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1. Cryptography Pioneers _____ and _____ Win 2015 Turing Award.

- a) Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman b) Paul Bishop and Simon Kerton
c) Tom Gibbs and Michelle Thomas d) Jon Snow and Tywin Lannister

Answer a) Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman. Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman, the two men who created the famous Diffie-Hellman public-key exchange protocol, are conferred with the prestigious Turing Award. This Award is also known as Oscars of computer science and technology.

2. Indira Gandhi International Airport is in

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

Answer a) Delhi. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport was awarded the world's number 1 position for best airport for the second consecutive year in the 25-40 million passenger category.

3. Who was awarded the Motorsports Man-of-the-Year Trophy at a gala award ceremony?

- a) Abdulla Mohammad Khan b) Salim Malik c) Nainar Ahamad d) Armaan Ebrahim

Answer d) Armaan Ebrahim. India's Armaan Ebrahim was awarded the Motorsports Man-of-the-Year Trophy at a gala award ceremony. The ceremony was organised by the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) in New Delhi.

4. Three scientists from _____ win 2016 Brain Prize.

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

Answer b) UK. Three British researchers, Tim Bliss, Graham Collingridge and Richard Morris have won the 2016 Brain Prize worth one million euros, awarded each year for an "outstanding contribution to European neuroscience". This is the first time the Brain Prize has been won by an entirely UK team.

5. Rozle Prezelj of _____ is the new Chairman of the IAAF Athletes' Commission, replacing Namibia's Frank Fredericks.

- a) Brazil b) Peru c) Norway d) Slovenia

Answer d) Slovenia. Prezelj represented Slovenia in the high jump at three Olympics and four IAAF World Championships. A European under-23 champion in 2001, Prezelj set a national record of 2.32m in 2012 before retiring in 2014.

6. The Central Bureau of Investigation is exploring the possibility of setting up a cyber crime investigation branch in _____.

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

Answer a) Mumbai. Cyber crime special branch is as of now only located and headquartered in Delhi.

7. In order to meet the India's growing needs, the GOI plans to set up nuclear power plants in Bihar, Haryana and _____.

- a) Punjab b) Arunachal Pradesh c) Madhya Pradesh d) Karnataka

Answer a) Punjab. The GOI aims to increase nuclear power generation capacity by three times in ten years.

8. _____ has been recognized as a Top Global Employer by the Top Employers Institute.

- a) Infosys b) Wipro c) Tata Consultancy Services d) HCL

Answer c) Tata Consultancy Services. This makes it one in only eight organizations worldwide to have achieved this status.

9. In terms of Energy Security, India has been ranked at the _____ in a list of 126 countries compiled by WEF, which was topped by Switzerland.

- a) 87 b) 89 c) 90 d) 93

Answer c) 90. The list was topped by Switzerland followed by Norway and Sweden in the second and third place, respectively. Others in the top 10 include France (4th), Denmark (5th), Austria (6th), Spain (7th), Colombia (8th), New Zealand (9th) and Uruguay (10th).

10. _____ gets India's first self-cleaning smart toilets.

- a) Hyderabad b) Chennai c) Madurai d) Coimbatore

Answer b) Chennai. These Toilets are free for public use. Each toilet automatically cleans itself before entry and after use and sensors enable consumption of less water and power with each use.

11. The Government of India has constituted _____ committee to consider Scheduled Tribe status to six Communities of Assam.

- a) Mahesh Kumar Singla b) Suresh Kumar Rana c) Ramesh Kumar Reddy d) Kamesh Kumar Naidu

Answer a) Mahesh Kumar Singla. The committee will recommend the modalities for granting of Scheduled Tribe status to six Communities namely Koch Rajbongshi, Moran, Matak, Tai Ahom, Chutia and Adivasi (Tea Tribes) in Assam.

12. Zero Discrimination Day is observed on

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

Answer a) March 1. Organizations like the United Nations (UN) actively promote the day with various activities to celebrate everyone's right to live a full life with dignity regardless of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, skin color, height, weight, profession, education, and beliefs. This year's theme is Stand Out and encourages everyone to stand for fair and just societies.

13. Hashim Thaci has been elected as the president of _____.

- a) Iran b) Kosova c) Morocco d) Peru

Answer b) Kosova. Thaci was elected in the third round of voting after failing to win the two-third majority backing in two votes earlier the same day.

14. According to Forbes, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani is _____ richest person in the World.

- a) 33rd b) 34th c) 35th d) 36th

Answer d) 36th. According to Forbes' annual ranking of billionaires, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates continued his reign as the richest person in the world. Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has retained his position as India's richest person, leading a pack of 84 Indian billionaires in 2016.

15. _____ has declared an emergency three weeks after a major oil pipeline burst.

- a) Slovenia b) Italy c) Peru d) Uruguay

Answer c) Peru. The pipeline spilled 3,000 barrels of crude oil into the Chiriaco and Morona rivers, which are the main source of water and food for several indigenous communities. The government has told these communities not to eat fish from the polluted waters.

16. _____ has announced the acquisition of debt-ridden JP Group's cement plants for Rs 16,500 crore.

- a) India Cements b) Dalmia Cements c) DLF Cements d) UltraTech

Answer d) UltraTech. Aditya Birla Group firm UltraTech has announced the acquisition of debt-ridden JP Group's cement plants for Rs 16,500 crore, making it the biggest deal in the sector. The buyer will pay an additional amount of Rs 470 crore to complete the grinding unit.

17. Rahul Sachdev is associated with

- a) Hockey b) Snooker c) Cricket d) Chess

Answer b) Snooker. Former National 6Reds runner-up Rahul Sachdev clinched his maiden title by winning the 1st All India Open Invitational Snooker Championship.

18. George Kennedy, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Economist b) Photographer c) Actor d) Musician

Answer c) Actor. George Kennedy, the hulking, tough-guy character actor who won an Academy Award for his portrayal of a savage chain-gang convict in the 1960s classic Cool Hand Luke, has died. He had undergone emergency triple bypass surgery in 2002.

19. Who has been chosen for the 2015 Bihari Puraskar?

- a) Bhagwati Lal Vyas b) Chatrukan Mishra c) Vijay Nivas Sinha d) Arjun Reddy

Answer a) Bhagwati Lal Vyas. Eminent poet Dr Bhagwati Lal Vyas has been chosen for the 2015 Bihari Puraskar for his anthology of Rajasthani poems 'Katha Sun Aawe Hai Sabad'. A recipient of

Sahitya Akademi Award, Dr Vyas has highlighted the increasing tendencies of commercialization and degradation of human values through his poetry.

20. NHAH has tied up with _____ to ensure development of management competencies of its technical and managerial manpower.

- a) IIT Kanpur b) IIT Madras c) IISC d) ISB

Answer d) ISB. ISB - Indian School of Business (Hyderabad).

21. Mehsana district is in

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

Answer b) Gujarat. Mehsana district administration has roped in the self-help groups (SHGs) to attain total eradication of open defecation. The district administration will motivate the public to join this sanitation drive in the district. First, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hometown Vadnagar in Mehsana district will be made open defecation-free (ODF) before March 15.

22. The UNSC has unanimously expanded the sanctions on which country?

- a) Pakistan b) Iran c) North Korea d) Cuba

Answer c) North Korea. The United Nations Security Council has unanimously adopted a resolution significantly expanding international sanctions against North Korea. The new measures amount to some of the toughest against North Korea in two decades.

23. Martin Crowe, who passed away recently, was a _____ player.

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

Answer c) Cricket. Martin Crowe, the legendary cricketer from New Zealand, has passed away due to cancer at the age of 53. Named one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year in 1985, he was player of the tournament at the 1992 World Cup, scoring 456 runs in nine matches.

26. World Wildlife Day is observed on

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

Answer a) March 3. World Wildlife Day was observed on 3 March 2016 across the world with theme – The future of wildlife is in our hands

27. Who is the Author of the book "Who was Shivaji?"?

- a) KN Vyas b) Prakash Padugone c) Govind Pansare d) Gokul Krishna Upadhyay

Answer c) Govind Pansare.

28. Telangana and _____ governments have reached an understanding on constructing five dams for irrigation purposes on three Rivers.

- a) Karnataka b) West Bengal c) Andhra Pradesh d) Maharashtra

Answer d) Maharashtra. The rivers are Godavari, Penganga and Pranahita

29. Tony Warren, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Economist b) Director c) Journalist d) Photographer

Answer b) Director. He was the creator of television's longest-running soap opera "Coronation Street".

30. The State/UT that became the first state in the country to launch the HPV vaccine as a public health programme for school children is _____.

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

Answer c) Delhi.

31. According to a UK real estate firm Savills survey, _____ is the world's most expensive city to live and work in, ahead of New York and Hong Kong.

- a) Geneva b) Sydney c) Texas d) London

Answer d) London. The only Indian city on the list of top 20, Mumbai is ranked 17th ahead only of Berlin, Johannesburg and Rio de Janeiro.

32. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Office (CEO) of Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)?

- a) Mrugank Paranjape b) Devanand Patel c) Guru Mohan Prasad d) Himashu Yadav

Answer a) Mrugank Paranjape. The appointment of Paranjape is valid for a period of three years, subject to prior approval from SEBI.

33. Aaron Phangiso is associated with

- a) Football b) Cricket c) Tennis d) Basket Ball

Answer b) Cricket. International Cricket Council (ICC) banned South Africa left-arm spinner Aaron Phangiso from bowling. He was banned after his bowling action, which exceeded 15-degree level of tolerance permitted under the regulations, was found illegal.

34. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the _____ has launched its first Uridashi Masala Bonds (Japanese bonds).

- a) Brics Bank b) AIIB c) World Bank d) IMF

Answer c) World Bank. These masala bonds were launched to mobilise 30 crore rupees from Japanese retail investors and will be sold to Japanese household investors.

35. Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has cleared the proposal to acquire two more Phalcon Airborne Early Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) under a tripartite agreement with Israel and _____

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

Answer a) Russia.

36. To protect the children and others with specific needs arriving in Europe, UNHCR & UNICEF has launched a Twenty Child and Family Support Hubs, known as _____.

- a) Red Hubs b) Blue Dots c) White Hubs d) Pink Dots

Answer b) Blue Dots.

37. As per the Draft Directions for NBFC – Account Aggregator released by the RBI, the Net Owned Fund of a NBFC should not be less than

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

Answer a) 2 crore rupees

38. Berta Caceres, who was shot dead recently, was a/an

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

Answer b) Environmentalist. Honduran environmentalist leader and winner of the 2015 Goldman Environmental Prize who was shot dead at her home in the town of La Esperanza.

39. Flipkart launched its own digital wallet recently. What is it's name?

- a) Flipkart Wallet b) Filpkart TM c) Flipkart Money d) Flipkart Paisa

Answer c) Flipkart Money

40. Who is the Author of the book "Fixed: Cash and Corruption in Cricket"?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar b) Umesh Kulkarni c) Swetha Prasad d) Shantanu Guha Ray

Answer d) Shantanu Guha Ray. He is a journalist.

41. Who has been selected for the 47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2015?

- a) Rakesh Kapoor b) Manoj Kumar c) Lata Mangeshkar d) Vijayakanth

Answer b) Manoj Kumar. Veteran film actor and director Manoj Kumar is to be conferred the 47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2015. The award is conferred by the Government of India for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.

42. Who has become the first Indian-American to occupy a key administration post at the IMF?

- a) Sunil Sabharwal b) Ajay Mishra c) Ratan Tata d) Suresh Mittal

Answer a) Sunil Sabharwal. Sabharwal, who was confirmed by the US Senate after a long waiting, assumed the position as Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

43. Setu Bharatam project is associated with

- a) Railway Bridges b) Inland Waterways c) Women Empowerment d) TB/Malaria Eradication

Answer a) Railway Bridges. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated an ambitious Rs 50,800-crore Setu Bharatam project, under which a total of 208 railway crossings will be replaced by rail over bridges (ROBs). As part of the project, 1,500 bridges of the British era will be overhauled at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 30,000 crore.

44. Which country has denied visa to members of US religious commission?

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

Answer b) India. US commission scheduled to visit India to discuss and report on the conditions of religious freedom in the country has been denied visa by the Indian government. A three-member delegation of US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) wanted to make a one-week visit to meet with government officials, religious leaders and activists in India.

45. The world's most expensive train station is opened in _____

- a) Dubai b) New York c) London d) Geneva

Answer b) New York. The station has been designed by Santiago Calatrava, a Spanish-Swiss architect. The World Trade Center Transportation Hub, which is expected eventually to serve more than 200,000 commuters daily, is built next to the site of the Twin Towers, which were destroyed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001.

46. Col CK Nayudu Trophy is associated with

- a) Football b) Basketball c) badminton d) Cricket

Answer d) Cricket. After clinching their 41st Ranji Trophy title in Pune recently, Mumbai annexed their second title this season when they won the Col CK Nayudu Trophy (U-23) by beating Madhya Pradesh.

47. Jitu Rai is associated with

- a) Shooting b) Archery c) Chess d) Snooker

Answer a) Shooting. Indian shooter Jitu Rai has won a gold in the 50m pistol event at the 2016 ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup in Bangkok.

48. Name the former Lok Sabha Speaker, who died due to heart attack at the age of 68.

- a) Purno Agitok Sangma b) Krishna Kumar Das c) Raja Mukesh Kapoor d) Ram Vilas Reddy

Answer a) Purno Agitok Sangma. Sangma was a nine-time member of Lok Sabha and the Speaker in the 11th Lok Sabha. He had also held important portfolios in the central government. He was also

the Chief Minister of Meghalaya from 1988 to 1990 and Leader of Opposition in the assembly from 1990 to 1991.

