Pvt Ltd.

- a) NSE Ltd. b) BSE Ltd. c) CRISIL d) Kanpur Stock exchange

Answer b) BSE Ltd. BSE Ltd has launched a new service for algorithm trading test environment in partnership with Symphony Fintech Solutions Pvt Ltd. The service will enable all market participants to test their trading algorithms in equity, equity derivatives and currency derivatives segments free of cost. The members will be able to test their trading strategies with live market data feed during market hours and historical market data.

147. The Ministry of Shipping has started an initiative known as_____.

- a) Project lush Ports b) Project go Green Ports c) Project Harvest ports d) Project Green Ports

Answer d) Project Green Ports. The Ministry of Shipping has started 'Project Green Ports' which will help in making the Major Ports across India cleaner and greener. 'Project Green Ports' will have two

verticals – one is ‘Green Ports Initiatives’ related to environmental issues and second is ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan’.

148. Delhi government launches _____ app to boost tax collection.

- a) DVAT Bill b) VAT Bill c) Vates Bill d) VATI Bill

Answer a) DVAT Bill. In order to boost Delhi government’s tax collection and bring in transparency, deputy chief minister Manish Siodia has launched ‘DVAT BILL’ app and said that people can play an important role in governance through this mobile application. The software has been developed by Delhi government’s Trade and Taxes department. Through this app, people can become a “VAT Inspectors.”

149. Which e-commerce website invests in parenting social network Tinystep?

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

Answer a) Flipkart. Tinystep, India’s first parenting social network has raised seed capital from Flipkart. The money will be used to develop the product, enhance user experience and strengthen the team. The funding will also be utilized to further accelerate the company’s already impressive growth and its user engagement. Launched in September 2015, Tinystep allows users – parents – to interact on a platform where they can ask, share and connect with other parents. The startup claims to have over 10,000 parents on its platform.

150. After over three years, Youtube returns to _____.

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

Answer d) Pakistan. After over three years of being told to ‘Surf Safely’, Internet users in the country were able to access the popular video-sharing website, YouTube, following orders from the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) that the website be unblocked. However, digital rights groups and other stakeholders, who had originally opposed the blocking of the website, still have concerns over the deal – struck between the government and Google – which may empower the former to censor content on the website.

151. Which app is now Free and Ads-free?

- a) Whatsapp b) Temple run c) Criminal case d) Instagram

Answer a) Whatsapp. WhatsApp is dropping its subscription fees to access the popular messaging service. WhatsApp introduced the fees a few years ago, forcing new users to pay an annual 99 cents subscription after the first year. WhatsApp has always been free to download and use for the first year. In fact, original users of the app, who joined WhatsApp when it started out six years back, were given a free lifetime service. But in recent years, the company introduced a subscription fee of 0.99 cents after the first free year.

152. Which Country declared economic emergency?

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

Answer c) France. French President Francois Hollande has declared what he called “a state of economic emergency” and says it’s time to redefine France’s economic and social model. The first measures he proposed are relatively modest, and he said they would not “put into question” the 35-hour workweek. He did not seek to assume any new emergency powers. The measures included a loosening of some worker-friendly measures to encourage companies to hire, and new training for half a million workers.

153. Name the world’s oldest man who died at 112.

- a) Chillepe Clarke b) Arieles Tower c) Fauj Singh d) Yasutaro Koide

Answer d) Yasutaro Koide. The world’s oldest man has died at the age of 112 in the Japanese city of Nagoya. Yasutaro Koide, who was born on 13 March 1903, was officially named the oldest man by Guinness World Records in August this year. At the time he was quoted as saying his secret to long life was not smoking or drinking, not to overdo things and to “live with joy”..

154. India and ____ to intensify counter terrorism coordination.

- a) Israel b) Argentina c) Greece d) Pakistan

Answer a) Israel. Stating that India and Israel face challenges of terrorism, the two countries on January 19 agreed to intensify coordination to deal with the menace. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj met top Israeli leadership and discussed a wide-range of bilateral and regional issues. Swaraj, who is on her first visit to West Asia as the External Affairs Minister, called on President Reuven Rivlin and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other top leaders.

155. Indian space agency ISRO is all set to make its first rocket launch of the year and the fifth satellite of India Regional Navigation Satellite System. Name it.

- a) IRNSS-1D b) IRNSS-1E c) Bhanskara d) INS D

Answer b) IRNSS-1E. Indian space agency ISRO is all set to make its first rocket launch of the year and the fifth satellite of India Regional Navigation Satellite System IRNSS-1E, on board PSLV-C31 rocket from Sriharikota on January 20. According to ISRO, the 48-hour countdown for the launch scheduled at 9.31 AM from the second launch pad began on January 18 at the spaceport of Sriharikota, about 100 km and was progressing “smoothly”.

156. Life time ban imposed on IPL player _____ by BCCI.

- a) Paddy Upton b) S.Sreesanth c) Ajit Chandila d) Gary Kristen

Answer c) Ajit Chandila. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has imposed a life time ban on Haryana off-spinner bowler Ajit Chandila considering his involvement in the IPL spot-fixing scandal

2013. On the other hand, BCCI also decided to hand a five-year suspension on Mumbai batsman Hiren Shah for making a corrupt approach to a fellow player.

157. Ronnie O’Sullivan eased to win the Dafabet Masters title 2016. He defeated_____.

- a) Paddy Upton b) Barry Hawkins c) Mark Allen d) Stephen Kristen

Answer b) Barry Hawkins. Ronnie O’Sullivan eased to win the Dafabet Masters title 2016. He defeated Barry Hawkins on January 17 in the final at London’s Alexandra Palace. This is to note that Dafabet Master title 2016 is the sixth Master title won by Ronnie O’Sullivan. At the same time by winning his sixth Master title Ronnie O’Sullivan has equaled the World record of winning maximum Masters title which was previously made by Stephen Hendry. He also made the record of winning with biggest winning margin (10 – 1) in a Masters final.

158. Which player went out with a bang in the Big Bash League, smashing the equal-fastest 50 in Twenty20 history?

- a) Darren Sammy b) AB de Villiers c) Chris Gayle d) Stephen Kristen

Answer c) Chris Gayle. West Indian opener Chris Gayle went out with a bang in the Big Bash League, smashing the equal-fastest 50 in Twenty20 history. The burly Jamaican equalled Yuvraj Singh’s 50 off 12 deliveries for India against England at the 2007 T20 World Cup in Durban. Gayle needed a six to reach the record and it was not a problem against the Adelaide Strikers in Australia’s Big Bash League. He slogged four successive sixes in the first over as the Renegades were set a target of 171.

159. Glenn Frey who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Guitarist b) Singer c) Choreographer d) writer

Answer a) Guitarist. Glenn Frey, Eagles guitarist and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, passed away on January 18. He was 67. Glenn fought a courageous battle for the past several weeks but, sadly, succumbed to complications from rheumatoid arthritis, acute ulcerative colitis and pneumonia. An American rocker whose band dominated charts throughout the 1970s with hits such as ‘Hotel California’.

160. Geethapriya who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Guitarist b) Filmmaker c) Director d) writer

Answer b) Filmmaker. Famous Sandalwood film-maker and lyricist Geethapriya, who straddled Kannada cinema in late 1960s and 1970s, has died at the age of 84 due to throat cancer. Geethapriya directed about 40 Kannada movies and penned more than 250 songs. He also directed a Hindi film and two Tulu films. Born on June 15, 1932, Lakshman Rao Mohite began his career in Kannada movies in mid 1960s. He earned the nickname Geethapriya (meaning Song lover), notwithstanding the fact that Marathi was his mother tongue’.

161. Who has been elected to board of directors of AIIB from India?

- a) Arun Sharma b) Dinesh Sharma c) Tanmay Mishra d) Sunny Malhotra

Answer b) Dinesh Sharma. India, one of the founding members of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), has been elected to the board of directors of the China-sponsored AIIB, which is expected to begin loan approvals before the end of this year. Dinesh Sharma, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Finance has been elected to the 12-member board for which a secret ballot was held. This will be the first board of directors for the new bank in which 57 members joined as founding members.

162. _____ begins petrol production from Paradip refinery, Odisha.

- a) IOC b) Reliance c) Hindustan petroleum d) Bharat petroleum

Answer a) IOC. Indian Oil Corporation's latest refinery in Paradip, Odisha, the first in over a decade for the nation's largest fuel major, started production of petrol from the Rs. 34,555-crore facility. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate the 15 MTPA Paradip Refinery, which will primarily be producing BS-IV fuels and serving the eastern and south-eastern markets apart from exports, to the nation on February 7.

163. Which college has launched an innovation centre for its student?

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

Answer c) IIT Kharagpur. IIT Kharagpur has launched an innovation centre to promote the culture of innovation among its undergraduate students right from their first year. Named after its alumnus and former faculty, the MN Faruqui Innovations Centre was launched on Saturday with seed-funding by another alumnus Arjun Malhotra, the co-founder of HCL Technologies. The centre would promote the culture of innovation among a wide cross section of students and faculty with support from its alumni and the industry.

164. National Conference on "Sustainable Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare" has began in _____.

- a) Sikkim b) Andhra Pradesh c) Punjab d) Maharashtra

Answer a) Sikkim. The two-day National Conference on "Sustainable Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare" has began in Sikkim on January 17, 2016. The conference is being attended by state government representatives, scientists, academicians, bankers, experts and practitioners. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the conference on 18th January and he will be the chief guest at the plenary session of the conference.

165. World Bank sanctioned funds for restoration Indira Gandhi Zoological Park. The park is located in _____.

- a) Visakhapatnam b) Madura c) Indore d) Mathura

Answer a) Visakhapatnam. Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in Visakhapatnam will be funded \$7 million for restoration and development as a world-class international ecological park by the World Bank. This is for the first time that the World Bank will be funding a zoo. Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in Visakhapatnam was heavily damaged by the cyclone Hudhud in 2014. The four coastal districts of Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and East Godavari are expected to get \$20 million for forest restoration and disaster prevention measures.

166. Name the first flower ever grown in space.

- a) Indini b) Pehrix c) Coax d) Zinnia

Answer d) Zinnia. The first flower has finally bloomed in outer space. Nasa astronaut Scott Kelly has tweeted a photo of the first ever flower (Zinnia) grown in space. The flower was grown as part of an experiment astronauts are conducting on how plants grow in microgravity. Besides the flower, the team also grew lettuce in space, after a failed first attempt. Despite fears of over-watering, the crew coaxed the zinnias into a burst of colour in their zero-g vegetable garden. Zinnias are edible blooming plants that are usually on the easy ends in the spectrum to grow.

167. _____ have developed a new bioartificial liver that they say will help people suffering from organ failure to live longer.

- a) Indian Scientist b) Chinese Scientist c) French Scientist d) None of these

Answer b) Chinese Scientist. Chinese scientists have developed a new bioartificial liver that they say will help people suffering from organ failure to live longer. Designed to be attached outside the patient's body, the device makes use of human liver cells. In its first clinical use last week, the device "saved a 61-year-old woman who was dying from acute liver failure," said Professor Ding Yitao, a member of the research team.

168. _____ claims 14th Delhi International Open chess title.

- a) Neverov b) Attila Czebe c) Popov d) Vitaly Sivuk

Answer c) Popov. Russia's Ivan Popov suffered a surprise last-round loss but was not to be denied the 14th Delhi International Open chess title. Popov claimed the winner's trophy and Rs. three lakh. Ukraine's Valeriy Neverov inflicted a 43-move defeat with white pieces to force a three-way tie at eight points. But Popov clinched the title on a superior tie-break score ahead of runner-up Hungarian Attila Czebe and third-placed Neverov. In fact, Vitaly Sivuk did Popov a favour by holding Czebe in 30 moves on the second board.

169. _____ regains top spot in latest ICC Test rankings.

