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**1. Which State to have India's first AYUSH UNIVERSITY?**

- a) Tamil Nadu      b) Haryana      c) Rajasthan      d) Bihar

**Answer b) Haryana.** Haryana to have India's first of its kind AYUSH university as the state cabinet approved a proposal to upgrade Shri Krishna Government Ayurvedic College, Kurukshetra as a university. The Shri Krishna AYUSH University would have courses of all the systems of AYUSH. Health Minister Anil Vij, said an ordinance would soon be introduced for the university following which it would become functional.

**2. Which Kannada film won two awards at Shanghai Film Fest?**

- a) Thithi      b) Harivu      c) Thaayi      d) Bharat Stores

**Answer a) Thithi.** Filmmaker Raam Reddy's acclaimed Kannada film Thithi has bagged the top awards at the ongoing 19th Shanghai International Film Festival and the filmmaker says the response from the Chinese audience for the film has been overwhelming.

**3. Which newspaper has won the Data Journalism Awards 2016 for Investigation of the Year?**

- a) The Hindu      b) Economic Times      c) The Indian Express      d) Times of India

**Answer c) The Indian Express.** The Panama Papers probe, a collaborative work of more than 100 media organisations including The Indian Express, has won the Data Journalism Awards 2016 for Investigation of the Year. The award was presented at the Global Editors Network (GEN) summit in Vienna.

**4. Which State has launched a special fund called 'Mukh Mantri Punjab Hepatitis C Relief Fund' to provide free treatment for patients affected by Hepatitis C?**

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

**Answer b) Punjab.** Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal has launched a special fund called 'Mukh Mantri Punjab Hepatitis C Relief Fund' to provide free treatment for patients affected by Hepatitis C. With this initiative, Punjab has become the first state in the country to provide free treatment to confirmed cases of Hepatitis C. Punjab government has created a special fund with an initial contribution of Rs 20 crore called the 'Mukh Mantri Punjab Hepatitis C Relief Fund' for this purpose.

**5. The world's most expensive luxury train \_\_\_\_\_ will be introduced in southern India.**

- a) Cargo Express      b) King Express      c) Maharaja Express      d) Bharat Express

**Answer c) Maharaja Express.** The world's most expensive luxury train 'Maharaja Express' will be introduced in southern India en-route Goa, Maharashtra and Kerala from the monsoon season next year. Railway Minister said the plans are to make sure that by next year, 'Maharaja Express' which has won several awards for four consecutive years as the world's best luxury train should make trips in Goa during the monsoon season. The travel by this train is very expensive and hence will attract high-end tourist and generate revenue for railway as well as (the) state.

**6. Which US State has overtaken France as the world's sixth-largest economy?**

- a) Florida      b) New Mexico      c) Washington      d) California

**Answer d) California.** California has overtaken France as the world's sixth-largest economy, fueled by strong growth and the U.S. dollar's gains against foreign currencies. The most-populous U.S. state, with a gross domestic product of \$2.5 trillion, has also eclipsed recession-plagued Brazil.

**7. The Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro has declared a financial emergency less than 50 days before the Olympics. The capital of Brazil is \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Portugal            b) Brasilia            c) Tokyo            d) Madrid

**Answer b) Brasilia.** The Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro has declared a financial emergency less than 50 days before the Olympics. Interim Governor Francisco Dornelles says the "serious economic crisis" threatens to stop the state from honouring commitments for the Games. Most public funding for the Olympics has come from Rio's city government, but the state is responsible for areas such as transport and policing. Interim President Michel Temer has promised significant financial help.

**8. Which two countries will set up a joint parliamentary panel to enhance relations and facilitate their visits to promote cooperation to tackle security issues?**

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

**Answer c) India and UAE.** Seeking to boost the growing bilateral strategic ties, India and the UAE will set up a joint parliamentary panel to enhance relations and facilitate their visits to promote cooperation to tackle security issues and challenges facing the region. A decision was taken in this regard during a meeting between first woman speaker of UAEs Federal National Council (FNC) Amal Abdullah Al-Qubaisi and the Indian ambassador TP Seetharam.

**9. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have launched a platform to promote and facilitate investments from the East Asian country.**

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

**Answer b) South Korea.** India and South Korea have launched a platform to promote and facilitate investments from the east Asian country. The platform 'Korea Plus' was launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and her South Korean counterpart Joo Hyunghwan.

**10. International Space Station (ISS) astronauts return to Earth after \_\_\_\_\_ months**

- a) Six            b) Three            c) Nine            d) Twelve

**Answer a) Six.** A soyuz capsule bringing back three astronauts from the International Space Station, including the first to represent the British government, made a safe parachute landing on the steppe near the Kazakh city of Zhezkazgan. The crew, which included a Russian and an American as well as Britain's Tim Peake, left the space station about three hours earlier after spending half a year in Earth's orbit.

**11. IRCTC launched mobile app to book air tickets, which named as \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) IRCTC Ticket            b) IRCTC Booking            c) IRCTC Air            d) IRCTC Trip

**Answer c) IRCTC Air.** The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a subsidiary of the Railways, has developed a mobile app that will make booking of flight tickets simpler, speedier and with lowest fare too. To avail this service, flyers will have to download the IRCTC mobile app — IRCTC Air — from Google Playstore, and they have to just Swipe and Shuffle, Select and Book.

12. NASA scientists have discovered an asteroid, named \_\_\_\_\_, orbiting the sun that also appears to circle around Earth.

- a) 2016 HO3      b) 2017 BO3      c) 2016 RO3      d) 2017 GO3

**Answer a) 2016 HO3.** Scientists have identified a second, mini-moon orbiting earth that has probably only been around for about 100 years. The small asteroid has a slightly tilted orbit, bouncing up and down through Earth's orbital plane once a year. Over decades, as it scuttles along its path around the solar system, it twists back and forth. The asteroid has been declared a "quasi-satellite", too distant to qualify as an actual satellite but cinched by gravity into a relatively close orbit around the sun.

13. International Picnic day is observed on?

- a) June 17      b) June 18      c) June 19      d) June 15

**Answer b) June 18.** International Picnic Day celebrates the gathering together outdoors to eat and enjoy one another's company - The Picnic. The true origin of International Picnic Day is unknown, but can be traced back to the end of the French Revolution and the Victorian Era. Picnics were ways for people to escape the restrictions of etiquette and formality. As an informal food holiday, there are few rules and lots of options. International Picnic Day is observed on June 18th each year.

14. A total of 4,800 villages across the state of \_\_\_\_\_ have been declared as open defecation free.

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

**Answer c) Gujarat.** A total of 4,800 villages across the state of Gujarat have been declared as open defecation free, a Press Information Bureau release on Friday revealed. The state has also achieved sanitation coverage of 73.75%, the release added. This has reportedly been achieved through behaviour change training, an involvement of Self Help Groups and various Development partners including UNICEF.

15. India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in the list of hacked servers available for sale on xDedic.

- a) Sixth      b) First      c) Second      d) Fourth

**Answer d) Fourth.** According to a report by software security group Kaspersky, India ranks fourth in the list of hacked servers available for sale on xDedic, an underground marketplace for compromised servers. The report said access to 3,488 hacked Indian servers was being sold on xDedic. The listed servers grant access to government networks, online banking and payment, and telecom networks, among others.

16. Who has been named as the chairman of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)?

- a) Chetan Chauhan      b) Ajit Agarkar      c) Sourav Ganguly      d) Mohamed Azaruddin

**Answer a) Chetan Chauhan.** Former cricketer and former BJP MP Chetan Chauhan has been named the chairman of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). Chauhan said that he was chosen because he was an international sportsman and had experience in banking. He is currently serving as the vice-president of the Delhi and District Cricket Association, besides being a senior BCCI official.

**17. Which State Tourism has bagged a clutch of awards at FilmAT, one of the biggest international film festivals dedicated to tourism, art and ecology, in Poland?**

- a) Tamil Nadu                      b) Karnataka                      c) Kerala                      d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer c) Kerala.** Kerala Tourism has bagged a clutch of awards at FilmAT, one of the biggest international film festivals dedicated to tourism, art and ecology, in Poland. Its much-feted Responsible Tourism initiative won three gongs at the 11th edition of the festival held recently in the Polish city of Lublin, taking top honours for the Best Promotional Social Campaign and in the Protection of Nature and Eco-Food, categories for, respectively, the 'New Worlds' films 'Sowing the Seeds of the Future' and 'A Taste of Life'.

**18. Who became the oldest Olympic torch bearer when she carried the flame in the Amazonian city of Macapa, aged 106?**

- a) Alexander Kaptarenko                      b) Aida Gemanque                      c) Riba Santana                      d) None of these

**Answer b) Aida Gemanque.** Three years after becoming the world's oldest skydiver, Aida Gemanque became the oldest Olympic torch bearer when she carried the flame in the Amazonian city of Macapa, aged 106. Gemanque broke the record formerly held by Alexander Kaptarenko, who was 101 when he took part in the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics relay.

**19. Who won European Grand Prix 2016?**

- a) Lewis Hamilton                      b) Sebastian Vettel                      c) Fernando Alonso                      d) Nico Roseberg

**Answer d) Nico Roseberg.** Nico Rosberg increased his lead in the drivers' championship when he returned to winning ways with a smoothly comfortable lights-to-flag victory for Mercedes in European Grand Prix. The 30-year-old German, who had seen his advantage cut to nine points after three poor races, came home comfortably clear of second-placed compatriot Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari.

**20. Which team won Hockey Champions Trophy Title 2016?**

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

**Answer a) Australia.** Indian men's hockey team settled for the silver medal in the Champions Trophy after being defeated by world champions Australia 3-1 on penalties. This was Australia's 14th Champions Trophy title and India's maiden silver. India's lone previous medal in the Champions Trophy came 34 years ago, when they got a bronze at Amsterdam in 1982.

**21. The European Council on Tourism and Trade (ECTT) has named \_\_\_\_\_ as the World Best Tourism Destination for 2016.**

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

**Answer c) Cambodia.** The European Council on Tourism and Trade (ECTT) has named Cambodia as the World Best Tourism Destination for 2016. Some 30 countries joined the competition for the illustrious award this year. Cambodia presented its report for the competition under the title 'Cambodia: The Land of Magic-The Place Where Gods And Kings Build the World!'.

**22. Who has been elected as Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce?**

- a) Ajay Mittal                      b) Sunil Mittal                      c) Sanjay Kumar                      d) Anil Ambani

**Answer b) Sunil Mittal.** International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) said it has elected founder and

chairman of Bharti Enterprises, Sunil Bharti Mittal, as its chairman in a voting held in Sao Paolo, Brazil. He is the third Indian business leader to hold this position in ICC's near 100 years history.

**23. Congress councillor Soram Sunil was sworn in as the first mayor of Imphal. Imphal is the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**Answer c) Manipur.** Congress councillor Soram Sunil was sworn in as the first mayor of Imphal, the capital city of Manipur. Sunil was elected unanimously to the Imphal Municipal Corporation despite objection by the opposition BJP, who boycotted the election. With ongoing protests over the implementation of the Inner Line Permit in Manipur, the election was conducted amidst heavy security deployment.

**24. International Finance Corp. (IFC), the private sector lending arm of the World Bank to invest \_\_\_\_\_million in Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd**

- a) \$50                      b) \$75                      c) \$150                      d) \$100

**Answer b) \$75.** International Finance Corp. (IFC), the private sector lending arm of the World Bank, said it was looking to invest up to \$75 million, or about Rs.500 crore, in Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd, which is raising \$200 million to reduce debt and fund expansion plans.

**25. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has approved proposal to set up a Central Marine Police Force in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer d) Maharashtra.** Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has approved Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's proposal to set up a Central Marine Police Force to protect sea, coasts, ports and vital institutions along 7,516-km national coastline.

**26. Which State Government bans the sale of paint thinner in bottles?**

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

**Answer b) Haryana.** A ban has been imposed on the sale of correction fluid and thinner in bottles in Haryana. The government also imposed rules to take a strict action against those found violating the orders. According to State Health Minister, Deputy Commissioner, Executive Magistrate, Medical Officer, Senior Drugs Control Officer, Drugs Control Officer and police officers of the rank of Assistant Sub Inspector or above have been tasked to enforce the ban.

**27. Which State government has banned electronic cigarettes in the state?**

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

**Answer c) Karnataka.** Karnataka government has banned electronic cigarettes in the state. The decision has been taken on the recommendation of the committee on cancer prevention. Before the ban a study was conducted by the committee with an NGO on e-cigarettes, which said large number of youngsters was getting addicted to it.

**28. Government of India to give unique ID cards to \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Political Persons                      b) Disabled Persons                      c) Senior citizens                      d) None of these

**Answer b) Disabled Persons.** The social justice ministry is all set to launch colour-coded unique

identity card for registration of disabled persons as a legal document and for easy linkage to the government's schemes and services on a centralised e-platform to issue Unique Disabled Identity (UDID) cards.

**29. The US Senate has unanimously approved a move to enhance military co-operation with \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer d) India.** The US Senate has unanimously approved a move to enhance military co-operation with India for developing threat analysis, military doctrine, force planning, logistical support and intelligence collection and analysis. An amendment titled "to authorise military-to-military exchanges with India" was agreed in the Senate by a voice vote as part of the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA)-2017, which Senate passed early this week by an overwhelming bipartisan support of 85-13 votes.

**30. Which two countries have launched transshipment operations at the Ashuganj port to boost trade?**

- a) India and USA                      b) India and Bangladesh                      c) India and Japan                      d) India and Thailand

**Answer b) India and Bangladesh.** India and Bangladesh have launched transshipment operations at the Ashuganj port to boost trade and facilitate seamless movement of goods in the landlocked region, with a cargo vessel unloading the maiden consignment to be transported to Tripura through Bangladeshi territory.

**31. India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed a MoU to boost economic and defence ties.**

- a) Thailand                      b) Sweden                      c) Bangladesh                      d) China

**Answer a) Thailand.** India and Thailand have decided to ramp up cooperation in the fields of economy, counter terrorism, cyber security and human trafficking besides forging closer ties in defence and maritime security. The announcement was made here after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held extensive talks with his visiting Thai counterpart General Prayut Chan-o-cha. The leaders said early conclusion of a balanced Comprehensive Economic and Partnership Agreement is a shared priority.

**32. An alien rock has been dug up in a limestone quarry in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Norway                      b) USA                      c) Sweden                      d) India

**Answer c) Sweden.** An alien rock has been dug up in a limestone quarry in Sweden, where it had lain deeply buried for about 470m years. The biscuit-sized remains are unlike any other meteorite found on Earth to date, and may shed light on the history and formation of our solar system. Named Oest 65, it is thought to be a splinter of a potato-shaped rock 20-30km (12-19 miles) wide, which had smashed into another much larger body, sprinkling our adolescent planet with debris.

**33. Gregory Rabassa, prominent literary translator who passed away recently, He belongs to which country?**

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

**Answer d) USA.** Gregory Rabassa, prominent literary translator, passed away in Branford, following a brief illness. He was 94. Rabassa is known for his translations of several well-known Latin American



writers, including Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Mario Vargas Llosa, Julio Cortazar, Octavio Paz, Clarice Lispector and Jorje Amado.

**34. Ann Morgan Gulibert who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Singer                      b) Actress                      c) Reporter                      d) Journalist

**Answer b) Actress.** Veteran TV actress Ann Morgan Guilbert has died at age 87. She passed away on Tuesday due to complications from cancer. Guilbert first launched her career in the 1950s, performing and singing in a revue. She became a TV staple a decade later, playing neighbor Millie Helper on The Dick Van Dyke Show.

**35. Anjan Dutta who passed away recently was a/an**

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

**Answer c) Politician.** Anjan Dutta, president of the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC), passed away at AIIMS. Dutta, 64, had been undergoing treatment at AIIMS for the past one month, was under treatment at the department of Pulmonary Sciences. He was initially admitted to the Apollo Hospital in New Delhi on May 12 with complaints of severe chest infection.

**36. Who won 2016 Pen Pinter Prize?**

- a) Sheik Dawood                      b) Margaret Atwood                      c) Martin Thorpe                      d) Justin Kemp

**Answer b) Margaret Atwood.** Margaret Atwood has won this year's Pen Pinter Prize, which celebrates champions of free speech. The Canadian novelist and poet is well known for her environmental campaigning. Judges praised Atwood's political activism, and described her as an "exemplary public intellectual". Atwood will formally receive the award at the British Library on 13 October, where she will also deliver an address. Atwood said she was "humbled" to be the recipient of this year's prize.

**37. Who has been appointed as Director General of Doordarshan's?**

- a) Bhuvanesh Saha                      b) Amit Mittal                      c) Pankaj Kumar                      d) Supriya Sahu

**Answer d) Supriya Sahu.** Senior IAS officer Supriya Sahu has been appointed as Doordarshan's Director General, a post lying vacant for nearly two years. A 1991 batch IAS officer, Sahu is currently working in her cadre state Tamil Nadu. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the proposal for appointment of Sahu as Director General, Doordarshan.

**38. Who has been appointed as UN women goodwill ambassador?**

- a) Anne Hathaway                      b) Mary George                      c) Jessica Lange                      d) Angelina Jolie

**Answer a) Anne Hathaway.** Anne Hathaway is the latest Hollywood figure to be appointed by the United Nations as a global goodwill ambassador to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Oscar-winning actor joins Nicole Kidman, Emma Watson and Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand as fellow women's goodwill ambassadors. She will advocate for the adoption and implementation of policies worldwide that will bring measurable change, including affordable childcare services and shared parental leave at both government and corporate levels.

**39. Who has been elected as President of 71st session of United Nations General Assembly?**

- a) Albert Michael                      b) Mogens Lykketoft                      c) John Kennedy                      d) Peter Thomson



**Answer d) Peter Thomson.** In a rare secret ballot vote, the United Nations General Assembly has elected Peter Thomson, Permanent Representative of Fiji, as President of its upcoming 71st session. Mr. Thomson, who will replace current General Assembly President Mogens Lykketoft, will begin his tenure in September at the commencement of the 71st General Assembly session.

**40. \_\_\_\_\_ has granted in-principle approval to the centres as Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit.**

- a) Government of India      b) Reserve Bank of India      c) SEBI      d) None of these

**Answer b) Reserve Bank of India.** People residing in rural areas would soon be able to make bill payments at common service centres (CSCs) as the Reserve Bank of India has granted in-principle approval to the centres as Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit. The Bharat Bill Payment System will allow CSCs to operate the bill payment system with a single brand image providing convenience of 'anytime anywhere' bill payment.

**41. \_\_\_\_\_ Bank to issue maiden local currency bond**

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

**Answer c) New Development Bank.** The New Development Bank (NDB), established by the BRICS group of emerging nations, plans to issue its first bond as a yuan denominated issue in China. The bank will also issue bonds in other member currencies in order to mitigate the foreign currency risk of funded infrastructure projects and help develop local currency fund- raising markets.

**42. PM Modi inaugurates 1st conference of CBDT, CBEC. Expand CBDT?**

- a) Central Board of Direct Taxes      b) Central Bureau of Direct Taxes  
c) Central Board of Distance Taxes      d) Central Bureau of Direct Trade

**Answer a) Central Board of Direct Taxes.** PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the two-day 'Rajasva Gyan Sangam', the first joint annual conference of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC). The conference will also be attended by the top brass of Income Tax department. While CBDT is responsible for collecting direct taxes, CBEC recovers the indirect taxes.

**43. Which telecom company has extended its free roaming service by one more year?**

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

**Answer d) BSNL.** BSNL has extended its free roaming service by one more year enabling its mobile customers to receive calls at no extra cost while roaming. The decision to extend the facility has been taken in view of overwhelming response of its customers in mobile number portability (MNP) and achieving highest growth of the customer in February and March months as per Trai report.

**44. HRD ministry has launched \_\_\_\_\_ scheme inviting volunteers to hold public speaking, storytelling, play acting sessions and participate in other co-scholastic activities.**

- a) Geethanjali      b) Pathanjali      c) Vidyanjali      d) Sudanjali

**Answer c) Vidyanjali.** To boost community participation in government schools, HRD ministry has launched Vidyanjali scheme inviting volunteers to hold public speaking, storytelling, play acting sessions and participate in other co-scholastic activities. Human Resource Development Minister

Smriti Iranisaid 21 states and 2,200 schools will be participating in the pilot launch of the programme and hoped that by December it will be expanded to include every school in the country.