49. Ashok Ghosh, who passed away recently, was the leader of

- a) All-India Forward Bloc b) Indian National Congress c) Bharatiya Janata Party d) Aam Aadmi Party

Answer a) All-India Forward Bloc. He is one of the most respected leaders in West Bengal and instrumental in formation of the CPI (M)-led Left Front government.

50. President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated a National conference on 'Women Legislators: Building Resurgent India' in _____.

- a) New Delhi b) Chennai c) Bengaluru d) Thiruvananthapuram

Answer a) New Delhi. The meeting with the theme, 'Role of Women Legislators in Nation Building', has been organised by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

51. Three districts - Narnaul, Bhiwani and Jhajjar were awarded for efforts to improve sex ratio. These districts are in which state?

- a) Karnataka b) Bihar c) Punjab d) Haryana

Answer d) Haryana. Cash awards of Rs five lakh, Rs three lakh and Rs two lakh would be given away to districts of Narnaul, Bhiwani and Jhajjar respectively.

52. _____ has won eight awards in various categories for 2013-14 and 2014-15 from NABARD.

- a) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank b) Catholic Syrian Bank c) Lakshmi Vilas Bank d) Karur Vysya Bank

Answer a) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank. The KVGB Chairman, Ashok Reddy, received the awards from Eugene E Karthak, Regional Director of Reserve Bank of India, in Bengaluru.

53. India has filed a complaint against which country's decision to impose high fees L-1 and H-1B categories of temporary working visas in WTO?

- a) United Kingdom b) United States of America c) Australia d) Germany

Answer b) United States of America. US had imposed fees on certain applicants for L-1 and H-1B categories of non-immigrant temporary working visas into the country.

54. The multi crore institute 'Gita Gyan Sansthanam' will be set up in which Indian State?

- a) Punjab b) Haryana c) Himachal Pradesh d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer b) Haryana. The main purpose of the institute will be to spread the message of most revered Hindu scripture of Bhagavad Gita worldwide.

55. Election Commission has recently announced the schedule for the forthcoming Assembly elections in four States and one Union Territory. Which of the following is not among those states/UT

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

Answer d) Karnataka. The states/UT are Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Assam and Puducherry.

56. Alok Verma took over as the new Police Commissioner of

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

Answer a) Delhi

57. TCS CEO and MD Natarajan Chandrasekaran, former Chief Secretary of Gujarat Sudhir Mankad, Bharat Narotam Doshi, non-executive chairman of Mahindra & Mahindra have been appointed as non-official directors to the board of RBI for _____ years.

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

Answer b) Four

58. GOI is all set to digitise all rural post offices by which year?

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

Answer a) 2017. The government has approved Rs 4,909 crore for modernisation of 1.55 lakh post offices including 1.29 lakh post offices in rural areas, called Gramin Dak Sewak post offices.

59. Which state government has decided to illuminate 25 municipalities in the state with LED bulbs in 100 days?

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

Answer b) Telangana

60. Who was named for Lifetime Achievement Award of the 11th edition of the Mahindra Excellence Theatre Awards (META)?

- a) Ratan Thiyam b) Ilayaraja c) AR Rahman d) Manoj Kumar

Answer a) Ratan Thiyam

61. Which government has renamed the village Mustafabad in Yamuna Nagar district to Saraswati Nagar?

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

Answer c) Haryana

62. Name the author from India, who was chosen for the 2016 Windham-Campbell Prize for his novel "Em and The Big Hoom" in the fiction category?

- a) Jerry Pinto b) Arundhadthi Roy c) Mukhul Sharma d) JJ Krishnan

Answer a) Jerry Pinto

63. _____ ties up with Delhi Metro for card recharge

- a) ICICI b) RuPay c) Visa d) Paytm

Answer d) Paytm. Paytm has tied up with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). As a part of the

agreement, Delhi Metro travellers will be able to recharge their metro cards via Paytm and DMRC website.

64. The Traditional Chapchar Kut festival celebrated across which Indian State?

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

Answer c) Mizoram. Chapchar Kut, the most important traditional festival of the Mizoram people was celebrated across the state and also in the Mizo-inhabited areas in the neighbouring states.

65. River Atoyac has vanished overnight after tremors. This river is in which country?

- a) Russia b) Mexico c) Norway d) Brazil

Answer b) Mexico. Thousands of Mexicans were astonished when they woke up to discover their local river had vanished overnight. The Atoyac River, the sole source of water for 10,000 in the state of Veracruz, is thought to have disappeared into a crevasse following an earthquake tremor.

66. Napoleon Singh is associated with which of the following games?

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

Answer b) Hockey. Hockey India national-level umpire Napoleon Singh has been promoted to the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

67. _____ has been named new associate sponsor of BCCI.

- a) AMUL b) TCS c) PepsiCo d) Dabur

Answer c) PepsiCo. Within months after withdrawing as the title sponsor for the Indian Premier League (IPL), soft drinks major PepsiCo has re-entered into a collaboration with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as one of its three new associate sponsors.

68. Pat Conroy, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Novelist b) Economist c) Environmentalist d) Philanthropist

Answer a) Novelist. His famous books are "The Great Santini" and "The Prince of Tides".

69. _____, India's pioneering film archivist and film scholar, has passed away recently.

- a) PK Nair b) KN Sangma c) NK Tripathi d) RT Mishra

Answer a) PK Nair. Nair had collected over 12,000 films, of which 4,000 were foreign language films.

70. Who has been awarded Krutitava Smagra Samman for 2015 by the Kolkata's Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad Award?

- a) Padma Sachdev b) Soumya Gupta c) Nisha Tiwari d) Amrutha Subramaniyan

Answer a) Padma Sachdev. Sachdev received this award for her outstanding contribution in literature and great service to Dogri Language. West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi presented the award to the poetess.

71. Mohammed bin Nayef is the crown Prince of

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

Answer d) Saudi Arabia. President Francois Hollande has awarded the Legion d'Honneur, France's highest honour, to visiting Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Nayef.

72. Which bank gets preliminary approval for Myanmar branch?

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

Answer c) SBI. The State Bank of India is among four new foreign banks given preliminary approval to open 100 per cent-owned branches in Myanmar. The Southeast Asian nation has made this move to woo investment to the country long ruled by the military and hit by Western sanctions.

73. Recently the foundation stone of India's first-of-its-kind Octomax unit was laid at the

- a) Mathura Refinery b) Ganga Refinery c) Agra Refinery d) Madurai Refinery

Answer a) Mathura Refinery. Octomax, a "novel technology" developed in-house by Research and Development Centre of Indian Oil, involves conversion of cracked C4 streams to high-octane gasoline blending stock for production of Euro-IV/V equivalent gasoline.

74. SRESHTA is on News recently. It is associated with

- a) Public Sector Banks b) Indian Postal Department c) Indian Railways d) Indian Airways

Answer c) Indian Railways. Indian Railways is all set to set up a Special Railway Establishment for Strategic Technology and Holistic Advancement (SRESHTA), a new entity that will comprise mostly scientists and railway experts. SRESHTA will be responsible for long-term research for improving the functioning of the public sector behemoth.

75. GOI has decided to discontinue the scanning of the Food products from which country that run the risk of being contaminated by radioactive substance?

- a) Germany b) Canada c) Japan d) Australia

Answer c) Japan. Even after five years of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster in 2011, reports indicate that food products from Japan carry the risk of radioactive contamination that can lead to various forms of cancer.

76. Digital payments platform _____ has partnered with Mexico-based chain of movie theatres, Cinepolis.

- a) EasyCharge b) Freecharge c) FreeECharge d) TapCharge

Answer b) Freecharge. With the partnership going live in the second week of March, customers can pay for movie tickets and Food& Beverages (F&B) across 38 Cinepolis theatres in 28 Cities using the FreeCharge wallet.

77. The Raisina Dialogue is an annual conference held in which country?

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

Answer a) India. Raisina Dialogue, a joint initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs and a leading think tank, Observer Research Foundation. The Raisina Dialogue is an annual conference held in New Delhi, envisioned to be India's flagship conference of geopolitics and geo-economics.

78. Which country plans to land a probe on Mars in 2021?

- a) Saudi Arabia b) China c) Sweden d) Germany

Answer b) China. China plans to land a probe on Mars in 2021 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of founding of the ruling-Communist Party of China and a decade after its first failed mission in 2011, after which India, US, Russia and EU stole the march. The probe is expected to reach Mars in 2021 after a flight of seven to ten months.

79. Scientists have created the world's first biological supercomputer using

- a) ATP b) CTP c) NTP d) BTP

Answer a) ATP. Scientists have created the world's first biological supercomputer which is energy efficient and it hardly heats up at all. It uses proteins instead of electrons to relay information around a circuit. The proteins are powered by adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the energy provider to all the cells in a human body.

80. Ulsoor Lake is in

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

Answer b) Bengaluru. Thousands of dead fish have washed up on the banks of a polluted lake in India's southern technology hub of Bangalore. It is suspected that sewage from many parts of the city has been flowing into the lake, depleting oxygen levels in the water.

81. Pro Kabaddi League Season 3 Title has been clinched by

- a) Patna Pirates b) U Mumba c) Puneri Paltan d) Bengal Warriors

Answer a) Patna Pirates. The Patna Pirates were crowned champions of the Pro Kabaddi League Season 3 after they defeated defending champions and heavy favourites U Mumba in a memorable encounter.

82. The paddlers of which country win Gold at World Table Tennis Championship?

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

Answer c) India. Indian paddlers made history twice in less than 24 hours with both women's and men's teams emerging triumphant in the second division of their respective sections at the 2016 World Table Tennis Championships.

83. Kalabhavan Mani, who passed away recently, was a/an

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

Answer c) Actor. Popular Malayalam actor Kalabhavan Mani died at a private hospital. He was 45. Mani had acted in over 200 films in Malayalam and other South Indian languages.

84. Ray Tomlinson, who passed away recently, was

- a) the inventor of email b) the man who picked the @ symbol for addresses
c) man behind ARPANET, the Internet's predecessor d) All the above

Answer d) All the above.

85. Which University has won two of the three Visitor's Awards that had been instituted by President Pranab Mukherjee last year?

- a) SRM University b) SASTRA University c) Jawaharlal Nehru University d) Delhi University

Answer c) Jawaharlal Nehru University. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has won two of the three Visitor's Awards that had been instituted by President Pranab Mukherjee last year. The President of India is the visitor for all central universities. JNU received the awards for the Innovation and Research categories.

86. Which University received the Best University award for academic excellence and overall performance?

- a) Madras University b) Kochi University c) Tezpur University d) Patna University

Answer c) Tezpur University. It is in Assam.

87. A 108—feet tall idol of Lord Rishabhdeva, has entered the "Guinness World Records" as the world's tallest Jain statue. The statue is in

- a) Karnataka b) Gujarat c) Maharashtra d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer c) Maharashtra. The impressive statue is located atop Mangi Tungi mountain near Teharabad village of Baglan tehsil in this North Maharashtra district. The statue is carved out of a single rock.

88. Sun Pharmaceuticals has named _____ as brand ambassador of its health supplement brand Revital H.

- a) Virat Kohli b) MS Dhoni c) Shah Rukh Khan d) Saina Nehwal

Answer b) MS Dhoni. Earlier, actor Salman Khan was its brand ambassador for Revital H.

89. Capital Local Area Bank, a Jalandhar-based local area bank, has emerged as the first entity to have received the Reserve Bank of India's licence to start operations as a _____.

- a) Payment Bank b) Commercial Bank c) Farmers' Bank d) Small Finance Bank

Answer d) Small Finance Bank. Capital, which claims to be the largest local bank in the country, currently has 44 branches in five districts of Punjab and three more would be opened by March 31.

90. Which Bank has announced the launch of a work-from-home programme to prevent women employees from dropping out of its workforce?

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

Answer c) ICICI Bank. The programme iWork@ home will enable almost every non-customer facing

task to be done from home. The platform is designed not only to recognise the employees face; it also logs her out if she leaves her seat or if another face appears within range of the camera.

91. _____ has set up a dedicated structure for delivery and monitoring of tax payer services in the income tax department.

- a) IB b) CBDT c) ED d) PFRDA

Answer b) CBDT. CBDT - Central Board of Direct Taxes The Tax Administration Reforms Commission's (TARC) Report had accorded considerable importance to redressal of grievances and a customer focussed approach in the Department through creation of a tax payer services vertical.

92. Global rating agency Fitch has maintained its growth forecast for India at _____ per cent this fiscal.

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

Answer b) 7.5. The forecast is largely in line with the Finance Ministry's growth estimates. The Economic Survey had also said achieving 8 per cent growth may not be possible in the short run.

93. On Women's Day, SBI Life launched

- a) Smart Women Advantage b) Talent Woman Career c) Power Women d) Women Triumph

Answer a) Smart Women Advantage. It is a plan that provides for life cover, savings and female-specific critical illness benefits.

94. Mahila e-Haat, is an online marketing platform for _____.

- a) Start Ups b) Women c) Students d) Professionals

Answer b) Women. In a bid to strengthen women entrepreneurs, the ministry of women and child development (WCD) launched Mahila e-Haat, an online marketing platform for women

95. _____ has signed an agreement with Bharat Forge and US-based General Dynamics Land Systems for India's Rs 50,000-crore Future Infantry Combat Vehicle (FICV) programme.

- a) HAL b) DRDO c) Tata Motors d) ISRO

Answer c) Tata Motors. Tata Motors, the country's largest commercial vehicle maker, will lead the consortium with Pune-based auto component maker Bharat Forge as the partner.