- a) Pakistan b) South Africa c) Australia d) India

Answer d) India. Indian Test team led by Virat Kohli has climbed to the top of the International

Cricket Council's Test Rankings after South Africa crashed to a 0-2 series defeat against England in Johannesburg. India, who lost their top ranking to England after their 0-4 whitewash in 2011, got back to the pinnacle by virtue of their crushing 3-0 series win against the Proteas at home, last December.

170. Which cricketer became fastest to 24 ODI centuries?

- a) AB de Villiers b) Michael Clarke c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni d) Virat Kohli

Answer d) Virat Kohli. Virat Kohli became the fastest to register 24 hundreds and pile up 7,000 runs in one-day cricket, surpassing the twin milestones in just his 161st innings. The top-order batsman got the better of the Australian bowling attack with a run-a-ball knock that was studded with seven fours and two sixes. Kohli, who has been in top form recently, had scores of 91 and 59 in the first two ODIs. Coming into this match, he needed only 19 to overtake AB de Villiers, who reached the landmark in 172 matches and 166 innings.

171. Rama Rao who passed away was a former governor of

- a) Sikkim b) Madhya Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Goa

Answer a) Sikkim. BJP veteran and former governor of Sikkim Ventrappagada Rama Rao (81) has died while undergoing treatment for severe lung infection. He was hospitalised about a month ago. Rama Rao is survived by wife and a son.

172. Manpreet Akhtar was a/an

- a) Singer b) Actor c) Director d) None

Answer a) Singer. Punjabi folk singer Manpreet Akhtar died due to brain hemorrhage at a local hospital in Patiala. She was 55. Manpreet was known for her classical style of singing and she sang songs in Punjabi and Hindi movies. Some of her famous Punjabi songs were Beriye Ni, Nikdi sui and Bas Ek Gera Gidhe Vich. She also sang Tujhe Yaad Na Meri Aye in Bollywood movie Kuch Kuch Hota Hai. Manpreet was the sister of famous Punjabi singer Dilshad Akhtar. Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal expressed profound grief over the demise of Manpreet.

173. The Look of Silence is the Documentary Film directed by

- a) Quentin Tarantino b) Robert Williams c) Knight Shyamalan d) Joshua Oppenheimer

Answer d) Joshua Oppenheimer. Director Joshua Oppenheimer's "The Look of Silence" has won the Top Documentary –Award at the 9th Annual Cinema Eye Honours. The film is based on the examination of the Indonesian genocide of the 1960s.

174. Who is the author of the book "Sleeping on Jupiter"?

- a) Arundhadthi Roy b) Sam Pitroda c) Anuradha Roy d) James Walker

Answer c) Anuradha Roy. Indian writer Anuradha Roy has won the prestigious \$50,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature for her novel 'Sleeping on Jupiter' at the Galle Literary Festival in Sri Lanka.

175. Gautam Ghosh and _____ has been included in the Shyam Benegal committee.

- a) Nana Padekar b) Rajni Kanth c) Kamal Hassan d) Amitabh Bachchan

Answer c) Kamal Hassan. The Shyam Benegal committee has been recently set by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcast to look into the functioning of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

176. SBI launches SBI E-Smart SME to offer loans to

- a) Students b) E-Commerce Sellers c) E-Commerce Buyers d) Women Entrepreneurs

Answer b) E-Commerce Sellers. State Bank of India has announced launch of SBI E-Smart SME to offer easy working capital to online e-commerce players. The bank has initially tied up with e-commerce major Snapdeal to offer instant loans to its sellers.

177. In the 61st Filmfare Awards 2015, who won the Best Actress and Best Actor Awards?

- a) Parineeti Chopra and Shah Rukh Khan b) Vidya Balan and Sooraj Pancholi
c) Priyanka Chopra and Salman Khan d) Deepika Padugone and Ranveer Singh

Answer d) Deepika Padugone and Ranveer Singh. Deepika won the Award for her movie Piku. Ranveer won the Award for her movie Bajirao Mastani.

178. The Lifetime Achievement was presented to

- a) Amitabh Bachchan b) Anupam Roy c) Sanjay Leela d) Moushumi Chatterjee

Answer d) Moushumi Chatterjee

179. Tsai Ing-wen becomes the President of

- a) Indonesia b) Philippines c) Taiwan d) Laos

Answer c) Taiwan. Taiwan's independence-leaning opposition leader Tsai Ing-wen has won the island's presidential election after the ruling party admitted defeat.

180. Chinese President Xi Jinping launched the AIIB in

- a) Shanghai b) Hong Kong c) Beijing d) None of these

Answer c) Beijing. China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in which India and 56 countries have joined as founding members was formally opened by President Xi Jinping. An Indian delegation headed by Dinesh Sharma, additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance attended the opening ceremony.

181. Which country has begun preparations for a new lunar mission (Dark Side of the moon) in 2018?

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

Answer d) China. China has begun preparations for a new lunar mission in 2018. It has planned to send a probe to the dark side of the moon not explored by humans so far. The far side of the moon is never visible to Earth because of gravitational forces and has never been explored. The Chang'e-4 probe will be the first mission in human history to embark on this expedition.

182. National Aeronautics and Space Administration's spacecraft _____ has broken the Solar Power Distance Record.

- a) Arizon b) Juno c) Mercurus d) Mirendell

Answer b) Juno. The solar powered spacecraft of NASA named Juno broke the previous record of travelling farthest distance set by Rosetta spacecraft of the European Space Agency. NASA's Juno traveled 793 million kilometer to break this record on January 13, 2016. Before this, Rosetta spacecraft of the European Space Agency traveled till 792 million kilometers.

183. Marat Safin is associated with

- a) Tennis b) Badminton c) Cycling d) Football

Answer a) Tennis. Former World Number one tennis player Marat Safin of Russia has joined the International Tennis Hall of Fame. The official ceremony to induct the Russian tennis player has been scheduled for July 16, 2016.

184. Which bank is to start advisory services for startups?

- a) Axis Bank b) Punjab National Bank c) Union Bank of India d) State Bank of India

Answer d) State Bank of India. State Bank of India (SBI) unveiled a dedicated advisory services branch for startups and wealth management service for high networth individuals (HNIs). SBI becomes the first public sector bank to offer wealth management service. SBI InCube will be a one-stop advisory services facility for entrepreneurs but will not offer loans to startups for now, Bank Chairperson, Arundhati Bhattacharya, said. The service would be extended to other cities later.

185. DRDO has test fired its ingeniously developed, fire-and-forget anti-tank missile. Name it.

- a) Agni b) Nag c) Prithvi d) Dhanush

Answer b) Nag. DRDO has test fired its indigenously developed, fire-and-forget anti-tank missile, Nag. It successfully hit the target 4 km away during a night trial in the Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan. DRDO used the Thermal Target System (TTS) developed by a defence laboratory at Jodhpur as target for the missile during the test fire of Nag anti-tank missile."

186. Government launches mobile health services. Name them.

- a) TB Missed Call initiative
- b) M-Cessation and TB Missed Call initiative
- c) m-Health – Kilkari, Mobile Academy
- d) m-Health – Kilkari, Mobile Academy, M-Cessation and TB Missed Call initiative.

Answer d) m-Health – Kilkari, Mobile Academy, M-Cessation and TB Missed Call initiative. The government of India has launched four mobile health services, including M-Cessation which reaches out to those who want to quit tobacco through text messages on mobile phones. The objective is to enhance access and make schemes more cost effective and robust. Union Health Minister JP Nadda while launching the four services (m-Health) – Kilkari, Mobile Academy, M-Cessation and TB Missed Call initiative, said that these are part of the government's Digital India programme and are in line with the commitment to prioritise public health.

187. The age of Juvenile has been reduced from 18 to ____ under The Juvenile Justice(Care and Protection of Children)Act, 2015.

- a) 15
- b) 16
- c) 17
- d) 13

Answer b) 16. The Juvenile Justice Act, which allows children aged 16 to 18 years and in conflict with law to be tried as adults in cases of heinous offences, has finally comes into force. The Act, passed by the Rajya Sabha in the winter session of Parliament, received President Pranab Mukherjee's assent on December 31.

188. Dr Jitendra Singh to inaugurate hall of Nuclear power in_____.

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

Answer d) New Delhi. The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the Hall of Nuclear Power in New Delhi on January 16, 2016. This is Northern India's first permanent exhibition on nuclear power, built in the national capital which is going to be opened to the public at National Science Centre (NSC).

189. Singapore inks 4 pacts with which state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer c) Madhya Pradesh. Singapore has inked four pacts with the Madhya Pradesh government in various sectors including one Rs of 7,000 crore to produce nearly 1,000 MW non-conventional energy in two phases. It has also agreed to extend co-operation with the state government in five sectors – food processing, renewable energy, urban planning and smart city, skill development and Information Technology.

190. Country's first 'water tourism' to begin in _____.

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Madhya Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer b) Madhya Pradesh. The country's first 'water tourism' will begin in Madhya Pradesh next month with the aim of attracting more tourists to the state. Named as 'Jal Mahotsav', the 10-day extravaganza will be inaugurated on February 12 in Hanuwantiya at Indra Sagar Dam, one of Asia's largest man-made water reservoir.

191. _____ wins the Sydney title.

- a) Sania Mirza and Sharapova b) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis
c) Serena and Martina Hingis d) None

Answer b) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis. Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis' awe-inspiring run continued unabated as they lifted their second trophy of the season with the WTA Apia International title after clinching their 30th win a row. The triumph over Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic though was not without initial hiccups as the top seeds lost the first set meekly before eking out a 1-6 7-5 10-5 win in one hour and 13 minutes.

192. Anil Ganguly who passed away was a/an _____.

- a) Poet b) Singer c) Film maker d) Cricketer

Answer c) Film maker. Noted filmmaker Anil Ganguly passed away today at his residence here after a brief illness. He was 82. Ganguly is a noted director and screenwriter, who worked in Hindi cinema from 1970s to the 90s. He is best known for Jaya Bhaduri starrer, "Kora Kagaz" and "Tapasya" both of which won National Award. His other notable films are "Saaheb", "Trishna", "Khandaan", "Humkadam", "Pyaar Ke Kabil", "Balidan" (Bolidan -1990, Bengali), "Dushman Devta" among others. His daughter Rupali Ganguly is a television and theatre actress and his son Vijay Ganguly is a director and choreographer.

193. UNICEF presented _____ with Danny Kaye Humanitarian Leadership Award.

- a) David Beckham b) Harper Lee c) Joanna Louise d) None

Answer a) David Beckham. Football Player David Beckham has been conferred with the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Leadership Award at the sixth biennial UNICEF Ball in Los Angeles. Sir Elton John and David Furnish presented the award to Beckham at the black-tie gala event, honouring him for his tireless work to save and improve the lives of children around the world.

194. _____ honoured with Neerja Bhanot Award.

- a) Sonam Kapoor b) Subhashini Vasanth c) Vasant Venugopal d) Avinnash Ravindran

Answer b) Subhashini Vasanth. The Neerja Bhanot Pan Am Trust will be conferring the Neerja Bhanot award on Subhashini Vasanth of Bengaluru in Chandigarh. The award will be presented by

Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor, who is playing the lead role in biopic “Neerja”. The trust said that “This is the 24th year of the annual award which comprises Rs 1,50,000, a citation and a trophy.”

195. Which state has become India’s First Fully Organic State?

- a) Maharashtra b) Sikkim c) Tamil Nadu d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer b) Sikkim. Sikkim has become India’s first fully organic state by converting around 75,000 hectares of agricultural land into sustainable cultivation. In Sikkim around 75,000 hectares of agricultural land was gradually converted to certified organic land by implementing organic practices and principles as per guidelines laid down in National Programme for Organic Production. It was 12 years ago in 2003 when the Pawan Chamling-led government decided to make Sikkim an organic farming state through a declaration in the legislative assembly.