**45. NITI Aayog has decided to set up \_\_\_\_\_ Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in schools across the country.**

- a) 100      b) 500      c) 1000      d) 750

**Answer b) 500.** To cultivate scientific temperament and a spirit of innovation in young minds, the NITI Aayog has decided to set up 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in schools across the country. These laboratories will provide a work space to the young students for shaping their ideas by hands on doing themselves models and learning innovation skills. The vision of the scheme is to 'Cultivate 1 Million children in India as Neoteric Innovators'.

**46. Indian Railways has signed a pact with the \_\_\_\_\_ government for setting up a joint venture company for development of rail infrastructure in the eastern state.**

- a) Assam      b) Meghalaya      c) Odisha      d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer c) Odisha.** Indian Railways has signed a pact with the Odisha government for setting up a joint venture company for development of rail infrastructure in the eastern state. Under the agreement, Railways will have 49 per cent stake while the state government will own 51 per cent in the JV company which will identify projects for development and mobilisation of financial resources for their execution.

**47. Which State Government launched a bilingual grievance redressal app, 'Panchayat Pratikar', across the state's gram panchayats?**

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

**Answer b) West Bengal.** West Bengal Panchayat Minister Subrata Mukherjee launched a bilingual grievance redressal app, 'Panchayat Pratikar', across the state's gram panchayats. All complaints would be recorded, a reply would be given on the mobile and redressal would be provided within 72 working hours, Mukherjee said. "The status of the complaint will also be traceable on the net or mobile," he added.

**48. Which Ministry start social media system for grievance for passengers?**

- a) Transport Ministry      b) Shipping Ministry      c) Railway Ministry      d) None of these

**Answer c) Railway Ministry.** Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu on Wednesday launched an Integrated Social Media platform to take care of passengers' grievances received through the posts on Facebook and Twitter. The posts will be first analysed by the Railway Board's Social Media Cell and then forwarded to the concerned Divisional Railways Manager (DRM) to take prompt action on the matter.

**49. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off India's first time-tabled freight train, named \_\_\_\_\_, from Delhi to Bengaluru.**

- a) Cargo Express      b) Comfort Express      c) Speed Express      d) Soft Express

**Answer a) Cargo Express.** Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off India's first time-tabled freight train, named 'Cargo Express', from Delhi to Bengaluru. The move aims to reduce the delay and uncertainty over the time schedule for delivery of goods. Earlier, passenger trains in the country used to get preference over goods trains for transportation across busy routes.

50. Arktika, the most powerful nuclear icebreaker launched by \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer d) Russia.** Russia's new Project 22220 nuclear-powered icebreaker dubbed "Arktika" was launched from the Baltic Shipyard in Russia's second-largest city of St. Petersburg. Built at the Baltic Shipyard, which belongs to Russia's United Shipbuilding Corporation, project 22220 is the world's largest and most powerful vessel of its kind.

51. Singtel and \_\_\_\_\_ have joined hands to deliver high-speed, secure enterprise data network coverage in the Asia-Pacific, West Asia, Africa, Europe and the US.

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

**Answer c) Airtel.** Singapore Telecommunications and Bharti Airtel have joined hands to deliver high-speed, secure enterprise data network coverage in the Asia-Pacific, West Asia, Africa, Europe and the US. The two companies have combined their resources into one network to provide data connectivity in 325 cities across the world through 370 points of presence (PoP). This will form one of the world's largest Internet Protocol Virtual Private Networks (IP VPNs).

52. Who has been awarded with the highest honour of Cote D'Ivoire Award?

- a) Narendra Modi      b) Barrack Obama      c) Vladimir putin      d) Pranab Mukherjee

**Answer d) Pranab Mukherjee.** President Pranab Mukherjee has been accorded the highest honour of Cote D'Ivoire by its President Alassane Ouattara on his maiden visit to Abidjan. It is the first such honour accorded to Mr. Mukherjee, Press Secretary to the President Venu Rajamony said. He said while Mr. Mukherjee has received number of honorary degrees, it is first such honour accorded to him by a country.

53. Who has been appointed as a Part-time Member of the Law Commission of India?

- a) Ram Kumar Jain      b) Prakash Singh Jain      c) Satya Pal Jain      d) Rajeev Pal Jain

**Answer c) Satya Pal Jain.** Satya Pal Jain (Ex-MP from Chandigarh) has been appointed as a Part-time Member of the Law Commission of India.. This appointment is in addition to his appointment as an Additional Solicitor General of India.

54. \_\_\_\_\_ has approved \$100 million loan for irrigation system in Tamil Nadu

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

**Answer b) Asian Development Bank.** Multilateral lending agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$100 million (around Rs 660 crore) loan to strengthen a key irrigation system and improve water management in the Vennar sub-basin of Cauvery Delta in Tamil Nadu. The Project will strengthen embankments of six major water channels in Vennar system to make them more resilient to floods.

55. \_\_\_\_\_ Government has sounded a "global emergency" after an active strain of wild polio virus (P2 strain) was detected in a water sample collected from a drain.

- a) Telangana      b) Andra Pradesh      c) Tamil Nadu      d) Kerala

**Answer a) Telangana.** The Telangana government has sounded a "global emergency" after an active strain of wild polio virus (P2 strain) was detected in a water sample collected from a drain,

prompting it to airlift two lakh vaccines from Geneva to inoculate more than three lakh children in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy district as a “preventive measure”.

**56. Which ministry has framed a New Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP)?**

- a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs                      b) Ministry of Information and Technology  
c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting      d) Ministry of External Affairs

**Answer c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.** Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has framed a New Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP). The key objective of the policy is to promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in print media. It also focuses on streamlining release of Government advertisements and to also promote equity and fairness among various categories of newspapers/periodicals.

**57. Which State Government has decided to use plastic waste to build roads?**

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

**Answer b) Maharashtra.** Maharashtra government has decided to use plastic waste along with tar in a bid to improve the durability and longevity of asphalt roads and reduce soil pollution. In the beginning, municipal corporations with a population of over 5 lakh and municipal councils that have a population of over 2 lakh will be asked to include plastic waste for building roads in 50-km radius.

**58. World blood donor day is observed on?**

- a) June 10                      b) June 12                      c) June 15                      d) June 14

**Answer d) June 14.** Every year on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day (WBDD). The event, established in 2004, serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood. 2016 Theme: “Blood connects us all”. The theme highlights the common bond that all people share in their blood. 2016 slogan: “Share life, give blood”. It seeks to draw attention to the role that voluntary donation systems play in encouraging people to care for one another and promoting community cohesion.

**59. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on?**

- a) June 11                      b) June 15                      c) June 12                      d) June 10

**Answer b) June 15.** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations.

**60. Global Wind day is observed on?**

- a) June 10                      b) June 16                      c) June 15                      d) June 14

**Answer c) June 15.** Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually on 15 June. It is organised by EWEA (European Wind Energy Association) and GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council).

**61. Which country’s Ryugyong Hotel is the world’s tallest unoccupied building, according to Guinness World Records?**

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

**Answer d) North Korea.** North Korea's Ryugyong Hotel is the world's tallest unoccupied building, according to Guinness World Records. The 105-storey pyramid-shaped skyscraper is 330 metre high. Construction of the building began in 1987 and took 25 years to be completed, after being halted on several occasions. Plans were made to open the hotel in 2012, and then in 2013, but were later cancelled.

**62. India has joined a group of nearly \_\_\_\_\_ nations that have signed a Europe-led clampdown on tax evasion and corruption.**

- a) 40      b) 50      c) 75      d) 100

**Answer a) 40.** India has joined a group of nearly 40 nations that have signed a Europe-led clampdown on tax evasion and corruption. This is a commitment to automatically exchange information on beneficial ownership. According to UK's Treasury Department in London that these 40 countries have committed to the initiative to automatically exchange information on beneficial ownership. The next stage will be for the development of a global standard for this exchange.

**63. The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed a MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ to boost infrastructure investments.**

- a) Japan Investment Authority      b) Qatar Investment Authority  
c) Dubai Investment Authority      d) Saudi Arabia Investment Authority

**Answer b) Qatar Investment Authority.** The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) . The MoU is to facilitate investment in India's infrastructure. This is with a view to attract investments from Qatar. The MoU was signed during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Doha.

**64. \_\_\_\_\_ emissions from a specific leaking facility on Earth's surface have been measured by an instrument onboard an orbiting spacecraft for the first time.**

- a) Oxygen      b) Nitrogen      c) Methane      d) Hydrogen

**Answer c) Methane.** Methane emissions from a specific leaking facility on Earth's surface have been measured by an instrument onboard an orbiting spacecraft for the first time. The observation has been done by the Hyperion spectrometer on NASA's Earth Observing-1 (EO-1). This is an important breakthrough in our ability to eventually measure and monitor emissions of this potent greenhouse gas from space.

**65. According to Social Cops analysis of Ministry of Environment data, India has \_\_\_\_\_ wildlife sanctuaries and \_\_\_\_\_ national parks.**

- a) 515 and 102      b) 530 and 204      c) 525 and 126      d) 500 and 85

**Answer a) 515 and 102.** According to Social Cops analysis of Ministry of Environment data, India has 515 wildlife sanctuaries, 102 national parks, 47 conservation reserves, and 4 community reserves. These areas cover a total of 1.61 lakh square kilometres, or 4.9% of India's geographic area. In addition, the Ministry of Environment has demarcated 47 tiger reserves, 18 biosphere reserves and 25 elephant reserves.

66. The Indian School of Business (ISB) is planning to conduct a capacity-building programme for \_\_\_\_\_ MLAs in Hyderabad.

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

**Answer b) Andhra Pradesh.** The Indian School of Business (ISB) is planning to conduct a capacity-building programme for Andhra Pradesh MLAs in Hyderabad. The two-day workshop is designed around modules like leadership, economic development, policy making and social welfare, a release said. The workshop will also help the legislators in building professional networks with their peers from other states, the release added.

67. Which State government approved a project worth ₹25 crore to make the state's agriculture production system more flexible to climate change?

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Sikkim                      c) Himachal Pradesh                      d) Haryana

**Answer d) Haryana.** The Haryana government approved a project worth ₹25 crore to make the state's agriculture production system more flexible to climate change. The project proposes to intensify cropping systems and sustain production at less cost by adopting climate resilient technologies without deteriorating soil health, an official release said. Further, the project is said to benefit 75,000 farmers.

68. The \_\_\_\_\_ government has identified and listed 21 trees across the state to be tagged as 'Heritage Trees' due to their historical and cultural importance.

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

**Answer c) Sikkim.** The Sikkim government has identified and listed 21 trees across the state to be tagged as 'Heritage Trees' due to their historical and cultural importance. A tree is recognised as a 'Heritage Tree' if it has a historical significance to the human settlement in the area. Some of the trees identified include the locally found 'Bajrat', 'Tooni' and 'Rani Champ'.

69. Which state government aims to provide 30 lakh LPG connections to BPL families in the current financial year?

- a) Andhra Pradesh                      b) Assam                      c) Telangana                      d) Bihar

**Answer a) Andhra Pradesh.** The Andhra Pradesh government aims to provide 30 lakh LPG connections to BPL families in the current financial year, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said on Tuesday. He further directed officials to improve the quality of education and standards in all residential schools and colleges. Food security, water conservation, and broadband connectivity are his government's priorities, he added.

70. Which State government to launch mobile app for delivery of common services?

- a) Telangana                      b) Bihar                      c) Gujarat                      d) Assam

**Answer c) Gujarat.** People of Gujarat would soon be able to avail a host of government services through their smartphones and tablets, with the state government deciding to launch a mobile application for the same. "The Gujarat government has decided to launch the mobile app 'Digital Gujarat' by August 15. Our aim is to put most of the services on the fingertips of citizens, so that they don't have to visit government offices," Dhananjay Dwivedi, Secretary -state's Science and Technology department, said.

71. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have signed three bilateral agreements to strengthen co-operation in varied fields.

- a) USA                      b) Japan                      c) Thailand                      d) Ghana

**Answer d) Ghana.** India and Ghana have signed three bilateral agreements to strengthen co-operation in varied fields. These agreements were signed after delegation level talks between President Pranab Mukherjee and his Ghanaian counterpart John Dramani Mahama in Accra. The signed agreements include one for visa waivers for holders of diplomatic and official passports and one for setting up a Joint Commission.

72. Government of India has decided not to increase the prices of urea for the next \_\_\_\_\_ years

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

**Answer b) Three.** The government has decided not to increase the prices of urea for the next three years, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said on Tuesday. "The era of shortage of fertilizers, including urea has gone. Now the farmers can get required quantity of fertilizers," the minister further said.

73. Which Bank launched a "card-less and PIN-less" ATM in Bengaluru?

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

**Answer d) DCB Bank.** DCB Bank, launched a "card-less and PIN-less" ATM in Bengaluru. The ATM accepts Aadhaar number and Aadhaar fingerprint (biometric) instead of ATM / debit card and PIN to dispense cash from the bank account.

74. The Rio 2016 organising committee revealed the official slogan for the first Olympic and Paralympic Games in South America is \_\_\_\_\_

- a) A New Rio                      b) A New World                      c) A New Olympic                      d) A New Game

**Answer b) A New World.** The Rio 2016 organising committee revealed the official slogan for the first Olympic and Paralympic Games in South America – "A new world" – while also unveiling the medals, 52 days from the start of the quadrennial extravaganza. Along with the Olympic torch, the medals and the mascots, the slogan plays a major part in creating the unique identity of each Olympic Games.

75. Mudrarakshas who passed away recently was a \_\_\_\_\_ writer and novelist

- a) Tamil                      b) Telugu                      c) Hindi                      d) Kannada

**Answer c) Hindi.** Renowned Hindi novelist and critique Mudrarakshas passed away due to old age related causes in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He was 82. He was distinguished Hindi writer, activist, thinker and cultural personality. His write-ups invariably hinged on various vital social issues and causes.

76. Indian-American Author \_\_\_\_\_ won 2016 International Dublin Literary Award

- a) Ishant Sharma                      b) Rohit Sharma                      c) Akhil Sharma                      d) Prakash Sharma

**Answer c) Akhil Sharma.** Indian-American author Akhil Sharma has won the prestigious 100,000-euro International Dublin Literary Award, the world's richest award for a single novel, for his second novel 'Family Life'. The Delhi-born New Yorker has already bagged the 2015 Folio Prize worth 40,000



pounds for his autobiographical novel that tells the tale of how a family moves from Delhi to New York, where the older brother has an accident that leaves him brain-damaged and in need of 24-hour care. “

**77. Who has been appointed as new head of the United Nations mission tasked with monitoring the ceasefire line between India and Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir?**

- a) Major General Per Gustaf Lodin                      b) Major General Delali Johnson Sakyi  
c) Major General Ling Seth Sara                      d) Major General SK Saini

**Answer a) Major General Per Gustaf Lodin.** A high-ranking Swedish military official will be the new head of the United Nations mission tasked with monitoring the ceasefire line between India and Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir. Major General Per Gustaf Lodin, 59, also a logistics expert, was appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as the Chief Military Observer and Head of Mission for the United Nations Military Observer Group (UNMOGIP) in India and Pakistan. Maj Gen Lodin succeeds Major General Delali Johnson Sakyi of Ghana, who completes his two-year assignment as Chief Military Observer and Head of Mission for the UNMOGIP on July 2.

**78. Which Bank launched India's first certified green bond at London Stock Exchange?**

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

**Answer b) Axis Bank.** Axis Bank has raised \$500 million at the London Stock Exchange after it launched India's first internationally-listed certified green bond to finance climate change solutions around the world. One of India's leading private sector capital markets banks opened trading at the London Stock Exchange (LSE) with the bond, which is certified by the Climate Bonds Standards Board and raised \$500 million.

**79. According to a nationwide survey by the Registrar General of India, the percentage of non-vegetarians in Telangana was \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) 78%                      b) 100%                      c) 99%                      d) 95%

**Answer c) 99%.** Telangana has the highest proportion of meat-eaters in the country with almost 99% of its residents being non-vegetarians, a Registrar General of India survey of people aged 15 years and above has revealed. An almost equal percentage of men (98.8) and women (98.6) are non-vegetarians in the state.

**80. India's first reported 'Harlequin' baby born in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Assam                      b) Maharashtra                      c) West Bengal                      d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer b) Maharashtra.** With the birth of a baby girl in Nagpur, India has reportedly recorded its first ever case of a baby born with a rare genetic disorder called 'Harlequin Ichthyosis'. The disease, which affects 1 in 3 lakh babies, causes thickening of the skin all over the body with cracks in between and makes babies prone to infection.

**81. The Indian unit of search giant Google Inc and Tata Trusts launched 'Internet Saathi' program in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer a) West Bengal.** The Indian unit of search giant Google Inc and Tata Trusts launched 'Internet Saathi' program in West Bengal. The initiative will roll out from West Bengal's Purulia

district and will focus on training women and larger communities in the state to learn and explore various uses and benefits of the Internet.

**82. Which country has become the first country to stop clear-cutting of trees, a huge step toward curbing global deforestation?**

- a) USA                      b) India                      c) Austria                      d) Norway

**Answer d) Norway.** Norway has become the first country to stop clear-cutting of trees, a huge step toward curbing global deforestation. At the rate we are going, the world's rain forests could completely vanish in 100 years. In their pledge, Norwegian lawmakers also committed to find a way to source essential products such as palm oil, soy, beef and timber so that they leave little to no impact on their ecosystems. It's a pledge Norway made at the U.N. Climate Summit in 2014, alongside Germany and the United Kingdom. This move could be potentially transformative.

**83. NATO announced that the alliance will deploy four multinational battalions to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Expand NATO?**

- a) North Atlantic Trade Organization                      b) North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
c) North Asian Treaty Organization                      d) North Atlantic Travelling Organization

**Answer b) North Atlantic Treaty Organization.** NATO announced that the alliance will deploy four multinational battalions to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, as tensions with Russia remain high in the wake of Moscow's intervention in Ukraine. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg discussed the deployment at a news conference in Warsaw, Poland, prior to this week's gathering of alliance defense ministers.

**84. Which country's scientists turn CO2 into Stone under CarbFix Project?**

- a) Spain                      b) Australia                      c) Iceland                      d) USA

**Answer c) Iceland.** Carbon dioxide has been pumped underground and turned rapidly into stone, demonstrating a radical new way to tackle climate change. The unique project promises a cheaper and more secure way of burying CO2 from fossil fuel burning underground, where it cannot warm the planet.

**85. How many new elements got new names in Periodic table?**

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

**Answer a) 4.** The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the gatekeeper to the periodic table, announced the proposed names for elements 113, 115, 117 and 118: nihonium, moscovium, tennessine and oganesson. The new names for the four super heavy, radioactive elements will replace the seventh row's uninspired placeholders of ununtrium, ununpentium, ununseptium and ununoctium.

**86. Which country has successfully launched 23rd BeiDou Navigation Satellite?**

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

**Answer b) China.** China has successfully launched 23rd satellite to support its global navigation and positioning network which is being developed to rival the US Global Positioning System. The 23rd satellite in the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

87. Which company has now unveiled the latest version of its OS X desktop operating system, which named as macOS Sierra?

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

**Answer d) Apple.** Apple has now unveiled the latest version of its OS X desktop operating system, but it's had somewhat of a name change and make over. Indeed, it's now called macOS, with the latest version dubbed macOS Sierra. The change was announced at Apple's WWDC developer conference.

88. Which company announced a \$26.2 billion deal to acquire professional social platform LinkedIn for \$196 per share?

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

**Answer b) Microsoft.** Microsoft announced a \$26.2 billion deal to acquire professional social platform LinkedIn for \$196 per share. Shares of LinkedIn surged 47 percent after the announcement to near \$193, while Microsoft's stock was down 3.2 percent. Trading in Microsoft had been halted briefly for news pending before the announcement of the all-cash deal.