96. Indian Railways forms SPV for bullet train project. What is SPV?

- a) Secondary Protection Value b) Special Pro-Active Venture
c) Special Purpose Vehicle d) Selective Prevalent Vanity

Answer c) Special Purpose Vehicle. Gearing up to introduce trains that run at speeds of more than 300 kmph, the Indian Railways have formed a new Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to implement the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Bullet Train project. The entity has been named the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited.

97. Germany will help to develop Kochi, Bhubaneswar and _____ as smart cities.

- a) Madurai b) Chennai c) Coimbatore d) Thiruvananthapuram

Answer c) Coimbatore. Under the smart city programme, the three cities will use technology to monitor the use of daily facilities such as electricity, gas, oil, transport, water and even harvest.

98. Garuda Shakti is the Joint Training Exercise between India and

- a) Sri Lanka b) Singapore c) Malaysia d) Indonesia

Answer d) Indonesia. The fourth edition of the joint exercise will be conducted for 13 days from 10 to 23 March 16 at Magelang, Indonesia. The exercise is aimed at building and promoting positive relations between the two Armies of India and Indonesia.

99. ISRO scientists will place the sixth navigational satellite _____ in orbit on March 10.

- a) IRNSS-1F b) IRNSS-A2 c) IRNSS-1G d) IRNSS-C7

Answer a) IRNSS-1F. This would be the second launch for ISRO in the new year. With 33 successive successful missions, the PSLV-C32, after a flight duration of about 20 minutes, will place IRNSS-1F, the sixth satellite of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), in the sub Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.

100. Tarun Kona and Alwin Francis are associated with _____.

- a) Tennis b) Chess c) Badminton d) Kabbadi

Answer c) Badminton. Indian men's doubles duo of Tarun Kona and Alwin Francis (Badminton) continued their superb form to emerge victorious at the II Peru International Series 2016 in the Peruvian capital of Lima.

101. Maria Sharapova is associated with

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

Answer c) Tennis. Five-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova announced at a news conference that she failed a drug test at the Australian Open. The current world No. 7 said she was notified by the International Tennis Federation several days ago.

102. What is the theme of International Women's Day 2016?

- a) Women Power b) Strong Woman Strong World
c) Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality d) Equal Status Everywhere

Answer c) Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality. The International Women's Day, celebrated on March 8, is a global event aimed at inspiring women and celebrating their achievements. The campaign theme for the day is #PledgeForParity.

103. _____ has signed an agreement with the Indian Railways for electrification of the Lalitpur-Udaipura rail section under PPP.

- a) Bajaj Power Generation Company b) Reliance Power Generation Company

- c) Tata Powers d) Adani Powers

Answer a) Bajaj Power Generation Company.

104. Health Ministry has recently launched five healthcare ATMs in four states. They are Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and _____

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Uttar Pradesh c) Arunachal Pradesh d) Tamil Nadu

Answer a) Andhra Pradesh. The ministry is hoping these would tide over the massive shortage of doctors in the country and also the risks of pilferage that free drugs programmes are fraught with.

105. Uber has inked a pack with _____ Government to invest Rs 120 Crore in Technology based ride-sharing services.

- a) Haryana b) Punjab c) Himachal Pradesh d) Rajasthan

Answer a) Haryana.

106. _____ are the most obese people in India?

- a) Naidus & Reddys b) Gujaratis c) Malayalis d) Punjabis

Answer d) Punjabis. Men from Tripura and Women from Meghalaya are the leanest.

107. The world's first amputee football training camp for kids aged 5 to 16 was held in

- a) New Delhi b) Durban c) Dublin d) Moscow

Answer c) Dublin. More than 40 children from different European countries came together to train for three days.

108. Vitara Brezza is a compact SUV launched by

- a) Mahindra b) Maruti Suzuki c) Tata d) Toyota

Answer b) Maruti Suzuki. Starting Price - Rs 6.99 Lakh.

109. _____ is planning to invest Rs 45,000 crore by 2020 in expansion.

- a) Shell b) BP c) HPCL d) Reliance Petroleum

Answer c) HPCL. The expansion is mainly focused on Mumbai & Vishakapatnam refineries.

110. _____ has acqui-hired two food start-ups, Flavour Labs in Gurgaon and EatOnGo in Bengaluru.

- a) Yomato b) Food Panda c) InnerChef d) Kitchen King

Answer c) InnerChef. The acquisition of Flavour Labs, a food truck company, will help InnerChef enter the mobile kitchen segment, while EatOnGo, which specialises in breakfasts, will help the company expand its presence in Bengaluru.

111. The government will sell up to _____ per cent stake in state-run Container Corp as part of its asset sales programme.

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

Answer a) Five. The government, which owns 61.8 per cent of Container Corp, is selling up to 9.75 million shares at a floor price of Rs 1,195 (\$17.76) per share.

112. Which country has recently announced that it has miniaturized nuclear warheads to mount on ballistic missiles?

- a) Iran b) Israel c) North Korea d) Indonesia

Answer c) North Korea. Kim has called for his military to be prepared to mount pre-emptive attacks against the United States and South Korea and stand ready to use nuclear weapons.

113. Company X has 15 Employees. Is it required by law to register with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?

- a) Yes b) No c) It depends on the Owner of the company d) It depends on the revenue of company

Answer b) No. Any company with over 20 employees is required by law to register with the EPFO. The government has rolled back the Budget proposal to tax Employees' Provident Fund or EPF withdrawal after facing intense criticism from all quarters.

114. The programme - BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave - is being organised jointly by _____ Government and the External Affairs Ministry between April 14 and 16.

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

Answer c) Maharashtra. Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate the conference, which will be attended by representatives of at least two cities from each of the BRICS nations.

115. Which state Government launched Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana to provide free treatment to road accident victims for the first 48 hours in the nearest government or private hospital.

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

Answer b) Karnataka. The scheme is named after Harish Nanjappa, who donated his eyes moments before his death in a road accident in February 2016.

116. Melanophidium Khairei is a new species of _____ discovered in western ghats.

- a) Bat b) Frog c) Snake d) Lizard

Answer c) Snake. It's a type of burrowing snake.

117. Adam Scott is a _____ player.

- a) Snooker b) Billiards c) Golf d) Chess

Answer c) Golf. He won the 2016 WGC-Cadillac Championship.

118. Who was conferred with the Mahindra Samridhi Krishi Shiromani Samman Award?

- a) Sunita Kapoor b) Amrita Patel c) Sunaina Gupta d) Manoj Pandiya

Answer b) Amrita Patel. She was the former chairman of the National Dairy Development Board.

119. On the International Women's Day, which Indian state that felicitated the acid attack survivors with the Rani Laxmi Bai award?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Uttar Pradesh c) Karnataka d) Bihar

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh.

120. Industries were re-classified under four colour categories by GOI based on their pollution levels. The colours are Red, Orange, Green and

- a) Yellow b) Black c) White d) Brown

Answer c) White.

121. The Reserve Bank has signed a pact with Bank of _____ for exchange of information pertaining to banking supervision.

- a) Loas b) Israel c) Iran d) Turkmenistan

Answer b) Israel. The Reserve Bank has entered into an MoU, Letter for Supervisory Co-operation and Statement of Co-operation with supervisors of a few countries to promote greater co-operation and share supervisory information.

122. The licensing committee of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has approved 12 industrial licences to the

- a) Reliance Defence b) Tata Groups c) Adani Defence Ltd d) Mahindra Heavy Works Ltd

Answer a) Reliance Defence. The Reliance defence is a subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure Limited for manufacture of wide range of Defence equipment required by the Armed Forces.

123. The National School of Drama's resource centre at _____ will be upgraded to a regional centre.

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

Answer c) Bengaluru. On the basis of the recommendations made by the Broad Based Committee NSD Society proposed to establish 5 regional centres one each at Kolkata, Mumbai/Goa, J&K, and North-East.

124. George Henry Martin, who passed away recently, was associated with

- a) Eminem b) Black Eyes Peas c) The Beatles d) Vevo

Answer c) The Beatles. Record producer Sir George Martin, known as the "fifth Beatle", has died, aged 90. Martin died "peacefully at home" in England. Sir George signed The Beatles and produced more than 700 records.

125. Who was announced as the brand ambassador of Reebok India recently?

- a) Parineeti Chopra b) Alia Bhat c) Kangana Ranaut d) Priyanka Chopra

Answer c) Kangana Ranaut. The "Queen" of Bollywood Kangana Ranaut was announced as the brand ambassador of Reebok India. The actress also launched the new campaign of the brand titled

"Be More Human". The new campaign featuring Kangana has been released on the occasion of "International Women's Day".

126. World Kidney Day is observed on Second _____ in March.

- a) Wednesday b) Thursday c) Friday d) Saturday

Answer b) Thursday. World Kidney Day is observed annually on the Second Thursday in March. World Kidney Day is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF). The theme for 2016 will focus on Kidney Disease & Children: Act Early to Prevent It.

127. How many additional waterways will be added to the existing Inland Waterways?

- a) 100 b) 102 c) 104 d) 106

Answer d) 106. Parliament has passed the National Waterways Bill, which provides for declaring certain inland waterways as national waterways with the Rajya Sabha giving its nod to the legislation.

128. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is associated with

- a) Child Education b) Corruption Free India
c) Eradicating child labour d) Free LPG connections to women

Answer d) Free LPG connections to women. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, a scheme for providing free LPG connections to women from BPL households. Under the scheme, Rs. 8000 crore has been earmarked for providing five crore LPG connections to BPL households.

129. India has recently offered highest overseas credit to which country?

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

Answer c) Bangladesh. India signed a landmark agreement with Bangladesh extending \$2 billion to the country in its biggest ever overseas credit line, five years after it inked a credit agreement worth \$1 billion with its neighbour.

130. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the country's sixth navigation satellite IRNSS-1F from the spaceport at

- a) Sriharikota b) Bengaluru c) Hyderabad d) Tirunelveli

Answer a) Sriharikota. Till date, India has launched five regional navigational satellites (IRNSS-1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E) as part of a constellation of seven satellites to provide accurate position information service to users across the country and the region, extending up to an area of 1,500 km.

131. The InSight mission is associated with

- a) Mars b) Jupiter c) Venus d) Moon

Answer a) Mars. NASA announced that it has moved back its next unmanned mission to Mars to

2018, after a component of the Mars spacecraft was found to have a leak in its key science instrument. The InSight mission — which stands for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport.

132. Who is the Founder of Blue Origin, a private space travel company?

- a) Bill Gates b) Mark Zuckerberg c) Jeff Bezos d) Carlos Slim

Answer c) Jeff Bezos. Private space travel company Blue Origin expects its first test flights with people in 2017. The announcement was made by Company founder Jeff Bezos, the man who founded Amazon.com.

133. _____ has entered into a four-year partnership with the BCCI as an associate sponsor for all international matches at home.

- a) Hyundai Motor India Ltd b) Tata Motors c) Mahindra Motors d) Toyota India

Answer a) Hyundai Motor India Ltd.

134. Nana Vasconcelos, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Economist b) Musician c) Tennis Player d) Scientist

Answer b) Musician. Acclaimed Brazilian percussionist Nana Vasconcelos has died at age 71. The eight-time Grammy Award-winner worked over the decades with well-known musicians such as Milton Nascimento. Vasconcelos died of lung cancer in the northeastern city of Recife where he was born.

135. Who will be the new Chairman of BSE and new Public Interest Director?

- a) Krishna Kumar Reddy b) Sudhakar Rao c) Murali Manohar Naidu d) Kushwant Singh

Answer b) Sudhakar Rao. He is going to replace Mr. S Ramadorai.

136. Name the actress who entered Guinness World Record For Nail Painting recently?

- a) Kajol b) Alia Bhat c) Parineeti Chopra d) Sonakshi Sinha

Answer d) Sonakshi Sinha. Actress Sonakshi Sinha has become a Guinness World Records title-holder as she along with several other women participated in an initiative to set a record for ‘most people painting their fingernails simultaneously’. She participated in the event on the occasion of International Women’s Day.

137. Kerala Tourism’s new campaign has bagged the _____ Award at the world’s leading travel trade show in Germany.

- a) Silver City Gate b) Golden City Gate c) Diamond City Gate d) Platinum City Gate

Answer b) Golden City Gate. Titled “New Worlds”, the multimedia campaign containing three short films directed by reputed Malayalam filmmaker Anwar Rasheed won the silver prize of this year’s Das Golden Stadttor or Golden City Gate at the Internationale Tourismus-Borse Berlin (ITB-Berlin), 2016.

138. _____ has inked a pact with the India Brazil Chamber of Commerce (IBCC) for cooperation in knowledge sharing, consultancy, skill and technology, and B2B opportunities.

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

Answer a) Yes Bank. The core sectors covered in the MoU will be sports, media and entertainment with special focus on IT, infrastructure, broadcast driven business opportunities.

139. Farakka Feeder Canal is in

- a) Madhya Pradesh b) Karnataka c) West Bengal d) Gujarat

Answer c) West Bengal. Abysmally low level of water in the Farakka Feeder Canal has caused the National Thermal Power Corporation to shut down five units of its power plant at Farakka in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.

140. _____ has banned the recruitment of new foreign workers.

- a) Singapore b) Malaysia c) Denmark d) Germany

Answer b) Malaysia. Malaysia has banned the recruitment of new foreign workers after widespread criticism of its decision to bring in 1.5 million Bangladeshis to work in the country, a move that may also affect Indian labourers.

141. The Government of _____ has allowed its soldiers and allied militias to rape women in lieu of wages, torture and murder suspected opponents and deliberately displaced many people.

- a) Sri Lanka b) South Sudan c) Iran d) Syria

Answer b) South Sudan. From April to September last year, the UN recorded more than 1,300 reports of rape in Unity state alone.