196. Aadhaar card not mandatory for _____ scheme, clarifies RBI.

- a) Direct Binneal Transfer b) Direct Benefit Transport
c) Directly Benefit Transfer d) Direct Benefit Transfer

Answer d) Direct Benefit Transfer. RBI in its statement said the use of Aadhaar cards and seeding of bank accounts with those numbers are purely voluntary and not mandatory on the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Scheme. In view of the Supreme Court’s interim orders dated August 11, 2015 and October 15, 2015. In July 2013, RBI had asked banks to take steps to complete account opening and seeding Aadhaar numbers in all DBT districts.

197. According to UN , which country's population will be largest in the world at 16 million?

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

Answer c) India. India has the largest diaspora population in the world, at 16 million, the United Nations has said in its newly released survey on migration trends. The survey, which looked at people residing in a country other than their that of their birth, also revealed that 244 million people were living as international migrants in 2015, a 41% increase from 2000. Of the 244 million, 20 million are refugees.

198. _____ is set to conduct one of the largest multi-national military exercises for the first time.

- a) Japanese Army b) Indian Army c) French Army d) People Liberation Army

Answer b) Indian Army. Indian Army is set to conduct one of the largest multi-national military exercises for the first time which will see participation of 18 ASEAN Plus countries. The week-long exercise code named as Ex-Force Eighteen will be held in Pune beginning from March 2. The Field Training Exercise or FTX will see participation of over 360 personnel.

199. Government targets road safety audit of _____ km of highways in 2016.

- a) 3000 b) 2000 c) 1500 d) 4000

Answer a) 3000. The government on January 14 said it will conduct road safety audit of 3,000 km of central and state highways this year, to avoid increasing accidents. India accounts for 5 lakh road accidents annually in which 1.5 lakh people die and another 3 lakh are crippled for life. The loss due to this is equivalent to 3 per cent of the GDP of the country.

200. Which bank has become the first public sector lender to launch wealth management service?

- a) Axis Bank b) Punjab National Bank c) Union Bank of India d) State Bank of India

Answer d) State Bank of India. State Bank of India has become the first public sector lender to launch wealth management service, a space dominated by private and foreign players, to cater to fast-growing affluent segment of the country.

The bank also inaugurated a dedicated branch for start-ups which will provide advisory services to the budding entrepreneurs. The wealth management offering – ‘SBI Exclusif’ and the start-up branch – ‘SBI InCube’ were rolled out in Bengaluru.

201. The Government of India has signed a loan agreement with _____ for the Neeranchal National Watershed Project.

- a) World Bank b) UNICEF c) IMF d) None

Answer a) World Bank. The Government of India has signed a loan agreement with World Bank for the Neeranchal National Watershed Project. The project to be implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development over a six-year period (2016-21) will support the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana in hydrology and water management, agricultural production systems, capacity building and monitoring and evaluation. The Neeranchal project was approved by the cabinet in October 2015 with a total budget outlay of Rs.2142 crore with the Government share of Rs.1071 crore and the rest 50% by the World Bank

202. _____ became 1st state in country to achieve 100% primary education

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

Answer b) Kerala. Kerala has become the first state in the country to achieve total primary education. Through its literacy programme Athulyam, which was carried out in two phases after being launched in March 2013, the state aimed at educating those who had been unable to complete their primary education up to fourth standard. The programme was meant to provide primary school education to people aged between 15 and 50. In June 2015, 2.6 lakh people took the fourth standard equivalency exam and 2.2 lakh qualified.

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203. _____ opens first branch in South Korea.

- a) Yes b) HSBC c) Citi Bank d) State Bank of India

Answer d) State Bank of India. India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has opened its first branch in South Korea. The Seoul branch is expected to play an important role in strengthening economic partnership between the two nations, the bank's Managing Director B Sriram said in a statement. With over 135 branches across many geographies, SBI has the largest presence in foreign markets among domestic banks. The branch will offer a range of services to corporates in trade finance, bilateral and syndicated loans and corporate deposits etc, apart from retail banking.

204. The World Bank has said that India's Aadhaar ID will save the government _____ annually.

- a) \$1 million b) \$1 billion c) Neither a or b d) \$1 trillion

Answer b) \$1 billion. The World Bank has said that India's Aadhaar ID will save the government \$1 billion annually by curbing corruption. India's Aadhaar digital identification system has already reached close to one billion people enabling many of the poor to access services more easily and making it possible for government to deliver welfare services more easily. India is close to registering its entire 1.25 billion population using Aadhaar ID, the World Bank said.

205. WHO declares which disease as the most feared diseases in the world?

- a) AIDS b) Ebola c) Cancer d) Swine flu

Answer b) Ebola. The World Health Organisation (WHO) announced that the Ebola epidemic that has ravaged west Africa for two years was over after Liberia, the last affected country, received the all-clear. One of the most feared diseases in the world, Ebola killed more than 11,000 people across west Africa after it surfaced in southern Guinea in December 2013. At its peak, the tropical haemorrhagic virus devastated Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, scything lives and dealing a hammer blow to weak economies and fragile health systems.

206. India's Sania Mirza and her Swiss partner _____ broke a 22-year-old world record by winning their 29th women's doubles match.

- a) Maria SharaPova b) Martina Hingis c) Raluca Olaru d) Yaroslava Shvedova

Answer b) Martina Hingis. India's Sania Mirza and her Swiss partner Martina Hingis today broke a 22-year-old world record by winning their 29th women's doubles match in a row en route to their entry into the women's doubles final of the WTA Sydney International. The World No 1 pair came from behind to beat the pair of Romanian Raluca Olaru and Kazakhstan's Yaroslava Shvedova 4-6 6-3 10-8 in a closely-fought semi-final

207. _____ proposes 4-member EPG to review agreements with India.

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

Answer a) Nepal. Ahead of Nepalese Prime Minister K P Oli's maiden visit to India next month, the government has proposed formation of a four-member Eminent Persons' Group or EPG to review the existing bilateral agreements with India including the strategic Peace and Friendship Treaty of 1950.

208. Alan Rickman, who passed away, was a/an _____.

- a) Singer b) Actor c) Golf player d) Director

Answer b) Actor. Alan Rickman, one of the best-loved and most warmly admired British actors of the past 30 years, has died in London aged 69. According to Rickman's family, the actor had died after a battle with cancer on January 13. Trained at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Rickman was often cast as the bad guy; with his rich, languid voice he could invest evil with wicked, irresistible relish. It is not yet known what type of cancer the star suffered from, or how long he was secretly battling the illness.

209. _____ has won the National Award on e-Governance 2015-16 for launching the Universal Account Number (UAN).

- a) SIDBI b) CIBIL c) DRDO d) EPFO

Answer d) EPFO. EPFO - Employees' Provident Fund Organisation. The UAN facility enables workers to transfer their provident fund deposits while switching jobs anywhere in India easily.

210. French IT services firm Capgemini has appointed _____ as the chief executive officer of its India operations.

- a) Kumar Abhishek Gautham b) Srinivas Kandula c) Alok Mishra d) Avinnash Ravindran

Answer b) Srinivas Kandula. Kandula played a key role in the acquisition of Patni by iGate in 2011, and of iGate by Capgemini in 2015.

211. DHL Express has named a new Chief Executive Officer for Asia Pacific region that includes India.

- a) Lee Kuan b) Kim Lee c) Kuan Hyo Chan d) Ken Lee

Answer d) Ken Lee. Ken Lee, who has an experience of over 20 years in the logistics industry, including 18 years at DHL will succeed Jerry Hsu, who is retiring after an illustrious career with DHL Express since 2001.

212. Prez Pranab Mukherjee has given his assent to the Sugar Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2015, raising the ceiling of the impost from Rs 25 to _____ per quintal.

- a) Rs 100 b) Rs 150 c) Rs 200 d) Rs 250

Answer c) Rs 200. This measure will help sugarcane growers and cash-starved mills.

213. The IEA-OES is associated with

- a) Nuclear Energy b) Solar Power c) Ocean Energy d) Wind Power

Answer c) Ocean Energy. IEA-OES stands for International Energy Agency – Ocean Energy Systems. Cabinet has given its approval for India becoming a member country of the IEA-OES.

214. Who heads the committee to fast-track bullet train project?

- a) Arvind Mayaram b) Raghram Rajan c) Dilip Kumar d) Arvind Panagariya

Answer d) Arvind Panagariya. Fast-tracking implementation of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train, the Centre has set up a high-level panel headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya to sort out bilateral issues with a similar committee set up by Japan.

215. State-owned BSNL has started 4G services on non-commercial basis in _____.

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

Answer a) Chandigarh. BSNL is promising broadband speed of up to 100 megabit per second (Mbps). BSNL has 4G spectrum across India except in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kolkata.

216. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is associated with

- a) Vehicle Insurance b) Education Loans c) Agriculture d) Home Loans

Answer c) Agriculture. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi today has approved the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana – a path breaking scheme for farmers' welfare. There will be a uniform premium of only 2% to be paid by farmers for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops.

217. Who launched two initiatives by Mumbai Railway Police — SAMEEP (Safety Alert Messages Exclusively For Passengers) and B-Safe?

- a) Saurav Ganguly b) Virat Kohli c) Sachin Tendulkar d) Amitabh Bachchan

Answer c) Sachin Tendulkar

218. Based on the recent 'International World Leader Index' survey, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been voted as the _____ most popular leader in the world.

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

Answer d) Seventh. US President Barack Obama has topped the list followed by Angela Merkel and David Cameron.

219. Yoo Il-ho has been appointed as the Finance Minister of

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

Answer d) South Korea. Yoo, a scholar-turned-politician and former land minister, replaces Choi Kyung-hwan, who will be running in parliamentary elections in April.

220. INS Rahav is a submarine of

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

Answer c) Israel. Israel has taken delivery of its fifth German-built submarine, an advanced Dolphin-class vessel said to be capable of remaining submerged for up to a week.

221. PM Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the MoU between India and _____ on cooperation in the field of Health.

- a) Mauritius b) Sri Lanka c) Nepal d) Maldives

Answer d) Maldives. The MoU covers cooperation in the area of exchange and training of medical doctors, officials, other health professionals and experts, assistance in development of human resources and setting up of healthcare facilities and medical and health research development.

222. The GOI has signed a loan agreement with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for pollution abatement of River Mula-Mutha in _____.

- a) Pune b) Chandigarh c) Kolkata d) Bengaluru

Answer a) Pune. The Government of Japan has committed to provide a soft loan of 19.064 billion Yen (about Rs. 1000 crore) to Government of India for the project at an interest rate of 0.30% per annum.

223. Name the Lt Gen, who played a key role in the 1971 war which broke up Pakistan and created Bangladesh, died in New Delhi.

- a) Lt Gen JFR Jacob b) Lt Gen NS Krishna c) Lt Gen KM Kripal d) Lt Gen NS Chandran

Answer a) Lt Gen JFR Jacob. Born in the Bengal Presidency under British India, Jacob joined the army at the age of 19 and also fought in World War II and the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965 before he retired in 1978. Jacob was the Chief of Staff of the Indian Army's Eastern Command during the 1971 India-Pakistan war that led to Pakistan's eastern wing seceding and becoming an independent Bangladesh.

224. Wendell Lira is associated with which of the following games?

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

Answer b) Football. Wendell Lira won the 2015 FIFA Puskas Award for his spinning bicycle kick while playing for Goianesia in the Brazilian Goias state championship.

225. Jallikattu is a famous traditional sport in

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

Answer c) Tamil Nadu. Days after the central government gave a go ahead to Jallikattu, the Supreme Court ruled that the bull-taming festival would not be celebrated in Tamil Nadu this year.

226. Operation Cold is associated with

- a) CBI b) IB c) BSF d) NCC

Answer c) BSF. Border Security Force (BSF) has launched 'Operation Cold' along the international border in Rajasthan covering Sriganganagar, Bikaner, Barmer and Jaisalmer that will continue till January 30.

227. The E-enabled Track Management System and Track Inventory Management System has been launched in

- a) Northern Railways b) Southern Railways c) North Eastern Railways d) Central Railways

Answer a) Northern Railways. Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated the systems.