89. Tech firm \_\_\_\_\_ to buy Blue Coat Systems for \$4.65 billion

- a) Infosys                      b) TCS                      c) Symantec Corp                      d) Tech Mahindra

**Answer c) Symantec Corp.** Symantec Corp. agreed to buy Blue Coat Systems Inc. in a \$4.65 billion deal that will give the computer-security company a new portfolio of cyber defense technologies along with a new chief executive. Blue Coat Chief Executive Greg Clark is set to take that role at Symantec after the deal closes, which is expected to occur before October.

90. Pranab Mukherjee became the first Indian President to visit \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) Ghana.** In the first leg of his three-nation tour, Pranab Mukherjee became the first Indian President to visit Ghana. Mukherjee will address a joint business forum meeting in the country, and is expected to hold delegation-level talks on agreements on visa waiver. Notably, the tour comes as a part of India's 'Outreach to Africa' initiative.

91. Which company signed a deal to acquire energy firm Welspun Renewables for an estimated value of ₹10,000 crore?

- a) Tata Power                      b) Adani Power                      c) Suzlon                      d) Reliance Power

**Answer a) Tata Power.** Tata Power said it signed a deal to acquire energy firm Welspun Renewables in what would be the biggest transaction in the renewable energy space in India. The size of the deal was reportedly estimated at ₹10,000 crore. Notably, India has a target of installing 60 GW of wind and 100 GW of solar power capacity by 2022.

92. A Guinness World Record was set for the "Largest gathering of people dressed as ghosts at a single venue" in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer c) Singapore.** A Guinness World Record was set for the "Largest gathering of people dressed as ghosts at a single venue" at an event for the upcoming film 'Ghostbusters' in Singapore. Dressed

in all-white outfits and depicting the film's "no ghost" symbol, 263 individuals set the record. The film's director Paul Feig and actress Melissa McCarthy received the official certificate.

**93. Who won Canadian Grand prix 2016?**

- a) Lewis Hamilton                      b) Nico Roseberg                      c) Sebastian Vettel                      d) Fernando Alonso

**Answer a) Lewis Hamilton.** Defending Formula one champion Lewis Hamilton dedicated his win at the Canadian Grand Prix to late boxer Muhammad Ali. "Float like a butterfly sting like a bee. That one was for Muhammad, that one was for Ali," Hamilton said. Hamilton is now nine points behind championship leader and Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg, who finished fifth.

**94. Legendary ice hockey player Gordie Howe who passed away recently, He was from**

- a) Japan                      b) Argentina                      c) Spain                      d) Canada

**Answer d) Canada.** Canada's beloved hockey icon Gordie Howe, a fierce competitor who finessed his way into the record books on the ice but was a gentle giant off it, died at the age of 88. Nicknamed as "Mr. Hockey", Howe is considered one of the greatest ice hockey players of all time and an ironman in many respects both on and off the ice.

**95. Achyut Lahkar who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Play wright                      b) Actor                      c) Theatre personality                      d) All of the above

**Answer d) All of the above.** Achyut Lahkar, doyen of Assam's mobile theatre movement, and noted playwright and actor, passed away in his hometown Pathsala, about 100km from Guwahati, following a protracted illness. He was 85. Born in 1931, Lahkar, a theatre enthusiast from his childhood days, founded Nataraj Theatre, the first mobile theatre company of Assam in 1963, which — over the past five decades — gave the mobile theatre movement the shape of a successful entertainment industry, and that too in a state where film-making continues to be a difficult proposition.

**96. Donald Carr who passed away recently was a/an**

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

**Answer a) Cricketer.** Donald Carr, the former Derbyshire and England batsman who went on to become one of the most prominent administrators of the post-war era, has died at the age of 89. In a first-class career that spanned from 1945 to 1968, Carr scored nearly 20,000 runs and claimed 328 wickets with his left-arm spin for Oxford University, Derbyshire and England, whom he captained at Madras in 1951-52 in his second and final appearance.

**97. \_\_\_\_\_ has been conferred the National Award for Best Performing Central PSU for Roof Top Solar Power initiatives.**

- a) Sports Authority of India                      b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India  
c) Airports Authority of India                      d) National Highways Authority of India

**Answer c) Airports Authority of India.** The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been conferred the National Award for Best Performing Central PSU for Roof Top Solar Power initiatives. It has installed 4.8 megawatt peak power (MWp) rooftop solar plants at 13 airports, generating approximately 51

lakh units of solar energy. Further, 4.9 MWp solar plants are expected to be installed at 14 other airports by December.

**98. Laboratory testing of two popular baby care products of US firm \_\_\_\_\_ has been ordered by a child rights body.**

- a) Mother Care                      b) Omved                      c) Himalaya                      d) Johnson and Johnson

**Answer d) Johnson and Johnson.** Laboratory testing of two popular baby care products of US firm Johnson & Johnson has been ordered by a child rights body of the government after taking suo motu cognizance of a number of US court orders against it over alleged lack of warning about health risks of its talc-based products. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has asked five states — Gujarat, Jharkhand, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh — to collect the samples of Johnson & Johnson baby powder and shampoo for testing.

**99. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Delhi government to register two new diesel vehicles used for \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Public transport                      b) Trade transport                      c) Waste disposal                      d) None of these

**Answer c) Waste disposal.** The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Delhi government to register two new diesel vehicles which are conforming to BS-IV norms and would be used for garbage disposal and handling of municipal waste generated in New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area.

**100. World Day against Child Labour is observed on?**

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

**Answer b) June 12.** The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. Every year on 12 June, the World Day brings together governments, employers and workers organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the plight of child labourers and what can be done to help them. The theme for the year 2016 is “End child labour in supply chains - It's everyone's business!”.

**101. Which State government has set up a single window clearance system for investors?**

- a) Gujarat                      b) Bihar                      c) Rajasthan                      d) Assam

**Answer d) Assam.** The Assam government has set up a single window clearance system at all district headquarters to help potential investors and to eradicate corruption. This single window clearance system will enable potential investors to apply online for all the clearance certificates and no objection certificates. The new government has introduced the Assam Ease of Doing Business Bill 2016 in the House on June 3 this year, which was passed subsequently.

**102. Which State to become the first state in India to have an open government data portal?**

- a) Tamil Nadu                      b) Sikkim                      c) Uttar Pradesh                      d) Rajasthan

**Answer b) Sikkim.** Sikkim claimed to become the first state in India to have an open government data portal. Lok Sabha MP, P D Rai launched the open government data portal ‘Sikkim.data.gov.in’ and Open Government Data Platform (Sikkim). Sikkim thus became the first state in India to have this portal.

**103. Which State Island got electricity supply in their homes after 70 years of independence?**

- a) Gujarat                      b) Bihar                      c) Jammu and Kashmir                      d) Maharashtra

**Answer a) Gujarat.** Residents of Shiyal Bet, a nondescript island in Gujarat's Amreli district woke up to cherish a moment they had been waiting for nearly seven decades after the country's Independence — electricity supply in their homes. With power supply reaching to this small island with a population of around 6,000, surrounded by Arabian Sea from all corners, Gujarat now has its every nook and corner connected to electricity.

**104. Who won in Peru's presidential election 2016?**

- a) Keiko Fujimori                      b) Ollanta Humala                      c) Pedro Pablo Kuczynski                      d) Alan Garcia

**Answer c) Pedro Pablo Kuczynski.** Peru's elections authority announced that Pedro Pablo Kuczynski had defeated Keiko Fujimori in the 2016 presidential election. National Office of Electoral Processes (ONPE) director Mariano Cucho announced that his organization had tallied all of the more than 18 million votes cast on June 5. Kuczynski garnered 50.1% of eligible votes to defeat Fujimori. Known as "PPK" in Peru, Kuczynski won by just over 41,000 votes for a victory margin of less than a quarter point, which makes the 2016 election the closest in Peru's history.

**105. Which country successfully launched world's largest rocket?**

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

**Answer a) USA.** The world's largest rocket has successfully blasted into space from Florida's Cape Canaveral for all to see, but the exact details of its intelligence agency cargo is something that the US government is keeping a closely guarded secret. The United Launch Alliance (ULA), a joint space delivery service by aerospace giants Lockheed Martin and The Boeing Company, carried out the launch of a Delta IV Heavy rocket.

**106. Air pollution could cause \_\_\_\_\_ million premature deaths by 2060: OECD**

- a) 1-5 million                      b) 10-20 million                      c) 6-9 million                      d) 4-8 million

**Answer c) 6-9 million.** According to a report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, air pollution could cause 6-9 million premature deaths by 2060, with the biggest mortality rate spike forecasted in India. It is also likely to cost 1% of the global GDP, around \$2.6 trillion annually, in terms of sick days, medical bills and reduced agricultural output, the report added.

**107. Which State government launched an IT-enabled management system for irrigation projects in the state?**

- a) Sikkim                      b) Andhra Pradesh                      c) Telangana                      d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer b) Andhra Pradesh.** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched an IT-enabled management system for irrigation projects in the state. The system will enable regular assessment of the progress of the ongoing projects in the state and help in monitoring water storage levels and flow of various rivers and reservoirs, the government said.

**108. According to a nationwide survey by the Registrar General of India, the percentage of non-vegetarians in India was \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) 71%                      b) 85%                      c) 54%                      d) 33%

**Answer a) 71%.** According to a nationwide survey by the Registrar General of India, the percentage of non-vegetarians in India was 71%. The survey was conducted among people aged above 15 years in 2014. The number fell by 4% from 2004, when the non-vegetarians in the country stood at 75%. People are reportedly being seen switching to a vegetarian diet for health reasons.

**109. Government of India has approved projects worth over \_\_\_\_\_ crore for developing Ramayana, Krishna and Buddhist circuits in Uttar Pradesh.**

- a) 500            b) 300            c) 750            d) 100

**Answer b) 300.** With an aim to boost tourism in Uttar Pradesh, the Centre has approved projects worth over Rs 300 crore for developing Ramayana, Krishna and Buddhist circuits in the state. The massive investment aimed at encouraging tourism in a big way comes under the Swadesh Darshan Yojna, Secretary, Union Tourism Ministry Vinod Zutshi said.

**110. Who won Australian Open Super Series Badminton title 2016?**

- a) PV Sindhu            b) Jwala Gutta            c) Saina Nehwal            d) Aparna Balan

**Answer c) Saina Nehwal.** Shuttler Saina Nehwal received a huge boost ahead of the Rio Olympics as she clinched her second Australian Open Super Series title after defeating China's Sun Yu in a thrilling three-game final in Sydney. The 26-year-old from Hyderabad eked out a 11-21, 21-14 21-19 victory over World No 12 Sun in a fighting summit clash that lasted an hour and 12 minutes.

**111. Who will become the only tennis player in the world and the first Indian to make a seventh appearance at the Olympics?**

- a) Mahesh Bhupathi            b) Rohan Bhopanna            c) Andy Murray            d) Leander Paes

**Answer d) Leander Paes.** India's Leander Paes will become the only tennis player in the world and the first Indian to make a seventh appearance at the Olympics. Paes won the bronze medal for India in singles tennis at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Interestingly, Leander's father Vece was a midfielder in the bronze medal-winning Indian field hockey team at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

**112. Indian Origin professor \_\_\_\_\_ awarded Regius Professorship (royal patronage) by Queen Elizabeth II.**

- a) Lord Kumar Arun Singh            b) Lord Kumar Prasad Yadav  
c) Lord Kumar Patnaik            d) Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya

**Answer d) Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya.** Queen Elizabeth II has awarded the Regius Professorship (royal patronage) in Manufacturing to the department founded by Indian professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya in the University of Warwick. IIT-Kharagpur alumnus Lord Bhattacharyya's Warwick Manufacturing Group is reportedly the largest centre for manufacturing in the world. The UK has granted 14 such recognitions since Queen Victoria's rule.

**113. Who takes charge as Managing Director of State Bank of Travancore (SBT)?**

- a) NK Chari            b) CR Sasikumar            c) M Prakash Kumar            d) P Jayakumar

**Answer b) CR Sasikumar.** CR Sasikumar has taken over as Managing Director of State Bank of Travancore (SBT), one of the associate banks of State Bank of India (SBI). Sasikumar started his career as a probationary officer with SBI in 1978 and has since held several key assignments.



114. The World Bank cuts Global Growth forecast to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2016

- a) 2.4            b) 2.8            c) 3.0            d) 4.2

**Answer a) 2.4.** The World Bank has lowered its global growth forecast, warning that risks to growth have increased since its earlier projection in January. The world economy will grow at 2.4% in 2016 and at 2.8% in 2017, the World Bank said in its June report on global economic prospects, lower than the earlier forecast of 2.9% and 3.1%, respectively, mainly on account of a slower than expected recovery in advanced economies.

115. International team of astronomers found an alien world named \_\_\_\_\_

- a) HOST- 18c            b) HALL-18a            c) HATS-18b            d) HACK-18d

**Answer c) HATS-18b.** International team of astronomers found an alien world named HATS-18b. It is a giant hot Jupiter exoplanet tidally spinning up its parent star. The team led by Kaloyan Penev of Princeton University carried out the observation campaign between April 2011 and July 2013. The new findings were published online on 2 June 2016 on arXiv.org.

116. Government of India launched "Surya Mitra" mobile app for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Solar Power            b) Magnetic Power            c) Wind Power            d) None of these

**Answer a) Solar Power.** Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy launched "Surya Mitra" mobile App at National Workshop on Rooftop Solar Power here today. The GPS based mobile app is developed by National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) which is an autonomous institution of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).

117. Which country got support for admission into Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)?

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

**Answer c) India.** The members of the 34-nation Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), an international anti-proliferation group, have agreed to admit India. The deadline for MTCR members to object to India's admission had expired without any objections. This would allow India to buy high-end missile technology and surveillance drones.

118. US named \_\_\_\_\_ as a Major Defence Partner

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

**Answer d) India.** The U.S. has recognised India as 'major defence partner,' a classification that will allow India to buy more advanced and sensitive technologies from the U.S. This U.S. move will be complemented by India's entry into the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), an exclusive club that restricts trade in sensitive defence technologies.

119. Which three countries started the MALABAR-16 naval exercise off the Western Pacific coast, close to the disputed South China Sea?

- a) India, USA and China            b) India, Japan and Russia  
c) India, USA and Japan            d) India, Sri Lanka and China

**Answer c) India, USA and Japan.** India, the US and Japan started the MALABAR-16 naval exercise off the Western Pacific coast, close to the disputed South China sea. Japan was included in the exercise as a permanent member in 2015, making the erstwhile Indo-US exercise a trilateral one. China, reacting to this, had earlier warned that Japan should not "heighten tensions" in the region.

120. The first ever e-FIR in the state of Uttar Pradesh was filed in a \_\_\_\_\_ police station.

- a) Meerut                      b) Kanpur                      c) Lucknow                      d) Varanasi

**Answer b) Kanpur.** As per reports, the first ever e-FIR in the state of Uttar Pradesh was filed in a Kanpur police station. The FIR was registered after a software engineer sent an email about two men riding a bike snatching his mobile phone. Kanpur SSP Shalabh Mathur on Saturday said the new facility was still being examined for greater efficiency.

121. Which cricketer became the first Indian to score a century on his ODI debut?

- a) KL Rahul                      b) Virat Kohli                      c) Suresh Raina                      d) Rahul Dravid

**Answer a) KL Rahul.** Opening batsman KL Rahul became the first Indian to score a century on his ODI debut, after registering 100\*(115) against Zimbabwe in the first ODI of the series on Saturday. He is the 11th batsman in ODI history to have achieved the feat. The previous best by an Indian on ODI debut was Robin Uthappa's 86 against England in 2006.

122. Who has been chosen as India's flag bearer at Rio Olympics 2016?

- a) Gagang Narang                      b) Abhinav Bindra                      c) Vijendar Singh                      d) Sushil Kumar

**Answer b) Abhinav Bindra.** Olympic champion shooter Abhinav Bindra was chosen as the flagbearer of the Indian contingent at the Rio Games' opening ceremony on August 5. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) confirmed that they have chosen the 2008 Beijing Olympic gold medallist as the country's flagbearer for the quadrennial extravaganza.

123. Who has been named as world's highest paid athlete?

- a) Virat Kohli                      b) Tiger Wood                      c) Cristiano Ronaldo                      d) Lionel Messi

**Answer c) Cristiano Ronaldo.** Real Madrid star Ronaldo tops the list having earned \$88 million (£60.9m) over the past 12 months, with Barcelona talisman Messi in second with earnings of \$81.4m (£56.3m).

124. Which company has secured a contract to build a \$135 million stadium for Qatar's 2022 World Cup?

- a) Adidas                      b) Larsen and Toubro                      c) Vodafone                      d) Honda

**Answer b) Larsen and Toubro.** Larsen & Toubro Ltd has secured a contract to build a \$135 million stadium for Qatar's 2022 World Cup, a boost for the Indian firm facing a slowdown in its key Middle East market due to low oil prices. As part of a joint venture, L&T will serve as a contractor building the 40,000 seat Al Rayyan stadium.

125. KK Katyal who passed away recently was a/an

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

**Answer d) Journalist.** KK Katyal, veteran journalist and former Delhi Chief of Bureau of The Hindu, who led the newspaper's wide-ranging coverage from the national capital during a particularly eventful phase of political change, passed away after a brief illness. He was 88. In the 28 years from 1976 that he spent at The Hindu, Mr. Katyal built his work on access to a wide body of political and diplomatic sources.

126. Christina Grimmie who passed away recently was a/an

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

**Answer b) Singer.** Christina Grimmie, a rising singing star who gained fame as a YouTube sensation and contestant on television's "The Voice," died after being shot while signing autographs at a concert hall in Orlando, police said on Saturday. The suspected attacker died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was tackled by the 22-year-old singer's brother, police said.

127. Inder Malhotra who passed away recently was a/an

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

**Answer c) Journalist.** Veteran journalist Inder Malhotra passed away in a Delhi hospital. He was 86. He had been on ventilator for some time. One of the most respected journalists of the country, Mr. Malhotra had worked with The Statesman and The Times of India, New Delhi. He began his career with the United Press of India. He joined it soon after graduating from the Punjab University. He also wrote for The Guardian (1965-95). He is both a Nehru Fellow (1986-87) and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow (1992-93).

128. Who has been honoured with Russia's Order of Friendship Award?

- a) Barack Obama                      b) Narendra Modi                      c) Ban Ki Moon                      d) Pranab Mukherjee

**Answer c) Ban Ki Moon.** UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has been honoured with Russia's Order of Friendship. The respective decree of Russian President Vladimir Putin was published on the Russian official legal information website. The officially published decree said that the decoration was awarded to Ban for special merits in strengthening peace, friendship, cooperation and mutual understanding between peoples.

129. \_\_\_\_\_ objects to India's anti dumping probe into Chinese steel products

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

**Answer b) China.** China has expressed serious concern over India initiating an anti-dumping probe against Chinese steel products as it sought a 'fair' and 'transparent' investigation in line with WTO rules. China is highly concerned by Indian trade remedy measures against Chinese steel products.

130. Indian entrepreneur \_\_\_\_\_ has been named by Time to its 2016 list of "10 millennials.

- a) Umesh Sachdev                      b) Azim Premji                      c) Anil Ambani                      d) Lakshmi Mittal

**Answer a) Umesh Sachdev.** A 30-year old Indian entrepreneur has been named by Time magazine to its 2016 list of "10 millennials who are changing the world" for building a phone which can help people to interact and access critical services by communicating in their native languages. Umesh Sachdev has been named by Time to its 2016 list of "10 millennials who are changing the world" for his work on "building a phone that can understand almost any language".

131. Which State government has decided to celebrate the 21st day of every month as Yoga Day across all schools, colleges and universities in the State?

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

**Answer b) Maharashtra.** The Maharashtra government has decided to celebrate the 21st day of every month as Yoga Day across all schools, colleges and universities in the State. State School and

Higher Education minister Vinod Tawde had recently held a meeting with yoga institutions like Sri Sri Ravishankar's Art of Living, Ramdev Baba's Patanjali Yog Samiti, Samarth Vyayam Mandir Bharat Swabhimani Nyas and others to moot various ways to celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21 on a grand scale at district levels.