142. Keith Emerson, who died recently was a/an

- a) Economist b) Journalist c) Keyboardist d) Photographer

Answer c) Keyboardist. British Keyboardist and progressive rock legend Keith Emerson has died aged 71. Emerson was widely considered one of the top keyboard players of the progressive rock era.

143. Enda Kenny belongs to

- a) Israel b) Ireland c) Sweden d) Norway

Answer b) Ireland. Enda Kenny has tendered his resignation as Irish Prime Minister but will continue as acting Prime Minister until a successor is appointed.

144. _____ has planned to install 50 'zero base' mobile towers in India.

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

Answer c) BSNL. The concept of a 'zero site' is that it can be used as a wi-fi hotspot, street light and camera and the radio units can be hidden inside the pole or underneath.

145. _____ has won the Irani Cup Cricket Title 2015-16 by defeating Mumabi in the final match.

- a) Railways b) Services c) Tamil Nadu d) Rest of India

Answer d) Rest of India. In the final match played at Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai, Rest of India overhauled the record victory target of 480 by making 482 for 6 on the fifth and final day.

146. Justice Ajit Singh was sworn in as Chief Justice (CJ) of the _____ High Court.

- a) Bombay b) Madras c) Guwahati d) Ahmedabad

Answer c) Guwahati. Justice Ajit Singh was appointed by President Pranab Mukherjee as per provisions Article 222 of Constitution after following recommendation of the Supreme Court collegium headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) TS Thakur.

147. The _____ has declared Lebanese movement Hezbollah, a Shia political organisation a terrorist group.

- a) Asian League b) South East Asian League c) African League d) Arab League

Answer d) Arab League. The move comes after the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) had adopted the same stance.

148. Who has been conferred with Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by the French authorities recently?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar b) Anand Mahindra c) Azim Premzi d) Shah Rukh Khan

Answer b) Anand Mahindra. Francois Richier, Ambassador of France to India, conferred the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) on Anand G Mahindra, chairman and managing director of Mahindra & Mahindra.

149. Who has been named as the Arab League's new secretary general of Arab League?

- a) Mohammad Yusuf Khan b) Shahid Ahmad c) Ahmed Abul Gheit d) Adhul Kasim Ghalid

Answer c) Ahmed Abul Gheit. Abul Gheit, who served as foreign minister under Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak, takes office at a time when the Cairo-based Arab League is facing several tests of its unity.

150. Who has been appointed as Deputy Chief of Army Staff?

- a) NPS Hira b) Dhananjay Singh c) Sanjay Mukherjee d) Vengadesh Govindasamy

Answer a) NPS Hira. Lt Gen NPS Hira is from the Sikh Light Infantry. He has commanded the Jalandhar-based 11 Corps 'Defenders of Punjab'. He has vast experience of counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and in the North-East region, as well as conventional operations in Western Command of the Army.

151. UJALA is a scheme associated with

- a) Free Laptops for Students b) Mid Day Meal Scheme in schools

c) Small Savings scheme in High School d) LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme

Answer d) LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme. UJALA, an acronym for Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All, is being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL). The National LED programme was launched by the Prime Minister on January 2015 with a target of replacing 77 crore incandescent lamps with LED bulbs.

152. Project 'Mausam' is the initiative of

- a) Ministry of Defence b) Home Ministry
c) Ministry of Culture d) Ministry of Human Resource Development

Answer c) Ministry of Culture. This project aims to explore the multi-faceted Indian Ocean 'world' – collating archaeological and historical research in order to document the diversity of cultural, commercial and religious interactions in the Indian Ocean.

153. Railways launch online "Clean My Coach" service. Passengers have to send an SMS on a mobile number _____.

- a) 38888 b) 69999 c) 58888 d) 46666

Answer c) 58888. Alternatively, passengers can use the android app or Web page www.cleanmycoach.com for logging the request.

154. Government aims to computerize the PDS sector by installing electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices at all fair price shops across the country by

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

Answer c) March 2019. Government has also started a pilot project linking the PDS with Aadhar card under Direct Benefit Transfer scheme in Puducherry, Chandigarh and in urban areas of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

155. _____ has approved curbs on 'wilful defaulters', which entails ban on public issue of securities.

- a) CBI b) PFRDA c) SEBI d) RBI

Answer c) SEBI. The move by Sebi will help other regulators, particularly the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its drive against cracking down on wilful defaulters.

156. Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is in

- a) Rajasthan b) Gujarat c) Madhya Pradesh d) Karnataka

Answer b) Gujarat. One of the two 220 MWe units at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS) in Gujarat had to be shut down at 9 am on Friday (March 11, 2016) after leakage of heavy water from its coolant system.

157. _____ is currently developing a speech synthesis engine to its encyclopedia.

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

Answer d) Wikipedia.

158. India and _____ have launched the Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship.

- a) United Kingdom b) Germany c) United States d) France

Answer c) United States. The new initiative is to advance bilateral cooperation on climate change, that will enable Indian research scholars to work with American institutions in the field.

159. India will supply 18 Meter Gauge 1350 HP Diesel Electric Locomotives to

- a) Myanmar b) Bhutan c) Nepal d) Laos

Answer a) Myanmar. This objective is to augment locomotive fleet of Myanmar Railways to meet increasing demand for passenger and freight traffic.

160. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Law Commission?

- a) KN Krishna Moorthy b) BS Chauhan c) NS Thirupathi d) LK Mishra

Answer b) BS Chauhan. After a delay of more than six months, the government has appointed ex-judge of Supreme Court BS Chauhan as the chairperson of the 21st Law Commission.

161. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) ranked _____ as the most expensive city in the World.

- a) Singapore b) London c) New York d) Paris

Answer a) Singapore. Mumbai and Bangalore are ranked among the cheapest cities in the world. Singapore is followed by Zurich, Hong Kong, Geneva and Paris.

162. Ridesharing services provider Uber has opened its first Asian engineering centre in

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

Answer a) Bengaluru. The engineering centre in Bangalore is different from the Centre of Excellence (CoE) the company opened in Hyderabad which deals with operations and provides multi-channel support via email, phone and social media to ensure seamless experience before, during and after a ride.

163. According to the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2015, _____% of sale proceeds will have to be kept aside by the developer in an escrow account.

- a) 50 b) 60 c) 70 d) 80

Answer c) 70. An escrow is a financial instrument held by a third party on behalf of the other two parties in a transaction.

164. Cabinet approves ratification of BIMSTEC Convention. What is B in BIMSTEC?

- a) Bharat b) Bilateral c) Business d) Bay of Bengal

Answer d) Bay of Bengal. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing and ratification of the Bay of Bengal Initiative on Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

165. The MMDR Act is associated with

- a) Ocean Transport and Logistics b) Solar Power c) LGBT Community d) Mines and Minerals

Answer d) Mines and Minerals. Government of India has cleared a proposal to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act, 1957) to allow transfer of captive mining leases not granted through auction.

166. The Cabinet has given its ex-post approval for the MoU between India and _____ on Technical Cooperation in Cyber Space and Combating Cyber-Crime signed last month.

- a) Australia b) United Arab Emirates c) China d) Russia

Answer b) United Arab Emirates. This agreement would provide help in handling of the issues related to the cyber-crime between the two countries.

167. The Cabinet has given its approval for the MoU between India and _____ for setting up of South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC).

- a) BRICS Bank b) AIIB c) World Bank d) IMF

Answer d) IMF. The center will be set up in India by the IMF. The cabinet also authorised the Finance Minister to approve related decisions in respect of India's contribution for setting up of the centre.

168. The Cabinet has given its approval for an MoU between India and _____ on cooperation for prevention of human trafficking especially trafficking in women and children; rescue, recovery, repatriation and re-integration of victims of trafficking.

- a) Iran b) Pakistan c) Nepal d) Bahrain

Answer d) Bahrain. The MoU is expected to be signed during the Home Ministers upcoming visit to Bahrain in the first week of April 2016.

169. Antrix is associated with

- a) RBI b) ISRO c) SEBI d) CBI

Answer b) ISRO. Antrix – the commercial arm of ISRO – has signed agreements with Algeria and Canada for launching three satellites each, four for Germany, one each for Japan and Malaysia and 12 for the USA in 2016-17.

170. Who won the one million dollar Global Teacher Prize for the year 2016 ?

- a) Haran Lal b) Harish yadav c) Hanan Al Hroub d) Hari kumar

Answer c) Hanan Al Hroub. Hanan Al Hroub grew up in a Palestinian refugee camp and now is a teacher of refugees herself. She specialises in supporting children who have been traumatised by violence. The winner was announced at an awards ceremony in Dubai, with a video message of congratulation sent by Prince William.

171. Indian scholar and plant physiologist H Deep Saini has been appointed the next Vice Chancellor of _____?

- a) University of Cambridge b) University of Stanford
c) Harvard University d) University of Canberra

Answer d) University of Canberra. Saini, 60, currently the Vice-President of the University of Toronto and Principal of the University of Toronto Mississauga campus in Canada, will succeed Vice Chancellor Stephen Parker in September who steps down from the post in July after over nine years in the service. Saini, a notable plant physiologist, said he was thrilled to be appointed the University's Vice-Chancellor at such a fantastic time for the institution.

172. Recently PM Narendra Modi inaugurated three major railway projects in _____?

- a) Maharastra b) Bihar c) Amaravathi d) Bangalore

Answer b) Bihar. PM dedicated a rail-cum-road bridge at Patna, inaugurated another at Munger and laid the foundation of additional bridge at Mokama over the River Ganga. Modi laid foundation stone of second Mokama double line railway bridge adjacent to existing Rajendra Pul. PM dedicated Patna Ganga bridge (4.56 km) to the nation and inaugurated the freight operation through Munger rail-cum-road bridge.

173. Tourism Ministry launched four skill initiatives for youth on the occasion of _____?

- a) National youth day b) birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda
c) Both a and b d) None

Answer c) Both a and b. The Tourism Ministry launched four initiatives, including training programmes to bring up 'prayatak mitra' and 'tourist facilitators in North-East' for the youth, on National Youth Day observed to mark birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

174. International Women's Day was observed on?

- a) March 15th b) March 14th c) March 8th d) March 9th

Answer c) March 8th. NITI Aayog – Government of India's premier think-tank – has launched the 'Women Transforming India' initiative' on, March 8, International Women's Day, in partnership with the UN in India and MyGov. As a policy think tank, NITI Aayog seeks to engage directly with women leaders from across urban and rural areas of India. 'Women Transforming India' is, therefore, our effort at putting our ear to the ground to gather successful stories of change heralded by women at the grassroots level, within communities.

175. EON won Rs. 40-Crore LED streetlight Project in _____?

- a) Varanasi b) Rajasthan c) Bangalore d) Jodhpur

Answer b) Rajasthan. Eon Electric Limited (EEL) – one of the leaders in manufacturing a wide range of energy-efficient LED Lighting products won this project. Under this project, Eon will install over 1 lac LED streetlights across various cities in the state, including Jaisalmer, Gangapur, Sri Ganga Nagar, etc.

176. Sustainable Development was held on ___ in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

- a) 14th March b) 13th march c) 12th March d) 10th March

Answer a) 14th March. The meeting was held to promote the power of broadband networks and

services for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It brought the leaders from the public, private and social sectors together to seek the solutions to achieving education, equity and employment for all. The full meeting of the Commission revisited the issue of new broadband targets to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

177. Pi day was observed on?

- a) March 12th b) March 15th c) March 14th d) March 10th

Answer c) March 14th. Pi Day is observed on March 14 (3/14 in the month/day date format) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π . In 2009, the United States House of Representatives supported the designation of Pi Day. Archimedes of Syracuse (about 287–212 B.C.) is credited with doing the first calculation of Pi, while British mathematician William Jones came up with the Greek letter and symbol for the figure in 1706 — which was later popularized by Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler, beginning in 1737.

178. Recently Ernestine Anderson passed away, she is an _____?

- a) Jazz Singer b) Dancer c) Director d) Actor

Answer a) Jazz Singer. Jazz vocalist Ernestine Anderson, who was nominated for four Grammys over her career, has died. Over her six-decade career, Anderson performed at events around the world, including at the first Monterey Jazz Festival in 1958, as well as at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall, according to the Seattle Times.

179. Marquee sports car maker Ferrari has tied up with Which private bank??

- a) HDFC Bank b) ICICI Bank c) Yes Bank d) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer b) ICICI Bank. Country's largest private sector lender ICICI Bank said it has tied up with marquee sports car maker Ferrari to launch co-branded credit card. Ferrari Credit Card comes in two variants on the Visa platform and offers customers a host of offers including an all-expenses-paid trip for top spenders to Italy and also includes a Scuderia Ferrari watch as a joining gift.

180. Crisil Estimated India's GDP Growth at ___?

- a) 7.8% b) 7.9% c) 8% d) 7%

Answer b) 7.9%. The domestic rating agency Crisil has estimated the GDP growth of India at 7.9% for the fiscal year 2016 provided the Monsoon remains normal and the government implements the announced reforms. The estimated GDP growth remains to be the highest prediction so far pointing at 9% growth as estimated by Crisil.

181. Lin Dan related to _____?

- a) Cricket b) Badminton c) Hockey d) None

Answer b) Badminton. Lin Dan earned his sixth All England badminton title when he routed Chinese teammate Tian Houwei 21-9, 21-10 in the final in Birmingham. In the women's final later, Wang Shixian of China was going for her third title, and out to spoil Japanese opponent Nozomi Okuhara's 21st birthday.

