

**1. Who sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court?**

- a) H. L. Dattu
- b) T. S. Thakur
- c) Deepak Mishra
- d) TBR Radhakrishnan

Answer d) TBR Radhakrishnan. Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court. The oath to the office was administered to Justice Radhakrishnan by Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Governor ESL Narasimhan at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan.

**2. Who is the new President of Brazil?**

- a) Sheikh Hasina
- b) Jair Bolsonaro
- c) Zillur Rahman
- d) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Answer b) Jair Bolsonaro. Jair Bolsonaro was sworn in as Brazil's President in a ceremony at Brazil's National Congress Building. Bolsonaro is a former Army captain and admirer of the country's 1964-1985 military dictatorship.

**3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to restart opening new accounts for its consumers after almost six months of the ban.**

- a) India Post Payments Bank
- b) Aditya Birla Payments Bank
- c) Paytm Payments Bank
- d) Airtel Payments Bank

Answer c) Paytm Payments Bank. Six months after being asked by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to stop adding new customers following audit observations by the banking regulator, Paytm Payments Bank has once again started opening new accounts following a clearance.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_officially quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).**

- a) Antigua and Barbuda
- b) Afghanistan And Israel
- c) The United States and Israel
- d) Afghanistan And The United States

Answer c) The United States and Israel. The United States and Israel officially quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) with the close of 2018. The countries had announced their decisions in 2017 of withdrawing from the agency, accusing it of bias against Israel.

**5. The government has infused how much amount in four public sector bank?**

- a) 10,782 crore Rupees
- b) 10,882 crore Rupees

- c) 10,885 crore Rupees
- d) 11,882 crore Rupees

Answer b) 10,882 crore Rupees. The government infused Rs 10,882 crore in four public sector banks, including UCO Bank and Syndicate Bank, as part of Rs 28,615 crore capital infusion to be done in about half a dozen public sector lenders.

The bank has received Rs 3,074 crore in the equity by way of preferential allotment, UCO Bank said in a regulatory filing. Besides, Bank of Maharashtra got Rs 4,498 crore, Syndicate Bank Rs 1,632 crore and Central Bank of India Rs 1,678 crore.

**6. Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, \_\_\_\_\_ launched 'Ujjwala Sanitary Napkins' initiative in Odisha?**

- a) Suresh Prabhu
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Sushma Swaraj
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer d) Dharmendra Pradhan. Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan launched 'Ujjwala Sanitary Napkins' initiative saying it will go a long way in making Odisha's 2.25 crore women empowered and self-reliant. Under the novel initiative, which will cover 93 blocks in 30 districts of Odisha, oil marketing companies (OMC) will set up 100 manufacturing units at the Common Service Centres (CSC) at an estimated cost of Rs 2.94 crore.

**7. SBI Life Insurance and which Bank came together and signed a bancassurance pact, to offer a holistic financial planning solution to consumers?**

- a) Allahabad Bank
- b) Syndicate Bank
- c) Punjab National Bank
- d) Bank Of Baroda

Answer a) Allahabad Bank. Allahabad Bank has tied up with SBI Life Insurance to sell the policies of the insurer from over 3,200 branches. Allahabad Bank and SBI Life Insurance came together and signed a bancassurance pact, to offer a holistic financial planning solution to consumers, SBI Life said in a release. The tie-up, one of the largest Bancassurance partnerships in the country, will see 3,238 branches of Allahabad Bank across the country offer SBI Life's range of protection, wealth creation and savings products to its customers.

**8. Who Assumes Charge of New Railway Board Chairman?**

- a) Ashwani Lohani
- b) V K Yadav
- c) AN Jha
- d) Raninder Singh

Answer b) V K Yadav. General Manager, South Central Railway, V K Yadav has been appointed the national transporter's senior-most bureaucrat by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Yadav belongs to the 1980 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers.

**9. Veteran Kader Khan passed away in Canada, he was Related with which Field?**

- a) Film Industry
- b) Singing
- c) Sports
- d) Literature

Answer a) Film Industry. Veteran actor Kader Khan, known for his roles in films like 'Himmatwala', 'Aaj Ka Daur', 'Judaai', passed away on Monday at the age of 81 due to prolonged illness.

**10. \_\_\_\_\_ will be the new managing director and CEO of the bank with effect from January 1, 2019.**

- a) A S Rajeev
- b) Shikha Sharma
- c) Amitabh Chaudhry
- d) Shri Pallav Mohapatra

Answer c) Amitabh Chaudhry. Axis Bank announced its Managing Director and CEO Shikha Sharma has retired from the post and Amitabh Chaudhry will be the new managing director and CEO of the bank.

**11. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes highest International wicket taker in 2018.**

- a) Jasprit Bumrah
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Shikhar Dhawan
- d) Rohit Sharma

Answer a) Jasprit Bumrah. India pacer Jasprit Bumrah finished 2018 as the highest wicket-taker across all formats in the calendar year. The fast bowler, who helped India win the third Test in Melbourne by 137 runs by picking up a nine-wicket haul, took 78 wickets in this year.

**12. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has stated that the GDP growth will be in the range of \_\_\_\_\_ in 2019.**

- a) 7.2%
- b) 7.5%
- c) 7.6%
- d) 7.1%

Answer b) 7.5%. In its 'Growth Outlook for 2019', Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) stated that the GDP growth will be in the range of 7.5% in 2019. A settled goods and services tax (GST), improving credit availability and capacity expansion from increasing investment in infrastructure are among seven key drivers that will help Indian economy grow 7.5% 2019, the CII stated.

**13. Which Municipal Corporation was awarded Best Capital City in the Solid Waste Management in the Swachh Survekshan 2018 rankings?**

- a) Amravati
- b) Indore
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Vijayanagar

Answer c) Hyderabad. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation was awarded Best Capital City in the Solid Waste Management in the Swachh Survekshan 2018 rankings. The Swachh Survekshan survey ranks cities on various sanitation parameters. The GHMC was also at the 27th place among 4,041 cities.

**14. Norman Gimbel, Grammy and Oscar Winning Lyricist Passed Away . He belonged to which Country?**

- a) South Africa
- b) United States
- c) Germany
- d) Russia

Answer b) United States. Norman Gimbel, the Oscar and Grammy-winning lyricist, has passed away at the age of 91. Gimbel's work included Killing Me Softly with his song – recorded by Roberta Flack, the Fugees and others – and the theme to TV series Happy Days.

**15. Banks recover how much amount crore from defaulters according to RBI report?**

- a) Rs 40,404
- b) Rs 44,400
- c) Rs 40,400
- d) Rs 42,400

Answer c) Rs 40,400. Banks have seen a significant improvement in recovery of stressed assets helped by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and amendments in the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interests (SARFAESI) Act, during FY18, according to the RBI data. In the fiscal ended March 2018, banks recovered Rs 40,400 crore worth of bad loans as against Rs 38,500 crore recovered in FY17. The various channels through which lenders recovered their bad loans include the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), SARFAESI Act, debt recovery tribunals (DRTs) and Lok Adalats.

**16. Which Country has withdrawn its membership from Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?**

- a) Libya
- b) Qatar
- c) Iraq
- d) Iran

Answer b) Qatar. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is an intergovernmental organisation of 14 nations, founded in 1960 in Baghdad by the first five members, and headquartered since 1965 in Vienna, Austria.

**17. RBI allows restructuring of MSME loans up to \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 10 cr.
- b) 15 cr.
- c) 20 cr.
- d) 25 cr.

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Answer d) 25 cr. In a breather to the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector, the Reserve Bank of India has decided to permit one-time restructuring of existing loans to these enterprises that are in default but 'standard' as on January 1, 2019, without an asset classification downgrade.

**18. Indian-American \_\_\_\_\_ sworn in as the Fort Bend County Judge, becoming the first person from the community to hold the office of one of America's most diverse counties.**

- a) Ashley Giles
- b) David Tait
- c) KP George
- d) Madhavi Divan

Answer c) KP George. Indian-American KP George sworn in as the Fort Bend County Judge, becoming the first person from the community to hold the office of one of America's most diverse counties. George, 53, a Democrat and Fort Bend Independent School District Board trustee, defeated Republican Judge Robert Hebert in November polls.

**19. Ramakant Achrekar, who died recently was related to which sports?**

- a) Sports
- b) Journalism
- c) Singing
- d) Literature

Answer a) Sports. Ramakant Vitthal Achrekar is an Indian cricket coach from Mumbai. He is most famous for coaching young cricketers at Shivaji Park in Dadar, Mumbai, most notably Sachin Tendulkar. He has also been a selector for Mumbai cricket team.

**20. What is the Capital of Israel?**

- a) Ottawa
  - b) Bangui
  - c) Jerusalem
  - d) Praia
- Answer c) Jerusalem

**21. Where is the Headquarter of "Jana Small Finance Bank" ?**

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

Answer c) Bengaluru

**22. Bank of Maharashtra is headquartered at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Pune
- b) Delhi

- c) Mumbai
- d) Chennai

Answer a) Pune

**23. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set up an expert committee under \_\_\_\_\_ to suggest long-term solutions for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSME sector.**

- a) ShaktiKant Das
- b) Ajay Tyagi
- c) Urjit Patel
- d) U.K. Sinha

Answer d) U.K. Sinha . The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set up an expert committee under former Sebi chairman U.K. Sinha to suggest long-term solutions for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSME sector. RBI has announced the panel a day after it allowed a one-time restructuring of existing debt up to Rs.25 crore for the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which have defaulted on payment but the loans given to them have continued to be classified as standard assets.

**24. Dronacharya awardee cricket coach \_\_\_\_\_ Passed away , He was the Sachin Tendulkar's Childhood Coach .**

- a) Nirupam Sen
- b) Dipali Borthakur
- c) CN Balakrishnan
- d) Ramakant Achrekar

Answer d) Ramakant Achrekar , Veteran cricket coach Ramakant Achrekar, who trained Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar and Vinod Kambli, among others, passed away following a heart attack. He was 87 and breathed his last at his home in Dadar. Achrekar, honoured with Padma Shri in 2010 and Dronacharya Award in 1990, was instrumental in shaping the careers of Tendulkar, Kambli and over a dozen other top cricket stars.

**25. CH Lokanath passed away after suffering cardiac arrest ,He was Associated With Which field ?**

- a) film industry
- b) Journalism
- c) Literature
- d) Sports

Answer a) film industry . Veteran Kannada actor C H Loknath passed away in Bengaluru today. Loknath ,popularly known as 'Uncle' in the industry has acted in about 650 movies and performed in over 1,000 plays in his career spanned almost six decades.

**26. Which among the Following Airports has been declared as an authorized Immigration Check post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers?**

- a) Veer Savarkar International Airport

- b) Jaipur International Airport
- c) Chatrapati Shivaji International Airport
- d) Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport

Answer a) Veer Savarkar International Airport . Veer Savarkar International Airport in Port Blair has been declared as an authorized Immigration Check post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers. Information, Public Relations and Tourism Division of Andaman and Nicobar Administration said this in a press release.

**27. Who has been has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer of RBL Bank?**

- a) Bhupesh Baghel
- b) Pawan Singh
- c) Pankaj Sharma
- d) K Chandrashekar Rao

Answer c) Pankaj Sharma. RBL Bank has appointed Pankaj Sharma as its chief operations officer to overlook the corporate services function & bank's overall operations. He was heading retail operations in Axis Bank. He also worked with GE Countrywide, ICICI Bank & ICICI Prudential.

**28. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and chairman of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)?**

- a) Pankaj Sharma
- b) Saurabh Kumar
- c) Rajeev Kumar
- d) Bhupesh Baghel

Answer b) Saurabh Kumar . Saurabh Kumar took over as Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and chairman Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), from P K Shrivastava in Kolkata.

**29. The government has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ Managing Director, Life Insurance Corporation of India, as the Acting Chairman.**

- a) A N Jha
- b) Rajeev Ahuja
- c) Hemant Bhargava
- d) P V Bharathi

Answer c) Hemant Bhargava. The government has appointed Hemant Bhargava, Managing Director, Life Insurance Corporation of India, as the Acting Chairman. Bhargava, the senior-most MD at LIC, is also being seen as a strong contender for the post of Full-Time Chairman at the state-owned life insurer.

**30. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 106th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2019) at Which City of Punjab?**

- a) Firozpur
- b) Patiala
- c) Jalandhar
- d) Chandigarh

Answer c) Jalandhar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 106th edition of Indian Science Congress at Jalandhar , an annual congregation that witnesses deliberations by top scientific minds of the country.

The theme for ISC-2019 is 'Future India-Science and Technology' and it will be hosted by the Lovely Professional University (PLU), Jalandhar from January 3-7.

**31. Renowned Bengali writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee \_\_\_\_\_ passes away due to age-related ailments**

- a) CN Balakrishnan
- b) Dibyendu Palit
- c) CH Lokanath
- d) Ramakant Achrekar

Answer b) Dibyendu Palit . Renowned Bengali writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee Dibyendu Palit died due to age-related ailments, He was conferred the Sahitya Akademi for his novel 'Anubhab' in 1998.

**32. Recently India has signed MOU with Which Country on Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security.**

- a) Morocco
- b) Singapore
- c) Canada
- d) Nepal

Answer a) Morocco. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Morocco on cooperation in the area of Cyber Security. The MoU was signed on 25th September 2018. The MoU intends to promote closer cooperation for exchange of knowledge and experience in detection, resolution and prevention of security-related incidents between India and Morocco.

**33. The cabinet has approved the merger of Vijaya Bank & \_\_\_\_\_ with Bank of Baroda.**

- a) Dena Bank
- b) Punjab National Bank
- c) Yes Bank
- d) Syndicate Bank

Answer a) Dena Bank . The cabinet has approved the merger of Vijaya Bank & Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda. After this merger, Bank of Baroda will become the third biggest public sector bank. The merger will be effective from April 1. This is also the first ever three-way merger in Indian banking.



**34. Global Hunger index report published by ?**

- a) UNIDO
- b) International Food Policy Research Institute
- c) UNICEF
- d) IMF

Answer b) International Food Policy Research Institute. The International Food Policy Research Institute is an international agricultural research center founded in the early 1970s to improve the understanding of national agricultural and food policies to promote the adoption of innovations in agricultural technology.

Headquarters : Washington, D.C., USA

**35. \_\_\_\_\_government announced two welfare initiatives for farmers. Both initiatives, which are part of the 'Krishi Krishak Bondhu' scheme.**

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

Answer b) West Bengal . The West Bengal government announced two welfare initiatives for farmers. Both initiatives, which are part of the 'Krishi Krishak Bondhu' scheme. The first of the two initiatives will provide Rs 2 lakh to the family of a deceased farmer. Under the second initiative, farmers would get Rs 2,500 twice a year for growing a single crop on one acre of land.

**36. India Pharma 2019 & India Medical Device 2019 to be held in Which city ?**

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Pune
- c) Delhi
- d) Hyderabad

Answer a) Bengaluru. The theme for India Pharma 2019 is 'Enabling Quality Affordable Healthcare' and that of India Medical Device 2019 is 'Med-Tech India: Gearing up for Ayushman Bharat'.

**37. "Asuncion" is the Capital city of which Country ?**

- a) Cyprus
- b) Paraguay
- c) Croatia
- d) Norway

Answer b) Paraguay.

**38. Renowned Bengali writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee \_\_\_\_\_passed away due to age-related ailments**

- a) CK Jaffer Sharief
- b) Dibyendu Palit

- c) Lalan Sarang
- d) Sandeep Michael

Answer b) Dibyendu Palit . Renowned Bengali writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee Dibyendu Palit passes away due to age-related ailments. Palit was conferred the Sahitya Akademi for his novel 'Anubhab' in 1998. He was awarded the 'Bankim Purashkar' for 'Dheu' in 1990 and 'Ananda Purashkar' in 1984 for 'Sahojodha'.

**39. The National Green Tribunal has imposed a fine of 100 crore rupees on Which State for its failure to curb illegal coal mining in the state?**

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Sikkim
- c) Assam
- d) Kerala

Answer a) Meghalaya . The National Green Tribunal Friday imposed a fine of whopping Rs 100 crore on the Meghalaya government for its failure to curb illegal coal mining in the state.