**132. Director \_\_\_\_\_ will be honoured with the 30th American Cinematheque award**

- a) James Cameron      b) Steven Spielberg      c) Ridley Scott      d) Alfred Hitchcock

**Answer c) Ridley Scott.** Director Ridley Scott will be honored with the 30th American Cinematheque award during the organization's annual benefit gala October 14 at the Beverly Hilton. The event for the iconic director of films including Alien, Blade Runner and most recently last year's commercial and awards-garnering sci-fi pic The Martian will include in-person tributes from some of Scott's colleagues and friends.

**133. UN estimates 300,000-400,000 people enslaved in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Eritrea      b) Kenya      c) Canada      d) South Africa

**Answer a) Eritrea.** The head of a U.N. human rights inquiry into Eritrea said an estimated 300,000-400,000 people had been enslaved over the past 25 years in Eritrea's system of indefinite "national service". He also said he believed Eritrea was still operating a shoot-to-kill policy on its borders to stop people fleeing from the country, many of them heading to Europe as refugees.

**134. India ranked \_\_\_\_\_ on the list of countries figuring in the Malware Infection Index 2016.**

- a) 1<sup>st</sup>      b) 3<sup>rd</sup>      c) 7<sup>th</sup>      d) 8<sup>th</sup>

**Answer d) 8th.** At least four out of ten computers in Asia-Pacific countries are likely to be infected with malware, a study by Microsoft has found. While Pakistan tops the list of countries figuring in the Malware Infection Index 2016, India ranks 8th on the list. The index identifies the key malware threats in the region and ranks markets in Asia-Pacific according to how much they are affected.

**135. A large-scale military training exercise involving more than 20 NATO and partner countries has kicked off in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Poland.** A large-scale military training exercise involving more than 20 NATO and partner countries has kicked off in Poland, part of efforts to reassure east European nations rattled by Russia's actions in nearby Ukraine.

**136. The WHO has declared that \_\_\_\_\_ has reached the end of active Ebola virus transmission.**

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

**Answer a) Liberia.** The WHO has declared that Liberia has reached the end of active Ebola virus transmission. This is fourth such declaration from one of the west African countries at the epicenter of the world's worst outbreak of the disease. The declaration means it has been 42 days since the last confirmed patient tested negative for a second time for the disease.

137. India and the \_\_\_\_\_ have signed/finalized eight agreements/ Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) in various fields including exchange of Terrorist Screening Information and climate change.

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

**Answer d) USA.** India and the United States (US) have signed/finalized eight agreements/ Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) in various fields including exchange of Terrorist Screening Information, cooperation on Energy Security, Clean Energy and Climate Change among others. The agreements were inked after meet of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Barack Obama in the White House.

138. The U.S firm to build \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear reactors in India

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

**Answer b) Six.** The U.S. and India agreed to move ahead with the construction of six nuclear reactors in India by an American company, the first such move since the countries signed a landmark civil nuclear deal in 2008. The breakthrough capped a wide-ranging White House meeting between President Barack Obama and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who are seeking closer cooperation as Washington wants to boost New Delhi's role in counterbalancing China.

139. \_\_\_\_\_ Ground to host first day-night Test in India

- a) Mumbai Wankhede stadium                      b) Delhi Feroz Shah Kotla ground  
c) Kolkata Eden Gardens ground                      d) Chennai Nehru stadium

**Answer c) Kolkata Eden Gardens ground.** The venerable Eden Gardens ground will host the first ever day-night Test in the country when India take on New Zealand later this year. The Tour Programme and Fixtures Committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the fixture stating that New Zealand will play three Test matches and five One-Day Internationals.

140. Indian Railways on launched 'Janani Sewa', a service under which \_\_\_\_\_ will be provided at stations.

- a) Baby Food                      b) Hot Milk                      c) Hot Water                      d) All of the above

**Answer d) All of the above.** Indian Railways on launched 'Janani Sewa', a service under which baby food, hot milk and hot water will be provided at stations. The facility has initially been introduced at 25 railway stations including New Delhi, Mumbai Central, Howrah, Chennai, Nagpur, Pune, and Surat. Besides this, Railways has also launched a food menu for children in the 5-12 age group.

141. India joined with \_\_\_ nations to clamp down on tax evasion and corruption.

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

**Answer a) 5.** India has signed up to a scheme launched by Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain to clamp down on tax evasion and corruption, Britain's government said on Wednesday. The nations are planning to allow free access of information amongst each other. This comes after Switzerland last week promised to work with India to tackle the issue of black money.

142. US president Barack Obama has approved a broader role for American forces in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) Afghanistan.** A United States official said that President Barack Obama has approved a broader role for American forces in Afghanistan, allowing them to accompany and enable Afghan forces onto the field. Currently, the American military is allowed to take action against insurgents when their assistance is required to prevent setbacks to the Afghan military, which puts them in a defensive position.

**143. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has awarded the prestigious Olympic Order to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Ravi Kumar                      b) Arun Singh                      c) N Ramachandran                      d) V Ganesh Kumar

**Answer c) N Ramachandran.** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has awarded the prestigious Olympic Order to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president N Ramachandran. The award is given in acknowledgement for Ramachandran's outstanding contribution to the Olympic movement. N Ramachandran said he was "truly humbled and honoured" with the highest award of the Olympic movement. Ramachandran became IOA president in February 2014.

**144. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first city in the country to have its own City Animal**

- a) Hyderabad                      b) Bangalore                      c) Chennai                      d) Guwahati

**Answer d) Guwahati.** Guwahati, the Assam state capital has become the first city in the country to have its own City Animal with the Kamrup Metropolitan district administration declaring the Gangetic River Dolphin as the mascot. The district administration had organised online and off-line voting among three protected creatures, which are on the verge of extinction, to decide the mascot.

**145. Indian Railways will fit bio-toilets on all its coaches by \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) 2019.** Indian Railways will fit bio-toilets on all its coaches by 2019, two years ahead of schedule. By 2019, all 55,000 coaches of Indian Railways would be fitted with 1,40,000 bio-toilets. Till 31 March, 2016, Indian Railways have installed around 35,000 bio-toilets in 10,000 railway coaches and are quite confident of achieving this target.

**146. Railway minister Suresh Prabhu announced a number of major railway projects for \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Andhra Pradesh.** Railway minister Suresh Prabhu announced a number of major railway projects for Andhra Pradesh, including a high-speed rail line between new capital Amaravati and Bengaluru. He, however, remained non-committal on the establishment of a new railway zone with headquarters at Visakhapatnam, alleging that the erstwhile UPA government did not "specify" it in the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.

**147. Which State coastline will soon become a "plastic and garbage-free" zone?**

- a) Tamil Nadu                      b) Maharashtra                      c) Jammu and Kashmir                      d) Kerala

**Answer d) Kerala.** The sprawling and picturesque coastline of Kerala will soon become a "plastic and garbage-free" zone with the state government drawing up a comprehensive action plan to make the coastal areas clean and beautiful. Fisheries Minister J Mercykutty Amma said steps would be taken

to remove plastic and other garbage piled across the 590 km-long state coastline by the end of this month.

**148. Prime Minister Narendra Modi got Swiss pledge on tackling tax dodgers. Who is the president of Switzerland?**

- a) Didier Burkhalter    b) Johann Schneider-Ammann    c) Simonetta Sommaruga    d) Ueli Maurer

**Answer b) Johann Schneider-Ammann.** Switzerland has promised to work with Indian authorities to tackle tax dodgers who stash money in Swiss bank accounts to avoid Indian taxes. After talks in Geneva with Swiss President Johann Schneider-Ammann and round-table discussions with Swiss businessmen, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the two countries had agreed to make combating tax evasion and “black money” a shared priority.

**149. Which company retains top position in fortune 500 list 2016?**

- a) Apple    b) Samsung    c) Walmart    d) Facebook

**Answer c) Walmart.** In 2016 rankings, Walmart is the top dog on the Fortune 500 list for the fourth consecutive year. Rounding out the top 10 in the 62nd annual rankings, based on total revenues for their fiscal years: ExxonMobil, Apple, Berkshire Hathaway, McKesson, UnitedHealth Group, CVS Health, General Motors, Ford Motor and AT&T.

**150. World Environment day is observed on?**

- a) May 31    b) June 3    c) June 1    d) June 5

**Answer d) June 5.** World Environment Day (WED) is one of the greatest annual events celebrated across the globe on 5th June. The objective of the event is to raise awareness about the leading issue of the sustainability of our environment. It was initiated in 1973 by the United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to address colossal issues like global warming, deforestation and food shortages among many others.

**151. India and Qatar have signed \_\_\_\_\_ agreements to boost cooperation**

- a) Three    b) Seven    c) Five    d) Ten

**Answer b) Seven.** India and Qatar have signed seven agreements, including one on finance intelligence to check money laundering and terrorism financing and another to woo foreign investment in the infrastructure sector from the gas-rich Gulf state. Cooperation and investment in areas of skill development and education, health, tourism and sports between the two countries were the other agreements signed by Indian and Qatar officials in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Emir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.

**152. India’s telemedicine market may rise to \_\_\_\_\_ by 2020.**

- a) \$50 Million    b) \$25 Million    c) \$35 Million    d) \$32 Million

**Answer d) \$32 Million.** India’s telemedicine market which has been growing at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of over 20 per cent holds the potential to cross \$32 million (mn) mark by 2020 from the current level of over \$15 mn. Improved access to specialists, increased patient satisfaction with care, improved clinical outcomes, reduction in emergency room utilisation, cost savings are certain key benefits of telemedicine.



153. Airbus unveils world's 1st 3D-printed aircraft, which named as \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Agni                      b) Dhal                      c) Thor                      d) Hour

**Answer c) Thor.** Dwarfed by huge jets all around, the mini-plane Thor was nonetheless an eye-catcher at the Berlin Air Show – the small Airbus marvel is the world's first 3D-printed aircraft. Windowless, weighing in at just 21 kilos (46 pounds) and less than four meters (13 feet) long, the drone Thor, short for "Test of High-tech Objectives in Reality" resembles a large, white model airplane.

154. Who has been appointed as Managing Director of the State Bank of Mysore (SBM)?

- a) Jaya Kumar                      b) HR Khan                      c) UK Sinha                      d) NK Chari

**Answer d) NK Chari.** NK Chari has been appointed Managing Director of the State Bank of Mysore (SBM). His experience in SBI has been in credit and branch operations. Prior to this, he was Chief Operating Officer in the National Banking Group, the retail branch network of SBI, the bank said in a statement. This development comes on the back of the proposed merger of SBM with SBI.

155. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first state in the country to have a State Data Centre (SDC)

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

**Answer b) Himachal Pradesh.** Himachal Pradesh became the first state in the country to have a State Data Centre (SDC), designed using green data centre concept, to offer 101 people-oriented service online through an integrated data base.

156. The Government of India is planning to build a satellite port in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Goa                      b) Tamil Nadu                      c) Maharashtra                      d) Andra Pradesh

**Answer a) Goa.** The Centre is planning to build a satellite port in Goa, 35 km from the state's Mormugao Port Trust, in a joint venture with the state government, Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari said. The Mormugao port cannot be developed further as it has constraints, he further said, adding, a proposal regarding the satellite port was submitted to the state government.

157. Which State government announced a new policy to promote IT and electronics-based start-ups?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir                      b) Sikkim                      c) Bihar                      d) Gujarat

**Answer d) Gujarat.** The Gujarat government announced a new policy to promote IT and electronics-based start-ups. Under the policy, the government will set up startup incubators and will provide financial assistance for filing patents, power tariff subsidies, and other incentives. CM Anandiben Patel said the policy can bring investments worth ₹7,000 crore to the state.

158. India secured \_\_\_ rank in terms of ease of doing business

- a) 2                      b) 3                      c) 10                      d) 7

**Answer a) 2.** In a ranking of developing countries in terms of ease of doing business, India has moved up 13 places to second position behind China. The Global Retail Development Index by US-based consulting firm AT Kearney ranks 30 developing economies for retail investment. The study attributed India's improved ranking to the rise in GDP growth and better clarity regarding FDI regulations.

159. Rohan Bopanna qualified for Rio Olympics 2016. He related to which sports?

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

**Answer c) Tennis.** Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna has earned a berth to the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in August on the back of his performance at the recently concluded French Open. Bopanna's ATP men's doubles rank climbed to 10th after exiting the tournament at the quarter-finals stage. This will be Bopanna's second appearance in the Olympics.

160. Who won French Open Title 2016 in men's single category?

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

**Answer a) Novak Djokovic.** World number one Novak Djokovic beat Britain's Andy Murray to win his first French Open title and complete the career Grand Slam. The Serbian won 3-6 6-1 6-2 6-4 to win his 12th major title and become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four Grand Slams at once.

161. Sulabha Deshpande who passed away recently was a/an

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

**Answer c) Actress.** Sulabha Deshpande, one of the finest actors of Indian theatre and cinema, passed away at her Mumbai residence after a prolonged illness. The veteran actor, considered to be one of the pioneers of the experimental theatre movement that swept Bombay in the 1970s, was 79. She had also acted in memorable roles in movies like Arvind Desai Ki Ajeeb Dastaan (1978), Gaman (1978), Bazaar (1982) and Ijaazat (1987). Among the recent movies, she had appeared in the Gauri Shinde-directed English Vinglish (2012).

162. Manohar Aich who passed away recently was a/an

- a) Actor                      b) Body Builder                      c) Economist                      d) Musician

**Answer b) Body Builder.** Indian bodybuilder and the first person from independent India to win Mr Universe, Manohar Aich passed away aged 104 at his Kolkata residence following age and health-related issues. Aich won three gold medals in bodybuilding at the Asian Games, and was nicknamed 'Pocket Hercules' as his height was four feet 11 inches.

163. Renowned Indian sand artist \_\_\_\_\_ has won gold medal in people's choice prize at world championship.

- a) Subodh Gupta                      b) Tyeb Mehta                      c) Francis Newton Souza                      d) Sudarsan Pattnaik

**Answer d) Sudarsan Pattnaik.** Renowned Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won gold medal on in people's choice prize at world championship festival of sand sculpting Russe, 2016 in Bulgaria for his sand sculpture – "Drugs kill Sports". After recently bagging a gold medal in Moscow for creating a beautiful sand sculpture on Peace and Nonviolence, Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik and his skills have done the nation proud, yet again.

164. Who has been appointed as the chief of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

- a) Navin Agarwal                      b) Prakash Gupta                      c) Piyush Gupta                      d) Ashok Agarwal

**Answer a) Navin Agarwal.** Senior IPS officer Navin Agarwal has been appointed as the chief of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), working for dope-free sports. Agarwal is a 1986 batch IPS officer of Jammu and Kashmir cadre. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved

Agarwal's appointment as Chief Executive Officer/Director General of NADA. He has been appointed to the post for five years. Agarwal is presently working in his cadre state—J-K.

**165. Which General insurance company acquired L and T general insurance company?**

- a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd                      b) Reliance General Insurance Co. Ltd  
c) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd                      d) TATA AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd

**Answer c) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd.** HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd, the non-life insurance joint venture between HDFC Ltd and ERGO International of Germany, said that it will acquire L&T General Insurance Co. Ltd in an all-cash deal worth Rs.551 crore. Promoter Larsen & Toubro Ltd (L&T) will exit the general insurance business via the deal.

**166. The Income Tax department has launched an ATM-based validation system for filing e-ITRs by taxpayers. Expand e-ITR?**

- a) Electronic Income Tax Refund                                      b) Electronic Income Tax Returns  
c) Electronic Income Tax Register                                      d) Electronic Income Tax Repay

**Answer b) Electronic Income Tax Returns.** The Income Tax department has launched an ATM-based validation system for filing e-ITRs by taxpayers as part of its measure to enhance the paperless regime of filing the annual IT returns. The Electronic Verification Code (EVC) can be generated by pre-validating the Automated Teller Machine (ATM) provided by the bank where a taxpayer has an account.

**167. China to ignore UN ruling concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea**

- a) North China Sea                      b) East China Sea                      c) West China Sea                      d) South China Sea

**Answer d) South China Sea.** China said that it will ignore the decision of an international arbitration panel in the Philippines' lawsuit against Beijing's sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea. The Philippines has filed a case in the United Nations under the UN Convention on Law of the Sea, questioning China's territorial claim in the South China Sea.

**168. The Government of India signed an MoU with Asian Development Bank for \$200 million loan to \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Jharkhand.** The government of India has signed an agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the latter to loan \$200 million to upgrade 176 km of state roads in Jharkhand. The total cost of the project, due to be completed by December 2019, is \$306.25 million. The Jharkhand state government will finance the remaining amount.

**169. India Post has released a Rs.5 stamp to mark the third anniversary of Amazon India's services in the country. Which named as \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Amazon Stamp                      b) My Stamp                      c) India Stamp                      d) Amazon India

**Answer b) My Stamp.** India Post has released a Rs.5 stamp to mark the third anniversary of Amazon India's services in the country. Called My Stamp, it shows a delivery boy with a carton labelled Amazon. Amazon India, which launched its services in India in June 2013, serves customers in over 19,000 pin codes through a network of 155,000 post offices.

**170. Who has been conferred with Afghanistan's highest civilian honour, the Amir Amanullah Khan Award?**

- a) Pranab Mukerjee      b) Raguram Rajan      c) Narendra Modi      d) Manohar Parrikar

**Answer c) Narendra Modi.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with Afghanistan's highest civilian honour, the Amir Amanullah Khan Award. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani conferred the award on Narendra Modi after the two leaders jointly inaugurated the Afghan-India Friendship Dam, earlier known as Salma Dam, on river Chist-e-Sharif in western Herat neighbouring Iran, will irrigate 75,000 hectares of land and generate 42 MW of power.

**171. NASA found \_\_\_\_ unreported "major" sources of toxic air pollution.**

- a) 50      b) 10      c) 25      d) 39

**Answer d) 39.** Scientists at NASA's Environment and Climate Change Canada and researchers at University of Maryland, College Park and Dalhousie University discovered 39 unreported "major" sources of toxic air pollution. Using the space agency's satellite imaging, the group located the man-made sources where toxic sulfur dioxide is being emitted.

**172. Which State government has launched Asia's first 'Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme'?**

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

**Answer b) Haryana.** Haryana Government has launched Asia's first 'Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme' at the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore. It was launched by state Chief Minister Manohar Lal by releasing 2 captive bred Himalayan Griffons vultures in the pre-release aviaries close to the breeding centre at Pinjore.

**173. Which two countries have signed a MoU which will provide speedy security clearances for pre-approved, low-risk Indian travellers on arrival?**

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

**Answer a) India and USA.** India and the US have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which will provide speedy security clearances for pre-approved, low-risk Indian travellers on arrival in the US, at selected airports. The MoU was signed by Indian Ambassador to the US, Arun K Singh and Deputy Commissioner of US Customs and Border Protection Kevin K McAleenan.

**174. Which Stock Exchange has received approval from the RBI to start an online bidding platform for the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme?**

- a) National Stock Exchange      b) Bombay Stock Exchange  
c) Calcutta Stock Exchange      d) Ahmedabad Stock Exchange

**Answer b) Bombay Stock Exchange.** The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has said it has received approval from the RBI to start an online bidding platform for the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme. Under the initiative, gold-denominated bonds are issued by the government as an alternative to physical holding of gold. The mock bidding session in this regard has been started from Friday, BSE said.

**175. India's first green and waste-free swearing-in ceremony in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer c) Kerala.** Dr K Vasuki, Executive Director of government-recognised sanitation agency

Suchitwa Mission, recently organised India's first green and waste-free swearing-in ceremony in Kerala. At the swearing-in ceremony of the Cabinet members of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) in the state, steel glasses were arranged along with the facility of cleaning them at regular intervals, among other things.

**176. Which State Government has signed MoU with California (US) for cooperation in fields of business innovation, alternative energy, and education?**

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

**Answer d) Telangana.** Telangana government has signed an MoU with California (US) for cooperation in fields of business innovation, alternative energy, and education. "This MoU will open new avenues for exchange of innovative ideas between startups in Telangana and Silicon Valley," Telangana officials said. This will also help innovative companies in California access the Indian market, California officials added.