182. Santhosh Trophy National Football Championships Title won by _____?

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

Answer a) Services. Services has retained the Santosh Trophy National Football Championships title after beating hosts Maharashtra 2-1 in the summit clash in Nagpur. Tudu, a national camper for the SAFF Cup last year, scored twice in the space of 11 minutes (26th and 37th) to help Services clinch their fifth title overall. Services took away Rs 5 lakh for winning the tournament while Maharashtra got Rs 3 lakh for finishing runners-up.

183. World Consumer Rights Day was observed on?

- a) March 15th b) March 14th c) March 12th d) March 13th

Answer a) March 15th. 15 March is observed as World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD). It is an annual occasion for celebration and solidarity within the international consumer movement. It marks the date in 1962 President John F Kennedy first outlined the definition of Consumer Rights.

184. Farakka Power Plant is located in which state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Mizoram c) West Bengal d) Sikkim

Answer c) West Bengal. Abysmally low level of water in the Farakka Feeder Canal has caused the National Thermal Power Corporation to shut down five units of its power plant at Farakka in Murshidabad district of West Bengal. The five units together have a combined generating capacity of 1600 MW and the shutdown is likely to affect Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and industry in the Eastern Region.

185. The Kotak Mahindra BSE Group has tied up with _____ to invest in Indian stressed assets?

- a) Canada Pension Plan b) Kerala Pension Plan c) Tamilnadu Pension Plan d) None

Answer a) Canada Pension Plan. The Kotak Mahindra BSE Group has tied up with Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) to invest in stressed assets in India to take advantage of opportunities that arise as banks clean up account books of bad assets. The agreement entails a total investment of up to \$525 million, of which as much as \$450 million will come from CPPIB.

186. Anita Brookner was an _____ ?

- a) Novelist b) Actor c) Dancer d) Singer

Answer a) Novelist. The Booker prize-winning British author and renowned art historian Anita Brookner died on 10 March 2016. She was 87. Brookner, who won the Booker in 1984 for her novel Hotel du Lac, was a bestselling author and wrote more than 25 novels.

187. _____ an American mathematician and Nobel Prize-winning economist was died?

- a) Loyal b) Shankar c) L S Sankar d) Lloyd Stowell Shapley

Answer d) Lloyd Stowell Shapley. Lloyd S. Shapley, who shared the 2012 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science for work on game theory that has been used to study subjects as diverse as matching couples and allocating costs, died in Tucson.

188. Europe and Russia launched an unmanned spacecraft, it is called ?

- a) EuroRus b) Rusmars c) ExoMars d) EuroMars

Answer a) ExoMars. Europe and Russia launched an unmanned spacecraft, named ExoMars 2016, to Smell Mars' atmosphere for gassy evidence that life once existed on the Red Planet, or may still be.

ExoMars 2016, the first of a two-phase Mars exploration, was hoisted from Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on a Russian Proton rocket.

189. Who won the Editor of the Year award ?

- a) Sanjay kumar b) Sanjay Gupta c) Sanjay singh d) Sanjay sahu

Answer b) Sanjay Gupta. Sanjay Gupta, the Jagran Group CEO and Dainik Jagran editor was presented with the Editor of the Year award at the 4th Indian Advertising Association (IAA) Awards in Mumbai. Sanjay Gupta received the award from Union Minister of State (Home Affairs) Kiren Rijiju.

190. French based tyre maker Michelin had joined hands with ____ to sell its products?

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

Answer b) Sanpdeal. French based tyre maker Michelin had joined hands with E-Commerce major Snapdeal to sell its products through Snapdeal. The Joint initiative will enable consumers to place an order online using Snapdeal to purchase Michelin tyres from an authorised dealer and request for fitment at a time and place of their choice.

191. State Bank of India has released _____ crore under One Rank One Pension (OROP)?

- a) Rs 1400 Crore b) Rs 1500 Crore c) Rs 1465 crore d) Rs 1450 Crore

Answer c) Rs 1465 crore. State Bank of India has released arrears to 7.75 lakhs defence pensioners totalling Rs 1,465 crore under One Rank One Pension (OROP). SBI has largest share of defence pensioners and serves approximately 50% of total defence pensioners across the country. The first tranche of arrear payment will be around Rs 1,465 crore, she said, adding that the bank has introduced facilities in all branches/ centralised pension processing centres (CPPCs) to provide arrear details to the pensioners.

192. _____ was Myanmar's 1st civilian President ?

- a) Naina b) Kidwa Lal c) Aung san suu d) Htin Kyaw

Answer d) Htin Kyaw. Myanmar's Parliament elected National League for Democracy's (NLD) Htin Kyaw as the President, making him the first civilian in over 50 years to lead the country. Htin Kyaw is a close ally and the former driver of NLD's President Aung Suu Kyi.

193. Which bank started first contactless mobile payment solution to enable its credit and debit customers make in-store contactless payments by just waving their smartphones ?

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

Answer b) ICICI. ICICI Bank has unveiled the country's first contactless mobile payment solution to enable its credit and debit customers make in-store contactless payments by just waving their smartphones near an NFC-enabled merchant terminal. The mobile payment solution available in the Bank's 'Pockets' app, provides improved convenience of 'Touch & Pay' as customers are no longer required to carry physical card or cash to pay in stores.

194. who was the author of the book Gandhi: An Illustrated Biography ?

- a) Prameela b) Pramod Kapoor c) Prakash d) Prabakar

Answer b) Pramod Kapoor. Gandhi: An Illustrated Biography authored by Pramod Kapoor, it is a biography of Mahatma Gandhi who played a key role in Indian independence movement. The book

is an intimate study into the evolution of a mischievous, fun-loving boy, into the Mahatma. It also seeks to decode Gandhi for modern generation.

195. Uber has tied up with which bank provide instant vehicle finance to ‘driver-partners’ ?

- a) Yes bank b) SBI c) HDFC d) ICICI

Answer b) SBI. Public sector lender SBI has tied up with taxi-aggregator Uber to provide instant vehicle finance to ‘driver-partners’ on the latter’s platform. The scheme would encourage skilled drivers to overcome liquidity crunch and excess documentation requirements to become an entrepreneur.

196. Which bank Launched Smartup, a banking solution for startups?

- a) SBI b) HDFC c) ICICI d) YES bank

Answer b) HDFC. HDFC Bank Ltd has launched SmartUp, a dedicated banking solution for startups, in association with Zone Startups India, a startup accelerator in Mumbai. SmartUp is tailored to meet all the requirements of a startup – offering banking and payment solutions, along with advisory and forex services.

197. Famous Shehnai exponent has passed away recently, who is he?

- a) Ustad Bismillah Khan b) Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan c) Ravi Shankar d) None

Answer b) Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan. Famous Shehnai exponent Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan has passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal. Ustad Khan was felicitated with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Hindustani instrumental music.

198. Recently Paul Daniels has passed away. He was an___?

- a) Musician b) Lyricist c) Magician d) Dancer

Answer c) Magician. Television magician Paul Daniels has died aged 77 after being diagnosed with a brain tumor. Daniels is famed for his television series The Paul Daniels Magic Show, which ran on the BBC from 1979 to 1994.

199. UN has suspended ____ as a goodwill ambassador ?

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

Answer a) Maria Sharapova. The UN has suspended Maria Sharapova as a goodwill ambassador following the Russian tennis star’s admission that she tested positive for the banned substance meldonium at the Australian Open in January. The UN Development Programme, which works to eradicate poverty and inequality, has discontinued its nine-year relationship with Sharapova pending the outcome of the case. Much of her work with the UNDP had focused on efforts to help survivors of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

200. Recently India and ___ have exchanged offers on the removal of a list of tariffs?

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

Answer a) China. India and China have exchanged offers on the removal of a list of tariffs on import of goods. Against India's offer to remove 42.5% of tariff lines, China has expressed willingness to abolish the same amount of tariff.

201. Who won Chameli Devi Jain Award?

- a) Priyanka Kakodkar b) Raksha Kumar c) Priyanka Chopra d) Both A and B

Answer d) Both A and B. Priyanka Kakodkar and Raksha Kumar were named as joint winners of the 2015-16 Chameli Devi Jain Award. They were awarded for their work that clubs social concern and compassion with pioneering reportage and analytical skills.

202. _____ launched its new social media mobile application called 'Waffle' ?

- a) Nokia b) Samsung c) LG d) Sanswerui

Answer b) Samsung. Samsung recently unveiled its new social media mobile application called 'Waffle' which uses a picture-based grid layout user interface that resembles the grid on a waffle. According to the company, the app enables its users to post a picture on a grid, and then others in their social circle can post additional images around it, creating a 'waffle' of socialization.

203. Abdulqadir Rashik, who was in NEWS recently, is a/an

- a) Writer b) Economist c) Software Engineer d) Wildlife Photographer

Answer c) Software Engineer. Abdulqadir Rashik, entrepreneur and founder of India-based Miavy Systems, won the prize in the 'United Nations #LinksSDGs Data Visualization Challenge.'

204. Sir Andrew Wiles, who won the prestigious Abel Prize, is a

- a) Zoologist b) Mathematician c) Hollywood Actor d) Historian

Answer b) Mathematician. Sir Andrew Wiles, 62, has been awarded the Abel Prize – and almost half a million pounds – by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters for his proof of Fermat's Last Theorem. Sir Andrew's discovery described as 'an epochal moment for mathematics'.

205. Kanika Dewan, Dhivya Suryadevara, Shaurya Veer Himatsingka and Sheetal Amte-Karajgi – have made it to the list of over 121 young global leaders recognised by _____.

- a) IMF b) World Economic Forum
c) Mark Zuckerberg Foundation d) Melinda Gates Global solutions

Answer b) World Economic Forum. WEF recognised 121 scientists, government leaders, future business leaders, social activists and artists, aged under 40, as the Young Global Leaders Class of 2016.

206. Name the movie which has been named the best LGBT film of all time in 84 years of cinematic history?

- a) Brokeback Mountain b) Carol c) Hong Kong romance d) Kiss of Life

Answer b) Carol. Todd Haynes' atmospheric lesbian love story, Carol, has been named the best LGBT film of all time in a top 30 list that stretches to a Weimar-era pupil-teacher romance from 1931.

207. _____ and Raksha Kumar were named as joint winners of the 2015-16 Chameli Devi Jain award for women journalists.

- a) Swetha Chopra b) Priyanka Kakodkar c) Pritham Venkatesh d) Vinothini Saravanan

Answer b) Priyanka Kakodkar

208. Who has been recently appointed by the United Nations as their latest Goodwill Ambassador?

- a) Emilia Clarke b) Ashley Judd c) Babatunde Osotimehin d) Michele Kong

Answer b) Ashley Judd. Ashley Judd's humanitarian work has revolved around AIDS. Judd has travelled with YouthAIDS to places affected by illness and poverty such as Cambodia, Kenya, Rwanda, and many others.

209. Who has been appointed as United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Goodwill Ambassador?

- a) Mia Leone b) Michelle Yeoh c) Emilia Clarke d) Jaisy Williams

Answer b) Michelle Yeoh. The actress will focus on raising awareness and mobilising support for the recently-launched Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

210. AirAsia India appoints _____ as it's new CEO.

- a) Amar Abrol b) Kumar Gautham c) Chinamayi Shri d) Manoj Kapoor

Answer a) Amar Abrol. Abrol, who has over 20 years of experience, was most recently the CEO of Tune Money, a startup that aims to deliver low-cost financial products in South East Asia.

211. Fazle Kabir has been appointed as Governor of Central Bank of which country?

- a) Pakistan b) Philippines c) Myanmar d) Bangladesh

Answer d) Bangladesh. The government of Bangladesh has appointed former finance secretary and Sonali Bank chairman Fazle Kabir as governor of the central bank for four years.

212. Who has been appointed as the advisor for Khadi promotion?

- a) Ritu Beri b) Kritika Tiwary c) Mittal Bhat d) Soumya Nair

Answer a) Ritu Beri. The Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises is implementing several schemes for the holistic development and promotion of khadi.

213. _____ Bank has launched a first-of-its kind "G-Sec investment facility through ATM for retail investors."

- a) Bharatiya Mahila b) IDBI c) HDFC d) Axis

Answer b) IDBI. The facility will provide easy access to retail investors to invest in Government Securities, the public sector bank said in a statement. Retail customers of the bank can register, one time, for this facility and invest in G-Sec through ATMs.

214. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the World Sufi Forum in _____.

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

Answer d) New Delhi. The four-day event is being organized by All India Ulama and Mashaikh Board (AIUMB), the apex body of Sufi Dargahs in India.

215. Public sector units (PSUs) such as Nalco and Hindustan Copper Ltd have proposed to invest more than Rs 10,000 crore in which sector?

- a) Education b) Transport c) Mining d) Services

Answer c) Mining

216. According to the United Nations' World Happiness Index 2016, India ranks _____ out of 156 countries on a global list of the world's happiest nations.

- a) 116 b) 117 c) 118 d) 119

Answer c) 118. Denmark takes the top spot as the happiest country in the world. Switzerland was ranked second on the list, followed by Iceland (3), Norway (4) and Finland (5).

217. The _____ government has notified swine flu (H1N1) under the Epidemic Disease Act.

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

Answer d) Punjab. The treatment of swine flu is provided free of cost to all the patients as recommended by the Government.

218. President Obama nominated _____ to be the nation's 113th Supreme Court justice.

- a) James McKkinsey b) Merrick B Garland c) Paul K Bishop d) Simon N Kerton

Answer b) Merrick B Garland. The Supreme Court vacancy follows the death of Antonin Scalia last month. President Obama said Mr Garland – chief judge of the Washington appeals court and a former prosecutor – enjoyed respect from Democrats and Republicans alike.

219. _____ is building a tsunami alert centre in South China Sea.

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

Answer d) China. The project has received United Nations approval.