**40. In Which State "World Book Fair" has begun ?**

- a) Indore
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Pune

Answer b) New Delhi . The 27th New Delhi World Book Fair has begun at Pragati Maidan. Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 9-day annual event. The theme of this year is 'Readers with Special Needs'.

**41. Indian Panorama Film Festival has begun at Siri Fort Auditorium in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Patna
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Bhopal
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi . A 10-day long Indian Panorama Film Festival began at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi. A total of 26 Feature Films and 21 Non-Feature Films will be screened during the festival. The festival is being organized by the Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

**42. Arunima Sinha, became world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Vinson, the highest peak in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) North America
- b) Antarctica
- c) Africa
- d) Asia

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Answer b) Antarctica. Padma Shri Arunima Sinha, the world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest, has now conquered Mount Vinson, making her the world's first woman amputee to scale the highest peak in Antarctica.

**43. Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) has been appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as chief executive officer (CEO).**

- a) Vijay Kumar Dev
- b) Joyce Msuya
- c) Sudhanshu Saraf
- d) Sunil Arora

Answer c) Sudhanshu Saraf. Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) said Wednesday Sudhanshu Saraf has been appointed as chief executive officer (CEO) of its steel business with immediate effect. Saraf succeeds N.A. Ansari, who was elevated to the post of joint managing director, the company said in a statement.

**44. Government has decided to offer What Percent interest subsidy to merchant exporters to boosting outbound shipment.**

- a) 10%
- b) 5%
- c) 4%
- d) 3%

Answer d) 3% . Govt decided to offer 3% interest subsidy to merchant exporters, entailing an expenditure of Rs 600 Cr to enhance liquidity with a view to boosting outbound shipment. Agriculture, textiles, leather, handicraft & machinery would be benefitted in this scheme.

**45. How many States Have achieved 100% household electrification under Saubhagya Yojna at the end of 2018 ?**

- a) 25
- b) 20
- c) 15
- d) 8

Answer a) 25. Now, only about 10.48 lakh households are left to be electrified in 4 states – Assam, Rajasthan, Meghalaya and Chhattisgarh.

**46. SBI Life Insurance and which Bank has signed a bancassurance pact aiming to offer a comprehensive financial planning solution to its customers ?**

- a) Yes Bank
- b) Dena Bank
- c) Syndicate Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank

Answer c) Syndicate Bank . Syndicate Bank and SBI Life Insurance announced that they have signed a bancassurance pact to offer a comprehensive financial planning solution to its customers.

**47. The Ministry of Women and Child Development will be hosting the 6th 'Women of India Organic Festival' from 12th to 14th January, 2019, in \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Pune
- d) Delhi

Answer b) Chandigarh. The Ministry of Women and Child Development will be hosting the 6th 'Women of India Organic Festival' from 12th to 14th January, 2019, at Leisure Valley in Chandigarh, to celebrate and promote women farmers and entrepreneurs in the organic sector from the remotest parts of India.

**48. In Which State PM Modi has inaugurated the Dolaithabi Barrage Project ?**

- a) Odisha
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Manipur
- d) Meghalaya

Answer c) Manipur . Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday inaugurated eight key development projects and laid the foundation stones for four schemes in Manipur. The prime minister inaugurated the projects during a public rally in Imphal. These include an integrated check post in Moreh, Dolaithabi Barrage, a food storage godown and a buffer water reservoir.

**49. "Alamatti Dam" Situated on the Bank of which River ?**

- a) Tapti
- b) Ganga
- c) Mahi
- d) Krishna

Answer d) Krishna.

**50. HDFC Mutual Fund has Surpassed \_\_\_\_\_ to become the country's largest asset management company.**

- a) Reliance Credit Risk Fund
- b) ICICI Prudential MF
- c) Reliance Liquid Fund
- d) DSP Mid Cap Fund

Answer b) ICICI Prudential MF . HDFC Mutual Fund has pipped ICICI Prudential MF to become the country's largest asset management company after a gap of over two years. As of December-end, HDFC MF manages assets to the tune of Rs 3.35 lakh crore, while those of ICICI Prudential MF stood at Rs 3.08 lakh crore, as per the latest data available with Association of Mutual funds in India (Amfi).

**51. Which State Government has announced two welfare initiatives for farmers. Both initiatives, which are part of the 'Krishi Krishak Bondhu' scheme .**

- a) Meghalaya
- b) West Bengal
- c) Odisha
- d) Manipur

Answer b) West Bengal . The first of the two initiatives will provide Rs 2 lakh to the family of a deceased farmer. Under the second initiative, farmers would get Rs 2,500 twice a year for growing a single crop on one acre of land.

**52. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and \_\_\_\_ on cooperation in the area of Cyber Security.**

- a) Nepal
- b) Canada
- c) Morocco
- d) Bhutan

Answer c) Morocco.

**53. Google Launchpad started its India accelerator programme to focus on AI startups with \_\_\_\_ as its hub.**

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

Answer b) Bengaluru. Google has launched its India-focused programme Launchpad Accelerator to mentor startups that use artificial intelligence and machine learning. According to the company, Launchpad Accelerator will bring on board eight or ten startups that focus on issues specific to the country, in sectors such as healthcare, agriculture and fintech.

**54. “World Braille Day” is celebrated on which Date ?**

- a) 4th March
- b) 10th January
- c) 4th December
- d) 4th January

Answer d) 4th January . World Braille Day is celebrated every year on January 4th because it is Louis Braille’s birthday, the inventor of braille! Louis was born in 1809 in France.

**55. The 80th National Table Tennis Championship began at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Pune
- b) Delhi
- c) Cuttack.
- d) Bhubaneswar

Answer c) Cuttack. The 80th National Table Tennis Championship began at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack Odisha . As many as 35 teams, including 550 players from different parts of country and Odisha players are participating in the mega championship.

**56. How many monuments declared as ‘protected and of national importance’ by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)?**

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

Answer c) 6. The 125-year-old Old High Court Building in Nagpur, Maharashtra, The Group of Temples in Ranipur Jharail in Bolangir district of Odisha, 2 Mughal era monuments in Agra- Haveli of Agha Khan and Hathi Khana, The Neemrana Baori in Alwar district of Rajasthan, The Vishnu Temple in Kotali, Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand.

**57. The government has amalgamated three Regional Rural Banks – Punjab Gramin Bank, Malwa Gramin Bank and \_\_\_\_\_ into a single RRB.**

- a) Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank
- b) Sutlej Gramin Bank
- c) Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank
- d) Vananchal Gramin Bank

Answer b) Sutlej Gramin Bank. The government has amalgamated three Regional Rural Banks — Punjab Gramin Bank, Malwa Gramin Bank and Sutlej Gramin Bank into a single RRB.

**58. Home Minister Rajnath Singh presented Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism awards in Ho many categories across print, broadcast, and purely-digital for outstanding work done in 2017.**

- a) 17
- b) 15
- c) 11
- d) 12

Answer a) 17. The Express Group instituted the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards in 2005 as part of the centenary year celebrations of its founder, Ramnath Goenka. The awards aim to celebrate excellence in journalism, recognize courage and commitment and showcase the outstanding contributions of journalists from across the country.

**59. Who among the following has been appointed as Asia's Continental Assistant to World Chess Federation (FIDE) .**

- a) Viswanathan Anand
- b) Arkady Dvorkovich
- c) Akshayraj Kore
- d) Arjun Erigaisi

Answer a) Viswanathan Anand. Indian Chess Grand Master Viswanathan Anand, a former World Chess Champion, has been appointed as Asia's Continental Assistant to World Chess Federation (FIDE) President Arkady Dvorkovich. FIDE President Dvorkovich has appointed three more Continental Assistants viz., former World Champion Vladimir Kramnik (for Europe), Fidel Gonzalez — President of Venezuela Chess Federation (for Americas), and Tshepiso Lopang — Vice President of the African Chess Confederation (for Africa).

**60. \_\_\_\_\_ has won the Hopman Cup 2019 in men's single event?**

- a) bt. Belinda Bencic
- b) Roger Federer
- c) Novak Djokovic
- d) Alexander Zverev

Answer b) Roger Federer. Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic won Switzerland's second straight Hopman Cup title on Saturday, beating Germany 2-1 in the final.

**61. What is the theme of the 27th edition of New Delhi World Fair 2019?**

- a) Celebrating Older Human Rights champions
- b) With Her: A Skilled Girl Force
- c) Readers with Special Needs
- d) Our Actions Are Our Future

Answer c) Readers with Special Needs. Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 27th edition of New Delhi World Book Fair. The theme of 2019 is 'Readers with Special Needs'. The theme emphasizes inclusive learning which includes audio, silent tactile & braille books for the specially-abled.

**62. Which State's Chief Minister has announced interest-free loans of up to Rs.3 lakh for women self-help groups (WSHG) in the state?**

- a) Gujarat
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Odisha

Answer d) Odisha. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced interest-free loans of up to Rs. 3 lakh for women self-help groups (WSHGs) in the state. There are around six lakh WSHGs in Odisha. He stated the initiative will benefit about 70 lakh women. The chief minister also distributed financial assistance of Rs. 3,000 each to six lakh WSHGs as part of the state government's efforts to digitally empower women.

**63. BHEL commissioned an 800 MW thermal unit for Kothagudem Thermal Power Station of which State ?**

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

Answer c) Telangana. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has commissioned a 800 MW thermal power unit within a record time of 46 months for Kothagudem Thermal Power Station of Telangana State Power Generation Corporation. This is a marked improvement in the time taken to commission 800 MW sets till date in the country by various developers.

**64. Who Among the Following has been appointed as the Chairman of the All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (AIGJDC)?**

- a) Rita Baranwal
- b) Anantha Padmanabhan
- c) Sanjay Verma
- d) A Vaidheesh

Answer b) Anantha Padmanabhan. The All India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) has announced the election of Anantha Padmanaban as Chairman and Shaankar Sen as Vice Chairman for a period of two years. The organisation conducted the elections through an e-Voting process held in December 2018 which also elected new directors to the Committee of Administration, comprising one-third of its total strength.

**65. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a digital plaque to mark the commencement of work for conservation and development of Rasika Ray Temple. Rasika Ray Temple is Situated in which State ?**

- a) Odisha
- b) Gujarat
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Haryana

Answer a) Odisha. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, visited Baripada, in Odisha, He unveiled a digital plaque to mark the commencement of work for conservation and development of Rasika Ray Temple, and Excavated Structure at Ancient Fort Haripurgarh.



**66. Which City will host the second edition of the International Trade Fair, “Organics and Millets 2019”, between 18th to 20th January 2019?**

- a) Delhi
- b) Bangalore
- c) Pune
- d) Surat

Answer b) Bangalore. Bangalore, the capital city of Karnataka and the organic capital of India will host the second edition of the International Trade Fair, “Organics and Millets 2019”, between 18th to 20th January 2019. This special event is a trade fair, international conference, and B2B, combined with a big awareness program on bringing organics together with millets. This is organized by the State/Province of Karnataka (link is external) in the south of India, together with the International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture (ICCOA) (link is external) as the knowledge partner and co-organizer.

**67. Which State has been Launched The Atal Solar Krishi Pump Yojana (ASKP) to reduce losses due to non-payment of electricity bills and also promote solar energy?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Manipur
- d) Sikkim

Answer a) Maharashtra. The State aims to reduce losses due to non-payment of electricity bills and also promote solar energy by implementing the scheme. Farmers with less than five acres will have to pay 5 per cent of the cost of a 3 HP solar pump while farmers with more than five acres will get a 5 HP solar pump and the sops.

**68. “NATIONAL BIRD DAY” is celebrated on which date?**

- a) 4th January
- b) 10th January
- c) 5th January
- d) 6th December

Answer c) 5th January.

**69. Prime Minister of Norway \_\_\_\_\_ has arrived in New Delhi on a three-day state visit to India. She will participate in the Indo-Norwegian Business Conference.**

- a) Sahle-Work Zewde
- b) Erna Solberg
- c) Victoria Woodhull
- d) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Answer b) Erna Solberg. Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg has arrived in New Delhi on a three-day state visit to India. She was accompanied by senior officials from her government and a large business delegation. She will participate in the Indo-Norwegian Business Conference.

**70. Krishnamurthy V Subramanian has resigned as independent director from Bandhan Bank . Where is headquarter of Bandhan Bank?**

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

Answer d) Kolkata . Bandhan Bank announced that Krishnamurthy V Subramanian has resigned as independent director from its board following his appointment as the chief economic advisor (CEA) to the government.

**71. \_\_\_\_\_ is the author of the book “A Crusade against corruption”?**

- a) Rima Hooja
- b) Shashi Tharoor
- c) Manohar Manoj
- d) Chetan Bhagat

Answer c) Manohar Manoj . Shri Harivansh Hon’ble Vice-Chairman, Rajya Sabha launched Manohar Manoj’s Book “A Crusade against corruption” at a ceremony held at Press Club of India.

**72. In which State “Neyveli Thermal Power Station” is situated?**

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

Answer a) Tamil Nadu.

**73. “Ryder Cup” is associated with which Game?**

- a) Golf
- b) Hockey
- c) Tennis
- d) Cricket

Answer a) Golf.

**74. \_\_\_\_\_ is the capital city of Cuba?**

- a) Minsk
- b) Havana
- c) Baku
- d) Belmopan

Answer b) Havana. Capital: Havana. President: Miguel Díaz-Canel

**75. The government has modified the Post Office time deposit rates for the January-March quarter of 2019 and made the interest rates offered on deposits for 1 to 3 years uniform at what Percent?**

- a) 6%
- b) 7%
- c) 7.2%
- d) 8%

Answer b) 7%. The government has modified the Post Office time deposit rates for the January-March quarter of 2019 and made the interest rates offered on deposits for 1 to 3 years uniform at 7 per cent from the earlier rates of 6.9 per cent for 1-year, 7 per cent for 2-year and 7.2 per cent for 3-year time deposits.

**76. Which state has emerged on top of Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Singapore's 2018 Ease of Doing Business (EDB) Index?**

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Odisha

Answer a) Andhra Pradesh.

**77. The government had notified a High-Level committee for implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord. Who is chairman of the 9-member Committee.**

- a) M.P. Bezbaruah
- b) A Vaidheesh
- c) Rangachari Sridharan
- d) Rita Baranwal

Answer a) M.P. Bezbaruah. The government has notified a High-Level Committee for implementation of Clause six of the Assam Accord. The clause envisaged that appropriate constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, should be provided to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the people of Assam. The nine-member committee, comprising of eminent Assamese persons from different fields, is headed by former bureaucrat MP Bezbaruah.

**78. The Union Human Resource Development Ministry constituted a task force to look into the issues of suicides of the students in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Railways Schools
- b) Sainik Schools
- c) Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas
- d) None of These

Answer c) Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. The Union Human Resource Development Ministry constituted a task force to look into the issues of suicides of the students in Jawahar Navodaya

Vidyalayas. The task force has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Psychiatrist, Dr Jitendra Nagpal.

**79. Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ for joint research programs in the field of Communication Navigation and Surveillance (CNS).**

- a) Aalberts Industries
- b) SAMEER
- c) Aar em Electronics
- d) 3M India

Answer b) SAMEER. Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed MoU with Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER) for joint research programs in the field of Communication Navigation and Surveillance (CNS). The MOU, on the one hand, will provide for the transfer of skill by SAMEER experts in the areas of Radio Frequency, Millimetre Wave and Antenna-related solutions to AAI domain experts, while on the other hand, it will pave way for exposure for the SAMEER researchers to the challenging Aviation field.

**80. The Union Government has allocated How much amount of money for the development of 40 satellite launch vehicles in the next 4 years?**

- a) 10,200 CR.
- b) 10,800 CR.
- c) 11,900 CR.
- d) 10,900 CR.

Answer d) 10,900 CR. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman Dr K Sivan has said that the Union Government has allocated 10,900 crore rupees for the development of 40 satellite launch vehicles in the next four years. He was delivering the graduation Day lecture at the historic St Joseph's College, Trichy, Tamil Nadu, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary

**81. \_\_\_\_\_ is setting up the country's largest Integrated Startup Complex, which will house a Maker Village, Bionest, and BRINC, the country's first international accelerator for Hardware startups, among other facilities.**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Assam
- d) Sikkim

Answer b) Kerala. Kerala is setting up the country's largest Integrated Startup Complex, which will house a Maker Village, Bionest, and BRINC, the country's first international accelerator for Hardware startups, among other facilities.