**177. India has a floating post office, situated on a houseboat on the Dal Lake in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Hyderabad, Andra Pradesh      b) Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir  
c) Mumbai, Maharashtra      d) Kollam, Kerala

**Answer b) Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.** India has a floating post office, situated on a houseboat on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. Inaugurated in 2011, the post office also has a philately museum and a shop selling postage stamps and other products. Interestingly, letters posted from here can be enclosed in special envelopes and covers having scenic pictures of the state's tourist destinations.

**178. Tourism ban proposed at \_\_\_\_\_ beach to save turtle nesting sites.**

- a) Kerala      b) Tamil Nadu      c) Andra Pradesh      d) Goa

**Answer d) Goa.** The Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) has called for a complete ban on tourism activity at Galjibag beach in South Goa to protect the turtle nesting spots there. The GCZMA in its recommendations said that tourism activity including erection of shacks should be banned at Galjibag beach, which is one of the prime shorelines of the state.

**179. Which drug firm got USFDA nod for epilepsy treatment injection?**

- a) Sun Pharmaceuticals      b) Jubilant Life Sciences      c) Johnson & Johnson      d) Ranbaxy Pharmaceutical

**Answer b) Jubilant Life Sciences.** Drug firm Jubilant Life Sciences has received final approval from the US health regulator for generic Levetiracetam injection, used for treatment of epilepsy, in the American market. The company has received abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) final approval for Levetiracetam injection USP, 500 mg/5 mL (100 mg/mL) from the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA).

**180. Who won French open title 2016 in women's single category?**

- a) Garbine Muguruza      b) Maria sharapova      c) Victoria Azarenka      d) Serena Williams

**Answer a) Garbine Muguruza.** Garbine Muguruza defeated Serena Williams to claim her maiden grand slam title with a 7-5 6-4 win over the world number one and defending champion in the

French Open final. The 22-year-old fourth seed, who lost to Williams in last year's Wimbledon final, became the first Spaniard to lift the Suzanne Lenglen Cup since Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in 1998.

**181. Who won French open title 2016 in mixed doubles category?**

- a) Elena Vesnina and Bruno Soares                      b) Martina Hingis and Leander Paes  
c) Sania Mirza and Ivan Dodig                              d) Kristina Mladenovic and Daniel Nestor

**Answer b) Martina Hingis and Leander Paes.** Martina Hingis and Leander Paes each completed a career Grand Slam in mixed doubles after winning the 2016 French Open final against Sania Mirza and Ivan Dodig 4-6, 6-4, 10-8 on Friday. This was the 18th Grand Slam title and 10th in the mixed doubles for Paes while, for Hingis, it was the 22nd Grand Slam of her career.

**182. Boxing legend Muhammad Ali who passed away recently, he was from \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Russia                      b) India                      c) America                      d) Saudi Arabia

**Answer c) America.** Muhammad Ali was an American professional boxer, widely regarded as one of the most significant and celebrated sports figures of the 20th century. From early in his career, Ali was known as an inspiring, controversial and polarizing figure both inside and outside the ring. Muhammad Ali, the silver-tongued boxer and civil rights champion who famously proclaimed himself "The Greatest" and then spent a lifetime living up to the billing, is dead. Ali died at a Phoenix-area hospital, where he had spent the past few days being treated for respiratory complications. Ali's funeral will take place in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky.

**183. RBI has asked banks to immediately put in place a \_\_\_\_\_ to tackle internet-based threats to the banking system.**

- a) Insurance policy                      b) Cyber security policy                      c) Mutual fund policy                      d) None of these

**Answer b) Cyber security policy.** RBI has asked banks to immediately put in place a cyber security policy to tackle internet-based threats to the banking system. The RBI said that it is essential to enhance the resilience of the banking system by improving the current defences in addressing cyber risks.

**184. The World Bank classifies India as \_\_\_\_\_ nation.**

- a) Higher Middle Income    b) Average Middle Income    c) Lower Middle Income    d) Developed Income

**Answer c) Lower Middle Income.** The World Bank has dropped the use of developing nation tag for India in its specialised reports and instead classifies it as a "lower-middle-income" economy in South Asia. While India will be referred to as a lower-middle-income economy in all of World Bank's analytical reports, it may be referred to as a developing country only in some of the generic communications.

**185. Which country has joined in the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation?**

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

**Answer b) India.** India has joined a global ballistic missile proliferation regime, but made it clear that it will not have any impact on the national security as well as country's missile programmes. MEA spokesperson Vikas Swarup said, "India has joined the Hague Code of Conduct (HCoC) against Ballistic Missile Proliferation by notifying the HCoC Central Contact in Vienna through diplomatic channels."

**186. Indian Banker \_\_\_\_\_ awarded the Green Economy Visionary award**

- a) Raguram Rajan      b) Arundati Bhattacharya      c) HR Khan      d) Raghavan Seetharaman

**Answer d) Raghavan Seetharaman.** Raghavan Seetharaman, Qatar-based Indian banker, was awarded the Green Economy Visionary award. Seetharaman was honoured for his contribution in environment-friendly activities and for promoting green economy for nearly two decades. The banker was presented with the award at the 2016 Union of Arab Banks International Banking Summit held in Rome. Mohammed Jarrah Al-Sabah, Chairman of Union of Arab Banks, presented the award to Seetharaman.

**187. From which state Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram elected to Rajya Sabha?**

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

**Answer d) Maharashtra.** Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu, Power Minister Piyush Goyal and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram were today elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha. Bharatiya Janata Party's Goyal and Chidambaram of the Congress were elected from Maharashtra, along with four others. These were Praful Patel of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and Vikas Mahatme of the BJP and Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut.

**188. \_\_\_\_\_ will not have a power deficit this year, a first time in history.**

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

**Answer a) India.** India will not have a power deficit this year, a first time in history. The situation officials say is an outcome of the current government's initiatives to resolve burning issues like fuel scarcity. The country will have a surplus of 3.1% during peak hours and 1.1% during non-peak hours during 2016-17, latest data from the Central Electricity Authority shows.

**189. Who has taken charge as the mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in southeast England?**

- a) Angelina Franklin      b) Harbhajan Kaur Dheer      c) Sayonara Luxton      d) Sanjana Singh

**Answer c) Sayonara Luxton.** Goa-born Sayonara Luxton has taken charge as the mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in southeast England. Councillor Luxton, in her 60s, had been serving as the deputy mayor of the area for the past year and was proposed to take over by former mayor Councillor Dee Quick.

**190. India ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in Good Country Index on a list of 163 nations**

- a) 10      b) 100      c) 25      d) 70

**Answer d) 70.** Sweden has been voted as the best country in the world when it comes to serving the interests of its people and contributing to the common good of humanity while India figured low at 70th position on a list of 163 nations. According to the 'Good Country' 2015 index which seeks to measure how countries contribute to the global good, Sweden, relative to the size of its economy, does more "good" and less harm than any other country.

**191. Which two countries signed MoU to boost energy security, clean energy cooperation?**

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

**Answer b) India and USA.** India has inked a pact with the US to enhance cooperation in energy



security and climate change with an aim to promote sustainable growth. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of India and the United States was signed to enhance cooperation in energy security, clean energy and climate change. Power Secretary PK Pujari and US Ambassador to India Richard R Verma signed the MoU.

**192. India and \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to enhance scale of military interaction.**

- a) Australia            b) China            c) Iran            d) Singapore

**Answer d) Singapore.** India and Singapore held the first dialogue between their defence ministers as they agreed to enhance the scale and complexity of existing bilateral military interaction, at a time when freedom of navigation in international waterways has emerged as a major concern. The first Defence Ministers' Dialogue (DMD) between Manohar Parrikar and his Singaporean counterpart Ng Eng Hen marked raising of bilateral defence cooperation to the highest level.

**193. Who is the first Indian woman nominated to International Olympic Committee (IOC)?**

- a) Chanda Kochhar            b) Dipali Goenka            c) Nita Ambani            d) Geeta Basra

**Answer c) Nita Ambani.** Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's wife Nita Ambani has been nominated for membership in the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and will become the first Indian woman to be on the apex sporting body if she gets elected at the IOC Session scheduled from August 2 to 4. The Switzerland-based IOC is the supreme authority of the Olympic Movement and is responsible for holding of the summer and winter Olympics and Paralympics.

**194. Which State government appoint special officers to implement the beef ban?**

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

**Answer b) Maharashtra.** The Maharashtra government has invited animal welfare organisations to nominate candidates for the post of 'Honorary Animal Welfare Officer' to help implement the beef ban. The officers will help expose cases of cow slaughter or illegal possession of beef, animal husbandry department officials said. The ban is not being implemented effectively in some parts of the state, it added.

**195. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with \_\_\_\_\_ Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL).**

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

**Answer a) Madhya Pradesh.** The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Madhya Pradesh's Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL). Under the agreement, RUMSL will provide 150-200 MW solar power daily from 2017 to operate DMRC's trains. According to reports, the 750 MW solar power project, once completed, will be the world's largest solar power plant.

**196. How many Indian-origin women in Forbes' self made American women list 2016?**

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

**Answer d) 2.** Two Indian-origin women have featured on the Forbes' annual list of America's 60 wealthiest and most successful self-made women entrepreneurs, who have "crashed ceilings through invention and innovation". India-born Neerja Sethi, who co-founded IT consulting and

outsourcing firm Syntel with her husband Bharat Desai, is ranked 16th on 'America's Richest Self-made Women' list, while president and CEO of Arista Networks Jayshree Ullal (55) is ranked 30th.

**197. India secured \_\_\_\_ rank in green energy spending: Report**

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

**Answer b) 5.** The 2015 global renewable energy development had a strong Indian flavour to it, with India being ranked among the top five nations in new investments, and in the top four as regards creating jobs in the green energy sector. China led with more than double the investment of the next largest investor, the US, followed by Japan, the UK, and India, according to a report by the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (Ren21).

**198. Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue was inaugurated in**

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

**Answer c) Singapore.** Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue was inaugurated in Singapore on 3 June 2016. It is the 15th Asia Security Summit to openly discuss and debate security matters in the Asia-Pacific region.

**199. Which e-commerce company has launched its own e-sports tournament?**

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

**Answer a) Flipkart.** E-commerce giant Flipkart has launched Flipkart Gaming Online Championship (FGOC), an online eSports tournament being held between June 3 and July 11. The tournament will feature four games, namely FIFA, Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO), League of Legends (LOL) and Defense of the Ancients 2 (DotA 2). Gamers can register for the same on a Facebook page named "Flipkart Gaming".

**200. Indian golfer \_\_\_\_\_ won his maiden European junior golf title**

- a) Arjun Prasad                      b) Keshav Mishra                      c) Shubham Jaglan                      d) Piyush Sangwan

**Answer c) Shubham Jaglan.** Shubham Jaglan, India's 11-year-old golf prodigy bagged his first-ever European Junior Championship, by a massive 13 strokes, at the Craighielaw Golf Club in Longniddry, Scotland. His three-round total was nine-under 207, with individual round scores being 69-72-66. At the 18-hole three-day competition in Scotland, Shubham led right from first day to clinch the prestigious title.

**201. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has unveiled its first ever team of refugees which will have \_\_\_\_ members and \_\_\_\_ officials**

- a) 5 and 10                      b) 10 and 20                      c) 10 and 15                      d) 10 and 12

**Answer d) 10 and 12.** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has unveiled its first ever team of refugees which will have 10 members and 12 officials and will compete at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games under the Olympic flag. The team includes five athletes from South Sudan, two from Syria, two from Democratic Republic of Congo and one from Ethiopia. The athletes, six men and four women, will compete in the sports of swimming, judo and athletics.

**202. How many new sports added for 2020 Tokyo Olympics?**

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

**Answer a) 5.** Five sports, including baseball, skateboarding and surfing, are set to feature at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after the IOC recommended them to attract a younger audience and boost local support for the Games. The International Olympic Committee must now rubber-stamp the inclusion of skateboarding, surfing, sports climbing and karate plus the joint baseball/softball bid at its session in Rio de Janeiro in August.

**203. Who has been appointed as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?**

- a) UK Sinha                      b) BS Bassi                      c) Pradeep Kumar Joshi                      d) Deepak Gupta

**Answer b) BS Bassi.** Former Delhi Police Commissioner BS Bassi has been appointed as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Bassi's appointment to the job, which is a constitutional post with a tenure of five years, came three months after he retired as the capital's top cop. Bassi was criticised both by AAP and Congress for police action during the JNU row, including the arrest of JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar.

**204. The Government of India and the \_\_\_\_\_ has signed a US\$ 9.2 million grant agreement for efficient bus service.**

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

**Answer c) World Bank.** The Government of India and the World Bank has signed a US\$ 9.2 million grant agreement under the World Bank-Global Environment Facility (GEF) Program for the Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service Project to improve the efficiency and attractiveness of bus services in select Indian cities.

**205. Which department got approval from Government of India for setting up of payments bank?**

- a) Postal Department                      b) Railway Department                      c) Textiles Department                      d) Power Department

**Answer a) Postal Department.** The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for setting up the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts, with 100% Government of India (GOI) equity.

**206. World Milk Day is observed on?**

- a) June 1                      b) June 2                      c) June 3                      d) May 31

**Answer a) June 1.** World Milk Day is a day established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognise the importance of milk as a global food. It has been observed on June 1st each year since 2001. The day is intended to provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the milk industry.

**207. Telangana Formation day is observed on?**

- a) June 1                      b) June 2                      c) May 31                      d) March 3

**Answer b) June 2.** Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Reddy hoisted the National Flag tied to a 291-ft tall mast on the occasion of state's second formation day. The flag was hoisted at the Sanjivayya Park in Hyderabad overlooking the picturesque Hussain Sagar lake in the heart of the city.

208. A new book *The Unseen Indira Gandhi* authored by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Jayakanthan      b) Vikram Seth      c) Uday Prakash      d) KP Mathur

**Answer d) KP Mathur.** A new book *The Unseen Indira Gandhi* authored by Dr KP Mathur was released in May 2016. Dr KP Mathur was personal physician of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for nearly 20 years till her assassination in 1984. The Book was published by Konark Publishers. The book provides some interesting peeps into the responses of Mrs Gandhi's to challenges both personal and political.

209. The world's longest and deepest tunnel officially opened in \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Answer b) Switzerland.** The world's longest tunnel officially opened with the trailblazing rail passage under the Swiss Alps aiming to ease transit through the heart of Europe. The 57km (35-mile) twin-bore Gotthard base tunnel will provide a high-speed rail link under the Swiss Alps between northern and southern Europe. Switzerland says it will revolutionise European freight transport.

210. Government of India approved MoU between United States of America and India to enhance cooperation in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Wildlife Trafficking      b) Money Trafficking      c) Technology Trafficking      d) Defence Trafficking

**Answer a) Wildlife Trafficking.** The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between United States of America and India to enhance cooperation in the field of wildlife conservation and combating wildlife trafficking. With the approval, India will benefit from the expertise of the US Institutions in the field of wildlife conservation and management of wildlife areas and in combating illegal trade of wildlife and their derivatives.

211. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have jointly launched chamber of commerce and industry to boost trade.

- a) Mauritius      b) Austria      c) Morocco      d) Switzerland

**Answer c) Morocco.** India and Morocco have jointly launched a trade body to boost bilateral commercial engagements. The India-Morocco Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IMCCI) was launched by visiting Vice President Hamid Ansari and Moroccan Prime Minister Abdelilah Benkirane. The bilateral trade between the two countries stood at USD 1.26 billion in 2015 with Indian exports forming roughly 25 per cent of the trade volume.

212. The Union Cabinet has approved an agreement between India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the \_\_\_\_\_ to implement technical cooperation programme.

- a) American civil aviation authority      b) French civil aviation authority  
c) China civil aviation authority      d) Japan civil aviation authority

**Answer b) French civil aviation authority.** The Union Cabinet has approved an agreement between India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the French civil aviation authority to implement technical cooperation programme for standards and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between DGCA and Direction Generale de l'Aviation Civile or DGAC, would be effective for a term of four years.

**213. TRAI launched an app to avoid unwanted calls and texts, which named as \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) TRAI services      b) MOB services      c) DND services      d) AVOID services

**Answer c) DND services.** TRAI, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is now taking more steps to bring the pesky call menace under control. They have come out with an app named 'DND Services' that will help mobile users to manage unsolicited commercial communications (UCC).

**214. Which country researchers have designed the first quantum thermal transistor?**

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

**Answer b) France.** France-based researchers have designed the first quantum thermal transistor that can control heat currents, the same way an electric transistor controls electric currents. It consists of three systems that can exist in two states – up spin and down spin. One system controls the heat current that flows to the other two, switching their spins, thereby producing a transistor-like effect.

**215. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has said that India is expected a \_\_\_\_\_ % growth in 2017-18.**

- a) 8%      b) 9%      c) 7%      d) 7.5%

**Answer d) 7.5%.** Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has said that India is expected to see a "strong" GDP growth of 7.4% in the current fiscal and a 7.5% growth in 2017-18. It said the country's private consumption would be boosted by increasing public wages and decreasing inflation. Further, investments will pick up as corporate deleveraging continues and infrastructure projects mature.

**216. Which two countries signed an agreement to exchange terrorist screening information?**

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

**Answer a) India and USA.** India and the USA signed an agreement to exchange terrorist screening information. The agreement allows both the countries to access information through the designated contact points, subject to domestic laws and regulations. The agreement was signed by the Union Home Secretary, Rajiv Mehrishi and the Ambassador of USA to India, Richard Verma.

**217. India will give tourist and e-tourist visa to foreigners willing to undertake a short-term course in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Sports      b) Medicine      c) Yoga      d) Technology

**Answer c) Yoga.** In a first, India will give tourist and e-tourist visa to foreigners willing to undertake a short-term course in Yoga. The government has decided to include a short term yoga programme in the list of permissible activities under the tourist and e-tourist visa. Presently, tourist visa is granted only for visiting India for recreation and sight-seeing among other things.

**218. Which State government has decided to create 500 more gram panchayats?**

- a) Tamil Nadu      b) Odisha      c) Assam      d) Telangana

**Answer b) Odisha.** The Odisha government has decided to create 500 more gram panchayats in

addition to the existing 6,234 ahead of the panchayat elections due in February next year. Panchayati Raj Minister Arun Kumar Sahoo said that gram panchayats will be delimited and, in the process, 500 more panchayats will be created. Earlier on May 6, the State Cabinet had approved amendment of Odisha Gram Panchayat Act, 1964, to create more panchayats.

**219. India secured \_\_\_\_\_ rank in Global Slavery Index with 18.35 million people enslaved.**

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup>                      b) 3<sup>rd</sup>                      c) 1<sup>st</sup>                      d) 5<sup>th</sup>

**Answer c) 1st.** India has the dubious distinction of having the highest number of people in the world trapped in modern slavery, with 18.35 million victims of forced labour, ranging from prostitution and begging, according to a new report, which estimated that nearly 46 million people are enslaved globally. The report said that India has the highest absolute numbers of people trapped in slavery with 18.35 million slaves among its 1.3 billion population, while North Korea has the highest incidence (4.37% of the population) and the weakest government response to deal with it.

**220. Bollywood Actor \_\_\_\_\_ becomes goodwill ambassador for the LEPRO India organisation.**

- a) Madhavan                      b) Amir Khan                      c) Salman Khan                      d) Akshay Kumar

**Answer a) Madhavan.** Bollywood Actor R Madhavan feels proud to be the goodwill ambassador for the LEPRO India organisation that fights against diseases like leprosy and tuberculosis. LEPRO India is a non-government organisation working in the fields of leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria, HIV or AIDS and community health.

**221. Who took charge as first ever CEO of BCCI?**

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

**Answer d) Rahul Johri.** BCCI president Anurag Thakur has welcomed former media professional Rahul Johri who has joined the cricket board as its first ever chief executive officer (CEO). Johri's appointment as CEO, is in line with the recommendations of the Supreme Court-appointed Justice R.M. Lodha Committee.