220. Rosneft OJSC is based in which country?

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

Answer c) Russia. Russian energy giant Rosneft OJSC has agreed to sell substantial stakes in two Siberian oil and gas fields to state-run Indian oil companies, advancing India's efforts to safeguard its energy security through the acquisition of overseas assets.

221. Ayush-82 is a/an

- a) Anti-diabetic drug b) Tuberculosis Drug c) HIV Drug d) Anti-Inflammatory Drug

Answer a) Anti-diabetic drug. The National Research Development Corporation(NRDC) of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology signed a License Agreement with Kudos Laboratories India for commercialization of Ayush-82, an ayurvedic formulation for prevention and management of Diabetes.

222. Frank Sinatra Junior, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Magician b) Physicist c) Scientist d) Musician

Answer d) Musician. Frank Sinatra Jr., the son of legendary singer Frank Sinatra and an artist himself, has died. He was 72. Gifted with a voice similar to his father's, Sinatra Jr. began performing at clubs as a teen.

223. Which movie won the maximum awards in the tenth Asian Film Awards?

- a) Port of Call b) The Inside Man c) The Assassin d) The Throne

Answer c) The Assassin. The Assassin, a movie about a highly-trained female assassin swept the

Asian Film Awards in Macau, bagging prizes for best film, best actress and best director at the glittering ceremony.

224. Prasad Sutar won the Best Visual Effects in the tenth Asian Film Awards for which of the following movie?

- a) Mountains May Depart b) Bajirao Mastani c) Piku d) Journey to the Shore

Answer b) Bajirao Mastani.

225. Meir Dagan, who passed away recently, was a famous person from

- a) Russia b) Iran c) Israel d) Germany

Answer c) Israel. Meir Dagan, the former longtime chief of Israel's intelligence service, Mossad, has died of cancer at the age of 71.

226. Who has been conferred with the prestigious Knight of the Legion of Honour recently?

- a) Tikka Shatruijit Singh b) Dhananjay Singh c) Viswa Jyoti Kapoor d) Aravind Ahuliwalia

Answer a) Tikka Shatruijit Singh. He has been awarded for his "extraordinary work in the exchanging the French lifestyle and Indian culture with each other."

227. Times Internet has appointed _____ as CEO.

- a) Satyan Gajwani b) Gautam Sinha c) Vikaram Kapoor d) Murali Khanna

Answer b) Gautam Sinha. Also, former CEO Satyan Gajwani is promoted as the Managing Director. The new appointments will come into effect in April.

228. _____ is going to setup ATM making firm in India with the investment of Rs 100 Crore.

- a) McKinsey b) Rualto c) Hitachi d) Arianne

Answer c) Hitachi. The new company has been set up with a capital of Rs 100 crore and is set a target to produce 1,500 units of ATMs per month at the end of calendar year 2016.

229. _____ has become the first bank to commence the sale of Indian Gold Coin (IGC) in the domestic market.

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

Answer a) Indian Overseas Bank . The IGC has the national emblem, the Ashok Chakra, engraved on one side and the face of Mahatma Gandhi on the other.

230. Recently India signed \$35 million loan agreement with World Bank for a project in which state?

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

Answer c) Madhya Pradesh. The objective of the project is to improve access and quality of public services in the state through implementation of the Public Service Delivery Guarantee Act, 2010.

231. _____ government signed an MoU with Cisco as part of the inauguration of India's first statewide broadband project.

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

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. Chandra Babu Naidu's government is aiming to provide Internet connection to all households in the state as part of Digital India campaign.

232. Feni, a famous drink in _____ is the first liquor product in the country to obtain Heritage Spirit status and got its Geographical Indication (GI) certification in 2000.

- a) Kerala b) Maharashtra c) Goa d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer c) Goa. Feni (sometimes spelled fenny or fenim) is a spirit produced exclusively in Goa. There are two types of feni; cashew feni and coconut feni, depending on the original ingredient.

233. _____ and _____ are the cleanest Railway Stations in India in the A1 and A Category respectively.

- a) Rajkot and Jamnagar b) Surat and Beas c) Chandigarh and Salem d) Madurai and Kovilpatti

Answer b) Surat and Beas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's constituency Varanasi's railway station ranked poorly in terms of cleanliness as it stood at 65, among the 75 A-1 railway stations

234. The World Sleep Day is observed on _____ of the second full week of March.

- a) Monday b) Tuesday c) Thursday d) Friday

Answer d) Friday. 'Good sleep is a reachable dream' is the Theme of this year.

235. Global IT company _____ has announced a \$100 million investment plan for India to support the next phase of digitisation in the country.

- a) Infosys b) HCL c) Cisco d) CTS

Answer c) Cisco. The investment forms part of Cisco's global 'Country Digitisation Acceleration' or CDA programme, under which the company will collaborate closely with state governments.

236. _____ has announced a three year partnership with the Virgin Money London Marathon.

- a) Thomson Reuters b) Accenture c) TCS d) IRCTC

Answer c) TCS. Under the terms of the partnership, TCS will become the race's Official Technology Partner for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 events.

237. Realty portal Magicbricks.com has acquired property analysis platform _____ for an undisclosed amount.

- a) Realestate.com b) Property.com c) Properji.com d) Reality.com

Answer c) Properji.com. Properji.com, which started its operation in 2013, has presence in Bengaluru. The start-up provides detailed research to buyers and has prepared reports for about 100 projects.

238. Name the Union Minister who has been conferred with the Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award at 43rd SKOCH summit held in New Delhi?

- a) Arun Jaitely b) Ravi Shankar Prasad c) Venkaiah Naidu d) JP Nadda

Answer c) Venkaiah Naidu. He was selected for the award for his contributions to inclusive growth and towards poverty alleviation in India.

239. Which Company has been recognized for the tablet brand with maximum consumer pull?

- a) Freedom251 b) Cisco c) Datawind d) Moto

Answer c) Datawind. DataWind was recognized for making UbiSlate, the low cost, affordable internet connectivity devices accessible to people at the grass root level and in turn making a transformational impact to the Indian Tech industry.

240. _____ has remained in the top deciles of safety performance amongst peer group companies for the FICCI Safety Systems Excellence Award in Manufacturing.

- a) DLF India b) Cairn India c) RK Builders d) NFK Groups

Answer b) Cairn India.

241. _____ has won the award for 'Best Retail Project of the Year – 2015' at CNBC Awaaz Real Estate Awards held in Mumbai.

- a) Phoenix Mall Chennai b) DLF Mall of India (Noida) c) Arjuna Mall Mumbai d) Garuda Mall Kolkata

Answer b) DLF Mall of India (Noida). DLF Limited also received the most prestigious awards for Developer of the Decade for DLF Ltd. and Project of the decade for DLF Cyber City, Gurgaon.

242. Who has been named Huawei global ambassador recently?

- a) Virat Kohli b) Leonardo Dicaprio c) Lionel Messi d) Cristiano Ronaldo

Answer c) Lionel Messi. Messi is also global brand ambassador for Indian auto major Tata Motors.

243. GOI has allowed _____% automatic route FDI in Insurance.

- a) 26 b) 33 c) 49 d) 51

Answer c) 49. Seeking to attract more foreign investment, the government has relaxed FDI norms for insurance sector by permitting overseas companies to buy 49 per cent stake in domestic insurers without prior approval.

244. The World Health Organization has suspended the approval of _____ drugs made by India's Svizera Labs.

- a) Diabetes b) Dengue c) Tuberculosis d) Zika

Answer c) Tuberculosis. The move is a fresh blow for India's pharmaceuticals industry, which supplies cheap generic medicines to countries worldwide.

245. Airplane maker Airbus SAS will set up a pilot and maintenance training centre in _____.

- a) Hyderabad b) Bengaluru c) Chennai d) NCR Region

Answer d) NCR Region. This new centre will be fully owned by Airbus Group India with training to be delivered by Airbus's specialized training instructors.

246. What is Iron-Fist?

- a) Upcoming Super Hero Movie b) Air to Air Missile developed by USA
c) Exercise of Indian Air Force d) Joint Military Exercise of India and Russia

Answer c) Exercise of Indian Air Force. The event earlier called 'Vayu Shakti' got its current name 'Iron-Fist' when last held in 2013. All manned and unmanned aircraft, air-to-air and surface-to-air weapons, and Special Forces took part.

247. Who has been given the additional charge of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Chairman?

- a) Sudhir Raheja b) Ramesh Muthu c) Manohar Raja d) RK Joseph

Answer a) Sudhir Raheja. This is the second time Raheja has been entrusted with the task of heading the national airport company.

248. Ahmet Davutoglu is the Prime Minister of

- a) Armenia b) Iran c) Israel d) Turkey

Answer d) Turkey. Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and EU President Donald Tusk confirmed the agreement, that will stop the flow of refugees to the continent in return for political and financial concessions for Ankara.

249. Who has been officially named as the next nominee to lead US Northern Command?

- a) General Lori Robinson b) General Norik Berkinson c) General Simon Kerton d) General Paul Bishop

Answer a) General Lori Robinson. She will be the first woman to lead a combatant command in Pentagon history.

250. ACRA is the Credit-Rating Firm of

- a) Germany b) Russia c) Italy d) Sweden

Answer b) Russia. ACRA, which stands for Analytical Credit Rating Agency, applied for a license to operate in Russia.

251. One American and two Russians blasted off for their six-month stay on the International Space Station from

- a) Kazakhstan b) Tajikistan c) Turkmenistan d) Pennsylvania

Answer a) Kazakhstan. The Russian Soyuz spacecraft lifted off with 9,000 pounds of thrust carrying the three astronauts from the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

252. Yogeshwar Dutt is associated with

- a) Walking b) Wrestling c) Swimming d) Archery

Answer b) Wrestling. India wrestling star Yogeshwar Dutt has qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics in the 65 kg weight category in freestyle category.

253. Government of India has cancelled the recognition of

- a) Delhi Stock Exchange b) Kolkata Stock Exchange
c) Surat Stock Exchange d) Chennai Stock Exchange

Answer a) Delhi Stock Exchange. The government has formally withdrawn the recognition of Delhi Stock Exchange, more than a year after capital market regulator Sebi derecognised the bourse citing “serious irregularities” in its functioning.

254. The Hinduja brothers have emerged as the richest Asian-origin entrepreneurs in _____.

- a) Australia b) South America c) North America d) Britain

Answer d) Britain. Steel tycoon Lakshmi N Mittal was ranked second in the list.

255. International Happiness Day is observed on

- a) March 18 b) March 19 c) March 20 d) March 21

Answer c) March 20. International Day of Happiness was observed on 20 March 2016 across the world. Since 2013, the United Nations has been celebrating the International Day of Happiness.

256. World Sparrow Day is observed on

- a) March 18 b) March 19 c) March 20 d) March 21

Answer c) March 20. It is an international initiative by the Nature Forever Society of India in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation (France) and numerous other national and international organisations across the world.

257. The Australian Grand Prix 2016 has been won by

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

Answer d) Nico Rosberg. Mercedes' Nico Rosberg won a dramatic Australian Grand Prix, after a huge crash for McLaren's Fernando Alonso. A bad start dropped Lewis Hamilton from pole to sixth but he fought to second.

258. _____ has received final approval from the USFDA to manufacture and market Naproxen Sodium Tablets USP, 220 mg.

- a) Aurobindo Pharma Ltd b) Pfizer India c) Biocon d) Reddy Labs

Answer a) Aurobindo Pharma Ltd. Naproxen Sodium Tablets is used in the treatment and prevention of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women.

259. Anker Jorgensen, who passed away recently, was a former Prime Minister of

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

Answer c) Denmark. Anker Jorgensen, Denmark's prime minister between 1972 and 1973 and again between 1975 and 1982, died on Sunday aged 93.

260. Hardeep is associated with

- a) Swimming b) Shooting c) Chess d) Wrestling

Answer d) Wrestling. Indian wrestler Hardeep sprang a surprise by booking an Olympic quota place for India in Greco-Roman wrestling. This is the first time that an Indian Greco-Roman wrestler has secured an Olympic berth after the 2004 Athens Games, when Mausam Khatri had made the cut.

261. Who became the first Indian athlete to clinch a gold medal in the Asian 20 km Race Walk Championships?

- a) Rupesh Singh b) Hardeep Singh c) Gurmeet Singh d) Gurucharan Singh

Answer c) Gurmeet Singh. The 30-year-old Gurmeet clocked 1 hour 20 minutes and 29 seconds. He beat Japan's Isamu Fujisawa (1:20:49) in a close fight in the last 5 km. Kazakhstan's Georgiy Sheiko won the bronze medal in 1:21:52.

262. HS Prannoy is associated with

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

Answer a) Badminton. Indian shuttler HS Prannoy clinched his second Grand Prix Gold badminton

tournament title by notching up a straight game victory over Marc Zwiebler of Germany in the summit clash of the Swiss Open.

263. Who clinched the Hero Indian Open title with a two-stroke win and also secured his Full European Tour card at the Delhi Golf Course?

- a) SSP Chawrasia b) Anirban Lahiri c) Pankaj Advani d) Akash Mittal

Answer a) SSP Chawrasia. Chawrasia, who finished runner-up on four occasions, had the last laugh when he beat defending champion compatriot Anirban Lahiri and South Korean Jeughun Wang by two strokes to clinch his third European Tour and fourth Asian Tour title.

264. Taskin Ahmed and Arafat Sunny are the bowlers of which Country?

- a) Pakistan b) Afghanistan c) Bangladesh d) South Africa

Answer c) Bangladesh. Bangladesh pace sensation Taskin Ahmed and left-arm spinner Arafat Sunny were suspended for bowling with an illegal action by the ICC, dealing a massive blow to the team's campaign in the ongoing World Twenty20.