**82. Who has been appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?**

- a) Milind Pant
- b) Sunil Bhaskaran
- c) R N Ravi
- d) Kumar Rajesh Chandra

Answer d) Kumar Rajesh Chandra. Civil Aviation Security head and senior IPS officer Kumar Rajesh Chandra has appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), a Personnel Ministry order said. Chandra, a 1985-batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre, is at present the director general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

**83. The Female Drivers only taxi service by Go Pink Cabs has been launched at which of the following airport to strengthen the safety and security of women passengers?**

- a) Kempegowda International Airport
- b) Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport
- c) Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport
- d) Chennai International Airport

Answer a) Kempegowda International Airport. The women-run taxi service was started by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corp (KSTDC) and the airport operating authority Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL).

**84. Tropical Storm “Pabuk” smashed into Which Country?**

- a) Nepal
- b) Thailand
- c) Canada
- d) China

Answer b) Thailand. Tropical Storm Pabuk hit the southern coast of Thailand, impacting ferry journeys and flights to popular tourist spots including Phuket, Koh Samui and Koh Tao

**85. The Central government gives nod for Centre for Classical Language in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer d) Kerala. More than five years after Malayalam was declared a classical language, the Union Government issued its nod for setting up the Centre for Classical Language at the Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University in Tirur.

**86. The fourth edition of “the Raisina Dialogue” has begun in Place?**

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

Answer d) New Delhi. The fourth edition of the Raisina Dialogue will begin in New Delhi. Norway Prime Minister Ms Erna Solberg will deliver inaugural address in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj. Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with Observer Research Foundation is organizing the flagship annual geopolitical and geostrategic conference. The theme of the Dialogue this year is “A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes”.

**87. What is the Capital city of Botswana?**

- a) Bangui
- b) Kinshasha
- c) Praia
- d) Gaborone

Answer d) Gaborone.

**88. What does “V” stand for in “NAV”?**

- a) Vehicle
- b) Value
- c) Vision
- d) None of these

Answer b) Value. NAV- Net Asset Value

**89. “Kulamavu Dam” is situated on the bank of which River?**

- a) Kabini
- b) Krishna
- c) Kalinadi
- d) Periyar

Answer d) Periyar. Kulamavu Dam is a gravity/masonry dam on the Periyar river. It is one of the three dams associated with the Idukki hydro electric power project in the Indian state of Kerala.

**90. Who is the Mizoram’s new chief minister?**

- a) Bhupesh Baghel
- b) K. Chandrashekar Rao
- c) Kamal Nath
- d) Pu Zoramthanga

Answer d) Pu Zoramthanga.

**91. Central Statistics Office (CSO) stated that the growth in GDP during 2018-19 is estimated at**

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) 7.0%
  - b) 7.1%
  - c) 7.5%
  - d) 7.2%

Answer d) 7.2%. Releasing the first advance estimates of National Income for 2018-19, Central Statistics Office (CSO) stated that the growth in GDP during 2018-19 is estimated at 7.2% as compared to the growth rate of 6.7% in 2017-18, mainly due to improvement in the performance of agriculture and manufacturing sectors.

**92. Who has been reinstated as the CBI chief by the Supreme Court?**

- a) Rangachari Sridharan
- b) Vikram Misri

- c) Alok Verma
- d) Rakesh Asthana

Answer c) Alok Verma. Alok Verma has been reinstated as the CBI chief by the Supreme Court, three months after the government divested him of his powers and sent him on forced leave. Alok Verma and his deputy Rakesh Asthana were both sent on leave in October amid a bitter feud between the CBI's top two.

**93. Civil Aviation Security head and senior IPS officer \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).**

- a) Kumar Rajesh Chandra
- b) Rita Baranwal
- c) Rakesh Sharma
- d) Sunil Bhaskaran

Answer a) Kumar Rajesh Chandra. Civil Aviation Security head and senior IPS officer Kumar Rajesh Chandra was appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), a Personnel Ministry order said. Chandra, a 1985-batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre, is at present the director general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

**94. Malaysia's King \_\_\_\_ Becomes 1st Monarch to resign before completing their five year tenure.**

- a) Muhammad V
- b) Lt Gen Asim Munir
- c) Brett Kavanaugh
- d) Lt Gen Asim Munir

Answer a) Muhammad V. Malaysia's King Muhammad V abdicated, the first time a monarch has stepped down before completing their five-year tenure.

**95. The 106th session of Indian Science Congress (ISC), 2019 concluded at Lovely Professional University in which city?**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Jalandhar
- c) Jaipur
- d) Bangalor

Answer b) Jalandhar. The 106th session of Indian Science Congress (ISC), 2019 concluded in Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar. The five-day session was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and attended by Union Science & Technology Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan.

**96. Which among the following Ministry Introduced a 70-Point Grading Index To Assess The Quality Of School Education.**

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) Ministry of AYUSH
- c) HRD Ministry
- d) Ministry of Coal

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Answer c) HRD Ministry. The HRD ministry has introduced a 70-point grading index to assess the quality of school education offered by states. A state performance grading will be done wherein the states will be marked out of 1,000 scores on 70 parameters.

**97. Drone Regulations 1.0 can fetch India major slice of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ billion industry.**

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

Answer b) 200. The global market for drones and drone powered solutions is expected to cross \$100 billion by 2023, and India seems to be on the right track to cash on in this sector.

**98. Jim Yong Kim has announced he is stepping down as the head of the \_\_\_\_\_ in a move that sent shockwaves through the international aid community.**

- a) UNIDO
- b) UNICEF
- c) IMF
- d) World Bank

Answer d) World Bank. World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, who was at odds with the Trump administration's policies on climate change, will resign effective Feb. 1, more than three years ahead of his term's expiration. Kristalina Georgieva, the bank's second in command, will take over as interim president on Feb 1

**99. The Union Cabinet has given its nod for a Constitutional amendment Bill providing \_\_\_\_ percent reservation for economically weaker sections in direct recruitment.**

- a) 5
- b) 20
- c) 10
- d) 11

Answer c) 10. The Union Cabinet has given its nod for a Constitutional amendment Bill providing 10 percent more reservation for economically weaker sections in direct recruitment (in Government jobs) and for admission in higher educational institutions.

**100. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President discussed over phone the prospects for increasing cooperation in which country?**

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

Answer d) Afghanistan. Narendra Modi, Donald Trump discussed prospects for increasing cooperation in Afghanistan, the India-US strategic partnership, trade deficit, and security issues in a telephonic conversation



**101. Who is the Prime Minister of Norway?**

- a) Erna Solberg
- b) Ashraf Ghani
- c) Edi Rama
- d) Abdelaziz Bouteflika

Answer a) Erna Solberg. Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg and Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi said that both the countries have vibrant trade ties. MoUs were exchanged on India-Norway Ocean Dialogue.

**102. Global Aviation Summit 2019 with the theme “Flying for all” will be organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) in collaboration with FICCI from January 15-16, 2019 in Which among the following city?**

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

Answer a) Mumbai. The summit is supported by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Federal Aviation Administration of US (FAA), International Air Transport Association (IATA), Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), Airports Council International (ACI) and Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA).

**103. The Reserve Bank of India named a five-member panel to encourage digital payments and to “enhance financial inclusion through digitization. The High level committee is chaired by \_\_\_\_\_?”**

- a) Nandan Nilekani
- b) Bimal Jalan
- c) Urjit Patel
- d) K. V. Kamath

Answer a) Nandan Nilekani. The Reserve Bank of India named a five-member panel to encourage digital payments and to “enhance financial inclusion through digitisation”. Former Unique Identification Authority of India Chairperson Nandan Nilekani will head the panel, which will be known as the High-Level Committee on Deepening of Digital Payments.

**104. \_\_\_\_\_ has joined International Monetary Fund as its Chief Economist, becoming the first woman to occupy the top IMF post.**

- a) Gita Gopinath
- b) Shikha Shrama
- c) Janet Currie
- d) Anne Case

Answer a) Gita Gopinath. Mysore-born Gita Gopinath has joined International Monetary Fund as its Chief Economist, becoming the first woman to occupy the top IMF post.

**105. \_\_\_\_\_ is the author of the book ‘We are Displaced’?**

- a) Chetan Bhagat

- b) William Blake
- c) Rima Hooja
- d) Malala Yousafzai

Answer d) Malala Yousafzai.

**106. The Supreme Court reinstated \_\_\_\_\_ as the director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).**

- a) Ashok Kumar Gupta
- b) Rajeev Kumar
- c) A N Jha
- d) Alok Verma

Answer d) Alok Verma. The Supreme Court on Tuesday reinstated Alok Kumar Verma as the director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) but, dampening the moral victory, barred him from taking fresh policy decisions for the remaining three weeks of his term.

**107. “Round Revolution” is associated with \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Petroleum Production
- b) Fish Production
- c) Jute Production
- d) Potato Production

Answer d) Potato Production.

**108. “Tobin Tax” is related to which among the following?**

- a) Banking
- b) Trading
- c) Agriculture
- d) Currency

Answer d) Currency.

**109. Which Country will host 2019 African Cup of Nations?**

- a) France
- b) Bhutan
- c) Egypt
- d) Nepal

Answer c) Egypt. Seven-time champions Egypt have won the hosting rights for the 2019 edition of the African Cup of Nations. Egypt beat South Africa by 16 votes to one at the Confederation of African Football’s (CAF) Executive Committee.

**110. The World Bank has projected India’s economic growth at \_\_\_\_\_ in the 2018-19 financial year.**

- a) 7.6%
- b) 7.5%
- c) 7.3%
- d) 7.2%

Answer c) 7.3%. The World Bank has projected India's economic growth at 7.3% in the ongoing financial year and 7.5% in the two years after that

**111. On which Date the interim budget for 2019 will be presented during the budget session of the Parliament?**

- a) 1st March
- b) 31th January
- c) 10th February
- d) 1st February

Answer d) 1st February. The 2019 interim Budget will be presented by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on 1 February during the Budget Session of Parliament

**112. Who has Become 1st Indian to Head Global Solar Council?**

- a) Gita Gopinath
- b) A Vaidheesh
- c) Pranav R Mehta
- d) Rita Baranwal

Answer c) Pranav R Mehta. A visionary in the field of Solar Energy and the chairman of National Solar Energy Federation, Pranav R Mehta, has taken over as the president of Global Solar Council (GSC). He has become the first Indian to head the GSC.

**113. With Which Commercial Bank, Indian Army was signed An MoU on the Defence Salary Package?**

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Syndicate Bank
- c) Allahabad Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank

Answer d) Punjab National Bank. a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Army and PNB on the Defence Salary Package. The signing ceremony was chaired by the Adjutant General, Lt Gen Ashwani Kumar and was attended by top dignitaries of PNB headed by Mr Naveen Kumar.

A number of additional facilities have been incorporated in the MoU after concerted efforts. The Army hopes this MoU will benefit a large number of serving and retired Army personnel who have accounts with PNB and also provide them an opportunity to access modern banking facilities.

**114. The second edition of Khelo India Youth Games has officially begun at which City in Maharashtra.**

- a) Nagpur
- b) Pune
- c) Mumbai
- d) Nasik

Answer b) Pune. Maharashtra is all set to host the second edition of Khelo India Youth Games which will officially begin tomorrow in Pune.

More than 9000 players from different states will participate in 18 different games at Khelo India Youth Games. It has already been announced that Youth Olympic Gold Medallist in shooting Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhari, as well as weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga, will be among the cream of India's youth sporting talent competing at these games.

**115. The Lok Sabha passed the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, that seeks to provide citizenship to non-Muslims from Bangladesh, Pakistan and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Nepal
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) Afghanistan

Answer d) Afghanistan. The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, that seeks to provide citizenship to non-Muslims from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh, who introduced the Bill in the Lok Sabha, said the six communities — Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan — faced “discrimination and religious persecution” and they “have no place to go, except India.

**116. Australian cities \_\_\_\_\_ and Brisbane have been announced as the first two host locations for the newest team event in men's tennis for the multi-million dollar ATP Cup from 2020.**

- a) Canberra
- b) Perth
- c) Sydney
- d) Melbourne

Answer c) Sydney. Australian cities Sydney and Brisbane have been announced as the first two host locations for the newest team event in men's tennis.

The ATP Cup will feature on the calendar for the first time from January 2020.

**117. Market regulator Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a “Research Advisory” committee, Who is the Head of this Committee?**

- a) R. H. Khan
- b) K.V, Kamath
- c) Nandan Nilekani
- d) Sankar De.

Answer d) Sankar De. Market regulator Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a “Research Advisory” committee which will assist in formulating policy to undertake research relevant for development and regulation of capital markets. According to SEBI, the committee would comprise prominent financial economists and market practitioners. It will be headed by Sankar De.

**118. Hockey India removes \_\_\_\_\_ as senior men's team coach.**

- a) Arjun Halappa

- b) Harendra Singh
- c) Manpreet Singh
- d) Sardar Singh

Answer b) Harendra Singh. Hockey India has decided to remove senior men's team coach Harendra Singh and asked him to go back to coaching the junior men's team once again. After India's disappointing show at the Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar

**119. PM Narendra Modi launched "Gangajal Project" to Provide Better and More Assured Water Supply in Place?**

- a) Mathura
- b) Agra
- c) Allahabad
- d) Hoshangabad

Answer b) Agra. Giving a major push to develop and enhance Tourism infrastructure in Agra, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a series of development projects worth Rs. 2900 Crores for the Agra city and the adjoining areas.

The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation, Gangajal project, which will provide Agra with better and more assured water supply, at an estimated cost of Rs.2880 crores. Gangajal project aims to bring 140 cusecs of Ganga water to Agra. This will help meet the drinking water demands in the city.

**120. Which Among the following Countries has topped 2019 list of world's most powerful passports.**

- a) Britain
- b) Singapore
- c) Japan
- d) India

Answer c) Japan. Singapore remains tied with South Korea as the world's second-most powerful passport, granting visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 189 destinations.

**121. Madagascar's High Constitutional Court has declared former \_\_\_\_\_ as the winner of the country's bitterly contested presidential election.**

- a) Andry Rajoelina
- b) Andry Rajoelina
- c) Rivo Rakotovao
- d) Hery Rajaonarimampianina

Answer b) Andry Rajoelina. Madagascar's High Constitutional Court has declared former leader Andry Rajoelina as the winner of the country's bitterly contested presidential election.

Madagascar Capital : Antananarivo

Currencies: Malagasy ariary, Iraimbilanja

**122. The PM dedicated to the nation the 58 km four-laned, Solapur – Tuljapur – Osmanabad section of NH-211 (New NH-52). Solapur is located in the south-western region of Which Indian state?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh

- b) Jharkhand
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Odisha

Answer c) Maharashtra. The PM dedicated to the nation the 58 km four-laned, Solapur – Tuljapur – Osmanabad section of NH-211 (New NH-52). The project is part of a larger project for four laning of 98.717 km Solapur – Yedashi section of NH-211, at a cost of Rs.972.50 crore. It will help improve the connectivity of Solapur with the important Marathwada region of Maharashtra and give a boost to the tourism and economy of the region.

**123. USA Cricket achieved a significant milestone on Tuesday as it was inducted as the \_\_\_\_\_ member of the International Cricket Council (ICC).**

- a) 105th
- b) 100th
- c) 120th
- d) 108th

Answer a) 105th. The International Cricket Council is the global governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa. It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1989.

Chairperson: Shashank Manohar

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

CEO: Dave Richardson

Motto: Cricket for good

**124. According to Standard Chartered, which country will be the largest Economy in the world by 2020?**

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

Answer c) China. India is likely to become the world's second-largest economy by 2030, next only to China and overtaking the US.

**125. Who is the Governor Of Uttar Pradesh.**

- a) BD Mishra
- b) Lalji Tandon
- c) E. S. L. Narasimhan
- d) Ram Naik

Answer d) Ram Naik.