**222. Which Indian cricketer has given his consent for his name to be used in Kerala's campaign against liquor and drug abuse in the state?**

- a) Gautam Gambhir                      b) Saurav Ganguly                      c) Sachin Tendulkar                      d) VVS Laxman

**Answer c) Sachin Tendulkar.** Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has given his consent for his name to be used in Kerala's campaign against liquor and drug abuse in the state, said CM Pinarayi Vijayan. The announcement was made after Tendulkar met Vijayan at the state Secretariat. The Vijayan-led LDF government's election manifesto had said that it would initiate an anti-narcotic awareness programme.

**223. Which team their number one spot in FIFA's rankings?**

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

**Answer b) Argentina.** Argentina have retained their number one spot in FIFA's rankings ahead of Belgium and Colombia with Copa America and Euro 2016 soon to get underway. India have dropped a place in the latest FIFA rankings released earlier today, with the Blue Tigers ending the month of May ranked 163 in the FIFA rankings. England dropped out of the top ten at the expense of Austria.

**224. Who has been named as the world's most famous athlete ahead of his great rival Lionel Messi?**

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo                      b) Neymar                      c) Eden Hazard                      d) Wayne Rooney

**Answer a) Cristiano Ronaldo.** Cristiano Ronaldo has been named as the world's most famous athlete ahead of his great rival Lionel Messi. The Real Madrid star was named by ESPN in their World Fame 100 ahead of NBA megastar LeBron James and the Barcelona star. The top British athlete was Real Madrid and Wales winger Gareth Bale at No 12 – five places ahead of Manchester United and England captain Wayne Rooney.

**225. Who became the first player in tennis history to earn over \$100 million in prize money?**

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

**Answer b) Novak Djokovic.** Novak Djokovic became the first player in tennis history to earn over \$100 million in prize money. He began with \$99,673,404 at the start of 2016 French Open, earned a further \$327,471 in prize money as a result of reaching the last eight. Roger Federer is close behind Djokovic with \$98,011,727 in career earnings.

**226. Razak Khan who passed away recently was a/an**

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

**Answer c) Actor.** Veteran comedy actor Razak Khan, who worked in films like "Hera Pheri", "Raja Hindustani" and "Baadshah" among others, died following a cardiac arrest. The comedian was also seen in Salman Khan's "Hello Brother", Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Baadshah", and Aamir Khan's "Raja Hindustani". Khan's notable roles include "Anari No 1", "Hera Pheri", "Har Dil Jo Pyar Karega", "Aamdani Atthani Kharcha Rupaiyaa" and "Hungama".

**227. To support start-ups in the financial technology (fintech) space, \_\_\_\_\_ has set up a Rs 200-crore fund.**

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

**Answer b) State Bank of India.** To support start-ups in the financial technology (fintech) space, State Bank of India has set up a Rs 200-crore fund. It will consider assistance of up to Rs 3 crore to a company registered in India for promoting their business innovations using information technology for banking and related activities, Arundhati Bhattacharya, chairman, said. It is named 'IT Innovation Start-up Fund'.

**228. \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected as the technical partner to build a mobile application for Union Human Resources Development Ministry's SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) platform.**

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

**Answer a) Microsoft.** Microsoft has been selected as the technical partner to build a mobile application for Union Human Resources Development Ministry's SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) platform. Together they will launch 2000 Massive Open Online Courses for over three crore students in 2016. Microsoft signed a deal of 38 crore rupees with AICTE (All India Council of Technical Education) to build and run the app for three years, which afterwards will be taken over by AICTE.



**229. FSSAI banned use of cancer-causing potassium bromate. Expand FSSAI?**

- a) Food Safety Services Authority of India      b) Food Security Standards Authority of India  
c) Food Safety Standards Administrative of India d) Food Safety Standards Authority of India

**Answer d) Food Safety Standards Authority of India.** The government of India has banned use of potassium bromate as a food additive following a CSE study that found its presence in bread as causing cancer. The Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), however, has referred potassium iodate— also claimed to be carcinogenic used as a food additive — to a scientific panel. Last month, the regulator had recommended to the health ministry removal of potassium bromate from the list of permissible food additives after a study by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

**230. The Supreme Court refused to stay Centre’s notification allowing culling of \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Nilgai, Horse and Monkey      b) Nilgai, Elephant and Tiger  
c) Nilgai, Wild Boar and Monkey      d) Nilgai, Wild Boar and Cow

**Answer c) Nilgai, Wild Boar and Monkey.** The Supreme Court refused to stay Centre’s notification allowing culling of nilgai , wild boar in Bihar, monkey in Himachal Pradesh. It also declined to stay killing of wild boar in Uttrakhand. A bench headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel refused to pass any interim order but agreed to hear animal rights activist plea after vacation and posted it for July 15. The bench allowed the activists to make a representation to the Central government and asked UOI to consider their grievances within two weeks.

**231. World’s first magnetic refrigerator launched in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) France.** French firm Cooltech Applications has launched what it claims as the world’s first commercially available magnetic refrigeration system. It can serve as a “Superfridge” slashing down both the environmental as well as economic challenges which the current electricity appliances face. The Magnetic Refrigeration System (MRS) achieves refrigeration by passing a water coolant through magnetocaloric materials undergoing repeated magnetization-demagnetization cycles.

**232. Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal launched \_\_\_\_\_ app to better consumer connect**

- a) UJALA      b) UJAT      c) URJA      d) USHA

**Answer c) URJA.** Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal launched ‘URJA’- Urban Jyoti Abhiyaan Mobile app on the side-lines of two day Conference of Power Ministers at Cansaulim in South Goa. The app is developed by Power Finance Corporation on behalf of Ministry of Power for Urban Power Distribution Sector to enhance consumer connect with the Urban Power Distribution sector by providing information of IT enabled towns on important parameters which concern the consumers like outage information, timely release of connections, addressing complaints, power reliability etc.

**233. World Refugee day is observed on?**

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

**Answer b) June 20.** The World Refugee Day, a day dedicated by the United Nations to increase awareness about the situation of refugees, is celebrated worldwide on June 20 every year. The

decision to observe the day, coinciding with Africa Refugee Day, was made by the UN in December 2000. The first World Refugee Day marked the 50th anniversary of the UN Refugee Convention.

**234. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has inaugurated indigenous Basic Trainer Aircraft.**

Which named as \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) HTT – 40                      b) HTC – 40                      c) HCL – 40                      d) HTP - 40

**Answer a) HTT – 40.** Public-sector aerospace and defence major Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has inaugurated indigenous Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) HTT-40 in the presence of Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar. He highlighted that the role of private players and medium and small enterprises (MSMEs) has been significant in producing the parts for HTT-40 and said the Indian Air Force (IAF) is feeling positive with all these developments.

**235. Which State government has launched a ₹640 crore project for skill development under which multipurpose training centres will be set up in rural areas?**

- a) Assam                      b) Rajasthan                      c) Tamil Nadu                      d) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer d) Himachal Pradesh.** The Himachal Pradesh government has launched a ₹640 crore project for skill development under which multipurpose training centres will be set up in rural areas. The training, to be given by both government and private associations, will be accessible to all people aged between 16-49, including BPL families. Individuals will be trained in tourism, agriculture and banking sectors, among others.

**236. Which country is the most open economy in the world for FDI?**

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

**Answer b) India.** The government said India is the most open economy in the world for FDI, while announcing several relaxations in the overseas investment norms in sectors like civil aviation, defence and pharmaceuticals. "Measures undertaken by the government have resulted in increased FDI inflows at \$55.46 billion in 2015-16, as against \$36.04 billion during the financial year 2013-14," it said.

**237. Government of India gave six month extension to One Rank One Pension committee. The committee is headed by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) RM Lodha                      b) Mudgal                      c) Narasimha Reddy                      d) Mohamed Khan

**Answer c) Narasimha Reddy.** The government has extended the tenure of the committee formed for the implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme by six months. The one-man committee, headed by former retired Chief Justice of Patna High Court L Narasimha Reddy, can now submit its report on OROP by December 14. This reportedly could lead to a further delay in OROP implementation.

**238. Government of India allows the subscribers to prematurely close their Public Provident Fund accounts and withdraw the complete amount after \_\_\_ years.**

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

**Answer a) 5.** The government on changed the norms for Public Provident Fund (PPF) deposits, allowing the subscribers of the scheme to prematurely close their accounts and withdraw the complete amount after five years. However, the withdrawal will be allowed for expenditure towards

higher education or medical treatment. Currently, the lock-in period for complete withdrawal from PPF accounts is 15 years.

**239. The first-ever National Yoga Olympiad was held in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Delhi.** The first-ever National Yoga Olympiad was held in Delhi from June 18-20.

Organised by the NCERT, the olympiad saw participation from 321 children from 21 states and union territories. HRD Minister Smriti Irani on Monday distributed 48 medals at the olympiad, where the participants were tested on the yogic practices of asana, pranayam, kriya, dhyana, bandha, and mudra.

**240. Which Ministry has released the draft National Forest Policy, which if enforced, will replace the current 1988 policy?**

- a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting      b) Ministry of Human Resource Development  
c) Ministry of Transport                              d) Ministry of Environment

**Answer d) Ministry of Environment.** The Environment Ministry has released the draft National Forest Policy, which if enforced, will replace the current 1988 policy. It seeks to levy a green tax for facilitating ecologically responsible behaviour and has proposed to establish National and State Boards of Forestry. However, the policy has done away with the existing target of two-thirds forest cover for the hilly areas.

**241. World's oldest footballer \_\_\_\_\_ sets new goal record**

- a) ANDREA PIEROBON      b) ALEKSANDAR ĐURIĆ      c) Kazuyoshi Miura      d) MARCO BALLOTTA

**Answer c) Kazuyoshi Miura.** Former Japan striker Kazuyoshi Miura, the world's oldest professional footballer, has beaten his own record as the oldest goal scorer in J-League history. The 49-year-old, who is in his 31st season as a professional, netted a header as his side Yokohama FC succumbed to a 2-1 defeat at home to FC Gifu in the Japanese second division. Miura scored in the 22nd minute into the game but Yokohama FC lost to FC Gifu on 2-1.

**242. The Indian mixed recurve team of Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das has won the \_\_\_\_\_ medal at the Archery World Cup held in Antalya, Turkey.**

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

**Answer b) Silver.** The Indian mixed recurve team of Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das has won the silver medal at the Archery World Cup held in Antalya, Turkey. In the final match played at Konyaalti Beach Park, the Indian team lost to South Korea by 1-5 score. In the first of the match, Indian team trailed by 0-2 score against the top-seeded Korean pair of Choi Misun and Ku Bonchan.

**243. International Yoga day is observed on?**

- a) June 21                      b) June 19                      c) June 22                      d) June 20

**Answer a) June 21.** India and other countries are celebrating International Yoga Day 2016 on June 21. The main event held in Chandigarh in the presence of PM Narendra Modi. Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. Today it is practiced in various forms around the world and continues to grow in popularity.

244. Online retailer \_\_\_\_\_ has topped LinkedIn's 'Top Attractors' list of the most sought-after companies by professionals across India.

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

**Answer b) Flipkart.** Online retailer Flipkart has topped LinkedIn's 'Top Attractors' list of the most sought-after companies by professionals across India. Amazon and Capgemini have been ranked second and third respectively.

245. \_\_\_\_\_ has topped LinkedIn's 'Top Attractors' list of the most sought-after companies by professionals across the world.

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

**Answer c) Apple.** Apple has topped LinkedIn's 'Top Attractors' list of the most sought-after companies by professionals across the world. Cloud computing company Salesforce and social media platform Facebook have been ranked second and third respectively. The list featured a total of 40 companies including Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Uber.

246. The new set of rules introduced by the Indian Railways, including 50% refund of the amount paid for a tatkal ticket, will be effective from \_\_\_\_\_

- a) January 1                      b) July 1                      c) August 1                      d) June 28

**Answer b) July 1.** The new set of rules introduced by the Indian Railways, including 50% refund of the amount paid for a tatkal ticket, will be effective from July 1. Further, the number of coaches on Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express will be increased, IRCTC ticket bookings will begin in various languages and a 'wake-up call destination' will be given to passengers in trains.

247. Government of India relaxed foreign direct investment (FDI) norms in Defence sector from 49% to \_\_\_\_\_%

- a) 51                      b) 75                      c) 90                      d) 100

**Answer d) 100.** The NDA government relaxed foreign direct investment (FDI) norms in single brand retail, civil aviation, airports, pharmaceuticals, animal husbandry and food products. It has allowed up to 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in defence through the approval route, 100% FDI in food product e-commerce, 100% FDI in greenfield pharma via the automatic route, 100% in brownfield pharma – of which 74% will be through automatic route – 100% FDI in scheduled airlines, and up to 49% FDI in airlines through automatic route.

248. NASA unveiled Hybrid Electric Research Plane. Which named as \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) X-57                      b) X-75                      c) X-93                      d) X-63

**Answer a) X-57.** The X-57 is NASA's first X-plane in a decade, and the plan is to develop technologies that improve fuel use and emissions and reduce noise, while also potentially paving the way to faster and more efficient small aircraft. With 14 electric motors turning propellers and all of them integrated into a uniquely-designed wing, NASA will test new propulsion technology using an experimental airplane now designated the X-57 and nicknamed "Maxwell."

249. The World Music Day is observed on?

- a) June 10                      b) June 15                      c) June 21                      d) June 18

**Answer c) June 21.** The World Music Day is celebrated on June 21 every year in an attempt to

promote peace and spread goodwill through melodies. The day, also known as Fête de la Musique, originated in France in 1982 and is now observed in over 120 countries. This reportedly aims to encourage free and accessible concerts or events for the public.

**250. An experimental Zika vaccine is ready to be tested on humans. The vaccine, named**

- a) GLS-5700                      b) GLS-5800                      c) GLS-5500                      d) GLS-5400

**Answer a) GLS-5700.** An experimental Zika vaccine is ready to be tested on humans. The US Food and Drug Administration gave the green light for the clinical trial, which is expected to begin within a few weeks. The vaccine, named GLS-5700, is being developed by Inovio Pharmaceuticals and GeneOne Life Science.

**251. Government of India to set up ETF to meet disinvestment targets, Expand ETF?**

- a) Extra Traded Fund                      b) Exchange Training Fund  
c) Exchange Traded Fund                      d) Exchange Traded Finance

**Answer c) Exchange Traded Fund.** The government has said it will set up a new exchange traded fund (ETF) to sell its shares in public sector undertakings (PSUs) and other private companies, as part of its ₹56,500 crore disinvestment target for the 2016-17 fiscal. ETFs are investment vehicles which hold assets like stocks or bonds and are traded on a stock exchange.

**252. Rome elected its first ever female Mayor, as Virginia Raggi, from the Five Star Movement party. Rome is the Capital of which Country?**

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

**Answer b) Italy.** Italy's capital Rome elected its first ever female Mayor, as Virginia Raggi, from the Five Star Movement party, won 67% of the vote against the Democratic Party's (PD) Roberto Giachetti. The Five Star Movement also won Mayoral elections in Turin, with another female candidate, Chiara Appendino, winning 55% of the vote. The results purportedly signify discontent with mainstream political parties.

**253. Which State announced that it will develop at least one madrasa in every district of the state as a model institute?**

- a) Tamil Nadu                      b) Kerala                      c) Rajasthan                      d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer c) Rajasthan.** Rajasthan government announced that it will develop at least one madrasa in every district of the state as a model institute. Following a meeting with the Rajasthan Madrasa Board, the state government directed the officers to initiate the work. Proposals for developing madrasas were reportedly prepared in the meeting and were sent to the Finance Department for approval.

**254. The \_\_\_\_\_ government launched a pilot project to facilitate easy procurement of certificates needed for school admissions.**

- a) Puducherry                      b) Delhi                      c) Assam                      d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer b) Delhi.** The Delhi government launched a pilot project to facilitate easy procurement of certificates needed for school admissions. Under this initiative, one teacher or IT person from each

school will be trained help students obtain the required certificates in the school itself, eliminating the need for them to visit the District Magistrate's office, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said.

**255. Russia unveiled the world's biggest nuclear-powered icebreaker, Which named as \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Ankita                      b) Akshitha                      c) Arktika                      d) Alkita

**Answer c) Arktika.** Russia unveiled the world's biggest nuclear-powered icebreaker 'Arktika'. The twin-reactor icebreaker vessel is 586 feet long and can smash through 10 feet thick and 13 feet deep ice. The giant vessel is a part of Russia's \$1.9 billion 'Project 22220'. When completed, 'Arktika' will conduct year-round navigation in the Arctic and process nearly 150 tonnes of water.

**256. Nearly 2,000 pregnant women set a new world record by performing yoga in \_\_\_\_\_ on the occasion of International Yoga Day.**

- a) Bihar                      b) Delhi                      c) Andra Pradesh                      d) Gujarat

**Answer d) Gujarat.** Nearly 2,000 pregnant women set a new world record by performing yoga in Rajkot, Gujarat, on the occasion of International Yoga Day. This breaks the previous record in prenatal yoga that had 940 pregnant women in China participate in the activity. Further, 8,000 children in Gujarat set a world record by making a human chain, CM Anandiben Patel said.

**257. Which team won NBA Championship title 2016?**

- a) Cleveland Cavaliers                      b) Los Angeles Lakers                      c) Chicago Bulls                      d) Golden State Warriors

**Answer a) Cleveland Cavaliers.** Cleveland Cavaliers win NBA Championship by beating Golden State Warriors 93-89 in the Game 7. They are the first team in history to win after trailing 3-1 in the final series. The loss completes a devastating turnaround for the Warriors, led by league MVP Stephen Curry, who had a record 73-9 record in the regular season.

**258. Jeppiaar, a renowned politician-turned-educationalist who passed away recently, He was the founder of \_\_\_\_\_ University.**

- a) SRM                      b) Saveetha                      c) Sathyabama                      d) Madras

**Answer c) Sathyabama.** Jeppiaar, a renowned politician-turned-educationalist and founder of Jeppiaar Educational Trust has passed away following a brief illness at Chennai. He was 85 years old. He was originally named as Jesadimai Pangiraj and was a pioneer in the setting up of private engineering institutions in Tamil Nadu and was the founder chancellor of Sathyabama University.

**259. Who will replace Nimesh Arora as Soft Bank President?**

- a) Masayoshi Son                      b) Ken Miyauchi                      c) Jen Sashay                      d) None of these

**Answer b) Ken Miyauchi.** Japanese conglomerate SoftBank said Ken Miyauchi, head of the group's Japanese telecommunications operations, would replace Nimesh Arora as president and chief operating officer. Recently Arora had abruptly resigned from his position after it became clear that Chairman and CEO Masayoshi Son wanted to continue in his current post for another 5-10 years. Miyauchi held 1,101,230 shares of SBG as of March 31, 2016, according to a statement by SoftBank.

**260. India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in FDI inflows: UNCTAD report**

- a) 5<sup>th</sup>                      b) 1<sup>st</sup>                      c) 10<sup>th</sup>                      d) 7<sup>th</sup>

**Answer c) 10th.** India continues to be among the top ten countries in terms of foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows globally and the fourth in developing Asia, as per the World Investment Report 2016 by the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD). India's FDI inflows have increased to \$44 billion in 2015 as compared to \$35 billion in 2014, and the growth has been across the board.

**261. Cabinet Approved 6 projects on June 22-2016. Which project is not one among them?**

- a) Cabinet approves ₹10,000 crore fund for startups
- b) Cabinet approves ₹6,000 cr package for textiles
- c) Cabinet approves biggest ever spectrum auction
- d) Cabinet approves 4g plans for all cities

**Answer d) Cabinet approves 4g plans for all cities.** i) Cabinet approves ₹10,000 crore fund for startups  
ii) Cabinet approves ₹6,000 cr package for textiles  
iii) Cabinet approves biggest ever spectrum auction  
iv) Cabinet approves MoU between India and Germany  
v) Cabinet approves Protocol amending the Agreement for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with Belgium  
vi) Cabinet approves four laning of Hubli-Hospet Section of NH-63 in Karnataka

**262. The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved a proposal to set up a Counter-Insurgency and Anti-Terrorist school at \_\_\_\_\_ to train police and other security forces.**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Nagpur
- c) Thane
- d) Pune

**Answer b) Nagpur.** The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved a proposal to set up a Counter-Insurgency and Anti-Terrorist school at Nagpur to train police and other security forces in combating left-wing extremism and militancy. It will provide "state-of-the-art" training facilities for jungle and field tactics, ambush, and handling of weapons. The Centre and the state will jointly fund the school. The state government will operate and oversee its functioning and an IPS officer will be specially deployed.