265. Novak Djokovic defeated _____ in the BNP Paribas Open Finals.

- a) Roger Federer b) Andy Murray c) Milos Raonic d) Rafael Nadal

Answer c) Milos Raonic. It was the Serb's third consecutive title in the California desert, breaking a tie with four-time champion Roger Federer.

266. Victoria Azarenka defeated _____ in the BNP Paribas Open Finals.

- a) Sania Mirza b) Serena Williams c) Venus Williams d) Maria Sharapova

Answer b) Serena Williams. It was Azarenka's first victory over the top-ranked Williams since the Cincinnati final in August 2013.

267. _____ has signed an MoU with the Andhra Pradesh government to set up an Internet of Everything (IoE) Innovation center in Visakhapatnam.

- a) Facebook b) IBM c) Accenture d) Cisco

Answer d) Cisco. The center will enable the company's partners and startups to build IoT solutions and carry out rapid prototyping of products.

268. Union Health Minister JP Nadda launched Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) machines for the quick diagnosis of _____.

- a) AIDS b) Dengue c) Tuberculosis d) Breast Cancer

Answer c) Tuberculosis. The CBNAAT is a revolutionary rapid molecular test which detects Mycobacterium tuberculosis and rifampicin drug resistance, simultaneously. This test is fully automated and provides results within two hours.

269. International Day of Forests is observed on

- a) March 20 b) March 21 c) March 22 d) March 23

Answer b) March 21. Theme for 2016: Forests and water. The day was established by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on November 28, 2012.

270. Nepal has signed a transit and transportation treaty with which country?

- a) Bangladesh b) Bhutan c) China d) Vietnam

Answer c) China. This move is likely to end New Delhi's monopoly over the landlocked Himalayan nation's trade through Haldia port in Kolkata.

271. The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on

- a) March 20 b) March 21 c) March 22 d) March 23

Answer b) March 21. The 2016 theme is Challenges and Achievements of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

272. World Puppetry Day is observed on

- a) March 20 b) March 21 c) March 22 d) March 23

Answer b) March 21.

273. Kisan Suvidha mobile application is associated with

- a) Consumer Rights b) MRP c) Agriculture d) City Traffic

Answer c) Agriculture. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Kisan Suvidha mobile application for farmers. It will provide information on subjects such as weather, market prices, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and agriculture machinery. Kisaan Suvidha is an omnibus mobile app developed to help farmers by providing relevant information to them quickly.

274. India's current account deficit narrowed to _____% of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the fiscal third quarter.

- a) 1.1 b) 1.2 c) 1.3 d) 1.4

Answer c) 1.3. Data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) showed trade deficit during the October-December quarter narrowed to \$34 billion from \$38.6 billion during the same period in 2014-15.

275. _____, an Indian-origin student was awarded the inaugural Noor Inayat Khan Prize.

- a) Geetakshi Arora b) Radhika Chetti c) Sundaram Pillai d) Kalyana Pandiyan

Answer a) Geetakshi Arora. The Prize consists of 1,000 pounds for a dissertation which was in "keeping with the spirit" of the famous World War II heroine.

276. Who received the Life Time Achievement award at the 5th National Photography Awards?

- a) Bhawan Singh b) Gurpeet Singh c) Vijay Singh d) Rahul Singh

Answer a) Bhawan Singh. The Life Time Achievement award was presented to Bhawan Singh for his illustrious career and contributions to the field of Photography.

277. Who has been chosen for the CV Kunhiraman Literary Prize?

- a) K Gunasekaran b) N Karunakaran c) C Kalyanamoorthy d) M Sukumaran

Answer d) M Sukumaran. Renowned Malayalam writer M Sukumaran has been chosen for the CV Kunhiraman Literary Prize. The prize consists of 10001 rupees in cash, a citation, and a statuette designed by artist BD Dathan.

278. Government launched 'Pusa Krishi' app for

- a) Students b) Farmers c) Entrepreneurs d) Cab Drivers

Answer b) Farmers. Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh launched a new mobile app 'Pusa Krishi' for farmers in order to take the technology to farm fields. The mobile app was launched at the valedictory session of the three-day 'Krishi Unnati Mela'.

279. Ola, India's largest taxi aggregator has signed an MoU with _____ government, to skill, develop and create opportunities for entrepreneurship for 1,00,000 youth in the state.

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

Answer b) Maharashtra. The MoU, which will also take into consideration the employment of women, will work towards skilling people to be independent driver-entrepreneurs over the next five years.

280. Ali Mohamed Shein has been re-elected as the President of

- a) Nauro b) Zanzibar c) Mauritius d) Morocco

Answer b) Zanzibar. The electoral authority of Tanzania's semi-autonomous archipelago of Zanzibar, the ZEC, announced incumbent President Ali Mohamed Shein had won his re-election bid, after polls boycotted by the main opposition party.

281. World Water Day is observed on

- a) March 20 b) March 21 c) March 22 d) March 23

Answer c) March 22. World Water Day is observed on March 22 every year. It is an international observance and an opportunity to learn more about water related issues, be inspired to tell others and take action to make a difference.

282. India will host the eighth annual Summit of BRICS from October 15-16 in _____.

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

Answer d) Goa. India assumed chairmanship of BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India- China-South Africa) from Russia on February 15 and it will last till December 31.

283. The Indian Navy has deployed a P 8I maritime reconnaissance aircraft to _____ since 20 Mar 16, for surveillance in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the country.

- a) Maldives b) Indonesia c) Seychelles d) Malaysia

Answer c) Seychelles. The Indian Navy has, in the past, undertaken surveillance missions in the Seychell is EEZ twice a year, by deploying IN ships.

284. Andy Grove, who passed away recently, was a former CEO of

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

Answer d) Intel. Andy Grove, who fled from Nazi and Soviet oppression to become one of the most powerful business leaders in the global tech industry as the chairman and CEO of Intel, died on Monday. He was 79.

285. Researchers have developed a new Gravity Map of _____.

- a) Mercury b) Sun c) Moon d) Mars

Answer d) Mars. Researchers have developed a new map of Mars' gravity with three NASA spacecraft that is the most detailed to date, providing a revealing glimpse into the hidden interior of the Red Planet.

286. Who is all set to be appointed as a member of the International Coordinating Committee of NHRIs (ICC) Bureau in Geneva?

- a) Bhuvan Kumar Mishra b) HL Dattu c) L Sathasivam d) Mukund Tripathy

b) HL Dattu. The ICC Bureau is an important human rights body, which serves as the Management Committee of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (ICC).

287. Who has been appointed as new editor of The Hindu?

- a) Mukund Padmanabhan b) Praveen Chandran c) Shankar Raman d) Kumareeshwaran

Answer a) Mukund Padmanabhan. Mukund Padmanabhan will be the new Editor for the The Hindu, one of the largest English dailies in the country. He will be the second non family member who hold this position in the 125-year old Newspaper.

288. Government has hiked Dearness Allowance by _____% for central government employees and pensioners.

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

Answer d) 6. The hike, which will cost the exchequer an additional Rs 14,724.74 crore annually, will take effect from January 1, 2016, telecom minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told reporters after the meeting of the Union Cabinet which took the decision.

289. The Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve (ABR) was established in 2001 and is spread across the two states of _____ and _____.

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

Answer a) Tamil Nadu and Kerala. India's "unique" Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve is among 20 new sites added by the UN's top cultural body UNESCO to its World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

290. _____ is entering the Rs 20,000-crore life care segment.

- a) SBI Insurance b) LIC c) Bajaj Finance d) Kotak Mahindra

Answer c) Bajaj Finance. Bajaj Finance is entering the Rs 20,000-crore life care segment under which it will finance expenses for stem cells storage units, cosmetics-based hair treatment, dental and eye care, IVF & maternity care, laproscopic cure for a dozen ailments, and elective medical/paramedical care for many other issues.

291. CCEA has given its approval for extension of time period of the "Special Industry Initiative for Jammu & Kashmir" Udaan scheme till _____

- a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19 c) 2019-20 d) 2021-21

Answer c) 2019-20. Udaan provides exposure to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to the best of corporate India and corporate India to the rich talent pool available in the State.

292. _____ has become a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), a Beijing-based regional security grouping.

- a) Bhutan b) Nepal c) Myanmar d) Maldives

Answer b) Nepal. Nepal was officially made a dialogue partner after a memorandum was signed by SCO secretary-general Rashid Olimov and visiting Nepalese Foreign Secretary Shanker Das Bairagi.

293. The World Meteorological Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 22 b) March 23 c) March 24 d) March 25

Answer b) March 23. The World Meteorological Day (WMD) 2016 was observed across the world on 23 March 2016. The theme for the WMD 2016 was Hotter, Drier, Wetter. Face the Future. WMO became the UN's specialized agency for meteorology, operational hydrology and related geophysical sciences in 1951.

294. Primer Ministers of India and _____ commissioned international gateway of internet service in Agartala and supply of 100 MW power to Bangladesh from Tripura.

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

Answer c) Bangladesh. Chief Minister Manik Sarkar also graced the cross border occasion connected through video conference.

295. BPO transport service provider Wings Travels has closed the acquisition of taxi aggregator

- a) Bookmycab b) Ola c) Uber d) Fasttrack

Answer a) Bookmycab. The acquisition is part of Wings Travels' plan to strengthen its technology and expand business to 47 more cities in India, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Sri Lanka.

296. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal?

- a) Permod Kohli b) Ashok Lahiri c) Anand Bhattacharya d) Rama Krishnan

Answer a) Permod Kohli. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Mr. Justice Permod Kohli, retired Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court, as Chairman in the Central Administrative Tribunal.

297. VG Mathew is the MD & CEO of _____.

- a) HDFC Bank b) South Indian Bank c) DENA Bank d) Axis Bank

Answer b) South Indian Bank. South Indian Bank has announced that its personnel department has achieved the ISO 9001:2008 certification. The ISO 9001:2008 certification signifies a global benchmark in customer satisfaction, product quality, and leads to significant reduction in defect levels.

298. The Union Cabinet has approved about Rs 9,000 crore offer of _____ for the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in rural areas.

- a) IMF b) BRICS Bank c) World Bank d) United Nations

Answer c) World Bank. The approval provides for a mechanism of incentivisation through World Bank credit. States' performance will be gauged through performance indicators.

299. Government of India's FAME Scheme is associated with

- a) Women Empowerment b) Drinking Water Facility c) Eradication of Poverty d) Hybrid Vehicles

Answer d) Hybrid Vehicles. The department of heavy industry has granted in-principle approval to Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) and Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to introduce zero-emission retrofitted electric buses under its flagship scheme FAME India (faster adoption and manufacturing of hybrid & electric vehicles in India).

300. The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai in collaboration with Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and _____, USA is undertaking the "The Longitudinal Ageing Study in India".

- a) University of Southern California b) Rutgers University
c) Ohio State University d) Berkeley University

Answer a) University of Southern California. The main objective is to assess the needs of its elderly people and frame policies accordingly. It will survey more than 60,000 elderly over 25 years plan.

301. World Tuberculosis Day is observed on

- a) March 21 b) March 22 c) March 23 d) March 24

Answer d) March 24. 2016 Theme – "Unite to End TB"

302. Cabinet gives nod for MOU between India and _____ to mobilise long-term investment into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).

- a) United Kingdom b) United Arab Emirates c) BRICS d) SCO

Answer b) United Arab Emirates. The objective of NIIF is to maximize economic impact mainly through infrastructure development in commercially viable projects, both greenfield and brownfield, including stalled projects; NIIF would solicit equity participation from strategic anchor partners.

303. Jaitapur is in which Indian State?

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

Answer b) Maharashtra. India and France have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for construction of six nuclear reactors at Jaitapur in Maharashtra.

304. The venue for the Ninth International Abilympics, an event for persons with disabilities is _____.

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

Answer b) France. Abilympics, coined from Olympics of abilities of persons with disabilities (PWDs), is a global work skills competition held every four years. It aims to promote social awareness in the field of skills development and employment both locally and internationally, and foster friendship among the competing nations.

305. Johan Cruyff, who passed away recently, was associated with _____.

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

Answer b) Football. Johan Cruyff aka Flying Dutchman, the legendary Dutch football striker and coach, has died of lung cancer at the age of 68.

306. Who topped the list of world's 50 greatest leaders released by Fortune?

- a) Bill Gates b) Angela Merkel c) Jeff Bezos d) Arvind Kejriwal

Answer c) Jeff Bezos. Arvind Kejriwal has been named among the world's 50 greatest leaders by Fortune magazine with the Delhi Chief Minister being the sole Indian leader on the list topped by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos.

307. Bhushan Patil has been appointed as the President of _____.

- a) HDFC Bank b) Flipkart c) Amazon India d) Paytm

Answer d) Paytm. Bhushan Patil joins Paytm as President after serving 5.5 years at the Chinese company, where he was handling operations of Alibaba.com. He will now focus on building Paytm's cross border commerce.

308. The government of _____ and JICA signed an agreement on 'Capacity Enhancement for Sustainable Agriculture and Irrigation Development.'

- a) Meghalaya b) Mizoram c) Manipur d) Sikkhim

Answer b) Mizoram. JICA stands for Japanese International Cooperative Agency.

309. The International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed on _____.

- a) March 23 b) March 24 c) March 25 d) March 26

Answer c) March 25. The transatlantic slave trade resulted in a vast and still unknown loss of life for African captives both in and outside America. Approximately 1.2 – 2.4 million Africans died during transport. More died soon upon their arrival.

310. ISRO has established the Gadanki Ionospheric Radar Interferometer (GIRI) in which state?

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

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. Place - Tirupathi. It will provide important information on the angular location of plasma irregularities during the onset phase and its relationship to background ionospheric state parameters and sunset terminator.