**126. Monetary Policy Committee(MPC) consists of how many Members?**

- a) 3
- b) 4

- c) 5
- d) 6

Answer d) 6. The meetings of the Monetary Policy Committee are held at least 4 times a year and it publishes its decisions after each such meeting. The committee comprises six members – three officials of the Reserve Bank of India and three external members nominated by the Government of India.

**127. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on which date?**

- a) 1st December
- b) 8th January
- c) 10th January
- d) 9th January

Answer d) 9th January. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th January every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India.

**128. Where is the Headquarters of Dena Bank?**

- a) Chennai
- b) Mumbai
- c) Pune
- d) Vadodara

Answer b) Mumbai. Dena Bank is headquartered in Mumbai and it has 1874 branches. The bank was founded in 1938 and the Indian government nationalized it in 1969.

CEO: Shri Karnam Sekar

**129. \_\_\_\_\_ Central Bank and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have agreed to a \$400 million deal under a swap arrangement to boost the island nation's reserves.**

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

Answer c) Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka's Central Bank and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have agreed to a \$400 million deal under a swap arrangement to boost the island nation's reserves. This facility is to be made available under the SAARC SWAP facility.

**130. Who has been appointed president of the Alliance for Media Freedom (AFMF)?**

- a) Rajeev Kumar
- b) N. Ram
- c) Jalaj Shrivastava
- d) Alok Verma

Answer b) N. Ram. N. Ram, chairman, THG Publishing Private Limited, has been appointed president of the Alliance for Media Freedom (AFMF), a cross-media advocacy and action group of media organisations, promoters and journalists.

**131. Mudra Yojana is a government scheme to provide loans of up to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 10 Lac
- b) 25 Lac
- c) 20 Lac
- d) 15 Lac

Answer a) 10 Lac. Textiles Minister Smriti Irani said that women entrepreneurs are the major beneficiaries of the Centre's Mudra scheme. This is because women have cornered about 75 per cent of the total disbursements.

**132. World Hindi Day is celebrated on which date?**

- a) 4 January
- b) 25 April
- c) 10th January
- d) 10 December

Answer c) 10th January. World Hindi Day is celebrated on January 10 every year, marking the anniversary of first World Hindi Conference which was held in 1975 by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

**133. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that India has allowed an Iranian bank, Pasargad Bank, to open a branch in which Place?**

- a) Nagpur
- b) Pune
- c) Mumbai
- d) Delhi

Answer c) Mumbai. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that India has allowed an Iranian bank, Pasargad Bank, to open a branch in Mumbai. The move is aimed at circumventing US trade and investment sanctions as India builds a strategic port in the West Asian country.

**134. Who has been named as the 2018 Confederation of African Football Player of the Year?**

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Mohamed Salah
- d) Romelu Lukaku

Answer c) Mohamed Salah. Liverpool's Mohamed Salah has been named as the 2018 Confederation of African Football Player of the Year. For the second consecutive year he has won the award. Egypt forward Salah, 26, beat Liverpool team-mate Sadio Mane of Senegal and Arsenal and Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang to the title. He received the award at a ceremony in Senegal.

**135. World Economic Forum stated that India is set to become the world's \_\_\_\_\_ largest consumer market behind only USA and China by 2030.**

- a) 2nd
- b) 3rd



c) 4th

d) 5th

Answer b) 3rd. A report by World Economic Forum stated that India is set to become the world's third largest consumer market behind only USA and China by 2030. The report was titled as 'Future of Consumption in Fast-Growth Consumer Market – India'.

**136. IRCTC has tied up with \_\_\_\_ for offer insurance of up to INR50 lakh for free for air passengers who book their tickets through its portal.**

a) Bharti-Axa

b) SBI General Insurance Company Ltd.

c) The New India Insurance Company Limited

d) The Oriental Insurance

Answer a) Bharti-Axa. IRCTC's service charge of INR59 is the cheapest compared with travel websites. IRCTC has tied up with Galileo, a computer reservation system, for powering the flight search engine. At present, over 30 lakh users log in through its mobile app and 3 lakh ticket bookings happen daily through the app.

**137. The Polavaram project entered the Guinness Book of World by pouring 32,100 cubic meters of concrete in a matter of 24 hours. This Project is of which state?**

a) Odhisa

b) Sikkim

c) Kerala

d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. The entire event was witnessed by the representatives of Guinness Book of World Record with the help of drone cameras. The previous Guinness record of 21,580 cubic meters was achieved by RALS Contracting LLC and Alfa Eng. Consultant (all UAE), in Dubai in 2017. However, Andhra Pradesh's Polavaram project beat the record.

**138. The government launched Which Campaign to celebrate the exceptional achievements of women?**

a) Web-Smart Women

b) Web-Wonder Women

c) Pretty Powerful Women

d) Web-Advance Women

Answer b) Web-Wonder Women. The government launched Web-Wonder Women Campaign to celebrate the exceptional achievements of women who have influenced and impacted society through social media.

The Campaign aims to recognize the fortitude of Indian women stalwarts from across the globe who have used the power of social media to run positive campaigns to steer a change in society.

**139. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved a list of journals, in that the UGC has decided to establish a CARE. CARE stands for \_\_\_\_\_?**

a) Credit for Academic and Research Ethics

- b) Communication for Academic and Research Ethics
- c) Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics
- d) Capital for Academic and Research Ethics

Answer c) Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved a list of journals, in that the UGC has decided to establish a Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE).

**140. Department of Economic Affairs had signed an agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ entity for deployment of 15 Electric Vehicles for their officers recently?**

- a) NTPC
- b) BHEL
- c) ONGC
- d) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.

Answer d) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. Department of Economic Affairs had signed an agreement with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) for deployment of 15 Electric Vehicles for their officers. The Vehicles were handed over by FM Jaitley.

**141. Tea exports to \_\_\_\_\_ increase 22% in Jan-Oct 2018; CIS nations' imports from India decline.**

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

Answer a) Pakistan. Exports of tea to neighbouring Pakistan continued to show an increase more than most destinations during January to November 2018, at 14.56 mkg as compared to 12.60 mkg during the same period in 2017.

**142. Which Country will host 2019 African Cup of Nations?**

- a) China
- b) South Africa
- c) Egypt
- d) Nepal

Answer c) Egypt. Seven-time champions Egypt have won the hosting rights for the 2019 edition of the African Cup of Nations. Egypt beat South Africa by 16 votes to one at the Confederation of African Football's (CAF) Executive Committee.

**143. Madhav National Park is located in which State?**

- a) Bihar
- b) Assam
- c) Sikkim
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer d) Madhya Pradesh.

**144.** \_\_\_\_\_ has attained number one position in the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) latest world rankings.

- a) Amit Panghal
- b) Shiva Thapa
- c) M C Mary Kom
- d) Vijender Singh

Answer c) M C Mary Kom . M C Mary Kom has attained number one position in the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) latest world rankings. She became the most successful boxer in world championships' history when she claimed the 48kg category top honors in Delhi in November 2018.

**145. Who will be India's Chef de Mission. President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?**

- a) Gurdeep Singh
- b) Vikas Thakur
- c) Birendra Prasad Baishya
- d) Sathish Sivalingam

Answer c) Birendra Prasad Baishya . President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF), Birendra Prasad Baishya, has been named Chef de Mission for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

IWF Secretary Sahdev Yadav said in a release that it is for the first time that the Weightlifting has been accorded with the honour of Chef de Mission for the Olympics.

Baishya is also one of the Indian Olympic Association Vice Presidents

**146. Indian men's hockey coach \_\_\_\_\_ was removed from the position.**

- a) S. V. Sunil
- b) Harendra Singh
- c) Sardar Singh
- d) Dhanraj Pillay

Answer b) Harendra Singh. Indian men's hockey coach Harendra Singh was removed from the position and offered the task of helming the junior squad by the national federation. Harendra Singh was brought in as men's coach in May 2018 after Sjoerd Marijne was moved back to the women's camp.

**147. Who has been resigned as the chairman and public interest director of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?**

- a) Alok Verma
- b) Ashok Chawla
- c) Rita Baranwal
- d) A Vaidheesh

Answer b) Ashok Chawla. Ashok Chawla resigned as the chairman and public interest director of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) informed a Delhi court that the Centre had given the go-ahead to prosecute five people, including Mr. Chawla, in the Aircel-Maxis matter.

**148. Which Bank has announced the appointment of Brahm Dutt as non-executive part-time chairman?**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Dena Bank
- c) Yes Bank
- d) Punjab Nation Bank

Answer c) Yes Bank . Yes Bank, India's fourth-largest private sector bank, announced the appointment of Brahm Dutt as non-executive part-time chairman up till July 4, 2020. He is currently also the chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

**149. Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as Prime Minister.**

- a) Sheikh Hasina
- b) Ahmed Ouyahia
- c) Su Tseng-chang
- d) Edi Rama

Answer c) Su Tseng-chang. Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen has appointed Su Tseng-chang as Prime Minister during a Cabinet reshuffle following the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's heavy losses in local elections.

**150. Albie Morkel, the \_\_\_\_\_ all-rounder, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.**

- a) Iranian
- b) South African
- c) Indian
- d) Russian

Answer b) South African . Albie Morkel, the South African all-rounder, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Morkel, who played for close to 20 years of professional cricket, made his first-class debut for Easterns against Northerns in the 1999-00 domestic season.

**151. 4th meeting of the Council for Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP) in Which City ?**

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

Answer a) Delhi . Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, chaired the 4th meeting of the Council for Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP) in New Delhi. Suresh Prabhu informed in the meeting that the Government of India formulated an Agricultural Export Policy for the first time with a focused plan to boost India’s agricultural exports to USD 60 billion by 2022.

**152. The GST Council has decided to increase the GST registration threshold limit to \_\_\_\_\_ rupees from 20 lakh.**

- a) 10 lakh
- b) 30 lakh
- c) 40 lakh
- d) 20 lakh

Answer c) 40 lakh . The 32nd Meeting of GST Council was concluded in New Delhi. The Limit of annual turnover for composition scheme increased to 1.5 crore rupees effective from April 1, 2019. The Council has decided to increase the GST registration threshold limit to 40 lakh rupees from 20 lakh.

**153. The 25th edition of Partnership Summit 2019 was held in which city ?**

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

Answer c) Mumbai . The 25<sup>th</sup> edition of Partnership Summit 2019, a global platform for dialogue, debate, deliberation and engagement among Indian and global leaders on economic policy and growth trends in India, is being held in Mumbai The two-day event will be inaugurated by the Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu.

The Summit is being organized by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, State Government of Maharashtra and Confederation of Indian Industry.

**154. According to the Henley Passport Index, India jumped two positions from 81st in 2018 to 79th in 2019. Which Country retained its top spot as the world’s most travel-friendly passport?**

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

Answer a) Japan. According to the Henley Passport Index, India jumped two positions from 81st in 2018 to 79th in 2019. Japan retained its top spot as the world’s most travel-friendly passport.

**155. The Environment Ministry launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) aimed at reducing toxic particulate matter in 102 Indian cities by \_\_\_\_.**

- a) 2020
- b) 2019
- c) 2022
- d) 2024

Answer d) 2024. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr Harsh Vardhan just launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) that aims to reduce toxic particulate matter by 2024, taking 2017 as the base year.

**156. National Youth Day is celebrated on which Date ?**

- a) 5<sup>th</sup> Sep
- b) 12<sup>th</sup> Jan
- c) 10<sup>th</sup> Jan
- d) 12<sup>th</sup> Aug

Answer b) 12<sup>th</sup> Jan . National Youth Day is celebrated on 12 January being the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. In 1984 the Government of India declared the day as National Youth Day and since 1985 the event is celebrated in India every year.

**157. Who among the following was sworn in for a second term as Venezuela's President ?**

- a) Nicolás Maduro
- b) Mohammad Ashraf Ghani
- c) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- d) Jose Eduardo Dos Santos

Answer a) Nicolás Maduro . Nicolás Maduro was sworn in for a second term as Venezuela's President amid the economic and humanitarian crisis faced by the Latin American country. Maduro was re-elected last year. The US, EU and 13 other countries have stated that they would not recognise Maduro's Presidency.

**158. ISRO Chairman has announced that the organization is well prepared to meet the targets of launching Gaganyaan manned mission to outer space by December 2021, who is the chairman of ISRO ?**

- a) Dr. K Sivan
- b) A. S. Kiran Kumar
- c) K. Radhakrishnan
- d) B. N. Suresh

Answer a) Dr. K Sivan. ISRO Chairman Dr. K Sivan has announced that the organization is well prepared to meet the targets of launching Gaganyaan manned mission to outer space by December

2021. Under Gaganyaan project, India is planning to send three astronauts to outer space for seven days and bring them back.

**159. Neeraj Chopra Is Associated With Which among the following Sports ?**

- a) Javelin Throw
- b) Cricket
- c) Hockey
- d) Chess

Answer a) Javelin Throw .

**160. Sweet Shop is a collection of poetry by \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Amitav Ghosh
- b) Amit Chaudhuri
- c) Vikram Seth
- d) Rima Hooja

Answer b) Amit Chaudhuri . Amit Chaudhuri releases new poetry collection. Noted novelist, essayist, poet and musician Amit Chaudhuri's new poetry collection Sweet Shop has arrived at the stands. The collection of 31 poems makes a fresh, spiritual accommodation with the world.

The poems often take their themes from sweets named and eaten, meals remembered, and matches these with meditations on culture, people, time and identity that slowly unfold as much in the mouth as in the mind.

**161. Who has received Philip Kotler Presidential award for his 'outstanding leadership for the nation' ?**

- a) Thomas Boni Yayi
- b) Ilham Aliyev
- c) Donald Trump
- d) Narendra Modi

Answer d) Narendra Modi . Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential award here. The Award focuses on the triple bottom-line of 'people, profit and planet'. It will be offered annually to the leader of a nation, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

**162. \_\_\_\_\_ has been named as the new Chief of Myntra-Jabong?**

- a) Jalaj Srivastava
- b) Manju Kapur
- c) Vijay Kumar Dev
- d) Amar Nagaram

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Answer d) Amar Nagaram . CEO of Myntra- Jabong Ananth Narayanan has resigned from his post. Amar Nagaram has been named as Head, Myntra and Jabong.

**163. Which state becomes 1st state to implement 10% quota in jobs, education to EWS of general category ?**

- a) Gujarat
- b) Kerala
- c) Sikkim
- d) Assam

Answer a) Gujarat . Gujarat becomes the first state in the country to implement 10 per cent reservation in government jobs and education to economically weaker sections in the general category; Fresh examination schedule of Gujarat Public Service Commission Test to be announced soon.

**164. \_\_\_\_\_ is the winner of the 2018-19 Premier Badminton League?**

- a) Bengaluru Raptors
- b) Delhi Dashers
- c) Ahmedabad Smash Masters,
- d) Awadhe Warriors

Answer a) Bengaluru Raptors. A year after losing a narrow final to the Hyderabad Hunters, Bengaluru Raptors edged the Mumbai Rockets 4-3 to win their first title at the Vodafone Premier Badminton League Season 4 at the Kanteerava Indoor Stadium.

**165. The 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference (9IMIC) to be held in Which city ?**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Indore
- c) Aurangabad
- d) Pune

Answer c) Aurangabad . The 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference (9IMIC) to be held from 16-18 January 2018 in Aurangabad, India.

The theme of international conference is 'Micro Irrigation in Modern Agriculture'. Aurangabad is a city in Maharashtra State popularly known for the 17th century marble structure 'Bibi ka Maqbara' styled on the Taj Mahal.

**166. Retired HDFC executive and former Federal Bank board member Deepak Maheshwari has taken charge as chief credit officer (CCO) at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Deepak Maheshwari



- b) Rana Kapoor
- c) Dr. Sanjeev Misra
- d) Ashok Chawla

Answer a) Deepak Maheshwari. Retired HDFC Bank executive and former Federal Bank board member Deepak Maheshwari has taken charge as chief credit officer (CCO) at Axis Bank. He had taken over as CCO to oversee corporate credit appraisal and disbursement.

**167. Who has become the first Indian batsman to smash five hundred in ODI cricket in Australia?**

- a) Shikhar Dhawan
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) MS Dhoni

Answer b) Rohit Sharma . Rohit Sharma becomes the first Indian batsman to smash five hundred in ODI cricket in Australia. He achieved this milestone while playing first ODI of the series against Australia in Sydney. He has scored his 22nd century in 194 ODIs.