228. Who chaired the Defence Acquisition Council, which has recently approved major changes in Defence Procurement Procedure?

- a) Ashok Sinha b) Rajnath Singh c) Manohar Parrikar d) Arun Jaitely

Answer c) Manohar Parrikar. The new DPP (Defence Procurement Procedure) will streamline defence acquisitions made by the Defence establishments in India and give a big impetus to indigenisation through the 'Make in India' initiative.

229. _____ has become the first State to introduce compulsory gender education at the graduate level.

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

Answer d) Telangana

230. Which country has recently reshuffled its military headquarters in a major revamp?

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

Answer c) China. In a major military reform, Chinese President Xi Jinping has reorganised four army headquarters by replacing them with 15 new agencies under the Central Military Commission (CMC) headed by him, tightening his control over the world's largest force.

231. A new social security agreement signed between India and _____ has come into operation enabling people of both nations to avail retirement benefits in each other's country.

- a) UK b) USA c) Australia d) France

Answer c) Australia. The Agreement signed in November 2014 came into operation on January 1, 2016.

232. Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes is located in

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

Answer a) Hisar. Scientists at Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes (CIRB) in Hisar claimed to have successfully produced a cloned buffalo offspring 'Cirb Gaurav'.

233. Who has won the Ballon d'Or award for the world's best player for the fifth time?

- a) Neymar b) Lionel Messi c) Cristiano Ronaldo d) Alexis Ronaldinho

Answer b) Lionel Messi. The 28-year-old Argentine had 41.33% of the vote, with Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo (27.76%) second and Barca's Neymar (7.86%) third.

234. Maria Teresa de Filippis, who passed away recently, was associated with

- a) Gymnastics b) Swimming c) Archery d) Formula One

Answer d) Formula One. Maria Teresa de Filippis, the first woman to compete in a world championship Formula One grand prix, has died at the age of 89.

235. Who has been conferred with the honourable Cecil B DeMille award?

- a) John David Washington b) Denzel Washington c) Morgan Freeman d) Pauletta Washington

Answer b) Denzel Washington. Denzel Washington has been conferred with the honourable Cecil B DeMille award, which honors extraordinary contributions to the entertainment world, at the 2016 Golden Globes. The 61-year-old actor, director, producer, and philanthropist brought his family up on stage with him to accept the award, but forgot his glasses.

236. Who has been honoured with the second Harikrishna Devsare Baalsahitya Award 2015?

- a) Arjun b) Anil Verma c) Balkrishna Garg d) Vijay Kumar Roy

Answer c) Balkrishna Garg . Veteran poet Balkrishna Garg has been honoured with the second Harikrishna Devsare Baalsahitya Award 2015 for his collection of poems for children, titled 'BaalGeet'. Sahitya Akademi President Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari and National Book Trust Chairman Baldeo Bhai Sharma conferred the award comprising a cash prize of Rs 75,000, a shawl and a citation on Garg.

237. Who will be the new CEO of Flipkart?

- a) Binny Bansal b) Jeff Bezos c) Sachin Bansal d) Kunal Bahl

Answer a) Binny Bansal. In a major top management rejig at Flipkart, Binny Bansal will be the new CEO in place of his co-founder Sachin Bansal, who would become Executive Chairman of India's biggest e-commerce company. Binny till now was the Chief Operating Officer (COO). Sachin along with Binny launched Flipkart in 2007. Sachin will provide strategic direction for Flipkart, mentor the senior leadership and look for new investment opportunities.

238. Who has been appointed as Vice President of Micromax?

- a) Rahul Sharma b) Sumeet Arora c) Vineet Taneja d) Vikas Thapar

Answer d) Vikas Thapar. Smartphone brand, Micromax has appointed Vikas Thapar as its new Senior Vice President-Finance. In this role, Thapar will be responsible to build the company's asset and revenue base while leading the external relationship developments with all key stakeholders including bankers, equity partners, investors and government authority among others, said the company.

239. Who has been named coach of Pune IPL team?

- a) Stephen Fleming b) Gary Kirsten c) Greg Chappell d) Duncan Fletcher

Answer a) Stephen Fleming. Former New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming has been named chief coach of the new Pune franchise of the Indian Premier League Twenty20 cricket tournament. With this the former Chennai Super Kings coach will renew his long and most successful partnership with his former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who was picked in the December draft.

240. _____ commissions new Andhra thermal power unit.

- a) GAIL b) BHEL c) NTPC d) none

Answer b) BHEL. State-run Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has commissioned a 520-mw coal-based thermal power unit in Andhra Pradesh. The unit has been commissioned at the 2x520 mw Vizag Thermal Power Project of Hinduja National Power Company Limited (HNPL), Visakhapatnam.

241. Border Security Force (BSF) has launched _____ along the international border in Rajasthan.

- a) Operation Wave b) Operation Cold c) Operation Tide d) none

Answer b) Operation Cold. Border Security Force (BSF) has launched 'Operation Cold' along the international border in Rajasthan covering Sriganganagar, Bikaner, Barmer and Jaisalmer that will continue till January 30. The Operation Cold was launched to contain any infiltration or intrusion from Pakistan in fog and cold wave weather conditions in the western desert.

242. _____ Inks MoU with Andhra Pradesh Government.

- a) IOC b) NTPC c) Adani d) RINL

Answer d) RINL. RINL, the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant inked an MoU with the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The MoU has been signed during the 22nd CII Partnership Summit & First Sunrise AP Investment Meet, which is currently being held in Visakhapatnam.

243. Which city to shut 2,500 firms this year to fight pollution?

- a) Singapore b) Delhi c) Shanghai d) Beijing

Answer d) Beijing. Beijing will close 2,500 small polluting firms this year in its latest effort to combat pollution. Pollution is a sensitive topic in China, with thousands of protests sparked every year by concerns about environmental degradation, particularly from factories.

244. _____ social security pact comes into operation.

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

Answer a) India-Australia. A new social security agreement signed between India and Australia has come into operation enabling people of both nations to avail retirement benefits in each other's country, a pact likely to boost bilateral business linkages.

245. ICC announces _____ as event partner.

- a) Muthoot b) MoneyGram c) Paytm d) Mobiwiki

Answer b) MoneyGram. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced MoneyGram International, a leading global provider of money transfer services, as their event partner in an eight-year deal from 2016-2023.

246. Ravindra Kalia who passes away was a/an _____.

- a) Actor b) Golf player c) writer d) Singer

Answer c) writer. Noted Hindi writer and journalist Ravindra Kalia passed away at a private hospital at the age of 78. Kalia had been suffering from liver cirrhosis. He is well known for his works like 'Nau Saal Chotti Patni' and 'Ghalib Chutti Sharab'. He was the former Bharatiya Jnanpith director and also the editor of several literary magazines, including Naya Gyanodaya.

247. David Bowie was a/an _____

- a) Musician b) Golf player c) writer d) Singer

Answer a) Musician. David Bowie, one of the most influential recording artists of all time, passed away on January 10, 2016, after a battle with throat cancer. He was 69. The influential singer-songwriter and producer dabbled in glam rock, art rock, soul, hard rock, dance pop, punk and electronica during his eclectic 40-plus-year career.

248. Who won Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of the Month?

- a) Himmat Rai b) Miguel Tabuena c) Phachara Khongwatmai d) Urjit Singh

Answer b) Miguel Tabuena. The Philippines' Miguel Tabuena has been voted as the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Month for December, following his exceptional performances on home soil last month. The talented 21-year-old, who has been knocking on the winner's doors on several occasions on the Asian Tour, finally got his deserving win at the Philippine Open. In doing so, Tabuena also became the first Filipino to win his National Open since 2008.

249. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a new ammunition for India's battle tank. Name the tank.

- a) Arjun b) T-90 c) T-72 d) None

Answer a) Arjun. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a new ammunition for India's main battle tank Arjun. The new ammunition is more destructive than the previous one and was successfully test fired at Chandipur in Odisha.

250. In which state, Governor's rule has been imposed?

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

Answer b) Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir has been placed under Governor's rule with the process of new government formation following the death of chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed taking some time. The President cleared the recommendation of the Union home ministry for imposing Governor's rule on the basis of a recommendation from Jammu and Kashmir governor N.N. Vohra.

251. This Republic Day, _____ troops to be part of parade.

- a) French b) Russian c) American d) Japanese

Answer a) French. On January 26th this year, India's 67th Republic Day, the country will witness something unique — a foreign contingent marching with Indian troops in the Republic Day parade. French President Francois Hollande is this year's chief guest. While the Indian and French heads of state oversee the celebrations, Indian and French troops will together march down Rajpath.

252. 24th edition of world book fair begins in _____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi. Human Resource Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated the 24th edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair which commenced in the Capital with China as the guest of honour country and a theme presentation of the cultural heritage of India.

253. Anil Ambani announces Rs _____ crore naval investment.

- a) 1500 b) 2000 c) 3000 d) 5000

Answer d) 5000. Reliance Defence Ltd has signed an accord with the Andhra Pradesh government to set up a naval facility along the country's eastern coast with an initial investment of Rs 5,000 crore (\$748 million).

254. Who is the new Prime Minister of Burkina Faso?

- a) Gérard Kango Ouédraogo b) Roch Marc Christian Kaboré c) Paul Kaba Thieba d) Caba Neiba

Answer c) Paul Kaba Thieba. Burkina Faso's president named economist Paul Kaba Thieba as prime

minister. Thieba, who has little political experience, is charged with forming President Roch Marc Kabore's government as the country continues with a democratic transition after 27 years under leader Blaise Compaore, who was overthrown in October 2014. Thieba, 56, worked for many years as an economist for the West African central bank, BCEAO, in Ivory Coast.

255. Which Country denounces DPRK's fourth nuclear test?

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

Answer b) South Korea. South Korea's parliament has passed a resolution, denouncing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s fourth nuclear test, urging the DPRK to dismantle its nuclear program. The resolution was passed unanimously through the National Assembly two days after Pyongyang announced its first successful test of a "hydrogen bomb"

256. Which Country's government proposes new constitution?

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

Answer b) Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka's new government has presented its plan for a new constitution aimed at devolving power and preventing the sort of ethnic tensions that led to a long and bitter civil war that ended in 2009. The move comes as reformist President Maithripala Sirisena's administration takes some steps to promote post-conflict reconciliation and address alleged war crimes committed during the 26-year conflict between government troops and Tamil Tiger rebels.

257. _____ elected as UNICEF's executive board member.

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

Answer c) Nepal. Nepal has been elected a member of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) executive board, representing the Group of Asia-Pacific States for 2016-18. Nepal's Permanent Representative to the UN, Durga Prasad Bhattarai, was also unanimously elected vice-president to the Bureau of the Executive Board of the UNICEF for 2016, representing the Asia-Pacific region.

258. A joint naval exercise between Indian and Japanese Coast Guards will be held on January 15.

Name it.

- a) Sahyog Kajin b) Indra c) Shakti d) Sahog ken

Answer a) Sahyog Kajin. A joint naval exercise between Indian and Japanese Coast Guards will be held on January 15 to strengthen relationship and refine the joint operating procedures between the coast guards of the two nations. The exercise named Sahyog Kaijin-XV is scheduled to be held in the Bay of Bengal off Chennai on 15 January.

259. Which company acquired online real estate portal Commonfloor.com?

- a) Quikr b) Olx c) Alibaba d) askme

Answer a) Quikr. Online classifieds firm Quikr India Pvt. Ltd, one of India's most valuable start-ups, bought real estate portal CommonFloor in a distress sale orchestrated by Tiger Global Management Llc, the influential US-based hedge fund that is an investor in both.