311. Tay is an Artificial Intelligence Robot of _____.

- a) Google b) IBM c) Microsoft d) Ishimo

Answer c) Microsoft. Humans will be humans and the latest victim is Microsoft, which launched artificial intelligence (AI)-powered bot on Twitter for a playful chat with people, only to silence it within 24 hours as users started sharing racist and offensive comments with the bot.

312. Which country tops Global Average Internet speed?

- a) USA b) Russia c) United Kingdom d) South Korea

Answer d) South Korea. South Korea had the top average connection speed at 26.7 Mbps, while India was the slowest in the Asia Pacific region with average speeds of 2 Mbps.

313. According to Natural Hazards Vulnerability Index, which continent is more vulnerable to cyclones to earthquakes?

- a) Asia b) Australia c) Africa d) North America

Answer c) Africa. When it comes to vulnerability, Africa is the continent where people are most likely to suffer injury, disease and death as a result of natural disasters.

314. Garry Shandling, who passed away recently, was a/an

- a) Musician b) Comedian c) Historian d) Dancer

Answer b) Comedian. Groundbreaking comic Garry Shandling, best known for pioneering the faux docudrama and the shows It's Garry Shandling's Show and The Larry Sanders Show, has died at 66.

315. Recently VD Rajappan and Jishnu Raghavan passed away. They are from _____ film industry.

- a) Marathi b) Tamil c) Telugu d) Malayalam

Answer d) Malayalam. VD Rajappan, Kerala's popular Kadhprasangam (story telling) artiste and Malayalam film actor, known for his comic roles, has passed away. Malayalam film actor Jishnu Raghavan, son of veteran actor Raghavan, passed away due to cancer at a private hospital. He was 35.

316. Kerala-based private sector lender Federal Bank is opening incubation centres for startups in _____ and _____.

- a) Chennai and Hyderabad b) Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram
c) Palakkad and Hyderabad d) Bangalore and Ernakulam

Answer d) Bangalore and Ernakulam. These specialised lounges in the bank's branches will offer advice on capital, regulatory support and even disburse funds. These lounges, named Launchpad – with fast internet connections, support staff from the financial world and advisory mechanisms – would be the perfect breeding ground for future entrepreneurs.

317. _____ has become the first lender to start distribution of recently launched Indian Gold Coins (IGC).

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

Answer b) Indian Overseas Bank. Available in denominations, 5, 10 and 20 grams, the coins are distributed through limited branches. IGC is the first national gold offering by the government. It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November last year.

318. Peter Brown, who passed away recently, was a/an

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

Answer c) Actor. Peter Brown, who had starring roles in two television westerns in the 1950s and '60s and later acted in soap operas, has died at the age of 80 due to Parkinson's disease.

319. What is F in NIIF?

- a) Federation b) Finance c) Fund d) Forum

Answer c) Fund. The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval for a MoU between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to mobilise long term investment into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).

320. According to the report by UN, India and _____ led developing countries in investments made in renewable energy in 2015.

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

Answer c) China. For the first time commitments in solar, wind and other renewables capacity by emerging economies surpassed those by wealthy nations.

321. With the aim of finding new enemy properties, the government has launched a survey in five States. Which of the following is not among those five?

- a) Kerala b) Karnataka c) West Bengal d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer b) Karnataka. The other two are Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. There are several thousand crores of rupees worth of 'enemy properties' spread across the country.

322. Pattiseema is in which Indian State?

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

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh government is all set to inaugurate Pattiseema lift irrigation project. The project is described as the first river linking project in country. The project deals with connecting Godavari with Krishna.

323. _____ signed a confidential oil agreement with France's Total to develop the South Azadegan oil field.

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

Answer d) Iran. The oil field is shared by Iran and Iraq.

324. PR Sreejesh and Deepika are associated with

- a) Cricket b) Archery c) Chess d) Hockey

Answer d) Hockey. Late Captain Shankar Laxman won the coveted Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award while goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and Deepika won the Dhruv Batra Player of the Year Award for Men and Women respectively at the Hockey India (HI) Annual Awards.

325. Who has been appointed by the Geneva-based UN Human Rights Council as an adviser on human rights and multinationals and businesses?

- a) Surya Dev b) Narayana Moorthy c) Kalyan Singh d) Dev Anand Bhattacharya

Answer a) Surya Dev. He will be a member of the four-member Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

326. Harish Rawat is associated with which Indian State?

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

Answer d) Uttarakhand. President's Rule has been imposed in Uttarakhand a day before the crucial trust vote in the state assembly for the Harish Rawat government. The Cabinet had recommended the imposition of Central rule in the state last night following an hour-long emergency meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It received the formal nod from President Pranab Mukherjee.

327. _____ is all set to set up nation's first Organic Farming University.

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

Answer b) Gujarat. Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel said that the state will set up country's first university exclusively focussing on organic farming. The main objective is to help farmers in switching to unconventional methods of farming.

328. _____ and Iran aim to increase annual trade volumes between the two countries to \$5 billion by 2021.

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

Answer c) Pakistan. Trade between Pakistan and Iran fell to \$432 million in 2010-11 from \$1.32 billion in 2008-09, according to the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, after western powers imposed sanctions on Tehran aimed at halting a nuclear program they suspected was aimed at developing a nuclear bomb.

329. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on 24 March 2016 extended the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) till March _____.

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

Answer a) 2017. A resolution in this regard was unanimously approved by all the 15 members of the Council in order to support an inclusive, free, fair and transparent electoral process in 2016 and universal elections by 2020.

330. India will host FIFA Under-17 World Cup in _____.

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

Answer a) 2017. It is likely to be held in the month of September -October 2017.

331. Pallavi Fauzdar was in news recently. Who is she?

- a) Economist b) Malayalam Playback Singer c) Biker d) Swimmer

Answer c) Biker. Pallavi Fauzdar, 35, from Agra became the first woman solo biker in the Limca Book of Records to reach the tip of Mana pass in Uttarakhand, arguably the world's highest motorable mountain pass.

332. Who has been appointed the President and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of the West?

- a) Michael Shepherd b) Suganya Sathish c) Divya Mahoharan d) Nandita Bakshi

Answer d) Nandita Bakshi. Bank of the West is a unit of French banking giant BNP Paribas.

333. Which state becomes the first one to launch injectable contraceptive?

- a) Telangana b) Kerala c) Haryana d) Punjab

Answer c) Haryana. The 'Project Salamati' which is being implemented by state health department with the assistance of Pathfinder International, is initially being implemented in nine health blocks of four districts of the state.

334. The World Bank Board approved a 250 million US dollar Development Policy Loan (DPL) for which Indian state?

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

Answer c) Rajasthan. The loan was granted to support the government of Rajasthan in improving the performance of its electricity distribution sector under the State's 24x7 Power for All program.

335. According to ASSOCHAM study, Gujarat and _____ contribute 46% to India's exports.

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

Answer a) Maharashtra. According to an ASSOCHAM study on 'Export Performance of States', the analyzed data between 2007-08 and 2014-15 reports that Gujarat and Maharashtra account for more than 46 percent of the merchandise consignments from the country.

336. _____ has signed a follow-on contract with the Indian Army to supply 619 units of its 6X6 HVM (high-mobility vehicle) multi-axle truck.

- a) Mahindra Trucks b) Ashok Leyland c) Tata Motors d) Hindustan Vehicles

Answer c) Tata Motors. Developed indigenously, the Tata 6X6 high-mobility all-terrain all-wheel drive vehicle has been designed to cope with extreme on or off-road loads and has gone through trials, including deep water-fording, on cross-country terrains and plains.

337. The World Theatre Day is observed on

- a) March 25 b) March 26 c) March 27 d) March 28

Answer c) March 27. The International Theatre Institute (ITI) Centres and the international theatre community across the world celebrated the World Theatre Day (WTD) on 27 March 2016.

338. Jordan will get a cheap \$100 million loan from _____ to help create 100,000 jobs for Syrian refugees and its own citizen.

- a) IMF b) World Bank c) ADB d) BRICS Bank

Answer b) World Bank. The World Bank's Board extended the highly unusual financing offer because of the extraordinarily difficult situation facing both the refugees and their Jordanian hosts.

339. Sergey Karjakin is associated with _____.

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

Answer c) Chess. Crimean-born Russian grandmaster Sergey Karjakin, 26, has qualified to challenge Norwegian Magnus Carlsen for the world chess championship after he pulled off a brilliant rook sacrifice to beat his closest rival, American Fabiano Caruana, in the last round of the Candidates tournament in Moscow.

340. California Chrome is a

- a) New release of Android b) Apple's next model c) Race Horse d) A form of Trojan

Answer c) Race Horse. California Chrome justified his status as joint favorite by landing the Dubai World Cup with a perfectly timed run under jockey Victor Espinosa. Chrome won the \$10-million Dubai World Cup at Meydan Racecourse in the United Arab Emirates.

341. Jim Harrison, who passed away recently, was a/an

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

Answer b) Novelist. Jim Harrison, the prolific author, poet and outdoorsman whose novella of the American frontier, "Legends of the Fall," became a hit movie starring Brad Pitt and Anthony Hopkins, has died. He was 78.

342. _____ has received final approval from USFDA to manufacture and market Rivastigmine Tartrate Capsules USP.

- a) Biocon b) Reddy Labs c) Sun Pharma d) Aurobindo Pharma

Answer d) Aurobindo Pharma. The drug is used to treat Dementia.

343. GOI has given the green light to _____% FDI in the marketplace format of e-commerce retailing with a view to attract more foreign investments.

- a) 50 b) 65 c) 75 d) 100

Answer d) 100. As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) on FDI in e-commerce, foreign direct investment (FDI) has not been allowed in inventory-based model of e-commerce.

344. The film named Thithi won the National Award recently. It's a _____ Film.

- a) Telugu b) Kannada c) Assamese d) Manipuri

Answer b) Kannada.

345. Which movie won the Best Film Award in the 63rd National Awards ?

- a) Piku b) Baahubali c) Bajirao Mastani d) Tanu weds Manu

Answer b) Baahubali. Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan won the Best Actor award for his role in 'Piku' while Kangana Ranaut won Best Actress for her role in 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns.'

346. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Indian Direct Selling Association (IDSA)?

- a) Gaurav Kapoor b) Jitendra Jagota c) Guru Charan Singh d) Vinayak Mahadev

Answer b) Jitendra Jagota. Indian Direct Selling Association (IDSA) has announced its new Executive Committee at the General Body Meeting held in New Delhi. Jitendra Jagota, Director Legal and Government Affairs, Avon Beauty Products India Pvt. Ltd has been has become the Chairman of the Association.

347. Under a new special currency swap agreement signed by RBI and Sri Lankan Central Bank, RBI would allow to draw up to _____ over a maximum period of three months.

- a) \$400 million b) \$500 million c) \$600 million d) \$700 million

Answer d) \$700 million. The RBI has previously provided currency swaps to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, including plans to extend a \$1.5 billion agreement by one year.

348. The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) growth forecast of _____% for 2016-17 is substantially lower than its earlier projection of 7.8 percent.

- a) 7.4 b) 7.5 c) 7.6 d) 7.7

Answer a) 7.4. ADB said Global headwinds will pull down India's growth rate to 7.4 percent in the next fiscal from 7.6 percent this year.

349. Rakhine state is in

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

Answer c) Myanmar. Myanmar's outgoing President Thein Sein has lifted the state of emergency in

the state of Rakhine. The order was imposed in June 2012 as violence flared between Buddhist and Muslim communities

350. Htin Kyaw has sworn in as the President of

- a) Kosova b) Central African Republic c) Morocco d) Myanmar

Answer d) Myanmar. Myanmar has been under military or military-dominated rule since a coup in 1962, and the elections in November which brought the new government to power were the first openly contested polls since 1990.

351. Who launched 'Make in India' conference in Sydney?

- a) Sushma Swaraj b) Rajnath Singh c) Arun Jaitely d) Smriti Irani

Answer c) Arun Jaitely.

352. BeiDou navigation satellite is associated with which country?

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

Answer c) China. China has launched a satellite to support its global navigation and positioning network. The satellite, launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in the southwestern province of Sichuan, was taken into orbit by a Long March-3A carrier rocket.

353. What is India's rank among countries with high number of financial Trojan infections.

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

Answer b) Third. Using financial Trojans to defraud customers of online banking services is still a popular method among cybercriminals looking to make a profit.

354. Patty Duke, who passed away recently, was a/an _____.

- a) Journalist b) Economist c) Actress d) Novelist

Answer c) Actress. US actress Patty Duke, who won an Oscar for playing Helen Keller in The Miracle Worker in 1963, has died aged 69.

355. Patrick Dupuis has been appointed as the Independent Board Member in _____.

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

Answer c) Wipro.

356. Which state has unanimously passed the Excise (Amendment) Bill 2016 to enforce the ban on country made liquor from April 1?

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

Answer b) Bihar.

357. Faustin Archange Touadera is the new President of _____.

- a) Zimbabwe b) Peru c) Sweden d) Central African Republic

Answer d) Central African Republic.

358. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Belgian counterpart Charles Michel remotely launched Asia's biggest telescope in _____.

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

Answer c) Jharkhand. Place - Nainital.

359. India has signed an MoU with _____ for building a state-of-the-art Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) project in the country.

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

Answer c) USA. The project will bring unprecedented opportunities for scientists and engineers to dig deeper into the realm of gravitational wave and take global leadership in this new astronomical frontier.

360. Researchers have discovered a tadpole that eats sand, lives in darkness till the time it turns into a young frog. The tadpoles were discovered at the _____.

- a) Andaman & Nicobar Islands b) Western Ghats c) Arunachal Pradesh d) Himalayan Ranges

Answer b) Western Ghats.