**168. The India-Myanmar bilateral Army exercise 'IMBEX 2018-19' is being held in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Haryana
- c) Sikkim
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer b) Haryana . India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, has begun at Chandimandir Military Station which houses the headquarters of the Western Command. It is the second edition of the IMBEX.

**169. Who has won the Men's single title at the Sydney International tennis tournament title 2019 ?**

- a) Petra Kvitová
- b) Alex de Minaur
- c) Ashleigh Barty
- d) Andreas Seppi

Answer b) Alex de Minaur . Australian Alex de Minaur won the men's singles title when he beat Italian veteran Andreas Seppi 7-5, 7-6 (5).

**170. President of India Confers The Honorary Rank of General of The Indian Army on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**a) General Purna Chandra Thapa**

- b) General Bipin Rawat
- c) General Dalbir Singh
- d) General Vikram Singh

Answer a) General Purna Chandra Thapa . The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, conferred the Honorary Rank of General of the Indian Army on Sukirtimaya Rashtradeep General Purna Chandra Thapa, Chief of the Army Staff, Nepalese Army, for his commendable military prowess and immeasurable contribution to fostering Nepal's long and friendly association with India

**171. Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports \_\_\_\_\_ launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 at a function in New Delhi.**

- a) Narendra Singh Tomar
- b) Rajyavardhan Rathore
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Smriti Irani

Answer b) Rajyavardhan Rathor . Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore today launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 at a function in New Delhi. The festival will continue till 24th of next month.

The theme of the festival is- Be the Voice of New India and Find solutions and contribute to policy.

**172. Which among the following state has launched 'One Family, One Job' scheme ?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Sikkim
- d) Bihar

Answer c) Sikkim . The scheme envisions employment to a member of every family which does not have a government job in the state.

Under this scheme, all loan debts in the farming and agriculture sector would be revoked.

**173. Who will head the 7-member committee to look into revenue shortfall being faced by the states after the GST roll-out and suggest steps for augmenting collections.**

- a) Arbind Modi
- b) Rajiv Kumar
- c) Sushil Modi
- d) Akhilesh Ranjan,

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Answer c) Sushil Modi . Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi will head the seven-member committee to look into revenue shortfall being faced by the states after the GST roll-out, and suggest steps for augmenting collections

**174. Which State topped the medal tally with 37 golds at the Khelo India Youth Games in Pune?**

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

Answer b) Maharashtra.

**175. \_\_\_\_\_ Becomes Youngest Indian to Win Junior World Title.**

- a) Jyoti Randhawa
- b) Anirban Lahiri
- c) Kartik Singh
- d) Kartik Mishra

Answer c) Kartik Singh . Gurgaon's 8-year-old Kartik Singh has won the under-8 category at the Kids' Golf World Championship organized by US kids Golf in Malaysia, which makes him the youngest Indian to win the title.

**176. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as its new Chief Executive Officer.**

- a) Manu Sawhney
- b) M S Dhoni
- c) Shashank Manohar
- d) David Richardson

Answer a) Manu Sawhney . The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the appointment of Manu Sawhney as its new Chief Executive Officer. According to an ICC statement, Sawhney, the former CEO of Singapore Sports Hub and Managing Director of ESPN Star Sports, will join the global cricket governing body next month before formally taking over the reins from David Richardson in July after the ICC men's World Cup.

**177. Minister of State for Tribal Affairs inaugurated the "1<sup>st</sup> Ekalavya Model Residential Schools Sports Meet 2019" at Gachibowli stadium in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer c) Hyderabad . Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs inaugurated the “1<sup>st</sup> Ekalavya Model Residential Schools Sports Meet 2019” at Gachibowli stadium in Hyderabad. The National Sports Meet is being held from 14th to 16th January 2019 at GMC Balayogi Stadium, Gachibowli, Hyderabad.

**178. Which traffic Police has inducted a road safety robot named ROADEO to help police in traffic management and assist pedestrians .**

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

Answer d) Chennai . The robot has been developed by school children of a private robotics lab in Chennai. With the induction of ROADEO, Chennai is the second city after Mumbai to deply robots in traffic management.

**179. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a slew of central government projects worth over \_\_\_\_\_ in Odisha.**

- a) Rs 1,550 crore
- b) Rs 1,555 crore
- c) Rs 1,540 crore
- d) Rs 1,551 crore

Answer a) Rs 1,550 crore . Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a slew of central government projects worth over Rs 1,550 crore in Odisha. the prime minister dedicated to the nation the electrification of Jharsuguda-Vizianagaram and Sambalpur-Angul railway lines spanning 813 km, which have been completed at a cost of Rs 1,085 crore.

**180. Shakil Ahmed is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- a) Indoor rowing
- b) Wrestling
- c) Boxing
- d) weightlifting

Answer a) Indoor rowing. Asian Cup gold medalist and noted oarsman Shakil Ahmed added one more feather in his cap when he set up a world record by completing 100,000 (one lakh) metres of indoor rowing in the 40-years-and-above category .

**181. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister \_\_\_\_\_ launched his government's Rs 50,000-crore farm debt-waiver scheme named 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana'.**

- a) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- b) Kamal Nath
- c) Sarbanda Sonowal
- d) Vijaybhai R Rupani

Answer b) Kamal Nath . Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath launched his government's Rs 50,000-crore farm debt-waiver scheme named 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana'. Hailing the scheme as a milestone, Nath said here it would benefit 55 lakh small and marginal farmers. He also slammed the opposition parties for alleging that the scheme was being implemented without any budgetary provisions.

**182. Which Bank inducted former SBI Managing Director B Sriram on its board as independent director?**

- a) UCO
- b) SBI
- c) PNB
- d) ICICI

Answer d) ICICI . Private sector ICICI Bank inducted former SBI Managing Director B Sriram on its board as independent director. Besides, management consultant Rama Bijapurkar was also appointed director.

**183. Who has been appointed as the new head of Myntra and Jabong ?**

- a) B Sriram
- b) Ananth Narayanan
- c) Rama Bijapurkar
- d) Amar Nagaram

Answer d) Amar Nagaram . Flipkart-owned fashion retailer Myntra said that Ananth Narayanan has resigned as the chief executive officer (CEO), a development which was widely expected after a recent re-jig at its parent group.

Flipkart executive Amar Nagaram has been appointed as the new head of Myntra and Jabong, according to an internal email sent to employees.

**184. Tamil Nadu's \_\_\_\_\_ became India's youngest and the world's second youngest Grandmaster**

- a) D Ganesh
- b) D Gukesh
- c) Krishna Sasikiran
- d) None of These

Answer b) D Gukesh . Tamil Nadu's D Gukesh became India's youngest and the world's second youngest Grandmaster on Tuesday after achieving his third and final GM norm at the ongoing 17th Delhi International Open Chess tournament

**185. The Union Cabinet has approved the recapitalization of which Bank ?**

- a) ICICI
- b) YES
- c) SBI
- d) EXIM

Answer d) EXIM . The Cabinet also approved an increase in the authorized capital of Exim Bank from Rs. 10,000 crore to Rs. 20,000 crore.

**186. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approves Numaligarh Refinery capacity expansion project worth over Rs 22,000 cr , Numaligarh Refinery is located in which state ?**

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

Answer c) Assam . Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has decided to expand the capacity of Numligarh Refinery in 3 Million Metric Tonne Per Annum, (MMTPA) to 9 MMTPA. The project will be completed within a period of 48 months.

**187. Which among the following Indians has honoured with 2019 Japan Prize ?**

- a) Ruhan Rajput
- b) Dr. Rattan Lal
- c) Prema Gopalan
- d) H M Pernal

Answer b) Dr. Rattan Lal . India born, Dr. Rattan Lal, Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. is being honored for his work in identifying technological options adapted to various ecosystems through his intensive basic and applied research on processes and factors of soil degradation caused by inappropriate biological production.

**188. CWG gold Medalist \_\_\_\_\_ becomes youngest India women's boxing coach.**

- a) Vijender Singh
- b) Mohammed Ali Qamar
- c) Mary Kom
- d) Shiv Singh

Answer a) Vijender Singh . Mohammed Ali Qamar, India's first Commonwealth Games gold medal winner in boxing, has taken over as chief coach for the country's women pugilists. At 37, he became the youngest to get the top job.

**189. Which City is the world's most dynamic city among 131 major established and emerging business hubs ?**

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

Answer b) Bengaluru . Bengaluru is the world's most dynamic city among 131 major established and emerging business hubs globally, followed by Hyderabad, according to the sixth City Momentum Index published by JLL today.

**190. Who has been conferred with The Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018 ?**

- a) Akshaya Patra
- b) Ekal Abhiyan Trust
- c) Shri Yohei Sasakawa
- d) Vivekananda Kendra

Answer c) Shri Yohei Sasakawa .

Gandhi Peace Prize for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 has been conferred on the following:

1. For 2015: Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari for their contribution in Rural Development, Education, Development of natural resources.

2. For 2016: Jointly to Akshaya Patra Foundation for its contribution in providing mid-day meals to millions of children across India and Sulabh International for its contribution in improving the condition of sanitation in India and emancipation of manual scavengers.

3. For 2017: Ekal Abhiyan Trust for their contribution in providing Education for Rural and Tribal Children in remote areas pan India, Rural Empowerment, Gender, and Social Equality.

4. For 2018: Shri Yohei Sasakawa for his contribution in Leprosy Eradication in India and across the world.

**191. India's \_\_\_\_\_ becomes world's youngest mountaineer to climb 7 Peaks, 7 Volcano Summits .**

- a) Satyarup Siddhanta
- b) Bachendri Pal
- c) Sangeeta Sindhi Bahl
- d) Deepika Rathore

Answer a) Satyarup Siddhanta . Mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta became the youngest man to climb the seven highest peaks and volcanic summits across all continents after conquering Antarctica's highest point Mount Sidley.

Satyarup achieved the feat at the age of 35 years 262 days while Australia's Daniel Bull did it aged 36 years 157 days. With this feat Satyarup also became the first Indian to conquer the seven mountain peaks and seven volcanic summits.

**192. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo – 2019 in Which city ?**

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

Answer d) Mumbai . Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo – 2019 in Mumbai. The three-day event being held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre is one of the most anticipated events in the rubber industry's calendar.

**193. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a global trade show in which among the following cities ?**

- a) Gandhinaga
- b) Surat
- c) Ahmadabad
- d) Baroda

Answer a) Gandhinaga . Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a global trade show in Gandhinagar, organised as part of the ninth edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019.



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The Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show is being held on around two lakh sq mt area of an exhibition ground in the state capital.

**194. John C. Bogle was passed away recently , He was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Investor
- b) Player
- c) Writer
- d) Singer

Answer a) investor . John Clifton "Jack" Bogle was an American investor, business magnate, and philanthropist. He was the founder and chief executive of The Vanguard Group.

**195. The second edition of the India & \_\_\_\_\_ bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, commenced at Chandimandir.**

- a) Myanmar
- b) Nepal
- c) China
- d) Russia

Answer a) Myanmar . The second edition of the India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, commenced at Chandimandir Military Station that houses the headquarters of the Western Command.

**196. The 25th edition of the International conference and exhibition on terrestrial and satellite broadcasting (BES EXPO 2019) has been organized in \_\_\_\_\_?**

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

Answer b) New Delhi . Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare and TRAI Chairman R S Sharma jointly inaugurated the 25th edition of the International conference and exhibition on terrestrial and satellite broadcasting, BES EXPO 2019, in New Delhi on January 17, 2019.

**197. Former president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) \_\_\_\_\_ passed away at his Delhi residence, said an official of a trust here.**

- a) Lalan Sarang

- b) MP Baishnab Parida
- c) Vishnu Hari Dalmia
- d) MH Ambareesh

Answer c) Vishnu Hari Dalmia. Former president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Vishnu Hari Dalmia passed away at his Delhi residence.

**198. PM Modi recently inaugurated a 13 km long 2-lane \_\_\_\_\_ in Kerala.**

- a) Chittoor Bypass
- b) Kollam Bypass
- c) Trivandrum Ring Road
- d) Madurai Bypass

Answer b) Kollam Bypass . Giving a major boost to Kerala’s infrastructure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his third official visit to Kollam, inaugurated the 13-km long, 2-lane Kollam bypass on National Highway-66 (NH 66). According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the Kollam bypass has been constructed at a cost of Rs 352 crore.

**199. A consortium of banks led by StateBank of India has agreed to provide finance for \_\_\_\_\_ 'SamruddhiCorridor' expressway project.**

- a) Delhi -Mumbai
- b) Nagpur-Mumbai
- c) Nagpur- Pune
- d) Pune –Mumbai

Answer b) Nagpur-Mumbai. A consortium of banks led by StateBank of India has agreed to provide finance for Nagpur-Mumbai 'SamruddhiCorridor' expressway project. The estimated cost of the project, being constructed by the MaharashtraState Road Development Corporation, is around 50,000 crores, of which around26,000 crores are required for the construction of the expressway. The corridorwill have 25 toll plazas, and the toll will be collected for 40 years.

**200. “World Wildlife Crime Report” is published by \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- a) IMF
- b) UNODC
- c) UNIDO
- d)UNICEF

Answer b) UNODC . United Nations Office On Drugs and Crime

**201. “Bellary Thermal Power Station” is located in Which State ?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Karnataka
- c) Bihar
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer b) Karnataka .

**202. Coimbatore is located on the bank of which River ?**

- a) Yamuna
- b) Noyyal
- c) Mahi
- d) Ganga

Answer b) Noyyal.

**203. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Museum of Indian Cinema at Films Division of India premises in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer a) Mumbai . Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Museum of Indian Cinema at Films Division of India premises in Mumbai. NMIC, a first-of-its-kind museum preserving the film heritage of India, is housed in two buildings — the New Museum Building and the 19th century historic palace Gulshan Mahal — in the Films Division campus in Mumbai.

**204. The 25th International conference and exhibition on terrestrial and satellite broadcasting, BES EXPO 2019 begins in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Odisha
- b) Gujarat
- c) Mumbai
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi . Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare along with TRAI Chairman R S Sharma inaugurated the 25th International conference and exhibition on terrestrial and satellite broadcasting, BES EXPO 2019 in New Delhi.

**205. A Fitch Group Company, estimated India's GDP growth could touch \_\_\_\_\_ in financial year 2019-20.**

- a) 7.1%
- b) 0.7%
- c) 7.2%
- d) 7.5%

Answer d) 7.5% . India Ratings, a Fitch Group Company, estimated India's GDP growth could touch 7.5 per cent in financial year 2019-20 as against 7.2 per cent during current fiscal i.e. 2018-19.

Over the past few years, private final consumption expenditure and government final consumption expenditure have been the primary growth drivers of Indian economic growth.

**206. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo – 2019 in which City ?**

- a) Patna
- b) Bhopal
- c) Mumbai
- d) Indore

Answer c) Mumbai . Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo – 2019 in Mumbai. The three-day event being held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre is one of the most anticipated events in the rubber industry's calendar

**207. Minister of State in Department of Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the UNNATI (Unispace Nanosatellite Assembly & Training) programme organized by ISRO in \_\_\_\_\_Karnataka.**

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Bidar
- c) Bijapur
- d) Belgaum

Answer a) Bengaluru . Minister of State in Department of Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the UNNATI (Unispace Nanosatellite Assembly & Training) programme organized by ISRO in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**208. The second World Orange Festival will be organised in which city from today to 21 of this month ?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Surat
- c) Kanpur
- d) Nagpur

Answer d) Nagpur . The second World Orange Festival will be organised in Nagpur from today to 21 of this month. The festival, while offering its famed oranges to the world, will also showcase and brand the exquisite fruit in order to boost its export. Agricultural experts and scientists from various countries will participate in the workshops and guide farmers.

**209. \_\_\_\_\_ has been Honoured With 2019 Japan Prize .**

- a) Ranjani Murali
- b) Dr. Rattan Lal
- c) Anurag Thakur
- d) None of these

Answer b) Dr. Rattan Lal . The Japan Prize Foundation announced the laureates of the 2019 Japan Prize, who have pushed the envelope in their respective fields of "Materials and Production" and "Biological Production, Ecology".