260. Scientists develop viruses to protect _____.

- a) Anthresa b) Assam Silkworm c) Muga Silkworm d) Pashmina Silkworm

Answer c) Muga Silkworm. Scientists at the University of Leicester have developed viruses that could halt the decline of 'Muga' caterpillar in India which produces one of the finest silks in the world. Muga caterpillars, which produce a highly valuable silk, are dying from bacterial infections, in Assam. Researchers claim that they have developed viruses that could protect the silkworms from disease and as a result could save the Muga silk industry.

261. Angus Scrimm who dies was a/an_____.

- a) Actor b) Writer c) Singer d) Badminton player

Answer a) Actor. Angus Scrimm, the veteran character actor best known for playing the terrifying "Tall Man" in the Phantasm horror franchise, has died at the age of 89. His other credits included the 2008 film "I Sell the Dead", the TV show "Alias". Scrimm was born Lawrence Rory Guy in Kansas City, Kansas, and studied theater at USC in Los Angeles.

262. Who won his fourth title at the Chennai Open?

- a) Coric b) Stansilas Wawrinka c) Tily Barvese d) None

Answer b) Stansilas Wawrinka. Star Swiss player, Stansilas Wawrinka won his fourth title at the Chennai Open, after comprehensively thumping Croatian Borna Coric 6-3, 7-5 in straight sets. Wawrinka defeated Coric, and extended his winning run at Chennai to 12 matches, and 24 sets. As many as 15 aces and the trademark Wawrinka backhand brushed aside any resistance from the 19-year old Coric.

263. Name the Deputy Governor of RBI, who is likely to get re-appointed after his three-year term ends on February?

- a) HR Khan b) SS Mundra c) R Gandhi d) Urjit Patel

Answer d) Urjit Patel. Patel, who joined the RBI in January 2013, heads its monetary policy department and is widely considered to be a trusted lieutenant to Governor Raghuram Rajan.

264. Which Indian bank will partner FINO PayTech to foray into the payments bank space?

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

Answer b) ICICI Bank. The ICICI Group, with about 16 per cent stake in FINO Paytech, a business correspondent, is the largest domestic shareholder. FINO Paytech has received 'in principle' licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start a payment bank.

265. Who is the present Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas?

- a) Anath Kumar
- b) Shashi Kant Kapoor
- c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- d) Geetha Lakshmi

Answer c) Dharmendra Pradhan. The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) has launched an Online Initiative to engage the LPG Consumers and Citizens of India. Two online discussion forums have been launched and are available on myGov.in and mylpg.in for Citizen-Friendly Services and Increasing LPG Coverage in the Country.

266. _____ festival is also known as Uttarayana.

- a) Pot
- b) Book
- c) Paint
- d) Kite

Answer d) Kite. The International Kite Festival has begun at Surat and Rajkot in Gujarat with kite-flyers from 31 countries set to participate in the week-long event. The festival will be held in Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad city, Bhuj, Porbandar, Modhera and Khambhat cities.

267. NPCI has collaborated with _____ Services India to launch Aadhaar Enabled Payment System.

- a) CSC e-Governance
- b) Fidelity e-Governance
- c) CNL Groups
- d) Infosys

Answer a) CSC e-Governance. India's retail payment platform NPCI and CSC eGov have jointly launched Aadhaar enabled payment system that will facilitate government entitlements such as NREGA as well as old age pension.

268. Domain of which country has become the world's most commonly used in the internet?

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

Answer c) China. China's country code domain '.cn' has become the world's most commonly used in the internet with 16.36 million users, surpassing Germany's '.de' domain.

269. According to the poll carried out by WIN/Gallup International, _____ is the Happiest country in the world.

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Finland
- c) Switzerland
- d) Colombia

Answer d) Colombia. Second Rank goes Fiji Islands. Third Rank goes to Saudi Arabia.

270. Who is El Chapo?

- a) Famous Politician
- b) Former President of Mexico
- c) Famous Athlete
- d) World's Top Drug Lord

Answer d) World's Top Drug Lord. Mexico recaptured the world's top drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman

271. Victoria Azarenka is associated with which of the following sport?

- a) Golf
- b) Badminton
- c) Tennis
- d) Swimming

Answer c) Tennis. Former world number one Victoria Azarenka of Belarus won her first title since 2013 by beating Angelique Kerber of Germany in the Brisbane International final.

272. Hopman Cup is associated with

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

Answer b) Tennis. Australians Nick Kyrgios and Daria Gavrilova beat Ukraine's Elina Svitolina and Alexandr Dolgoplov to win the mixed teams Hopman Cup in Perth.

273. Novak Djokovic beats _____ to win Qatar Open title.

- a) Roger Federer b) Stan Wawrinka c) Rafael Nadal d) Leander Paes

Answer c) Rafael Nadal. World number one Novak Djokovic claimed his first title of the year with an impressive 6-1 6-2 win over Rafael Nadal in the Qatar Open.

274. Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis have won their _____ consecutive title by lifting the WTA Brisbane trophy.

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

Answer c) Sixth. The top seeded pair defeated the German wildcards Angelique Kerber and Andrea Petkovic 7-5 6-1 in mere 69 minutes.

275. Who has emerged as the 'most generous Indian' in the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2015?

- a) Ratan Tata b) Azim Premji c) Sachin Tendulkar d) Mukesh Ambani

Answer b) Azim Premji. Azim Premji has emerged as the 'most generous Indian' in the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2015, a ranking of the most generous individuals from India released on January 8. Premji donated Rs 27,514 crore for education through The Azim Premji foundation. The foundation works in 8 states and has more than 350,000 schools. This is the third successive year that Premji has topped the philanthropy list, says Hurun Research Institute that released the ranking. Donations were measured by the value of their cash or cash equivalent from 1 November 2014 to 31 October 2015.

276. Who has been felicitated with the Central Banker of the Year Award (Global and Asia Pacific) for 2016?

- a) Nachiket M. Mor b) Raghuram Rajan c) Salil Mehta d) None

Answer b) Raghuram Rajan. RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has been felicitated with the Central Banker of the Year Award (Global and Asia Pacific) for 2016 by the Financial Times Group's monthly publication 'The Banker'. The Central Banker of the Year 2016 awards celebrate the officials that have best managed to stimulate growth and stabilise their country's economy. In recognition of the RBI contribution to these achievements.

277. Who presented the first India Pharma awards in Bengaluru?

- a) Ananth Kumar b) Anup Verma c) Suresh Prabhu d) Manohar Lal khattar

Answer a) Ananth Kumar. The Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Ananth Kumar presented the first India Pharma awards in Bengaluru. The awards constituted by Department of Pharmaceuticals were given to outstanding Pharma Industries to motivate Indian Pharma and medical devices industries.

278. Who has been appointed as Registrar General and Census Commissioner?

- a) Samir b) Sunil Sharma c) C. Chandramouli d) Sailesh

Answer d) Sailesh. Mr. Sailesh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been appointed as Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary.

279. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Competition Commission of India?

- a) Puneet Marwah b) Ashok Chawla c) Devender Kumar Sikiri d) Gurbir Sabrwal

Answer c) Devender Kumar Sikiri. Former Gujarat cadre IAS officer Devender Kumar Sikiri has been appointed as the Chairman of fair-trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI). Sikiri will succeed Ashok Chawla as the Chairman of Competition Commission of India (CCI). Chawla was appointed as the Chairman of Competition Commission of India (CCI) on October 20, 2011. His tenure as Chairman of CCI has ended in January 2016.

280. Who has been appointed as CEO of Niti Aayog?

- a) V.K. Saraswat b) Arvind Panagariya c) Amitabh Kant d) Bibek Debroy

Answer c) Amitabh Kant. Amitabh Kant, secretary in the department of industrial policy and promotion, has been appointed the chief executive officer (CEO) of the NITI Aayog. He will take over the job after his retirement from service in February end. The competent authority has approved the appointment after Kant's superannuation. The terms and conditions of his appointment will be conveyed in due course," an order issued by the department of personnel and training said on January 8.

281. HDFC targets fund size of Rs. _____ crore for HCARE-1.

- a) 5000 b) 2000 c) 1000 d) 6000

Answer a) 5000. To make medium to long term investment in development of mass housing Housing Development Finance Corporation announced that HDFC Capital Advisors, a wholly owned

subsidiary of the Corporation has been appointed as an investment manager for the HDFC Capital Affordable Real Estate Fund-1 (HCARE-1). HCARE-1 is a SEBI registered Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) and has been sponsored by the Corporation.

282. GOI removed the ban from traditional bull taming game Jallikkattu. Jallikkattu is celebrated in which state?

- a) Maharashtra b) Kerala c) Tamil Nadu d) Goa

Answer c) Tamil Nadu. GOI has removed the ban from traditional bull taming game Jallikkattu. Union Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has given allowance to Jallikkattu to take place but at the same time it has set conditions for the Game in order to avoid cruelty to animals. The MoEF has also allowed bullock cart race called Rekhla race to take place in the states where it is traditionally performed.

283. Govt to build 3 spl training centres for disabled sportsmen. Name the states.

- a) Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu b) Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala
c) Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra d) Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The government will set up three state-of-the-art centres in Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh to provide special training and support to sportsmen who are differently-abled. They want to adopt the best practices and parameters adopted abroad. Detailed project report will be prepared and by April or May they will initiate the construction of the buildings. The centres will be set up in Zirakpur in Punjab, Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

284. Which state Introduced e-Tappal system?

- a) Maharashtra b) Tamil Nadu c) Andhra Pradesh d) Rajasthan

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. A software tool – known as the Online Tappal Management System- for the convenience of people launched by the Andhra Pradesh state Regional Transport Authority, Vijayawada. The state Government of Andhra Pradesh have introduced the system at RTA, Vijayawada, Gudivada and Nandigama as a pilot project and can be adopted at other offices of the state Government after being tested for sometime. In most cases, locating applications is a time consuming process and at times, they even gets misplaced in different sections. Easy processing is the objective.

285. Name the India-France military exercise which recently began.

- a) Indra b) Shakti c) Sahas d) Nihal

Answer b) Shakti. Indian and French troops began their eight-day counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency joint exercise Shakti in Rajasthan on January 8, 2016. The French contingent comprising 56 personnel of 35th Infantry Regiment of 7th Armoured Brigade, which had taken part in the Afghan war, had arrived in Jodhpur on January 6 to take part in Shakti-2016. A French Army contingent, led by Maj Thibaut De Lacoste Lareymondie on January 7 arrived at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.

286. _____ set to partner Russia for Rs 5,000-crore defence deal.

- a) DLF b) Tata c) Larsen and Turbo d) Reliance defence

Answer c) Larsen and Turbo. Engineering giant Larsen and Toubro is set to get a major share in a Rs 5,000-crore deal to upgrade and refit Russian-origin Kilo class submarines. The company, which is already a leading partner for the nuclear submarine project of the Indian Navy, has been chosen as the Indian partner for the Kilo class refit — a program to increase the life of the submarine by 10 years involving complex engineering.

287. _____ successfully tested driverless car using at NASA Centre.

- a) Volkswagen b) Nissan c) Honda d) Hyundai

Answer b) Nissan. Automaker Nissan has successfully test-driven its all-electric, driverless car at NASA's Ames Research Centre in California. Nissan's all-electric LEAF performed safe autonomous drives across the Ames centre. The Nissan LEAF vehicle is equipped with cameras, sensors and cellular data networking. It uses robotics software originally developed for Ames' K-10 and K-REX planetary rovers to operate autonomously.

288. Who has been ranked number 1 in Junior Badminton players ranking?

- a) Siril Verma b) Carolina Marin c) Sahas Suri d) Sri Verma

Answer a) Siril Verma. India's Siril Verma climbed up 11 places to occupy the number one spot in junior men's singles category in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings issued on January 7. Verma, the current world junior championships runners-up and regarded as the next big thing in Indian badminton, is ahead of second placed Toma Junior Popov of France while another Indian Chirag Sen occupies the third spot. Meanwhile, star Indian women's shuttler and London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal continues to occupy the second spot in the rankings behind Carolina Marin of Spain, while Li Xuerei of China is at the third position.