**263. India has successfully launched 20 satellites in a single mission, They include satellites belonging to the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) USA, Japan, China and Pakistan
- b) USA, North Korea, Spain and Norway
- c) USA, Australia, South Korea and Japan
- d) USA, Canada, Germany and Indonesia

**Answer d) USA, Canada, Germany and Indonesia.** India has successfully launched 20 satellites in a single mission, the most in the history of the country's ambitious space programme. They include satellites belonging to the United States, Canada, Germany and Indonesia. The launch took place from the sriharikota space centre off India's east coast. It is a sign that India is emerging as a major player in the multi-billion dollar space market.

**264. Which country became world leader in super computers?**

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

**Answer c) China.** A new list of the world's fastest supercomputers provides more evidence that the once-yawning technology gap between the United States and China is closing. China dominates a



biannual ranking of the world's 500 fastest supercomputers, called the Top500. Not only does China have the world's fastest machine for the seventh consecutive time, it has the largest number of computers among the top 500 — a first for any country other than the United States.

**265. Which State government has started an SMS campaign to ensure that all educational institutions in the state are tobacco-free?**

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

**Answer d) Assam.** The Assam government has started an SMS campaign to ensure that all educational institutions in the state are tobacco-free. Heads of government educational institutions were sent reminders to ensure that anti-tobacco signages are put up and tobacco use is banned in the premises. Notably, a 2010 study had found that 140 children are introduced to tobacco every day in Assam.

**266. India's \_\_\_\_\_ city and China's Jinan city have become sister cities for exchange of ideas and technology.**

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

**Answer b) Nagpur.** Nagpur city and China's Jinan city have become sister cities for exchange of ideas and technology. Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Jinan, Municipal People's Republic of China, entered into an agreement on Monday to develop sister city relationship between the two cities.

**267. ISRO to test indigenously developed \_\_\_\_\_ engine.**

- a) Scramjet                      b) Cryogenic                      c) Rocket                      d) None of these

**Answer a) Scramjet.** Engineers at ISRO are gearing up to test the scramjet engine developed in-house to power the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) due to undergo the first experimental flight shortly. The scramjet engine which uses air breathing propulsion technology for hypersonic flight is scheduled to be test flown in January or February. The scramjet engine would be strapped to a two-stage Rohini sounding rocket for the experimental flight lasting seven seconds. It will be released at a height of 70 km and ignited during the coasting phase.

**268. The book titled "A Life in Diplomacy" was written by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) MM Agarwal                      b) Maharajakrishna Rasgotra                      c) Govind Pansare                      d) Kartar Lalvani

**Answer b) Maharajakrishna Rasgotra.** The book titled A Life in Diplomacy was in news in the third week of June 2016. The book was written by former Indian diplomat Maharajakrishna Rasgotra. It is an insider's account of the personalities and policies that shaped Indian diplomacy. The book provides a ringside view of the beginnings of ethnic violence in Sri Lanka, the last years of the Cold War, the negotiations on the formation of SAARC, Indira Gandhi's assassination and the Bhopal gas disaster.

**269. Which State announced that the state's first Medical College will be functional by next year?**

- a) Kerala                      b) Jammu and Kashmir                      c) Arunachal Pradesh                      d) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer c) Arunachal Pradesh.** Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Kalikho Pul announced that the state's first Medical College will be functional by next year. He reviewed the progress of the proposed Tomo Riba Medical College and Hospital and asked authorities to fast-track the

construction. He also set an August 15 deadline for completion of the 300-bedded hospital and medical college.

**270. The \_\_\_\_\_ cabinet approved a proposal to grant minority status to Jews in the state.**

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

**Answer a) Maharashtra.** The Maharashtra cabinet approved a proposal to grant minority status to Jews in the state. The decision will allow members of the community avail state government scholarships and establish their own educational institutes, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said. According to the 2001 Census, there were 4,650 Jews living in India, with 2,466 of them in Maharashtra.

**271. North Korea launched an intermediate range missile in which country's direction.**

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

**Answer d) Japan.** North Korea launched what could have been an intermediate range missile in Japan's direction. The missile eventually fell into the sea, after reaching an altitude of 1,000 km, Japanese military officials said. "We don't know whether it counts as a success, but North Korea has shown some capability with IRBMs (intermediate range ballistic missiles)," Japan's Defence Minister said.

**272. Government of India extended the timeline for states to join the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) by a year to \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) March 2017                      b) January 2017                      c) April 2017                      d) December 2016

**Answer a) March 2017.** The government extended the timeline for states to join the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) by a year to March 2017. The move would help states which could not enrol in or operationalise the scheme due to several reasons including elections and regulatory approvals. The UDAY scheme aims at the revival of debt-laden power distribution companies (discom).

**273. Guda Anjaiah who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actor                      b) Poet and Song writer                      c) Economist                      d) Journalist

**Answer b) Poet and Song writer.** Leading Telugu poet and Telangana song writer Guda Anjaiah died after prolonged illness. He was born in Dandepalli village of Lingapur mandal of Adilabad district in 1955. Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and other political party leaders expressed condolence over his death and recalled his services to the Telangana movement. Chandrashekar Rao expressed deep condolences to the bereaved families of Anjaiah.

**274. US based Indian actress \_\_\_\_\_ to get International Icon Award at International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) gala in Madrid.**

- a) Norah Jones                      b) Parminder Nagra                      c) Frieda Pinto                      d) Rhona Mitra

**Answer c) Frieda Pinto.** Slumdog Millionaire star Freida Pinto will make her debut at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) gala in Madrid. The US-based Indian actress will be honoured with International Icon award at the 17th edition of the gala. IIFA — often known as

Bollywood's Oscars — is held every year to honour the best of Hindi cinema. A source from the IIFA team confirmed that Freida will be getting the honour.

**275. IIT-Kanpur professor \_\_\_\_\_ has bagged the prestigious GD Birla Award for Scientific Research for 2016.**

- a) Uday Mittal                      b) Sanjay Mittal                      c) Prakash Singh                      d) Sadiq Khan

**Answer b) Sanjay Mittal.** IIT-Kanpur professor Sanjay Mittal has bagged the prestigious GD Birla Award for Scientific Research for 2016. Mittal, a professor in the Department of Aerospace Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, has been chosen for his contribution in the area of Mechanics.

**276. Social activist \_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded Voices of Our Future Award by World Pulse.**

- a) Medha Patkar                      b) Shaheen Mistri                      c) Urmila Chanam                      d) Sunitha Krishnan

**Answer c) Urmila Chanam.** Social activist Urmila Chanam has been awarded Voices of Our Future Award by World Pulse, a social networking platform connecting women from 190 countries across the world with a vision to amplify women's voices to speed up change and improve the lives of millions around the world. Chanam from Manipur was among three from across the world who received the award. The other two recipients are Sadaf Kashif from Pakistan and Carolyn Seaman from Nigeria.

**277. Nagaland Government launched women helpline – 181 in the premises of District Hospital Dimapur in Nagaland. Who is the Governor of Nagaland?**

- a) PB Acharya                      b) Om prakash Kohli                      c) Balram Das Tandon                      d) V Shanmuganathan

**Answer a) PB Acharya.** Nagaland Governor PB Acharya has launched women helpline – 181 in the premises of District Hospital Dimapur in Nagaland and also inaugurated Sakhi, a one stop Centre, intended to support women affected by violence both in private and public spaces under one roof. He highlighted the multiple roles played by women as home makers, guardians of children and the hard work put in by them in every field.

**278. Indian Air Force is planning to set up a training base at Kodiakarai, a coastal town in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer b) Tamil Nadu.** Indian Air Force is planning to set up a training base at Kodiakarai, a coastal town Tamil Nadu, and an aerial survey has been conducted to identify the site for the project. IAF has already established a RADAR station at Kodiakarai for surveillance along the Palk Bay and Palk Strait. The Union Defence Ministry has requested the state government to allot land for the training base at Kodiakarai.

**279. \_\_\_\_\_ has voted to leave the European Union**

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

**Answer c) Britain.** Britain has voted to leave the European Union, a historic decision sure to reshape the nation's place in the world, rattle the Continent and rock political establishments throughout the West. The margin of victory startled even proponents of a British exit. The "Leave" campaign won by

52 percent to 48 percent. More than 17.4 million people voted in the referendum on Thursday to sever ties with the European Union, and about 16.1 million to remain in the bloc.

**280. International Widow's day is observed on?**

- a) June 21                      b) June 22                      c) June 24                      d) June 23

**Answer d) June 23.** There are around 259 million widows around the world and a large number of them are forced to live in abject poverty and suffer ill-treatment as an ostracised community. International Widows's Day is celebrated on 23 June in an effort to shed light on the plight of widows who are considered social stigma. The annual global day of action to highlight the desperate plight of millions of widows all over the world was launched by The Loomba Foundation in 2005 and following a five-year campaign was adopted unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010.

**281. World public Service day is observed on?**

- a) June 23                      b) June 15                      c) June 18                      d) June 20

**Answer a) June 23.** The UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/277, designated 23 June as Public Service Day. The UN Public Service Day intends to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlight the contribution of public service in the development process; recognize the work of public servants, and encourage young people to pursue careers in the public sector.

**282. Which two countries have signed an agreement to establish formal cooperation in the fields of skills development and vocational and professional education and training?**

- a) India and Japan                      b) India and Switzerland                      c) India and Britain                      d) India and Germany

**Answer b) India and Switzerland.** India and Switzerland have signed an agreement to establish formal cooperation in the fields of skills development and vocational and professional education and training. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Winterthur between State Secretary Mauro Dell' Ambrogio and Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajiv Pratap Rudy.

**283. The \_\_\_\_\_ government has banned retrofitting of CNG kits in "in-use" cars following complaints of dealers supplying "unapproved and uncertified" CNG fuel kits.**

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

**Answer a) Delhi.** The Delhi government has banned retrofitting of CNG kits in "in-use" cars following complaints of dealers supplying "unapproved and uncertified" CNG fuel kits. This would disable petrol-fuelled cars to be converted into CNG-fuelled vehicles. The state transport department has directed its motor licensing officers "not to endorse CNG fuel in vehicle registration certificates till further orders".

**284. India's first sunken museum is set to come up at Humayun's Tomb in \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Answer d) New Delhi.** India's first sunken museum is set to come up at Humayun's Tomb in Delhi. With a built-up area of 9,000 square metres, the underground site museum, whose roof was laid down recently, will open to the public in early 2018. The construction work for the same began in April 2015 and 30% work has been completed so far, officials said.

285. The Cabinet approved the signing of a protocol amending an agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ on avoidance of double taxation and prevention of tax evasion.

- a) Switzerland      b) Belgium      c) Qatar      d) Singapore

**Answer b) Belgium.** The Cabinet approved the signing of a protocol amending an agreement with Belgium on avoidance of double taxation and prevention of tax evasion. The amendment will broaden the scope of tax-related information exchange between the two countries. Earlier in May, India had amended the double taxation avoidance agreement with Mauritius.

286. The Ambubachi Mela, an annual festival that celebrates fertility, at the Kamakhya Temple in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Gujarat      b) Bihar      c) Assam      d) Maharashtra

**Answer c) Assam.** The Ambubachi Mela, an annual festival that celebrates fertility, at the Kamakhya Temple in Assam's Guwahati began. Officials said over 25 lakhs devotees are expected to visit the temple, one of the 51 shaktipeeths, till June 26. The state government also deployed "intricate" security measures and set up camps, makeshift hospitals, and special buses for the devotees.

287. Which country opened its first ever electric road to provide power for heavy hybrid electric transports on public roads on a pilot basis?

- a) Singapore      b) Canada      c) Sweden      d) Switzerland

**Answer c) Sweden.** Europe's Sweden opened its first ever electric road to provide power for heavy hybrid electric transports on public roads on a pilot basis. The two-kilometre long electric road's technology is similar to the light rail, with contact lines 5.4 meters over the roadway. The lines can provide up to 750 volts DC of electricity to a truck.

288. Which State government decided to provide 100% rebate in property tax for residential, commercial and institutional properties?

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

**Answer a) Haryana.** The Haryana government decided to provide 100% rebate in property tax for residential, commercial, and institutional properties, said an official release. The rebate would be given for a year— from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. The government had earlier waived electricity dues for consumers whose properties were damaged or looted during the Jat quota agitation.

289. The \_\_\_\_\_ government approved a proposal of the Panchayati Raj Department to add 500 new gram panchayats in the state.

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

**Answer d) Odisha.** The Odisha government approved a proposal of the Panchayati Raj Department to add 500 new gram panchayats in the state. This will be implemented before the three-tier panchayat polls to be held in 2017. The state election commission will be soon informed about the proposal, a senior department official said. Presently, Odisha has 6,211 gram panchayats.

290. China has launched its first dark sky reserve in \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Beijing      b) Tibet      c) Shanghai      d) Nanjing

**Answer b) Tibet.** China has launched its first dark sky reserve in Tibet's Ngari Prefecture to let people

make astronomical observations without getting limited vision due the presence of city lights or pollution clouds. Ngari, which covers an area of 2,500 square kilometres, was chosen for the purpose due to its high altitude and a large number of cloudless days throughout the year.

**291. Which State government has decided to go paperless from August 15, in its endeavour to implement e-governance in the state?**

- a) Telangana                      b) Sikkim                      c) Andra Pradesh                      d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer d) Arunachal Pradesh.** The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to go paperless from August 15, in its endeavour to implement e-governance in the state. e-Office suites will be made functional in the state's civil secretariat to stop manual movement of files. Further, all government files will be processed electronically to ensure speedy decision-making and bring about transparency in the government processes.

**292. India and \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to set up security co operation**

- a) China                      b) Spain                      c) Uzbekistan                      d) USA

**Answer c) Uzbekistan.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov, during which the leaders called for increased security cooperation and stronger bilateral relations. Modi said that India would extend e-Tourist Visas to Uzbek nationals, and organise a 'Festival of India' in Uzbekistan to mark the 25th year of its independence and diplomatic relations with India.

**293. \_\_\_\_\_ will becomes the first hill state to launch a two-wheeler taxi service, which will start operating from July.**

- a) Jammu and Kashmir                      b) Mizoram                      c) West Bengal                      d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer b) Mizoram.** Mizoram will become the first hill state to launch a two-wheeler taxi service, which will start operating from July. Around 200 to 250 motorcycles will operate on the roads in the state capital Aizawl with fares starting at ₹10. The taxi service is aimed at controlling traffic in the city's narrow roads while boosting employment amongst the youth.

**294. The world's longest and tallest tunnel slide opened in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) London, UK                      b) Beijing, China                      c) Tokyo, Japan                      d) New York, USA

**Answer a) London, UK.** The world's longest and tallest tunnel slide, ArcelorMittal Orbit, which has 12 loops was opened to the public in London, UK. The 584-feet long and 250-feet tall slide has been designed by British-Indian artist Anish Kapoor and created by Belgian artist Carsten Holler. It has been transformed from UK's tallest artwork built for the London Olympics in 2012.

**295. Who has been named as the head coach of the men's cricket team?**

- a) Rahul Dravid                      b) Anil Kumble                      c) Ravi Shastri                      d) Ricky Ponting

**Answer b) Anil Kumble.** Anil Kumble, the former India Test captain and the country's most successful bowler, has been named as the coach of the men's cricket team. The announcement was made in Dharamsala, where the BCCI is holding its first annual cricket conclave, with board president Anurag Thakur and its secretary Ajay Shirke naming Kumble in a press conference. There was speculation that Ravi Shastri, who was team director until April, would be accommodated in the position of batting coach.

**296. Manoj Kumar and Vikas Krishan have qualified for the Rio Olympics. They related to which sports?**

- a) Badminton      b) Shooting      c) Boxing      d) Archery

**Answer c) Boxing.** Boxers Manoj Kumar and Vikas Krishan have qualified for the Rio Olympics, after beating Rakhimov Shakvakatdzhon and Lee Dongyun, respectively, in the AIBA World Olympic qualification event in Azerbaijan. Before them, Shiva Thapa was the only Indian boxer with an Olympic berth. Two other boxers, Devendro Singh and Sumit Sangwan, are still in the running for an Olympic quota.

**297. Bollywood stars \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ bagged the Best Actor (Female) and Best Actor (Male) trophy at the 17th IIFA Awards 2016.**

- a) Priyanka Chopra and Shahrukh Khan      b) Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh  
c) Kajol and Amir Khan      d) Sonakshi Sinha and Ranveer Singh

**Answer b) Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh.** Bollywood stars Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh bagged the Best Actor (Female) and Best Actor (Male) trophy at the 17th IIFA extravaganza for their performance in Piku and Bajirao Mastani respectively. Sanjay Leela Bhansali's historical romance Bajirao Mastani dominated the winners list at the 17th IIFA awards. Bajirao Mastani, which revolved around Peshwa Bajirao falling in love with Mastani, a warrior princess in distress, swept 13 awards.

**298. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ won a 'Special award for Woman of the Year' at the IIFA Awards 2016.**

- a) Priyanka Chopra      b) Sonakshi Sinha      c) Deepika Padukone      d) Kajol

**Answer a) Priyanka Chopra.** Actress Priyanka Chopra won a 'Special award for Woman of the Year' at the IIFA Awards 2016, held in Spain. She also won the Best Supporting Role (Female) Award for her role in 'Bajirao Mastani'. "Thank u #IIFA for my awards... Made it more special because my mom and my brother were there", wrote Priyanka on Instagram.

**299. Nokia has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the new head of the India market.**

- a) Sandeep Girotra      b) Sanjay Mittal      c) Sanjay Malik      d) Sunil Mittal

**Answer c) Sanjay Malik.** Nokia has appointed Sanjay Malik as the new head of the India market. He will be taking over from the current India head Sandeep Girotra who has been recently promoted as the head of the Asia-Pacific and Japan market for Nokia. Malik will be based in Gurgaon and will lead the customer operations, drive the business growth strategy and customer engagement services, effective from August 1, 2016. He is currently the vice president and head of global network implementation services, which is a part of the company's Global Services business.

**300. Asian Development Bank has approved \$500 million loan for constructing river bridge in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Bihar      b) Rajasthan      c) Assam      d) Gujarat

**Answer a) Bihar.** Asian Development Bank has approved \$500 million (approximately Rs 3350 crore) loan for constructing a bridge across Ganga. Once built, the 9.8 km road bridge in Bihar will be country's longest river bridge. The bridge would provide vital transport links between the northern



and southern parts of the state and with neighbouring country Nepal. The project will run for about 4 years and is expected to complete by the end of December 2020.

**301. Which Bank approved 500 million USD for First Four Projects?**

- a) World Bank    b) BRICS Bank    c) NABARD Bank    d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

**Answer d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.** Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank or AIIB has approved 165 million U.S. dollars in loans for a Bangladesh project – the first batch of loan for the country from the China-led development bank. The banks Board of Directors approved its first 4 loans totaling 509 million U.S.dollars to finance 4 projects including that one of Bangladesh.

**302. \_\_\_\_\_ declared as the SAARC cultural capital for 2016-17.**

- a) Dhaka    b) Mahasthangarh    c) Chittagong    d) Jessore

**Answer b) Mahasthangarh.** Mahasthangarh, the 3rd century BC archaeological site in Bogra, Bangladesh, has been declared as the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) cultural capital for the year 2016-17. As a SAARC cultural capital, the historic place will host festivals on literature, films, foods and dances from October 2016 to September 2017.

**303. Which country has banned its citizens from working in Afghanistan after 13 of its citizens were killed and six more injured in a suicide attack in Kabul recently?**

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

**Answer c) Nepal.** Nepal has banned its citizens from working in Afghanistan after 13 of its citizens were killed and six more injured in a suicide attack in Kabul recently. The dead men, who were employed as security guards in the Canadian embassy in Kabul, were killed in an early morning attack by the Taliban on June 20 when they were on their way to work. The government also decided to continue an earlier ban on Nepalis working in three other conflict-hit countries – Iraq, Libya and Syria.