**210. \_\_\_\_\_ is the total share of LIC in the IDBI Bank?**

- a) 60%
- b) 48%
- c) 51%
- d) 25%

Answer c) 51% . Insurance behemoth LIC completed the acquisition of 51 per cent controlling stake in IDBI Bank, marking the entry of more than 60 years old state-owned insurer into the banking space.

**211. Which Ministry will be organizing 15 days long 'Shehri Samridhi Utsav' in February 2019?**

- a) Ministry of Finance
- b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- c) Ministry External Affairs
- d) Ministry of Home Affairs

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Answer b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs . Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs, has informed that a fortnight of events named ‘Shehri Samridhi Utsav’, focusing on urban livelihoods is being organised by his Ministry, from 1<sup>st</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**212. Bor Tiger Reserve Is Located In\_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer d) Maharashtra .

**213. “San Jose” is the Capital of which country ?**

- a) Italy
- b) Chad
- c) China
- d) Costa Rice

Answer d) Costa Rice .

**214. HDFC Standard Life Insurance changed its name to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) HDFC Life
- b) HDFC Life Insurance
- c) HDFC Insurance Standard
- d) HDFC Life Insurance Standard

Answer b) HDFC Life Insurance . HDFC Standard Life Insurance changed its name to HDFC Life Insurance following the receipt of relevant approvals from regulatory authorities.

The change in name is effective right off the bat and the company will henceforth operate under the name HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd.

**215. Sitharaman inaugurates strategic bridge in which among the following states ?**

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Sikkim
- d) Assam

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Answer a) Arunachal Pradesh . Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited the forward areas along India-China border in Dibang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh and inaugurated the Diffo (Chipu) bridge at Roing.

**216. \_\_\_\_\_ launched startup to train students on Artificial Intelligence at low cost**

- a) IIT Kanpur
- b) IIT Delhi
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Indore

Answer c) IIT Madras . The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras faculty has recently launched a startup to prepare the Indian workforce for the advent of Artificial Intelligence age by training students at nominal costs.

**217. Justice took oath \_\_\_\_\_ - as the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan at a ceremony at Aiwan-i-Sadr in Islamabad.**

- a) Nasirul Mulk
- b) Asif Saeed Khan Khosa
- c) Ijazul Ahsan
- d) Mian Saqib Nisar

Answer b) Asif Saeed Khan Khosa . Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa took oath as the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan at a ceremony at Aiwan-i-Sadr in Islamabad . Chief justice Khosa will serve as top judge for approximately 337 days and is scheduled to retire on Dec 21, 2019.

**218. Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and \_\_\_\_\_ were sworn in as Supreme Court judges, taking the working strength of the court to 28.**

- a) K. M. Joseph
- b) Kurian Joseph
- c) Dipak Mishra
- d) Sanjiv Khanna

Answer d) Sanjiv Khanna . Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Sanjiv Khanna were sworn in as Supreme Court judges, taking the working strength of the court to 28. Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi administered the oath of office to them at a ceremony held in court number 1 of the apex court in the morning.

**219. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor in the Tiruchirapalli district of \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer a) Tamil Nadu . Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor in the Tiruchirapalli district of Tamil Nadu, with various private and public sector industries announcing an investment of around Rs 3100 crores.

**220. Famous \_\_\_\_\_writer Atin Bandyopadhyay passed away .**

- a) Hindi
- b) Bengali
- c) Marathi
- d) Urdu

Answer b) Bengali . Sahitya Akademi award winning Bengali writer Atin Bandyopadhyay died of brain stroke . Bandyopadhyay, who was 85, was born in Dhaka in then undivided Bengal and had taken up various jobs as a sailor, school teacher, factory manager, journalist to finally become a writer.

**221. \_\_\_\_\_topped the medals table with a whopping 85 gold, 62 silver and 81 bronze medals in the Khelo India Youth Games that concluded at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi.**

- a) Punjab
- b) Mumbai
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Delhi

Answer b) Mumbai . Host Maharashtra topped the medals table with a whopping 85 gold, 62 silver and 81 bronze medals in the Khelo India Youth Games that concluded at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, here on Sunday. Maharashtra not only won the lion's share of gold medals ahead of Haryana (62), Delhi (48), Karnataka (30), Tamil Nadu (27), Uttar Pradesh (23), Punjab (23), Gujarat (15), West Bengal (13) and Kerala (12) but also topped the silver and bronze tallies.

**222. Who is the newly appointed Prime minister of Sweden's parliament ?**

- a) Sahle-Work Zewde



- b) Mario Abdo Benitez
- c) Patrick Shanahan
- d) Stefan Lofven

Answer d) Stefan Lofven. Sweden's parliament has elected Prime Minister Stefan Lofven to a second four-year term ending more than four months of political deadlock.

**223. Agri-Vision 2019, a two-day conference on 'Envisioning Agro Solutions for Smart and Sustainable Agriculture' was held in Which city ?**

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

Answer c) Hyderabad . Agri-Vision 2019, a two-day conference on 'Envisioning Agro Solutions for Smart and Sustainable Agriculture' was held in Hyderabad. A panel discussion on Technology in Agri Entrepreneurship: Success Stories and Experiences from the progressive farmers was held.

The theme of the conference was 'Envisioning Agro Solutions for Smart and Sustainable Agriculture'.

224. India is likely to surpass \_\_\_\_\_ in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019, to become world's fifth largest economy

- a) The USA
- b) The UAE
- c) The United Kingdom
- d) None of these

Answer c) The United Kingdom . India is likely to surpass the United Kingdom in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019, to become world's fifth largest economy, according to a report by global consultancy firm PwC.

**225. \_\_\_\_\_ and Libcoin are in dialogue to form a world class consortium to initially build 1GWh lithium ion battery plant in India.**

- a) SAIL
- b) NTPC
- c) BHEL
- d) GAIL

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Answer c) BHEL . Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Libcoin are in dialogue to form a world class consortium to initially build 1GWh lithium ion battery plant in India. Its capacity will be scaled up to 30GWh in due course. With this, India has finally taken steps into its energy security and clean energy commitment to the world.

**226. Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas began at \_\_\_\_\_ in Uttar Pradesh The theme for this year Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India".**

- a) Mathura
- b) Varanasi
- c) Lucknow
- d) Agra

Answer b) Varanasi . Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas began at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh The theme for this year Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India".

**227. Pulitzer Prize-winning Mary Oliver passed away , Who was famous \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer d) poet . Mary Oliver, the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet whose rapturous odes to nature and animal life brought her critical acclaim and popular affection, has died. She was 83.

**228. The UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has named the Brazilian city of \_\_\_\_\_ as the World Capital of Architecture for 2020.**

- a) Salvador, Bahia
- b) Rio de Janeiro
- c) Curitiba
- d) Recife

Answer b) Rio de Janeiro . The UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has named the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro as the World Capital of Architecture for 2020.

**229. Indian tennis player \_\_\_\_\_ won her first singles title of the 2019 season and eighth overall after trampling top seed Arantxa Rus in straight sets in the final of the USD 25,000 event in Singapore.**

- a) Rutuja Bhosale
- b) Nirupama Sanjeev
- c) Karman Kaur Thandi
- d) Ankita Raina

Answer d) Ankita Raina . Indian tennis player Ankita Raina on Sunday won her first singles title of the 2019 season and eighth overall after trampling top seed Arantxa Rus in straight sets in the final of the USD 25,000 event in Singapore.

Coming into the tournament after competing at the Australian Open Qualifiers, Ankita demolished world number 122 and the Dutch top seed 6-3 6-2 in one hour and 23 minutes.

**230. Aadhaar cards are now valid travel documents for Indians under 15 and over 65 years travelling to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Nepal and China
- b) Russia and Bhutan
- c) South Africa and Bhutan
- d) Nepal and Bhutan

Answer d) Nepal and Bhutan . Aadhaar cards are now valid travel documents for Indians under 15 and over 65 years travelling to Nepal and Bhutan, according to a Home Ministry communiqué. Indians other than those in the two age brackets will not be able to use Aadhaar to travel to the two neighbouring countries, for which no visas are needed, said the communiqué issued recently.

**231. The Arab Economic and Social Development Summit held in Lebanon’s capital \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Beirut
- b) Vienna
- c) Baku
- d) Nassau

Answer a) Beirut . The Arab Economic and Social Development Summit held in Lebanon’s capital Beirut. The leaders of many Arab countries took part in the summit aimed to make a joint statement on a 29-item agenda that ranges from discussions on an Arab free trade zone and the economic effect of Syrian refugees on host countries.

**232. Which Bank has launched a new premium savings account for upwardly-mobile male customers, named ‘The ONE’.**

- a) SBI Bank
- b) PNB Bank
- c) ICICI Bank

d) YES Bank

Answer c) ICICI Bank . ICICI Bank has launched a new premium savings account for upwardly-mobile male customers, named 'The ONE'. It is available in two variants - Magnum and Titanium.

It offers the account holder with a range of benefits including the option of opting for health and term life insurance. It also waives the processing fees for home loans for account holders.

**233. The country's largest car maker \_\_\_\_\_ launched an initiative to promote innovation in the automobile and mobility space.**

- a) Eicher Motors
- b) Hindustan Motors Limited
- c) Maruti Suzuki India

d) TATA Motors.

Answer c) Maruti Suzuki India . The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) launched an initiative to promote innovation in the automobile and mobility space. Under the programme -- Mobility & Automobile Innovation Lab (MAIL)

**234. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has set up a 11-member working group under the Chairmanship of former SEBI chief \_\_\_\_\_ to suggest suitable framework .**

- a) S. S. Nadkarni
- b) UK Sinha
- c) C. B. Bhave
- d) D. R. Mehta

Answer b) UK Sinha . The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has set up a 11-member working group under the Chairmanship of former SEBI chief UK Sinha to go into the concept of 'Group Insolvency' and suggest a suitable framework.

**235. Nepal's central bank has announced the ban of Indian currency notes with denominations above \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Rs 500
- b) Rs 100
- c) Rs 200

d) Rs 2000

Answer b) Rs 100 . Nepal's central bank has announced the ban of Indian currency notes with denominations above Rs 100.The Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) on Sunday issued a circular for the institutions licensed by it notifying them about the ban, reports Xinhua news agency.

**236. Who was bestowed with Sansad Ratna Award for distinguished performance as a parliamentarian ?**

- a) Anurag Thakur
- b) Buddhadeb Dasgupta
- c) Banwarilal Purohit
- d) Ranjani Murali

Answer a) Anurag Thakur.

**237. India grants \_\_\_\_\_ to modernize facilities at Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies in Batticaloa , Sri Lanka .**

- a) US\$ 2.5 million
- b) US\$ 1.5 million
- c) US\$ 1.0 million
- d) US\$ 1.8 million

Answer b) US\$ 1.5 million . India and Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide modern infrastructural facilities to the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University in Batticaloa District of Sri Lanka.

**238. India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference will be held in which city from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 ?**

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

Answer d) Mumbai . India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference will be held in Mumbai from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The three-day event organised by Ministry of Steel will help chart out the future growth path of the steel industry.

**239. Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates and Lays Foundation Stone of 39 National Highways Projects in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer a) Andhra Pradesh . Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 39 National Highways Projects in Andhra Pradesh .These include construction of eleven ROBs under Setu Bhartam programme. These projects have a length of 1384 kms, and involve investment of Rs 16,878 crore.

**240. India's first-ever all-women political party -- the National Women's Party (NWP) – has been launched in Mumbai . The NWP, described as "a party of mothers", has been founded by a medico and social activist\_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Shwetha Shetty
- b) Manasi Pradhan
- c) Shwetha Soni
- d) Sampat Pal Devi

Answer a) Shwetha Shetty. India's first-ever all-women political party -- the National Women's Party (NWP) -- was launched in Mumbai and it will contest half -- 283 -- of the 545 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 elections. The NWP, described as "a party of mothers", has been founded by a medico and social activist, (Dr) Shwetha Shetty, and will strive for 50 per cent reservation for women in the lower House.

**241. According to 2011 Census ,What is the Literacy rate of India ?**

- a) 74.04
- b) 72.06
- c) 72.85
- d) 70.50

Answer a) 74.04 .

**242. What is the Capital of Suriname ?**

- a) Paramaribo
- b) Dram
- c) Taka
- d) Marka

Answer a) Paramaribo

**243. How many States and Union Territories are being covered under the largest coastal defence Exercise SEA VIGIL 2019 of the Indian Navy?**

- a) 7
- b) 9
- c) 15
- d) 13

Answer d) 13 . To review the country's maritime preparedness against another 26/11-style attack, the Indian Navy along with the Coast Guard commenced the largest coastal defence exercise off the Indian Coast. Codenamed "Sea Vigil 2019", the two-day exercise will cover the entire 7,516.6 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of the country.

**244. What is the rank of India in most attractive destination for global CEOs as per a PwC survey?**

- a) 12<sup>th</sup>
- b) 4<sup>th</sup>
- c) 3<sup>th</sup>
- d) 8<sup>th</sup>

Answer b) 4<sup>th</sup> . India has surpassed the UK to become fourth most attractive destination for global CEOs as per a PwC survey. The survey result was released on the first day of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting being held in Davos, Switzerland.

**245. Who has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year 2018?**

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) S. Sreesanth
- d) Virender Sehwag

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Answer a) Virat Kohli. Virat Kohli scripted history by becoming the first player in history to win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year, as well as the ICC Men's Test Player of the Year and the ICC ODI Player of the Year awards.

**246. Eminent scientist and recipient of Bharat Ratna has been chosen for the first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research, given by the Centre for Advanced Materials of the \_\_\_\_\_**

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

Answer b) UAE . Eminent scientist and recipient of Bharat Ratna C N R Rao has been chosen for the first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research, given by the Centre for Advanced Materials of the UAE.

**247. US-based Indian poet \_\_\_\_\_ received the 'Woman's Voice Award' at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) .**

- a) Abhay Kumar
- b) Javed Akhtar
- c) Shahzad A. Rizvi
- d) Ranjani Murali

Answer d) Ranjani Murali . US-based Indian poet Ranjani Murali received the 'Woman's Voice Award' at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) . Murali received the award, the last day of the literary festival. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh apart from a citation.

**248. Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a 1210-meter span-bridge over the river Ravi in Kathua district in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Gujarat
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer a) Jammu and Kashmir . Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a 1210-meter span-bridge over the river Ravi in Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir.



**249. Indian Navy begins\_\_\_\_\_ the largest coastal defence exercise to check 26/11-style attacks.**

- a) Sea Vision 2019
- b) Sea Vigil 2019
- c) Sea operation 2019
- d) ocean Vigil 2019

Answer b) Sea Vigil 2019. To review the country's maritime preparedness against another 26/11-style attack, the Indian Navy along with the Coast Guard commenced the largest coastal defence exercise off the Indian Coast. Codenamed "Sea Vigil 2019", the two-day exercise will cover the entire 7,516.6 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of the country.

**250. Former India hockey player\_\_\_\_\_, a two-time Olympic medallist, has passed away.**

- a) Ramakant Achrekar
- b) Jasvinder Singh Sandhu
- c) Arun Bhaduri...
- d) Raghbir Singh Bhola

Answer d) Raghbir Singh Bhola. Former India hockey player Raghbir Singh Bhola, a two-time Olympic medallist, has passed away aged 92, A part of the Indian men's hockey teams that won Olympic gold in Melbourne in 1956 and silver in Rome in 1960, he has made outstanding contribution to hockey, as player, umpire and team manager.

**251. South African President will visit India as the state guest of honour at the Republic Day celebrations , who was the South African President ?**

- a) Edi Rama.
- b) Ashraf Ghani
- c) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- d) Cyril Ramaphosa

Answer d) Cyril Ramaphosa. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa's visit to India as the state guest of honour at the Republic Day celebrations is expected to give fresh impetus to bilateral relations in areas as diverse as human resource development and defence

**252. All women RPF squad \_\_\_\_\_launched in Guwahati.**

- a) JOYMATI BAHINI
- b) AYUSHMATI BAHINI
- c) JOYMATI DEVI
- d) JOYTI BAHINI

Answer a) JOYMATI BAHINI. A dedicated RPF Women Squad named as 'JOYMATI BAHINI', comprising women sub-inspector and constables of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) was officially launched by B.B. Mishra, Inspector General cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner of N.F. Railway at Kamkhaya Railway Station.