289. Who will be the new Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir?

- a) Mehbooba Mufti b) Sanaya Sheikh c) Sanjeeda Mufti d) None

Answer a) Mehbooba Mufti. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, died on January 7 and just hours later his party PDP chose his daughter Mehbooba Mufti as his successor. He crafted an impossible coalition with BJP in the Muslim-majority state. Sayeed, 79, breathed his last at AIIMS this morning after remaining on ventilator for the past few days. Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid glowing tributes to Sayeed and offered homage to him at the technical area of the Palam airport before the body was flown to Srinagar in an air force plane.

290. The second indigenous stealth Anti-Submarine Warfare has been commissioned in Indian Navy. Name it.

- a) INS Kadmatt b) INS Kadami c) INS Surya d) INS Samarth

Answer a) INS Kadmatt. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral RK Dhowan commissioned the second indigenous stealth Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) corvette INS Kadmatt in Visakhapatnam. It was built by M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) at Naval Dockyard.

291. Which State government scraps management quota in private schools?

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

Answer c) Delhi. The Delhi government has scrapped management quotas for admissions to private schools, a move that opens more seats for general admissions but puts the government on a collision course with the schools. There will be no reservation for children of VIP, VVIP, police, MLA and MP in private schools of Delhi. Kejriwal said it was important to remove the management quota, calling it “the biggest scam” in India’s education system.

292. Who is appointed as Chairman of FTII?

- a) Alok Verma b) Suneel Darshan c) Pankaj Dheer d) Gajendra Chauhan

Answer d) Gajendra Chauhan. TV actor and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)’s Gajendra Chauhan has been appointed as the Chairman of the prestigious Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). More than 40 students protested with banners proclaiming ‘Silent Emergency’ and ‘Tyranny of the Elected’. The agitators are being held at the Shivajinagar police station as the first meeting of the new FTII society gets underway almost six months after its reconstitution.

293. Who has been appointed as Technology advisor of Odisha Government?

- a) Sam Pitroda b) Sunil Vohra c) Ravi Gupta d) Mohd. Ali

Answer a) Sam Pitroda. Eminent technocrat and former chairman of National Knowledge Commission Satyanarayan Gangaram Pitroda popularly known as Sam Pitroda has been appointed technology advisor to the Odisha Government. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Pitroda, who will enjoy the status of a Cabinet rank minister, will work for the development of IT sector and prepare Vision 2036 document for the State.

294. Who has become the first South Asian to occupy the post of top prosecutor in US Country?

- a) Puneet Nijahwan b) Jasmeet Arora c) Gurpeet Kakkar d) Gurbir Grewal

Answer d) Gurbir Grewal. A Sikh-American attorney has been appointed as the top prosecutor in the most populous county in New Jersey, becoming the first South Asian to occupy the post in the state. Gurbir Grewal, 42, was sworn in as acting Bergen County prosecutor on January 4, succeeding John Molinelli whose 14-year long tenure has ended. Grewal, a former federal prosecutor, has fought major white-collar crimes for the US Attorney's Office and most recently served as chief of the Economic Crimes Unit in Newark.

295. Who took charge as UN High Commissioner for Refugees?

- a) Caroline Antene b) Mathew c) Antonio Geller d) Filippo Grandi

Answer d) Filippo Grandi. Filippo Grandi, a UN official who has worked in refugee and political affairs in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, began his five-year term as UN High Commissioner for Refugees on January 1, succeeding António Guterres. Grandi, 58, who is from Italy, has worked in international affairs for over 30 years, 27 of them with the United Nations.

296. _____ appointed CMD of Madras Fertilizers

- a) AB Khare b) Anita Verma c) Sunita Vohra d) None

Answer a) AB Khare. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for offering attractive VRS/VSS packages at 2007 pay scales to mitigate the hardships being faced by the employees of HMT Watches Ltd., HMT Chinar Watches Ltd. and HMT Bearings Ltd. and close their operations.

297. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed who passed away was a Chief Minister of which State?

- a) Maharashtra b) Rajasthan c) Jammu and Kashmir d) Goa

Answer c) Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi. He was 79. The Mufti's daughter and the president of his Peoples Democratic Party, Mehbooba Mufti, 56, is expected to take over as the first woman chief minister of the state.

298. Name the person who has been appointed India's new ambassador to Israel.x

- a) Shailesh Yadav b) Somya Sharma c) Pavan Kapoor d) Anika Sharma

Answer c) Pavan Kapoor. Senior diplomat Pavan Kapoor has been appointed India's ambassador to strategically important Israel, where he will succeed Jaideep Sarkar. Mr Kapoor, a 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service Officer, is currently India's High Commissioner in Mozambique capital Maputo. The appointment assumes significance as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is likely to visit India this year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi may also pay a return visit to Tel Aviv.

299. According to world Bank, India to grow at a faster _____percent in fiscal 2016-17.

- a) 7.5 b) 7.00 c) 7.8 d) 8.1

Answer c) 7.8. The World Bank has projected that India will grow by a robust 7.8 per cent in 2016 and 7.9 per cent in the next two years. World Bank also predicted that India will be the fastest growing economy in the world in the next three years and would outpace China.

300. Which actress has become the first Indian actor to register a win at the People Choice Awards?

- a) Deepika Padukone b) Aishwarya Rai c) Priyanka Chopra d) Neha Dhupia

Answer c) Priyanka Chopra. Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra has bagged the favourite actress in new TV series honour at the 2016 People Choice Awards for her performance of an FBI recruit on American show Quantico. Priyanka becomes the first Indian actor to register a win at the People Choice Awards.

301. Who broke the world record on way to winning gold in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the Swedish Cup Grand Prix?

- a) Abhinav Bindra b) Apurvi Chandela c) Rajvardhan Singh Rathore d) Vijay Kumar

Answer b) Apurvi Chandela. Indian shooter Apurvi Chandela broke the world record on way to winning gold in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the Swedish Cup Grand Prix. Chandela shot 211.2 in the event to surpass the feat of Chinese Olympic gold medallist Yi Siling, who held the record with 211. The result marked a positive start for Chandela, who has already won an Olympic quota place for the Rio Olympics.

302. Labshankar Thakar who passes away, was/an _____.

- a) Choreographer b) Painter c) Writer d) Singer

Answer c) Writer. Sahitya Akademi Award winner Veteran Gujarati littérateur Labshankar Thakar, also known by his pen name Punarvasu, has died after prolonged illness at the age of 80. Thakar was a modernist author of Gujarati literature with influence of existentialism challenging traditional literature styles.

303. The government of India has reduced export duty on _____.

- a) Aluminium b) Iron ore pellets c) Wheat d) Kerosene

Answer b) Iron ore pellets. The government of India has reduced export duty on iron ore pellets to zero from 5 percent, a move that will make the commodity more competitive amid subdued demand and weakening prices. In 2014, the government had levied a 5 percent export duty on iron ore

pellets, which are value-added products of leftover material or low-grade iron ore and are used in steel-making.

304. Tata Trusts has joined hands for agri development with_____.

- a) Global foods b) Agri business and food industries c) Bamboo food d) Mars

Answer d) Mars. Tata Trusts, India's oldest philanthropic organisation, along with the \$33 billion foods giant Mars Inc will invest in the country's agri-food sector. The two will work together on agriculture development, malnutrition reduction and food safety improvement in Asia's third-largest economy.

305. Ratan Tata recently invested in a startup_____.

- a) Freshdesk b) Shopexn c) Cube 26 d) Tracxn

Answer d) Tracxn. Top industrialist Ratan Tata has invested an undisclosed amount in startup research platform Tracxn. Tracxn was started in 2013 by ex-investors Neha Singh and Abhishek Goyal.

306. Which state Government launched e-Vahan Bima Insurance scheme?

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

Answer a) Telangana. Government of Telangana has launched e-Vahan Bima Scheme to issue motor insurance policy in digital form. The scheme was launched by Information Technology Minister K T Rama Rao in the presence of T S Vijayan, Chairman of Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA).

307. India has signed an MoU with which country in the field of Civil Aviation?

- a) Singapore b) China c) Malaysia d) Pakistan

Answer a) Singapore. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which was signed in November, 2015 between Airports Authority of India (On behalf of Government of India) and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (On behalf of Government of Singapore) in Civil Aviation during Prime Minister's visit to Singapore.

308. Nitin Gadkari inaugurates the first River Information System of India in_____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi. Union Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the River Information System (RIS) System in New Delhi. The first of its kind in India, the new system will facilitate safe and accurate navigation on National Waterway 1 on the Ganges River. RIS is being implemented under the overall responsibility of Inland Waterway Authority of India, a statutory body administered by the Ministry of Shipping.

309. GOI approves closure of _____ Watches.

- a) Casio b) Maxima c) HMT d) None

Answer c) HMT. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for offering attractive VRS/VSS packages at 2007 pay scales to mitigate the hardships being faced by the employees of HMT Watches Ltd., HMT Chinar Watches Ltd. and HMT Bearings Ltd. and close their operations.

310. Sri Lanka and which country has agreed to expand FTA?

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

Answer d) Pakistan. Sri Lanka and Pakistan have agreed on the inclusion of services and investment in the bilateral free trade agreement. This would help companies of the two nations to form joint ventures for exports to other nations.

311. _____ conducted 'successful' hydrogen bomb test.

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

Answer b) North Korea. North Korea has announced that it had successfully carried out its first hydrogen bomb test, a development that, if confirmed, would marking a stunning step forward in its nuclear development. The surprise test was personally ordered by North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un and came just two days before his birthday. Only last month, during remarks made during an inspection tour, Kim had suggested Pyongyang had already developed a hydrogen bomb.

312. Saudi Arabia cut off diplomatic ties with which Country?

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

Answer a) Iran. Saudi Arabia has cut off diplomatic ties with Iran following the storming of its embassy in Tehran. Iran's envoy has been given 48 hours to quit the Saudi kingdom. The escalating row between the rival Middle East powers over Saudi Arabia's execution of a Muslim Shia cleric has caused alarm in the US and triggered a jump in the price of oil. It's feared the diplomatic rupture

between Sunni-ruled Saudi Arabia and Shia-ruled Iran may snowball across the Middle East where the two powers back opposing sides in many destructive wars.

313. India has recently signed an MoU with which Country?

- a) Iran b) Bangladesh c) Syria d) Afghanistan

Answer b) Bangladesh. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its ex-post-facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bangladesh.

314. Which city in India is to Get India's First Space Park?

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

Answer b) Bengaluru. The Indian space agency is soon opening a 100-acre Space Park in Bengaluru where private industry players would be allowed to set up facilities to make subsystems and components for satellites.

315. Five Minor planets named after _____ scientists.

- a) American b) Indian c) Chinese d) None of these

Answer c) Chinese. A total of five minor planets have been named after top Chinese scientists, including the country's first Nobel laureate scientist Tu Youyou. The naming was suggested by the National Astronomical Observatories of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and approved by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) Minor Planet Center (MPC). Chinese vice premier Liu Yandong awarded scientists certificates at the ceremony.

316 . Which Company gets CCI nod to acquire Goldman Sach's fund arm?

- a) Golden Capital b) Geetanjali Gold c) Muthoot finance d) Reliance Capital

Answer d) Reliance Capital. Reliance Capital Asset Management, part of the Anil Ambani-led group, said it has got the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) nod for acquiring Goldman Sachs's onshore business in India like mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. In October 2015, Reliance Capital Asset Management had said it is acquiring Goldman Sachs's onshore asset management business for Rs 243 crore (\$37.5 million) in an all-cash deal.

317. Andhra Bank launches _____ for money transfer.

- a) IMPS b) Paytm c) Mobiwiki d) None

Answer a) IMPS. Andhra Bank has launched Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) at all its branches in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). A multi-channel, multi-dimensional platform, IMPS makes payments possible within fraction of seconds with all the standards and integrity maintained for security.