**304. The Government of India extended the ban on the import of milk and milk products from China for another year till \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) January 2017    b) March 2017    c) May 2017    d) June 2017

**Answer d) June 2017.** The government extended the ban on the import of milk and milk products from China for another year till June 2017. The ban, which was first imposed in 2008, has been extended every year since. The ban was reportedly implemented following apprehensions that milk consignments from China contained melamine, a toxic chemical used in making fertilisers and plastics.

**305. Which car manufacturing company has agreed to pay USD 10 billion to settle a huge US civil case over its diesel emissions-cheating scandal?**

- a) Ford    b) TATA group    c) Volkswagen    d) Maruti Suzuki

**Answer c) Volkswagen.** Volkswagen has agreed to pay USD 10 billion to settle a huge US civil case over its diesel emissions-cheating scandal. As part of the settlement, Volkswagen would compensate owners of around 480,000 2.0-liter diesel cars up to USD 7,000 in cash each, and would also fund a programme to fight air pollution.

**306. Brahmos, the world's "most formidable" supersonic cruise missile system has been successfully integrated and test-flown with IAF's \_\_\_\_\_ frontline strike fighter.**

- a) Su – 30MKI                      b) Du – 30MKI                      c) Tu – 30MKI                      d) Bu – 30MKI

**Answer a) Su – 30MKI.** Brahmos, the world's "most formidable" supersonic cruise missile system has been successfully integrated and test-flown with IAF's Su-30MKI frontline strike fighter. BrahMos is a leading cruise missile capable of hitting targets beyond radar horizons. This fire-and-forget world class missile has the capability to take on targets by flying a combined high-low trajectory, thus evading enemy air defence systems.

**307. Who has been qualified for Rio Olympics in the women's 100m event after meeting the qualification mark at XXVI International Meeting?**

- a) Tintu Lukka                      b) Srabani Nanda                      c) Dutee Chand                      d) Santi Soundarajan

**Answer c) Dutee Chand.** Dutee Chand qualified for Rio Olympics in the women's 100m event after meeting the qualification mark at XXVI International Meeting G.Kosanov Memorial in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Dutee clocked 11.30s in the 100m heats at the memorial tournament hence beating the Rio Olympics qualification mark of 11.32 secs. Dutee became the first Indian woman to qualify for the event since qualification started for the event. PT Usha had qualified for the event in 1980 Olympics.

**308. Indian men's hockey team secured \_\_\_\_\_ position in FIH rankings.**

- a) 1<sup>st</sup>                      b) 3<sup>rd</sup>                      c) 4<sup>th</sup>                      d) 5<sup>th</sup>

**Answer d) 5th.** India's men hockey team jumped to fifth position ahead of the likes of Belgium, Argentina and New Zealand when the Indian hockey team lodged a protest during the penalty shootout before finally settling for historic silver after the jury announced that the 1-3 result against Australia. India now has 1689 points at the conclusion of the Champions Trophy, 56 points ahead of sixth-placed Belgium (1633) and just eight away from Great Britain (1697) on fourth.

**309. Who has become the first Indian woman cricketer to be signed by a foreign T20 franchise, Sydney Thunder?**

- a) Harmanpreet Kaur                      b) Jhulan Goswami                      c) Poonam Raut                      d) Thirush Kamini

**Answer a) Harmanpreet Kaur.** Moga's Harmanpreet Kaur has become the first Indian woman cricketer to be signed by a foreign T20 franchise, Sydney Thunder. She has for the second edition of the women's Big Bash League (BBL) in Australia, to be played in December-January. The 27-year-old bats woman and medium-fast bowler got this opportunity from the defending champions based on her all-round abilities and her recent performances. A power-hitter, Harmanpreet was an outstanding performer for India in this year's World T20. In T20 she scored 89 runs and took seven wickets in four matches.

**310. Shooter \_\_\_\_\_ clinched the silver medal in 10-metre air pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.**

- a) Gagang Narang                      b) Jitu Rai                      c) Abhinav Bindra                      d) Rathore

**Answer b) Jitu Rai.** Shooter Jitu Rai clinched the silver medal in 10-metre air pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan. This is Rai's sixth World Cup

medal, and his second this year, after a gold medal in Bangkok in March. In 2014, Rai had become the first Indian shooter to qualify for the Rio Olympics.

**311. Former Indian cricketer \_\_\_\_\_ has been made the head coach of the Afghanistan national cricket team**

- a) Rahul Dravid      b) Ajit Agarkar      c) Lalchand Rajput      d) Ravi Shastri

**Answer c) Lalchand Rajput.** Former Indian cricketer Lalchand Rajput has been made the head coach of the Afghanistan national cricket team, taking over from former Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq, who vacated the post in April 2016. Rajput managed the Indian team when they won the inaugural 2007 T20 World Cup, and had recently applied for the post of Indian team head coach.

**312. Neil O'Brien who passed away recently was a/an**

- a) Actor      b) Politician      c) Quiz master      d) Both b and c

**Answer d) Both b and c.** Neil O'Brien, a pioneer of quizzing in India and leader of the Anglo-Indian community, passed away at the age of 82. Neil O'Brien, former MP of the Lok Sabha and erstwhile member of West Bengal Assembly is survived by his wife and three sons. One of the first quiz masters Neil O'Brien had conducted the first well-organised, formal quiz in 1967 at Christ the King Church Parish Hall in the city.

**313. Who has been conferred honorary professorship by the Nanjing Audit University in China?**

- a) M J Joseph      b) Shashi Kant Sharma      c) Sanjay Mishra      d) Prakash Varma

**Answer b) Shashi Kant Sharma.** Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Shashi Kant Sharma has been conferred honorary professorship by the Nanjing Audit University in China. It is the only university which is recognised by the Institute of Internal Auditors. In his acceptance address, CAG put an emphasis on capacity building for auditors of international fraternity in view of ever-changing governance structures.

**314. How many Indians got Queen's Young Leaders Award 2016?**

- a) 3      b) 1      c) 2      d) 5

**Answer c) 2.** The two Indians are Kartik Sawhney (21) and Neha Swain (28). Launched in 2014 by the Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry, each year from 2014 to 2018, 60 exceptional young people are selected to receive a Queen's Young Leaders Award and become 'Queen's Young Leaders' – one for every year that she has served as head of the Commonwealth at the time of her Diamond Jubilee.

**315. Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) Ltd?**

- a) Chandra Bose      b) Sujay Bose      c) Sanjay Bangar      d) Ram Kumar

**Answer b) Sujay Bose.** The finance ministry said that Sujoy Bose has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) Ltd. Bose at present is director at Infrastructure and Natural Resources, International Finance Corporation (IFC). Bose has extensive international experience in the infrastructure sector including experience in raising funds from international investors.

**316. A government-appointed panel has selected \_\_\_\_\_ as a Reserve Bank of India deputy governor, replacing incumbent HR Khan.**

- a) Urjit Patel            b) Arundati Bhattacharya            c) NS Vishwanathan            d) SS Mundra

**Answer c) NS Vishwanathan.** A government-appointed panel has selected NS Vishwanathan as a Reserve Bank of India deputy governor, replacing incumbent HR Khan. Vishwanathan is currently an executive director at the RBI, overseeing the banking regulation and non-banking department. He will succeed Khan, who will retire on July 3.

**317. To increase the level of clean energy, The Government of India has asked the states/UTs to set up \_\_\_\_\_ biogas plants in 2017.**

- a) 10 lakhs            b) 5 lakhs            c) 2 lakhs            d) 1 lakh

**Answer d) 1 lakh.** To increase the level of clean energy, the Centre has asked the states/UTs to set up one lakh biogas plants. The plants should be of one to six cubic meter capacity this fiscal, which will save 21.90 lakh LPG cylinders every year. With an objective to provide clean gaseous fuel for cooking and organic bio-manure as a by-product. Besides providing bio-manure to reduce the use of chemical fertilisers. There would be a saving of about 10,000 tonnes of urea.

**318. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released a book titled “The Birds of Banni Grassland” in New Delhi. The book was presented to the Prime Minister by the Scientists of \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Assam Institute of Desert Ecology            b) Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology  
c) Rajasthan Institute of Desert Ecology            d) Bihar Institute of Desert Ecology

**Answer b) Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology.** The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released a book titled “The Birds of Banni Grassland” in New Delhi. The book was presented to the Prime Minister by the Scientists of Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (GUIDE). The Book is a compilation of the research work, relating to more than 250 species of birds found in the Banni area of Kutch, Gujarat.

**319. Which State government signed deal for \$10k crore fertiliser plant?**

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

**Answer c) Andhra Pradesh.** The Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with a three-nation consortium of China Huanqin Contracting and Engineering Corporation, LEPL Ventures Private Limited and Isomeric Holdings to set up a gas-based fertilizer project at Krishnapatanam with an investment of Rs 10,183 crore.

**320. Assam's \_\_\_\_\_ becomes India's 1st island district**

- a) Majuli            b) Divar            c) Baratang            d) Kamorta

**Answer a) Majuli.** BJP leader and Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has declared Majuli, an island in the Brahmaputra a district. The BJP-led government also announced appointment of 10,000 TET-qualified school teachers by March 2017. The decision to upgrade Majuli – till now a sub-division within Jorhat district – was taken in the first cabinet meeting of the new BJP-led government that had assumed office on May 24 after the BJP and its allies clinched a historic victory over the Congress that was in power for three consecutive terms.

**321. According to a UNICEF Report, around \_\_\_\_\_ children died of preventable causes in India in 2015.**

- a) 1.2 Million                      b) 2.5 Million                      c) 5 Million                      d) 3.5 Million

**Answer b) 2.5 Million.** According to a UNICEF Report, around 1.2 million children died of preventable causes in India in 2015. Most of the deaths were caused by diseases which are easily preventable and treatable. The report counts India among the five countries accounting for half the 5.9 million under-five deaths reported across the world last year. The other four countries are Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Pakistan, whose economies are smaller when compared with India's.

**322. India secured \_\_\_\_\_ rank globally on a worldwide Human Capital Index**

- a) 35                      b) 95                      c) 54                      d) 105

**Answer d) 105.** India has been ranked low at 105th position globally on a worldwide Human Capital Index, which measures countries' ability to nurture, develop and deploy talent for economic growth and was topped by Finland. India ranks much below China's 71st position while Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka are also placed higher on the index released by Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF) at its Annual Meeting of New Champions — also known as 'Summer Davos' summit. Pakistan ranks further lower at 118th place.

**323. Who won 2016 Presidential election of Iceland?**

- a) Olafur Ragnar Grimson    b) Halla Tómasdóttir    c) Guðni Jóhannesson    d) Kristjan Eldjarn

**Answer c) Guðni Jóhannesson.** Guðni Jóhannesson, a history professor, has won Iceland's presidential election in a vote held in the aftermath of the Panama Papers leak in April, which implicated several top Icelandic officials. Jóhannesson's victory, won with 39.1% of the vote. Halla Tómasdóttir, a businesswoman without party affiliation, came second with 27.9%.

**324. Which country has joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) at a ceremony in South Block?**

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

**Answer c) India.** India has joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) at a ceremony in South Block, attended by Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar and diplomats from the Netherlands, France and Luxembourg missions. India had intensified efforts at gaining membership of the MTCR, the NSG, the Australia Group and Wassenaar Arrangement since getting a waiver at the NSG in 2008. Membership of these groups would help India trade more effectively in critical high tech areas.

**325. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has launched \_\_\_\_\_ an anti-diabetic ayurvedic drug designed for type 2 Diabetes mellitus.**

- a) BGR – 34                      b) KGR – 34                      c) AGR – 34                      d) SGR - 34

**Answer a) BGR – 34.** Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has launched BGR-34 – an anti-diabetic ayurvedic drug designed for type 2 Diabetes mellitus. BGR-34 is developed jointly by National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) and Central Institute for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), the research units of CSIR at Lucknow. BGR-34 has been economically priced at Rs. 5 per tablet as compared to latest DPP4 inhibitors globally.

**326. According to SocialCops' analysis of Health Ministry data, Which State has the lowest percentage of institutional deliveries in India?**

- a) Uttarkhand                      b) Nagaland                      c) Meghalaya                      d) Maharashtra

**Answer c) Meghalaya.** According to SocialCops' analysis of Health Ministry data, Meghalaya, with 52.8% births happening in a hospital or health facility, has the lowest percentage of institutional deliveries in India. Uttar Pradesh (77.6%), Bihar (77.9%), and Nagaland (78.8%) had the least number of institutional deliveries after Meghalaya. Notably, 88.6% (1.84 crore) of India's births were institutional deliveries.

**327. Which State government launched a scheme to provide education loan at 1% interest to students pursuing higher studies?**

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

**Answer a) Odisha.** Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'Kalinga Siksha Sathi Yojana', a scheme to provide education loan at 1% interest to students pursuing higher studies. Patnaik said, "The scheme will reduce the loan burden of lakhs of parents." The state government will meet the fund requirement of about ₹500 crore for the scheme from its own resources, he added.

**328. The cleanest village in Asia, Mawlynnong, is situated in India's north-eastern state of**

- a) Assam                      b) Rajasthan                      c) Meghalaya                      d) Punjab

**Answer c) Meghalaya.** The cleanest village in Asia, Mawlynnong, is situated in India's north-eastern state of Meghalaya. The village having over 600 inhabitants was declared the cleanest in Asia in 2003 by 'Discover India' magazine. Mawlynnong, which has over 95 households with agriculture being its population's chief occupation, also holds a 100% literacy rate.

**329. Which Football player has retired from international duty after missing in a penalty shootout as Argentina lost a fourth major final in nine years?**

- a) Neymar                      b) Lionel Messi                      c) Cristiano Ronaldo                      d) Gerardo Martino

**Answer b) Lionel Messi.** Lionel Messi has retired from international duty after missing in a penalty shootout as Argentina lost a fourth major final in nine years. Messi, 29, has won eight La Liga titles and four Champions Leagues with Spanish side Barcelona. But his only major international honour is Olympic gold at the 2008 Games.

**330. India's \_\_\_\_\_ clinched silver in the 50-metre Rifle 3 Position event at the ISSF World Cup.**

- a) Abhinav Bindra                      b) Gagang Narang                      c) Vijay Kumar                      d) Sanjeev Rajput

**Answer d) Sanjeev Rajput.** India's Sanjeev Rajput clinched silver in the 50-metre Rifle 3 Position event at the ISSF World Cup. His score for the three events combined was 456.9, 0.6 behind gold medal winner, Croatia's Petar Gorsa. This is his 3rd World Cup medal, having won gold in the same event in 2011 and silver in 10-metre Air Rifle in 2010.

**331. Kavalam Narayana Panicker who passed away recently was a**

- a) Malayalam theatre artist    b) Kannada theatre artist    c) Telugu theatre artist    d) Tamil theatre artist

**Answer a) Malayalam theatre artist.** Playwright Kavalam Narayana Panicker, who brought native

idiom into Malayalam theatre, passed away at the age of 88. The Padma Bhushan-winning theatre doyen, a trailblazer at a time when proscenium theatre held the centre stage, has given to Malayalam literature and theatre such fine works as Avanan Kadamba, Daivathar, Kaikkuttappad, Ottayaan, and many productions based on major Sanskrit works.

**332. India secured \_\_\_\_ rank in World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2016**

- a) 54                      b) 35                      c) 25                      d) 10

**Answer b) 35.** India has jumped 19 places in the latest World Bank ranking in the global logistics performance, reflecting the improvement in movement of goods inside the country thus facilitating better trade. The World Bank in its latest once-in-two-year Logistics Performance Index (LPI) said India is now ranked 35th as against the 54th spot it occupied in the previous 2014 report.

**333. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) Signed MoU with TERI, Enters into a Strategic Partnership for 2 years. Expand TERI?**

- a) The Energy and Resources Institute                      b) The Efficiency and Resources Institute  
c) The Energy and Renewable Institute                      d) The Education and Resources Institute

**Answer a) The Energy and Resources Institute.** Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has entered into a strategic partnership with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) for two years. As per MoU, both organizations have decided to enter into an agreement as Strategic Partners, to work jointly for the achievement of common goals and objectives related to energy efficiency in India and abroad.

**334. Indigenously-built heavyweight anti-submarine torpedo \_\_\_\_\_ has been successfully inducted into the Indian Navy recently.**

- a) Sagardhwani                      b) Shakthi                      c) Astradharani                      d) Varunastra

**Answer d) Varunastra.** Indigenously developed heavyweight torpedo Varunastra, which was showcased for the first time on the Republic Day Parade at Rajpath this year, was inducted in the Indian Navy. The anti-submarine torpedo has been developed by Naval Science and Technological Laboratory of the DRDO for the Indian Navy.

**335. Which four countries are elected as non permanent members by United Nations General Assembly?**

- a) Sweden, Bolivia, Ethiopia and Kazakhstan                      b) Spain, Bahamas, Ethiopia and Kuwait  
c) Singapore, Bahrain, Ethiopia and Kazakhstan                      d) Sweden, Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Kazakhstan

**Answer a) Sweden, Bolivia, Ethiopia and Kazakhstan.** The 193 members of the United Nations General Assembly has elected Sweden, Bolivia, Ethiopia and Kazakhstan to serve on the world body's Security Council for a period of two years, starting from 1 January 2017. After rounds of voting at UN Headquarters in New York, only one non-permanent Council seat remains to be filled. Italy and the Netherlands had been vying for the remaining seat, but the voting yielded no clear winner.

**336. Which place has been named the best vacation destination in the world in a newly released ranking published by US News & World Report?**

- a) Murray River islands                      b) Hamilton Island                      c) Fraser Island                      d) The Great Barrier Reef

**Answer d) The Great Barrier Reef.** The Great Barrier Reef has been named the best vacation



destination in the world in a newly released ranking published by US News & World Report. The UNESCO World Heritage Site, which stretches for more than 2,000 km along the coastline of Queensland and is visible from space, was ranked the world's best place to visit in 2016.

**337. Scientists have discovered a large helium gas field in \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Tanzania                      b) Tunisia                      c) Nigeria                      d) Namibia

**Answer a) Tanzania.** Scientists have discovered a large helium gas field in Tanzania. With world supplies running out, the find is a "game-changer", say geologists at Durham and Oxford universities. Helium is used in hospitals in MRI scanners as well as in spacecraft, telescopes and radiation monitors. Until now, the precious gas has been discovered only in small quantities during oil and gas drilling.

**338. The gross non-performing assets (NPAs) ratio of public-sector banks rose to \_\_\_\_\_ from 5.1% between September 2015 and March 2016**

- a) 8.5%                      b) 7.6%                      c) 9%                      d) 7.8%

**Answer b) 7.6%.** The gross non-performing assets (NPAs) ratio of public-sector banks rose to 7.6% from 5.1% between September 2015 and March 2016, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in its bi-annual Financial Stability Report. The report, released on Tuesday, estimates that gross NPAs may increase further to 9.3% by March 2017 under a "severe stress scenario".

**339. The Union Cabinet on approved the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission which had proposed an average \_\_\_\_\_ increment in the salaries, allowances and pension of central government employees.**

- a) 11.25%                      b) 20.33%                      c) 23.55%                      d) 33.33%

**Answer c) 23.55%.** The Union Cabinet on approved the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission which had proposed an average 23.55% increment in the salaries, allowances and pension of central government employees. This is likely to benefit 48 lakh employees and 55 lakh pensioners. Further, its implementation is estimated to put an additional burden of ₹1.02 lakh crore on the exchequer annually.

**340. \_\_\_\_\_ has retained the top spot in internet speed globally with an average speed of 29 Mbps in the first quarter of 2016, according to an Akamai report.**

- a) China                      b) India                      c) USA                      d) South Korea

**Answer d) South Korea.** South Korea has retained the top spot in internet speed globally with an average speed of 29 Mbps in the first quarter of 2016, according to an Akamai report. Norway and Sweden were ranked second and third respectively. Further, the United Kingdom led the average mobile connection speeds worldwide at 27.9 Mbps.

**341. Isak Chisi Swu, founder of NSCN (IM) who passed away recently, He was from \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Odisha                      b) Nagaland                      c) Punjab                      d) Assam

**Answer b) Nagaland.**