**253. The Vodafone Idea board approved a plan to raise funds to the tune of \_\_\_\_\_ crore via rights issue.**

- a) Rs 20,000
- b) Rs 25,500
- c) Rs 25,050
- d) Rs 25,000

Answer d) Rs 25,000. The Vodafone Idea board approved a plan to raise funds to the tune of Rs 25,000 crore via rights issue. As part of the fund-raising plan, promoters of the company — Vodafone group and Aditya Birla group — intend to contribute up to Rs 11,000 crore and Rs 7,250 crore, respectively, towards the issue.

**254. Omega Healthcare Management Services has signed a pact with \_\_\_\_ for advanced use of latest technology in providing healthcare solutions.**

- a) IIIT-Bangalore
- b) IIIT- Kolkata
- c) IIIT-Madras
- d) IIIT- Delhi

Answer a) IIIT-Bangalore . Omega Healthcare Management Services said it has signed a pact with IIIT-Bangalore for advanced use of latest technology in providing healthcare solutions. The MoU is aimed at building industry-grade AI engines that can be embedded as part of Omega's business solutions to solve healthcare business challenges, the company said in a statement.

**255. Which port becomes the only Indian port to be listed among world's top 30 container ports ?**

- a) Chennai Port
- b) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust

- c) Mormugao Port
- d) Port Blair Port

Answer b) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust . Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), India's premier container port, has got listed among the top 30 container ports globally. JNPT notched up five spots to be 28th on the list compared to its previous ranking, according to the latest Lloyds report.

**256. India's fast-rising wicketkeeper-batsman \_\_\_\_\_ was named the International Cricket Council's Emerging Player of the Year.**

- a) Ravichandran Ashwin
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Rohit Sharma
- d) Rishabh Pant

Answer d) Rishabh Pant . India's fast-rising wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant was named the International Cricket Council's Emerging Player of the Year in the world body's annual awards. The 21-year-old Pant was picked by the ICC's voting academy for a stellar show in his breakthrough Test year in 2018.

**257. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Subhas Chandra Bose museum at Red Fort to mark the leader's \_\_\_\_\_ birth anniversary.**

- a) 122
- b) 121
- c) 151
- d) 100

Answer a) 122 . Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Subhas Chandra Bose museum at Red Fort to mark the leader's 122nd birth anniversary. PM Modi also visited the Yaad-e-Jalian Museum, which is the museum on the Jallianwala Bagh and World War I, reported news agency Press Trust of India.

**258. For the year 2019, 8th Battalion of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) located at \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar .**

- a) Cochin
- b) Ghaziabad

- c) Delhi
- d) Bangalore

Answer b) Ghaziabad . Government has instituted an annual award titled Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar. The award is to be announced every year on 23<sup>rd</sup> January on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. For the year 2019, 8th Battalion of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) located at Ghaziabad has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for its commendable work in Disaster Management. The Award recipient will receive a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakh.

**259. The Maharashtra government has partnered with which Bank , under its e-PDS State programme, to onboard fair price shops (FPS) as Business Correspondent Agents.**

- a) Yes Bank
- b) Dena Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Axis Bank

Answer a) Yes Bank . The Maharashtra government has partnered with private sector lender YES Bank, under its e-PDS State programme, to onboard fair price shops (FPS) as Business Correspondent Agents.

**260. What is the rank of India in Global Talent Competitive Index 2019 ?**

- a) 80<sup>th</sup>
- b) 85<sup>th</sup>
- c) 74<sup>th</sup>
- d) 90<sup>th</sup>

Answer a) 80<sup>th</sup> . At 80<sup>th</sup> rank, India moves up one position on the Global Talent Competitive Index (GTCI) 2019, according to a report released by INSEAD business school in partnership with Tata Communications and Adecco Group

**261. India has grabbed \_\_\_\_ spot in the Bloomberg Innovation Index with a score of 47.93 out of 100 in '2019 Bloomberg Innovation Index' of 60 economies.**

- a) 82<sup>th</sup>
- b) 52<sup>th</sup>
- c) 54<sup>th</sup>
- d) 80<sup>th</sup>

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Answer c) 54<sup>th</sup> . India has grabbed 54th spot in the Bloomberg Innovation Index with a score of 47.93 out of 100 in '2019 Bloomberg Innovation Index' of 60 economies.

South Korea has topped the Bloomberg Innovation Index for the sixth time in a row with a total score of 87.38, followed by Germany, Finland, Switzerland, Israel, Singapore, Sweden, U.S., Japan and France in the top 10

**262. The 27th Saraswati Samman was conferred upon eminent \_\_\_\_\_ Sitanshu Yashaschandra .**

- a) Marathi Poet
- b) Gujarati Poet
- c) Bengali Poet
- d) Urdu Poet

Answer b) Gujarati Poet . The 27th Saraswati Samman was conferred upon eminent Gujarati poet Sitanshu Yashaschandra . Organised by the KK Birla Foundation, the award for 2017 was given to Yashaschandra for his poetry collection, 'Vakhar,' published in 2009.

**263. The Indian Army will conduct military exercises with African nations at the Aundh Military station and College of Military Engineering in which city ?**

- a) Pune
- b) Agra
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Lucknow

Answer a) Pune . The Indian Army will conduct military exercises with African nations at the Aundh Military station and College of Military Engineering in Pune. Nigeria, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia, Mozambique and Uganda will be participating in the joint military exercise.

**264. Which bank has appointed Ravneet Singh Gill as new MD & CEO ?**

- a) Dena Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) Yes Bank
- d) ICICI Bank

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Answer c) Yes Bank . Yes Bank said that it got the RBI's approval to name Ravneet Singh Gill as its new managing director and chief executive officer. Gill of Deutsche Bank India will succeed Rana Kapoor.

**265. Private sector lender Lakshmi Vilas Bank has reappointed \_\_\_\_\_ as its managing director for two more years.**

- a) A. S. Rajeev
- b) Rana Kapoor
- c) S. Hari Shanker
- d) Parthasarathi Mukherjee

Answer d) Parthasarathi Mukherjee .

**266. National girl child day is celebrated every year on 24th of January, The day in 2019 was celebrated with theme of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Empowering Girls for a Brighter Future
- b) Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow
- c) Empowering Girls for a Brighter World
- d) Empowering Girls for a Brighter Career

Answer b) Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow . National girl child day is celebrated every year on 24th of January as a national observance day for the girl child. This celebration was started to offer more supports and new opportunities to the girls in the country. The day in 2019 was celebrated with theme of "Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow".

**267. Former \_\_\_\_\_ all-rounder Johan Botha has announced his immediate retirement from all forms of cricket.**

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

Answer d) South Africa. Former South Africa all-rounder Johan Botha has announced his immediate retirement from all forms of cricket. The 36-year-old Botha, who received his Australian citizenship in 2016, failed to take a wicket during nine-wicket loss to the Sydney Sixers. He had played all 10 matches for the first-place Hurricanes this season.

**268. The Indian Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTX) will be held in \_\_\_\_\_ to synergise humanitarian mine action and joint peace operations.**

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

Answer c) Pune . With the aim to synergise humanitarian mine action and joint peace operations, the Indian Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTX) will be held in Pune from March 18 to 27 . The field training exercise would be conducted at Aundh Military Station and College of Military Engineering

**269. National Voters' Day celebrated on on which date ?**

- a) 10<sup>th</sup> December
- b) 10 January
- c) 25<sup>th</sup> January
- d) 26<sup>th</sup> January

Answer c) 25<sup>th</sup> January . The country will celebrate the 9<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at more than 6 lakh locations covering around 10 lakh Polling Stations across the country. New Voters shall be felicitated and handed over their EPIC (Elector Photo Identity Card) in the NVD function.

**270. India successfully launched the \_\_\_\_\_ mission of its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Sriharikota spaceport, near Chennai.**

- a) 25<sup>th</sup>
- b) 45<sup>th</sup>
- c) 40<sup>th</sup>
- d) 46<sup>th</sup>

Answer d) 46<sup>th</sup> . India successfully launched the 46th mission of its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Sriharikota spaceport, near Chennai, carrying Microsat-R and Kalamsat to Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit. PSLV-C44 is the first mission of PSLV-DL and is a new variant of the PSLV.

**271. \_\_\_\_\_ was elected as the new Malaysian king.**

- a) Nazrin Shah of Perak
- b) Muhammad V of Kelantan

- c) Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah
- d) Ibrahim Ismail of Johor

Answer c) Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah. Pahang's Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah was elected as the new Malaysian king by members of the country's royal families, following the unexpected abdication of the previous monarch.

**272. \_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded the best miniratna PSU in strategic performance (financial category) at the Governance Now Sixth PSU awards.**

- a) Bongaigaon Refineries & Petrochemicals Ltd
- b) Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL)
- c) Kochi Refineries Ltd
- d) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd

Answer b) Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL). Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) has been awarded the best miniratna PSU in strategic performance (financial category) at the Governance Now Sixth PSU awards.

The award, comprising of a trophy, was presented to NRL MD S K Barua by Member of Parliament Manoj Tiwari and veteran actress and social activist Poonam Dhillon at an award function held in New Delhi recently, a NRL release .

**273. \_\_\_\_\_ government will soon launch a 'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme' to provide regular pension to Non Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh.**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Kerala
- d) Sikkim

Answer c) Kerala . The Kerala government will soon launch a 'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme' to provide regular pension to Non Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh. .

**274. Irdai sets up a panel to identify systemically important insurers , The committee headed by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Pravin Kutumbe
- b) Akhilesh Ranjan, ...
- c) Arbind Modi,...



d) Rajiv Kumar...

Answer a) Pravin Kutumbe . Insurance regulator Irdai set up a panel to identify domestically systemically important insurers (SII) and put in place an enhanced regulatory framework for them.

The committee headed by Pravin Kutumbe, Member-Finance & Investment, Irdai, has been asked to submit report in six months.

**275. IndiGo owner Inter Globe Aviation appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company with immediate effect.**

- a) Cornelis Vrieswijk
- b) Ajay Singh
- c) Vinay Dube
- d) Ronojoy Dutta

Answer d) Ronojoy Dutta . IndiGo owner InterGlobe Aviation appointed Ronojoy Dutta as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company with immediate effect. The company has also approved the appointment of Meleveetil Damodaran, the Independent Non-Executive Director, as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company with immediate effect.

**276. and Etihad Guest tie-up to launch a travel specific Visa credit card for members and Indian travelers.**

- a) Master card
- b) SBI Card
- c) HDFC Card
- d) None of these

Answer b) SBI Card . SBI Card and Etihad Guest, the loyalty programme of Etihad Airways, have joined hands to launch a travel specific Visa credit card for members and Indian travellers. This is the first international co-brand partnership of SBI Card, the country's second largest credit card issuer.

**277. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of food processing sector.**

- a) Nepal
- b) Japan
- c) Russia

d) China

Answer b) Japan The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan in the field of food processing sector. Bilateral cooperation in the field of food processing between India and Japan will be mutually beneficial to the food processing sector in both countries.

**278. Prolific French composer \_\_\_\_\_ who won three Oscars during a career spanning more than half a century.**

- a) Clydena Stevenson Ayers
- b) Shirley Brannan
- c) Michel Legrand
- d) Bishop Joseph Howze

Answer c) Michel Legrand. Prolific French composer Michel Legrand, who won three Oscars during a career spanning more than half a century, has died aged 86, Legrand first won an Academy Award in 1969 for the song 'The Windmills of Your Mind' from the film 'The Thomas Crown Affair'

**279. Who has become the first Japanese tennis player to attain the world number one rank after clinching the Australian Open title?**

- a) SUH Hyowon
- b) Naomi Osaka
- c) KASUMI Ishikawa
- d) HITOMI Sato

Answer b) Naomi Osaka. Naomi Osaka has become the first Japanese tennis player to attain the world number one rank after clinching the Australian Open title. The 21-year-old defeated Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-4 in the most dramatic big-hitting final, claiming her second straight Grand Slam after the bittersweet experience of winning the US Open title last year amid controversial circumstances.

**280. Chinese scientists cloned five \_\_\_\_\_ from a gene-edited macaque with circadian-related disorders.**

- a) Monkeys
- b) Goats
- c) Rats
- d) Horses

Answer a) Monkeys. Chinese scientists cloned five monkeys from a gene-edited macaque with circadian-related disorders, another first for the country in the controversial field. The cloned

monkeys were born in Shanghai at the Institute of Neuroscience of Chinese Academy of Sciences, according to two articles published in National Science Review

**281. Which Institution has developed an Android App “Roshni”, using image processing and analytics?**

- a) IIT-Delhi
- b) IIT-Indore
- c) IIT-Madras
- d) IIT-Ropar

Answer d) IIT-Ropar. In a bid to assist visually impaired people to easily determine denomination of currency notes, the Indian Institute of Technology at Ropar in Punjab has developed an Android App “Roshni”, using image processing and analytics

**282. Fourth edition of Bharat Parv, showcasing the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat began in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Pune
- b) Agra
- c) Delhi
- d) Mumbai

Answer c) Delhi . Fourth edition of Bharat Parv, showcasing the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat began at Red Fort in Delhi. It will continue till 31st of this month. The five-day event is a part of Republic Day Celebrations and the objective of this festival is to generate a patriotic fervour and promote the rich cultural diversity of the country.

**283. India’s first indigenously built engineless semi-high speed train, Train 18, has been named \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Bharat Mata Express
- b) Vande Matram Express
- c) Vande Bharat Express
- d) Bharat Express

Answer c) Vande Bharat Express . India’s first indigenously built engineless semi-high speed train, Train 18, has been named Vande Bharat Express, Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced. The train is set to run between Delhi and Varanasi at a maximum speed of 160 kmph and will soon be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**284. PM inaugurated BPCL's Integrated refinery complex in which city ?**

- a) Kochi
- b) Chennai
- c) Bhopal
- d) Surat

Answer a) Kochi . Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation an integrated refinery expansion complex of the public sector Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited at the Kochi Refinery here.

He also laid the foundation stone for a petrochemical complex at the refinery and a skill development institute at Ettumanoor besides inaugurating a mounded storage vessel at the LPG bottling plant of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited here.

**285. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for All India Institutes of Medical Sciences, AIIMS at Madurai in Which State ?**

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

Answer b) Tamil Nadu . Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for All India Institutes of Medical Sciences, AIIMS at Madurai in Tamil Nadu. He also inaugurated the super speciality blocks of Madurai's Rajaji Medical College and Thanjavur and Tirunelveli Medical Colleges through video conferencing.

**286. \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed the South-East Asia regional director of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a second five-year term.**

- a) Soumya Swaminathan
- b) Dr. Tedros Adhanom
- c) Poonam Khetrapal Singh
- d)None of These

Answer c) Poonam Khetrapal Singh . Poonam Khetrapal Singh has been appointed the South-East Asia regional director of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a second five-year term.The WHO Executive Board unanimously endorsed Khetrapal Singh, who was earlier unanimously nominated by 11 member-countries of the region for another five years.

**287. The Oxford Dictionaries announced \_\_\_\_\_ as the Hindi Word of the Year 2018.**

- a) Nari Bhakti
- b) Nari Shakti
- c) Nari Samman
- d) Nari Mahima

Answer b) Nari Shakti . On January 26, the Oxford Dictionaries announced 'Nari Shakti' as the Hindi Word of the Year. The Hindi Word of the Year chosen every year, in many ways, reflects the conversations, ethos of a particular year

**288. Which state lunched 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' for youth from the economically weaker sections in urban areas?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Sikkim
- d) Assam

Answer a) Madhya Pradesh . On the occasion of Republic Day, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Kamal Nath announced the launch of the 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' for youth from the economically weaker sections in urban areas. In his Republic Day address at the Police Parade Maidan in Madhya Pradesh, Kamal Nath said that the youth were the future of India and they had immense talent which needed to be honed.

**289. India is the \_\_\_\_\_ leading nation globally in the GDPR readiness index.**

- a) 3<sup>th</sup>
- b) 6<sup>th</sup>
- c) 5<sup>th</sup>
- d) 4<sup>th</sup>

Answer b) 6<sup>th</sup> . Nearly 65 per cent of Indian organisations are better prepared for the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), making the country the sixth leading nation globally in the GDPR readiness index, global networking leader Cisco said .