318. Cabinet approves creation of a Credit Guarantee Fund for _____ loans/

- a) MUDRA b) Gold c) House d) None

Answer a) MUDRA. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for the creation of a Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units Development Refinance Agency (MUDRA) loans and to convert MUDRA Ltd. into MUDRA Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) Bank as a wholly owned subsidiary of SIDBI. The Fund is expected to guarantee more than Rs 1,00,000 crore worth of loans to micro and small units in the first instance.

319. Which cricketer's 281 voted the best Test knock in last 50 years?

- a) Kapil Dev b) Saurav Ganguly c) Rahul Dravid d) VVS Laxman

Answer d) VVS Laxman. VVS Laxman's historical innings of 281 against Australia at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata has been rated as the greatest Test performance of the last 50 years. The honour was accorded to the Hyderabad stylist's fabulous series-turning knock after India trailed by 274 runs on the first innings, by his fellow-players, commentators and journalists in a poll published in the January issue of ESPN's digital magazine the Cricket Monthly.

320. _____ to receive prestigious Four Freedoms Award?

- a) Michelle Obama b) Angela Merkel c) Vladimir Putin d) Sonia Gandhi

Answer b) Angela Merkel. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been named as this year's recipient of a prestigious international award, with organizers lauding her "great moral leadership" in Germany and pivotal role in tackling the crises buffeting Europe. The Dutch-based Roosevelt Foundation says Merkel will receive the International Four Freedoms Medal at a ceremony in April.

321. Who took over as Director General Border Roads (DGBR)?

- a) Lieutenant General Suresh Rana b) Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma
c) Lieutenant General Manish Sharma d) Lieutenant General Samay Sharma

Answer b) Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma. Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma has taken over as the 24th Director General Border Roads (DGBR). Before taking over as Director General Border Roads, he was holding the appointment of Director General Combat Engineers at Army HQ.

322. Name the Mumbai Cricketer who has become the first batsman to score 1000-plus runs in an innings in any form of cricket.

- a) Pranav Dhanawade b) Praveen Gupta c) Paras Sharma d) Salil Dhananjay

Answer a) Pranav Dhanawade. Pranav Dhanawade, a Mumbai Cricketer, has become the first batsman to score 1000-plus runs in an innings in any form of cricket. Batting against Arya Gurukul School in a Bhandari Cup match, Pranav reached 1000 runs in just 323 balls.

323. GOI has constituted a Committee headed by which film personality for holistic interpretation of Cinematograph Act and Rules?

- a) Nina Lath Gupta b) Arunima Singh c) R.O Mehra d) Shyam Benegal

Answer d) Shyam Benegal. Government of India has constituted a Committee headed by renowned film personality Shyam Benegal for Holistic interpretation of the provisions of the Cinematograph Act and Rules.

324. Which Committee has appointed by the Supreme Court, recommended sweeping reforms for the controversy-ridden BCCI?

- a) Justice Lodha Committee b) Shah Nawaz Committee
c) Balwant Rai Mehta Committee d) Ashok Mehta Committee

Answer a) Justice Lodha Committee. The Supreme Court-appointed Lodha Committee has recommended sweeping reforms for the controversy-ridden BCCI, suggesting a bar on ministers from occupying positions, putting a cap on the age and tenure of the office-bearers and legalising betting.

325. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has approved how many percent of posts at Constable level for being filled up by women in CAPFs?

- a) 43% b) 23% c) 33% d) 32%

Answer c) 33%. With a view to enhancing representation of women in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the 33% posts at Constable level for being filled up by women.

326. Friendship bus service resumes between India and which country recently after 27 years?

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

Answer d) Nepal. A friendship bus service between India and Nepal via Champawat in Uttarakhand has been resumed after a gap of 27 years.

327. Which Bank signed a pact with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) for web-based monitoring projects on Jan 4, 2016?

- a) NABARD b) Exim Bank c) Bank of Baroda d) SBI

Answer a) NABARD. Country's apex development bank, NABARD on Jan 4 signed a pact with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) for web-based monitoring of its projects in four states.

328. Recently Who has sworn as the 8th Chief Information Commissioner?

- a) Mallikarjun Kharge b) RK Mathur c) Raghubar Das d) Arjun Munda

Answer b) RK Mathur. Former defence secretary RK Mathur has sworn in as the eighth Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) by President Pranab Mukherjee at a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi.

329. Who has been named the new chairman of IMAI?

- a) Kunal Shah b) Vishwas Patel c) Kunal Singh d) Kunal Seth

Answer a) Kunal Shah. Industry body the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has named Kunal Shah, co-founder and chief executive officer of FreeCharge as the new chairman of the association.

330. Which veteran BJP MLA passed away at Korka district at 63?

- a) Raghubar Das b) Raghunandan Mandal c) Raghunath Munda d) Arjun Majhi

Answer b) Raghunandan Mandal. BJP MLA Raghunandan Mandal has died at Korka district at the age of 63. Mr Mandal complained of chest pain and died on way to hospital.

331. Which ex CJI was appointed as judge of CS in 2003 and recently passed away on 5th January 2016?

- a) SH Kapadia b) MB Shah c) RM Lodha d) AP Shah

Answer a) SH Kapadia. Former Chief Justice of India Sarosh Homi Kapadia, who delivered some landmark judgements, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the age of 68.

332. Which famous mountaineer from India has just conquered Mount Aconcagua in Argentina?

- a) Arunima Seth b) Arunima Panda c) Arunima Sinha d) Arunima Pradhan

Answer c) Arunima Sinha. Arunima Sinha, the amputee mountaineer who set a record by conquering Mount Everest, has added another feather to her cap by conquering Mount Aconcagua in Argentina. Arunima, in a statement, said she started her mission on the morning of December 12 and hoisted the Indian tricolour on December 25 at the summit. Aconcagua is the highest mountain outside Asia, at 6,960.8 metres.

333. The Reserve Bank Of India on 4th January 2016 imposed monetary penalty of one crore rupees on which bank for violation of its instructions?

- a) Punjab National Bank b) Axis Bank c) State Bank Of Travancore d) ICICI Bank

Answer c) State Bank Of Travancore. Reserve Bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on an SBI associate bank, State Bank of Travancore, for violation of some of its instructions.

334. Which Cricket legend has announced as the brand ambassador for 'changing diabetes' for Novo Nordisk, world's leading diabetes care company.

- a) Sourav Ganguly b) Sachin Tendulkar c) Rohit Sharma d) MS Dhoni

Answer b) Sachin Tendulkar. Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar would be the brand ambassador for 'changing diabetes' for Novo Nordisk, world's leading diabetes care company, announced on January 4. This programme in India is to fight against the lifestyle disease.

335. Which Industrial body recently opposed Airtel Zero and Free Basics type platforms which it feels violate net neutrality principles?

- a) TCS b) Wipro c) Airtel d) Nasscom

Answer d) Nasscom. The industry body Nasscom has opposed Airtel Zero and Free Basics type platforms which it feels violate net neutrality principles by differentiating internet access for certain types of services.

336. Recently for which state Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced road projects worth Rs 41,000 crore?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana c) Tamilnadu d) Kerala

Answer b) Telangana. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on January 4 announced road projects worth Rs 41,000 crore for Telangana. The announcement also includes two Express Highways from the state capital Hyderabad to Bengaluru in Karnataka and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.

337. In which part of India, a strong 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck early on 4th January?

- a) North-east b) South-west c) North-west d) South-east

Answer a) North-east. A strong 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck northeast India early on January 4, sending panicked residents fleeing into the streets. The epicentre of the earthquake, which occurred at 4.37 am at a depth of 17 km below the ground, was at Tamenglong which is located 33 kilometers from Imphal in Manipur.

338. Which telecom major is working on setting up 40,000 Wi-Fi Hotspots in the India to counter its inadequacy in providing 4G data services?

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

Answer d) BSNL. Public sector telecom major BSNL is working on setting up 40,000 Wi-Fi Hotspots in the country to counter its inadequacy in providing 4G data services. According to BSNL CMD Anupam Shrivastava they are at present neither a 4G service provider, nor do they have the relevant spectrum to launch this service.

339. Recently Public sector lender IDBI Bank has raised how many crore rupees through two separate Basel-III complaint tier- II bonds on private placement basis?

- a) Rs 1,900 b) Rs 2,200 c) Rs 1,200 d) Rs 900

Answer a) Rs 1,900. Public sector lender IDBI Bank has raised Rs 1,900 crore through two separate Basel-III complaint tier-II bonds on private placement basis. The funds would help the bank to augment its capital adequacy ratio by about 55 basis points.

340. Which Organisation has joined with Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) to develop a battery for passenger cars using technology?

- a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) b) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
c) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) d) Indian Institute Of Science (IISc)

Answer c) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) has joined hands with the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) to develop a battery for passenger cars using technology. This will be useful to make batteries for space vehicles.

341. How many satellites of Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are expected to be in orbit by March 2016?

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

Answer d) 7. Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) all the seven satellites of Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) are expected to be in the orbit by March 2016. IRNSS-1E is slated for launch on January 20 from the space port of Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. Earlier ISRO launched four satellites.

342. Which mobile payment and commerce platform has acquired Shifu, a context-aware personal assistant application?

- a) Paytm b) Free-recharge c) Airtel money d) Vodafone

Answer a) Paytm. Paytm, a mobile payment and commerce platform has acquired Shifu, a context-aware personal assistant application. Shifu mines the smartphone usage patterns of users and makes personalised and relevant recommendations to them.

343. Recently, India has collaborated with which country to exhibit for the 30th edition of the annual festival which commenced on January 1, Dastkari Haat Samiti?

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

Answer a) Myanmar. For the 30th edition of the annual festival which commenced on January 1, Dastkari Haat Samiti, supported by Ministry of External Affairs and the Embassy of India in Myanmar, has collaborated to exhibit traditional crafts like shell craft, basketry, mat weaving, handloom textile weaving, hyacinth grass weaving and jewelry from the neighbouring country.

344. Who on 4 January 2016 was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IT giant Wipro?

- a) TS kurien b) V Swaminathan c) Abid Ali Neemuchwala d) Abbas Ali Neemuchwala

Answer c) Abid Ali Neemuchwala. India's third largest software exporter Wipro has named former TCS veteran and current chief operating officer Abidali Neemuchwala as its new chief executive, a move that was widely expected and reported earlier.

345. GOI constitute _____ Committee to study wage structure of Gramin Dak Sevaks.

- a) Narshima Committee b) K.M.Committee c) Birla Committee d) Kamlesh Chandra Committee

Answer d) Kamlesh Chandra Committee. The government has constituted a one-man committee to examine the wage structure and service conditions of gramian dak sevaks. The Department of Posts has 2.6 lakh gramian dak sevaks.

346. Which group to invest Rs 500 crore for setting up ethanol plant?

- a) Tata Group b) Adanai Group c) Oasis Group d) Reliance Group

Answer c) Oasis Group. Oasis Group is planning to invest Rs 500 crore for establishing a wheat-based ethanol plant with capacity of 5 lakh litres per day at Ferozepur in Punjab.

347. Which Bank has bagged three awards at the 'National Payments Excellence Awards 2015' event recently?

- a) Corporation Bank b) State Bank Of India c) Bank of India d) Punjab National Bank

Answer a) Corporation Bank. Corporation Bank has bagged three awards at the 'National Payments Excellence Awards 2015' event recently. The function was organised by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

348. There will be no more interviews for which post in PSB's?

- a) P. O. b) Clerical c) Assistant d) None

Answer b) Clerical. Finance Ministry has asked Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to strengthen written examination for recruitment of clerical and sub-staff posts as there will be no interviews for such appointments.

349. Which Former Punjab Assembly Speaker passes away recently?

- a) Darbari Lal b) Prakash Singh c) Charanjit Singh d) H D Johr

Answer d) H D Johr. Congress leader and former Speaker of Punjab Assembly Harnam Dass Johar passed away due to old-age related ailments at the age of 83. Mr. Johar was cremated with state honours at Model Town area.