**290. International Customs Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ -.**

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

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d) January 20

Answer b) January 26 . International Customs Day is observed on January 26 each year. It was introduced by the World Customs Organization (WCO) in 1983 .

The slogan for 2019 ICD is “SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport.”

**291. In which State “Neyveli Thermal Power Station” is situated ?**

a) Tamil Nadu

b) Kerala

c) Sikkim

d) Gujarat

Answer a) Tamil Nadu .

**292. “World Intellectual Property Report” is published by \_\_\_\_\_**

a) IMF

b) WTO

c) WHO

d) WIPO

Answer d) WIPO . WIPO- World Intellectual Property Organization

HQ- Geneva, Switzerland

**293. Who is The MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank?**

a) Mahabaleshwara M.S.

b) Jai Prakash Agarwal

c) Rana Kapoor

d) Sunil Mehta

Answer a) Mahabaleshwara M.S.

**294. The Cogentrix Power project is located in \_\_\_\_\_?**

a) Karnataka

b) Kerala

c) Sikkim

d) Assam

Answer a) Karnataka

**295. Irdai sets up a panel to identify systemically important insurers , The Panel headed by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) K Vijay Raghavan...
- b) Akhilesh Ranjan...
- c) Pravin Kutumbe
- d) Rajiv Kumar...

Answer c) Pravin Kutumbe. Insurance regulator Irdai set up a panel to identify domestically systemically important insurers (SII) and put in place an enhanced regulatory framework for them. The committee headed by Pravin Kutumbe, Member-Finance & Investment, Irdai, has been asked to submit report in six months.

**296. India will participate in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which tests the learning levels of 15-year-old students, in Which Year ?**

- a) 2023
- b) 2020
- c) 2021
- d) 2019

Answer c) 2021 . India will participate in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which tests the learning levels of 15-year-old students, in 2021.

**297. Cable-stayed 'Atal Setu' inaugurated on Mandovi river in \_\_\_\_\_ a third such bridge to connect the state capital with North Part of the State .**

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

Answer b) Goa . A 5.1-km long cable-stayed "Atal Setu" on the Mandovi river in Goa, a third such bridge to connect the state capital with North Goa, was opened to public by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

**298. Which state has bagged the first prize for its Tableaux at the Republic Day Parade 2019?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tripura
- d) Assam

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Answer c) Tripura . Tableaux of Tripura, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) won the first prize for the Republic Day Parade at the Rajpath, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the awards at a ceremony.

**299. \_\_\_\_\_ has recently launched Rs 1100 crore ambitious National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) to attract talent and strengthen higher agricultural education in the country.**

- a) ICAR
- b) Central Potato Research Institute
- c) Central Agricultural Research Institute
- d) Central Rice Research Institute

Answer a) ICAR . The ICAR has recently launched Rs 1100 crore ambitious National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) to attract talent and strengthen higher agricultural education in the country. This project will be funded by the World Bank and the Indian Government on a 50:50 basis.

**300. Assam government has conferred the Republic Day Journalism Award 2019 to veteran journalist and former editor \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Dhirendra Nath Chakraborty.
- b) Kamala Saikia
- c) Dipak Swargiary
- d) Punarmal Agarwala

Answer a) Dhirendra Nath Chakraborty. Assam government has conferred the Republic Day Journalism Award 2019 to veteran journalist and former editor Dhirendra Nath Chakraborty.

**301. \_\_\_\_\_'s first tulip garden will come up over 50 hectares of forest land in Pithoragarh district at a cost of Rs 50 crore.**

- a) Sikkim
- b) Manipur
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer c) Uttarakhand . Uttarakhand's first tulip garden will come up over 50 hectares of forest land in Pithoragarh district at a cost of Rs 50 crore. The state government has obtained the Centre's nod for development of the garden.

**302. Recently, PM Modi dedicated to the nation Integrated Refinery Expansion Project Complex (IREP) at Which Place ?**

- a) Delhi
- b) Kochi



c) Muradabad

d) Gurgaon

Answer b) Kochi . PM Modi dedicated to the nation Integrated Refinery Expansion Project Complex (IREP) at Kochi which would be a modern expansion complex and transform Kochi refinery into the largest PSU Refinery in India with world class standards

**303. 2nd edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, an interactive event with students, teachers was recently organised at \_\_\_\_\_.**

a) Delhi

b) Mumbai

c) Allahabad

d) Lucknow

Answer a) Delhi . 2000 students, parents & teachers to participate in the 2nd edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha to be organised at Delhi. Students from all over India & Indian students residing abroad like Russia, Nigeria, Iran, Nepal, Doha, Kuwait are to be part of the event

**304. Reliance Jio has launched the \_\_\_\_\_ app for its Jio Phone and Jio Phone 2 users in India to let users book railway tickets without any hassle.**

a) JioTrain

b) JioRail

c) JioMarg

d) JioRoot

Answer b) JioRail . Reliance Jio has launched the JioRail app for its Jio Phone and Jio Phone 2 users in India to let users book railway tickets without any hassle.

**305. George Fernandes passed away , He was a \_\_\_\_\_.**

a) Journalist

b) Writer

c) Former Defence Minister

d) Cricketer

Answer c) Former Defence Minister. Former Defence Minister George Fernandes passed away, at the age of 88. He had served as the defence minister in the NDA government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee between 1998 and 2004. He stepped down from his post after the 'coffingate' scandal broke out. He was also a trade unionist, agriculturist, and journalist.

**306. India's Kartik Sharma wins New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship , He belong to which city ?**

- a) Gurgaon
- b) Pune
- c) Delhi
- d) Bhopal

Answer a) Gurgaon . India's Kartik Sharma added another feather to his cap, winning the New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship held at the Terrey Hills Golf and Country Club in Australia. Kartik notched up a magnificent win over Australia's Nathan Barberie in the scheduled 36-hole final to emerge as champion.

**307. GST reduced to \_\_\_\_\_ for Mansarovar Yatra, Haj and the Pashupatinath tour.**

- a) 5%
- b) 10%
- c) 28%
- d) 8%

Answer a) 5% . Now, GST for all religious tours has been fixed at 5 per cent. The GST for air travel in economy class is 5 per cent, and GST for business class air travel is 12 per cent.

**308. India observed \_\_\_\_\_ death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on January 30, 2019**

- a) 75<sup>th</sup>
- b) 83<sup>rd</sup>
- c) 69<sup>th</sup>
- d) 71<sup>st</sup>

Answer d) 71<sup>st</sup> . The nation pays homage to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 71st death anniversary .The day is also observed as Martyrs' Day. He was assassinated on this day in 1948.

**309. who has been awarded by the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy.**

- a) Piyush Goyal
- b) Kamal Nath
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Narendra Singh Tomar

Answer a) Piyush Goyal . The former power minister Piyush Goyal will be awarded by the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design.

**310. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first Hindu woman to be appointed as a civil judge in Pakistan.**

- a) R. Banumathi
- b) Indu Malhotra
- c) Suman Kumari
- d) Sujata Manohar

Answer c) Suman Kumari . Suman Kumari has become the first Hindu woman to be appointed as a civil judge in Pakistan. Ms. Kumari, who hails from Qambar-Shahdaskot in Sindh province, will serve in her native district. She passed her LLB examination from Hyderabad and did her Masters in Law from Karachi's Szabist University.

**311. Reserve Bank has infused \_\_\_\_\_ crore into the system through OMO .**

- a) Rs 37,550
- b) Rs 30,500
- c) Rs 35,500
- d) Rs 37,500

Answer d) Rs 37,500 . The Reserve Bank of India said it will inject Rs 37,500 crore into the system through the purchase of government securities in February to increase liquidity. it has been monitoring the evolving liquidity conditions and durable liquidity requirements of the system.

**312. What is the rank of India in 2018 Corruption Perceptions Index by Transparency International?**

- a) 54
- b) 64
- c) 78
- d) 75

Answer c) 78 . India rose by three points to 78. Vietnam too figured high at 117 while Singapore moved up three spots to third place, behind first-placed Denmark and New Zealand, with the top spot signifying the least corrupt nation.

The US also fell, from 16th to 22nd position, tumbling out of the top 20 for the first time in recent years.

**313. \_\_\_\_\_ Retains Top Position As World's Busiest In 2018 .**

- a) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- b) Saudi Arabia Airport
- c) Dubai Airport

d) Safdarjung Airport

Answer c) Dubai Airport. Dubai International Airport handled 89.1 million passengers in 2018, missing its target but remaining the world's busiest for international travellers. Passenger traffic rose 1% last year, operator Dubai Airports said, its weakest annual growth rate in at least a decade and short of its 90.3 million target.

**314. Who has been appointed as Part Time Chairman of Federal Bank?**

- a) Karnam Sekar
- b) Dilip Sadarangani
- c) S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao
- d) Pallav Mahapatra

Answer b) Dilip Sadarangani . Dilip Sadarangani has been appointed as Part Time Chairman of Federal Bank. The Bank obtained approval of Reserve Bank of India in this regard.

**315. Common Services Centres (CSCs) launched First Cash and Carry Store in Kanth Tehsil , Moradabad district of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Kerala
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Assam

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh . CSC has launched its first Cash and Carry store in Kanth Tehsil of Moradabad district, Uttar Pradesh. Efforts are on to have one cash & carry store in every block. The store currently has products of Godrej, Patanjali, JIVA, Crompton, i-Ball. The store also offers free membership benefits to other CSC VLEs and government employees.

**316. 3<sup>rd</sup> Two Day International Stock Taking Conference on Tiger Conservation inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Surat
- d) Pune

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Answer a) New Delhi. The 3rd Stock Taking Conference on Tiger Conservation was inaugurated in New Delhi. Third in a series of Stock Taking Conferences, this is the second to be held in India after 2012 and is expected to have wide ranging discussions on the status of the Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP) by the 13 tiger range countries besides deliberations on combating wildlife trafficking.

**317. Ministry of Defence had launched a mobile app \_\_\_\_\_ with the intent of making available the highlights of the Republic Day event.**

- a) 'GDP India 2019',
- b) 'RDk India 2019',
- c) 'RCP India 2019',
- d) 'RDP India 2019',

Answer d) 'RDP India 2019'. The Digital India campaign of the Government, Ministry of Defence had launched a mobile app 'RDP India 2019'. with the intent of making available the highlights of the Republic Day event, not only to the spectators at Rajpath, but also to the general public all over the world.

**318. The first ever National Conference on “Prison Design” will begin in \_\_\_\_\_ Andhra Pradesh.**

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

Answer a) Visakhapatnam. The first ever National Conference on “Prison Design” will begin in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The two-day conference is being hosted by the DG Prison, Andhra Pradesh on the behalf of State and is being sponsored by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D).

**319. Which Indian company has topped the Brand Finance Global 500 list of 2019?**

- a) Tata Group
- b) Wipro
- c) L&T
- d) LIC

Answer a) Tata Group. The 'Tata' brand has entered the list of top 100 most valuable brands according to the *Brand Finance Global 500 2019*

**320. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated state-of-the-art super speciality Rasilaben Sevantilal Shah Venus hospital in Place ?**

- a) Surat
- b) Ahmadabad
- c) Pune
- d) Delhi

Answer a) Surat . The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated state-of-the-art super speciality Rasilaben Sevantilal Shah Venus hospital in Surat. He expressed happiness that this hospital will also serve the people under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

**321. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the National Salt Satyagraha Memorial at Dandi in Navsari district \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Sikkim
- b) Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Assam

Answer b) Gujarat . Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the National Salt Satyagraha Memorial at Dandi in Navsari district, Gujarat to the nation on Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary.

**322. Air India is resuming its services from New Delhi to the holy city of Najaf in \_\_\_\_\_ after 25 years.**

- a) China
- b) Italy
- c) Iraq
- d) Iran

Answer c) Iraq . Air India is resuming its services from New Delhi to the holy city of Najaf in Iraq after 25 years. Indian Ambassador to Iraq Dr Pradeep Rajpurohit said, the services will commence from the 14th of next month, and it is initially being planned for twice a week. Najaf is a city some 160 kilometres from Baghdad.

**323. Foreign direct investment (FDI) during the previous fiscal grew 18 per cent to \_\_\_\_\_ lakh crore.**

- a) Rs 26.25
- b) Rs 28.25
- c) Rs 28.30
- d) Rs 38.25

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Answer b) Rs 28.25 . Foreign direct investment (FDI) during the previous fiscal grew 18 per cent to Rs 28.25 lakh crore. FDI increased by Rs 4,33,300 crore, including revaluation of past investments, during 2017-18 to reach Rs 28,24,600 crore in March 2018 at market value, according to RBI data on 'Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Indian Direct Investment Companies, 2017-18'.

**324. \_\_\_\_\_ has bagged the Best State Award for its active participation in the Swasth Bharat Yatra, a pan-India cyclothon aimed at promoting the concept of 'eating right for a healthy life.**

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

Answer b) Tamil Nadu . Tamil Nadu has bagged the Best State Award for its active participation in the Swasth Bharat Yatra, a pan-India cyclothon aimed at promoting the concept of 'eating right for a healthy life'. Madurai and Sivakasi won the awards for the best performing districts, while the State also bagged 17 awards in various other categories.

**325. Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has opened a new centre to fight climate change and boost sustainable development in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Iraq
- b) Italy
- c) China
- d) Africa

Answer d) Africa . Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has opened a new centre here set up by the government in partnership with the UN to fight climate change and boost sustainable development in Africa.

**326. Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) forged \_\_\_\_\_ worth of follow-up agreements with India to provide naval surface-to-air missile systems.**

- a) \$90 million
- b) \$93 million
- c) \$83 million
- d) \$73 million

Answer b) \$93 million . Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) forged \$93 million worth of follow-up agreements with India to provide naval surface-to-air missile systems. The contracts were made with the Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard Limited.

**327. Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected \_\_\_\_\_ for the post of Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL).**

- a) Sunil Arora...
- b) Nageshwara Rao Guntur
- c) Arvind Saxena...
- d) Pravin Kumar Purwar

Answer d) Pravin Kumar Purwar. The Department of Personal & Training, Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected Pravin Kumar Purwar for the post of Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), who will take office from July 1.

**328. Lt Gen \_\_\_\_\_ assumed the appointment of Director General of NCC (DGNCC) .**

- a) S K Upadhya
- b) Rajeev Chopra
- c) S K Srivastava
- d) Gopal R

Answer b) Rajeev Chopra . Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra assumed the appointment of Director General of NCC (DGNCC). Commissioned in the Madras Regiment in December 1980, Lt Gen Chopra is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.

**329. Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Andaman And Nicobar Command
- b) Western Naval Command
- c) Eastern Naval Command
- d) Southern Naval Command

Answer b) Western Naval Command. Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command. Vice Admiral Kumar succeeds Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, who retired upon superannuation, after a career spanning nearly four decades in the Indian Navy.

**330. Yes Bank has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the interim Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).**

- a) Aditya Puri
- b) Rana Kapoor
- c) Ajai Kumar
- d) Shyam Srinivasan



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Answer c) Ajai Kumar. Yes Bank has appointed Ajai Kumar as the interim Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as Rana Kapoor demits office on January 31.

**331. which committee has accused Chandra Kochhar of violating ICICI bank's code of conduct while dealing with Videocon loan case?**

- a) Mallikarjun Kharge Committee
- b) Rajeev Kumar Committee
- c) B.N. Srikrishna Committee
- d) V.N. Srikrishna Committee

Answer c) B.N. Srikrishna Committee. The Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee that probed allegations against Chanda Kochhar, the former CEO and MD of ICICI Bank, has found that she violated the bank's code of conduct in dealing with conflict of interest and fiduciary duties in the case of loans to Videocon that had routed a part of the money to a company owned by her husband Deepak.

**332. Baku is the Capital city of \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- a) Africa
- b) Iraq
- c) France
- d) Azerbaijan

Answer d) Azerbaijan.

**333. The Ranganatha Temple is situated at ?**

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

Answer b) Tamil Nadu . The Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple or Thiruvarangam is a Hindu temple dedicated to Ranganatha, a reclining form of the Hindu deity Vishnu, located in Srirangam, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, India.