350. Name the leader of Communist Party of India (CPI) who passed away recently.

- a) Ardhendu Bhushan Bardhan b) Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy c) Prakash Karat d) Indrajit karat

Answer a) Ardhendu Bhushan Bardhan. Veteran Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Ardhendu Bhushan Bardhan passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was 92.

351. India defeated which country and won SAFF cup for the seventh time?

- a) Pakistan b) Afghanistan c) Syria d) Malaysia

Answer b) Afghanistan. India defeated Afghanistan 2-1 to clinch the SAFF Cup for the seventh time. Sunil Chhetri and Jeje Lalpekhlua scored for hosts after Zubayr Amiri gave the defending champions the lead. The Indian team has exacted a sweet revenge of their last edition defeat. India lost to Afghanistan 0-2 in the final of 2013 edition in Kathmandu.

352. Inter-ministerial panel for _____ gas to be set up soon.

- a) thermal b) Solar c) Coal d) None

Answer c) Coal. The government of India is all set up an inter-ministerial panel for the development of underground coal gasification in coal and lignite bearing areas. The eight-member panel under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary Coal will have members from ministries such as Petroleum and Natural Gas.

353. LPG emergency helpline number _____ launched.

- a) 1906 b) 1905 c) 1904 d) 1901

Answer a) 1906. Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the LPG emergency helpline number 1906 for the cooking gas consumers across the country. The consumers can call on this helpline to seek assistance to deal with gas leakage. Pradhan asked the ministry and the top brass of oil marketing companies' to make the number toll free. As for today, normal call rates will apply.

354. Which Metro gets first set of trains from Alstom?

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

Answer d) Kochi. Kochi Metro Rail Ltd has received the first set of 25 trains for Kochi Metro from French company Alstom. The order was placed in August 2014 and the company today delivered the first set from its plant inside Sri City.

355. Which Country has created three new military bodies?

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

Answer d) China. China has created three new military bodies as part of reforms to modernise its military and improve its fighting capacity. State television showed on Saturday President Xi Jinping giving military flags to the leaders of the three new units — a general command for the People's Liberation Army, a missile force and a strategic support force. Mr. Xi and PLA officers and soldiers sang the national anthem at the inauguration ceremony.

356. India and _____ exchanged list of nuke installations, prisoners.

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

Answer a) Pakistan. India and Pakistan today exchanged a list of their nuclear installations under a bilateral agreement that bars them from attacking each other's atomic facilities. The two countries

also exchanged, through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad, the lists of nationals (including civil prisoners and fishermen) of each country lodged in their respective jails.

357. _____ inaugurates bio-CNG plant?

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

Answer c) Mahindra. Mahindra & Mahindra on inaugurated a bio-CNG facility here to create carbon neutral ecosystem at Mahindra World City (MWC).

358. _____ launches host of digital banking solutions.

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

Answer c) PNB. The Android app facilitates the customer to use GPS and reach the nearest PNB ATM, it also assists customer to instantly lodge operational issues, reducing the resolution time considerably, PNB MD Usha Ananthasubramanian said. Green PIN facility was also launched under which customer can obtain duplicate PIN for debit card instantly through SMS request, it said.

359. _____ records 50% sales growth in 2015.

- a) Royal Enfield b) Pulsar c) yamah d) Apache

Answer a) Royal Enfield. Royal Enfield has recorded yet another year of stunning growth. The iconic Bullet maker, which is part of Eicher Motors, has registered 50 per cent growth in its total sales at 4.5 lakh units for the calendar year 2015.

360. Which among the following set to launch in India?

- a) Walmart b) Netflix c) Apple Inc d) None

Answer b) Netflix. Popular online streaming service Netflix is likely to launch in India next week during the trade show CES 2016. The website was planning to enter the Asian nations soon with Singapore and Hong Kong.

361. Natalie Cole who died at 65 was a/an_____.

- a) Athlete b) Singer c) Author d) Badminton Player

Answer b) Singer. Multiple Grammy-winner Natalie Cole, best known for the songs “Unforgettable”, “Inseparable” and “This Will Be,” has died. She was 65. The singer-songwriter died on Thursday, December 31 in a Los Angeles hospital due to “complications from ongoing health issues,” her publicist Maureen O’Connor confirmed, said The Hollywood Reporter. She was supposed to perform

for New Year's Eve concert at Disney Hall in LA but she cancelled all commitments a month ahead due to illness.

362. Chief Minister J Jayalithaa has launched the scheme _____, for farmers.

- a) Amma Seeds b) Seeds c) Organic Seeds d) Seeds Guide

Answer a) Amma Seeds. Implementing an announcement made in the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 2014 for farmers' welfare, Chief Minister J Jayalithaa has launched the scheme 'Amma Seeds' which is aimed at providing quality seeds.

363. India's biggest state owned gas importer Petronet LNG has signed a revised contract with _____.

- a) Derek Group b) Isramco c) Modlin d) RasGas

Answer d) RasGas. India's biggest state owned gas importer Petronet LNG has signed a revised contract with RasGas of Qatar to import gas at a significantly lower price than earlier. Under the new contract, Rasgas will supply Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to Petronet at 6-7 dollar per million British thermal units (mmbtu) from January 1, 2016. It would supply to 7.5 million tonnes of LNG India until the long-term contract ending in April 2028 The new rate is sharply lower than 12-13 dollar per mmbtu agreed earlier and has been revised after falling global prices of oil and gas, saving consumers around Rs.4,000 crore..

364. Who was awarded 2015 Sangita Kalanidhi Award?

- a) David Dean Shulman b) Muzaffar Alam c) Sanjay Subrahmanyam d) K Subrahmanyam

Answer c) Sanjay Subrahmanyam. Renowned south Indian classical vocalists Sanjay Subrahmanyam has been awarded with prestigious 2015 Sangita Kalanidhi award. The prestigious award was bestowed upon him by renowned mathematician Manjul Bhargava at 89th annual conference of the Madras Music Academy in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Subrahmanyam became seventh artistes to be presented with this award before completing 50 years of age.

365. Who took over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff?

- a) Shailesh Singh b) Ramesh Bhaduria c) Sunil Srivastav d) Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

Answer d) Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria. Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria has taken over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, a post that oversees the critical procurement process of the force. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Bhadauria was commissioned in the IAF in June 1980. Prior to taking over as DCAS, Air Marshal Bhadauria was Senior Air Staff Officer at Central Air Command of IAF.

366. Howard Davis was a/an _____.

- a) Boxer b) Athlete c) Singer d) Writer

Answer a) Boxer. Olympic champion boxer Howard Davis Jr, who won the 1976 gold medal and was named over US teammate Sugar Ray Leonard as the most outstanding fighter in the Montreal Games, has died of cancer.

367. Who has received official credit for the discovery of element 113?

- a) Americans b) Russians c) Indians d) Japanese

Answer d) Japanese. A Japanese team has received official credit for the discovery of element 113, making the group the first in Asia to have its accomplishments enshrined in the periodic table. The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry certified Thursday that a team led by Kosuke Morita at government-affiliated research institute Riken discovered the element.

368. Which Country have started first nuclear reactor in ethnic minority region?

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

Answer b) China. The first nuclear power plant located in one of China's ethnic autonomous regions has began commercial operations of its first reactor that will cut coal burning and CO2 emissions and can create upto 64,0000 jobs annually. The first reactor of the Fangchenggang Nuclear Power Plant in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region can supply 24 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a day, catering to the needs of a medium-sized city, said Gong Guangchen, the plant's spokesperson.

369. PM unveils plaque for Foundation Stone of _____ Expressway.

- a) Delhi- Meerut b) Delhi- Haridwar c) Delhi-Lucknow d) Delhi- Agra

Answer a) Delhi- Meerut. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a plaque to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the of 74 km long Delhi-Dasna-Meerut 14 lane Expressway and upgradation of 22 Km long Dasna-Hapur section of NH-24, at Sector-62 in Noida.

370. Who is appointed as the new chairman of the CBDT?

- a) Nishant Kumar b) Atulesh Jindal c) Yaseer Khan d) Atul Sharma

Answer b) Atulesh Jindal. Senior Indian Revenue Service officer Atulesh Jindal is all set to take charge as the new chairman of the CBDT, the controlling body of the income tax department. He will succeed incumbent A K Jain.

371. The government of India is all set to clean _____village panchayat headquarters along the river banks

- a) 1500 b) 1700 c) 1600 d) 1800

Answer c) 1600. The government of India is all set to clean 1,600 village panchayat headquarters along the river banks within the next six months and complete the first phase of Ganga cleaning by October this year.

372. Prime Minister Shri Modi to create a network for more job opportunities across villages.

Name it.

- a) Khadi udyog b) Khadi Gramudyog c) Khadi Jobs d) Gram Khadi udyog

Answer b) Khadi Gramudyog. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that government wants to create a network of Khadi Gramudyog across villages in the country to provide more job opportunities through the sector.

373. Which state govt. is all set to establish the state's first 800 mw supercritical coal-based power plant?

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

Answer a) Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu government is all set to establish the state's first 800 mw supercritical coal-based power plant, with Chief Minister Jayalalithaa laying the foundation stone for the Rs 6,000 crore project. Public sector unit BHEL has been awarded contract for the Rs 6,376 crore project which will come up at Athipattu in Tiruvallur district over 250 acres of land.

374. Jet Airways launches booking feature. Name the feature.

- a) Fare don b) Fare complete c) Fair lock d) air fair

Answer c) Fair Lock. Jet Airways, India's premier airline, has introduced a new booking feature called 'Fare lock', which allows the passengers the flexibility to retain a selected fare for a limited period of time before confirming the purchase at a later date.

375. _____ to Test First Integrated-Photonics Modem.

- a) JAXA b) CNSM c) ISRO d) NASA

Answer d) NASA. NASA's first-ever "integrated-photonics" modem will be tested aboard the International Space Station beginning in 2020 as part of Nasa's multi-year Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD).

376. _____ clinched the title at the MMRT track in Sriperumbudur.

- a) Nikita Troitckii b) Tatiana Calderon c) Pietro Fittipaldi d) None

Answer c) Pietro Fittipaldi. Brazilian Pietro Fittipaldi clinched the title at the MMRT track in Sriperumbudur. Fittipaldi, the 17-year old grandson of former Formula One World champion Emerson Fittipaldi.

377. Germany's Angelique Kerber won first Grand Slam title. She defeated _____.

- a) Venus b) Caroline Wozniacki c) Maria Sharapova d) Serena Williams

Answer d) Serena Williams. Germany's Angelique Kerber stunned world number one Serena Williams in three sets to win her first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open. Kerber, seeded seventh, won a thrilling final 6-4 3-6 6-4 at Melbourne Park.

378. _____ won first Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold.

- a) P V Sindhu b) Parupalli Kashyap c) Kidambi Srikanth d) France

Answer c) Kidambi Srikanth. Top seed Kidambi Srikanth made a rollicking start to the new season as he clinched the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold with a convincing win over China's Huang Yuxiang in the men's singles final.

379. Kollam G K Pillai passes away. He was a/an _____.

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

Answer a) Actor. Veteran cinema-television actor G. Krishna Pillai passed away. Pillai (82) was undergoing treatment for age-related illness and died at his house. A theatre-turned cinema-television actor, Mr. Pillai is known for his character and comedy roles in dramas, movies and TV serials. Popularly known as Kollam G.K. Pillai, he began his acting career through theatre.

380. Novak Djokovic defeated _____ in straight sets to win a record-equalling sixth Australian Open title.

- a) Andy Murray b) Rafael Nadal c) Roger Federer d) Stan Wawrinka

Answer a) Andy Murray. World number one Novak Djokovic hammered a misfiring Andy Murray in straight sets to win a record-equalling sixth Australian Open title and strengthen his grip on men's tennis. The Serbian world number one swept to a 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (7/3) victory in two hours, 53 minutes to hand Murray his fifth defeat in the Australian Open final.

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